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The Financial Situation.

Talk is a little more reassuring this week upon the winter's outlook for fuel. Fuel Distributer Wadleigh thinks the country may feel confident of an adequate supply. The railroads, he says, are successfully meeting their unprecedented traffic demands, and it is expected that moving coal "and other fuels" will be adequately done during the coming winter. Last winter's shortage, he adds, "was largely nothing more than an anthracite shortage," for consumers used substitutes vary sparingly; now, he thinks, no unusual quantities have been stored by them, yet he seems to think they are beginning to learn the ways of substitutes. He recommends to the Inter-State Commerce Commission that it take action "to prohibit the shipment in inter-State commerce of coal produced by certain independent anthracite operators who have been found to have sold coal, in the past summer, above the fair-price level."

"A searching inquiry" into the prices of anthracite and the alleged scarcity of it is to begin on Monday, under direction of U. S. Attorney William Hayward, according to an announcement a week ago. Many complaints have been received, and the inquiry will be under the Sherman Act; in order to accomplish any result of value, "evidence in the nature of a conspiracy between local dealers and those operating in another State will have to be proved." Naturally so, in order to show a conspiracy to restrain commerce. A war upon coal profiteers, if the existence of any

can be proved as well as asserted, is obviously just and timely; but it is an old maxim that the law is no respecter of persons. Is that always true? Even if the law itself is not, is the enforcement equally indiscriminating? For once more, let us recur to the Sherman Act against combinations in restraint of trade. Instead of exempting labor unions, as the late meeting of the A. F. of L. asserted that it does, it expressly includes them, by language which recognizes no exceptions whatever. "Every" combination, says the Act, in restraint of trade is prohibited and is brought under the prescribed penalty; not corporations or associations merely, but every "person" falls within the language of the Act.

So—once more—while profiteers are hunted for, suppose labor union profiteers, and labor combinations that not only attack mines and mining, but sometimes openly threaten to stop transportation outright, unless they can have what they demand, were looked after. There is a great political struggle for control near at hand; yet has Justice—sometimes figured as a blind woman holding aloft a scale—fallen into a habit of peeping with one eye? Is there somebody in the ranks of prosecuting officers who is afraid?

Another shift is apparent in the September statement of foreign trade issued this week. Merchandise exports during September were valued at \$381,000,000, the largest of any month in more than two years, while imports were only \$255,000,000, the smallest of any month in more than a year. The excess of exports over imports is \$126,000,000, which is quite a marked reversal of conditions as they have existed for nearly a year back. A somewhat larger movement of merchandise shipments to foreign ports from the United States is customary during the fall and winter months, on account of grain and cotton shipments. Cotton exports are now in excess of last year at this time and cotton values are considerably higher than they were a year ago; this accounts in no small part for the increase in the value of total merchandise exports during the month. The September exports of \$381,000,000 compare with \$311,352,288 for the preceding month and \$313,196,557, the value of merchandise exports in Sept. 1922, while the imports last month, valued at \$255,000,000, contrast with \$275,437,993 in August this year and \$298,493,403 in September 1922. Not since March 1921 has the value of exports for any single month been in excess of that reported for September 1923, while the imports last month were lower than for any month since July 1922. The monthly merchandise imports have shown a marked and almost constant reduction each month since March of this year, when

the value of merchandise imports was \$397,928,382, the highest of any month since August 1920. In March of this year imports exceeded exports to the amount of \$56,550,000; likewise, in April, May and June of this year there was an excess of imports, but as noted above, exports for September are in excess of imports to the amount of \$126,000,000.

For the nine months of the current year, exports were valued at \$2,941,027,500, and these figures contrast with \$2,736,731,500 for the corresponding period of the preceding year, an increase for the current nine months of \$204,296,000. Imports during the first nine months of this year were \$2,905,638,600 and for the first nine months of 1922 \$2,251,049,450, an increase this year of \$654,589,150. The excess of exports over imports for 1923 to date is \$35,488,900; during the corresponding period of 1922 the excess of exports was \$484,682,000. For the eight months of the current calendar year ending with August, there was actually an excess of imports of \$90,610,100, but, as noted above, the September statement has reversed this.

The gold and silver movement shows little change from preceding months this year. Imports of gold during September amounted to \$27,803,961 and exports to only \$1,023,667. For the nine months of this year gold imports have been \$220,503,265, and for the corresponding period of 1922 \$219,555,865. Exports of gold this year to the end of September were only \$26,039,004 and in 1922 during the same period \$13,142,643. The excess of imports this year to date is \$194,464,261 and in 1922 it was \$206,413,222. Silver imports during September amounted to \$8,531,971 and exports to \$8,123,460.

It has been impossible to forecast from day to day what would happen next in Germany. Apparently Chancellor Stresemann, although clothed with virtually dictatorial powers, is having about as hard a time as before to bring order out of political and economic chaos. Overtures made by the Germans to the French with respect to reparations meet with prompt refusal from Premier Poincare, as has been true of other similar efforts. There has been considerable rioting and pillaging in Berlin, Duesseldorf, Cologne and smaller centres by so-called hunger strikers. Bavaria has shown even a greater disposition to revolt against the Central Government. A break has occurred between the Government of Saxony and the latter, but according to a Berlin dispatch last evening it may be smoothed over. Proceedings at the Imperial Conference of Premiers in session in London have come to possess interest only for Great Britain and her Dominions.

Germany has a virtual dictator in the person of Gustave Stresemann, Chancellor of a Cabinet that resigned recently, and also of another which he reconstructed out of the former one. But he is more than a Chancellor, or Premier, great as is the power of the man at the head of a European Ministry, under anything like normal conditions. Between 1 and 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Oct. 13 "the Reichstag passed the constitutional amendment conferring 'extraordinary powers' on the Stresemann Government, thereby suspending numerous constitutional rights and liberties. The vote was 316 to 24, with 7 blank ballots." In a wireless dispatch the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" called attention to the fact that "347 members were present

in the Chamber when the vote was taken, whereas only 306, or two-thirds of the total Reichstag membership, were necessary to make the constitutional amendment effective. That the majority was overwhelming was indicated by the fact that only 232 votes, or two-thirds of those present, would have been required." In describing the scene in the Chamber when the voting of the members was in progress, the "Times" correspondent pointed out specially that "one of the most interested and active of the Reichstag members during the division was Herr Stinnes, who had rushed up from the Ruhr overnight, though his political foes had tried to brand him as a bad patriot by prophesying he would remain in the Ruhr. Stinnes voted for conferring dictatorial powers on Dr. Stresemann. He counted the benches left vacant by the Nationalists, conferred and gesticulated with one of his henchmen, then smilingly signed his red ballot and slipped it into the urn, which was turned over for counting to one of the women members, who were functioning as secretaries of to-day's session." The correspondent directed attention to the additional fact that "the vote was hailed by the big Coalition as not only a great victory for Stresemann in the Reichstag but a decisive victory of the Coalition over the forces of the Extreme Right and Left Nationalists and Communists. It gives constitutional right of way for the Stresemann Government's reform and rehabilitation program, which can now be put through without fear of political obstruction to check it." Continuing, he said that "semi-officially it is announced that the Government will put drastic new measures into effect speedily and that these measures will be made public early next week. These will include a fight against the high cost of living, a fight against profiteering, and particularly a fight against price fixing and price boosting. On the other hand, there will be measures designed to benefit honest business, these including revocation of some of the most burdensome provisions of the old demobilization ordinances still in force, which greatly restrict the right to hire and discharge, and, as the sorest point, provide that manufacturers must put workers on part time rather than reduce their working force." Berlin also heard that "a further new measure will require receivers of unemployment doles to labor on public works on the new principle 'No work, no doles,' while juvenile beneficiaries of unemployment support for whom suitable work may not be available will be forced to go to school or learn useful trades. And, most important, the Cabinet on Monday will definitely decide on a new currency measure. A gold note currency and gold note issue bank are planned, but as this will take considerable time, an interim sounder currency than unbacked paper marks will be decided on. Dr. Helfferich's project of rye notes has again bobbed up, with considerable chance of adoption, the principal argument in its favor being the agrarians may accept rye notes for agricultural products, whereas they will not accept paper marks much longer."

If the following is even approximately true it would seem that there can be but scant hope of France and Germany getting together in the near future. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" cabled that he was "able to outline, on the highest authority, the policy the French Government will adopt toward the new dictatorship and toward

political Germany in general henceforth." He added that "the high points in the French attitude which at first appear almost brutal, follow: "First, there is not the slightest hope in Paris that Germany actually will begin to pay reparations for some years. The Stresemann Government, even in the form of a dictatorship, will not be able, it is felt, to carry out real financial reforms or otherwise put the German house in order. Germany's political unity, it is believed here, is collapsing, and the nation is now at the high point of this crisis. Not a hand will be raised by official France to give political strength to the Stresemann Government or any other Government which may arise in Germany. Premier Poincare is convinced that such aid would be useless and would only result in prolonged misunderstandings. Second, it may be said that official negotiations with Berlin are possible so far as restoring the Ruhr to a productive basis is concerned. Chancellor Stresemann's new dictatorial position makes it possible for him to aid the stricken people in the occupied areas, but for official France to aid Stresemann herein would, in French opinion, be playing into the hands of the Chancellor's so-called enemies. M. Poincare does not trust Dr. Stresemann's loyalty. He sees the German statesman as one at a cross road, where various emotions will sweep in upon him and may influence him to move in any one of several directions. The French Government feels that, despite everything—even a series of military dictatorships in Germany, ending in the rise of a strong military leader from Bavaria or Prussia, supported by the industrialists—the German nation itself, with its great reservoirs of labor, its industrial, mechanical and agricultural benefits, will not perish, but in time will emerge into a genuine spiritual rebirth. Then, and only then, declares official France, can relations of mutual confidence between France and Germany be established. The French policy meantime is that Germany shall not become a strong State, avoiding its obligations and striving toward a day of revenge." Commenting upon the attitude of France toward Germany and on what Belgium had decided to do about it, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" cabled the following day that "almost a complete revolt by Belgium against Premier Poincare's policy of indifference toward Germany, even to the extent of allowing the Reich to revert to chaos and undergo a sort of national purgatory, while the Allies continue independently to exploit the resources of the Ruhr and Rhineland to-day forced the French Premier to agree to a preliminary inter-Allied meeting within the Reparations Commission in the next few days." He further asserted that "in a strong though courteous note delivered by the Belgian Ambassador to Paris the Brussels Government told M. Poincare that the situation confronting Germany—one which might easily unleash anarchy in Germany—was considered decidedly dangerous from the Belgian economic viewpoint. With Germany destroyed as a market for goods from the Ruhr and Rhineland factories, it would be quite useless, the note pointed out, to stimulate production in the occupied territories." Continuing to outline the Belgian position, the correspondent said: "The note added that if Germany were unable to consume products from the occupied regions, the burden inevitably would fall upon the shoulders of France and Belgium, who would be called on to create markets for the products of alien industries at the expense

of their own. Unemployment in Belgium is steadily increasing, the note added, and the State railways, hitherto operated at a profit, now are threatened with a deficit of at least 150,000,000 francs by the end of 1923. Aside from announcing that Belgium's trade already was facing serious distress, the note called attention to the rather weak political position of the Brussels Cabinet and the embarrassing necessity of standing between France and England in the matter of Germany."

From Berlin came the important information on Tuesday morning that "Germany's note printing presses, which have been working with ever increasing speed since 1915, will soon stop turning out worthless paper marks with the completion of the present run of 5,000,000,000, 10,000,000,000, 50,000,000,000 and 100,000,000,000 mark notes. This decision was taken by the Stresemann Cabinet to-night." (Oct. 15.) The Chicago "Tribune" correspondent said that "the new currency, to be based on the proceeds of a gold loan on the Reichsbank reserve and tributary mortgages on all German real property will then be issued in notes of from 5 to 5,000 marks, with aluminum and brass coins of 50 pfennig and 1 and 2 marks." The Associated Press correspondent cabled that "the Cabinet to-night approved a bill granting a charter for a so-called gold annuity bank, whose capital will be furnished by industry, agriculture, banking and commerce through compulsory hypothecation of their realty and other holdings." He outlined the scheme for the new institution as follows: "The present bill specifies that the newly founded bank is to place 1,200,000,000 new gold marks at the Government's disposal, in return for which the Reichsbank will cease to discount the Government's Treasury bills, thus placing it in a position to accomplish an immediate curtailment of inflation. The current paper mark will continue as official legal tender, the present bill merely providing an intermediary solution to the impending scheme of general currency reform. In connection with its present plan of approving an issue of gold annuities secured by hypothecated private properties, the Government will immediately authorize the issue of 200,000,000 marks' worth of gold loan certificates in small denominations for the benefit of small investors." He added that "the official communication announcing the granting of the charter to the new bank lays stress on the point that the paper mark is to continue as the unit of the national currency, the proposed annuity bank merely being the first effort to establish currency secured by gold value."

Cabbling from Berlin under date of Oct. 17, the New York "Tribune" representative said that, "despite the pressure brought to bear on him by Socialist members of the Government and from other sources, President Ebert to-day refused to lift the state of martial law in Germany. Martial law, the President said, will be continued as long as the disturbing internal situation prevails." Cabbling Thursday evening, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said that "with chaos and disaster threatening from every side, indications to-night are that the Stresemann dictatorship Cabinet is headed for a swift exit. The reactionary extremists to-day have been renewing their attacks on the present regime, which appears impotent to influence, let alone mas-

ter, the multiple problems besetting the Reich. Once more a military dictatorship looms as a possibility."

While the Reichstag was taking the extreme measures already outlined with a view to restoring order and stability in Germany, disorder was reported from Duesseldorf. The trouble appeared to have taken the form chiefly of the looting and pillaging of stores by "hunger strikers." The New York "Times" correspondent said that "the trouble began in the suburb of Oberbilk, where bands of Duesseldorf's 70,000 unemployed stormed a food shop, smashed the windows and carried off loads of margarin and canned goods. Everything was gone and the shop empty in a few minutes as if by magic. The bands then proceeded elsewhere to repeat their exploits." In further describing the situation, the correspondent said: "This morning [Oct. 13] Duesseldorf storekeepers prepared for the worst and kept their shutters down, the city presenting a curious aspect with business carried on in darkened stores and offices. Many remained closed altogether. Toward 10 o'clock bands of the so-called hunger strikers arrived from the outlying district. While not at all minimizing the gravity of the situation, these hunger strikers with few exceptions do not present a genuine appearance. Mostly they are young hoodlums. The real hungry ones probably remain silent at home." In explanation of the chief causes of this demonstration the "Times" representative said: "The outbreak is sympathetic of the impossible situation caused by the mark crash. Also, it is a sign of growing exasperation against profiteers. The doles paid the unemployed are entirely insufficient. The unemployed situation is growing rapidly acute and assuming an ugly aspect. A quarter of a million are without work to-day in the Ruhr alone. The numbers in the Rhineland are proportionate. Everywhere there are outbreaks and demonstrations similar to Duesseldorf." From Paris came word that "relief for the unemployment crisis which caused widespread looting at Duesseldorf and other Ruhr towns to-day, will be sought, according to the Duesseldorf Havas correspondent, in the reopening of a number of factories and the resumption of interrupted construction work and other employment." It seems that the looting and pillaging were in evidence in Duesseldorf and other important centres in the Ruhr two days before. The Associated Press correspondent at Duesseldorf cabled that "the disorders which began last evening at Solingen, in British occupied territory, continued to-day, the casualty list now totaling eleven dead, including the Commissary of Police, and 35 wounded. Many stores have been pillaged. The British troops have not yet interfered. Other unemployed men are marching from Grafrath to help their comrades. At Hoechst, where 2,000 unemployed besieged the City Hall, the German police fired on the crowd, killing one and wounding ten others. The pillaging also continued to-day at Cologne, and the police fired when the crowd stoned them." The Berlin representative of the same news organization sent word that "food riots occurred this morning in two of Berlin's densely populated sections where the population is without potatoes or meat. In both instances, according to the police, those responsible for the disorders were unemployed men, who were accompanied in their raids by many women."

A much more hopeful note was sounded in the following excerpt from another Duesseldorf dispatch to the New York "Times," also under date of Oct. 13: "Important negotiations have been proceeding to-day between the French regie and the German railroad workers' representatives. The head of the Franco-Belgian regie arrived from Coblenz to confer with General Degoutte and the outlook for resumption of work is more hopeful. A German informant, indeed, told me an agreement would be signed to-day or tomorrow, the men all returning to work on next Wednesday or Thursday." The correspondent added that "in French circles this information cannot be verified, the greatest secrecy being maintained as officials fear premature publicity. But it is admitted things are shaping well." In calling attention to other natural results of the discontinuance of passive resistance the Paris representative of the New York "Times" observed that "the cessation of Ruhr relief by Berlin will, without doubt, bring more or less of a showdown on the cessation of passive resistance. It is announced that the payment of money by Berlin to the Ruhr workers to remain idle will be doubled up to Oct. 17, then diminished by one-fourth on Nov. 1, one-half on Nov. 11 and shortly thereafter suppressed. On the one hand this means the incentive to the Ruhr workers to remain idle will be removed and logically they would be disposed to go back to work to earn money." Still the Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" asserted that "direct negotiations between Paris and Berlin for the re-establishment of production in the Ruhr were predicted here to-day to be a matter for the very near future, despite Premier Poincare's brusque rebuff of the recent German advances."

From Brussels came word a week ago this afternoon, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "the Belgian Government has invited the French, British and Italian Governments to refer to the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission the Belgian reparations plan submitted to the Allied Governments on June 6 last to be used by the Commission as a basis of a concrete plan of German reparations in the impending negotiations." According to the dispatch also, "it is officially stated that the three allied Governments have acceded to the Belgian proposal and that the Reparations Commission will undertake a study of the Belgian suggestions." The information was received through an Associated Press cablegram from Paris that "the British Government's acceptance of the suggestion of the Belgian Foreign Office for a reference of the Belgian reparations plan to the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission as the basis of a concrete plan in the impending negotiations for a settlement of the question of German reparations was received at the Foreign Office to-day [Oct. 14]. This completes the general accord by all the Allies." It was also stated that "the Reparations Commission will now proceed to study the Belgian plan officially, with a view to ascertaining whether it can be used as the basis for a solution of the problem of reparations when the negotiations concerning them are resumed." The correspondent added that "the Belgian document, which was an outgrowth of many months of investigation by Belgian technical and financial experts in Germany, has been unofficially before the Reparations Commission for some weeks. The French, British and Italian members of the Commission have been

conversant with its contents, but up to the present there has been no official discussion or an exchange of views on it." In giving the essential features of the plan he said in part: "The broad outline of the plan provides for a minimum of 50,000,000,000 gold marks as Germany's indemnity, to which is added 82,000,000,000 marks in "C" bonds. The plan notes that the first figure is recognized as being moderate; that it has been adopted by all the Allies and even admitted as fair by the last International Socialist Congress held in Hamburg. The plan gives 3,000,000,000 gold marks as the amount in yearly payments Germany can make. It gives the figures as arrived at, together with all technical documents. By reorganization of the German railroads along the lines elaborated, according to the plan, they alone could be made to yield 1,000,000,000 gold marks, while other monopolies, such as tobacco, wines, beer, mineral waters, sugar, matches and coal, if managed as the experts advise, would provide an additional 1,500,000,000 gold marks. To these figures, the plan asserts, may be added 500,000,000 gold marks as the fruits of eventual participation by the Allies in German industrial enterprises. The Belgian Government further suggests that as soon as the Reparations Commission has taken full official cognizance of its plan, a conference of the heads of the Allied Governments be called." The Brussels correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "acceptance by the Allies of the Brussels Government suggestion is regarded in industrial circles as an important step forward." He added that "an exact inventory is to be made of the wealth of Germans both in property and sources of revenue. This task is obviously a difficult and delicate one in view of the depreciation of the mark and the economic instability of the Reich, but the experts will bring to it all their experience and good-will."

It was gratifying to read that "Minister of Communications Oeser has instructed railway men in occupied territory to work for the Franco-Belgian Railway Administration and to take the required oath, which the chief of the Railway Administration has explained has only disciplinary significance and does not involve the question of German sovereignty." This information was contained in an Associated Press dispatch from Berlin under date of Oct. 14.

Cable advices from Berlin and other German centres Monday morning stated that the day before (Sunday) there had been practically complete cessation from rioting and pillaging of food stores. The dispatches Tuesday indicated clearly that both had been resumed at Berlin, Neustadt and Cologne. From Duesseldorf came a special dispatch to the New York "Times," in which it was set forth that "the Communists and Nationalists are working hand in hand in the Ruhr to foment trouble, if the interpretation by French official circles of the significance of the recent pillaging is correct. According to a statement made this morning, the movement is political rather than economic. It was definitely aimed against Chancellor Stresemann on the one hand and against the French on the other. The comparative calm which has reigned here since the news from Berlin that the Chancellor Saturday succeeded in carrying through his dictatorship measure is taken as bearing out this belief." On Tuesday morning the situation in Berlin became still worse, according to

a dispatch from the Berlin correspondent of the Central News of London. It was claimed that "a mob tried to force its way into the Berlin Stock Exchange this morning. The doors were promptly closed and the police took up the task of dealing with the attacking throng. The mob also tried to storm the City Hall, but the police appeared in strong force and seemed to be masters of the situation after fierce fighting in which a number of persons were injured, several seriously. For the moment, the City Hall and the Stock Exchange have been locked and strongly guarded, and the Wilhelmstrasse closed to pedestrians and vehicles." The Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press cabled that "more than 100 Communist leaders were arrested at Hildesheim and Elfeld, in the province of Hanover, while attempting to hold a congress of workmen's councils. The sudden increase in the price of the four-pound loaf of bread, which brought the price from 34 to 480 million marks, has caused considerable excitement and anger among the Berlin working classes. It has also been responsible for much of the plundering of bakers' shops by bands of youths and women." More details of the trouble in Berlin were given in cable advices from that centre received here Wednesday morning. It seems that the leaders of the mob of the unemployed that stormed the City Hall demanded a conference with the members of the municipal Government and were admitted. The argument put forward by this committee evidently made some impression on the City Fathers, who promised to consider immediately how to aid the starving unemployed. A meeting of the municipal Government actually took place during which schemes for employing 20,000 men on public works were proposed. There was also a proposition that the city co-operate with many private benevolent associations which distribute meals free or almost free of charge." The New York "Times" representative said that "later in the evening another committee of unemployed submitted the following demand to the Mayor and Aldermen: Immediate payment of 10,000,000,000 marks with a gift of two loaves of bread, two pounds of lard and an adequate supply of coal and wood to every unemployed person. Furthermore, they insisted on the establishment of free public kitchens all over the city and free boarding houses for the unmarried jobless of both sexes." The statement was made in an Associated Press cablegram from Berlin Wednesday afternoon that "measures announced by the municipality to aid the unemployed were followed to-day by quiet in the trouble centres of Greater Berlin." It was added that "among the measures announced by the city authorities in the way of relief were the immediate opening of 14 feeding kitchens for the distribution of free meals and free allowances of wood and coal."

According to a special Cologne dispatch to the New York "Times," under date of Oct. 16, "at a meeting that afternoon of the industrialist leaders who have been negotiating with the French, including Stinnes, Klockner and Vogler, a drastic step was decided on." The correspondent also reported that "at yesterday's meeting of the Ruhr mine owners it was decided to negotiate only as a compact body. To-day the whole situation was reviewed by the industrialists. It was stated by one of them that the Reich's Finance Minister had come to the conclusion that it was impossible to continue at present to fi-

nance not only reparations in kind to France but reparations of every sort for any of the Allies." The "Times" representative asserted that "the financial chaos, loss of taxes and railway earnings in the Rhineland and Ruhr, general exhaustion after the Ruhr struggle and the urgent necessity of feeding the population called for drastic economies and concentration on the economic problem. Probably even the mark advances to the armies of occupation would have to cease." He even said that "a note was in course of preparation by the Cabinet and would be dispatched to the Allies almost immediately, conveying to them this intimation of the cessation of all reparations payments until further notice." Commenting upon the situation he observed that "it was thus clear to the industrialists that the answer to a question which every one is asking: 'Who is to pay for the production of reparations coal?' was obviously not going to be 'Berlin,' since the Government had indicated that neither payments nor Ruhr credits would be forthcoming in the future."

Announcement was made in a Chicago "Tribune" dispatch from Paris Tuesday evening (Oct. 16) that "Chancellor Stresemann to-day telegraphed the text of a new note to the French Government which Ambassador von Hoesch will deliver to Premier Poincare to-morrow." Apparently this was the note which, according to a Berlin cablegram, already quoted, was in course of preparation. The "Tribune" representative said that "this is the first written communication from the Berlin Government since Herr Cuno was overthrown." He outlined the note in part as follows: "The German communication which is called an aide memoire, reiterates the former request for German-Franco-Belgian co-operation for resumption of work in the Ruhr, and says Germany is unable to reimburse the mine and factory owners for fuel and material delivered to the Allies on the account of reparations in accordance with agreements already reached between General Degoutte and certain industrial groups in the occupied territory. Chancellor Stresemann practically asks Premier Poincare to abandon his claim for delivery of material in kind during the length of the moratorium which France announced it was willing to grant in January before the split with former Prime Minister Bonar Law, resulting in the seizure of the Ruhr. At that time Premier Poincare agreed to a three or four-year moratorium on the payment of reparations, but insisted that the delivery of materials continue. The German note states it is impossible to reorganize and stabilize finances if it continues paying paper marks for material the Ruhr industrialists deliver to the Allies. By so doing the inflation and emission of worthless currency would continue, whereas, according to the new plan, it would cease printing old paper and the new marks would supersede the depreciated currency by February, putting Germany on its feet monetarily. Since Germany was excluded from the negotiations between General Degoutte and the Ruhr industrialists recently, Germany urges the French Government to induce the mine owners and factory operators to extend credits to the Berlin Government to the amount of the material delivered to the Allies for the length of whatever moratorium may be granted to Germany—five years being suggested as the minimum." The Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled the same evening that "Dr. von Hoesch, the German Charge d'Af-

fares, informed Premier Poincare to-day that he desired an immediate interview." He added that "because of the visit of President Masaryk, the Premier notified the German diplomat that he could not receive him to-day, but would do so to-morrow." (Wednesday, Oct. 17). According to a special Paris cablegram to the New York "Times" filed that evening (Oct. 17), "Premier Poincare again rejected the German efforts to enter into negotiations with the French and Belgians on resumption of work in the Ruhr." It was also stated that "Dr. von Hoesch handed to M. Poincare two memoranda, one the German reasons for abolishing the coal tax and the other an exposition of Germany's inability to finance reparations in kind." The "Times" correspondent said also that "M. Poincare replied to the German diplomat that he took note of the first declaration with respect. Of the second declaration he said that if Berlin could not now finance deliveries in kind it was Berlin's own fault, due to the stupid Ruhr fight. As to the coal tax, he declared that regardless of what Berlin did it would be maintained in the Ruhr, and that in view of the second declaration he regarded the third declaration as useless." The correspondent further asserted that "the Premier repeated that France regarded resumption of deliveries in kind as a test of German cessation of resistance. He advised the German Government to get together with the Ruhr industrialists to meet the conditions on which the French and Belgians would insist in the Ruhr, and warned the Germans that no general reparations negotiations could be begun until the Ruhr problem was in way of settlement." He added that "it is reported that the German spokesman made no declaration on general reparations, but limited his observations to the situation in the Ruhr, which has become rather critical since Berlin hampered the Franco-Belgian plans for direct accords with the Ruhr industrialists by notifying them that the German Government would not pay for deliveries in kind."

Commenting upon the reparations situation, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald" said that, "with the exception of the Belgian delegates, the members of the Reparations Commission do not believe the Belgian economic studies of Germany's capacity to pay—a report of which was submitted to-day—increase the prospect of an early settlement. The British, it is understood, agree with the French that the situation remains unchanged and that little or nothing can be done by the Commission until the general problems of the Ruhr, Germany's finances and Allied control have been settled by the Allied Governments."

Through a dispatch from Brussels Wednesday afternoon it became known that "the German Charge d'Affaires, Herr Roediger, called on Foreign Minister Jaspar on that day and informed him that the German Government had ordered the railroad workers in the Ruhr to resume their duties. He added that the economic conditions in Germany rendered collection of the coal tax impossible and that the German Government would have the greatest difficulty in paying the industrialists for any coal they delivered to Belgium on the reparations account." According to the dispatch also, "M. Jaspar, it is understood, replied this was a matter concerning only the German industrialists and their Government,

which was responsible for the present situation. In any case, he added, Belgium would not pay for the coal delivered to her."

Apparently Chancellor Stresemann, as virtual dictator in the Reich, cannot look for any support from Bavaria. On the contrary, even before he received "extraordinary powers" from the Reichstag, that State had decided to oppose him. Cabling from Munich under date of Oct. 12, the New York "Times" representative said: "If Chancellor Stresemann succeeds, as it is expected he will, in obtaining tomorrow assent of the Reichstag to the Act giving him 'extraordinary authority,' the Bavarian Government will oppose that authority passively but none the less determinedly. During the last fortnight Munich has been the centre of resistance to this step by the Chancellor, not on the ground that German does not want a dictator, but solely on the ground that Stresemann is not the kind of dictator Bavarians want. Their policy has failed so far as Parliament is concerned, but there remains for them concerted disobedience to all decrees and enactments of the dictator should he receive full power. That is the policy which it has been decided will be followed here. There will be no active opposition to Berlin decrees and no fomenting of ideas of civil strife." The correspondent added that "this passive resistance will be based on the cry that the creation of Stresemann's dictatorship is an infringement of the Weimar constitution. But its real reason will be the complete distrust which exists here of Stresemann's policy toward France and his attitude toward the Socialists. Naturally, the latter of these reasons is most kept to the front in all discussions here. Bavaria's policy has been to rid herself of any Socialist Government and the second step is to try to rid the whole Reich of that control." Continuing to explain the situation, he said: "Whatever the merits of the argument, there is no doubt that in Bavaria it is having an effect. The difficulty of making both ends meet are so tremendous that few workmen's families have meat more than once a week and when the argument is presented to them that the situation is the result of the Socialists' Administration, it is not difficult to win recruits to reaction."

Several days elapsed without much being said in the cable dispatches from Germany relative to the situation in Bavaria. In a cablegram dated "On the Saxon-Bavarian Border, Oct. 16," to the New York "Times" it was asserted that "this Mason and Dixon color line of Germany is drawn with brutal vividness between Red Saxony and Blue Bavaria. On the one hand are the forces of communism and republicanism and on the other hand those of monarchism and militarism, each claiming to be all for maintaining law and order and each on the edge just waiting for the other side to start something so as to have a pretext for wading in and mopping up. This is the dangerous situation that seems to be forming Germany's next storm centre in Red Saxony and Thuringia." From Berlin came a special cablegram to the "Times," under date of Oct. 17, stating that "there is almost nation-wide nervousness over conditions in Saxony and Thuringia, which is also Red, and where at Weimar, the capital, the new Socialist-Communist Government to-day obtained in the Landtag a vote of confidence by the small majority of 28 to 24." The correspondent said that, "according to a telegram from Munich, the Bavarian Volkspartei

met last night. All the Cabinet Ministers, including Prime Minister von Knilling, being members of the Volkspartei, attended, so that the meeting had special significance. A Reichstag member, Rauch, demanded that the present Federal Government be at once displaced by an energetic Nationalist dictatorship." He even asserted that "it is generally believed here that Bavaria is contemplating some high-handed action that would make her master of the political situation in Germany."

Some idea of the greatly disturbed political conditions apparently existing in Germany may be had from the following statements appearing in a Berlin cablegram Thursday evening: "The radical Minister-President of Saxony, Dr. Zeigner, to-day openly defied the demands of the Federal Dictator of the Dresden district, General Mueller. He opposed answering the General's letter calling on the Saxon Cabinet to disavow the fiery speeches of Saxon Finance Minister Boettcher. Zeigner declared in the Diet to-day he was ready to fight for a dictatorship of the proletariat. Zeigner read to the Diet the letter from General Mueller demanding disavowal, and asserted he objected to such attempts at interference with his Government. Although he swore allegiance to the Constitution, he said the rights guaranteed by the Constitution had been broken and that he was ready for a struggle if it became necessary. Mueller's letter, while making no definite threat, firmly demanded a reply by 11 o'clock to-day, stating 'unequivocally' whether 'the Saxon Ministry as a whole identifies itself and is in agreement with the letter and spirit of Finance Minister Boettcher, or whether the Saxon Government is willed to act against the utterances of Finance Minister Boettcher and in accordance with my instructions.' This letter was interpreted here and in Dresden as stripping the last vestige of covering from sheer military dictatorship throughout the country. The General's demand was understood to be backed by the presence of 15 battalions of troops under orders to march at his command. No indication was seen of Saxony's willingness to yield." Announcement was made in an Associated Press cablegram from Berlin, dated Oct. 18, that "diplomatic relations between Bavaria and Saxony have been severed. Saxony to-day dismissed its Charge d'Affaires to Bavaria and announced the appointment of a new Minister, whereupon the Bavarian Government replied, declining to receive the new Minister as long as the Communist Party was represented in the Saxon Ministry. At the same time it recalled the Bavarian Minister from Dresden." Through an Associated Press cablegram from Berlin last evening it became known that "the dispute between the Federal Government and the Government of Saxony will be solved by the former displacing General von Mueller, Commander of the Reichswehr in Saxony, whose mode of procedure is said to have been too harsh." The correspondent also said that "this action, the reports add, will be accompanied by a rebuke to the Saxon Government for its interference in the politics of the republic."

Cable advices from Berlin this week state that the official discount rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany has in reality not been advanced to 108%, as reported last week. The 90% rate is said still to be the rate for discounting bills as fixed on Sept. 17 last. The 108% announced recently represents solely the inter-

est on advances on paper marks, and is declared to be merely academic, since the Reichsbank is no longer making any such advances. Other official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 6% in Denmark and Norway; 5½% in Belgium; 5% in France and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden and 4% in London, Switzerland and Holland. In London the open market discount rate was a shade firmer, having been advanced to 3% for short bills, against 2 15-16@3%, while three months are now quoted 3 1/8@3 3-16%, comparing with 3 3-16% last week. Money on call at the British centre likewise advanced from 2¼% a week ago to 2½%, but closed at 2¾%. At Paris the open market discount rate remains at 4½% and in Switzerland at 2%, without change.

Another, though small, increase in gold was shown by the Bank of England in its statement for the week ending Oct. 17, the exact amount being £148. This was accompanied by an expansion in reserve of £547,000, the result of a contraction in note circulation of £546,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities rose to 20.09%, as against 19.85% last week, 19.93 a year ago and 13.51 in the corresponding week of 1921. A further large expansion was reported in public deposits, namely £2,291,000. "Other" deposits, however, fell £952,000. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government expanded £380,000, and loans on other securities were £421,000 larger. Gold holdings aggregate £127,670,706, comparing with £127,435,454 in 1922 and £128,417,061 the year before. Reserves total £24,061,000, against £24,195,924 a year ago and £23,182,931 in 1921. Loans amount to £71,731,000, in comparison with £68,836,204 last year and £86,415,684 the year prior to that, while note circulation is now £123,363,000, as against £121,869,350 and £123,684,130 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £671,730,000, which compares with £701,615,000 a week ago and £715,447,000 last year. At the regular weekly meeting of the Bank Governors the 4% minimum discount rate was left unchanged. We append herewith comparisons for a series of years of the different items of the Bank of England return:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1923. Oct. 17.	1922. Oct. 18.	1921. Oct. 19.	1920. Oct. 20.	1919. Oct. 22.
Circulation.....	123,363,000	121,689,530	123,684,130	127,053,635	83,412,745
Public deposits.....	15,793,000	12,217,903	14,793,597	16,539,019	22,410,339
Other deposits.....	103,960,000	109,167,203	156,808,859	125,844,505	144,606,690
Gov. securities.....	41,520,000	46,057,900	79,715,907	61,619,800	78,633,813
Other securities.....	71,731,000	68,836,204	86,415,684	83,878,751	83,143,165
Reserve notes & coin	24,061,000	24,195,924	23,182,931	14,544,807	23,077,650
Coin and bullion.....	127,670,706	127,435,454	128,417,061	123,148,442	88,040,395
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	20.09%	19.93%	13.51%	10.21%	13.75%
Bank rate.....	4%	3%	5½%	7%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 81,975 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,538,628,725 francs, comparing with 5,532,950,670 francs at this time last year and with 5,523,685,962 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,864,320,990 francs were held abroad in 1923, 1,897,967,056 francs in 1922 and 1,948,367,056 francs in 1921. During the week silver increased 150,000 francs, Treasury deposits rose 352,000 francs and general deposits were augmented by 1,895,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, fell off 59,901,000 francs, while advances were reduced 52,702,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further contraction of 402,390,000 francs, bringing the total out-

standing down to 38,086,964,000 francs. This contrasts with 37,128,805,630 francs in 1922 and with 37,406,813,170 francs the year previous. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Oct. 18 1923.	Oct. 19 1922.	Oct. 20 1921.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	81,975	3,674,307,825	3,634,983,614	3,575,318,905
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,320,990	1,897,967,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	81,975	5,538,628,725	5,532,950,670	5,523,685,962
Silver.....Inc.	150,000	295,223,000	287,638,788	278,075,158
Bills discounted.....Dec.	59,901,000	3,011,201,000	2,195,086,832	2,401,299,796
Advances.....Dec.	52,702,000	2,215,492,000	2,140,178,304	2,245,518,906
Note Circulation.....Dec.	402,390,000	38,086,964,000	37,128,805,630	37,406,813,170
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	352,000	21,751,000	42,819,833	29,995,386
General deposits.....Inc.	1,895,000	1,967,317,000	1,982,005,222	2,554,364,012

The Imperial Bank of Germany continues to break all records in the amount of notes placed in circulation. In its statement issued as of Sept. 30 an increase nearly quadrupling the stupendous amount already outstanding was recorded—to be exact, 19,601,085,721,144,000 marks, which brought the grand total up to 28,228,216,470,000,000 marks. This compares with 316,869,000,000 marks last year, 86,384,000,000 marks in 1921, and about 2,000,000,000 marks in July 1914, at the outbreak of the war. An even more fantastic expansion was shown in discount and Treasury bills, namely, 32,985,806,172,998,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks increased 14,594,579,361,331,000 marks; deposits, 10,813,863,155,598,000 marks; Treasury and loan association notes, 6,488,331,915,351,000 marks, and other liabilities 5,647,919,667,361,000 marks. There were increases also of 1,431,895,119,093,000 marks in other assets, 258,667,881,000 marks in notes of other banks and 996,173,527,000 marks in investments. Total coin and bullion (which now includes aluminum, iron and nickel coins) expanded 17,659,000 marks. Advances were reduced 465,145,933,576,000 marks. Gold reserves sustained a further loss of 25,800,000 marks and now stand at 443,927,000 marks, against 1,004,856,000 marks in 1922 and 1,023,704,000 marks a year earlier.

The weekly Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued at the close of business on Thursday, showed minor changes in gold reserves accompanied by a moderate shrinkage in rediscounting operations. For the banks as a group, there was an addition to gold holdings of \$3,000,000. Rediscounts of Government secured paper were reduced \$20,000,000. In "all other" an increase of \$5,500,000 was reported, while bill buying in the open market expanded \$8,000,000, so that the net result was a decline in the total of bills on hand of \$6,000,000, to \$1,045,039,000. Earning assets decreased \$4,000,000, but deposits registered an addition of \$70,000,000. At New York a gain in gold of \$300,000 was shown. Rediscounts of all classes of paper fell off approximately \$34,000,000. Open market purchases, however, gained \$10,900,000; hence total bill holdings were reduced \$23,000,000. A correspondingly large decrease was reported in earning assets—\$18,000,000, although total deposits gained \$14,000,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was reduced, both locally and nationally, \$7,500,000 and \$16,000,000, respectively. As contrasted with sharp reductions last week, member bank reserve accounts were expanded, \$52,000,000

for the system as a whole and \$12,000,000 at New York. Very little change has taken place in reserve ratios. The combined statement reported a decline of .8%, to 75.3%, and the local institutions a decline of .3%, to 82.6%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was somewhat routine in character, and changes, with the exception of a shrinkage of \$34,202,000 in loans, were unimportant. Net demand deposits fell \$6,810,000, while time deposits were reduced \$5,154,000 to \$456,721,000. The total of demand deposits is \$3,661,912,000, which is exclusive of \$38,119,000 in Government deposits. Other small reductions included \$62,000 in reserves of State banks and trust companies kept in own vaults, and \$2,477,000 in the reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank. Cash in own vaults, however, increased \$2,454,000 to \$51,145,000 (not counted as reserve), and reserves kept in other depositories by State banks and trust companies expanded \$215,000. Notwithstanding the fact that deposits were reduced, surplus reserves decreased slightly, declining \$1,336,000 as a result of the contraction of member bank reserve credits. This left excess reserves at \$14,624,210, in comparison with \$15,960,210 last week and more than \$23,000,000 two weeks ago. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of reserve requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in own vaults to the amount of \$51,145,000, held by these institutions on Saturday last.

The most significant feature of the local money market this week has been the distinctly easier tone of time money. Borrowers, finding that offerings were being made more freely, lowered their bids from 5¼ to 5%. Lenders found no demand at 5½%; the nominal figure at which over-the-year loans were held. Money for 60 and 90 days was offered at 5¼%. Bankers said that their larger offerings of time funds reflected more the return of crop-moving money from interior points than any material slackening in the business of the country. While professional operators in stocks continued to assert that business is on a considerably reduced scale already, and promises to lessen still further, bankers pointed to the seeming evidence to the contrary furnished by the aggregate loadings of more than 1,000,000 cars of revenue freight a week for many weeks in succession, and also to the big business being done by the large mail order houses, and the big volume that those concerns confidently expect for the rest of this year at least.

There are various problems that are receiving official and popular consideration that undoubtedly have an effect upon business, and perhaps on the money market. Reference might be made to proposals for tax reductions, lower freight rates on anthracite coal for domestic use and on wheat for export. The Government withdrew less than \$2,000,000 from local institutions. The European situation is no better and apparently still more disturbed, particularly in Germany. Nevertheless, a successful offering was made in the local market of \$10,000,000 6% bonds of the Republic of Finland.

Referring to money rates in detail, call loans have covered a range during the week of 4@5%, as

against 4½@5½% last week. Monday 5% was the high with the low 4½% and renewals at 5%. Tuesday easier conditions prevailed and the high was 4¾%, with renewals negotiated at this basis; the low was still 4½%. For a brief period on Wednesday a low figure of 4% was touched, but the maximum continued 4¾%, and this was the ruling rate. On Thursday there was a decline to 4½% high; the low was again 4%, while loans renewed at 4½%. Friday's range was 4¼@4½%, with 4½% the renewal basis. The rates here given apply to mixed collateral and all-industrials without differentiation. In time money the trend was downward and toward the latter part of the week the range was lowered to 5@5¼% for all maturities from sixty days to six months, as compared with 5¼@5½% a week ago. Offerings were in freer supply, but trading was not active and no large loans were put through for either long or short periods.

Commercial paper rates have not been changed from 5@5¼% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, the same as a week ago. Names not so well known still require 5¼@5½%. Most of the business passing is being done at 5¼%, with 5% quoted for New England mill paper. Moderate activity was noted with the bulk of the demand coming from interior banks. Offerings were light.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have ruled at the levels previously current. With the easing in the call market, a broader inquiry was reported, and the turnover especially in the latter part of the week was larger than has been the case recently. Both country and New York institutions were in the market as buyers. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 4¼%, comparing with 4½% the previous week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for bills running for 30 days, 4¼% bid and 4⅛% asked for bills running for 60 and 90 days, 4⅜% bid and 4¼% asked for bills running 120 days, and 4½% bid and 4⅜% asked for bills running 150 days. Open market quotations follow:

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

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT OCT. 19 1923.

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

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

Dulness and irregularity with a tendency toward slightly lower levels were the chief characteristics of the week's trading in sterling exchange. After an opening quotation of $4\ 52\frac{7}{8}$, demand bills see-sawed aimlessly, though ruling most of the time around $4\ 53\frac{3}{8}$, with the range $4\ 53\ 13-16$ to $4\ 51\frac{5}{8}$. Developments regarding the reparations tangle and Chancellor Stresemann's efforts to restore some semblance of political order in Germany were factors of considerable importance, but probably the most potent influence in deciding actual values was the volume of commercial bills offering. Traders report a comparative scarcity in the supply of cotton and grain bills—that is, for this time of the year. Nevertheless, in the absence of good buying support, even moderate offerings tended to depress price levels. Toward the close of the week cotton bills commenced to make their appearance more freely, and the close was at the lowest for the week. Nevertheless, traders generally, report that the market has not as yet attained anything like its usual autumnal activity. Wheat bills are much fewer in number than normally. As for the scarcity in cotton bills, the explanation offered in some quarters is that American exporters are quite generally adopting the practice of forwarding their cotton for warehousing in Europe and then selling it direct from the warehouses. This custom, it is said, has grown out of the abnormal credit conditions prevailing abroad. In the latter part of the week speculative selling was in evidence, and this was taken to indicate expectation on the part of market operators of still lower levels for sterling in the course of the next few weeks. The market, however, taken as a whole, is still in a waiting mood, with the outlook for a continuation of the present "hands off" policy, at least until the agitation over the Ruhr has subsided and reparation payments have been definitely agreed upon.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last, was dull and heavy, and there was a decline to $4\ 52\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 53\frac{3}{8}$ for demand, $4\ 53\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 53\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 50\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 51\frac{1}{8}$ for sixty days; trading was unusually light. On Monday an increase in offerings of commercial bills induced a further slight recession which carried demand to $4\ 52\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 53\ 11-16$, cable transfers to $4\ 52\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 53\ 15-16$, and sixty days to $4\ 50\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 51\ 7-16$. The sterling market gave a better account of itself on Tuesday and quotations advanced fractionally on quiet trading, to $4\ 53\ 1-16$ @ $4\ 53\ 13-16$ for demand, $4\ 53\ 5-16$ @ $4\ 54\ 1-16$ for cable transfers and $4\ 50\ 13-16$ @ $4\ 51\ 9-16$ for sixty days. Wednesday dulness again featured dealings and the undertone was easier with the range for demand $4\ 52\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 53\frac{1}{4}$, for cable transfers $4\ 52\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 53\frac{1}{2}$, and for sixty days $4\ 50\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 51$. Irregular weakness prevailed on Thursday, mainly as a result of freer offerings of commercial bills and demand sold down to $4\ 52$ @ $4\ 52\frac{5}{8}$, cable transfers to $4\ 52\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 52\frac{7}{8}$, and sixty days to $4\ 49\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 50\frac{3}{8}$. Friday's market was a dull affair and prices sagged off; the day's range was $4\ 51\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 52\frac{5}{8}$ for demand, $4\ 51\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 52\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 49\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 50\frac{3}{8}$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $4\ 49\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days, $4\ 51\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 52\frac{7}{8}$ for demand and $4\ 52$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 51\frac{5}{8}$, sixty days at $4\ 49\frac{1}{2}$, ninety days at $4\ 47\frac{3}{4}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 49\frac{3}{8}$, and seven-day grain bills at $4\ 51\frac{1}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 51\frac{5}{8}$.

The gold movement continues light, being limited to a shipment of £414,000 on the Olympic and £330,000 on the Aquitania from England. The first named vessel also carried a case of German currency, valued at £150, intended for the Public State Bank of Chicago. This institution is said to have received two similar shipments during recent weeks.

Trading in Continental exchange was sporadic in character and here also movements were irregular with a good deal of nervousness and hesitancy displayed at times and no definite trend either up or down, except of course in the case of marks which still continue to fall. French exchange again took the lead in point of activity, and quoted rates reflected the constantly changing political situation in Berlin. Fluctuations, therefore, were rather erratic. In the initial dealings Paris checks ruled around 6.06; subsequently a sharp upswing carried the quotation to $6.15\frac{1}{4}$; but the advance was not sustained and there was a drop to $5.94\frac{1}{4}$, with the final figure $5.97\frac{3}{4}$; Belgian currency followed a similar course, and here the extremes were 5.32 and $5.14\frac{1}{2}$. Reichsmarks failed to reflect the more hopeful utterances from Berlin earlier in the week, and after a while broke severely on what appeared to be another serious political upheaval in Germany; the quotation at one time dropped to the habitual new low, this time touching the microscopic figure of $0.0000001\frac{3}{8}$, or at the rate of more than 6,666,666,000 marks to the dollar. Little or no business is being transacted in this market, the quotation being simply a reflex of what is going on abroad. Polish marks suffered in sympathy and sagged off to a new low point of $0.0001\frac{1}{8}$. Italian lire were maintained practically throughout, and the quotation was held at very close to 4.59 for checks. Greek exchange was dull, but slightly firmer in tone.

The other minor exchanges were steady and Czechoslovakian crowns, Rumanian lei and Finmarks all ruled slightly higher. In the late dealings the whole foreign exchange market firmed up on more cheerful reports from abroad, which included the French, British and Italian agreement to use Belgium's reparation plan as propounded in June for the basis of a new plan of settlement with Germany, resumption of work in many parts of the Ruhr and indications of subsidence of the rioting in Berlin and other important German centres. The advances in rates, however, were largely a matter of sentiment, since trading continued restricted, with the undertone dull and lifeless. At the close extreme weakness set in again, with declines in nearly all currencies. Notwithstanding announcement that the Stresemann Government had decided to stop the printing of marks at an early date, last week's German Bank statement recorded a colossal increase in note circulation, nearly quadrupling the total amount outstanding. The next statement is looked forward to with considerable interest. Recent advices from Central Europe are to the effect that a number of the European nations are considering the advisability of instituting new currency systems. Among those mentioned are Austria, Hungary and Poland, each of which is said to be planning to establish stable units of currency.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 74.35, against 74.70 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at $5.97\frac{3}{4}$, against $6.06\frac{3}{4}$; cable transfers at $5.98\frac{3}{4}$, against $6.07\frac{3}{4}$; commercial sight bills at $5.96\frac{3}{4}$, against $6.05\frac{3}{4}$, and commercial

sixty days at 5.91½, against 6.001½ a week ago. Closing rates for Antwerp francs were 5.17 for checks and 5.18 for cable transfers, against 5.16½ and 5.17½, respectively, last week. Reichsmarks finished at 0.000000085 for both checks and cable transfers, against 0.00000002 the previous week. Austrian kronen continue to rule independently of recessions elsewhere and finished at 0.0014⅛, unchanged. Lire closed at 4.51 for bankers' sight bills and 4.52 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 4.56 and 4.57. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.98¼, against 2.99¾; on Bucharest at 0.47¼, against 0.47; on Poland at 0.0001⅛, against 0.0001½, and on Finland at 2.68, against 2.69 a week earlier. Greek exchange closed the week at 1.62½ for checks and 1.62 for cable transfers, as against 1.49½ and 1.50 last week.

Regarding the former neutral exchanges, movements in the main were in sympathy with sterling and the larger Continentals. Guilders were easier, but this was due to increased offerings of guilder grain bills, also, to a lesser degree, possibility of the passing of a new bill by the Netherlands Parliament providing for a greatly increased navy. Swiss francs were a shade firmer, but the Scandinavian exchanges, particularly Norwegian, were weak. The last-named at one time touched a new low of 15.41, a decline of 21 points. Spanish pesetas at times displayed an improving tendency, moving upward on reputed betterment in political affairs in Spain and prospects of a return to order and common sense.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 39.12, against 39.28½; cable transfers at 39.16, against 39.32½; commercial sight at 39.06, against 39.22½, and commercial sixty days at 38.70, against 38.86½ a week ago. Swiss francs finished at 17.91 for bankers sight bills and 17.92 for cable transfers, against 17.91 and 19.92 the previous week. Copenhagen checks closed at 17.50 and cable transfers at 17.54, against 17.64 and 17.68. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.33 and cable transfers at 26.37, against 26.41 and 26.52½, and checks on Norway closed at 15.43 and cable transfers at 15.47, against 15.62 and 15.66 the preceding week. Final quotations for Spanish pesetas were 13.54 for checks and 13.56 for cable transfers, against 13.55 and 13.59, respectively, last week.

As to the South American exchanges, very little change has taken place and Argentine checks closed at 32½ and cable transfers at 32⅝, against 32⅞ and 33; Brazil exchange finished at 9.75 for checks and 9.80 for cable transfers (unchanged from a week ago). Chilean exchange turned weak and closed at 12.00, against 12.50, but Peru finished at 4 08 (unchanged).

Far Eastern exchange is as follows: Hong Kong, 51⅞@52, against 52⅜@52⅝; Shanghai, 69¾@70, against 70½@70⅝; Yokohama, 49@49¼, against 49@49¼; Manila, 49⅜@49⅝ (unchanged); Singapore, 53⅜@53⅝, against 53½@53¾; Bombay, 31⅜@31¼ (unchanged), and Calcutta, 31½@31⅞ (unchanged).

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, OCT. 13 1923 TO OCT. 19 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Oct. 13.	Oct. 15.	Oct. 16.	Oct. 17.	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0518	.0528	.0525	.0520	.0517	.0519
Bulgaria, lev.....	.010258	.010100	.010033	.010075	.010258	.010279
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029843	.029853	.029857	.029855	.029855	.029814
Denmark, krone.....	.1763	.1756	.1760	.1758	.1755	.1751
England, pound ster- ling.....	4.5346	4.5332	4.5372	4.5343	4.5242	4.5264
Finland, markka.....	.026794	.026694	.026750	.026711	.026789	.026778
France, franc.....	.0608	.0615	.0609	.0603	.0598	.0601
Germany, reichsmark	.0000000228	.0000000242	.0000000228	.0000000232	.00000002108	.00000002095
Greece, drachma.....	.015872	.015385	.015370	.015480	.015490	.015810
Holland, guilder.....	.3928	.3927	.3924	.3925	.3918	.3918
Hungary, krone.....	.000055	.000055	.000055	.000054	.000054	.000054
Italy, lira.....	.0456	.0458	.0459	.0457	.0452	.0452
Norway, krone.....	.1565	.1548	.1545	.1554	.1552	.1545
Poland, mark.....	.00000106	.00000113	.00000105	.00000110	.00000105	.00000103
Portugal, escudo.....	.0403	.0401	.0403	.0401	.0401	.0401
Rumania, leu.....	.004681	.004669	.004714	.004710	.004696	.004706
Spain, peseta.....	.1355	.1362	.1362	.1358	.1352	.1349
Sweden, krona.....	.2644	.2641	.2638	.2641	.2636	.2635
Switzerland, franc.....	.1794	.1795	.1796	.1796	.1794	.1792
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.011733	.011718	.011773	.011815	.011863	.011880
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael.....	.7138	.7138	.7142	.7138	.7142	.7133
Hankow tael.....	.7029	.7092	.7096	.7092	.7096	.7088
Shanghai tael.....	.6972	.6964	.6982	.6967	.6969	.6969
Tientsin tael.....	.7196	.7196	.7200	.7192	.7196	.7188
Hongkong dollar.....	.5173	.5173	.5174	.5176	.5176	.5179
Mexican dollar.....	.5050	.5059	.5060	.5059	.5046	.5050
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5063	.5063	.5067	.5063	.5067	.5063
Yuan dollar.....	.5104	.5104	.5108	.5096	.5100	.5109
India, rupee.....	.3095	.3093	.3099	.3110	.3105	.3109
Japan, yen.....	.4890	.4887	.4884	.4882	.4880	.4877
Singapore (S. S.) dollar	.5308	.5304	.5300	.5304	.5304	.5304
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	.984028	.983838	.984375	.988293	.987760	.987315
Cuba, peso.....	.999000	.999063	.999250	.999063	.999063	.999063
Mexico, peso.....	.483958	.485208	.483958	.483833	.484438	.483656
Newfoundland, dollar	.981484	.981484	.981953	.985938	.985156	.985000
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.7340	.7303	.7288	.7396	.7410	.7332
Brazil, milreis.....	.0963	.0960	.0956	.0961	.0947	.0940
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1149	.1150	.1168	.1183	.1175	.1179
Uruguay, peso.....	.7379	.7314	.7203	.7317	.7356	.7340

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$4,332,002 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Oct. 18. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,117,302, while the shipments have reached \$785,300, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Oct. 18.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$5,117,302	\$785,300	Gain \$4,332,002

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, Oct. 13.	Monday, Oct. 15.	Tuesday, Oct. 16.	Wednesday, Oct. 17.	Thursday, Oct. 18.	Friday, Oct. 19.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 88,000,000	\$ 82,000,000	\$ 64,000,000	\$ 69,000,000	\$ 97,000,000	\$ 9,000,000	Cr. 469,000,000

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	Oct. 18 1923.			Oct. 19 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	£ 127,670,706	£	£ 127,670,706	£ 127,435,454	£	£ 127,435,454
France..	146,971,352	11,800,000	158,771,352	145,399,345	11,480,000	156,879,345
Germany..	27,235,950	63,475,400	90,711,350	50,111,230	1,299,153	51,410,383
Aus.-Hun..	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	101,029,000	26,131,000	127,160,000	100,936,000	25,594,000	126,530,000
Italy.....	35,638,000	3,034,000	38,672,000	34,628,000	3,035,000	37,663,000
Netherl'ds.	48,481,000	757,000	49,238,000	48,482,000	715,000	49,197,000
Nat. Belg..	10,790,000	2,413,000	13,203,000	10,664,000	2,049,000	12,713,000
Switz'land.	20,186,000	3,876,000	24,062,000	20,230,000	4,577,000	24,807,000
Sweden..	15,139,000	—	15,139,000	15,200,000	—	15,200,000
Denmark..	11,647,000	224,000	11,871,000	12,683,000	239,000	12,922,000
Norway...-	8,182,000	—	8,182,000	8,183,000	—	8,183,000

Total week 563,914,008 51,079,400 607,990,408 584,896,029 51,357,150 636,253,179
 Prev. week 564,794,594 54,375,400 619,169,994 583,871,830 51,558,150 635,429,981
 a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of 274,573,797 held abroad. b It is no longer possible to tell the amount of silver held by the Bank of Germany. On March 15 1923 the Reichsbank began including in its "Metal Reserve" not only gold and silver but aluminum, nickel and iron coin as well. The Bank still gives the gold holdings as a separate item, but as under the new practice the remainder of the metal reserve can no longer be considered as being silver, there is now no way of arriving at the Bank's stock of silver, and we therefore carry it along at the figure computed March 7 1923.

*Legislation and Politics.*

The country is approaching an extremely important regular session of Congress. If we read the signs aright there is a feeling of tense suspense throughout the country. There is calm, but it is ominous. For if one fact may be discerned in the anxious waiting it is that the great body of the people are in no mood for "playing politics." Clamorous classes are demanding quick "relief"; but the vast majority want only necessary legislation, founded upon principle, and practical in that it touch only those needs that are vital and general. There are subjects that must be considered. Taxation is one of them, and the foremost. Economies in the administration of government is another, and one that is continuous but now pressing. Even more than positive requirements of an ordinary session is the imperative duty of avoidance of those appeals and protests of factions and parties that arouse the people only to end in failure.

We read that something must be done for the farmer; that "labor" will have a program to offer in its own behalf; that the banking system should be overhauled and the Federal Reserve System reconstructed. Hundreds and even thousands of bills filled with "light" will be introduced. Legislators will seek to make "records" for themselves; and parties will fence for position in the coming campaign. In this mist and fog and fire what chance will the people have to make themselves heard in the halls of legislation? Very little, at the time. But their temper and desire in these days before the deluge can easily be defined. They want to be let alone. Taken as a whole their interest is domestic rather than foreign. Collectively they read and meditate—and they know that time and toil are the chief agencies in working out the trials and troubles of a period, that, for us at least, has been slowly settling into normal since the war.

There is to be, no doubt, a consideration of "branch banking" as incidental to the administration of the Federal Reserve System. But as we have said before, the free and independent bank is more important to the finance and commerce of the people, in our opinion, than branch banking by either State or national banks. And from this standpoint at least the controversy ought quickly to end. Of course there ought to be bankers of wide knowledge upon the Federal Reserve Board and of course the A. B. A. is right that there should not be class discrimination for or against in the composition of this important body. But the more these Federal Reserve matters are bandied about in the next Congress the more they will grow political; and the way to effectually kill the "System" is to take it into politics. The matter of too sudden deflation need not longer be discussed since it and too great inflation are things of the past—matters of judgment by those in charge and well or ill no longer to be regarded.

But above all these problems is the matter of procedure. Is it not apparent that the "business" of this Congress should be expeditiously concluded? A Congress dragging on into the summer months and then frantically adjourned in order to allow members to participate in the campaign is wholly unnecessary and emphatically unjust to the people. Let the Senate, the "great deliberative body" of the world, forego politics entirely. Let it consider our domestic problems and decide them duly without

haste but without waste. For once, since the patient needs the rest cure, let the unseemly wrangles and parliamentary tangles, the resolutions and speeches to the galleries, be dispensed with, that the people who toil and think in commerce may understand that the natural functions of finance, the natural forces of credit, will not be interfered with.

Perhaps these observations sound superfluous. But there is an earnest conviction that we have too many laws and too many protracted efforts at the making of laws. "Normalcy" we shall never attain while we are in the uncertainty of experimentation. One of the splendid qualities of the late President Harding was his poise. Calm though he was, he was resolute when the time came for action. Through the mists of uncertainty, amid the cries of forensic conflict, in sound of the murmuring voices of selfish classes, he pursued a quiet, commendable, effective way—his sole thought the welfare of the *whole* people—a welfare to be attained largely by themselves in whose capacity he had faith and whom he trusted. And so might this coming Congress follow his example, and eliminating the idea that it is born to set the world aright proceed to the necessary things and let the doubtful alone.

In a word, let this Congress be one of the entire people, no longer discordant through parties, blocs and politics, but harmonious in an effort quickly to perform its needful duties, and adjourn. The bearing of this procedure upon our growing paternalism will be marked and salutary. As long as our legislative bodies, State and national, become arenas for the battling of vain ideals and fantastic laws, ideals and laws ever in conflict because selfish, opportune and premature—just so long will eyes trained on these bodies unconsciously imbibe the belief that Government is the end-all and be-all of our human existence. Thoughtful people want a chance to work out their own destinies. Individuals are willing to stake all on their own initiative, energy and enterprise, if only natural laws may be freed from artificial!

We make bold to say that the very perpetuity of Government is at stake in the conduct of our legislative bodies. When they come to see that government through law is *not* the cure-all for the ills of the human race they will not undertake these paternalistic and bureaucratic efforts. They will have less to do; still, enough, in the perfecting of independent, coordinate divisions of Government as to their necessary administrative duties. It is as important to curtail growing legislative autocracy in a representative democracy as to curb the growing dictatorship in the executive division. Laws we must have—though they should be founded on experience and pertinent to the people, not to class, bloc or faction. Holding to this, Congress will be able to finish its business quickly and safely.

Men and Events—Hero Worship.

In all ages men have worshipped men. Even to deification, the knee has cringed in adulation, supplication, reverence. In thought, as well as act, the patriot has been exalted, the tyrant pilloried. Millions have followed, in blind adoration and submission, some great Caesar, now long "turned to clay." Hero worship has its bright side and its dark. Those who have led their fellows in honesty and simplicity of character up and along the heights of great causes are worthy the statue in bronze and the golden mem-

ory. But to remember men and forget principles, this is the dark side. For, instrumentalities of reform, vessels of temporary power, agents of that Infinite that shapes causes and moulds events, leaders are often no more than their humblest followers, save that circumstances have placed them in the forefront, have thrust them into the crux of mighty issues that had their origin in a remote and unknown past. All honor to him who fills the great role which comes to him who prepares for a life of usefulness by hard toil and thought—that he may help his fellows should occasion come!

But we do well, in contemplating the career of a great man, to consider more his response to the call made upon him by his time and place than to dwell on his mere success or failure. Did he grasp at power or reluctantly assume it? Did he always put his country before himself? Did he turn aside from laudation by the many to question his own heart and mind? Did he hesitate to follow his own ideal that he might counsel with the wise to the end of justice and the humanities? Did he reason long and well before exercising the powers delegated to him by people and Government? What part of his greatness did he really achieve, and what part was thrust upon him? The earth is filled with dead who died—in glory—in gloom. Not alone in marble mausoleum but in Potter's Field the dust of genius lies mouldering. Not alone in the memoried chapters of great events are written the lives to be revered, but in humble churchyard of many a forgotten parish the "mossy marbles rest" on lives that gave their all for truth, honor, helpfulness.

Our times and thought have fallen on the two fateful and mighty contrasts of war and peace. Happily out of the terrible catastrophe that drenched a fair continent in blood the arch-figure that most embodies war dwells in obscurity, pitied, when not hated, by a world. But can we find as we sweep the horizon of to-day one who in equal degree embodies the peace that we love and long for? Is the question idle or unfair? Perhaps it is. We do not know. But this we know—that in millions of hearts of humble men the feeling exists that were the power given to turn back forever the red tides of war that power would be gladly exercised. And, therefore, may we not, in our contemplation of men and events of our own time, look searchingly upon the careers of those who led in forum and field in that awful conflict—those who came and saw and conquered, who were before and in and after it—to ask whether they mingled caution with courage, whether they mingled deeds with duty—and whether they mingled politics with patriotism? Did they learn in the throes of that trying time the greatness of forgiveness that is the crowning glory of success? Somewhere in the history of the aftermath of that World War was born the idea that the defeated, vanquished, and all but destroyed, people must pay and pay to the last farthing the costs, the whole costs, of the war. If there be those living, if there be one, who gave this creed to mankind, can there be a doubt that it has caused continuous turmoil, can there be a doubt that it has prevented or hindered a return to normal and to peace? We are not thinking, be it understood, of the cry of "cancellation"; we are thinking of a business settlement of "reparations" freed from this original slogan of "make Germany pay all"!

True greatness consists in the subjection of self to cause—and in the subjection of cause to mercy and

love. Men and measures? No. Men and Principles! Yes. Principles—the judgments of the experience of mankind—*these* persist through the mutations of time, changing slowly as experience dictates. Events that thrust men into the world's limelight are not the sole means of estimating true greatness. That the man thus elevated to opportunity, thus given power and command, shall serve his time well is cause for praise—but he must subject himself to principle, not to expediency, though compromise and conciliation be the requirement and test of service. It is a fault of citizen and subject that he too often in his hero-worship of the man loses sight of the thing that is greater than the man—the principle of liberty, justice, mercy and love that informing the man alone makes him great.

Courage should not obscure humility. The self-consciousness of a people is not warrant for idolatry of one who "leads." Often he but follows—in that he sees deeper into the convictions of his race, into the urgencies of his time. When we look upon a giant intellect we must ask is it true to truth or to mere opportunism. We hear much of "progressivism." We admire the boldness that is uncowed by crisis. We are tamely submissive to one who dares to think for us, to choose for us, in perplexities. But when the "smoke of the battle clears" who is great but one left standing under the pole star of right. The catastrophe of war, the lesser evil of revolution in ideals, the recurring stresses of climacteric events, these cannot alone bring forth our great men, our heroes. Science and ethics are no less the media of human expression than statecraft and war.

We detract nothing from the honorarium of any man, when we subject his life work to the test of continuous sincerity, when we measure his claim to greatness by the principles he embodies and consistently expresses. Mere success in politics is not an earnest of statesmanship. We are purposely mentioning no names—but one recently dead, scholar and servant, never forsook, in defeat or success, the cause of a long-suffering people. Yet in latter years the shadows of obscurity crept about him, but the great cause, his cause, at last triumphed. Let us, then, temper our laudation of men with serious thoughtfulness of principle and cause. None needs to fear this test. And he cannot be truly great who would receive unto himself the veneration which should go to the might and majesty of a sacred cause.

Some Objectionable Constitutional Amendments to be Voted on in This State.

This Ferris proposition—and the bonus scheme even more so—illustrates the viciousness of our method of handling constitutional changes, as carefully presented in the "Chronicle" two years ago, on Oct. 8 and 15 1921. An amendment may be ratified by "a majority of the voters voting thereon"; thus the merest interested handful may insert bad matter (as has been done) in our organic law. The expectant beneficiaries of a bonus, together with their sisters and their cousins and their aunts, will vote Yes, and the same is true of the parties who plan gain by the Adirondack invasion; but the mass of the voters, intent upon the personal struggle for the offices, take no notice and omit to vote. Thus the thing goes by silence and default. At least a majority of a *full* vote—not the "thereon" method—ought to be required. It might happen that a meritorious change would be lost, under such a safe rule; but it is far

better to be obliged to fight to carry a good change than to fight for defeat of a bad one. A change which failed to command the support of the press and to enlist a campaign for it could afford to wait until the public wanted it and realized the want.

The "Chronicle" feels warranted in saying that neither of these two propositions should be permitted to slip through by the action of the persons interested in them, but should be rejected by an emphatic negative vote.

Two constitutional amendments of vast and far-reaching importance will be disposed of at the coming election in this State. One of them would smooth the way for an increase of the State debt by 45 millions, for the sole purpose of giving a bonus to persons who participated more or less in the late war. Two years ago, the bonus advocates were halted by the Court of Appeals, which found a constitutional obstacle; it was certain that they would attempt to remove the obstacle, and the pending amendment is meant to be the instrument of removal.

The "Chronicle" has so long and so earnestly fought the effort to add to our load of tax instead of lightening it, for the purpose of giving gratuities to uninjured persons that it is hard to add any argument not already covered. Yet there is one, however, namely: it seems hopeless to expect that raids upon the Federal treasury will cease, for defeat stimulates and encourages them rather than the contrary; but there is too much reason to fear the success of a renewed attack upon Congress for a grand country-wide plunder. Only a little more than a year ago, the courageous veto of Mr. Harding scotched the venomous snake; but it was not killed, and it is more than possible that, with the great struggle of next year impending, not even another veto can halt it a second time. If such a thing is ever put through, this State will necessarily contribute a very heavy share of the taxes involved; what words can fitly characterize the folly of loading upon ourselves a State bonus which would be a duplication if the larger grab cannot be prevented?

The other bad proposition pending is the Ferris amendment, which would throw open the State's great and precious forest preserves to hydro-electric development; it would hardly be incorrect to add the words "and for other purposes," since such would doubtless be the ultimate effect. At the start, it is only fair to admit the great importance of that development, and as a general proposition the "Chronicle" looks with favor upon any business-like and well-considered project in this direction. Speaking to the heads of Public Service Commissions in eleven States on Oct. 13, Secretary Hoover sketched the progress already made in long-distance transmission of this form of power, and said that the next step is "to undertake to use the cheaper sources of power from water further afield, such as the St. Lawrence, and cheaper generation from coal through larger and more favorably placed generators"; by an investment of $1\frac{1}{4}$ billions in a comprehensive system, he estimates a possible annual saving of more than 50 million tons of coal and more than a half billion of cost to users of electricity in New England and the Middle Atlantic States. This would, of course, be through co-operation between States, which he invited.

The prolonged trouble over the coal supply is a great stimulus to utilize natural forces to the utmost, and it may be that the projectors of this Adi-

rondack scheme count on capitalizing in its behalf the public uneasiness caused by that prolonged trouble. But it does not need an expert to tell us that there are abundant sources of power in running water outside of the State's preserves, and hence there is not even a presumption that the efforts which have culminated in the Ferris amendment are really and wisely in the public interest.

The text of the proposed amendment is of great length, the plain Roman type being, as is customary, the constitutional article as it now stands, while the matter inclosed in brackets is what the proposers wish to strike out and that in italics is the new matter to be inserted. Now, it is strictly correct to say that a thoughtful and intelligent man would not be free from doubt about the effect of these changes if he were to give them a half hour of study, while as for the amendment's being understood by the voter when handed to him at the booths it might as well be printed in a foreign language. No careful man signs any paper without first reading it and feeling sure that he understands it; equally, no careful voter can honestly vote in favor of a constitutional change which he does not understand. The practical impossibility of passing upon such a matter as this, undiscussed and unknown, is therefore a sufficient reason for voting No upon it, but *not* for passing it by without action.

The Constitution now provides that "the lands of the State, now owned or hereafter acquired, constituting the Forest Reserve as now fixed by law, shall forever be kept as wild forest lands; they shall not be leased, sold or exchanged, or be taken by any corporation, public or private, nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed or destroyed." It would be impossible, within any proper space, to set forth the queries (and the various doubts or the intended "tricks") in this proposal for change; we must stop with pointing out some of its effects. It would build dams, raising the surface of one lake ten feet, backing water over 6,000 acres of State lands in one preserve, and putting trees forty feet under water. Many thousands of trees, old and young, would necessarily be felled, for lanes must be cut to permit transmission lines to radiate from the various power plants. There will be dangers of fire as well as of flood. For the latter, it is hardly necessary to recall to any intelligent reader the mischief of too much denuding the land of its trees, for Nature takes revenge by alternate drouths and floods; the recurring inundations at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Port Jervis and various other points on our large streams, because of the too rapid melting of the snows, are a reminder.

There is in the amendment a pretense of leasing and compensation, but the moneyed interest of the State directly in the property is not well safeguarded. For example, it is said that while there would be 50-year power leases to private interests "the power created in the reservoirs on State land would pass into the riparian rights of all property-owners along a stream and those rights would become perpetual and the State could recapture them only by condemnation at tremendous cost." At least, we know that the effort to "break into" these reservations has been going on for a number of years; we also know that when private interests think they see "a good thing" their desire to get hold of it is very liable to outweigh any consideration of public policy or the public welfare. Further, a just doubt of the honesty of the proceeding is caused by the circum-

stances. A constitutional proposal must pass two successive Legislatures before going to the people. This year's Legislature adjourned May 4, and while the custom is to transfer to the Rules Committee in each House all measures pending before other committees, this resolution was presented only ten days before adjournment, apparently to head off discussion; it was rushed through the Senate on May 3, and through the Assembly in the closing hours of May 4, when (as is well known) the legislative halls are a sort of football rush and nobody (except perhaps a few who have ends to gain) knows what is being done or how it is done. Is a measure thus shoved along likely to be for the public benefit, or for secret private interests? A safe inference may also be drawn from the character of the opposition to this one. Governor Smith is earnestly against it, and a committee from some 20 organizations for the protection of the Adirondacks and the preservation of wild life therein are joined with up-State Chambers of Commerce and some business organizations in this city in trying to arouse the public and ward off the attack. Resistance to such attacks must be kept up, year after year. As an example in point, there have been many attempts to get into Central Park here on behalf of various objects which may claim to be intrinsically worthy; but all such must be resisted, because if entry were once obtained for one a train of others would follow and the Park would ultimately be lost. To make a bad precedent is hazardous; for when the defense line has once been broken holding it anew becomes well-nigh impossible.

Mr. Asquith's Review of the Years.

A public bridge requires approaches at both ends. The crowd passing on into new conditions at the far end still have interest in the rear approach. They have much material left behind which is yet to follow them. This simile will serve to indicate the material with which Mr. Asquith deals in his new book.* As the leader of the Liberal Party in England he is in the advance group. As Premier for the first two years of the war, and some half dozen years preceding, following two years as Chancellor of the Exchequer, he has full knowledge of that period, and now, speaking for the first time, he reverts to official documents to clear the way to the great events which bridged the break between the old world and the new.

Those were tumultuous and eventful years. There were in 1905 two groups of Allies in Europe, the Triple Alliance and the Franco-Russian, in neither of which England had a part. Mr. Asquith writes now to make clear the real causes of the war and their consequences. He is able to show that through the years 1904 to 1914, notwithstanding the revolution in Turkey, the trouble in the Balkans, the Morocco incident, and the fact that more than once war with one or another of the great Powers had seemed to hang on a thread, Great Britain pursued a uniform course. She aimed not only at peace, but at goodwill with all. She had neither animosities to gratify nor selfish interests to advance. She tried to take an entirely disinterested attitude, and would not for a moment be unfaithful to the spirit of any existing friendship.

He gives in detail, with constant reference to original sources, the account of Britain's relations to Germany. The book will well repay careful reading,

as it puts to rest many controversies by producing the records. Bismarck had created the German Empire and it was to all appearances impregnable; at the same time he had left England to her "splendid isolation." The new German policy of world dominance began after Bismarck was dismissed, and the Kaiser took things into his own hands. The Kruger telegram, and the Agadir break quickly followed. Prince Buelow was advanced from Foreign Minister to Chancellor in 1900, and the German *Weltpolitik* was fully launched. The previous occupation of Kiao Chau and Samoa, and the project of the Baghdad railway were omens of what was to come. The New Navy Law and the wrecking of the first Hague Conference by Germany had occurred. Buelow was notified that he must be blunt in dealing with England and keep his finesse for the Latins and Slavs, for whom the Kaiser had no respect.

On the occasion of Queen Victoria's death the Kaiser, when in London, said to a statesman: "There is no balance of power in Europe except Me—me and my 25 corps. I can double them the day war breaks out. England is short-sighted. Without alliances she will ultimately be pressed between Russia and the United States." He sought that alliance, and the impression he tried to convey was: "You can keep the United States off my back, and enable me to defy the Monroe Doctrine, and be free to withstand Russia. With my aid you may take what part you like in Europe and the East."

Later he said openly to British officers that Neme-sis would fall on England for neglecting his proffers of an alliance.

In 1904, in Kiel, on Buelow's raising the question of an alliance with King Edward, the King replied that it was not necessary, as there was no real cause of enmity or strife between the two countries. The Kaiser said to Buelow: "This refusal was a plain sign of the English policy of encirclement." In 1908 Austria seized Bosnia and Herzegovina in defiance of the Treaty of Berlin; and Buelow says of it: "The German sword was thrown into the scale of European decision directly in support of our Austro-Hungarian ally!" He further speaks of it as "marking the final failure of the encircling policy of Edward VII, proving it to be a diplomatic illusion, devoid of political actuality."

Forgetting this, Bethmann-Hollweg, as late as August 1915, declared in the Reichstag that "the encircling policy of King Edward compelled as a reply Germany's Armament Budget of 1913." Buelow resigned in 1909, declaring that he had proved that idea an illusion. He further said as he resigned that Pan-German ideas had "gone far to turn German heads," so much distrust was there of the policy of the Government. The immediate cause of Buelow's resignation was the storm that swept over Germany and Europe because of the Kaiser's "interview" in the London "Telegraph," in which he proclaimed himself England's best friend, and said that he had repelled the joint request of France and Russia for Germany to join at the time of the Boer War, in "humiliating England to the dust"; to which he added the statement that he had furnished England the plan of campaign against the Boers used successfully by Lord Roberts! It ended Buelow's further participating in the great adventure of *Weltpolitik*.

For the further details of the devious and interesting history up to 1914 immediately before the outbreak of the war, we must refer readers to the volume

*"The Genesis of the War," by Rt. Hon. Herbert H. Asquith. Geo. H. Doran Co.

before us. In February 1914 von Jagow, the Prussian Foreign Secretary, informed the Reichstag that Anglo-German relations were "very good." As Mr. Asquith says: "It might well have seemed that we were nearing the goal of the policy which Great Britain had steadily pursued. Moving stage by stage to the settlement of outstanding causes of differences with particular States; circumscribing the scope of local disputes, and working in cordial friendship with France and Russia for the maintenance of the balance of power which was the best safeguard of European peace. Looking over the previous ten years, the progress actually made was remarkable."

Meanwhile on the Continent war was rapidly drawing near. The memorandum presented to the Reichstag for the purpose of obtaining the new military law of 1913 said, "The people must be accustomed to the belief that an offensive war on our part is a necessity." The German army was raised from 660,000, first to 723,000, then to 870,000. In May 1914, in connection with Balkan affairs, the Austrian Emperor said, "Nothing but a general war can bring about a general solution." Other European countries followed Germany's lead. France returned to the rule of three years' service. Belgium introduced universal military service. Russia lengthened service to $3\frac{1}{4}$ years. England alone made no change in her military establishment. Turkey was brought completely under German military administration. Colonel House, who was sent to Berlin in May 1914 to see if a sympathetic understanding could be reached between England, Germany and America upon disarmament and other equally important matters, met an extremely disagreeable reception and reported that "the militarist oligarchy is in absolute control. Militarism possesses not only the army, the navy, and the chief officers of State, but the populace as well."

The tragedy of Sarajevo occurred June 28 1914. The story of what followed has been abundantly told. Here the records are produced for the exact occurrences. In face of the report on July 13 of the official investigator sent from Vienna that "nothing proves complicity of the Serbian Government, and it is not even to be presumed," the unconscionable ultimatum was delivered July 23, and, in disregard

of Serbia's surrender to it, war was speedily declared under the Kaiser's pressure. The successive events of the month and the collective responsibility for them are carefully set down in all their convicting detail. So many untruths have been told of them that this well-substantiated narrative is a valuable reference for those who desire to know the facts at first hand.

We can refer only to two which close the era. On July 31 the German Ambassador presented in Paris the German ultimatum, having these instructions: "If the French Government declares that it will remain neutral we must insist that it hand over to us as a guarantee of this neutrality the fortresses of Toul and Verdun, which we shall occupy, and which we shall restore after the completion of the war against Russia!" On the announcement that because of the invasion of Belgium England under her treaty obligations was obliged to go to her defense, the German Chancellor replied "Just for a scrap of paper." That treaty was the one signed in 1870, under which England, France and Germany agreed to co-operate in the defense of Belgium if her neutrality should be violated.

Much is to be said of the responsibility not only of Europe but of the civilized world for the prevailing spirit which made such events possible. Happily, there were leading men in all countries who did all in their power to avert the evil; the German, Lichnowsky; the Austrian, Czernin; the English, Grey; and, we may add, the American, Page, to whose valued aid high tribute is paid. Neither the good nor the evil has all been left behind at the other end of the bridge. The new world has to face the old problems, and some of them, at least, have lost nothing of their character or of their extent.

The importance of such a volume as this of Mr. Asquith's is that it fixes responsibility for the past upon the few men with whom it belongs, and opens the way for establishing right relations with the great multitude of plain people in every land who want to live a peaceful life, and the new generation who combinedly have to face the problems of to-morrow, and need to know what they have to avoid and what to resist. If they know all they will understand and can forgive; and that is the road to peace.

Railroad Gross and Net Earnings for August

It is a very gratifying compilation of the gross and net earnings of United States railroads which we are able to present to-day for the month of August in comparison with the same month last year. In the gross earnings there is an increase of \$90,181,967, or over 19%, while in the net (before the deduction of taxes) the increase is \$49,897,384, or almost 58%. But exaggerated importance should not be given to these gains. Comparison is with poor results a year ago and the improvement recorded must be interpreted in the light of that fact. In the gross earnings last year our August compilation showed \$31,911,504 decrease as compared with the year preceding while in the net the falling off reached no less than \$36,787,070. It will thus be seen that in the gross fully one-third (in amount) of the gain the present year represents a recovery of what was lost last year, while in the net fully three-quarters of the improvement goes to make up the loss suffered at that time.

Month of August (192 roads)	1923.	1922.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Miles of road.....	235,357	235,696	-339 0.14%
Gross earnings.....	\$563,292,105	\$473,110,138	+\$90,181,967 19.06%
Operating expenses.....	426,772,552	386,487,969	+40,284,583 10.42%
Net earnings.....	\$136,519,553	\$86,622,169	+\$49,897,384 57.59%

The simple truth is that in its general results August last year was conspicuously unfavorable. It was indeed one of the worst months of that year. Business revival had then already made considerable headway, but adverse influences of large size were retarding recovery and in some respects operated to cause a setback. Both the coal miners' strike and that of the railroad shopmen reached a climax in that month. As a matter of fact the situation early in August last year became decidedly acute because of the continuance of these two labor disturbances. The coal strike had been in progress since the previous April 1 and in that long interval no anthracite coal whatever had been mined, while the soft coal output had been confined entirely to the non-union mines; this latter, though by no means inconsiderable, amounting, indeed, to 3,000,000 to 4,000,000

tons a week, fell far short of current needs. The result was a scarcity of fuel supplies to the extent of interfering seriously with mercantile and manufacturing operations in many different parts of the country. The shopmen's strike on the railroads came in to accentuate the trouble and served to bring things to an acute pass. In not a few instances the rail strikers resorted to violence and they and their sympathizers were able to interrupt railroad operations in some of the regions where non-union miners were at work, the consequence being that even the non-union coal could not all be sent to market. It was then that President Harding made his memorable address to Congress. He had previously been unremitting in his endeavors to bring about an adjustment of the coal strike, as well as the railroad strike, but without having attained any large measure of success. Fortunately, when things were at their worst a turn came for the better. A truce was patched up between the miners and the operators under which work was resumed on the basis of the old wage scale, this to continue until April 1 1923 in the case of the bituminous miners and until August 31 1923 in the case of the anthracite miners. The settlement in this last instance did not come until after the close of August, but the settlement with the soft coal miners was reached about the middle of the month, though even here full resumption did not occur until about the last week of the month. The railroad shopmen's strike went through many phases, but it became apparent that though the President's efforts to effect a settlement had not been crowned with success the carriers were nevertheless by degrees gradually gaining the upper hand—either by the return to work of those who had quit their jobs or through replacing strikers with new men.

All this, naturally, proved costly to the roads, and in a double way—first by reducing the volume of traffic and secondly by running up operating expenses. Traffic was reduced directly by the miners' strike through the reduction in coal shipments and indirectly by the shutting down of factories and other business establishments unable to get the customary supplies of fuel. Operating costs were necessarily heavily increased and as a consequence the roads more than lost the benefits accruing from the reduction in wage scales, estimated to average 7@8%, promulgated by the Railroad Labor Board effective July 1 1922, and against which the shop crafts employees had struck. In addition to all this, the roads, in the matter of gross revenues, also suffered by reason of the horizontal reduction of 10% in freight rates made by the Inter-State Commerce Commission effective July 1 1922. Altogether, therefore, conditions last year for the rail carriers were highly unfavorable throughout the month, and August was the first month in 1922 to record a loss in net, though in the early part of the year, before business revival had made much headway, there had been some months with losses in the gross, but which had been translated into gains in net by heavy reductions in expenses. On the other hand, the fact should not be overlooked that in Aug. 1921 (with which comparison was then being made) there had been a reduction in expenses of prodigious magnitude—so much so that though gross earnings then suffered a reduction of \$50,119,218, due to business depression, net recorded an improvement of no less than \$248,237,870, expenditures having been reduced in this single month almost 300 million dollars, the precise reduc-

tion having been \$298,357,088. This improvement in the net then did not, it should be understood, mean an absolute addition of that amount to the net, but represented to a very great extent the wiping out of very heavy deficits suffered by these rail carriers in 1920. In a word, in August 1920 the roads had fallen \$125,167,103 short of meeting their bare operating expenses, not including taxes, while in August 1921 there were net earnings *above* the expenses of \$123,070,767. In no small measure the prodigious reduction in expenses in 1921 followed from the huge augmentation in expenses the year before. In August 1920 expenditures ran up in amount of \$319,579,099—this on a gain of \$83,071,497 in the gross, leaving net diminished, therefore, in amount of \$236,507,602. The truth is, the statement for August 1920 was one of the worst on record, due to the peculiar circumstances existing at the time. The roads had been returned to private control on the previous March 1, but for a period of six months thereafter (or until the end of August) Congress had provided that the carriers should receive the same amount of net income (irrespective of their own earnings) as they had been receiving as rental during the period of Government control—except in cases where a carrier preferred to take, instead, its own net earnings, which very few elected to do. Expenses were running very heavy at the time and were further increased by the wage award announced by the Railroad Labor Board the previous month, and which was made retroactive back to May 1. This wage increase was estimated to add at least \$50,000,000 a month to the payroll of the railroads, apart from the retroactive feature. While the retroactive feature had been in great part taken care of in the June and July returns, nevertheless, some of it also was carried forward into the August returns. In 1921, on the other hand, the railroads got the benefit of the wage reduction which went into effect July 1 of that year, and which on a normal volume of traffic—the traffic in 1921, of course, was away below the normal—was estimated to work a reduction in expenses of about \$33,333,000 a month.

Even prior to 1920 net results had been steadily growing smaller. For instance, in August 1919 our compilations showed a loss in both gross and net—\$32,636,656 in the former and \$31,315,528 in the latter. In 1918, while the showing was very satisfactory under the increase in rates then made by the Director-General of Railroads as a war measure, the situation nevertheless was an addition of \$135,759,795 in the gross brought with it an addition of no more than \$24,312,758 to the net. Going back yet a year further we find that in 1917 a gain of \$39,771,575 in the gross was accompanied by a decrease of \$4,668,838 in the net. In the following summaries the comparisons are shown back to 1906:

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
August.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	137,589,560	122,898,468	+14,691,092	48,074,911	42,719,768	+5,355,143
1907	144,913,337	128,178,064	+16,735,273	45,629,104	44,849,985	+779,119
1908	206,755,864	241,122,442	-34,366,578	75,028,707	84,251,096	-9,222,389
1909	236,559,877	206,877,014	+29,682,863	90,384,539	75,319,538	+15,065,001
1910	254,005,972	235,726,000	+18,279,972	89,517,075	90,176,937	-659,863
1911	243,816,494	245,784,289	-1,967,795	86,224,971	86,820,040	-595,069
1912	276,927,416	251,067,032	+25,860,384	99,143,971	87,718,505	+11,425,466
1913	259,835,029	255,493,023	+4,342,006	83,143,024	92,249,194	-9,106,170
1914	269,593,446	280,919,858	-11,326,412	87,772,334	87,300,840	+471,544
1915	279,891,224	274,618,381	+5,272,843	99,713,187	89,673,609	+10,039,578
1916	333,460,457	278,787,021	+54,673,436	125,837,849	99,464,634	+26,373,215
1917	373,326,711	333,555,136	+39,771,575	121,230,736	125,899,546	-4,668,810
1918	498,269,356	362,509,561	+135,759,795	142,427,118	118,114,360	+24,312,758
1919	469,868,678	502,505,334	-32,636,656	112,245,680	143,561,208	-31,315,528
1920	554,785,872	471,714,375	+83,071,497	123,942,810	112,564,791	+11,378,019
1921	504,599,664	554,718,882	-50,119,218	123,070,767	125,167,103	-2,096,336
1922	472,242,561	504,154,065	-31,911,054	86,566,595	123,353,665	-36,787,070
1923	563,292,105	473,110,138	+90,181,967	136,519,553	86,622,169	+49,897,384

* Deficit.

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of August was 91; in 1907, 86; in 1908 the returns were based on 231,220 miles; in 1909 on 247,544 miles; in 1910 on 238,493 miles; in 1911 on 230,536 miles; in 1912 on 239,230 miles; in 1913 on 219,492 miles; in 1914 on 240,831 miles; in 1915 on 247,809 miles; in 1916 on 245,516 miles; in 1917 on 247,009 miles; in 1918 on 230,743 miles; in 1919 on 233,422 miles; in 1920 on 199,957 miles; in 1921 on 233,815 miles; in 1922 on 235,294 miles; in 1923 on 235,357 miles.

As was the case when we reviewed the July figures the present year, a sharp distinction is revealed in the character of the exhibits between the roads east of the Mississippi River and those west of the Mississippi. By the roads east of the Mississippi, we mean the New England roads and those of the Middle and Middle Western States, as well as the group of roads in the Old South. In the case of all these roads the improvement in earnings for August, both gross and net, is of large proportions treating them collectively. On the other hand, in the case of the roads west of the Mississippi, from the Canadian border down to the Mexican line, the improvement is of only moderate dimensions, even in comparison with the poor results of last year, and by no means suffices in every instance to wipe out the loss sustained at that time. That roads in the Middle and Middle West should show very striking gains over last year seems natural in view of the fact that these roads suffered most from the coal miners' strike in 1922 and the further fact that these same roads are benefiting most the present year from the absence of any such drawback and at the same time are getting the advantage of the wonderful activity in the manufacturing industries which are so largely located in that part of the United States.

In contrast, the relatively small improvement shown by Western roads is attributable not alone to the absence of manufacturing industries on any extensive scale, but also, as has previously been pointed out by us, to the circumstance that the roads west of the Mississippi River serve almost exclusively farming communities and that the farmer has been hard hit by the shrinkage which has occurred since the close of the war in the prices of most agricultural products at a time when there has been no corresponding shrinkage in commodity prices generally. He consequently finds himself with his purchasing power greatly curtailed and the things he needs in his daily life largely beyond his means. The matter is made worse for the Western roads by the fact that the main items in their operating cost, namely labor and fuel, are maintained at high levels, precluding the cutting down of expenses which otherwise might be possible. In the South the situation is somewhat different, even though the population is so largely devoted to agriculture, inasmuch as the chief money crop of the South is cotton, and cotton is an exception to the rule of low prices for agricultural products, ruling, indeed, at exceptionally high prices. Furthermore, important parts of the South are sharing in the activity and prosperity of the iron trade, more particularly the iron districts of Alabama, Tennessee and adjoining districts. It accordingly happens that when the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions, according to their location, we find percentages of gain in gross for the Middle group, the Middle Western and the Southern group, running from 25.85% to 29.45% and ratios of gain in the net running from 69.96% to 205.43%. On the other hand, for the Northwestern group, the Southwestern and the Pacific Coast groups, the gains in the gross run no higher than 7.66% to 10.52% and in the net from 6.89% to 20.27%. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group.	1923.		1922.		Gross Earnings	
	Miles	\$	Miles	\$	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
August—						
Group 1 (9 roads), New England.	23,757,502	21,398,172	21,398,172	21,398,172	+2,359,330	11.02
Group 2 (34 roads), East Middle.	187,234,925	144,640,230	144,640,230	144,640,230	+42,594,695	29.45
Group 3 (26 roads), Middle West.	50,977,166	40,506,584	40,506,584	40,506,584	+10,470,582	25.85
Groups 4 & 5 (34 roads), Southern.	72,665,728	56,386,448	56,386,448	56,386,448	+16,279,280	28.87
Groups 6 & 7 (29 roads), Northwe.	116,514,931	108,221,898	108,221,898	108,221,898	+8,293,033	7.66
Groups 8 & 9 (48 roads), Southw't.	81,000,104	73,779,720	73,779,720	73,779,720	+7,220,384	9.79
Group 10 (12 roads), Pacific Coast	31,141,749	28,177,086	28,177,086	28,177,086	+2,964,663	10.52
Total (192 roads)	563,292,105	473,110,138	473,110,138	473,110,138	+90,181,967	19.06

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 returns of the separate roads, the same characteristics are observable. It is the Eastern systems that record the most pronounced gains, though both Eastern and Western roads share in the general improvement, and it is mainly the Western roads that have suffered losses either in the gross or the net. Taking losses for amounts in excess of \$100,000, only the Illinois Central, the St. Paul & Omaha, the "Soo" road and the Colorado Southern fall in that category, while in the net we find the same three roads distinguished for losses along with the Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Denver & Rio Grande Western, the Northern Pacific, the El Paso & Southwestern, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Missouri Pacific. As far as the great East and West trunk lines are concerned, they are in enjoyment of gains of magnificent proportions. The Pennsylvania Railroad (taking the results for the entire system) shows an addition of \$8,041,175 to the gross and of \$3,540,040 to the net. The Baltimore & Ohio has done even better than this, reporting \$8,398,522 gain in the gross and \$4,883,427 in the net. The New York Central excels all others. For the New York Central itself the increase is \$7,059,912 in the gross and \$5,949,015 in the net, and when the auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the Big Four, and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, are taken into consideration the increase is raised to \$11,358,230 in the gross and to \$9,023,887 in the net. The Erie reports \$3,701,828 augmentation in gross and \$3,920,078 in the net; and the Reading and all the other anthracite carriers, of course, all show very striking improvement in both gross and net, in contrast with the poor results of last year, when mining in the anthracite regions was completely suspended. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR AUGUST.

	Increase.		Increase.
Baltimore & Ohio	\$8,398,522	Central RR of New Jersey	\$1,557,124
Pennsylvania	47,463,260	Missouri Pacific	1,498,326
New York Central	87,059,912	Clev Cin Chic & St Louis	1,480,835
Philadelphia & Reading	3,743,990	St Louis-San Francisco (3)	1,412,653
Erie (3)	3,701,828	Wabash	1,405,323
Chesapeake & Ohio	3,490,628	Michigan Joliet & Eastern	1,320,940
Southern Railway	3,271,739	Cinc New Ori & Tex Pac	1,316,907
Louisville & Nashville	3,000,425	Chicago & Alton	1,248,196
Southern Pacific (8)	2,345,670	N Y New Haven & Hartf.	1,206,288
Lehigh Valley	2,254,931	Great Northern	1,126,878
Delaware & Hudson	2,167,301	Wheeling & Lake Erie	972,647
Delaware Lack. & Western	1,975,247	Buff Rochester & Pittsb	970,859
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	1,952,691	Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)	938,588
Chicago & Northwest	1,701,081	Union Pacific (4)	893,005

	Increase.		Increase.
Norfolk & Western	\$856,731	Vicksb Shrevep & Pacific	\$167,182
Boston & Maine	406,521	Buffalo & Susquehanna	162,084
Bessemer & Lake Erie	779,998	Pittsburgh & West Va.	159,615
Atlantic Coast Line	645,984	Monongahela Connecting	157,797
Chic Milw & St Paul	643,724	Union RR of Penn.	154,339
Duluth Missabe & Nor.	630,643	Gulf Mobile & Northern	153,454
Pere Marquette	590,000	Minneapolis & St Louis	153,217
Chicago & East Illinois	559,625	Maine Central	151,375
Alabama Great Southern	556,118	Central Vermont	142,245
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	538,951	Duluth So Shore & Atl.	141,576
Michigan Central	531,664	Port Reading	140,150
Missouri-Kansas-Texas (2)	528,273	Lehigh & Hudson River	129,912
N Y Chicago & St Louis	526,193	Texas & Pacific	128,077
Hocking Valley	513,568	Georgia So & Florida	127,853
Long Island	487,340	International & Gt North.	124,534
N Y Ontario & Western	457,340	C D & Canada Gd Trk Jct	124,517
Virginian	442,132	Atlantic City	122,460
Chicago Rock Isl & Pac (2)	422,226	Northern Pacific	121,544
Chicago Burl & Quincy	396,612	Belt Ry of Chicago	120,555
New Orleans & Northeast	394,830	Kan City Mex & Orient	113,916
Western Maryland	384,748	Norfolk Southern	112,512
Seaboard Air Line	321,744	Indiana Harbor Belt	111,542
Central New England	313,129	N Y Susquehanna & West	110,387
New Orl Tex & Mex (3)	294,170	Grand Trunk Western	110,184
Monongahela	280,149	Rutland	109,271
Trinity & Brazos Valley	279,274	Denver & Salt Lake	109,053
Chic Ind & Louisville	266,784	Georgia	108,842
Lehigh & New England	261,821	Terminal RR Assn of St L	106,109
St Louis So Western (2)	258,086		
Kansas City Southern	242,239	Representing 117 roads	
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	237,889	in our compilation	\$89,833,749
Central of Georgia	233,488		
Mobile & Ohio	224,734		
Montour	222,998	Decrease.	
Det Grand Hav & Milw	222,530	Illinois Central	\$461,285
Cincinnati Northern	221,586	Caic St Paul Minn & Om.	184,268
Carolina Clinch & Ohio	198,831	Minn St Paul & S S Marie	178,644
San Antonio & Aran Pass.	187,591	Colorado Southern (2)	142,164
Florida East Coast	186,498		
Western Pacific	179,515	Representing 5 roads in	
		our compilation	\$966,361

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

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and Grand Rapids & Indiana), the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$7,463,260 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in gross of \$8,041,175.

b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$11,358,230.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR AUGUST.

	Increase.		Increase.
New York Central	\$5,949,015	Chic. & Eastern Illinois	\$216,531
Baltimore & Ohio	4,883,427	New Orl. Tex. & Mex. (3)	208,496
Erie (3)	3,920,078	Hocking Valley	199,056
Pennsylvania	63,129,071	Florida East Coast	180,089
Philadelphia & Reading	2,578,178	Virginian	176,283
Delaw Lack & Western	1,977,524	N. Y. Chic. & St. Louis	175,013
Delaware & Hudson	1,763,569	Kansas City Southern	172,593
Lehigh Valley	1,651,839	Atlantic City	172,517
Louisville & Nashville	1,606,879	Cincinnati Northern	167,979
C. C. & St. Louis	1,425,081	Chicago & Northwest	167,052
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,335,166	Texas & Pacific	156,039
Chicago R. I. & Pac. (2)	1,299,915	Western Maryland	154,161
Great Northern	1,262,138	Lehigh & New England	153,159
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	1,234,692	Trinity & Brazos Valley	142,956
Southern Pacific (8)	1,144,338	Monongahela	137,286
Chicago & Alton	1,048,371	Vicksb. Shrevep. & Pacific	128,000
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	1,021,781	San Antonio & Aran Pass	123,785
Wabash	958,285	N. Y. Susq. & Western	120,779
Southern	913,952	Belt Ry. of Chicago	113,341
Gin. New Or. & Tex. P.	823,487	Montour	108,894
Central RR. of New Jers.	767,264	Lehigh & Hudson River	106,083
Elgin Joliet & Eastern	680,122	Western Pacific	105,714
St. Louis-San Fran. (3)	634,039	Bangor & Aroostook	104,159
Chicago Burl & Quincy	614,823	Detroit Grand Hav. & Mil	101,477
Wheeling & Lake Erie	611,522	Internat. & Great North.	100,879
Duluth Missabe & North.	564,362		
Buffalo Roch. & Pittsb	546,460	Representing 87 roads	
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	538,584	in our compilation	\$52,939,254
Missouri-Kan.-Texas (2)	443,373	Decrease.	
Boston & Maine	434,731	Chicago Milw. & St. Paul	\$805,745
Union Pacific (4)	412,895	Denver & Rio Gr. West.	793,427
Alabama Great Southern	398,859	Minn. St. P. & S. S. M.	619,648
Atch. Top. & S. Fe (3)	394,341	Illinois Central	609,178
Long Island	354,451	Northern Pacific	451,073
Seaboard Air Line	344,875	Lehigh, St. P. M. & Omaha	430,507
New Orleans & Northeast	299,949	El Paso & Southwestern	218,683
N. Y. Ontario & Western	285,084	Colorado Southern (2)	209,406
Bessemer & Lake Erie	244,761	Atlantic Coast Line	158,931
Michigan Central	237,928	Missouri Pacific	110,232
Chicago Ind. & Louisville	233,840		
Central New England	223,430	Representing 11 roads	
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	227,314	in our compilation	\$4,406,833

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 \$3,129,071 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in net of \$3,540,040.

b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$9,023,887.

Western roads had the advantage of a larger live stock movement and some of them also of a larger grain movement. Southern roads benefited from a larger cotton movement, though this latter was by no means of free proportions outside of Texas. At the Western primary markets, the grain receipts for the four weeks ended Aug. 25 1923 aggregated 107,021,000 bushels as against 109,463,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of last year, but the falling off was entirely in the item of wheat and more than the whole of it at Duluth. Receipts of wheat and of oats were both somewhat heavier than a year ago, though the amounts then were considerably smaller than in the year preceding, while corn receipts for the four weeks of 1923 were just about the same as in the four weeks of last year, the comparison being between 18,472,000 bushels and 18,475,000

bushels, but being light in both years, as will appear when we say that in the four weeks of 1921 the total was 24,078,000 bushels. In the following we give the details of the Western grain movement in our usual form:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.						
Four Weeks Ended Aug. 25	Flour (barrels)	Wheat (bushels)	Corn (bushels)	Oats (bushels)	Barley (bushels)	Rye (bushels)
Chicago—						
1923	743,000	21,440,000	8,239,000	8,351,000	988,000	309,000
1922	1,142,000	15,893,000	7,741,000	9,319,000	1,070,000	1,034,000
Minneapolis—						
1923	7,883,000	382,000	2,247,000	1,342,000	1,142,000	
1922	8,512,000	584,000	3,247,000	975,000	1,565,000	
Duluth—						
1923	2,039,000	22,000	24,000	299,000	908,000	
1922	1,730,000	680,000	224,000	472,000	7,507,000	
Milwaukee—						
1923	234,000	221,000	1,307,000	2,275,000	640,000	94,000
1922	217,000	492,000	723,000	1,393,000	695,000	235,000
Toledo—						
1923	2,362,000	246,000	1,236,000	4,000	44,000	
1922	1,076,000	160,000	349,000		59,000	
Detroit—						
1923	14,000	250,000	92,000	188,000		
1922		182,000	115,000	298,000		
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1923	4,277,000	2,731,000	3,409,000			
1922	5,063,000	3,535,000	2,640,000			
St. Louis—						
1923	427,000	5,890,000	2,419,000	3,192,000	74,000	101,000
1922	393,000	6,896,000	2,235,000	2,602,000	56,000	46,000
Peoria—						
1923	130,000	636,000	1,649,000	1,310,000	32,000	9,000
1922	139,000	1,383,000	1,294,000	1,347,000	8,000	24,000
Kansas City—						
1923	12,673,000	1,000,000	1,070,000			
1922	48,000	11,751,000	845,000	595,000		
St. Joseph—						
1923	1,518,000	385,000	72,000			
1922	2,131,000	563,000	118,000			
Total of All—						
1923	1,548,000	59,189,000	18,472,000	23,374,000	3,379,000	2,607,000
1922	1,939,000	55,109,000	18,475,000	22,132,000	3,277,000	10,470,000
Jan. 1 to Aug. 25	Flour (barrels)	Wheat (bushels)	Corn (bushels)	Oats (bushels)	Barley (bushels)	Rye (bushels)
Chicago—						
1923	7,745,000	37,016,000	68,354,000	46,778,000	5,471,000	3,533,000
1922	7,295,000	41,137,000	121,018,000	50,340,000	5,474,000	2,928,000
Minneapolis—						
1923	63,420,000	5,081,000	11,624,000	8,161,000	7,842,000	
1922	51,728,000	12,278,000	15,461,000	6,436,000	3,654,000	
Duluth—						
1923	25,013,000	467,000	495,000	1,374,000	12,135,000	
1922	15,513,000	11,017,000	3,418,000	1,797,000	14,992,000	
Milwaukee—						
1923	873,000	1,896,000	10,897,000	13,669,000	4,917,000	1,752,000
1922	1,224,000	1,133,000	17,211,000	13,326,000	5,855,000	1,420,000
Toledo—						
1923	4,870,000	2,121,000	3,020,000	15,000	559,000	
1922	3,131,000	2,446,000	2,142,000	7,000	171,000	
Detroit—						
1923	14,000	1,068,000	1,138,000	2,240,000		
1922		1,127,000	1,672,000	1,442,000		2,000
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1923	15,309,000	26,867,000	17,421,000			
1922	17,101,000	34,420,000	14,219,000			
St. Louis—						
1923	3,037,000	24,825,000	20,338,000	23,081,000	482,000	751,000
1922	2,893,000	22,234,000	22,234,000	17,833,000	466,000	354,000
Peoria—						
1923	1,199,000	1,430,000	12,413,000	9,354,000	238,000	217,000
1922	1,625,000	2,849,000	15,039,000	9,643,000	200,000	71,000
Kansas City—						
1923	5,000	44,300,000	11,531,000	7,156,000	8,000	3,000
1922	53,000	51,893,000	12,727,000	4,345,000	3,000	
St. Joseph—						
1923	4,800,000	4,487,000	1,068,000			
1922	6,759,000	7,063,000	783,000			
Stout City—						
1923	19,000	233,000	102,000			
1922						
Total of All—						
1923	12,873,000	223,947,000	163,694,000	135,906,000	20,666,000	26,792,000
1922	13,000,000	215,220,000	257,358,000	133,054,000	20,238,000	23,601,000

The Western live stock movement, as already said, ran somewhat heavier than a year ago. At Chicago the receipts comprised 23,893 carloads in August 1923, against 21,753 cars in August 1922; at Kansas City they were 17,131 cars, against 14,142, and at Omaha 10,759 cars against 10,374.

In the case of the Southern cotton movement, the gross shipments overland were 27,644 bales in August 1923 against 45,186 in August 1922 and 141,067 bales in August 1921, but at the Southern out-ports the receipts were 284,564 bales in the month the present year, against 189,436 in August 1922, though comparing with 369,735 bales in August 1921, as will be seen by the following:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN AUGUST AND FROM JAN. 1 TO AUG. 31 1923, 1922 AND 1921.

Ports.	August.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1923.	1922.	1921.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	201,921	105,				

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Oct. 19 1923.

Trade in this country is uneven, with some industries showing not a little life and others more quiescent, partly owing to weather conditions. These have been inimical to retail and jobbing business from great rains in the South and Southwest with floods and hurricanes, warm weather in the Northern and Eastern States, and some rains at the West, though latterly the weather there has been colder, notably in the corn belt. In the main the weather has been better for drying the corn crop. But it is considered unfavorable for the cotton crop, both as to grade and quantity, though the great rains have probably affected the quality more than anything else. The grain markets are lower, especially wheat, with export trade still light and no wonderful development at Washington in behalf of the farmer. How could there be? it might fairly be asked. Meanwhile Russia is offering grain more freely to western Europe, something which naturally militates more or less against the American market. And curiously enough, it is said that the winter wheat acreage bids fair to increase in parts of Kansas, showing that the lesson of overproduction has not been everywhere taken to heart. One hopeful circumstance to-day was a report that several of the big Amoskeag cotton mills at Manchester, N. H., which recently closed down, will start up again on Monday. The American Thread mills at Holyoke, Mass., have increased their running time. These are gratifying evidences that the textile situation in New England is not one of unmitigated gloom, although it is said that some 20,000 looms in the cotton manufacturing trade there are now idle. Possibly the scarcity of water has had something to do with curtailment of work by cotton mills in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and also, by the way, in North Carolina. But it is hoped that the outlook is beginning to brighten. Moreover, there were persistent reports here to-day from Liverpool that many of the Lancashire mills will start up at 100% capacity next week, partly because of larger supplies of raw cotton and partly because of a better trade. There appears to be no doubt that at last Manchester is really doing more business. It seems to have turned the corner, or at any rate the signs appear to point that way. If it has it will naturally react favorably on the cotton trade of this country. Of late 60% of the daily imports of cotton at Liverpool has been American. All this, with other things, had the effect of advancing cotton prices here to-day some \$3 to \$3.50 per bale. Of late, too, cotton exports have been very large, and they are now well in advance of the total at this time last year. The Southern cotton farmer is getting high prices for his cotton, which to-day went above 30 cents per pound here, or fully \$35 per bale higher than a year ago. And although grain prices show some decline for the week, corn is 32 cents a bushel higher than last year and wheat prices on the whole have stood up very well as against a large crop movement.

Iron and steel have declined, but there has been good buying of steel by railroads, building concerns and automobile manufacturers. Soft coal and coke prices have also dropped. Recently declines in commodities have been on the whole more numerous than advances. And this naturally makes for greater caution on the part of buyers. They are, of course, averse to stocking up heavily on a falling market. There has been some curtailment of output of both steel and iron, as well as textiles in some parts of New England and the South. Crude petroleum and gasoline have declined, although the output of crude oil has been reduced. The lumber trade is better in some directions, but this is not uniformly the case. The best showing is made on the Pacific Coast and in the Southwest. It is interesting to notice that the lumber exports from Oregon in September were treble those of the same month last year. The cement output is enormous, suggesting in some degree the vastness of building enterprises. In the North Pacific States the flour industry is animated, whatever may be the case in other parts of the country. The silk industry is rather quiet, obviously owing to the current high prices due to the dearth of raw silk, though that has latterly declined. Rains and bad roads, as already intimated, have affected trade in some parts of the country, notably in the Gulf region, and

the big Memphis district. But as noticed more than once in recent weeks, the jewelry trade, especially in the East, is making a very good showing. The working class is getting very high wages and is spending some of it on luxuries. Also, the shoe manufacturing trade at the West and some branches of the clothing trade show a brisk business. Cotton goods at the South sell readily. Meanwhile collections run about as formerly, that is to say, fair at least, if not actually good. They could hardly be everywhere good with trade in so many lines slow, even if others make a fair showing. It is recognized that in wide ramifications of trade buyers are pursuing a hand-to-mouth policy, evidently hoping for lower prices. There is very little forward buying. Yet it is pointed out that the largest steel manufacturers are operating at nearly 90% of capacity and that the average output is at 85%. The car loadings are still on a large scale, though somewhat below the summit total. They could be considerably below that and still make an excellent exhibit. Current trade still compares well with that of 1922, even though perhaps not so far ahead in some cases as it was for a considerable period of 1923. The high cost of production into which high wages enters so largely still preys on the trade and commerce of the United States. Wages are still far above the pre-war level, i. e. at 160% in New England cotton mills, and by 100% in industry as a whole. And meanwhile the immigration restriction law is still in force. Incredible as it sounds, Federal officials talk of deporting some foreign students from western colleges. This, of course, has nothing to do with the industrial situation and the need of labor, but it is a striking exemplification of how far an absurd law may be carried by over-zealous officials who adhere to the iron letter of the statute. One sign of revolt is that the proposed 8-hour law in Maine was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls this week.

Apart from this the condition of business in this country is unquestionably sound. In most lines stocks are normal. A policy of caution has been followed since the early part of the present year and dealers have avoided an undue accumulation of goods on hand. The consumption of merchandise in the aggregate is undoubtedly large, and nowhere, as a rule, do distributors seem to hold burdensome supplies. One trouble is that our export trade is not what it should be. It would be far better in manufactures if our costs of production were lower. High costs undoubtedly hamper the American exporter in his efforts to get a proper share of international business.

Meanwhile it is regrettable that European politics are still in a state of turmoil. The speeches of ex-Premier Lloyd George on the subject are none too strong. Germany at times during the week has seemed to be threatened with civil war if the German army should march on Saxony to quell riots of strikers. And it is useless to disguise the fact that dictatorships in some seven different countries argue a state of unrest among vast populations which cannot but excite apprehension. Still, this rough and ready method of government may serve its purpose, namely that of quelling disorder and bringing the great mass of people to a recognition of the advantages of time-tried methods of government and the peaceful adjustment of the many vexed questions at issue. Mr. Lloyd George rightly stresses in his speeches the desirability of adopting the plan suggested by Secretary of State Hughes looking to the appointment of a commission in which America would take part for the purpose of finding out just how much Germany can pay in the way of reparations and thus bringing about a settlement, for it is inconceivable that if such a commission should fix upon a certain amount Germany would refuse to pay it and thus defy the public opinion of the civilized nations of the world. The British idea is to give Germany a chance by giving her an opportunity to make money in order to pay over money. And there is little doubt that in one form or another this will sooner or later have to be the policy adopted.

At Lawrence, Mass., Arlington Mill officials were not inclined to discuss conditions of business at the plant, but noticeable curtailments have been made, particularly at Mill No. 21. In this mill operations have, it is said, been entirely suspended in some departments. In the French drawing department night operations were started this week. The Ayer

mills of the American Woolen Co. have made marked curtailments. Lack of orders on special worsted produced at the mill is said to be the cause. At Lawrence a failure of orders due to general business conditions compelled officials of the Everett Mills, producers of cotton dress goods, giving employment to 1,800, to curtail operations to a three-day week. Lawrence mills reported later that while there was no general curtailment in any of the worsted mills a number of workers had been laid off in some of the mills. Fall River complains that Southern goods are selling at 1/2 cent under its prices. Curtailment is increasing at Fall River. The American Thread Co. plant at Holyoke, Mass., will operate on a 5-day schedule instead of the 3 to 4 days as during most of the summer. New Bedford reports that the mills there are operating on an average of four days a week. At Lowell, Mass., the Massachusetts Mill on Oct. 16 went on a three days a week schedule. At Lewiston, Me., on the 18th inst. the Bates Manufacturing Co., with 2,200 operatives, went on a three-day week. Three Southern mills making gingham have curtailed their output. At the South 5,000 looms normally making gingham are on short time and in New England 20,000 looms are either idle or running on short time. The Carl Stohn Co., Inc., of Hyde Park, Mass., and the United Knitting Co. of Pawtucket, R. I., have established plants at Charlotte, N. C.

Carolina cotton mills may be forced to stop one day per week, beginning on Monday, owing to lack of water power, unless heavy rains come in the immediate future.

Lower raw silk prices are quoted. Japanese sorts are down 45c. per pound. Cantons declined 15c. and Italian 10c., but buyers still hesitate. At Brockton, Mass., on the 15th inst., an increase of 11% in the wages of 18,000 out of the 22,500 shoe operatives went into effect. This increase is figured at about \$500,000 increase in the payroll. Others of the operatives will benefit by a new scale effective Dec. 1. Piece workers' wages are not altered in the job shoe factories. This brings wages back to the war-time peak.

Maine on the 15th inst. at a referendum rejected the 48-hour law by 20,000 majority.

In Boston on Oct. 16 a wage increase of 15c. an hour was granted to longshoremen. The agreement which is retroactive to Oct. 1 and covers the period to Sept. 30 1924, provides also for a 44-hour week during the months of June, July, August and September, and a 48-hour week during the rest of the year. The wage for straight time is increased from 65c. an hour to 80c. an hour and for overtime from \$1 to \$1.20 an hour, bringing the scale back to the 1920 level. Similar agreements were signed recently at New York and other ports. At Norfolk, Va., on Oct. 16 a wage scale of 75c. an hour and \$1.07 for overtime went into effect for all longshore labor employed on general cargo steamers at Norfolk and Newport News.

Merchants were naturally gratified by a Washington dispatch which said that Secretary Mellon favored a reduction in taxation, including the repeal of the tax on telegrams. He wants to see a lessening of the burden of taxation, and the repeal of the war tax can be included in the program. He hopes that Congress will not make any extraordinary expenditures.

Oklahoma on the 15th suffered the most disastrous flood ever recorded in that State. Rivers and streams swollen in some cases to a 35-foot crest by rains that had fallen virtually without intermission for several days, swept away bridges, houses and other property. The North and South Canadian rivers, the Cimarron, the Wichita, the north fork of the Red River, all spread destruction and the damage is estimated tentatively at \$2,500,000. Some 15,000 people were driven from their homes. Dallas wired on the 16th inst. that with rains continuing steadily in many parts of Texas, floods have caused heavy damage to crops, highways and bridges in the Panhandle. Nearly 60 bridges and trestles were reported washed out along the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway in the vicinity of Wichita Falls, where more than five inches of rain fell. Elsewhere in Texas the rainfall was said to have reached 7 1/2 inches. Latterly the rains have practically ceased in Texas and Oklahoma.

On the other hand, more than 300 large plants in the northern section of Hudson County and in Bergen County, N. J., will have to shut down if no heavy rain falls within a day or two, said D. W. French, Superintendent of the Hackensack Water Co. to-day. There was some rain but it was not very heavy until to-night. It is badly needed hereabouts. Massachusetts, New Hampshire and North Carolina have

also been suffering severely from drouth. Ponds and lakes may have to be drawn upon for drinking water.

Railroad Freight Car Loading Again Breaks All Records.

All records for previous years in the number of cars loaded with revenue freight continue to be broken by the railroads this year, according to the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

For the first 40 weeks this year—that is, from Jan. 1 to Oct. 6 inclusive—38,388,581 cars were loaded with revenue freight. This not only exceeds the total for the corresponding period in 1920 when freight traffic was the heaviest on record, but also exceeds the same weeks in 1918 when freight shipments were unusually heavy due to the war. Compared with the corresponding period last year, when freight traffic was somewhat reduced by both the miners' and railway shipmen's strikes, it is an increase of 6,127,531 cars, while compared with the corresponding period in 1921 it is an increase of 8,353,753 cars.

For the week which ended on Oct. 6 this year 1,079,690 cars were loaded with revenue freight. This exceeded the same week in 1922 by 125,738 cars, and the same week in 1921 by 180,009 cars. It also was 68,024 cars above the corresponding week in 1920, which was one of the heaviest weeks in that year. Further particulars follow:

The number of cars loaded in the Eastern district during the week of Oct. 6 was an increase of 13% over the same week last year, while in the Southern district an increase of 11 1/4% was reported. In the Western district there was an increase of 14%.

Loading for the week of Oct. 6 was a decrease of 17,584 cars under the preceding week when 1,097,274 cars were loaded, the greatest number for any one week on record.

Compared with the week before, decreases were reported in the loading of all commodities, but except for grain and grain products all commodities showed increases over not only the same week last year, but also over two years ago.

Loading of grain and grain products for the week of Oct. 6 totaled 50,019 cars, a decrease of 877 cars under the week before and 55 cars below the corresponding week in 1922. Compared with the corresponding week in 1921 it was a decrease of 4,438 cars.

Live stock loading totaled 41,554 cars. While this was 70 cars below the previous week, it was an increase of 2,464 cars over the same week last year and 7,787 cars over the same week two years ago.

Coal loading totaled 191,741 cars, or 9,229 cars below the week before. This was an increase, however, of 5,967 cars over the same week last year, and an increase of 9,146 cars over two years ago.

Loading of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, amounted to 643,252 cars, 2,933 cars less than the preceding week. This was an increase of 78,805 cars above the same week last year, and an increase of 95,540 cars above the same week two years ago.

Forest products loading totaled 73,259 cars, which also was a decrease of 2,232 cars under the week before, but an increase of 15,868 cars over the corresponding week last year, and an increase of 23,940 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

Coke loading totaled 12,440 cars. While this was a decrease of 496 under the week before, it was an increase of 2,709 cars over last year, and 6,372 cars above two years ago.

Ore loading totaled 67,425 cars, a decrease under the week before of 1,747 compared with last year, this was an increase of 19,980 cars, and an increase of 41,662 cars over the same week in 1921.

Compared by districts, decreases under the week before were reported in the total loading of all commodities, in all districts, but all showed increases over not only the corresponding week last year, but also over the corresponding week in 1921.

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 " " February.....	3,366,965	3,027,886	2,739,234
5 " " March.....	4,583,162	4,088,132	3,452,941
4 " " April.....	3,763,963	2,863,416	2,822,713
4 " " May.....	3,941,386	3,102,124	3,039,234
5 " " June.....	4,977,053	4,153,590	3,808,040
4 " " July.....	3,944,386	3,252,107	2,969,885
5 " " August.....	5,204,532	4,335,327	4,069,765
4 " " September.....	4,147,148	3,593,397	3,280,576
Week ended Oct. 6.....	1,079,690	953,952	899,681
Total for year to date.....	38,388,581	32,261,050	30,034,828

Price Changes Continue to Disturb Petroleum Market.

Further reductions in the price of both crude oil and gasoline during the week just past have kept the market unsettled. The Magnolia Petroleum Co., following the lead set by the Humble Oil and Texas companies, mentioned in our columns last week on page 1602, announced on Oct. 13 new prices on crude oil in Texas as follows:

Under 28 gravity, 50c.; 28 to 30.9 gravity, 70c.; 31 to 32.9 gravity, 90c.; 33 to 33.9, \$1 10; 40 and above, \$1 25 per barrel. The change affects higher grades 33 to 39.9 gravity, showing a reduction of 20c. to \$1 10 a barrel and 40 and above, a reduction of 50c. to \$1 25. The company will purchase 100% of runs at these prices.

An official notice was issued Oct. 16 by the Middle States Oil Co. regarding takings by the Panhandle Refining Co. The announcement read as follows:

Middle States Oil has received notice that the Panhandle Refining Co. has increased its current takings of oil to the full amount of production at the full posted price.

Press reports on Oct. 17 stated that the Gulf Oil Corp. announced new posted prices on Gulf Coast crude 25 cents

lower than the prices posted by the Humble, Texas and Magnolia companies. The new Gulf oil price is 75 cents per barrel in all the coastal districts except Pierce Junction and Blue Ridge, which are quoted at 65 cents per barrel.

Regarding the over-production of crude oil in the California field, which is the basic cause of the falling prices, Chairman Guiberson of the Prorating Committee of the Southern California Oil Producers' Association, was reported in the New York "Times" Oct. 17 as saying:

Production of crude oil in those fields is declining and will continue to decline until consumption on the Pacific Coast reaches the point where it will take up the slack of overproduction, which has proved the industry's principal unsettling factor this year. The California production now is approximately 834,000 barrels per day, and Mr. Guiberson said that the difficulty surrounding the drilling and bringing in of new wells militated against a possible increase of this rate.

"The peak of potential production of oil in California was passed in the latter part of July and the first part of August," said Mr. Guiberson. "Statements in Wall Street, obviously bearish in character, that the oil production in California would amount to 1,250,000 barrels per day, if opened wide, are untrue.

"About July 1 there were approximately 100,000 barrels of oil shut in in the oil fields and this amount has been figured as shut-in oil ever since, while as a matter of fact it is probably not over 75,000 barrels at this time. A pro rate of production in the three new fields—Santa Fe Springs, Huntington Beach and Long Beach—was put into effect at about that time. This ran from 30% in June to 50% on all new wells in July and August. Our estimates placed this shut-in oil in the new fields at about 50,000 barrels in June, 100,000 barrels in July 1 to 15, 150,000 barrels July 15 to Aug. 15, and back to less than 25,000 barrels on Sept. 10, with none whatever Oct. 1.

"On Oct. 6 the actual production was 834,000 barrels, with probably less than 80,000 barrels shut in, making a potential production of 914,000 barrels as of that date."

There has been a great deal of interest in the oil industry in regard to production in the new fields of Compton and Torrence and how these fields would affect the present situation in the oil industry. In this connection Mr. Guiberson said

"The Union Oil Co. has one well at Compton, producing between 1,000 and 1,500 barrels per day, and that company holds leases on practically everything that looks to be good in that field. There are only three or four leases in all, so that they will not be compelled to drill many wells, and it is a certainty that they will hold this field as a reserve supply of oil, to be drawn on when more production is required.

"The Torrence field covers a considerable area, but the wells are small, ranging from 200 barrels to 800 or 900 barrels. The oil is under 30 gravity, and a most liberal estimate would not put this field at over 40,000 barrels to the acre. At the present price of oil it will require the production from approximately ten acres to pay the cost of drilling one well and to produce the oil from same. Under these conditions, development of this field is not going to be a very big fact, at least until the price of oil will justify drilling."

Mr. Guiberson cited figures by Joseph Jensen, the geologist who assisted in compiling data and estimates for the Southern California Prorating Committee, in support of his contention that within less than six months there will be a drawing on storage supplies of oil to meet the demand for shipments via the Panama Canal at the present rate, and that by August 1924 the consumption on the Pacific Coast would equal the entire California production. Mr. Jensen's estimates gave California a daily average production for October of 867,000 barrels; for November, 821,307 barrels; December, 748,807 barrels; January 1924, 734,500; February, 666,500; March, 589,700; April, 536,800; May, 500,600; June, 477,700; July, 453,900; August, 435,500, and September, 517,900 barrels. California consumption, less shipments through the Canal for the same months, is estimated at 440,650 a day for October, 441,800 for November, 442,950 for December, 444,100 for January, 445,250 for February, 446,400 for March, 447,550 for April, 448,700 for May, 449,850 for June, and 451,000 barrels daily in July.

Mr. Guiberson said it should be remembered that there are approximately two wells a day being completed in the new fields, but that these new wells were filling to maintain even present production.

Practically all of the new production in California was now coming from levels below 4,000 ft., said Mr. Guiberson, with the result that the companies were finding it more and more expensive to continue operations.

The Attorneys-General of 24 States at the close of a three-day conference in Chicago adopted resolutions for a thorough investigation of the conditions in the petroleum industry. A special dispatch to the New York "Times," dated Oct. 17 and appearing Oct. 18, reads:

Adopting resolutions in favor of a conference with United States Attorney-General Daugherty on conditions in the petroleum industry which they described as "chaotic," the Attorneys-General of 24 States to-day closed their three days' conference.

Recommendations included a demand for a continued and thorough investigation of the oil industry and that proceedings be instituted to terminate all combinations, agreements, unfair trade and other unlawful practices.

In addition, it was recommended that "special attention be given to the prevention of unnecessary and wasteful increase and duplication of service stations"; that "all pipe lines be made common carriers and that the ownership of pipe lines be divorced from the ownership of petroleum and the business of producing, refining or marketing petroleum"; that there be changes in freight rates which "will permit the producers and refiners in the mid-continent once more to find a market for their products in competition with other sources of supply," and "that uniform grades and standards be established for petroleum and petroleum products."

It was decided to continue the conference as a permanent organization, and a standing Executive Committee of nine was appointed to take up at once the conference with the United States Attorney-General.

Gasoline prices were again reduced by a number of the leading companies. An Associated Press report to the "Houston Post" (Texas), dated Oct. 12, and published the following day, stated:

Gasoline is retailing at many places in San Antonio at 7c. per gallon, and it is believed that the price is the lowest in the United States. It has been many years since the price here has been that low.

Following the cut from 13 to 11c. at filling stations by the Gulf on Wednesday, which was followed by other major concerns on Thursday, the Atlas Petroleum Co., having a refinery here and using Luling crude, announced

that because prices in the past had been manipulated without regard to cost of crude or manufacture, it would maintain the price of 7c. until the market became stabilized at a point where there was a fair profit. The announcement admitted that there was no profit at 7c.

Gasoline prices in Canada have been reduced 2 cents per gallon in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba by the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd. The prices is now 51 cents wholesale and 37 cents retail, including the 2-cent-per-gallon Government tax.

A report from Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 15, published by "Daily Financial America," stated that gasoline was selling in that city at 25 cents per gallon at Union Oil Co. stations, to meet competition of retailers who purchased supplies in Blaine, Wash., U. S. A., and transported it by motor trucks.

On Oct. 16 the Gulf Refining Co. announced that, effective Wednesday, Oct. 17, the price of gasoline would be reduced 3 cents a gallon in Massachusetts and 2 cents a gallon in the remainder of its territory. This makes the Massachusetts tank wagon price 15½ cents per gallon and the price 16½ cents per gallon in the other territory served by the company. The retail price throughout is 18 cents per gallon.

Regarding the drastic cut by the Gulf company, the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 17 said the following:

The reduction is the most important thus far in the period of declining oil prices, if for no other reason than that Gulf Oil has taken the lead in the reduction and that it is the biggest producer of crude oil in the country and backed up by a large supply of refined products. Previously, during the present period of lowering prices, Gulf has followed reductions by other organizations in whatever part of its territory was affected, but this is the first blanket cut over its entire territory.

The reduction is of even more widespread effect than the 6-cent cut some weeks ago by Standard Oil of Indiana, because of the larger areas involved. Gulf's territory covers 24 States, from Maine to New Mexico, and other marketers will undoubtedly have to reduce prices. It covers part or all of the marketing territory of no less than eight Standard Oil units, namely Standard Oil of New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Indiana and Louisiana, Atlantic Refining, Continental Oil and Magnolia Petroleum. In fact, there are only four Standard Oil marketing companies whose territories are not affected, in whole or in part, by the cut.

The Jenny Mfg. Co. and the Colonial Filling Stations, Inc. (both of Massachusetts) were the first to follow the example set by the Gulf company. Later similar announcements were made by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, Texas Co., Atlantic Refining, Sun Oil, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky. Other reductions were made as follows: 1 cent per gallon by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana in Kansas City, Mo., the tank wagon price now being 11.9 cents and at service stations 13.9 cents, and 2 cents per gallon effective Oct. 19 by the White Star Refining Co., Wayco Oil Co. and Detroit Independent Oil Co. (Michigan). The price has been 14.8 cents per gallon.

Regarding conditions in Texas, especially in the San Antonio district, the "New York Commercial" on Oct. 18 reported the following:

Gasoline quotations here are being made in money and bonuses, as a result of the hysterical producers' war in southwest Texas. Gasoline is selling at anywhere from 6 cents to 11 cents per gallon at filling stations. One station is giving away five gallons of gas with every purchase of one gallon of lubricating oil. Another offers a bonus of five gallons of gas with each purchase of an inner tube, and still another will fill up your car with gas and oil if you buy a tire. Motorists are undecided whether to take advantage of the present low prices or wait for a still lower drop.

A table of comparative tank wagon prices, exclusive of State taxes, was published by the "Wall Street Journal" on Oct. 18. The table follows:

	Present, 1923.	High, 1922.	High, 1921.	Low, 1921.	Jan. 1, 1921.
Atlanta, Ga.	15.0	23.0	27.0	20.0	31.0
Baltimore, Md.	16.5	23.5	26.0	21.0	29.5
Birmingham, Ala.	16.0	21.5	24.0	21.0	31.0
Boston, Mass.	15.5	24.5	27.0	25.5	32.0
Butte, Mont.	19.0	24.5	27.5	23.5	33.5
Chicago, Ill.	13.4	20.0	23.0	18.0	27.0
Cleveland, Ohio.	17.0	21.0	23.0	20.0	30.0
Dallas, Texas.	13.0	18.0	23.0	18.0	31.0
Denver, Colo.	17.0	21.0	26.0	22.0	32.0
Des Moines, Iowa.	12.5	21.1	24.4	19.5	28.5
Detroit, Mich.	12.8	21.4	22.4	19.9	28.8
Houston, Texas.	14.0	18.0	23.0	18.0	29.0
Indianapolis, Ind.	13.2	20.8	23.8	18.6	28.3
Kansas City, Mo.	11.9	19.5	21.5	15.0	26.5
Louisville, Ky.	15.0	22.0	24.0	23.0	28.5
Los Angeles, Calif.*	13.0	17.0	---	---	---
Memphis, Tenn.	14.0	19.0	24.5	22.0	30.0
Milwaukee, Wis.	14.0	20.6	23.7	19.3	27.9
Minneapolis, Minn.	12.9	21.5	24.7	19.2	28.2
Newark, N. J.	16.5	23.5	26.0	21.0	28.5
New Orleans, La.	13.5	19.5	24.5	19.5	28.5
New York, N. Y.	16.5	24.5	27.0	24.0	31.0
Omaha, Neb.	13.9	20.5	23.0	18.5	29.5
Philadelphia, Pa.	16.0	23.0	26.0	21.0	31.0
St. Louis, Mo.	11.1	20.5	23.2	16.2	26.2
St. Paul, Minn.	12.9	21.5	24.2	21.2	28.2
San Francisco, Calif.*	11.5	17.0	21.0	21.0	27.0
Seattle, Wash.	12.0	19.0	23.0	23.0	28.0
Tulsa, Okla.	14.0	20.0	24.0	17.0	28.0
Wilmington, Del.	16.0	23.0	26.0	21.0	31.0
Average	14.35	21.22	24.4	20.2	29.3

* Service station price of Standard Oil of California.

An investigation into gasoline prices in New York has been ordered by Governor Smith, following a letter received from Murray Hulbert, Acting Mayor of New York City. A

special dispatch to "The New York Herald" from Albany appeared Oct. 19. The dispatch follows:

Gov. Smith ordered an inquiry into gasoline prices to-day after receiving word from Acting Mayor Hulbert that an unlawful combination to fix the price of gasoline had been formed. The inquiry will be conducted by Carl Sherman, Attorney-General.

The law under which the Attorney-General will move is the Donnelly Anti-Trust Act. The inquiry may extend to the entire State. Mr. Sherman said that his office for some time had the gasoline price situation under consideration.

"While I have made no previous public comment," he said, "this office has been engaged in an investigation of the gasoline situation with a view to ascertaining whether proceedings under the Donnelly Anti-Trust Law can be instituted. In fact, my Deputy, Francis W. Cullen, left last week for Chicago to attend a conference of Attorneys-General and their representatives which is looking into this question."

Acting Mayor Hulbert also sent Senator Copeland a copy of the letter which he had addressed to Governor Smith, expressing his opinion that prices were high because of illegal trade combinations. The Acting Mayor in a statement published in "The New York Times," Oct. 19, took upon himself the credit for the cut in gasoline prices announced the day before. The "Times" statement follows:

Acting Mayor Hulbert took credit yesterday for the price reductions on gasoline announced the day before by the Standard Oil Co., which he singled out especially for attack in his letters to Senator Royal S. Copeland and Governor Alfred E. Smith, demanding an inquiry. He gave out a statement which read:

"I must say that the S. O. executives have the greatest espionage system in the world. Of course I expected that my inquiries into local cost and selling conditions would be reported back to them speedily, but even the most unsuspecting citizen must give a second thought to their timing of the 'conciliatory' price cut in New York with my complaint to Governor Smith and United States Senator Copeland."

At the offices of the Standard Oil Co. it was said that no official of the company had any comment to make regarding the charges of Acting Mayor Hulbert.

Automobile Prices.

The Durant Motor Co. on Oct. 10 announced the following reductions on its Locomobile models: 4-passenger sport, reduced, \$1,600; 7-passenger touring, \$1,700; 5-passenger sedan, \$1,000; 7-passenger sedan, \$1,200; cab, \$1,000; limousine, \$2,600; and coupe, \$1,150. The present prices of the models indicated follow: Touring, \$8,231 25; 4-passenger, \$8,231 25; sedan, \$11,447 50; enclosed drive sedan, \$11,447 50; touring limousine, \$9,372 50.

Crude Oil Production Decreases, but only Slightly.

The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Oct. 13 was 2,125,350 barrels, as compared with 2,157,400 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 32,050 barrels. The chief causes of the decline were (1) the falling off in the output of the California fields from 834,000 to 821,000 barrels per day, and (2) the decrease in production from the Salt Creek field in Wyoming, where a severe storm and flood interrupted operations. The daily average production east of the Rocky Mountains during the week of Oct. 13 was 1,304,350 barrels, as compared with 1,323,400 barrels during the preceding week. Total daily production for the week ended Oct. 13 1923 was 570,300 barrels more than for the corresponding week of 1922, when the average was 1,555,050 barrels per day. The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels)—	Oct. 13 '23.	Oct. 6 '23.	Sept. 29 '23.	Oct. 14 '22.
Oklahoma.....	398,400	396,950	405,400	410,550
Kansas.....	72,850	71,450	71,900	88,400
North Texas.....	70,650	67,800	67,950	57,000
Central Texas.....	283,500	265,400	268,450	140,050
North Louisiana.....	57,000	56,500	57,100	93,350
Arkansas.....	124,650	122,350	121,000	30,100
Gulf Coast.....	99,950	101,100	97,950	110,800
Eastern.....	107,500	108,000	109,000	116,500
Wyoming and Montana.....	*89,850	133,850	167,500	88,300
California.....	821,000	834,000	854,000	420,000
Total.....	2,125,350	2,157,400	2,220,250	1,555,050

*Decline caused principally by storm and flood in Salt Creek district.

California production was 821,000 barrels, as compared with 834,000 barrels the previous week, a decrease of 13,000 barrels. Santa Fe Springs is reported at 275,000 barrels, against 285,000 barrels; Long Beach 248,000 barrels, no change; and Huntington Beach 82,000 barrels, against 84,000 barrels.

Increase in Wholesale Prices in September.

The trend in the general level of wholesale prices which has been gradually downward since May, took a decided upward turn in September, according to information gathered in representative markets by the U. S. Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which, under date of Oct. 17, said:

The Bureau's index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, weighted in proportion to their relative importance, rose from 150 in August to 154 in September, or an advance of nearly 2 3/4%.

The group of cloths and clothing showed the greatest increase over the preceding month, due mainly to the marked advances in raw silk, print

cloths and cotton yarns. The index number for the group rose from 193 to 202, an increase of more than 4 1/2%. Advances in corn, oats, rye, wheat, hogs, cotton, eggs and hay caused the group of farm products to rise 3 1/2% in September as compared with August. A net increase of 3 1/2% is also shown for the food group because of the continued advance in the price of fresh beef and pork, butter, cheese, eggs, flour, lard, corn meal, and sugar. Smaller increases took place among chemicals and drugs and among commodities classified as miscellaneous, including such important articles as leather, wood pulp, manila hemp, jute, rope, and lubricating oil.

On the other hand, continued declines in douglas fir, oak and yellow pine lumber, sand and paint materials caused another drop in building materials, the net decrease being over 2%. Smaller decreases occurred in fuel and lighting and metals and metal products. No change in the general price level was reported for house furnishing goods.

Of the 404 commodities or series of quotations for which comparable data for August and September were collected, increases were shown in 145 instances and decreases in 85 instances. In 174 instances no change in price was reported.

Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices, by Groups of Commodities (1913=100).

Group—	1922.		1923.	
	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.
Farm products.....	133	139	144	144
Foods.....	138	142	147	147
Cloths and clothing.....	183	193	202	202
Fuel and lighting.....	244	178	176	176
Metals and metal products.....	134	145	144	144
Building materials.....	180	186	182	182
Chemicals and drugs.....	124	127	128	128
House furnishing goods.....	173	183	183	183
Miscellaneous.....	116	120	121	121
All commodities.....	153	150	154	154

Comparing prices in September with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index numbers, it is seen that the general level of prices has risen slightly more than 1/2 of 1%. The decrease of nearly 28% in fuel and lighting during the 12 months was offset by increases occurring in all the other commodity groups, ranging from 1% in building materials to nearly 10 1/2% in cloths and clothing.

Structural Steel Sales on a Low Basis.

The Department of Commerce announced on Oct. 20 September sales of fabricated structural steel, based on figures received from the principal fabricators of the country. Total sales of 118,113 tons were reported for September by firms, with a capacity of 223,360 tons per month. Tonnage booked each month by 177 identical firms, with a capacity of 230,675 tons per month, is shown below, together with the per cent of shop capacity represented by these bookings. For comparative purposes, the figures are also prorated to obtain an estimated total for the United States on a capacity of 250,000 tons per month.

	Actual Tonnage Booked.	Per Cent of Capacity.	Computed Total Bookings.
1922—			
April.....	200,968	87	217,500
May.....	185,065	80	200,000
June.....	168,894	73	182,500
July.....	158,012	69	172,500
August.....	156,559	68	170,000
September.....	146,827	64	160,000
October.....	133,037	58	145,000
November.....	112,367	49	122,500
December.....	138,737	60	150,000
1923—			
January.....	173,294	75	187,500
February.....	184,887	80	200,000
March.....	220,400	96	240,000
April.....	186,117	81	202,500
May.....	131,875	57	142,500
June.....	a118,214	51	127,500
July.....	b117,267	51	127,500
August.....	c134,189	59	147,500
September.....	d118,113	53	132,500

a Reported by 176 firms with a capacity of 230,475 tons.
 b Reported by 174 firms with a capacity of 230,280 tons.
 c Reported by 173 firms with a capacity of 229,030 tons.
 d Reported by 155 firms with a capacity of 223,360 tons.

Railroad, Automobile and Structural Steel Demands Heavy—Pig Iron Price Further Declines.

The steel market shows substantially the same cross-currents that have been recognized for six weeks or more, says the "Iron Age" of this city in its weekly summary of conditions throughout the industry. Consumption is somewhat less, though still heavy; shipments from mills are well in excess of new orders; and there is yielding in finished steel prices, though rarely in plates, shapes or bars. On the favorable side is the prospect of good equipment orders from the railroads, sustained building demand and unusual November-December building of automobiles, continues the report, giving the following further details:

Last week the expected renewal of car buying was encouraging. Car builders now say that this is not likely to come before the first of the year, the price of car steel being an undetermined factor. This week several large locomotive inquiries have come up, including 80 for the Missouri Pacific and 39 for the Louisville & Nashville. These, with lots for the Southern Pacific, B. & O. and Pennsylvania, make a total close to 200.

Reports of large bar inquiries for the Ford Motor Co. and for other Detroit buyers have been given prominence, but these are only in line with automobile plant schedules already announced.

Apart from the banking of two blast furnaces at Joliet, Ill., the Steel Corporation's operations are unchanged. Independent producers are under rather than over the 70% mark.

An indication that the heavy shipments of leading mills in the past two months have given some buyers more steel than they need is the cropping up of resale business here and there at less than current mill prices. The bar market has furnished a number of examples.

In warehouse business in the Central West weakness has developed from the same cause, jobbers having gone \$2 a ton below recent prices on plates, shapes and bars.

A 5% reduction in nuts and bolts, effective Oct. 13, has been made by one large Central Western maker.

At Chicago inquiries for tie plates, spikes and bolts are large. The distribution of the Missouri Pacific rail order gives 14,000 tons to Chicago 10,000 tons to the Colorado mill and 8,000 tons to Ensley, Ala.

The sheet market continues to show that various mills are making concessions because they need orders, but the September orders booked by independent mills reporting to the statistical association were 107,000 tons more than in August, last months' total being 223,000 tons. For the first month since March sales were in excess of shipments.

Large consumption continues in fabricated steel. While the week's bookings dropped to 10,000 tons, fresh projects calling for 75,000 tons appeared, over two-thirds in the New York metropolitan district.

American chances are considered good for the Chilean State Railways with 16,500 tons of 100-lb. rails and accessories on which bids will be taken Nov. 17. The purchase of two years ago were made in Germany. A 10-000-lb. rail order for China has just been booked by Belgium.

Prices for semi-finished steel have a range of about \$2 50 a ton, as indicated by \$40 to \$42 50 for reolling billets and \$45 to \$47 50 for forging billets, with smaller deviations from the \$42 50 contract price for sheet bars.

Cleveland reports a 5,000-ton sheet bar inquiry from Japan and a Chicago mills has booked 3,000 tons of black and galvanized sheets for Tokyo.

Domestic cast-iron pipe manufacturers lost the 4,000-ton order at Los Angeles, Calif., to the French plant at Pont-a-Mousson. Shipment will be made through the Panama Canal. Business has been so good with all the pipe foundries that this single contract will not be missed, but it shows that Continental competition is to be reckoned with at any time.

Weakness of Southern pig iron is most pronounced at points distant from Birmingham, as shown by a quotation of \$19, Birmingham, or \$2 below the recent price made to a Western company which was able to obtain a still lower delivered price on Northern iron. Buffalo iron has receded to a basis of \$22 and eastern Pennsylvania to \$23, and the market is not firm at the new quotations. Owing to the almost entire absence of transactions at Pittsburgh, prices are untested. Numerous merchant furnace operators are considering the advisability of an early blowing out.

The scrap market is extremely weak in nearly all centres, the latest declines ranging from 50 cents to \$2 per ton.

In spite of recent curtailment of Connellsville coke output, supply still exceeds demand, and spot coke has sold down to \$3 75. More ovens are going out and the decline seems about at an end.

Pig iron at \$23 54, according to the "Iron Age" composite price, is nearly \$7 below the figure one year ago and is at the lowest point in 17 months.

The table appended shows price comparisons for periods indicated:

Composite Price Pct. 16 1923, Finished Steel, 2.775c. per Pound.	
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 88% of the U. S. output	Oct. 9 1923-----2.775c. Sept. 18 1923-----2.775c. Oct. 17 1922-----2.460c. 10-year pre-war average 1.689c.
Composite Price Oct. 16 1923, Pig Iron, \$23 54 per Gross Ton.	
Based on average of basic and foundry irons, the basic being Valley quotation, the foundry an average of Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham	Oct. 9 1923-----\$23 74 Sept. 18 1923-----25 07 Oct. 17 1922-----30 22 10-year pre-war average 15 72

In a more cheerful vein the "Iron Trade Review" reports its observations of general conditions in the market, saying, "Buying of steel continues in a rising volume and evidences of sound fundamental conditions grow more substantial and encouraging as October proceeds." Further extracts from the "Review's" statement follow:

Consumers are feeling their way and there are few urgent requests for material, but the steady continuity of demand is impressive. The outstanding feature remains the return of the railroads to the market as large buyers of rolling stock and motive power and the past week has added important new negotiations of this character. The building and automobile situations are favorable with respect to present activity and future prospects and agricultural demand offers greater promise. Export orders are contributing considerably to new tonnage.

Bookings by steel companies generally in October show a good gain over September. With some large interests the tonnage this month to date is 20% above September and 40 to 50% above August. Steel Corporation mills, because of accustomed sales practice, are booking at a better rate than the independent plants, and now are entering new business at substantially two-thirds of shipments with production at 88 to 90% of ingot capacity.

Sheet bookings for all mills forged ahead sharply in September and were the heaviest since May. Independent producers representing 68.8% of the country's capacity reported sales of 223,556 tons, or 86.2% of capacity. This represented a gain of 116,659 tons, or 91.7% over August.

Heavy inquiries for motive power this week are rounding out the large equipment-buying program which the railroads apparently have renewed. Inquiries for 250 to 300 locomotives at least have appeared for the Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Louisville & Nashville, Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania and other roads. The Norfolk & Western has inquired for 3,000 and the Louisville & Nashville for 2,300 cars. An unnamed Western road is about to inquire for 5,000 cars. Car orders now being figured or immediately in sight exceed 25,000. New rail orders include 30,000 to 35,000 tons for the Missouri Pacific and 20,000 for the Reading.

"Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products still reflects the falling pig iron market. This week it stands at \$43 90 against \$44 06 a week ago.

Marking a generally enlivened inquiry for building steel, are the negotiations of the Ford Motor Co., for 15,000 tons of material for its proposed steel works and finishing mills at Detroit. This company also recently took bids on 10,000 tons for an assembling plant at St. Paul. The railroads again are inquiring freely for bridge work, 6,000 tons or more having come out this week. A 10,000-ton power plant for the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey is planned. Building awards this week total 18,839 tons and inquiries 38,000 tons.

Pig iron prices have slipped again and are 50 cents to \$1 lower. Buffalo competition down to \$22 furnace for outside shipment continues an important factor over a wide area. Some Southern sellers will do \$20 Birmingham. The low stage of prices appears to be becoming more attractive to buyers for forward delivery and a number of inquiries for first quarter and first half have appeared. Some first quarter sales were made in Lake territory this week on the same price basis as last quarter.

Japanese buying of steel, especially in sheets, is going ahead on a heavy basis. New York reports 15,000 to 20,000 tons of additional business in light-gage black sheets closed this week. At Chicago 3,000 tons of sheets and bars was placed this week. Japanese inquiries current call for 50,000 kegs of spikes and much miscellaneous material.

Soaring prices for coke in Germany and France have directed large inquiries for furnace fuel to this country. Two cargoes, 5,000 and 8,000 tons respectively, for the Ruhr are about to be closed at Pittsburgh. German coke has been advanced this week to the equivalent of \$13 62 per ton. The prevailing price on Connellsville furnace coke is \$4, ovens.

A French producer has captured an order for 5,500 tons of cast-iron pipe for the city of Los Angeles for shipment by way of the Panama Canal.

Decline of Bituminous Coal Production Continues, But Anthracite Recovers to Pre-Strike Rate.

According to the weekly figures compiled by the United States Geological Survey, bituminous coal production for the week ended Oct. 6 fell off 565,000 net tons from the previous week to 10,782,000 net tons. On the other hand, anthracite, although slightly decreased from the previous week, maintained its pre-strike level, the tonnage for the week being 2,015,000. The Survey's report in greater detail follows:

The first week of October was marked by a sharp decline in the production of soft coal. The total output, including mine fuel, local sales and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 10,782,000 net tons, a decrease of 565,000 tons, or 5%. The chief factor contributing to the decline appears to have been a further softening of the market resulting in part from the termination of the strike of the anthracite miners.

Early reports of car loadings on the first 3 days of the present week (Oct. 8-13) indicate a partial recovery, and it is now anticipated that the total production will be between 10,800,000 and 11,000,000 tons.

The present decline has carried the average daily rate of production below that which prevailed in the fall of 1920 and considerably below that in 1918. It exceeds, however, that in 1919, 1921 and 1922.

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.
Sept. 22-----	11,454,000	402,127,000	9,747,000	261,193,000
Daily average---	1,909,000	1,793,000	1,625,000	1,162,000
Sept. 29 <i>a</i> -----	11,347,000	413,475,000	9,822,000	271,015,000
Daily average---	1,891,000	1,796,000	1,637,000	1,174,000
Oct. 6 <i>b</i> -----	10,782,000	424,257,000	9,736,000	280,751,000
Daily average---	1,797,000	1,796,000	1,623,000	1,186,000

a Revised since last report. *b* Subject to revision.

Production during the first 236 working days of 1923 was 424,257,000 net tons. During the corresponding period of the six preceding years it was as follows (in net tons):

Years of Activity.	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
422,898,000	454,515,000	419,124,000	363,410,000	311,382,000	280,751,000	

ANTHRACITE.

Recovery from the effects of the anthracite miners' strike appears to be complete and production has found a level just above 2,000,000 tons per week. The total output during the week ended Oct. 6 is now estimated at 2,015,000 net tons, including mine fuel, local sales and dredge and washery coal. This was a decrease of 10,000 tons from production in the week before, but it equals the weekly rate of output that prevailed just before the strike, and exceeds by 60,000 tons the average weekly rate in the first five months of the present coal year.

Cumulative production during the calendar year to date stands at 73,279,000 tons, a figure that is more than two and a quarter times that for the corresponding period of 1922, and that compares favorably with those for the years of record production.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1923		1922	
	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.
Sept. 22-----	877,000	69,239,000	1,897,000	26,691,000
Sept. 29-----	2,025,000	71,264,000	1,982,000	28,673,000
Oct. 6-----	2,015,000	73,279,000	1,994,000	30,667,000

BEEHIVE COKE.

The steady decline in the production of beehive coke that has been in progress since June continued during the first week of October. The total production in that week is estimated at 313,000 net tons, a decrease of 8,000 tons. This is the lowest weekly output recorded since the first week of January. The decrease was confined to Pennsylvania and Ohio. In the Connellsville region, according to the Connellsville "Courier," production decreased from 232,960 to 220,490 tons.

Cumulative production during 1923 to date stands at 14,815,000 tons, or more than three times the output during the corresponding period in 1922.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	1923		1922	
	Week Ended	to Date.	Week	to Date.
Oct. 6 '23 <i>a</i>	253,000	265,000	130,000	11,968,000
Sept. 29 '22 <i>b</i>	16,000	15,000	12,000	862,000
Penna. and Ohio-----	20,000	18,000	13,000	865,000
West Virginia-----	13,000	13,000	8,000	692,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.-----	6,000	6,000	6,000	301,000
Virginia-----	5,000	4,000	4,000	217,000
Colorado & New Mex.-----	313,000	321,000	173,000	14,815,000
Washington and Utah-----	52,000	54,000	29,000	62,000
Daily average-----	52,000	54,000	29,000	62,000

a Subject to revision. *b* Revised from last report.

Production of Coke in August.

Production of coke in by-product ovens continued to decline slowly during September. The total output for the month was 3,112,000 net tons. The daily output was 103,729 tons, as against 104,402 tons in August, a decrease of 0.7%. Of the 70 plants, 65 were in operation and 5 were idle. The coke produced was 85.8% of the present capacity of all the plants.

Production from beehive ovens also declined. The month's output of beehive coke is estimated at 1,373,000 tons, as against 1,494,000 tons in August. The total output from both types of ovens declined from 4,733,000 to 4,485,000 tons.

The decreased activity in coke manufacture reflected in part a decline in the output of pig iron and steel, in part the settlement of the anthracite strike.

Monthly Output of By-Product and Beehive Coke in the U. S. * (Net Tons)

Monthly Average--	By-Product Coke.	Beehive Coke.	Total.
1917-----	1,870,000	2,764,000	4,634,000
1918-----	2,166,000	2,540,000	4,706,000
1919-----	2,095,000	1,638,000	3,733,000
1920-----	2,565,000	1,748,000	4,313,000
1921-----	1,646,000	462,000	2,108,000
1922-----	2,374,000	669,000	3,043,000
July 1923-----	3,267,000	1,582,000	4,849,000
August 1923-----	3,239,000	1,494,000	4,733,000
September 1923-----	3,112,000	1,373,000	4,485,000

* Excludes screenings and breeze.

These statistics of by-product coke production are based upon reports to the Geological Survey from all operators of by-product ovens, including merchant plants and plants engaged primarily in supplying gas for municipalities.

To manufacture the coke produced in September required the consumption of approximately 6,637,000 tons of coal, of which 4,471,000 tons was charged in by-product ovens and 2,166,000 in beehive ovens. The coke industry thus absorbed about 14.4% of the coal produced during the month.

Estimated Monthly Consumption of Coal for Manufacture of Coke. (Net Tons)*

Monthly Average—	Consumed in By-Product Ovens.	Consumed in Beehive Ovens.	Total Coal Consumed.
1917	2,625,000	4,354,000	6,979,000
1918	3,072,000	4,014,000	7,086,000
1919	2,988,000	2,478,000	5,466,000
1920	3,684,000	2,665,000	6,349,000
1921	2,401,000	706,000	3,107,000
1922	3,411,000	1,056,000	4,467,000
July 1923	4,694,000	2,495,000	7,189,000
August 1923	4,654,000	2,356,000	7,010,000
September 1923	4,471,000	2,166,000	6,637,000

* Assuming a yield of merchantable coke of 69.6% of the coal charged in by-product ovens and 63.4% in beehive ovens.

Stocks of Coke at By-Product Coke Plants.

As shown in the Geological Survey's report on coal and coke in storage issued Oct. 4, (stocks of coke on hand at by-product works continued to increase during August. A group of 21 plants supplying gas for municipal use and producing a surplus of coke available for domestic fuel reported stocks of 501,000 tons on Sept. 1. Comparable figures for other dates are as follows:

March 1 1922	987,000	March 1 1923	92,000
Oct. 1 1922	250,000	June 1 1923	202,000
Nov. 1 1922	228,000	July 1 1923	308,000
Jan. 1 1923	212,000	Aug. 1 1923	429,000
Feb. 1 1923	146,000	Sept. 1 1923	501,000

The Situation in the Coal Market as Seen by the Trade Journals.

The "Coal Age," in its issue of Oct. 18, emphasized the generally slow movement and declining prices in the coal trade, as follows:

Production of soft coal has been affected by the resumption of anthracite mining; demand is slower and prices show a further decline. The spot market is quiet, while deliveries of contract coals are being curtailed wherever possible. In the West warm weather has curtailed the demand for domestic coals, while in the East reserve stocks together with reduced industrial operations in various lines have affected the steam coal situation.

For the sixth consecutive week "Coal Age" index of spot prices of soft coal shows a decline. On Oct. 15 it registered 185, a drop of five points from the previous week, and of 20 points since Sept. 10. The average price of soft coal was \$2 24 on Oct. 15, a drop of 6c. from the preceding week and of 25c. from Sept. 10.

Movement was slow in the Chicago market. "No bills" affected the Illinois mining operations, while the situation in western Kentucky is anything but satisfactory. Mine closings in Illinois and Indiana are growing in number.

Dullness prevails in the Ohio markets, with inquiries scarce. The Pittsburgh market is quiet and buyers are slow to show any interest in the situation. In New England the steam coal market is in bad shape and trade is stagnant. Reports of further curtailment in the textile industry are current, either by complete shutdown of some mills or a cut in working time.

Domestic sizes of anthracite are in heavy demand, but the steam coals are hard to move.

Movement of coal from the lower lake ports remains around 800,000 net tons weekly, with cumulative shipments of cargo and fuel coal for the season totaling about 24,045,000 tons.

There is no activity in the export market. Inquiries are few and chartering of vessels is on a slow scale. There is no sign of improvement at Hampton Roads, but dumpings there for all accounts during the week ended Oct. 11 was 339,332 net tons, an increase of 15,239 tons from the previous week.

Bituminous screened coals, Welsh anthracite and coke are practically out of the market as substitutes for anthracite. There are few inquiries being received, while prices for coke show a further decline from last week.

The "Coal Trade Journal" for Oct. 17 discusses the price situation as follows:

Spot prices in a few cases have shown slight advances, in more cases there have been reduction, while in the majority of instances they appear to have been pegged temporarily. A comparison of quotations for the week ended last Saturday with those of the preceding week shows 66.7% of the figures unchanged. Of the changes shown in the tabulation below 73.5% represent reductions ranging from five to 75 cents and averaging 18.6 cents per ton. The advances ranged from five to 25 cents and averaged 16.1 cents. The straight average minimum stood at \$1 86, the maximum declined four cents to \$2 25. A year ago the averages were \$3 90 and \$4 48, respectively.

That many of the current quotations are below the average cost of production is generally conceded. In some cases producers with several operations are able to run at a profit by concentrating their activities at a few mines. In others spot losses on one size are made up by profits on other sizes or by more favorable contract prices, while there are cases where past profits are drawn upon to meet present losses. Shrewd buyers are taking advantage of the situation by entering into contracts at prices above the spot levels, but substantially under sellers' ideas of fair prices earlier in the season.

Cargo lake dumpings during the first week of the month dropped to 785,199 tons. The approach of the end of the lake season in fact is one of the unsettling factors in the present price situation. Dumpings to date, however, are far ahead of previous years and the Northwest has abandoned all talk of coal shortage on the docks. During the past week the docks at the head of the Lakes unloaded 29 cargoes, containing approximately 265,000 tons. Export trade continues light.

The anthracite situation is still tense. While some of the labor troubles are out of the way, demand for the favored domestic sizes has shown little abatement and the smaller independent shippers are able to exact as high as \$12 50 to \$13 for stove coal. The steam sizes are weak, with considerable tonnage available at substantial concessions from standard prices. Lake shipments from Buffalo picked up last week, with total loadings of approximately 108,350 tons. Two cargoes of 16,000 tons were unloaded at the head of the Lakes last week.

Furnace coke in the Connellsville district touched the lowest point in several years, when sales were made at \$3 75 last week. Foundry coke also weakened. September production figures show slight decline in both bee-hive and by-product output during September. For the country as a whole the bee-hive output last month was 1,373,000 net tons; by-product, 3,112,000 tons.

Shipments of Anthracite Coal in September.

Shipments of anthracite for the month of September 1923, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information at Philadelphia, Pa., amounted to 2,194,940 tons. Operation was resumed on Sept. 19, and during the ten working days to the end of the month there was a daily average shipment of 219,490 tons. This daily average could have been materially increased had the collieries resumed full operation on Sept. 19. Some, because of an insufficient force of men, did not resume operation until a later date.

The average daily shipment during the preceding month of August was 247,105 tons.

Shipments by originating carriers were as follows:

Road—	1923.	September 1922.	1921.	1920.
Philadelphia & Reading	420,859		1,081,085	537,176
Lehigh Valley	372,997		966,600	534,440
Central Railroad of New Jersey	154,200		576,875	348,978
Delaware Lackawanna & Western	318,182		736,571	642,016
Delaware & Hudson	298,775	In-	711,199	736,160
Pennsylvania	196,839	com-	426,344	243,540
Erie	251,277	plete	631,882	285,074
Ontario & Western	61,229		123,742	149,260
Lehigh & New England	120,582		265,114	116,310
Total	2,194,940		5,519,142	3,592,954

Census Report on Cotton Consumed and on Hand, also Active Spindles, and Exports and Imports.

Under date of Oct. 13 1923 the Census Board issued its regular preliminary report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of September 1922 and 1923 and the two months ending with September. Cotton consumed amounted to 483,852 bales of lint and 49,583 of linters, compared with 494,013 bales of lint and 61,474 of linters in September last year, and 491,604 of lint and 47,998 of linters in August this year, the Bureau announced. The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign bales, which are in equivalent 500-lb. bales.

COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN SPINNING MILLS AND IN OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES.

(Linters Not Included.)

Locality.	Year	Cotton Consumed (Bales) During—		Cotton on Hand Sept. 30 (Bales)—		Cotton Spindles Active During September (Number)
		September.	Two Months Ending Sept. 30.	In Consuming Establishments. ^x	In Public Storage and at Compresses. ^x	
United States	1923	483,852	975,456	773,173	2,147,830	33,929,885
United States	1922	494,013	1,020,393	1,065,816	3,217,939	33,316,444
Cotton-growing States	1923	327,441	656,603	374,507	2,025,069	16,011,049
Cotton-growing States	1922	326,591	665,179	517,624	3,000,362	15,723,262
All other States	1923	156,411	318,853	398,666	122,761	17,918,836
All other States	1922	167,422	355,214	548,192	217,577	17,593,182

^x Stated in bales. * Includes 15,220 Egyptian, 7,082 other foreign, 2,547 American-Egyptian and 253 sea island consumed; 66,228 Egyptian, 21,565 other foreign, 11,479 American-Egyptian and 3,082 sea island in consuming establishments, and 37,019 Egyptian, 18,519 other foreign, 15,176 American-Egyptian and 4,261 sea island in public storage. Two months' consumption: 32,552 Egyptian, 13,558 other foreign, 5,080 American-Egyptian and 607 sea island.

Linters not included above were 49,587 bales consumed during September in 1923 and 61,474 bales in 1922; 92,819 bales on hand in consuming establishments on Sept. 30 1923 and 97,786 bales in 1922, and 22,197 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1923 and 21,592 bales in 1922. Linters consumed during two months ending Sept. 30 amounted to 97,585 bales in 1923 and 124,315 bales in 1922.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.

Country of Production.	Imports of Foreign Cotton During (500-lb. Bales)—			
	September.		2 Months Ending Sept. 30.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Egypt	4,257	2,261	5,332	13,478
Peru	1,296	776	1,775	1,486
China	108	264	494	744
British India	89	58	129	58
All other	856	1,408	2,295	3,350
	2	245	3	574
Total	6,608	5,012	10,028	19,690

Country to which Exported.	Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters During (Running Bales)—			
	September.		2 Months Ending Sept. 30.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
United Kingdom	245,023	148,874	291,402	214,777
France	98,674	39,963	153,223	83,367
Italy	68,334	34,162	89,384	61,083
Germany	132,116	62,873	202,325	119,289
Other Europe	78,250	50,520	121,161	88,679
Japan	58,870	19,472	62,981	43,897
All other	8,168	12,526	13,374	30,106
Total	*689,435	*368,390	*933,850	*641,198

* Figures include 3,742 bales of linters exported during September in 1923 and 2,902 bales in 1922 and 7,567 bales for the two months ending Sept. 30 in 1923 and 8,392 bales in 1922. The distribution for Sept. 1923 follows: United Kingdom, 96; France, 50; Germany, 3,366; Italy, none; other Europe, 225; other countries, 5.

Cottonseed Production During September.

On Oct. 18 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cottonseed received, crushed, and on hand, and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand, and exported covering the two-month period ending Sept. 30 1923 and 1922.

COTTONSEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED, AND ON HAND (TONS).

State.	Rec'd at Mills*		Crushed		On hand at mills	
	Aug. 1 to Sept. 30		Aug. 1 to Sept. 30		Sept. 30.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
United States.....	706,842	775,236	300,298	379,341	419,330	408,443
Alabama.....	22,104	42,759	9,739	23,074	12,817	21,705
Arkansas.....	9,509	47,426	5,362	21,194	4,731	27,054
Georgia.....	32,390	58,590	15,642	39,207	17,921	21,058
Louisiana.....	19,503	29,297	9,824	14,581	9,683	14,192
Mississippi.....	30,355	88,087	11,529	35,595	19,324	52,786
North Carolina.....	27,782	32,190	12,189	12,417	15,889	20,459
Oklahoma.....	9,026	26,096	3,396	6,854	5,829	19,867
South Carolina.....	27,271	21,354	11,806	11,360	16,271	11,202
Tennessee.....	2,030	32,453	a	13,283	2,051	19,348
Texas.....	521,942	388,088	217,780	198,984	312,323	194,379
All other.....	4,930	8,896	3,031	2,792	2,491	6,393

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 12,786 tons and 13,168 tons on hand Aug. 1, nor 10,946 tons and 8,971 tons re-shipped for 1923 and 1922, respectively. a included in all other.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT, AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season	Produced		Shipped Out		On Hand
		On Hand	Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.	Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.	Sept. 30.	
Crude oil (pounds).....	1923-4	*5,103,348	84,522,018	69,060,714	*34,457,208	
	1922-3	6,905,409	110,918,253	78,410,053	55,961,034	
Refined oil (pounds).....	1923-4	c138,112,489	z5,2182,712		c41,581,932	
	1922-3	163,851,360	50,371,991		54,863,380	
Cake and meal (tons).....	1923-4	49,791	138,417	141,202	47,006	
	1922-3	66,915	173,676	162,541	78,050	
Hulls (tons).....	1923-4	15,654	86,739	64,584	37,859	
	1922-3	28,617	111,263	82,123	57,757	
Linters (500-lb. bales).....	1923-4	27,569	56,894	49,023	35,440	
	1922-3	38,929	57,482	50,681	45,730	
Hull fiber (500-lb. bales).....	1923-4	7,265	98	1,375	5,988	
	1922-3	34,342	692	9,559	25,475	
Grabbots, notes, &c. (500-lb. bales).....	1923-4	1,605	1,138	1,052	1,691	
	1922-3	1,428	671	759	1,340	

* Includes 1,032,229 and 3,148,615 lbs. held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 1,170,910 and 12,947,080 lbs. in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1923 and Sept. 30 1923, respectively.

c Includes 3,783,784 and 2,201,095 lbs. held by refiners, brokers, agents, and warehousemen at places other than refiner and manufacturing establishments and 8,670,531 and 4,252,041 lbs. in transit to manufacturers of lar substitutes, oleomargarine, soap, &c., Aug. 1 1923 and Sept. 30 1923, respectively.

z Produced from 56,589,773 lbs. crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR TWO MONTHS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Item—	1923.	1922.
Oil, crude (pounds).....	Not available	197,451
Oil, refined (pounds).....	Not available	5,210,622
Cake and meal (tons).....	7,567	42,972
Linters (running bales).....	7,567	7,392

Review of Industrial Situation in Illinois in September 1923.

According to R. D. Cahn, Chief Statistician of the General Advisory Board of the Illinois Department of Labor, the manufacturers of Illinois began the fall season by laying off 1% of their working forces. In concluding his summary of the industrial situation, Mr. Cahn, in his statement made public Oct. 13, said:

In the absence of specific indications of the ordinary trend in Illinois industries, the changes during September may be compared with the conclusions arrived at by Hornell Hart in the studies of unemployment in cities from 1902 to 1917. He found that there was a wide variation in the different times of the year. There were on the average nearly a million more people unemployed in January and February than in any other month. September he found was a month that industries were regularly expanding. The same conclusion is shown from an examination of the Illinois free employment office ratios compiled by the general advisory board, and even in 1921, when industry was badly depressed, employment gained in September in Illinois. Our conclusion then is that a drop in the number of workers in Illinois during September shows an adverse change in the industrial situation. A gain was to be expected and the decline resulted. This of course, indicates nothing as to how long this will continue.

We also quote from his statement as follows:

During the month of September there was a reaction in the scale of operations that effected declines in the majority of the largest industrial cities, and in most of the important manufacturing industries. Six out of the eight large groups of industries show a smaller number of operatives in September than in August.

These are the outstanding facts gleaned from tabulations of the signed reports to the General Advisory Board from 1,181 manufacturers who employ in excess of 40% of all manufacturing workers in Illinois. The summary tables show that the identical reporting concerns had 306,938 workers on the payroll nearest Sept. 15, as compared with 310,151 workers in August. Additional reports from employers in trade, utilities, mining and building brings the total number of reporting concerns up to 1,517. These employers, whose establishments afford the means of livelihood to one-third of all gainfully occupied persons, reported 436,345 workers in September and 439,141 workers in August, the decline during the month for all industries amounting to 6-10 of 1%.

The reality of the reaction in industry is shown in the majority of instances whether the employers' reports are grouped geographically or industrially. The scale of operations appears to have fallen in nine of the 14 principal cities, and employment declines were characteristic of some industries in every factory group. Of 54 manufacturing industries, 33 had fewer workers than in August. In the important metals and machinery group, the reports for which are often taken by themselves as indicative of the general situation, the month brought unemployment to 1.9% of the workers. The employees of heating, cooking, and ventilating apparatus concerns were particularly affected, their number being reduced by 11.2% during September. Automobiles and allied accessories concerns had 6.5% fewer workers than they had in August, while railroad car shops laid off 2%. Operations in the agricultural implements factories were reported as rather light. For the third consecutive month, the makers of ploughs, reapers, &c. laid off help so that only about 85% of the June forces were on the payroll of the 33 reporting concerns in September.

In the stone, clay and glass products group the situation was similar. The glass factories were generally operating with reduced forces and a few of them were closed down. All of the wood industries likewise show a

reduced number of workers, the maximum reduction for the group being in the saw mill concerns which had in September 96% of their August working forces. Leather concerns too were generally laying off help.

The oil concerns followed a reduction of 9% in employment during August with a 3.5% reduction in September. The drug concerns also had fewer workers. However, the paint concerns held firm, and miscellaneous chemical concerns gained 5.5% in the thirty-day period.

Job printers were not experiencing the feverish activity that usually comes with the fall sales campaign, and were obliged to lay off part of their help. Makers of paper novelties had 3% more workers and the shipping and wrapping paper concerns had 3.8% more workers.

In the apparel group there was a reduction in four industries and expansion in four. The declines were substantial in women's underwear and furnishings and in men's shirts. The gains were of consequence only in women's clothing and men's work clothing. The number of workers in the clothing factories remained practically unchanged during the month.

The month of harvest is the month when the employment is largest in the concerns handling food products. Flour mills, canneries and allied concerns had more workers than they had in the month before. However, shipments to the stockyards declined, and so did the number of workers in the packing houses. Employment fell off 6.5% in concerns producing beverages, 8.9% in the ice manufacturing concerns and 3.7% in the tobacco firms.

Trade reports, however, indicate that business is quite brisk. Department stores added 5.9% more employees in September and mail order houses 4.4% more. Wholesale grocers had 11.5% more on the payroll in September than in August.

Employment in public utilities, which seldom fluctuates widely, declined 7-10 of 1%, as shown in the reports for 76 concerns employing nearly 80,000 workers.

Fifty-nine mines had 17,936 workers in September, but the change in the number of mine workers was not great. The closing down of two small mines was offset by the reopening of a large one. However, there is a large difference in the extent of earnings. Average weekly earnings of mine workers amounted to \$32.84 in September as compared with \$30.66 in August and \$28.83 in July.

Building work continued on a high plane, the reports show. 122 builders had about the same number of workers in September as they had in August. The vast building program wanes but slightly. In 22 of the principal cities of the State 2,844 building permits were taken out during September, as compared with 3,201 in August and 2,098 in Sept. 1922, although the estimated cost of work was somewhat larger, in September than in either of those months. In Chicago during the month 1,209 building permits were issued calling for \$27,874,706 worth of work. In no other city did the September authorizations exceed a million. Building authorizations increased over the preceding month in Aurora, Decatur, Freeport, Highland Park, Moline, Murphysboro, Oak Park, Peoria, Quincy, Urbana and Winnetka. The amount of building work exceeded half a million in Berwyn, Cicero, Evanston and Oak Park, and was smaller in September than in August in each of these Chicago suburbs except for Oak Park.

Down in the agricultural districts of the State, corn cutting deferred somewhat by the wet weather, was beginning, at the month's close. During September agricultural labor was in demand for the filling of silos. In the important farm districts the canneries are located, and as in 1922, early September found them at their busiest with the corn pack. The canneries reported an increase of 87% in employment since the report one month ago.

Nine of the 14 principal cities for which tabulations are separately made show fewer employees in September than in August. In most of the important manufacturing cities of the State outside of Chicago, the declines were substantial. Employment remained relatively firm in Chicago during September. Reports from 781 firms show 304,637 workers in September, a reduction of 4-10 of 1% from the number reported in August. There was an employment gain of 11.8% at Bloomington, and that city led all others in the extent of expansion during the month. At Danville there was a gain of 4.7%. There were lesser expansions at Springfield and Joliet. At Rockford, which is the second city of the State, in point of manufacturing employment, the decline was 7.4% in the number of workers, and more than 650 workers lost their jobs as a result of the reaction. At Cicero there was a decline of 9.2%, East St. Louis 2.9%, Aurora 4.2% and Peoria 1.7%. Rock Island, Moline and Decatur also had fewer workers.

One year ago the industries of the State were well along in their recovery. The increase in employment which started in March 1922 had continued except for the summer lull partly accentuated by the shortage of coal and the inefficiency of the railroads during the rail strikes. The settlement of the railroad strike and the resumption of the flow of fuel during September had brought a marked gain in employment. Wages were rising in almost every industrial group, and involuntary unemployment as shown in the report of the free employment offices was declining.

Reports are available from 1,296 concerns who submitted reports for both September 1922 and September 1923. These concerns had 341,281 workers in September 1923 as compared with 302,785 workers in September 1922, the group expansion being 12.7%. The expansion during the year by the 1,296 concerns alone has given profitable employment to 38,000 more people than were at work for those identical concerns one year ago. The expansion by the metal industries was 19.3% and in the chemical industry it was 20.6%. The small group of concerns, chiefly the mail order houses, and wholesale grocers whose reports are classified as wholesale and retail trade, and who submitted reports for both years, show an expansion of about the same amount. Even the public utilities whose employment is less susceptible to fluctuations, show a gain of 17%. The identical builders had a third more employees than at the same time a year ago. Although the year has brought jobs to more people in the aggregate and in practically all industries, there are exceptions. The apparel concerns, for example, had 6% fewer workers than a year ago, and 2.5% fewer workers were reported for the miners.

A separate tabulation has been made of the reports from 552 manufacturers having five or more female employees. These concerns had 157,247 males and 55,375 females. There was a decline for males of 6-10 of 1% and for females of 5-10 of 1%. However, the changes did not run the same for the two sexes throughout the list of industries. Employment of men declined in eight of the nine principal groups, while that of women declined in seven of the nine groups. While in the wood group the number of men workers was increasing by 11.6%, that of females was declining by 3.4%. In the stone, clay and glass industry employment declined 12.1% for the females and dropped 4.5% for males. In the food, beverages and tobacco classification, while male employment remained unchanged, the number of female employees expanded by 8%. In clothing, millinery and laundering the expansion was 1.2% for females, while there was a decline of 1.7% for males. In other groups the changes ran parallel during the month. In wholesale and retail trade in which there is a preponderance of women and girls, the increases were, respectively, 2.2% and 5.2% for females and males.

A classification of the reports by size of concerns shows that the smallest firms again suffered most. Firms having less than 100 employees had

3.4% fewer workers in September than in August. The decline in August was 1.1%. September was the fifth consecutive month to bring an employment decline to the smallest firms. Two hundred and eighty-seven firms having from 100 to 249 workers show an employment expansion of 2%, and this class was the only one to record a gain. Each of the other declines were less than 1% in every instance except that of firms having fewer than 100 workers.

One thousand and eighty-three manufacturing firms answered the question as to whether they were working full time, part time or were closed down. Of the 1,083 firms, 951 were operating full time, 116 part time, and 16 were closed down. If this ratio were maintained throughout the industries of the State, it would appear that 87.8% were operating full time, 10.7% operating only part time, while conditions were such that 1.5% were closed down. In August, with 1,105 firms reporting on this question, 10 were closed down. In July with vacations, and inventory taking, 44 concerns reported that they were not in operation out of a total of 1,055 responding to the inquiry.

One thousand, five hundred and sixteen employers paid out \$11,375,852 59 in wages during the week of Sept. 15. This was a gain of 2% for the identical concern over the Aug. 15 disbursements. The average weekly earnings in the manufacturing industry stood at \$27.73 per week in September which was 99 cents over the average for August, but 60 cents below the average for June, the peak month. A year ago the average weekly earnings amounted to \$25.39, so that with the decline, the factory workers of the State still had \$2.34 more per week than during September 1922. For all industries the September average weekly earnings amounted to \$28.25. This is 69 cents per week greater than the amount for August, but 46 cents under the average for June. One year ago the weekly earnings for all industries amounted to \$26.36.

The ratio of applicants to vacant jobs at the Illinois Free Employment Office stood at 106.2 during September. This compares with 102 in September of last year, 195 in September 1921, and 96 in September 1920. These figures indicate that in September 1920 business was already on the down-grade, but there was no unemployment reflected. The fall spurt that year, however, checked the descending curve of business somewhat, but the unemployment index again advanced in November and extended to the maximum of 274 in January 1922. In August 1923 the ratio of job seekers to jobs was 113. The improvement as reflected in the operations of the Free Employment Office characterizes all the cities in which free employment offices are operated with the exception of Bloomington, Cicero and Decatur. In part the apparent improvement is without doubt traceable to the reduction in the supply with the return of boys and girls to public schools and colleges.

Of what significance is the change that has taken place in the volume of employment in Illinois during the past 30-day period? What does it show about the underlying situation? Is it an adverse change or is it explainable by "seasonality"?

Seasonal fluctuations are constantly going on in some industries. Every month some industry is at the peak, others are expanding, some are declining, and still others are at the trough. These fluctuations in England tend to offset each other, according to a noted English writer, so that there is very little fluctuation in the number of people employed from week to week. However, in the United States, as an American writer has pointed out, with the large number of persons engaged in producing raw materials and in outside and extractive industries, there is not the stability that might be found in England's manufactures. There are fluctuations in the total amount of employment that tend to be recurrent year after year. The significance of a change in any one month can only be understood by reference to standards or forms developed from experience, showing the usual thing that happens in a particular month.

Price of Milk Advanced One Cent.

Announcement was made on Oct. 15 by the Borden's Farm Products Co. and the Sheffield Farms Co. that the price of Grades A and B milk would be advanced 1 cent a quart, effective the following day, Oct. 16. The increase is attributed to a demand of the dairymen. Other companies that increased prices are Brookfield Farms, International Milk Co. and the Locust Farms.

August 1923 Figures of Canadian Building Permits as Compared with July 1923 and August 1922.

Under date of Sept. 20 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, General Statistical Branch, made public the following regarding the record of building permits issued:

Reports from 56 cities tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that the value of the building permits issued decreased during August, when the estimated cost of building work declined to \$12,541,593 from \$13,544,137 in July. There was, therefore, a reduction of \$1,002,544, or 8%. In comparison with the figures for August 1922 there was a larger falling off in prospective building, as the total for the 56 cities in August 1922 was \$17,946,228. The difference (\$6,404,635) represented a decrease of 35.7%, which reflected to a considerable extent reaction from the exceptionally high level for that month due to the granting of a permit for a drydock in Vancouver.

Forty-nine cities made detailed statements showing that they had issued slightly over 1,300 permits for dwellings at an approximate valuation of \$5,480,000 and for some 2,800 other buildings estimated to cost \$3,960,000. In addition authority was granted for the erection of a grain elevator in Vancouver at a proposed cost of \$1,200,000.

Quebec and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with the preceding month; there were gains of 2.5 and 14.4%, respectively, in those districts. Of the reductions in prospective buildings elsewhere those of \$359,142, or 92.2%, in New Brunswick and of \$229,358, or 50.5%, in Alberta were the largest percentage decreases, but the actual loss of \$1,506,304, or 21.8%, in Ontario was most extensive.

All provinces recorded less anticipated building than in August of last year. The decreases of \$3,486,971, or 57.2%, in British Columbia and of \$1,385,335, or 20.4%, in Ontario were especially marked. As mentioned above, the large decrease in the former province was a falling off from the unusually high total recorded in August 1922 on account of the granting of a permit for a drydock in Vancouver.

Montreal and Vancouver reported larger totals of prospective building than in July, but reductions as compared with August of last year. Toronto and Winnipeg showed decreases in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres Westmount, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor and Victoria recorded increases in the value of the building permits as compared with July and also with August of last year.

The value of the building permits issued from the beginning of this year to the close of August showed a decline as compared with the same period

of last year. There was, however, an increase over the first eight months of 1921. The total from January to August 1923 was \$95,139,941, for 1922 \$103,689,217 and for 1921 \$76,245,999.

The table below shows the value of the building permits issued during August as compared with July 1923 and with August 1922. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDING WORK, AS INDICATED BY BUILDING PERMITS.

City—	August, 1923.	July, 1923.	August, 1922.
Prince Edward Island—			
Charlottetown.....	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$9,000
Nova Scotia.....	27,425	87,645	111,577
*Halifax.....	16,425	33,450	81,352
*New Glasgow.....	11,000	7,000	4,200
*Sydney.....	nil	47,195	26,025
New Brunswick.....	30,205	389,347	237,727
Fredericton.....	4,625	212,875	34,932
*Moncton.....	19,580	93,640	108,295
*St. John.....	6,000	82,852	94,500
Quebec.....	2,502,743	2,449,017	2,983,396
*Montreal—Maisonneuve.....	1,839,367	1,619,370	2,080,270
*Quebec.....	287,770	505,222	539,301
Shawinigan Falls.....	900	13,460	6,600
*Sherbrooke.....	63,000	140,150	75,000
*Three Rivers.....	35,705	53,385	42,000
*Westmount.....	276,001	110,430	240,225
Ontario.....	5,414,627	6,920,931	6,799,962
Belleville.....	6,000	44,200	44,200
*Brantford.....	18,284	46,926	18,200
Chatham.....	21,675	41,050	15,725
*Port William.....	57,825	47,100	97,400
Galt.....	21,040	10,695	29,225
*Guelph.....	76,337	42,270	88,559
*Hamilton.....	458,550	879,320	359,700
*Kingston.....	23,344	35,400	28,901
*Kitchener.....	80,855	364,030	98,828
*London.....	247,020	359,615	202,550
Niagara Falls.....	31,015	62,625	54,050
Ontario.....	180,170	328,655	109,080
Owen Sound.....	267,505	172,150	416,651
*Peterborough.....	12,050	18,500	15,400
*Port Arthur.....	25,033	50,095	16,795
*Stratford.....	36,680	48,005	12,635
*St. Catharines.....	92,383	62,230	45,125
*St. Thomas.....	64,970	115,950	506,020
Sarnia.....	22,170	5,348	14,950
Sault Ste. Marie.....	79,535	165,327	71,660
Toronto.....	112,725	32,931	46,590
*Toronto.....	2,077,425	2,980,105	3,118,435
York Township.....	780,100	717,550	1,016,750
Welland.....	9,885	3,045	16,740
Windsor.....	527,680	321,512	341,450
Woodstock.....	84,321	9,197	14,289
Manitoba.....	536,955	875,385	759,215
*Brandon.....	27,050	55,400	67,485
*St. Boniface.....	76,005	182,785	64,730
Saskatchewan.....	433,900	637,200	627,000
*Olea.....	194,455	304,910	441,279
*Moose Jaw.....	9,300	110,600	64,705
*Regina.....	73,755	109,085	207,555
*Saskatoon.....	111,400	85,235	169,019
Alberta.....	224,637	453,995	509,055
*Calgary.....	78,000	56,400	108,000
*Edmonton.....	123,050	316,750	389,615
Lethbridge.....	20,420	77,275	11,190
Medicine Hat.....	3,167	3,570	250
British Columbia.....	2,608,046	1,066,907	6,095,017
Nanaimo.....	3,860	6,170	200
*New Westminster.....	11,360	30,370	17,760
Point Grey.....	248,000	227,650	42,900
Prince Rupert.....	19,500	6,000	38,300
South Vancouver.....	49,450	59,560	67,070
*Vancouver.....	1,514,490	601,342	5,367,745
*Victoria.....	761,386	135,815	261,042
Total—56 cities.....	\$11,541,593	\$12,544,137	\$17,946,228
Total—35 cities.....	\$9,763,650	\$10,353,917	\$15,933,147

Increase in Postal Savings Accounts in September.

More than half a million dollars were added to postal savings accounts during September, according to reports received on Oct. 17 by Postmaster-General New from postmasters throughout the country. This week's announcement says:

On Aug. 31 1923 there was on deposit in postal savings accounts a balance of \$132,525,971. On Sept. 30 the balance was \$133,100,971, an increase of \$575,000.

The largest increase was recorded by New York City, where \$201,825 were added. Philadelphia with \$55,725 had the second largest increase, while Boston, Mass., with \$52,466, was third; Seattle, Wash., with \$47,729, was fourth; Tacoma, Wash., with \$36,904, fifth; and Uniontown, Pa., with \$36,396, sixth.

Denver, Colo., moved up two places in rank as a result of an increase of more than \$25,000, displacing Columbus, Ohio, and Providence, R. I. Great Falls, Mont., also moved up two places, displacing Washington, D. C., and Ironwood, Mich.

Figures showing balances at offices having deposits in excess of \$500,000, together with amount of increase or decrease, follow:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL SAVINGS BUSINESS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1923, AS COMPARED WITH THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1923.

Balance on deposit Aug. 31	\$132,525,971		
Increase during September	575,000		
Balance on deposit Sept. 30	\$133,100,971		
Post Office—	Depositors' Balance.	Increase.	Rank.
New York, N. Y.	\$43,150,520	\$201,825	1
Brooklyn, N. Y.	12,586,501	12,748	2
Boston, Mass.	7,425,012	52,466	3
Chicago, Ill.	6,174,829		4
Seattle, Wash.	3,101,989		5
Philadelphia, Pa.	2,724,871	55,725	6
Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,413,748	7,132	7
Detroit, Mich.	1,933,882		8
Tacoma, Wash.	1,536,196	36,904	9
Kansas City, Mo.	1,492,798	3,163	10
Portland, Oregon.....	1,411,171	16,221	11
Newark, N. J.	1,341,506		12
St. Louis, Mo.	965,236		13
Uniontown, Pa.	901,057	36,396	14
Los Angeles, Calif.	774,867	6,712	15
San Francisco, Calif.	773,630	7,595	16
Milwaukee, Wis.	721,185		17
Jersey City, N. J.	674,681		18
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	562,464		19
Buffalo, N. Y.	531,482	5,936	20

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

An increase of \$69,600,000 in total deposits, of which \$51,900,000 was in reserve deposits of member banks, together with decreases of \$16,200,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and of \$4,200,000 in total earning assets, is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of the condition of the Federal Reserve banks at close of business on Oct. 17 1923, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Total reserves of the Federal Reserve banks increased \$4,100,000, while the reserve ratio, largely in consequence of the increased deposits, declined from 76.1 to 75.3%. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Discounted bills held by the Federal Reserve banks declined by \$14,500,000 during the week. One-half of the banks reported smaller holdings of discounted bills, the principal decrease of \$34,200,000 being reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The banks at Chicago, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Atlanta and St. Louis report increases in holdings of discounted bills, the largest increase of \$14,000,000 being shown for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Paper secured by Government obligations decreased by \$20,100,000 and on Oct. 17 aggregated \$386,200,000. Of this amount \$233,300,000 was secured by United States bonds \$140,700,000 by Treasury notes and \$12,200,000 by certificates of indebtedness.

Federal Reserve note circulation decreased from \$2,288,600,000 to \$2,272,400,000. The three Eastern banks, also the Cleveland and Chicago banks, show smaller totals than the week before. The largest decreases for the week, \$8,600,000 and \$6,300,000, are reported by New York and Cleveland.

Gold reserves of the Federal Reserve banks increased by \$2,800,000. The largest increases of \$7,900,000, \$4,700,000, \$4,900,000 and \$10,800,000 are reported by the Boston, St. Louis, Dallas and San Francisco banks, respectively. Decreases of \$9,300,000, \$9,800,000, \$6,400,000 and \$3,200,000 are shown for the Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago and Kansas City banks. Reserves other than gold show an increase of \$1,300,000 and non-reserve cash an increase of \$5,900,000.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 1752 and 1753. 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	
	Oct. 10 1923.	Oct. 18 1922.
Total reserves.....	+\$4,100,000	-\$16,200,000
Gold reserves.....	+2,800,000	+38,400,000
Total earning assets.....	-4,200,000	-75,400,000
Discounted bills, total.....	-14,500,000	+343,400,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-20,100,000	+192,000,000
Other bills discounted.....	+5,600,000	+151,400,000
Purchased bills.....	+8,100,000	-66,300,000
United States securities, total.....	+2,200,000	-352,900,000
Bonds and notes.....	-500,000	-140,000,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	+2,700,000	-212,900,000
Total deposits.....	+69,600,000	+19,200,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+8,100,000	-5,500,000
Government deposits.....	+16,400,000	+24,000,000
Other deposits.....	+1,300,000	+700,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-16,200,000	-43,000,000

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

Aggregate reductions of \$73,000,000 in loans on stocks and bonds as against increases of \$46,000,000 in commercial loans and of \$15,000,000 in net demand deposits, together with a decrease of \$9,000,000 in accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks, are shown by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated condition statement of 770 banks in leading cities as of Oct. 10 1923. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Investment holdings of all reporting banks show a reduction of \$2,000,000, increases of \$1,000,000 and \$15,000,000, respectively, in the holdings of United States bonds and Treasury notes being more than offset by decreases of \$12,000,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively, in certificates of indebtedness and in corporate securities.

Member banks in New York City report a net reduction of \$64,000,000 in loans and discounts. Their loans on Government obligations declined by \$1,000,000, and their loans on stocks and bonds by \$87,000,000, while their other loans and discounts, largely of a commercial character, increased by \$24,000,000. United States securities held by these banks increased by \$3,000,000 and corporate securities by \$5,000,000. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Net demand deposits of all reporting banks increased by \$15,000,000. The principal decreases of \$34,000,000, \$9,000,000 and \$8,000,000 are re-

ported by member banks in the New York, Kansas City and Philadelphia Federal Reserve districts, and the principal increases amounting to \$19,000,000, \$12,000,000 and \$10,000,000 by member banks in the Chicago, San Francisco and Boston districts. Government deposits show a decrease of \$27,000,000 and time deposits a decrease of \$5,000,000.

Reserve balances at the Federal Reserve banks decreased \$23,000,000, while cash in vault increased \$18,000,000. For the New York City members a nominal increase in reserve balances and an increase of \$7,000,000 in cash on hand are noted.

Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks decreased from \$598,000,000 to \$589,000,000, the ratio of these borrowings to total loans and investments remaining unchanged at 3.6%. Borrowings of the New York City members from the local Reserve bank show only a nominal increase.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 1753—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 of assets and liabilities as compared with a week and a year ago:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since	
	Oct. 3 1923.	Oct. 11 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	-\$28,000,000	+\$838,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-1,000,000	-6,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-73,000,000	+52,000,000
All other.....	+46,000,000	+792,000,000
Investments, total.....	-2,000,000	+75,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	+1,000,000	+41,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	+15,000,000	+198,000,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	-12,000,000	-49,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	-6,000,000	-115,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	-23,000,000	-68,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+18,000,000	+5,000,000
Government deposits.....	-27,000,000	+109,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+15,000,000	-197,000,000
Time deposits.....	-5,000,000	+431,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	-9,000,000	+312,000,000

World War Foreign Debt Commission to Meet To-day (Oct. 20).

On Oct. 18 Secretary of the Treasury Mellon issued a call for a meeting of the World War Foreign Debt Commission to be held in Washington to-day (Oct. 20). It is said that Secretary Mellon declined to disclose what subjects would be considered aside from the Commission's annual report, the Associated Press dispatches in stating this, adding:

Asked whether the Commission would consider the sending of "a first of the month statement" to the debtor nations, Mr. Mellon said he had given no thought to that phase of the situation. He recalled that one communication of that nature had been sent to all of the Powers more than a year ago, and added that he thought it was time for the Commission to meet and discuss whatever subjects its members may call up.

Coincident with the call for the Saturday meeting, it was made known at the Treasury that a careful survey had been made of the financial status of all of the foreign Powers. The only official comment was that the Commission wanted all the available facts and had been gathering them piece-meal since it organized after passage of the Debt Funding Act.

Mr. Mellon refused to speculate on whether a second communication to the foreign Powers advising of this Government's readiness to enter into funding negotiations would result in a revival of constructive efforts on the part of the debtors. He said any question of approaching the foreign Powers would have to be handled diplomatically and he chose, therefore, to maintain silence.

Replying to further questions, the Secretary said he had not talked about the debt situation with President Coolidge and did not know the latter's views. He closed the subject by saying he did not approve of "airing" the debt situation in the press.

As was indicated in our issue of Sept. 29 (page 1412) the subject of the Allied debts came before the American Bankers Association at its annual convention a few weeks ago in Atlantic City, F. I. Kent, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, proposing in an address that Congress should lodge with the Debt Funding Commission power to negotiate with the European debtors with the view to the cancellation of the debts, subject to ratification by the Senate. As to the views of the Administration, the "Journal of Commerce" stated in a Washington dispatch Oct. 5:

Pronounced opposition to any general campaign for the cancellation of foreign debts owed to the United States was indicated to-day at the White House as the attitude of President Coolidge toward the recently announced plans of the American Bankers Association.

Aside from the existing legal limitations upon the handling of the foreign debts by the American Debt Funding Commission which would prevent outright cancellation, President Coolidge let it be known that he considered that the United States had done more than cancel the British debt once through the terms under which that obligation was funded and that equally as liberal terms would be accorded other foreign debtors.

As the President sees the British debt funding terms and conditions, the arithmetical determination of the differences in the interest on the obligation, as figured on the basis of the rates in effect before funding and the rates now running, a virtual equivalent to the principal of the debt has already been written off. It may be recalled that the unfunded British debt was bearing interest at the rate of 5%, while the funding agreement calls for interest at the rate of 3% for ten years and 3½% thereafter over a total period of 62 years on a principal of \$4,600,000,000. Similar reductions, the President feels, will be granted to the other nations when they are prepared to fund their obligations to this country.

In effect, the President's answer to the bankers' demand for cancellation is that since the United States is prepared to forgive in interest charges the equivalent of the debt, outright cancellation would mean writing off the obligations several times over.

However, White House spokesmen emphasized that the negotiations of debt settlements were wholly in the hands of the Debt Commission, which under existing law had no other alternative but to fund the obligation.

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued its customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and Agents. The figures this time are for October 1. They show that the money in circulation at that date (including of course what is held in bank vaults) was \$4,849,921,139, as against \$4,520,895,293 at the corresponding date of the previous year, but comparing with \$5,628,427,732 on Nov. 1 1920. Just before the outbreak of the European war, that is, on July 1 1914, the total was only \$3,402,015,427. The following is the statement:

Kind of Money, a	Stock of Money in the United States.		Money Held in the Treasury.		Money Outside of the Treasury.		Population of United States (Estimated)	
	Total.	Am't. Held in Trust Against Gold and Silver Certificates & Treasury Notes of 1890.	Am't. Held in Reserve Against United States Notes and Treasury Notes of 1890.	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	All Other Money.	In Circulation.		
Gold coin and bullion.....	\$ 4,135,466,456	3,447,039,372	152,979,026	2,268,340,442	180,966,245	688,427,084	3.56	
Gold certificates (c)(\$44,753,659)	407,227,769	431,121,112	2,208,340,442	22,216,429	688,427,084	844,753,659	4.17	
Silver dollar. (c)(406,433,506)	406,433,506	407,904,683	2,208,340,442	22,216,429	688,427,084	844,753,659	4.17	
Treasury notes of 1890.....	c(1,451,177)	9,123,533	9,123,533	2,408,410	1,028,120	2,752,778,710	20.12	
Subsidiary silver. U. S. notes.....	271,115,069	2,408,410	2,408,410	1,028,120	17,173,863	672,704	15	
F. R. notes.....	346,681,016	1,028,120	1,028,120	17,173,863	753,158,265	753,158,265	6.55	
F. R. bank notes.....	2,733,803,836	17,103,742	17,103,742	17,103,742	753,158,265	753,158,265	6.55	
Nat. bank notes.....	17,332,000	17,103,742	17,103,742	17,103,742	753,158,265	753,158,265	6.55	
Total Oct. 1 '23.....	8,771,968,147	63,808,059,426	1,252,658,342	152,979,026	2,268,340,442	6,116,567,063	1,266,645,924	43.45
Comparative totals:								
Sept. 1 1923.....	8,707,407,229	63,885,524,249	1,236,702,039	152,979,026	2,265,276,942	230,586,242	6,058,585,019	42.85
Oct. 1 1922.....	8,388,237,342	63,624,044,510	1,009,519,747	152,979,026	2,210,351,100	251,194,637	5,773,712,579	41.04
Nov. 1 1922.....	8,320,338,267	62,406,801,772	998,584,226	152,979,026	2,206,341,990	350,626,530	6,616,390,721	53.36
Apr. 1 1917.....	5,312,109,272	62,942,998,527	2,684,800,085	156,000,000	100,000,000	105,219,416	5,053,910,830	33.54
July 1 1914.....	3,738,288,871	61,843,452,323	1,507,178,879	156,000,000	100,000,000	186,273,444	3,402,015,427	34.35
Jan. 1 1879.....	1,007,084,483	62,124,420,402	21,602,640	100,000,000	100,000,000	90,817,762	816,266,721	16.92

a Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban agencies of the Federal Reserve banks.
 b Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin outside of vaults of the Treasury Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents.
 c These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.
 d The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.
 e This total includes \$17,752,892 of notes in process of redemption, \$173,863,386 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$13,784,048 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$15,810 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$6,600,925 deposited as a reserve against Postal Savings deposits.
 f Includes money held by the Cuban agencies of the Federal Reserve banks of Boston and Atlanta.

Lloyd George Proposes Understanding Between Great Britain and United States Looking to Peace.

The view that an understanding—not an alliance—between the British Empire and the United States is the world's greatest hope, was expressed by David Lloyd George in a talk to newspaper correspondents on Oct. 11 during his journey from Toronto to Niagara Falls, Ont., according to special advices from the latter point to the New York "Tribune," from which the following information also comes:

He added further that eventually such a gentlemen's agreement as he indicated was a certain development as the only practical guaranty of peace. "There can be no peace in the world without it," he said in his most impressive and emphatic manner.

This declaration, which goes further than anything Mr. Lloyd George had previously said upon the manner in which the European muddle may be finally adjusted, came in answer to a question as to the exact significance of his remarks in Toronto yesterday, when he expressed his belief that only through the firmly expressed intention of the "League of Nations of the British Empire" to halt armament could a permanent peace be brought into the world.

Greatest in History, He Says.

"In your reference to the possibility of action by the English speaking peoples to put a stop to future wars," he was asked, "had you the United States in mind?"

"Ah," he said, "if the United States could be brought into agreement with the British Empire on this question of a peace settlement on a permanent basis, that would be the greatest single thing that had ever happened in the history of the world."

"Do you consider such a development certain eventually, if not necessarily immediate?"

"It is bound to come. It must come. There is no other hope for the world, because there are no other nations in the world so free from the militaristic blight. I will not say that it can be done immediately, but there is absolutely no doubt in my mind but that they must eventually come together."

"There can be no peace in the world without it, but the moment the other nations know that such a stand had been made there will be peace. The world years for such a development, especially the small nations. They are terrified. All the small nations of Europe are afraid. They do not know where they stand. They are frightened to death."

He was asked whether he could suggest any immediate steps which might be taken to bring about such an understanding. The quizzical grin and the familiar twinkle lent emphasis to his reply. "Ah, now about that I am inclined to think that the less immediate the steps are the sooner will an agreement be reached. Yes, I think that is so."

The word "alliance" was mentioned and Lloyd George answered promptly and vigorously "No."

"Nothing in writing. There is no need for anything written," he said. "The thing may be far more effectively accomplished through mutual understanding, mutual respect and a mutual inspiration to insist upon peace. If it was understood everywhere in the world that the United States and the British Empire would stand together against war, that would be all that would be needed. There would not be a gun fired; there would not be even a pistol fired, once that were made plain. This is my firm conviction after years of official life."

Following the utterances of Mr. Lloyd George it was stated in a New York "Times" dispatch from Washington that President Coolidge could not take notice of statements made by an unofficial visitor. The same advices stated:

With particular reference to Mr. Lloyd George's proposal of an Anglo-American entente it was indicated that if such a proposal came formally from any one authorized to speak for the British Government the President would take notice of it, but as Mr. Lloyd George held no office his observations and suggestions could not be noticed in any authoritative way.

There is no likelihood that the Entente proposal will bear fruit here. Nothing has taken place to lead to a belief that the strong opposition in the Senate to the agreement for an Anglo-Franco American entente to guarantee France against German aggression, brought from Paris by President Wilson in 1919, has changed sufficiently to justify the submission of an entente arrangement with Great Britain. While in his speech on the subject Mr. Lloyd George indicated that there would be no necessity for a written understanding, it is clear that the Washington Administration would not enter into any arrangement with the British Government of the character suggested by Mr. Lloyd George that was not put down in black and white.

Great Britain's Payment of \$30,500,000 to the United States Account of Silver Purchases.

Referring to the final payment last month by the British Government to the United States of \$30,500,000 on account of principal, together with accrued interest "on its obligations regarded as having been given for purchases of silver under the Pittman Act," the Federal Reserve Board, in its October "Bulletin" says:

The total of these obligations was originally \$122,017,633 57. In 1920 an agreement was made with the British Government for the funding and payment of this amount, at which time \$17,633 57 was paid with accrued interest in order to reduce the amount to a round total of \$122,000,000. According to the agreement, this amount was to be repaid in equal annual installments in the years 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924 in the proportions of 60% on April 15 and 40% on May 15 of each of these years. Accordingly payments aggregating \$91,500,000 were made during the years 1921, 1922 and 1923. This left a balance of \$30,500,000, payment of which was made on Sept. 15 1923.

The Sept. 15 payment was referred to in our issue of Sept. 22, page 1303.

Position as International Banker Maintained by Great Britain.

"Great Britain continues to maintain her position as an international banker, despite the adverse reactions of the European situation upon her trade and industry," according

to the current issue of the "Index," published by the New York Trust Co., which says:

Her ability to engage in foreign financing notwithstanding her difficulties at home is strikingly illustrated by the following comparison of the amounts of new capital issues of foreign origin brought out in the United States and Great Britain during the first eight months of the present year:

	United States. ^a	Great Britain. ^b
Foreign new capital issues, 8 months 1923	\$191,253,000	\$211,049,651

^a Estimate "Commercial & Financial Chronicle." ^b Estimate "The Statist." The total in pounds is figured at the rate of \$4 60.

To the above total of British investment offerings for other than home enterprises might also be added £54,109,277 (or \$248,902,674 at \$4 60 to the £) in issues of British colonial origin.

Letter to President Wilson from Lloyd George on Scaling of Inter-Allied Debts.

Coincident with the presence in the United States of the former British Premier, David Lloyd George, there was published on Oct. 8 by the "Sunday Express" of London what is purported to be a hitherto unpublished letter on the question of inter-Allied debts. With regard to the letter, which Mr. Lloyd George as Prime Minister addressed to President Wilson on Aug. 5 1920, the Associated Press advices from London, Oct. 6, said:

The "Express" says that an agreement was about to be reached whereby the French Government would agree to the scaling down of the German reparations, provided Great Britain and the United States remitted a great part of France's debts to them.

That the American Government was ready to accept this plan, says the newspaper, was shown by the fact that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, and Albert Rathbone, representing the American Treasury Department, dropped the negotiations then going on for the separate payment of the British debt to America.

The newspaper argues that Prime Minister Baldwin might have made a similar settlement, but that by his arrangement for the refunding of the British debt to America he threw away the only weapon he had to persuade France to make a settlement in Europe, and also threw away the possibility of getting much better terms from America and also of obtaining part of France's debt to Great Britain.

Mr. Lloyd George's letter is quoted by the "Express" as follows:

"The British and French Governments have been discussing during the last four months the question of giving fixity and definiteness to Germany's reparation obligations. The British Government has stood steadily by the view that it was vital that Germany's liabilities should be fixed at a figure which it was within the reasonable capacity of Germany to pay, and that this figure should be fixed without delay, because the reconstruction of Central Europe could not begin nor could the Allies themselves raise money on the strength of Germany's obligation to pay them reparations until her liabilities had been exactly defined.

"After great difficulties with his own people, M. Millerand (then French Premier) found himself able to accept this view, but he pointed out that it was impossible for France to agree to accept anything less than that it was entitled to under the treaty unless its debts to its allies and associates in the war were treated in the same way.

"This declaration appeared to the British Government to be eminently fair. But after careful consideration they came to the conclusion that it was impossible to remit any part of what was owed to them by France except as part and parcel of an all-round settlement of the interallied indebtedness.

"I need not go into the reasons which led to this conclusion, which must be clear to you. But the principal reason was that British public opinion would never support a one-sided arrangement at its sole expense, and that if such a one-sided arrangement was made it could not fail to estrange and eventually embitter the relations between the American and British peoples, with calamitous results to the future of the world.

"Accordingly the British Government has informed the French Government that it will agree to any equitable arrangement for reduction or cancellation of the interallied indebtedness, but that such arrangement must be one which applies all around.

"The question is one of such importance to the future of Europe, and indeed to the relations between the Allied and Associated Powers, that I should very much welcome any advice which you might feel yourself able to give me as to the best method of securing that the whole problem could be considered and settled by the United States Government in concert with its associates at the earliest possible moment that the political situation in America makes it possible.

"There is one other point which I should like to add. When the British Government decided that it could not deal with the question of the debts owed to it by its Allies except as part and parcel of an all-round arrangement of interallied debts, the Chancellor of the Exchequer told Mr. Rathbone that he could not proceed any further with the negotiations which they had been conducting together with regard to postponement of the payment of interest on the funding of Great Britain's debt to America.

"I should like to make it plain that this is due to no reluctance on the part of Great Britain to fund its debt, but solely to the fact that it cannot bind itself by any arrangement which would prejudice the working of any interallied arrangement which may be reached in the future."

Incidentally, it may be noted, we gave in our issue of July 23 1921 (page 346), a portion of a letter from President Wilson to Prime Minister Lloyd George indicating that the United States would never consent to the cancellation of the debts of the Allied Governments. This letter had been inserted in the "Congressional Record" at the instance of Senator Lodge during the hearing before the Senate Finance Committee on the subject of Allied debts. In a Washington dispatch Oct. 8 the New York "Times," referring to the letter printed above, said in part:

Publication of a so-called "unpublished" letter from the then Premier Lloyd George to President Wilson in 1921, proposing all-around cancellation of inter-Allied debts, evoked smiles to-day in Washington, where there is no secret concerning this correspondence, which for several years has been available in official documents made public and also through the press.

In connection with what it declared to be the "unpublished" Lloyd George letter, the "Daily Express" is credited in cable dispatches with having argued that the American Government was "ready to accept this plan" as proposed by Mr. Lloyd George and says this was shown by the fact that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, and Albert Rathbone, representing the American Treasury Department, dropped the negotiations then going on for the separate payment of the British debt to America. This inference is wholly incorrect. The Rathbone negotiations were dropped because it was impossible to make headway with them at the time in the face of the Lloyd George proposals.

In May 1920, speaking of the letter which Premier Lloyd George was about to send to President Wilson, Mr. Rathbone wrote this to Mr. Chamberlain:

"In view of the communication which the Prime Minister is about to send to the President, I have referred your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury (Houston) and shall not now attempt to discuss the matter you refer to beyond restating the views of the United States Treasury that the questions relating to the debt of the British Government to the United States Government must be settled by those Governments only and that the indebtedness of other Governments to the American Government or to the British Government and the payment by Germany of reparations are in no way related to the postponement of interest on our behalf and funding of the obligations of the British Government held by the United States Treasury nor to the other matters which were discussed during my month's stay in England for that purpose."

At the same time, on May 25 1920 Mr. Rathbone stated that the reason for dropping his negotiations with the Chancellor of the Exchequer was this:

"In view of the practical refusal of the British Government to further negotiate on these points there is nothing more that can be done here, so far as questions with the British are involved, and in view of the sudden turn taken by these negotiations I believe it would be inadvisable for me to attempt negotiations here with other countries."

President Millerand of France Urges France to Adopt Drastic Economies.

In declaring that France must brace herself for drastic economies, President Millerand, in reviewing in a speech at Evreux his country's foreign and domestic affairs, pointed to the fact that taxes had risen from 460 gold francs per capita prior to the war to 2,460 francs last year. From the Associated Press we quote the following:

The President said that the French Constitution must be revised to make the Government more stable. He illustrated the wisdom of keeping the term of military service at 18 months by using the lesson of the Ruhr occupation, although the time soon would come when the term of service might be reduced.

Russia was held up as a horrible example to those inclined to lean too far toward extremist theories. "Could one have imagined the world would ever be given such a decisive lesson, such striking justification of individual property rights?" the President asked.

A copyright cablegram from Paris to the New York "Times" gave the following account of President Millerand's speech:

In vigorous, frank language President Alexandre Millerand set before the French people to-day what he, as their First Magistrate, desired that their political conduct should be. His speech was not a political party speech, for the President is outside all political parties. But it was nevertheless an appeal to all classes to unite under the national banner at next year's elections. It is expected that it will be taken almost textually by Premier Poincare as his electoral program and that of the National Party.

It was at Evreux in the Eure Department that the President spoke. For the most part he dealt with internal questions, giving briefly his authoritative word on all the problems of the day. France must remain united. Frenchmen must pay their taxes. Economies in public and private life must be effected so that by balancing the budget credit abroad may be re-established. Functionaries—always a troublesome question in France—must attend to their administrative duties and leave politics alone. The State must give the greatest freedom and facility to private enterprise. With the Vatican France must maintain cordial relations while keeping the civil power free from all intrusion by the spiritual. She must respect liberty of conscience and of creed. "This country has need for its restoration of all her sons working with a good heart in the beliefs and formulas which most appeal to them," he said.

Better to Go Straight Than Quickly.

There must be no demagoguery, no promises of millenniums which it is not in the economic power of the country to fulfill.

"Let us abstain from unconsidered promises," said he, "it is far more important to go straight than to go quickly, to follow roads we are on and about the direction of which we are sure."

"Have children and make men of them," was one of the President's words of advice, for he said this question of population pressed on every Government of France, gravely, urgently, almost tragically. Whatever economies were made, there must be none on the cost of children's education. They must be fitted as men. With measured, well-thought-out modifications the Constitution should be adapted to make it more supple and at the same time more sure.

For the present the duration of military service must be maintained at 18 months; but the need for labor in the fields and factories was too urgent not to demand a further reduction at the first possible moment. The war had shown the strength of the national principle and the weakness of the socialistic international theory. Those who before 1914 were led astray by the international talk of German Socialists must not be again so misled.

But the League of Nations would have France's support. "The League is not merely a promise." He added:

"In its short existence it has already, in spite of tremendous difficulties, justified its creation by its good work. It can never be compromised except by mistakes of doctrinaires who, seeing only one side, forget that its name of the League of Nations implies the existence of nationalities."

Throughout his speech "Realities" was the President's text. Was not the spectacle of Russia enough to make dreamers pause? What was the result of their dreams? The institution of a dictatorship of a class, or rather of a small handful of men who arrogated to themselves the right to speak in the name of a great people. France could but hope that in time these people, who in the first part of the war had given such great help, would evolve from the present tyranny and chaos into liberty and free institutions.

France's Role in the World.

In the world France must be prepared always to play a role which depended less on her material power than on the prestige of her moral authority. To M. Poincare the President paid this tribute: "The day is not distant when the firmness and tenacity of our foreign policy so resolutely pursued amid the approval of the whole country by the Premier will bear its fruits."

To the French mind respect for treaties had the force of law, and France would never permit that the European order created by victory should be disturbed. For herself she claimed only her due, and as for her allies in the war her fervent desire was that their bonds of friendship should be strengthened by memories of the common peril they had successfully overcome.

In his picture of the country struggling patiently for years to meet the burdens the war had left, which had increased taxation from 460 francs per head in 1913 to 2,478 francs per head in 1922, the President declared:

"The Frenchman is an honest fellow. He waited for three years and made concession after concession before, with his Belgian friends, he made use of the power of constraint which was his to use under the treaty." But if France was to get her due she must remain united.

"Justly proud of the victory she has so dearly bought, resolved not to allow its fruits to escape her, he concluded, "France knows that civil peace as external peace, concord among her citizens as understanding with her neighbors, is the first condition of fruitful labor and social progress. It is to France that I speak, France, mistress of her destinies, whom I exhort not to allow sowers of hate and dissension to cloud her judgment and undermine the solid structure of the country which her good sense has created."

French Customs Figures.

A statement issued Oct. 10 by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York says:

Official French customs figures disclose that the value of imports into France during the first eight months of the present year was 19,938,324,000 francs, while exports of French products amounted to 19,128,066,000 francs. Both imports and exports increased in value compared to their values in the same period of 1922, but the gain in value of French exports was 350,000,000 francs greater than the increase in value of imports.

The detailed official figures, as received by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, from its French Information Service, show the increases as follows:

	8 Months 1923.	Increase over 1922.
	Francs.	Francs.
Imports—		
Foodstuffs	4,624,000,000	1,030,000,000
Raw materials	12,514,000,000	4,136,000,000
Manufactured articles	2,800,000,000	166,000,000
	19,938,000,000	5,332,000,000
Exports—		
Foodstuffs	2,016,000,000	893,000,000
Raw materials	5,870,000,000	2,390,000,000
Manufactured articles	10,244,000,000	2,261,000,000
Parcel post	998,000,000	138,000,000
	19,128,000,000	5,682,000,000

The above figures indicate an adverse balance of trade amounting to \$10,000,000 francs. This also was an improvement over France's trade position at the end of the first eight months of 1922, when the unfavorable balance amounted to 1,160,000,000 francs. The French customs authorities estimate that "invisible exports," such as are represented by expenditures of foreign tourists in France, more than equal the amount by which this year's French imports has exceeded exports.

In August alone, French exports increased in value 119,000,000 francs over July exports, while French imports increased only 17,500,000 francs.

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

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

	ASSETS.	
	Aug. 31 1923.	July 31 1923.
Gold and subsidiary coin—	\$	\$
In Canada	53,042,875	58,128,237
Elsewhere	12,174,340	12,476,248
Total	62,217,215	70,604,485
Dominion notes	155,777,628	157,477,174
Deposited with Minister of Finance for security of note circulation	6,124,227	6,124,227
Deposit of central gold reserves	61,302,533	57,102,533
Due from banks	108,751,573	106,826,151
Loans and discounts	1,380,846,659	1,378,050,656
Bonds, securities, &c.	412,100,594	399,612,433
Call and short loans in Canada	98,123,000	95,701,912
Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada	203,913,891	191,591,179
Other assets	107,743,211	108,370,776
Total	2,599,900,531	2,571,461,536
LIABILITIES.		
Capital authorized	182,175,000	182,175,000
Capital subscribed	123,572,300	123,572,300
Capital paid up	123,406,700	123,404,770
Reserve fund	123,625,000	123,625,000
Circulation	169,980,554	163,043,856
Government deposits	69,791,550	62,230,304
Demand deposits	823,050,355	803,390,947
Time deposits	1,189,988,876	1,200,052,356
Due to banks	50,441,339	47,796,216
Bills payable	6,929,426	7,497,508
Other liabilities	20,707,293	19,862,631
Total, not including capital of reserve fund	2,330,889,393	2,303,873,818

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

Proposed Loan to Italy—Views of President Coolidge Regarding Foreign Loans.

A dispatch from Washington to the New York "Tribune" Oct. 12 said:

Appropos of reports from New York to-day that terms of a new loan to Italy will be made public next week, the attitude of the Administration on the general subject of loans to other countries became known.

On the specific subject of the proposed Italian loan, the White House made no statement. But it was stated by an official of the Administration that this Government, under President Coolidge, will give its countenance to loans by American financiers to Governments and peoples abroad if the conditions are satisfactory. The State Department policy in a general way will be not to cast any stumbling block in the way of such loans but rather to encourage them.

Interest Payment by Belgium to United States on Surplus War Stock Purchases.

It was announced on Oct. 17 that the Belgian Government has just paid \$475,000 in interest to the United States on surplus war stocks in Europe, which it bought through the War Department in 1919. Assistant Secretary Davis said the sum was the regular semi-annual interest payment on notes given by the Belgian Government approximating \$28,000,000.

Salvador Loan—State Department Says There is no Secret Agreement.

With regard to the \$6,000,000 loan to the Republic of Salvador (the bond offering was referred to in our issue of Saturday last, page 1615) the State Department at Washington issued a statement on Oct. 18 in which it characterizes as misleading a report that "a secret agreement has been made by the Department." The following is the latter's statement in the matter:

The attention of the Department has been called to statements, both in the advertising of the recently concluded loan to Salvador and in the press, which have created an erroneous impression regarding the relation of the United States Government to the loan.

It has been stated that a secret agreement has been made by the Department of State. This is a misleading statement, as the agreement was negotiated between the Government of Salvador and the representatives of the bankers concerned. It is in no sense a treaty.

The Department of State has no relation to the matter except with respect to facilitating the arbitration and determination of disputes that may arise between the parties and the appointment of a Collector of Customs in case of default. It is manifestly to the interest of peace and justice that there should be an appropriate method of deciding such controversies as might arise and at the specific request of the Government of Salvador and the interested bankers, the Secretary of State has consented to use his good offices in referring such disputes to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, or, if he is unable to act, to another member of the Federal Judiciary for appropriate arbitration.

Also at the request of the Government of Salvador and the interested bankers, the Secretary of State consented to assist in the selection of the Collector of Customs, who, according to the loan contract, is to be appointed in case of default. This was simply for the purpose of facilitating the choice of an entirely competent and disinterested person. The contract also provides that the Collector of Customs, if appointed, will communicate to the Department of State for its records such regulations relating to the customs administration as may be prescribed and also a monthly and annual report.

The Government of the United States has no relation to the loan except in these particulars.

Official Relations Between Belgium and Mexico Resumed.

Brussels advices Oct. 14 announced the resumption by Belgium of official relations with Mexico.

Censorship in Greece—Newspapers Forbidden to Make Any Reference to Constantine.

Athens press advices, Oct. 14, state: A revolutionary decree issued to-day forbids all reference by the newspapers to the late King Constantine and the leaders of the revolution. Public utterances and cartoons relating to the banned subjects are also forbidden.

The royalist press is protesting vehemently against the decree.

Offering of Republic of Finland Bonds.

The National City Company and Dillon, Read & Co. of this city offered on Oct. 18 an issue of \$10,000,000 Republic of Finland 6% external loan sinking fund gold bonds at 90 and interest, to yield 6.89%. The subscription books were closed at noon yesterday (Oct. 19). The bonds will be dated Sept. 1 1923, will mature Sept. 1 1945, and are not redeemable except through the sinking fund. The bonds are in coupon form, in denomination of \$1,000, and are registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (March 1 and Sept. 1) payable in New York City in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the National City Bank of New York, fiscal agent, without deduction for any present or future Finnish taxes, in time of war as well as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder. With regard to the redemption of the bonds, we quote the following from the official circular:

Sinking fund sufficient to redeem entire issue during final twenty years. Finland agrees to redeem the entire loan through a cumulative sinking fund, beginning after the expiration of the second year of the loan, to be used to purchase bonds at not exceeding 100 and interest, or, if bonds are not obtainable at or below that price, for redemption of bonds by lot semi-annually at 100.

These bonds, says the circular, are the direct obligations of the Republic of Finland, which agrees that if, in the future, it shall sell, offer for public subscription or in any manner dispose of any bonds or loan secured by lien on any revenue or asset of the Republic, the service of this loan shall be secured equally and ratably with such bonds or loan. We also quote as follows from the offering circular:

Purpose of Issue: According to a statement by the Minister of Finance, the proceeds of this loan will be utilized by the Government for productive capital expenditures. The 1924 budget calls for appropriations approximately equal to \$16,500,000, to be expended on public works, including extensions to the Government railroads, harbor improvements, and hydro-electric developments. It is stated that where materials are purchased outside of Finland, preference will be given American manufactures, if obtainable on equal terms.

Credit: The credit of Finland has long been established in the financial centres of Europe and during the 25 years preceding 1914, Finland borrowed abroad at coupon-rates ranging from 3% to 4½%, approximately the same rates at which Sweden, Denmark and Norway borrowed abroad during the same period. The 4½% sterling loan of Finland was offered in London in 1909 on a 4.90% basis, during the period 1909-1914 was quoted at prices giving an average yield of 4.62%, and sold in London on Oct. 1 1923 on a 5.64% basis. Four loans of Finland offered in France from 1895 to 1903 on bases ranging from 3.11% to 3.74%, were quoted during the ten years preceding the war at prices giving an average yield of 4.41%, and on Oct. 8 1923 were quoted in Paris at prices giving an average basis of 5.60%. Finland has already commenced payment under a funding agreement for indebtedness to the United States Government incurred during the war.

Debt: The total national debt of Finland June 30 1923 including Finland's indebtedness to the United States Government, amounted to \$108,319,500, figuring debt payable in foreign currencies at mint parities and debt payable in Fimmarks at three cents, a conservative basis. This gives a per capita debt of \$33 85, as compared with about \$11 in 1913. As an offset, the Government owns properties, mostly revenue-producing, including 93% of the railroad mileage of the country and vast areas of timber-land, conservatively valued at \$540,000,000.

Revenues and Expenditures: For the year 1922 actual ordinary revenues (\$80,073,000) exceeded total expenditures, including extraordinary expenditures for capital purposes, by \$3,537,000. It is officially stated that revenue collections for the first nine months of 1923 have exceeded estimates, and, exclusive of loan proceeds, have exceeded all expenditures both ordinary and extraordinary. The budget for the current year provided for the expenditure of substantial sums on Government-owned enterprises of a productive nature.

For the five years ended Dec. 31 1921 interest and amortization of the public debt averaged the very conservative ratio of 13.77% annually of the ordinary revenues.

Foreign Trade: Finland's exports consist principally of raw materials which are in universal demand, such as lumber, wood-pulp, hides, and dairy products, and her foreign trade has shown a steady expansion during the last quarter century. The country's total foreign trade in 1913 amounted to \$173,745,000, as compared with \$45,590,000 in 1889. In the year 1922 total trade amounted to \$180,984,000, and exports exceeded imports by \$10,675,700, computed at average rates of exchange for the year. Total trade with the United States for the same year amounted to \$15,572,000.

In referring on Oct. 15 to the loan negotiations, "Daily Financial America" said:

It is understood that American bankers are negotiating with the Finnish Government for the flotation of a loan by that country in the United States. Under an Act of the Legislature the Government of Finland was authorized to obtain credits up to £4,000,000, or approximately \$18,000,000, for capital expenditures. That is, for harbor improvements, State railways, and the Imatra project, which is somewhat similar to the harnessing of the water power at Niagara Falls. While the authorization amount is £4,000,000 it is believed that the loan will be substantially under that figure, as Finland's immediate need does not require such a large figure.

If the plans under way mature and the loan is secured by this country, it will be the first time that Finland has come to the United States for credit. Heretofore, London and Paris have been the markets for such issues. Several months ago it was reported that London banking interests offered to loan the Republic a certain sum, but affairs were not ripe at the time and the project fell through. At present there are two loans outstanding against Finland. The first a 4½% issue floated in London to yield 4.89% and which is now selling on a 6.64% basis, and the second a 3% credit granted by France at around 3.23, now yields 5.60%.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. Delivery of the bonds in temporary form is expected about Nov. 1.

Allan Juselius, of Union Bank of Finland, on Financial Rehabilitation of Finland.

Allan Juselius, General Manager of the Union Bank of Finland, one of the leading banking institutions in Scandinavia, who has just arrived in the United States on business for a stay of several weeks, declared on Oct. 11 that the Finnish Government has made rapid strides in placing its financial house in order and is now one of the few countries in Europe which have balanced their budgets. In the fiscal year recently ended the Government of Finland, he says, met all of its financial obligations with a substantial surplus to spare, the Finnish banker stated. Pointing rather to the strength of the Finnish financial position, Mr. Juselius called attention to the fact that Finland is, with Great Britain, the only country which has begun to make regular payments on account of its war indebtedness to the United States Government. He also said:

Business conditions in Finland are healthy, and we have practically no unemployment problem in our country. Money rates are high, due to the scarcity of capital. Last year the exports of Finland exceeded her imports by a substantial margin. It is yet too early to determine the ratio between exports and imports during the current fiscal year, although indications are that they will at least balance. Finland is making heavy exports of pulp, newsprint paper, lumber, timber and agricultural products. Much of these commodities are coming to the United States, although England is the principal foreign market for Finnish products.

Stabilization of the Finnish mark around 2.70 cents has, according to Mr. Juselius, been extremely beneficial to the foreign trade of Finland. "It is also," he stated, "a reflection of the soundness of the general financial position in

Finland." Mr. Juselius stressed the need of foreign capital in developing the natural resources of Finland. In commenting upon government finances he said he hoped that the Finnish Government if it should need financing in a foreign market, would come to the United States.

New Issue of \$47,000,000 Federal Land Bank Bonds Sold.

Public offering was made on Monday last, Oct. 15, of a new issue of \$47,000,000 10-30-year Federal Land Bank 4¾% bonds at a price of 100 and interest, to yield 4¾%. It was announced on the 16th inst. that the entire issue had been sold. The bonds were offered to the public by a country-wide group, composed of the twelve Federal Land Banks, investment houses, institutions and upwards of 1,000 dealers. The banking group was headed by Alex. Brown & Sons of Baltimore, Harris, Forbes & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., The National City Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York. It is pointed out that this is the first time investors have had an opportunity to buy Federal Land Bank bonds bearing interest at 4¾%. Of the 11 offerings to date, 7 of them have been bonds bearing 4½% interest. Four were issues of 5% bonds. One of them has since been called in and paid off. This was done as soon as the redemption date was reached. The remaining 5% bonds are not yet redeemable. It is further stated:

The opportunity to purchase a bond yielding as high as 4¾% was expected because of the recent depression in tax-exempt bonds of cities and States, partly due to large offerings of these securities and partly due to the depression which has existed in the general bond market for the last three months. The obligations of the more important States and cities of the country are now selling at prices to yield about 4½% or less. State and city bonds, however, are subject to local taxation unless held in their respective States of issue, while Federal Land Bank bonds are exempt everywhere in the United States.

The Federal Land Bank bonds disposed of this week are dated July 1 1923, become due July 1 1953 and are redeemable at par and interest at any time after ten years from date of issue. The bonds, coupon and registered and interchangeable, are in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$40. Interest is payable Jan. 1 and July 1 at any Federal Land Bank or Federal Reserve Bank. Principal is payable at the bank of issue. The United States Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Act creating the banks and exempting the bonds from Federal State, municipal and local taxation. With regard to the bonds the official circular says:

Issuing Banks: The twelve Federal Land banks were organized by the United States Government with an original \$9,000,000 capital stock, which has since increased through the operation of the System to over \$41,000,000.

Security: These bonds, in addition to being obligations of the Federal Land banks, all twelve of which are primarily liable for interest and ultimately liable for the principal on each bond, are secured by collateral consisting of an equal amount of United States Government bonds, or mortgages on farm lands which must be:

- (a) First mortgages, to an amount not exceeding 50% of the value of the land and 20% of the value of the permanent improvements as appraised by United States appraisers;
- (b) Limited to \$25,000 on any one mortgage;
- (c) Guaranteed by the local National Farm Loan Association, of which the borrower is a member and stockholder. The stock of these associations carries a double liability;
- (d) Reduced each year by payment of part of the mortgage debt.

Values: The conservatism of appraisals made for the Federal Land banks is indicated by the fact that, during the year ended Nov. 30 1922, 4,714 farms against which the banks had made loans totaling less than \$15,000,000 were sold for approximately \$40,000,000.

Operation: In five and one-half years of active operation the 12 Federal Land banks have been built up until on Aug. 31 1923 their capital was \$41,113,530; reserve, \$4,050,500; surplus and undivided profits, \$3,278,177, and total assets \$827,744,341. All twelve banks are on a dividend paying basis and every bank shows a surplus earned from its operations.

Acceptable by Treasury: These bonds are acceptable by the United States Treasury as security for Government deposits including Postal Savings funds.

Legal for Trust Funds: The Federal Farm Loan Act provides that the bonds shall be lawful investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the United States Government. They are eligible under the laws of many of the States for investment of all public and private funds and have been held eligible for investment by savings banks in 37 States (listed on the back of this circular).

The United States Government, as of Sept. 30 1923, owned approximately \$2,400,000 of the capital stock of the Federal Land banks. The Farm Loan Associations, during the year 1922, acquired approximately \$8,500,000 of Federal Land Bank stock, 25% of the proceeds of which was used to retire stock owned by the Government, as required by the Farm Loan Act. The United States Treasury has purchased and now holds over \$100,000,000 Federal Land Bank bonds. While these bonds are not Government obligations, and are not guaranteed by the Government, they are the secured obligations of banks operating under Federal charter with Governmental supervision, on whose boards of direction the Government is represented.

As noted in the foregoing, all twelve banks are on a dividend-paying basis and every bank shows a surplus earned from operations. The following is the consolidated statement of condition of the twelve Federal Land Banks at the

close of business Aug. 31 1923, as officially reported by the Federal Farm Loan Board:

<i>Assets.</i>	
Net mortgage loans	*\$753,184,329 10
Accrued interest on mortgage loans (not matured)	13,344,239 36
U. S. Government bonds and securities	44,231,334 93
Accrued interest on bonds and securities (not matured)	462,137 06
Farm Loan bonds on hand (unsold)	1,858,750 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds on hand (not matured)	15,505 54
Other accrued interest (uncollected)	227,545 12
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	1,393,908 19
Cash on hand and in banks	8,198,768 13
Accounts receivable	399,710 33
Installments matured (in process of collection)	1,448,148 23
Banking houses	1,279,518 69
Furniture and fixtures	202,212 80
Other assets	1,498,233 73
Total assets	\$827,744,341 21
<i>Liabilities.</i>	
Capital stock, held by:	
United States Government	\$2,434,385 00
National Farm Loan associations	38,498,025 00
Borrowers through agents	178,660 00
Individual subscribers	2,460 00
Total capital stock	\$41,113,530 00
Reserve (from earnings)	4,050,500 00
Surplus (from earnings)	300,000 00
Farm Loan bonds authorized and issued	763,908,090 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds (not matured)	10,317,473 36
U. S. Government deposits	1,250,000 00
Notes payable	366,964 02
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	947,075 41
Amortization instalments paid in advance	545,430 82
Matured interest on Farm Loan bonds (coupons not presented)	486,172 05
Reserved for dividends unpaid	1,480,928 39
Other liabilities	2,978,177 16
Undivided profits	-----
Total liabilities	\$827,744,341 21

* Unpledged mortgages (gross), \$14,972,323 70.

The Federal Land Bank bonds have been held eligible, it is stated, for investment by savings banks in the following States:

Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The present is the fourth issue of Federal Land banks offered the current year; two of the previous offerings were for \$75,000,000 each and were referred to in these columns Jan. 6, page 26, and April 21, page 1711; an issue of \$45,000,000 offered in June was reported by us June 30 1923, page 2940. The issuance of the \$75,000,000 bonds in April followed the call for redemption and payment on May 1 of \$55,032,000 then outstanding 5% Federal Land Bank bonds.

Salomon Bros. & Hutzler Offering Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures.

The discount house of Salomon Bros. & Hutzler are offering Federal Intermediate Credit Bank 4½% debentures, due March 14 1924, at a price of 100 and interest, to yield about 4½%. These debentures are issued by 12 Federal Intermediate Credit banks created by an Act of Congress. The United States Government has subscribed for and owns all the capital stock of these twelve banks, which amounts to \$60,000,000. The Government does not assume any liability, direct or indirect, on these debentures, but they are securities of banks operating under a Federal charter with Governmental supervision, and the Government is represented on the board of directors. The sale by the Federal Intermediate Credit banks of the second issue of \$10,000,000 Intermediate debentures was noted in these columns last week, page 1618.

W. L. Bailey of Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas Says Troubles of Farmers Is "Too Much Ill Advised Credit"—Think Labor Threats During War Should Have Been Treated as Treason.

W. L. Bailey, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., in addressing the forum meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Topeka on Oct. 9 declared that he had "seen the farmers of Kansas in a whole lot worse condition than the yare in to-day, adding:

The farmers do not need more credit. One of their troubles is too much ill-advised credit. Kansas farmers must go back to the primitive virtues of industry and economy which have made the State what it is to-day.

According to the Topeka "Capital," he urged the practice of diversified farming as a means of restoring the financial condition of the Kansas farmer.

Governor Bailey denied that "the Federal Reserve Board or the Federal Reserve banking system was responsible for deflation and the reduction of prices of agricultural products. They were, he is quoted as saying "the natural result of abnormal and unusual prices brought about by the war; when production exceeded consumption and caused deflation; when the slump struck the herds and the fields of the Middle West with tremendous force."

Reverting to the discussion of inflated prices during the war, Governor Bailey said: "When organized labor held the stop watch on Congress and demanded the increase in wages for the transportation of men and materials which were needed to carry on the war, it should have been told that "this is war; put on a uniform and serve your country or be stood up against the wall and shot at sunrise like any other traitor." He charged that this action on the part of organized labor had been responsible for the inflation of prices and the loss when they were again deflated. The farther account of what he had to say was given as follows in the "Capital":

There is an economic law which works with the infallibility of the law of gravity, sugarcoat it how you will, and that is the law of supply and demand, and that is the law which brought about deflation after the war.

The Federal Reserve Board has no power to order a loan denied or prices deflated," Governor Bailey said. "That is up to the business manager and the boards of directors of the banks themselves. Their refusal to loan money on agricultural products at inflated prices was the result of sound business judgment."

Explains Federal Reserve.

Governor Bailey devoted a considerable amount of time to an explanation of the workings of the Federal Reserve System, recalling the conditions surrounding the panic of 1907, during which, he said, "the first Federal Reserve banking system that I ever heard of was started by the Clearing House Association of Atchison, where we printed our own asset currency—doing then without the sanction of law precisely what we are doing in Kansas City now with the sanction of the law."

The speaker said that the Federal Reserve banking system, written into the laws of the United States in 1913, enabled the United States "to seize from England her proud boast of centuries that the pound sterling was the universal standard of value, and under the stress of war to make the American dollar sign the standard of value for the whole world.

"We financed the world in the biggest war of history and we could not have done it without the Federal Reserve System," Governor Bailey said.

"No country is greater than its financial policy, or stronger than its financial system. All in the world that is the matter with Germany to-day is the lack of a financial system which guarantees to the workman that when he is paid for his work, his money is good."

Denies Extravagance.

Charges of extravagance which have been made against the Federal Reserve banks were denied by Governor Bailey, who said, "I never heard anything farther from the truth in my life." He called attention to the possibility of expediting business through the gold settlement fund in the transferring of credits from one bank to another, and said that the time of making collection on checks had been cut in half through the methods used by the Federal Reserve banks.

Blames Bad Management.

Referring to the fact that there have been some forty failures of State banks in Kansas during the last year, Governor Bailey said that many of the failures were due to bad management, and the fact that "a lot of men have been running banks who were not bankers."

Kansas Bankers Association Endorses Ruling of Bank Commissioner Against Excess Loans.

The following resolution was adopted by the Kansas Bankers Association at its annual convention on Oct. 5 at Topeka:

Whereas, We realize that excess loans and overdrafts are the fertile causes of the troubles of most of our banks; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the ruling made by our Bank Commissioner, that no excess loan or overdraft will longer be permitted in any Kansas State bank.

Kansas Bankers Association Endorses Plan for Reorganization of American State Bank of Wichita—Defense of State Guaranty System.

A resolution pledging themselves to redeem every promise that is contained in the guaranty law of the State," and endorsing the proposition for the chartering of a successor to the American State Bank of Wichita, Kan., was adopted by the Kansas State Bankers Association in annual session at Topeka on Oct. 5. The Topeka "Capital" of the 6th inst. said:

A thorough defense of the State Bank Guaranty Law, in principle and practice, which formed the theme of the final address to the convention delivered by Bank Commissioner Peterson, was received with enthusiasm by the bankers. Peterson's whole address was devoted to the statement of his belief in the efficacy of the State Bank Guaranty Law as applied to banks which have failed, and to the conditions which surround the present condition in Wichita about the failure of the American State Bank there.

The bankers unanimously adopted the resolution endorsing the plan which has been worked out by Peterson and a committee from the association for the reorganization of the bank through the depositing of a portion of the legal reserves of all State banks in the Wichita concern.

Every speaker on the program expressed an opinion highly favorable to the continued operation of the guaranty law.

Big Harvest Expected.

On the home desk of every banker attending the convention there has been placed in the past few weeks a copy of an agreement for the depositing of a fraction of his legal reserve in the American State Bank, contingent upon its reorganization. It is believed that the enthusiastic approval which has been given to the plan during the convention at Topeka will result in a harvest of these agreements reaching Peterson's office when the bankers return to their homes.

"We hope that the crisis in bank failures in Kansas has passed," said A. R. Wallace, newly elected President of the association, in his installation speech Friday afternoon. "But the real crisis for the banks of the State is just approaching, in the payment of the assessments into the guaranty fund."

In referring to the discussion of the matter on the 4th inst., the "Capitol" had the following to say:

At a preliminary conference attended by representatives of the largest State banks of Kansas, in the National Hotel last night, the plan presented by Carl J. Peterson, State Bank Commissioner, for the reorganization and restoration of the American State Bank of Wichita, was discussed.

The result was the decision of the larger banks to approve the plan. Today a resolution, approving the plan as recently modified, will be presented to the Association. The resolution will be offered by representatives of 22 of the largest banks in the Association, Charles W. Miller Jr., President of the Association, said last night.

Withdraw at Any Time.

Originally the plan for the reorganization of the American State Bank contemplated the depositing of 3% of the legal reserve of each State Bank in Kansas in the American State Bank for a period of five years. The plan included the designation by Commissioner Peterson of the American State Bank as a depository to receive these reserves.

The group which met, however, will offer its resolution to the convention on the basis of a plan which does not include the five-year limit; the deposits of 3% are to be made subject to their withdrawal at any time by the banks making them.

Won't Force Such Deposits.

Nor will the resolution as contemplated bind any State bank to make such deposits. It will only express the indorsement of the Association on the reorganization scheme which has been devised.

The resolution approving the plans for the reorganization of the bank follows:

Whereas, We realize that the critical moment in the life of the Kansas Bankers Guaranty Law is here, and we must make good every pledge and promise or we must fail; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to redeem every promise that is contained in the Guaranty Law of this State and that the burden to the guaranty bankers of Kansas may be greatly lightened, we unanimously approve the efforts being made by the Bank Commissioner, and endorse his proposition for the chartering of a successor to the American State Bank of Wichita, and urge upon all State bankers to give the plan their unqualified support, and we heartily approve and agree to do everything in our power to carry this reorganization to a complete success.

In condemning "unfair, malicious and dishonorable abuse of the State Banking Department," the Association recorded itself as follows:

Whereas, Fair play and square dealing have ever been cardinal principles of the citizens of this Commonwealth; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we severely condemn the unfair, malicious and dishonorable abuse of the State Banking Department, which has so recently taken up the mantle of responsibility. Men of fair minds realize that a newly installed officer is not to be blamed for mistakes or misfortunes that may have happened before he assumed responsibility. We, therefore, commend the earnest efforts of Carl J. Peterson and his department to fairly and honestly conduct the trying burdens of his difficult office. We have found the departmental policies sound and its efforts constructive. We have been taken into the department's confidence and our suggestions have found ready co-operation, and we pledge our united support to the present Commissioner.

The suspension of the American State Bank of Wichita was referred to in our issue of July 7 last, page 51.

Kansas Bankers Association Opposes Postal Savings System on Ground that It Draws Moneys from Agricultural and Trade Needs.

The postal savings system of the Government and the issuance of savings certificates was condemned by the Kansas Bankers Association in a resolution adopted at its annual meeting at Wichita on Oct. 5 "as tending to draw our savings from the channels of trade and agriculture where they are needed, and to consolidate this needed wealth in Government hands and thus add to its extravagance and waste." The resolution is given as follows in the Topeka "Capital":

Whereas, Kansas is an agricultural State, and the unwise policy of deflation overnight has contributed very largely to the disaster that for a time threatened destruction to the farmer; the stability of Kansas banks depends very largely on the prosperity of agriculture; coupled with the destructive deflation is the no less unwise policy of this Government, through its post offices and savings certificates in draining the agriculture of the West of its ready cash through the plea that money deposited with the Government is free from taxes and exempted from debt; and

Whereas, It is the policy of taking needed funds from our State and sending them East that not only brought about the present crisis to our banks and people, but made it apparently necessary for the Government to install about 57 different varieties of banks and agencies to re-loan our money back to us at a profit to them and an immense overhead expense, but much to the joy of the Federal office holders; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we condemn in positive terms the present policy of postal savings and Government savings certificates, as tending to draw our savings from the channel of trade and agriculture where they are so badly needed and to consolidate this needed wealth in Government hands, and thus add to its extravagance and waste.

Inquiry into Why State Banks and Trust Companies Remain Out of Federal Reserve System—Proposed Note Reserve Changes Opposed by Secretary Mellon—Earnings of System.

At the hearing on Oct. 18 before the Joint Congressional Committee which is inquiring into the reasons why eligible State banks and trust companies remain out of the Federal Reserve System, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon opposed the suggestion that the Reserve city banks should not be allowed to have the paper of non-member banks rediscounted, feeling that there should be no restrictions. Simplification, rather than revision of the National Banking Act, is regarded

by Mr. Mellon as desirable. This is learned from advice to the "Journal of Commerce" from Washington, which says that while Secretary Mellon believes that it would be desirable to bring the resources of eligible State banks and trust companies into the Federal Reserve System, he holds to the view that even proposed changes for the wider distribution of earnings would not offer sufficiently great inducement to bring the country banks into the system. It also says:

At the Treasury to-day it was stated that Secretary Mellon had no specific formula to suggest to the Joint Congressional Committee of Inquiry now conducting hearings to find out how the country banks might be brought into the System. The real reason that banks do not join, the Secretary believes, is because they can obtain rediscounts and other services from their city correspondent banks without incurring expenses that membership in the Federal Reserve System would involve.

The adoption of the changes in the law proposed by the New England member banks whereby a 2% tax on the uncovered portions of Federal Reserve notes would be substituted for the present franchise tax to permit a wider distribution of earnings when in excess of 6% might help some in attracting country banks to the System, Mr. Mellon was understood to hold, but the difference in the earnings under the new plan as compared with the present would not be sufficiently large to make much difference.

The suggestion that the Reserve banks be permitted to carry one-third of their reserve requirements in the form of Federal Reserve notes in their own vaults brought the criticism that Reserve notes representing consumed credits were hardly logical reserves.

The properties of the New England banks were referred to in our issue of Saturday last (page 1623). On the 11th inst the par collection of checks and the placing of all banking under Federal supervision were among the measures urged before the Committee. J. H. Tregoe of New York, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Credit Men, advocated both proposals, while W. W. Orr, Assistant Secretary of the Association, emphasized the desire for par collection in his testimony. The Philadelphia "Record" said:

Declaring banking was one of the functions of the Federal Government, Mr. Tregoe said his association advocated the operation of the banking business under national law. There are too many banks, he said, and Congress should enact a measure under which non-member banks would be denied the privileges of the Federal Reserve System.

This would have the effect, he believed, of not only bringing many banks into that System, but would also contribute to winding up the affairs of those not required.

Par collection of checks was urged by Mr. Tregoe as of the utmost importance to the business of the country. Checks, he said, have become currency, and about 95% of all business is conducted in that way. Under the Federal Reserve System, he continued, par clearance has been reduced to an infinitesimal cost, which the banks and not the customers, should stand. Unless par clearance is made general, he predicted invoices soon would be made payable only in checks drawn upon banks subscribing to par collection.

The witness asserted the Federal Reserve Board had accomplished more than even its warmest friends had hoped, and that if "properly supported and kept out of politics, will keep the country out of panics." In 1920, he asserted, it had prevented appalling losses. He denied that deflation in that year had fallen more heavily on agriculture than on other lines of business.

"We are in a crisis," he said. "We cannot have the entire world out of order without feeling it. The business world is now struggling with high costs. That is our problem and we are trying to cut down costs."

Mr. Orr testified that unless the banks generally agreed to par collection the natural result would be the transfer of balances by the smaller banks to the larger centres, with perhaps a return to something like the old practice of requiring bills to be paid in New York drafts.

At the hearing on the 11th, Governor Crissinger of the Federal Reserve Board, in response to the question of the Committee, submitted statistics on various phases of the work of the System from its organization to the close of the last fiscal year. During that period the Federal Reserve banks had paid into the Treasury, as a franchise tax, he said, \$135,387,941 out of gross earnings of \$572,959,310. Their expenses had been \$153,406,791. To date the buildings erected by Federal Reserve banks had cost \$63,636,088, which had been paid out of the surplus of the banks.

According to the "Wall Street Journal," Governor Crissinger submitted as follows the statement of earnings of all the Federal Reserve banks from Nov. 16 1914 to June 30 1923:

Discount operations.....	\$437,757,196
Open market operations.....	121,291,735
All other earnings.....	13,910,338
Total gross earnings.....	\$572,959,310
Earnings of Federal Reserve banks from discount and other operations in the year ended June 30 1923 were divided as follows:	
On discounted bills.....	\$26,523,123
On purchased bills.....	5,628,956
On U. S. securities.....	16,682,463
All other earnings.....	1,656,197

Total gross.....	\$50,490,739
Total net.....	\$16,497,736
Dividends paid member banks.....	\$6,307,035
Transferred to surplus account.....	2,740,158
Paid to U. S. Government as franchise tax.....	7,450,543
Current expenses of the Federal Reserve banks from Nov. 16 1914 to June 30 1923 have been as follows: Salaries, \$81,878,559; all other, \$71,528,232; total, \$153,406,791.	

Franchise tax paid to the U. S. Government by Federal Reserve banks from Nov. 16 1914 to June 30 1923 has totaled \$135,387,941, and the surplus account of Federal Reserve banks stands at \$218,369,549 for that period.

The cost of bank premises of the Federal Reserve banks up to June 30 1923 has been: For the building sites, \$17,921,005; for remodeling bank

buildings, \$2,454,954; for buildings in course of construction up to that date, \$43,260,129; total cost, exclusive of furniture and fixtures, \$63,636,088.

Cost of the building at Boston has totaled \$5,451,486. The New York banking house has cost \$12,795,160; the annex building, \$2,059,899; and that at No. 10 Gold Street, \$103,562. At Philadelphia the building cost has been \$2,127,834 and at Chicago \$10,457,232.

On the 12th inst. Robert A. Cooper, head of the Federal Farm Loan Board; B. C. Powell, of Little Rock, representing the American Cotton Association; T. H. Atkeson, representing the National Grange; and Benjamin C. Marsh, of the Farmers' National Council, were heard by the committee on various phases of banking as applied to agriculture. As to their testimony the Associated Press dispatches said:

Contrary to the impression that the farmers need additional financial aid, their general credit condition has improved during the last year, Governor Cooper said. During the 12 months, he declared, they borrowed less money than in the previous year.

According to Mr. Cooper, the Farm Loan Board has received acceptable demands for only \$15,000,000 so far this year, although it had further commitments which probably would bring the total to \$40,000,000. This amounted to only one-half of the money it held available to assist agriculture.

Most of the demands for loans have come from the South and far West, Governor Cooper said, generally through farmers' co-operative associations. There has been no great demand, he added, for credit in the Middle West.

Charges by Representative Strong, Republican, Kansas, that there had been unnecessary delays in the negotiations of loans by the Board were denied by Governor Cooper, who insisted that the Board would be amply able to take care of every legitimate demand made upon it without using more than one-half of the fund it had available.

Country banks remain outside the Federal Reserve System, Mr. Powell testified, because they would receive no interest on their deposit should they join that System, and also because they resented what they considered attempts to coerce them into agreeing to the part collection of checks. He urged the committee to hold meetings outside of Washington, so as to get in touch with country bankers and to make every possible effort to impress upon them the benefits which would come by joining the System. New York banks, he asserted, are paying salaries as high as \$25,000 to men whose business it is to induce banks to remain outside.

Mr. Marsh said there was a general belief among country bankers that many of the disasters suffered by the farmers in recent years had been largely due to the Federal Reserve System. Mr. Atkeson brought to the attention of the committee what seemed to him improper methods used by the System to force par collection of checks.

The following regarding Mr. Atkeson's testimony is taken from the "Journal of Commerce":

Mr. Atkeson, at the outset of his testimony, said that he had observed in his travels about the country that the farmers were spending nothing on maintenance and that he believed the farmers, by taking out loans, were merely preparing the day of calamity, as farming in many sections was unprofitable. He declared that he did not hold the Federal Reserve Board responsible for the agricultural depression of 1921, but attributed this to the fact that there had been more agricultural products raised than the people were willing to buy at prices that would return the farmers a profit on their investment. It is possible, he said, that the deflation came too suddenly.

Mr. Atkeson read a letter received from the Farmers & Merchants' Bank of Cattlettsburg, Ky., reviewing the controversy it had with the Cleveland regional bank over the efforts of the Reserve Bank to make it remit at par. The bank criticized the Federal Reserve Board for having conducted its operations without considering the interests of the country banks. Vice-Governor Platt of the Federal Reserve Board informed the committee that the Reserve banks no longer required the payment of checks in cash over the counter by non-par banks and declared that this was an isolated incident.

While Mr. Atkeson said he thought the Federal Reserve Act should be amended, he did not offer any suggestions as to changes needed.

It is announced that at the conclusion of the hearings in Washington, hearings will be held in various cities as follows: Nov. 5, Chicago; 7, Omaha; 9, Kansas City; 10, St. Louis; 11, Little Rock (no formal hearing); 12, Dallas; 13, Houston; 14, New Orleans; 15, Montgomery; and 16, Atlanta. Regarding the proposed hearings, the "Journal of Commerce" of the 15th inst. said:

Senator Carter Glass of Virginia vigorously opposed the trip, insisting that there was no reason for the committee to go into the agricultural sections, as the hearings previously held had shown clearly why the eligible banks had refrained from joining the system. The committee was advised that he did not intend to go with it, so it appeared to-night that only the four members of the House of Representatives—Chairman McFadden of Pennsylvania, Wingo of Arkansas, Steagall of Alabama and Strong of Kansas—would participate in the hearings.

Neither Senator McLean of Connecticut nor Senator Weller of Maryland, who were designated as members of the committee of inquiry, has taken any part thus far, and it is indicated that the Senate will not be represented.

Hearings Scheduled.

Upon returning to Washington the committee will consider the matter of visiting New England, where there are a large number of State banks and trust companies which have not joined the system. It is possible, however, that this trip will be foregone, because a committee of New England bankers testified before the committee and suggested certain changes in the Federal Reserve Act which they thought would make membership more attractive.

The committee of inquiry was charged by Congress not only with ascertaining why the eligible banks did not join the Federal Reserve system, but what effect the present limited membership of banks in the agricultural sections had upon financing the farmer. The decision to go into the heart of the three belts was reached after the committee had held two executive sessions. Last summer an itinerary was drawn up by the committee calling for hearings in each of the twelve Federal Reserve districts.

Glass Opposed Tour.

Senator Glass of Virginia opposed carrying it out, on the ground that such a trip would be nothing more than a junket, was not necessary, and would involve a needlessly large expense. The other Senators on the committee were reported to have taken the same view. The tour was discarded and an agreement reached to hold two weeks of hearings in Washington and to decide upon their conclusion as to future plans.

Representative Strong of Kansas said that he believed the committee should go into agricultural sections and get the information first hand.

The charge that the proposed trip was a junket, he said, was put out by the big interests, which did not favor the committee ascertaining what the small banks wanted. Chairman McFadden is understood to have taken the middle ground.

In view of the attacks made against the Federal Reserve system by Senator Magnus Johnson, Senator Brookheart and other new members of Congress in the Middle West, and the fact that espousal of soft money schemes had crept into that platform of successful candidates in that territory, he felt that it would be wise for the committee to go there to head off any charges that later might be made that the committee did not try to bring out all of the facts and get the views of those who have criticized the system. Representative Wingo and Representative Stegall also favored holding hearings.

Invitations are to go out to all eligible State banks and trust companies in the States touched to come before the committee to tell why they have not joined the Federal Reserve system. Letters are to be sent to the State bankers' associations, the State superintendents of banking, chambers of commerce and Governors of the Federal Reserve regional banks, soliciting their co-operation. Industrial, manufacturing and agricultural interests are to be asked to present their views as to how the banks can be brought into the system.

State Central Bank Idea in South Carolina.

The "Journal of Commerce" in a dispatch from Washington, Oct. 17, said:

The reported plans of bankers in South Carolina to establish a State central bank were brought to the attention of the Joint Congressional Committee conducting an inquiry to ascertain why eligible banks and trust companies fail to join the Federal Reserve Board by Governor Crissinger of the Federal Reserve Board.

In a letter to Representative McFadden, Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Crissinger referred to the banking project, which is now gaining some currency in the State press. The Central bank would be used by the State institutions as a means of mobilizing the reserves.

The establishment of a central State bank is also understood to be gaining some consideration in California.

Comptroller of Currency Dawes Rejects Application of Texas Banks to Operate Teller Window Branches.

Advices from the Washington bureau of the "Journal of Commerce" Oct. 15 said:

Applications of Texas national banks for permission to establish teller window branches have been rejected by Comptroller of the Currency Dawes, who holds to the view that there is no necessity for granting this concession to national banks where State-chartered institutions are barred from engaging in branch banking.

Since announcing that the Attorney-General has held that it is within the law for national banks to locate tellers' windows in cities where the main office is located, the Comptroller has received a small number of requests from national banks, one of which is situated in New York City, to open up these stations where deposits may be received and checks cashed. There were pending at the time several other applications, so it is estimated now that about fifteen cases are awaiting action.

Deputy Comptroller Collins has been sent upon a tour of the principal cities affected by the branch banking situation to obtain suggestions from bankers and, of course, is considering in these cities the necessity for the establishment of the additional facilities. He is scheduled to return to Washington on Thursday and it is possible that first approval of some of the pending applications will be given shortly thereafter.

The Comptroller has announced that the applications will be considered on their individual merits and approval will be given only where the banks are able to show that the extension of their facilities is necessary to meet the needs of the communities and the competition of State banks or trust companies.

The Attorney-General's ruling on branches of national banks was given in these columns Oct. 6, page 1515.

Profit from Circulation of National Bank Notes.

A pamphlet on "Profit from Circulation of National Bank Notes" has recently been published by the First National Corporation of Boston, which is controlled by the First National Bank of Boston. In submitting tables showing the profit from circulation, profits in the case of consolidated 2s of 1930, Panama Canal 2s of 1936, Panama Canal 2s of 1938 and gold 4s of 1925, the company says:

The privilege of issuing circulating notes is quite generally exercised by national banks, and the calculation of profits obtainable from this source naturally receives a good deal of attention.

The fact is that circulation yields a profit which may be substantial under favorable conditions, but which may temporarily approach, if it does not actually reach, the vanishing point under the most adverse circumstances. Moreover, there is no precise method of computing the profit in advance, for the reason that it is determined by fluctuating conditions. It is possible, however, to calculate profits with reasonable accuracy for the duration of any given set of conditions, and with such a calculation before him the banker is in a position to use his judgment as to the future, and to estimate the probable average advantage to be derived from the maintenance of a circulation account under normal conditions.

A national bank may lend its funds directly and receive interest upon them at current rates, or it may invest such funds in certain United States bonds, deposit them in Washington and receive their face value, less 5% for a redemption fund, in currency which, in turn, it may lend in the market. In this way it receives not only interest on its loans, but on its deposited bonds as well.

The Factors Governing Circulation Profit.

The amount that a bank may gain by taking out or continuing circulation will be governed by bond prices, coupon rates and redemption dates and by average money rates while the circulation is outstanding.

Two per cent bonds subject to redemption at an early date, if purchased at a considerable premium, would produce a small gross income and require a large sinking fund deduction. On the other hand, if 4% bonds could be purchased near par for a long period of life they would provide a relatively large income and entail relatively small sinking fund payments.

The course of market prices after bonds have been bought is of no concern if the bonds are to be held and used for circulation purposes until redeemed. But if a bank should wish to retire its circulation before that

event the price obtainable for its bonds would become a factor in augmenting or reducing its profit.

The course of money rates is another principal influence, low rates being favorable to circulation profit and high rates correspondingly adverse. This seeming paradox is accounted for by the loss of interest on the 5% redemption fund required by the Treasury.

To be specific, a bank which has invested, say, \$104,000 in \$100,000 bonds at 104 will have \$100,000 currency to lend less \$5,000 in the redemption fund earning no interest, or \$95,000 net. If lending rates advance 1%, this money will earn \$950 more than before. A bank having no investment in bonds but \$104,000 to lend outright will gain \$1,040 for each 1% advance in rates. Thus each increase in money rates diminishes the advantage of circulation and may, in extreme cases, extinguish it.

There is one more consideration which is rather less definite than those already alluded to, and that is the loss of the use of funds through delay in the delivery of notes. The initial delay when opening the account is considerable, due to the time required for the preparation of plates, and thereafter, when a lot of notes is presented to the Comptroller for redemption, the issuing bank is required to make an immediate remittance to replenish its redemption fund, but it may be obliged to wait a week, or even several weeks, for its new notes, in the event that they have not been prepared in advance. Probably this delay is rarely an important factor in profits, and since there is no way of computing its effect we have necessarily left it out of account in our tables.

Profit from \$100,000 Circulation.

Table I. Consolidated 2s of 1930. As of July 1 1923.					Table II. Panama Canal 2s of 1936. As of Aug. 1 1923.						
Money Rates					Money Rates						
Price.	3%.	4%.	5%.	6%.	7%.	Price.	3%.	4%.	5%.	6%.	7%.
105	\$466	\$389	\$310	\$231	\$152	105	\$822	\$742	\$662	\$581	\$499
104½	549	473	398	321	245	104½	868	792	715	636	557
104	631	558	486	412	339	104	915	841	767	692	616
103½	713	643	573	503	432	103½	961	891	820	748	675
103	795	728	661	594	526	103	1,008	940	872	803	734
102½	877	813	749	684	619	102½	1,055	990	925	859	793
102	959	898	837	775	713	102	1,101	1,039	977	915	852
101½	1,041	983	924	865	807	101½	1,148	1,089	1,030	970	911
101	1,123	1,068	1,012	956	900	101	1,194	1,138	1,082	1,026	970
100½	1,205	1,153	1,100	1,047	994	100½	1,241	1,188	1,135	1,082	1,029
100	1,287	1,237	1,187	1,137	1,087	100	1,287	1,237	1,187	1,137	1,087

Table III. Panama Canal 2s of 1938. As of Aug. 1 1923.					Table IV. Gold 4s of 1925. As of Aug. 1 1923.						
Money Rates					Money Rates						
Price.	3%.	4%.	5%.	6%.	7%.	Price.	3%.	4%.	5%.	6%.	7%.
105	\$878	\$798	\$717	\$635	\$551	105	*\$634	*\$713	*\$793	*\$873	*\$953
104½	919	842	764	685	605	104½	*292	*368	*445	*522	*599
104	960	886	811	735	659	104	51	*23	*97	*171	*245
103½	1,001	930	858	786	712	103½	393	322	251	180	109
103	1,042	974	905	836	766	103	735	667	599	531	463
102½	1,083	1,018	952	886	819	102½	1,077	1,012	947	882	817
102	1,124	1,062	999	936	873	102	1,419	1,357	1,295	1,233	1,171
101½	1,165	1,106	1,046	987	927	101½	1,761	1,702	1,643	1,584	1,525
101	1,206	1,150	1,093	1,037	980	101	2,103	2,047	1,991	1,935	1,879
100½	1,247	1,194	1,140	1,087	1,034	100½	2,445	2,392	2,339	2,286	2,233
100	1,287	1,237	1,187	1,137	1,087	100	2,787	2,737	2,687	2,637	2,587

* Loss.

Bonds Acceptable as Security.

The issues acceptable to secure circulation, with the amounts of each outstanding, are as follows:

Issue—	Maturity.	Redeemable.	Outstanding.
2% Consols	Indefinite	After Apr. 1 1930	\$599,724,050
4% Gold loan	Indefinite	" Feb. 1 1925	118,489,900
2% Panamas	Aug. 1 1936	" Aug. 1 1916	48,954,180
2% Panamas	Nov. 1 1938	" Nov. 1 1918	25,947,400
			\$793,115,530

Of these four issues there were held by the Treasury (July 2 1923):

To secure national bank circulation	\$744,654,990
To secure Federal Reserve Bank circulation	4,993,700
To secure public deposits	1,316,500
	750,965,190

Balance, representing floating supply \$42,150,340

This floating supply consisted of:

Consols	\$9,960,800
Old 4s	31,667,600
Panamas, 1936	320,580
Panamas, 1938	201,360
	\$42,150,340

Under the law any national bank may take out circulation up to the full amount of its capital. It would be impracticable, however, for all to exercise this privilege fully, since the combined capital of all banks is, in round numbers, \$1,300,000,000, while the amount of eligible bonds falls short of this amount by over \$500,000,000. Consequently the demand for circulation bonds usually exceeds the supply.

Income and Deductions.

The gross income from circulation is, as already indicated, the interest on the deposited bonds plus that derived from lending the circulating notes. The offsetting deductions are the Government tax; the loss of premium, if any, on the bonds purchased; loss of interest on the redemption fund required to be kept on deposit at the Treasury, and cost of plates, printing and shipment of notes.

Taxes.—The tax on circulation is ½% per annum if based upon 2% bonds and 1% if based upon 4% bonds. It is computed on the average amount of notes actually outstanding during each half year, not including those held in vault or in transit from the Comptroller to the bank.

Premium.—Bonds purchased at a premium and later retired at par will obviously show a loss which must be charged off during their life. The consolidated 2s and the old 4s have no fixed maturities, but are redeemable at the Government's option after designated dates. Our tables for these issues are computed on the assumption that they will be redeemed at the earliest optional dates, and that any premium paid will then have been fully amortized; but if they should remain outstanding thereafter the annual profit from circulation based upon them would be increased by the saving of the annual sinking fund installments. In other words, it would equal the profit shown for bonds bought at 100.

The two issues of Panama 2s definitely mature on Aug. 1 1936 and Nov. 1 1938, but have been redeemable since 1916 and 1918, respectively. On the theory that there could be little, if any, direct gain to the Treasury by refunding 2% bonds, we have computed our tables for these issues on the assumption that they will run to maturity. Purchasers, however, should bear in mind that any premium paid for them and not already amortized is subject to loss at any time in case of prior redemption. An argument for the seeming inconsistency in our treatment of Panamas and consols is that the same method of calculation for both would be misleading.

In computing sinking funds we have assumed quarterly payments on interest dates and quarterly compounding at the money rates used in the respective columns.

Expense.—The annual expenses involved in the printing and shipping of notes have been computed by the Treasury Department at an average of \$62 50 per \$100,000. The initial cost of engraving amounts to \$130 for each plate.

Redemption Fund.—Banks are required to keep a balance equal to 5% of their circulation on deposit in Washington to redeem notes presented for payment. No interest is paid on this fund, so that the interest which it might earn if available for use should be deducted as a loss.

Example.—The following example shows the method used in our tables for computing the profit to a national bank from circulation based upon the 2% consols of 1930. The calculation is made as of July 1 1923 for \$100,000 circulation, assuming a bond price of 104, a 5% money rate and redemption on April 1 1930.

Income.		
Interest on bonds at 2%	-----	\$2,000 00
Interest on loans at 5%	-----	5,000 00
Gross income	-----	\$7,000 00
Deductions.		
Tax ½%	-----	\$500 00
Sinking fund	-----	501 87
Interest on redemption fund at 5%	-----	250 00
Expense	-----	62 50
	-----	1,314 37
Net income	-----	\$5,685 63
Income from \$104,000 in direct loans at 5%	-----	5,200 00
Net profit from circulation	-----	\$485 63

Discount & Deposit State Bank of Kentland, Ind., Which Gov. McCray Had Formerly Been President, Closed.

The Discount & Deposit State Bank of Kentland, Ind., of which Governor Warren T. McCray of Indiana had until recently been President, closed its doors on Oct. 13. Governor McCray's resignation from the Presidency, following his financial difficulties, was noted in our issue of Sept. 15, page 1191. The Indianapolis "News" of Oct. 13 stated that the decision to close the bank, reached at a meeting of the directors on the 12th, resulted from the desire to reorganize the institution, and was deemed necessary because the bank was no longer able to obtain credit. A statement issued by the bank said:

The continuous and incessant notoriety from the press and the general reflection on this bank has reduced the funds of the bank, and the possible complications, as suggested by published statements, has made it difficult to acquire additional cash. We have been forced to close our doors contemplating reorganization or liquidation. We believe the bank to be solvent.

As we indicated in the item in our issue of Sept. 15, the suspension on Sept. 5 of the Sowers' Grain Co. of Chicago was the indirect result of the financial difficulties of Governor McCray.

A petition for a receiver to take charge of the assets of the Discount & Deposit Bank was filed in the Newton Circuit Court at Kentland on Oct. 17 by E. H. Wolcott, State Banking Commissioner. The court set Oct. 24 for a hearing on the petition. The petition alleges that the bank is either insolvent or in danger of becoming insolvent and that the Commissioner believes a receiver should be appointed.

With Governor McCray's resignation in August, Judge William Darroch was elected President of the bank.

New York State Takes Steps to Close the Mohawk Co., Inc., a Schenectady Brokerage House.

A special press dispatch from Albany to the New York "Evening Post" on Tuesday of last week (Oct. 9) stated that Attorney-General Carl Sherman on that day took steps to enjoin the Mohawk Co., Inc., a brokerage concern of Schenectady, with a capital of \$500,000, for alleged engaging in fraudulent practices in connection with the sale and purchase of securities. The action against the concern was taken under the so-called Martin Blue Sky Law, it is said. The dispatch further stated that the Mohawk Co., Inc., is charged specifically with misrepresenting its own financial condition in order to expedite the sale of its own stock; with selling both listed and unlisted securities under deceptive assurances, with posing as the lessee of wire connections with various exchanges when it had no such sources of communication, and with engaging in bucket shop operations.

R. R. Govin Succeeds W. C. Reick on "Journal of Commerce."

In announcing that Rafael R. Govin had succeeded W. C. Reick as President of the corporation, the "Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin" of yesterday (Oct. 19) said:

At a meeting of the directors of "The Journal of Commerce" held yesterday, Mr. R. R. Govin was elected President of the corporation, suc-

ceeding Mr. W. C. Réick, who has held that office during the past two years. At the same time Mr. John W. Dodsworth, after 48 years of uninterrupted service on the paper, withdrew from participation in its management.

The general policies of "The Journal of Commerce" will continue a heretofore.

From the New York "Times" of yesterday we take the following:

The announcement of the change in the executive management of the publication was coincident with a report that the publication for several years had been under the control of Charles A. Stoneham, until two years ago head of the brokerage firm of Charles A. Stoneham & Co. and that Stoneham had sold his interest. Mr. Dodsworth denied, however, that Stoneham owned the newspaper. The new President is the owner of "El Mundo," a newspaper in Havana, Cuba, and several publications in Pennsylvania. His home is in Washington.

Mr. Govin is also President of the Interocean Oil Co. and the United States Asphalt Refining Co.

H. Parker Willis on Unjust Results of Money Plans—Dangers in So-Called "Energy" Dollars.

How demagogues are using false doctrines of so-called "sound money" to give themselves or the class they represent unfair advantages at the expense of real producers is dealt with in the October "Journal of the American Bankers Association" by H. Parker Willis, expert on the money question. "There is no subject in whose name more crimes against truth have been committed than that of 'sound currency,'" Mr. Willis says.

"The term is always resorted to by demagogues. At the present moment there seems to be a danger that it will be used by a potential Presidential candidate as representing the 'platform' upon which he expects to run. There is no question that more nearly and directly touches the immediate welfare of every class in the community." Primary functions of money and currency, it is explained, are to serve as a means of exchanging goods and as a means of measuring the value of goods. Mr. Willis continues:

Demagogues and those who are disposed to mislead the public for various ulterior reasons have succeeded in disseminating an entirely different view of the purpose of money. Some of them contend that the soundest or best currency is that which is so arranged as to bring about a "fair" redistribution of wealth. They want a constantly depreciating currency—one which keeps playing into the hands of the seller of goods, by enabling him to count confidently upon higher prices in terms of money so that he pays the producer from whom he has obtained them less and less. It is a strange thing that this kind of currency is often highly praised or favored by the producer himself, notwithstanding that he is the greatest sufferer from it.

There is another popular view of sound currency which aims to base it upon "natural products" or "natural forces"—usually it is true, specifying products or forces which have been monopolized or can be controlled by the advocate of such currency. Thus from time to time there have been schemes to issue a currency based upon or protected by farm products stored in warehouses or occasionally representing "units of energy" or horse power. The rulers of Soviet Russia at one time attempted to introduce a currency representing "labor time," each man receiving a check representing the number of hours of time he had put in at work, while goods themselves were to be valued in terms of hours of production time. Thus one man who put in an hour's time in street cleaning received the same control over goods as he who put in an hour's time at surgery. The theory was that this kind of "sound" currency enabled the "poor man" to get a larger supply of goods. "The trouble was that when those who could perform a certain kind of labor were not paid in proportion to their effort they stopped making goods. So it was not very long in Russia before the sound currency which was issued in favor of the poor man had brought it about that the poor man could not buy anything with the currency. This was an unfortunate kind of 'soundness.' We do not want something like it in the United States to-day, yet very similar proposals are now being made in a good many quarters that ought to know better," says Mr. Willis.

Treasury Officials See No Warrant for Pessimistic View of Business Conditions.

That Treasury officials at Washington consider as unwarranted the pessimistic view of business conditions which appeared to exist in some quarters was indicated in press dispatches from Washington, Oct. 8, one of which—that to the "Journal of Commerce"—said:

Secretary Mellon believes that too much pessimism exists—particularly in Wall Street—over the business situation in the country, it was said to-day at the Treasury. Mr. Mellon was reported to take an optimistic view of the general business outlook. He was said to see no reason for the atmosphere of pessimism which has over-clouded business circles since the beginning of the summer, and on the contrary holds that industry generally is very nearly on a normal basis, while some lines are entirely normal.

Discussing the business conditions of the country at present high Treasury officials took the position that there were no fundamental reasons why

business interests could not look forward to desirable economic developments in the future. However, it was recognized that there had been a pronounced tendency in Wall Street and in some business circles to adopt a bearish attitude.

European Questions.

Disappointment at the failure of a settlement being reached for the solution of the German reparations problems and other European questions were held partly responsible for the lack of optimism prevailing, while fear of the radical leanings of a number of the new Senators and Representatives who will take their seats in the next Congress were said to have created considerable uncertainty over the trend of legislation next winter.

It was believed that business had been expecting a turn for the better in European affairs, but with the continued failure of the Allied diplomats to come to a common understanding American interests had begun to lose hope of a beginning being made in actual rehabilitation abroad and a spirit of temerity became manifest with respect to further expansion of industrial activity. Uncertainty as to the reaction on the domestic situation should conditions on the Continent go from bad to worse instead of evidencing the hoped for improvement was thought to have induced a great deal of pessimism.

Uncertainty over the foreign situation, it was felt, has turned the eyes of business interests more sharply upon the domestic prospects, and the radical tendencies of some of the new members of Congress have given rise to actual fear of the effects of forthcoming legislation upon the investment market. Revision of the Transportation Act has been loudly talked by members-elect of Congress, it is recalled, which has spread a feeling of temerity as to what changes in the law will be made in connection with the railroads.

Talk of Rate Cuts.

Talk of reductions in railroad rates, it was felt, has also added greatly to the feeling of uncertainty. Moreover, it was believed that this continual agitation for changes has had its reaction upon the investors, which has been reflected in Wall Street.

However, as far as the new Congress is concerned, the view at the Treasury appears to be that there will be more agitation than legislation at the next session. Experienced Government officials realize that while radically inclined members of Congress may make very broad announcements of their intentions before they reach Washington, the time consumed by Congress in acting upon any measure of importance is generally so long that even if radical ideas triumph business can usually adjust itself to the projected change in advance.

Slackening in Industry.

Treasury officials concede that there is some slackening of industrial activity, but it is asserted that the slowing down is only seasonal. No spread of unemployment is seen by the Treasury. High officials familiar with the steel industry feel that a very satisfactory situation exists in that line, which is taken as a very good barometer for business conditions generally.

Therefore, notwithstanding the inabilities of the European nations to clear away the difficulties on the other side of the water and the early assembling of the new Congress, with its well advertised radical coloring, the impression is given at the Treasury that conditions in the United States are on solid foundations and that in reality it is time for Wall Street to shake off some of the pessimism which has been enshrouding it and take a more optimistic view of things.

Treasury Department Minimizes Danger of Politics in Banking System.

The following was contained in advices from Washington to the "Journal of Commerce," Oct. 8:

High Treasury officials were inclined to-day to minimize the seriousness of the charges of political influences making themselves felt in the Federal Reserve System which have been made before the Joint Congressional Committee investigating the possibilities of increasing the membership of the system.

It was contended at the Treasury that although at times efforts were made to bring political pressure to bear upon the system, the effect was very much less than was generally supposed. High Treasury officials did, however, regret the bringing of the system into politics through charges made against it for political purposes, and contended that it was more difficult to obtain the right men for Federal Reserve officers than it would be if they were protected from political attacks.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon Hopes for Reduction in Taxation—Senator Smoot's Proposals.

As indicating that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon hopes for a reduction in the taxation burdens, there was made public at Washington on Oct. 18 a letter which he had addressed to Senator Harris in response to one from the latter. Senator Harris, it appears, had advised Secretary Mellon that he had received many letters from business men advocating the repeal of the tax on telegrams. The Senator wished to know whether the Treasury Department had made known its attitude toward this and other so-called nuisance taxes. Secretary Mellon's reply was as follows:

I have your letter asking whether any recommendations have been made on the repeal of the tax on telegrams. The tax program of the Treasury has not yet been finally determined. I hope, however, that if Congress does not make any extraordinary expenditures a reduction in the burden of taxation can be made and that the repeal of the war tax can be included in the program.

According to press advices from Washington Oct. 17, conferences among Administration leaders concerned with formulation of a tax program are expected to be held frequently within the next few weeks. Secretary Mellon already has considered the matter somewhat with the President and Senator Smoot probably will confer with Mr. Coolidge shortly. From the Philadelphia "Record" of Oct. 18 we take the following:

Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, advised Secretary Mellon to-day against any effort on the part of the Treasury to seek revision of the tax laws at the forthcoming session of Congress.

The Senator said the present law was working well and producing sufficient revenues.

Federal taxes could be reduced \$500,000,000 by the next Congress, Smoot said, without endangering the budget, provided neither the bonus bill nor other unusual obligations were contracted by the Government.

He declared if any revision was to be attempted he would favor making the greatest reduction in the rates on small incomes.

Incomes ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 could be relieved of taxes sufficient to amount to a reduction of \$200,000,000, Senator Smoot said, and discriminatory, special and miscellaneous taxes, which have yielded approximately \$75,000,000, could be wiped out.

Senator Smoot, in event of tax revision, would have surtaxes reduced from the present maximum of 50% to possibly 33 1-3%.

Secretary Mellon, however, has let it be known that he would renew his recommendation for a reduction in surtaxes to 25%.

**Revenues of Post Office Department for Fiscal Year—
Exception Taken to Figures Showing Deficit of
\$24,065,000.**

While a statement emanating from the Post Office Department Oct. 9 reports that figures from Comptroller-General McCarl show a deficit of \$24,065,000 in the year's operations of the Department, the latter is said to have declared these figures misleading. A special dispatch to the New York "Times" Oct. 9 has the following to say:

The Post Office Department to-day took exception to a statement from the office of the Comptroller-General of the budget that there was a cash deficit of \$24,065,000 in the Postal Service for the last fiscal year. The Comptroller-General's figures showed that the Postal Department's total revenues for the year were \$532,828,000 and the expenditures \$556,893,000.

According to the Post Office Department, these figures include more than \$15,000,000 of undischarged obligations carried over from prior fiscal years and fail to take into account nearly \$21,000,000 of undischarged obligations incurred for 1923 which will be paid during 1924 and subsequent years.

We quote herewith the statement made public Oct. 9 dealing with the year's operations:

The immense increase in postal business during the past fiscal year, amounting to substantially 10% over the preceding year, was handled at an increased cost of only 3.3%, according to figures compiled to-day at the request of Postmaster-General New.

Other figures received from J. R. McCarl, Comptroller-General, show that the total revenues of the Department for the fiscal year were, in round numbers, \$532,828,000. The total expenditures during the year were \$556,893,000, leaving a cash deficit of \$24,065,000.

These figures, however, while they conform to the method of stating the deficit in postal revenues which has been followed in the past, give a misleading impression of the business of the Postal Service, as they include more than \$15,000,000 of undischarged obligations carried over from previous fiscal years, and fail to take into account nearly \$21,000,000 of undischarged obligations incurred for the fiscal year 1923, which will be paid during 1924 and subsequent fiscal years.

In previous years the deficits, calculated on this basis, have been sometimes much greater and sometimes considerably less than the true difference between the revenues and expenses of the Department. In some years an apparent surplus has been shown to exist which resulted merely from delays in payments as the expenditures were made in later fiscal years than those to which they actually applied.

In order to show the volume of the business of the Department more accurately Postmaster-General New has caused a financial statement to be prepared on an entirely new basis, in which the expenditures and obligations for each fiscal year are contrasted directly with the revenue for the same year.

This is merely the first step in the Postmaster-General's plan to put postal bookkeeping on the same standard as that of large commercial and business organizations.

Stated on the new basis, the expenses for the service for the fiscal year ending June 30 1923 were, in round numbers, \$570,781,000, as compared with \$552,435,000 for the year ending June 30 1922, making an increase of \$18,346,000. The excess of expenses over revenues is \$37,953,000. The operating deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30 1922, figured in the same way, was \$67,581,000, and for the fiscal year ending June 30 1921, \$80,003,000.

While the deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30 1923 is apparently increased by more than \$13,000,000 according to the new statement over the one prepared by Comptroller McCarl, and that for the year ending June 30 1922 by nearly \$7,000,000, the 1921 deficit is reduced from \$157,517,000 to \$80,003,000 by charging back to previous fiscal years obligations incurred during those years and paid in 1921. The deficit for the past three fiscal years is thus reduced from \$242,398,000 to \$185,538,000, or approximately \$56,860,000.

The Postmaster-General also calls attention to the fact that a change in accounting methods at certain of the larger post offices at the beginning of the present fiscal year had the effect of throwing forward into succeeding fiscal years approximately \$6,000,000 in revenues which, under the former accounting methods would have accrued to the fiscal year 1923, so that the actual increase of business in 1923 is estimated to be greater by \$6,000,000 than the audited revenues would indicate. Moreover, the expenses of the Post Office Department in Washington were, in previous years, paid out of the general revenues of the Government while, in the fiscal year 1923, they were, for the first time, made a charge against the postal revenues and consequently are taken into account in establishing the deficit.

If these changes had not been made the increased business for 1923 would have been shown as \$54,000,000 instead of \$48,000,000, which would have made an increase of more than 11% over the preceding year. At the same time the gross cash deficit would have been reduced to \$15,000,000 and the operating deficit to \$29,000,000.

The cause—or, at least, one of the contributing causes—of these deficits may be more clearly understood by an examination of the following table showing the increased cost to the Department in compensation to employees under three special Acts of Congress passed in 1918, 1919 and 1920:

For the fiscal year ending June 30 1919	\$33,202,600
For the fiscal year ending June 30 1920	68,901,000
For the fiscal year ending June 30 1921	110,756,000
For the fiscal year ending June 30 1922	118,251,000
For the fiscal year ending June 30 1923	122,882,500
Total	\$453,963,100

**Visit to United States and Canada of Former Premier
David Lloyd George of Great Britain—Describes
United States as "Continent of Peace"—Sees
Democracy in Peril.**

David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Great Britain during the World War, and one of the "Big Four" who drafted the Versailles Peace Treaty of 1919, who on Oct. 5 arrived in New York, where he was given an enthusiastic welcome, remained in this city only a day, having left for Canada on the 6th inst. He returned again to the United States on the 15th inst., after a speech-making tour in Canada which included the delivery of addresses at Montreal on the 8th, Toronto on the 10th and Winnipeg on the 13th. The speech-making tour of the former British Premier was continued at Minneapolis on the 15th inst. and at Chicago on the 16th inst.; in the last named city a fever which he suffered compelled him to cancel his afternoon and dinner engagements following an address at the luncheon of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce. On the 17th inst. his condition had improved to such an extent that he was able to deliver an address at the International Amphitheatre at the stockyards, and on the 18th he addressed an audience at Springfield, Ill. With his arrival from Europe on the 5th inst. for his first visit to America, Mr. Lloyd George was met at quarantine by a committee representing the nation, State and city. During his trip from the Battery to his stopping place—the Waldorf-Astoria—he was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by the throngs massed along the streets through which he journeyed. At the City Hall Mr. Lloyd George was received, in the absence of Mayor Hylan, who is ill, by Acting Mayor Hulbert. A brief speech in which he responded to the address of welcome of Mr. Hulbert was made on that occasion by Mr. Lloyd George, and a few hours later, when he was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered him at the Biltmore by newspaper editors, owners and publishers, he delivered the principal address which he has thus far made in this city. In responding to the welcome accorded him by Acting Mayor Hulbert Mr. Lloyd George said in part:

Mr. Deputy Mayor and Citizens of New York:

It is very difficult to speak when one's heart is too full for words. I have been deeply moved by the very great kindness of your reception. I thank you, Mr. Deputy Mayor, for your words, for the reception which you have accorded me in this famous hall, which is associated with some of the greatest events in the history of this great people, associated with the struggle for freedom and independence, which, believe me, the democracy of Great Britain take as great pride in to-day as you do.

And I thank the Chief Magistrate of your great republic, the President of the United States of America, for the gracious courtesy he has extended to me in sending a representative to welcome me to your shores. I have no official status; I have no credentials except such as can be presented by a strenuous life devoted to the cause of democracy in Europe. I thank this great city, this famous city, for its welcome.

There are many cities in the world which are older. You are a young city compared with the old cities of the civilization I have come from. But your fame, the fame of this city, is higher than even the towering pinnacles of those great buildings which I saw as I came along. I saw those from the great ocean, but the fame of this great city can be seen the world around. And to be received by a great city like this is in itself a reward for years of hard struggle, which any one who is fighting for the principles which have been so eloquently expounded by Mr. Deputy Mayor must experience.

But, if you will allow me to say so, much as I appreciate the official welcome, I was touched to the heart by the reception accorded to me by the people of this city. There was a sense of kinship which I detected, for all my life I have been fighting the cause of the people from whom I sprang.

You have fought great wars and you have a record of great victories in each of them. For Canada the terror of war was a new experience and they faced it and the aid which they tendered is part of the history of the world to-day. I shall never forget what they did in saving the Channel ports, and, although I have no official right to go there to thank them, I feel that it is my duty as one who had the primary responsibility of the conduct of what has been very eloquently and accurately described as one of the most terrible conflicts in history. I feel it my duty to proceed there to give my humble debt and tribute of thanks.

But I want to come back to the United States of America, if you allow me. I want to see something of the great people who in a critical hour came to the aid of a European democracy when it was in peril of being crushed to the dust and of being stifled in its own blood.

I know the terror, I know the anxiety of the hour when you came. And I want to see something of the people who came, without hope of reward; without any expectation of anything except doing their duty to the principles which are the foundation of your Government. May I also say that I want to see something of the country that is re-creating the hope of humanity upon a higher and sounder and firmer foundation than the quaking topsoil of international hatred and suspicion which is drawing the world asunder.

At the Biltmore luncheon on the 5th the welcome on the United States to the former British Premier was accorded by Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War under President Wilson, who, among other things, said:

The presence of Mr. Lloyd George in the United States inevitably brings to our minds the moving history in which he plays so superb a part and in which we co-operated with so much pride and purity of purpose, but I have no idea that he has come to America to talk about the past. With his mind ripened by experience and enlarged by the sight of men and nations stripped of cultural appearances and responding freely to their natural, fundamental emotions, depressed as he must be with the struggles even yet going on, both economic and political, to set the staggered world straight on its feet again,

he has no doubt come to turn his face to the future and tell us how, in his judgment, we can best catch up the consequences of the four years' war, restore international financial stability, set men's hands to work again and their hearts to singing.

That, after all, is the great problem. Among us we have developed the mechanical means of a highly productive civilization. If everybody in the world could work steadily under most approved conditions and the product of their labor could be justly distributed, the ease and beauty of common life would be quite beyond the power of imagination to picture or of words to describe, but the threat of war caused by the bitter memories, or the clash of political systems, or the competitions of nations for preferential access to the world's raw materials, holds back our progress toward such an ideal and it is therefore especially fortunate that to the prayers of the pious and the dreams of philosophers we can have added the sage counsels of experienced statesmen while there is perhaps still time and willingness to mint into practical coin the precious metal of the experience through which the world has just gone.

You will be welcomed, sir, in every part of the United States, for all the reasons I have given and for many more. In a sense the welcome will be to us as a great representative of a great nation, but in a very large and deep sense the welcome will be personal and filled with affection, gratitude and admiration.

In addressing the gathering at the Biltmore, Mr. Lloyd George said he had come to the United States "not to teach but to learn." He wanted, he said, "to see how you are solving problems which are common to all." In his remarks he said in part:

This morning I had the privilege of being received at your City Hall, famous in your history, famous in the history of that great struggle, and I referred to the way in which Canada had come to our aid. Canada is as independent of interferences in her internal affairs as the United States of America is, as far as Downing Street is concerned. They sent 400,000 troops to fight for our flag. Not one of those would have come in response to a decree from Downing Street.

We could not have enrolled a single company of Canadians if we had issued an order that they should be impressed for the support of the British Empire. They came of their own free will, on the appeal of their own Ministers, supported by their own Parliament, elected by their own people. And the lesson you taught us in the eighteenth century has been the salvation of the British Empire as we know it to-day.

In London, at this hour, we have representatives of the great Dominions of the British Crown, all sitting under conditions of perfect equality with representatives of Great Britain. Among them is General Smuts, who, twenty or thirty years ago, fought against the British forces for the independence of his native land, and afterward signed a treaty to become an independent partner in the Empire. We have Mr. Cosgrave, the head of the Irish Free State, sitting there as the result of a treaty, representing a free people, with the most complete independence as far as their internal affairs are concerned.

We owe that something that is of strength to us, something that is a source of power to us, something that is a source of might to us—we owe that entirely to the lesson which you, the free people of this great free country, taught our statesmanship in the eighteenth century, and so far from any resentment, from any feeling of regret, in British hearts, we have nothing but a feeling of gratitude for the great men who founded this great republic and in doing so taught Britain how to govern free people.

Mr. Baker, in his very eloquent speech, has told you something of our association with your great republic at the most critical moment in our history, nay, at the most critical moment in the history of human freedom. It was a trying time, it was an anxious time—I went through it all. I want you to realize the condition of things when you came in. We were fighting the greatest military empire in the world, the greatest military empire the world has ever seen. I remember Marshal Foch, that great soldier, that brilliant soldier, that great man, who, in a military sense, was the savior of the situation—I remember his telling me that the German army that marched across the frontier of Belgium and Luxembourg in August 1914 was the most powerful military machine the world had ever seen, in equipment, in numbers, in organization, in training, in preparation. That was the machine we were called upon to fight.

There was only one army in Europe that had a training that was comparable to it—the Russian army, huge, gigantic in numbers, thoroughly ramshackle in organization, ill provided with transport, ill provided with equipment, guns, machine guns, ammunition. It was not fitted to compete with the German Empire, and in a year or two, under the great hammer strokes of that potent machine, the Russian Empire crumbled to the dust. Italy, a brave people, gallant, with a great record—a great record in the past, in the ancient days and in the very recent days—had not the equipment of the German army. Britain had a small army of something like six divisions, with just enough guns to enable us to deal with our problems on our own frontiers, but poorly instituted to fight the German army.

You will remember Bismarck's famous saying. When somebody said to him, "Well, the British will land their forces in Schleswig," he said, "Oh, well, I will leave them to the town police." That was the army we had. There was only one army that was sufficiently trained and well equipped—but not as well equipped as the Germans—and that was the French army. What happened?

Russia which to a large extent was the hope of the Allies, completely shattered; Rumania, with a grand little army putting up a brave fight, completely demolished in two or three months' fighting; the Serbians, a very brave mountain people—all mountain peoples are brave—chased helter-skelter across their own frontiers to refuge in a foreign land. There was nothing left except our terribly lacerated French army and a British army, which was just beginning to learn its business. But then you came; it was at that moment that your young men came. It reminded me of the old legend which you may have read, of the ancient Briton who was gazing into a lake at a moment of great despondency in the fortunes of his republic and saw the form of an arm coming through its waters handling the sword of Arthur. That is what we saw. We saw the mighty arm of your people wielding the sword that has never been dented by defeat in any struggle and it put heart into us at a time when we sadly needed it.

We feel a debt of gratitude to the great people of the United States of America that we can never repay the service they rendered.

And, we are fighting our battles over again, and it is necessary, although all this is past, that we should not forget it. It is only four years and a half ago; only four years and a half ago. It is such a gigantic event, and yet it is too often forgotten. We then worked together and saved the world.

It is difficult to picture the world had defeat fallen upon the armies of the Allies. Europe is in a desperate condition. What would you expect! Fifteen millions of her young men slaughtered—15,000,000 men, picked men in the prime of their strength; probably another 20,000,000 crippled for life; tens of thousands of millions of the accumulated wealth which the industry, the thrift, the frugality of centuries had accumulated, all scattered; the

machinery of commerce torn, its delicate threads which had been woven by millions of ingenious hands all over the world, torn, floating in the wind. Currency gone, exchange gone, confidence gone—and hatreds still left. That is Europe. But what would it have been if the Allied armies had been defeated? There is hope for Europe yet. A continent bleeding from such wounds, with its nerves shattered by such a shock, does not recover in a year, nor two years, nor four years; but it will recover. It will build up its strength; its wounds will be healed. It may take time, but it is time in the life of nations and not of men. It will recover, but if Europe had become the prey of great military despotism, neither this generation nor the next nor the one to follow, nor many to come would have seen the end of it.

That is what you helped to save humanity from, and I am here to say "Thank you" for it.

I have come over to the United States of America not to teach but to learn. I got a lesson at City Hall this morning—a very useful one it was. I wanted to see how you are solving problems which are common to all. We have our troubles in Europe, great troubles, which you seem to have overcome here. I should like to know how. You have your own problems and we have ours. But we all have one problem in common, and that is peace.

Now, you do not mind my telling you how the thing strikes me. I have no official position—I am just a plain European who has been through the whole thing from 1914 down to the end of last year, and watched it all carefully. The real trouble is that where we were units in the war, we are not in peace. You are going your way and we are going our way; France is going her way; Italy is going her way. It is not that you separated from the rest of us. The rest of us are divided. There is no common purpose, or, if there is a common purpose, there is no common method of pursuing it. There is no common action, and that, of course, has been the misfortune of every war.

We have not merely divisions among the nations but divisions in the very nations as to how to solve these problems. They are difficult enough, difficult enough in all conscience. If we were united they would be difficult, but we would solve them in half the time, in a quarter of the time. We would solve them with infinitely less wretchedness for the generation that is passing through. And that is the misfortune. I do not know how it can be helped. I remember an Italian statesman saying to me, "Don't despair about the present devastated condition of the world. I come from a part of Italy where they have constant earthquakes, and after an earthquake the people never settle down for at least five years."

Well, it is about due now. I am not going to express an opinion as to how that unity of action can be attained. All I say is this—that until it is attained, the condition of the world will be a very troubled one.

In Montreal on the 8th inst., paying tribute to the services of the Canadian soldiers during the war, Mr. Lloyd George had the following to say in part:

Nine years ago Canada was faced, like many another nation in the world, with one of those decisions that determine its history, determine its fate, determine its status in the world, determine the course which it pursues in the dim and unending years of the future. And your decision was a great one, was a courageous one, was resolute and above all, it was unhesitating. War is a terrible business at best. It is a rending business. It is a shattering business. It is a ruining business. It devastates, it desolates and the triumph of statesmanship is to put an end to war.

All the same, there is no crucible which tests the quality of a people like war. It tests courage, determination, steadfastness, loyalty, readiness to sacrifice all the great moral qualities that distinguish men from beasts of the field, as well as intelligence, and Canada was tried, practically for the first time on a great scale in that burning, scorching crucible and she came out pure and refined gold.

Canada had to enter into an examination of her qualities, in a competition and a conflict with the most virile races in the world; the strongest, the most tested, the most dominant races, and it was a searching test for a new nation. She passed through all these fiery trials. And do not forget, she emerged with a certificate of nationhood, signed by all those great nations, friend and foe alike.

The Treaty of Versailles may have its defects. It is now in the testing. It may succeed, or conceivably, it may fail, but for Canada it has one great enduring value, it is a certificate of nationhood, signed by practically all the great nations of the earth, after four and a half years of trial.

It is therefore a charter for Canada. Sir Arthur Currie, in his very eloquent speech, and I am glad to see that he is as formidable on the platform as he is on the battlefield, has told you, and I notice the sentiment elicited a hearty response, that Canada fought for no gratitude, but from a sense of duty. Nevertheless, you will permit one coming from the old country, where we passed very anxious moments, where we were within the sound of the guns in the southern counties, where we were within the sound of the country, and the old countrymen, to say that there is a sentiment of deep appreciation to Canada for the way in which she came to our aid at the most critical moments in our history.

There is nothing I can tell you about your own efforts that you do not know. You know it; we know it, but I am not at all sure that you know how much it meant to us, and that I can tell you. You sent across the seas 400,000 men, and such men! Three times the size of the British expeditionary force we sent to France. That is not the measure of your service. It is the promptness with which you came to our aid.

I remember a day or two before the declaration of war the old French Ambassador, M. Paul Cambon, one of the most honored names in the history of the entente between Great Britain and France, one whose wise vision, whose great sagacity and attractive personality did more to create that good feeling than almost any individual except, conceivably King Edward VII. I remember his coming to the British Ministry, of which I was a member, with tears in his eyes after the Germans had declared war against France, and saying, "Send us one squadron of cavalry, only one squadron of cavalry."

"Oh, but," we said, "the Germans have millions of men. There is a gigantic army. What is the use of us sending our little army? What use would a squadron be?"

"You don't understand," he said. "If you send a squadron of cavalry with a British flag it will put the heart into millions of Frenchmen to fight."

That is what you did. When we were in doubt, when we were in hesitation, when there was apprehension, a voice came from Canada and said, "Canadians will be behind you." When you saw the storm clouds beginning to roll across the German Ocean toward the British shore we had a message from Canada to say that the great Dominion would stand behind the motherland, and I remember as a member of that Cabinet what that message of encouragement and support meant in that dark hour.

That was the moral support you gave. But you gave more than that. There were four battles at least, and you will forgive me talking because I was inside of the story and watching the whole thing, and these things are written in letters of flame in my memory, every one of them. They all represent hours, days of anxiety, chiseled into one's heart. . . . I said that there were four battles at least, if not five, decisive battles, where the Canadian troops played a decisive part. Vimy Ridge, the battle of the 8th of

August 1918. I am not going to tell you about that, for I remember going through it. My hair was pretty black when it started; this is how it was when it was all over. The 8th of August, the battle that determined the German General Staff that the game was up—Canada took a prime part in winning that battle. The breaking of the Hindenburg line, the capture of Cambrai, all those things are written forever on the scroll of history and for a part of the destiny of the human race.

For no man can tell now what that was. It was a fog which arises from the morass of war, the smoke is not clear. I do not know what is going to happen. I never met a man who could tell me what would happen. This I do know, that war has altered the destiny of mankind for generations, for centuries to come, and you ought to be proud that you, the men and women of Canada, played such a part in the greatest event that human history can write about for fifteen or seventeen centuries.

It must be recognized that our problem is a problem of hewing rocks of granite or marble out of different quarries—of fashioning them, shaping them, putting them into the building—each separate block contributing its strength to the building, each contributing its color, its beauty, so that the whole will be a fabric of infinite strength and exquisite beauty. That is the British Empire.

There is the granite; the marble from India, from India's coral strands. There is the Scotch granite from Aberdeen and very good stuff it is. There is the English stone of fine durable quality that the ages have not been able to wear down. There is a little from my own country, hewn from the Welsh hills. There is not much of it, but it makes up in quality what it lacks in quantity.

That is our problem, and don't attempt to solve the problem of the British Empire in the same way it is being solved in America. It will fail. If you will bear with me a few minutes, I will give you an illustration.

The United Kingdom is a very small place. Just little islands—though they are bigger than those in the St. Lawrence, I will agree. But a very small part of Quebec would swallow them all up, and it would make hardly any difference in your taxation. They are very small. There are four distinct races there. Now, living within a stone's throw of each other—and many stones have we thrown at each other, sometimes with deadly effect—there is England, towering, dominant, masterful, infinitely greater in wealth, in resource, in population than any of the others, with a resplendent history of its own and with an incomparable literature.

By its side, Scotland, Ireland and Wales just folded in here. England has eight times the population of Scotland; she has eight times the population of Ireland; sixteen times the population of Wales, and yet we are not all Englishmen—we are Englishmen, we are Scotsmen, we are Irishmen and we are Welshmen.

There was a statesmanship that said: "Here is a dominant race. Let us crush the others into the same pattern." It was a failure. It weakened England. Scotland settled that business at Bannockburn—Oliver Cromwell tried it with guns—and a little religion—because he believed in God and kept his powder dry, and he defeated the Scots and chased them about!

One hundred and fifty years after, Bobbie Burns, making an appeal on behalf of human freedom, made it in the name of Scotland's heroes, Scotland's wars, Scotland's victors; and talking about England, which was taxing Scotch whiskey, said: "May all the foes of Scotland's weal have a two months' toothache." It has been a failure.

For 700 years they have been trying to destroy Irish nationality. We were all in it. For 700 years they hammered at something which was unbreakable. It is more evident, more dominant to-day than ever.

But I can tell you more about Wales. In my constituency they built three great castles—before my time—to destroy Wales's nationality. Any Welshman who spoke his native tongue was hanged. We returned the compliment. We took the constable of the biggest of them and hung him in the market place. What is the result? The present constable of the castle is a Welsh-speaking Welshman, and he is here to-day.

All that was dropped. The Englishman is above everything a man of practical common sense, and he said:

"This won't do." He recognized the fact that Providence knew its business better than he did; that when He made a man a Scotsman it meant him to be a Scotsman. When it made him an Irishman—much as the Englishman was surprised—it really meant that he should last out his days as an Irishman; and when it made a few Welshmen, just in the corner of the Island, it meant it. What is the result?

The result is this: Britain is stronger. Wales had more recruits per head of the population, voluntarily, than any other part of the United Kingdom. Scotland came next—and that is a very high compliment to any nation. Because our religion is not interfered with, our language is respected, our nationality is, at any rate, tolerated. What is the result? We work together as one people, although we are four.

At Toronto on the 10th inst. Mr. Lloyd George in declaring that "the task of the British Empire is a great one," added:

It is to teach the world to keep out of war. Are wars done with? I wish I could say so. I wish I could. You cannot tell. I had hoped that the end of this last war would have put an end to war, that the world would have recognized the futility as well as the wickedness of force.

I see Europe arming and filling up with ammunition of the most devastating sort. I am afraid that unless something intervenes there may be in the world again a catastrophe, but not like the last one. The last one was terrible. The last was full of horror and devastation, but it will be nothing to what will happen in another war.

Human ingenuity has been employed in the development and the perfection of machinery of destruction. The next war may well destroy civilization unless something or somebody does something. This is why I want the British Empire strong.

In another part of the same speech he said:

According to the casualty lists the British army lost 900,000 lives and the total casualties of the British Empire were 3,000,000. We spent 10,000 million pounds sterling. What is that in dollars? Dollars fluctuate so much I do not know.

I am glad I do not have to figure it out in marks. Shortly before I left some person sold me 100,000 marks for twopence. I have been reflecting ever since that I was cheated, because I find that these marks were only worth a half penny.

I have said so much about the British army that I think I should say something about the navy—the navy which held the seas during the war. What would have happened had the British fleet stopped at home? What would have happened if the fleet had stayed in its own harbors for a year, or even for half a year? What would have happened had the fleet stayed in harbor for even six weeks?

France would have been completely isolated, and her African army, which was a very gallant one, and fought very well, could never have landed on the shores of France to aid that country. As a matter of fact, that contingent of the army of France would have been entirely cut off from participation in the European war.

But for the British fleet the combative power of France would have collapsed in the first few weeks of the war.

The contribution made by the British Empire was a gigantic one, it is surprising to every one—even the most sanguine believer in the Empire before the war. The world had better know that what the British Empire did once she can do again. And she will do it again if her freedom is imperiled.

At Niagara Falls, Ont., on the 11th inst., the former Premier in an informal talk spoke of the proposal of Secretary of State Hughes respecting the reparations issue, and this we are referring to in another item in this issue. With the conclusion of his Canadian tour in Winnipeg on the 13th inst. Mr. Lloyd George in two addresses lauded the Dominion for its accomplishments in the World War. Earlier in the day, in conversation with newspaper correspondents while his train was en route to Winnipeg, he discussed the subject of a dictatorship in Germany, an account of which, as contained in dispatches to the New York "Times," follows:

"If a dictatorship comes in Germany, do you believe it will be the result of a nationalist coup?" Mr. Lloyd George was asked.

"No," he replied promptly and without hesitation. "I do not think so, with Stresemann there."

"Do you regard a dictatorship in Germany as desirable?" he was asked.

"That depends upon whether it is temporary, to meet an emergency," he replied. "As a permanent institution, decidedly not."

"In view of the present suffering in Germany, do you regard it as probable that the United States, Great Britain and possibly other nations will be called upon to furnish relief to Germany, as was done in the case of Russia?"

"That depends upon whether the peasants are holding back and hoarding grain for the purpose of imposing a higher price on the townspeople, or out of unwillingness to sell their products for money, which admittedly is worthless," he said.

"If what the townspeople charge is true—and I don't know what the crops have been—there may be no necessity for outside assistance, for Germany under normal conditions can produce enough to keep alive two-thirds of the year, and the crops, if normal, should see her through the winter, even though some of her good agricultural territory has been lost to her. Otherwise, undoubtedly England, the United States and even France will have to help."

"Do you think that the peasants could be compelled to sell their products for valueless paper money under a dictatorship?" he was asked.

"That would be the test of its efficiency," he replied. "It can be done. It has been done. We had a most excellent system of food control during the last two years of the war in England under Lord Rhondda, which virtually amounted to food dictatorship."

Sees Revolution or Dictatorship.

"Suppose the dictatorship falls—what then?"

"If the dictatorship should fail that would mean revolution, and not one but several revolutions—a Red revolution and a White counter-revolution; all fighting, virtually anarchy and chaos. I regard a dictatorship as the only thing standing between the German people and revolution."

"What would be the effect on France of such an upheaval?" Mr. Lloyd George was asked.

"I should say it would be very bad," he replied. "For one thing, it would mean no reparations."

"Do you regard it possible that the smaller nations within the League of Nations could bring pressure to bear on France for a settlement, as they did in Italy in the Corfu matter?"

"There is not sufficient cohesion among them for that," said the ex-Premier. "In the Corfu situation they had a more direct interest. There the question was whether a small nation could get justice as against a big nation."

With his arrival at Minneapolis on the 15th inst. Mr. Lloyd George delivered an address in which he described the United States "as the continent of peace" and in beseeching America to keep it so, expressed the wish that Europe would follow this nation's example. We quote as follows his observations on this point:

I noticed as I came along that your industries are the industries of peace—harvesters, I saw as I came along, plows, flour mills. There are cities in Europe, there are cities in the continent of America, whose prosperity alike depends on the fact that they are arsenals for the manufacture of the weapons of war, the mechanism of war. Minneapolis is the arsenal of peace, not guns, not cannons, not explosives, not poison gas, but harvesters, and the means of producing food for mankind.

Our interest above all is the interest of peace. There is no city in the world which has such an interest in peace as a city whose industries consist of and are of the quality of yours. I am from a troubled continent—this continent is at peace. I crossed the frontier last night, the most remarkable frontier in the world. Thousands of miles, sir, without forts and guns, or soldiers, or barbed wire to protect it. Your gigantic lakes along the frontier have no dreadnoughts to hurl defiance at each other.

But Europe? Cross the frontiers there. There is no frontier there that has not been crossed and recrossed, scores or hundreds of times, for generations, for centuries, for ages, by hostile armies intent upon slaughter and destruction, so the frontiers of poor Europe bristle with the mechanism of slaughter.

You are the continent of peace, and in God's name keep it the continent of peace. You have had your struggles on this continent, the struggles on the way to freedom. That is the way nations struggle through. No great nation has ever attained the heights of grandeur without terrible conflict, and you have had yours. You are not like Europe. Yours are not the conflicts of international hatred; they are not the conflicts of racial ill-will and suspicion.

Why, passing through your town to-day, I noticed even the very names on your stores here—what a number of races you have here. You are the melting pot. There are races here which have been interlocked in Europe for fearful, savage, barbarous conflict for generations. You are welding them into one pot, living at the same national hearthstone, warming their hands at the same great national fire, that is what you are doing here. You are showing an example to the world. Keep it. Keep it.

This is the continent of peace. I wish—I wish Europe would follow this example. It is worth any European's while to take a journey to this country to see what peace can do—what the Angel of Peace can do with its gentle wings over a great land. Ah, I wish that angel would visit Europe. I wish it would visit Europe. We have driven it away by war, by the agony of conflict, by preparations for war. I want you to help us to make peace.

I am not here on any mission, but let me say to you one thing; that until the United States of America, with its mighty influence, with its great power, with the moral command which it has in the world because of its past, the great claim that you won by coming into the war without any selfish purpose, but for a holy ideal, sending millions of your young men across to fight for liberty and for nothing else—until this great land casts its influence into the scale for peace, I despair of the future.

Mr. Chairman, you said something about forgetting the war. And you said you are doing your best to forget. Don't forget. There is nothing for you to forget—nothing. There is something for you to be proud of. You came for naught but at the call of a great purpose and a great ideal. It ought to be your pride, the part you took in it is one which is worthy of your greatest traditions. And my last word is that, so far from forgetting that part, I trust that the United States of America will once more, in due time, in its own way, cast its great might into the scales of peace.

In his Chicago speech on the 16th inst., Mr. Lloyd George declared democracy to be in peril, with a wave of autocracy sweeping over the world. Whatever happens, he said, the United States, Great Britain and France would stand together to combat the danger. We quote from his address as follows:

When the time came when Germany ought to have realized that the game was up, that defeat was staring her in the face, she certainly ought to have made peace, but why didn't she do it? I will tell you. It requires more courage to make peace than to make war.

Germany's disaster was not due to the lack of valor or skill in her troops—as valiant men, as intelligent men as ever went into action. Let us own it in fact. The measure of their valor and of their skill is the measure of the courage and of the intelligence of the people who overcame them. So, therefore, we are the last people in the world not to pay tribute to the bravery of a fallen foe.

But the failure was in the lack of vision, courage, leadership of the rulers, and this is not without its meaning now, when democracy has been thrown over in one country after another in Europe as if it were a thing of no use. Democracy in that great world struggle defeated autocracy every time. Now and again autocracy throws up big men. It is a gamble. You can't depend upon it. There was no one to rally the courage, the reserves, the resources of the German heart when the hour of disaster came. No democracy would have ever failed like that. It is a lesson.

Russia threw over democracy a few months after starting the experiment. Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and now Germany is now talking about a dictatorship. Democracy is in peril—in peril five years after the greatest triumph democracy has ever had.

Why is democracy more sure, safer? It is slower to begin, it does not bring its forces into action in the way perhaps an autocracy does, but in a struggle it is the heart that tells, and democracy sustains the heart, and what happens is that democratic institutions alone can produce and train men that are able to appeal to nations, to rise to those heights of sacrifice which are the last citadels of freedom in all lands.

Now when democracy is in danger, when I can see the throne of democracy tumbling in one land after another, here you have a land of democracy. Britain is a land of democracy, and France, I believe, will stand by democracy, and whatever happens these three great lands together will stand against this wave of autocracy which seems to be sweeping over the world.

Japanese Foreign Loan Policy—Treasury Surplus Sufficient to Meet Present Emergency.

A statement concerning the foreign loan policy of Japan, which should set at rest the various reports which have been in circulation regarding a proposed loan flotation, has been received by the Japanese Financial Commission in this city from the Japanese Minister of Finance, Junnoske Inouye, who says: "Our financial condition is such that the Treasury holds a surplus sufficient to meet the present emergency need." The following summary of the statement of the Japanese Finance Minister concerning the foreign loan policy of the Japanese Government, received in New York by wireless, was made public on Oct. 12:

As for our Government finance: one the one hand, we expect a decrease to some extent in the receipts owing to the emergency measure of exemption and reduction of taxes and postponement of their collection in the devastated area, while, on the other hand, a large amount will be required for relief of sufferers and restoration work. To meet this situation we have decided on retrenchment budget policy. Various plans which have already been started in the present fiscal year are to be discontinued or postponed, to say nothing of those for the coming fiscal year.

Our financial condition is such that the Treasury holds a surplus sufficient to meet the present emergency need. But, in the future extending over a number of years, a large amount will be required for the reconstruction work and new city planning, such as broadening of streets, perfection of means of communication, construction of water-works and sewage systems, &c.

For these purposes, we shall need an enormous quantity of building material, part of which can only be obtained abroad. To facilitate the payment for these purchases without disturbing the home money market, it may, in my opinion, become expedient to raise money occasionally in the foreign markets. But as for the amount of such foreign loans to be raised, it is impossible to state at the present moment. It can only be fixed after the reconstruction plans are formulated and the credit required for them is approved by the Parliament.

Japan to Print Money at Washington Plant—United States Accedes to Tokio's Request Due to Presses There Being Destroyed in Quake.

The following advices from Washington Oct. 12 were published in the New York "Tribune":

This Government has received a formal request from Japan for permission to print Japanese currency in the big plant of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing here, it was disclosed to-day at the White House.

Following a Cabinet discussion this morning, which revealed that the presses at Tokio were destroyed in the earthquake, it was agreed to manufacture paper money for the island Empire until new presses are obtained.

Secretary Mellon informed President Coolidge there are sufficient small hand-presses available at the Printing Bureau to meet Japan's emergency

requirements. They are old machines supplanted some time ago by power machines. The Department of Commerce will put the Japanese in touch with American manufacturers capable of supplying new printing equipment.

Reopening of Tokio Clearing House—Edicts Relative to Japanese Moratorium.

While the thirty day moratorium declared by the Japanese Government on Sept. 7 (incident to the earthquake of Sept. 1), was terminated on Oct. 1, when the Tokio Clearing House resumed business, an ordinance proclaimed on Sept. 27 postpones for another thirty days the date of presentment for payment of bills falling due in September. A similar thirty-day postponement is provided in the case of October presentments. The moratorium declared on Sept. 7 was referred to in our issue of Sept. 15, page 1194. Its text follows:

AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPERIAL ORDINANCE proclaimed on Sept. 7 1923 relative to moratorium, &c., within the zone of the disaster is to the following effect:

Repayment of monetary obligation incurred on and before Sept. 1 1923 to a debtor who has his domicile or business domicile within the zone of the catastrophe and due on any day during the month of September of the same year can be postponed for thirty days.

Such moratorium does not apply to any obligation, salary or wage due to the Empire or any other communities, nor to withdrawal of bank deposit not exceeding 100 yen per day. Date of presentment for payment of bills, &c., within the said zone which falls on any day during the month of September of the same year shall also be postponed for thirty days.

The following are the proclamations of Sept. 27:

AN EXTRAORDINARY ORDINANCE proclaimed on Sept. 27 1923 relative to presentment for payment of bills, &c., within the zone of the disaster is to the following effect:

Date of presentment for payment of bills, &c., which falls on any day during the month of September of the year of 1923, which was postponed for thirty days by the Extraordinary Imperial Ordinance proclaimed Sept. 7 1923, is hereby postponed another thirty days. Such presentment which is to be done during the month of October of the same year shall also be postponed for thirty days.

AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPERIAL ORDINANCE proclaimed on Sept. 27 1923 relative to the relief measure toward money market after the expiration of moratorium, &c., within the zone of the disaster is to the following effect:

In case the Bank of Japan (central bank of the Empire) suffers loss resulting from discount of the following bills due on or before Sept. 30 1923, the Imperial Japanese Government can make a contract of indemnity of such loss with the said bank to the extent of 100,000,000 yen. But bills mentioned in the following first three paragraphs are limited to those discounted on or before March 31 1924.

1. Bills to be paid within the zone of the disaster, and bills drawn by or payable to a person who has his business domicile within such zone which has been discounted by banks on or before Sept. 1 1923.

2. Bills drawn for the purpose of renewal of the bills mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

3. Bills drawn by banks on the security of the bills mentioned in the preceding two paragraphs, or certificates of deposit or call loans issued by banks on or before Sept. 1 1923.

4. Bills mentioned in the preceding three paragraphs drawn for the purpose of renewal of those bills discounted by the Bank of Japan.

We also give herewith the following wireless message from Jinoske Inouye, Japanese Minister of Finance, to Masanori Katsu, Imperial Japanese Financial Commission to the United States:

Department of Finance, Tokio, Oct. 1 1923.

The Bank of Japan declared to the effect that possibly liberal loan policy will be adopted by the Bank for the discount of bills (mentioned by an Extraordinary Imperial Ordinance proclaimed on Sept. 27 1923 relative to relief measure toward money market after the expiration of moratorium), and also for any loan on the security of bonds floated by National Government, local governments or industrial and many other kinds of companies or on the security of stocks, &c.

The Imperial Japanese Government declared that it will finance its deposit section fund through the Industrial Bank of Japan with the aim of giving aid toward industry of small scale. The Government will extend similar aid through the said bank for the sake of industry of large scale.

Tokio Clearing House was reopened on Oct. 1.

There is no sign of unrest in financial and economic world throughout the country.

Losses in Japan Put at \$932,500,000—Earthquake Damage Estimated at 2% of National Wealth.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Sept. 17:

Financial experts connected with the Japanese Commission to the United States, located in the Woolworth Building, estimate the loss by the earthquake to be about 1,865,000,000 yen, or \$932,500,000, which is about 13% of productive value of the area affected and less than 2% of the wealth of Japan proper. The fact that the total is considerably lower than that generally supposed or calculated is because the experts, having full knowledge of both the physical and the industrial geography of the stricken regions, are able to perceive that consuming and not productive communities were the chief sufferers.

Moreover, the loss denoted, while representing what must be recovered for complete rehabilitation, bears little relation to present needs, which, on account of the human elements involved, may even exceed the value of the material loss before rehabilitation can be completely achieved. On this point Masanori Katsu, the Japanese Financial Commissioner, said yesterday:

"Our figures surprised even ourselves. Of course, further data of specific losses may modify them. Optimistic I may be for our future rehabilitation, but I have not the slightest idea of lessening or indeed of discouraging the necessity for continued and accelerated relief work. As the Hoover-Payne statement so wisely points out, 'The human problem is widely different from the great economic problem of property losses and derangement of business.' Hence I think that the questions of emergency relief and permanent restoration should be considered separately.

"In regard to the former, which indicates every encouragement for the latter, I wish to thank the New York "Times," and through the "Times" your great nation, for your profound sympathy and prompt aid, which we shall always remember with gratitude. What you have done has not only more firmly cemented the bonds of friendship between the two nations, but has awakened and stimulated humanitarian ideals which some day will make this earth a heavenly kingdom."

Estimate of Wealth and Loss.

The estimated losses to various forms of wealth compared to the wealth of the affected region and of the nation are as follows:

Japan Proper.	Wealth of Affected Four Prefectures.	Per Ct. of Loss to Wealth of Four Prefectures.	Amount of Loss (Est.).	
Yen.	Yen.	Yen.	Yen.	
Lands.....	41,386,000,000	\$,130,000,000	0.1	8,000,000
Mines and quarries.....	3,326,000,000	1,000,000,000	0	0
Harbors, lakes, &c.....	6,759,000,000	581,000,000	20	116,000,000
Trees.....	10,655,000,000	1,323,000,000	61	1,000,000
Buildings.....	4,548,000,000	597,000,000	60	794,000,000
Furniture, &c.....	1,562,000,000	88,000,000	60	357,000,000
Manufacturing machinery, tools, &c.....	540,000,000	20,000,000	10	52,000,000
Live stock and poultry.....	1,197,000,000	100,000,000	20	2,000,000
Railroads & equipment.....	189,000,000	36,000,000	10	20,000,000
Vehicles.....	619,000,000	124,000,000	20	4,000,000
Ships.....	192,000,000	41,000,000	30	25,000,000
Water works.....	284,000,000	28,000,000	50	12,000,000
Bridges.....	3,978,000,000	398,000,000	20	14,000,000
Agricultural products.....	122,000,000	3,000,000	20	80,000,000
Products of forestry.....	2,990,000,000	598,000,000	20	1,000,000
Manufactured products.....	342,000,000	2,000,000	20	120,000,000
Mining products.....	60,000,000	4,000,000	20	0
Marine products.....	404,000,000	129,000,000	20	1,000,000
Imported merchandise.....	2,430,000,000	243,000,000	1	26,000,000
Gold and silver coin and bullion.....	1,674,000,000	87,000,000	50	2,000,000
Gov't real property.....	1,038,000,000	104,000,000	20	44,000,000
Property of Imperial family.....	8,961,000,000	1,265,000,000	13	21,000,000
Miscellaneous.....	280,000,000	94,000,000	0	164,000,000
Excess of investment abroad.....	14,107,000,000	13	1,865,000,000	0
Total, 4 prefectures.....	98,846,000,000	1.9		
Grand total, Japan proper.....				

Mr. Katsu was asked:

"Will you describe the methods by which your calculation of losses proceeded?"

"We had in mind two things," he said. "The temporary aid that satisfies urgent needs and the restoration which succeeds if for a comparatively longer period. One may not recall the past. To know what is necessary to restore, one must know what has been lost. While it is perfectly true that two great cities, which were an important factor in our political, financial and commercial life, have for the time being ceased to function, it is also true that their elements did not entirely predominate the national life—there are the industrial and agricultural elements, which were comparatively untouched by the catastrophe.

The Seven Prefectures Affected.

"From the data that reached us we judged that the localities most sensitive to the earthquake had been the so-called Kantoo district, which covers seven prefectures or States. Of this district, the southern portion (within a radius of forty miles of Yokohama,) as the latest confirmation from our Minister of Finance states) was most severely stricken. It consists of the four prefectures of Kanagawa, with its capital at Yokohama; Chiba, with Chiba as its capital; Tokio, with its capital Tokio, and Saitama, with the capital city of Urawa.

"This area, together with the fringe of the adjacent inland prefectures, lies under the so-called Fuji volcanic veins. As the northern part of the district and the adjacent districts were without any considerable damage, we omitted them from our calculations and confined our attention to the southern portion of the Kantoo region. But in order to calculate the losses of the four stricken prefectures it was necessary to know their wealth as expressed in the various terms of stable, non-productive and productive values; in order to calculate the proportion of loss in the four prefectures to the wealth of the nation it was necessary to establish the amount of national wealth—that is, the wealth of Japan proper exclusive of her dependencies, Formosa, Korea, Sakhalin, whose wealth may be considered for the most part potential, and therefore has having played little or no part in establishing the wealth which has been annihilated by the earthquake.

"Now, the figures of the wealth of Japan have never been published. Our Bureau of Statistics, however, did at the end of 1919, at the request of the League of Nations, prepare an estimate. This estimate has been corrected by subsequent, but incomplete, statistics assembled up to the beginning of 1922. Beyond that it is not possible to calculate with any assurance of accuracy.

"The table which I give you, therefore, gives the public for the first time the approximate figure of the wealth of Japan proper as represented by the usual economic terms. It will be seen that this wealth had the value of 98,846,000,000 yen, or about \$49,432,000,000; that the wealth of the four stricken prefectures had a value of 14,107,000,000 yen, or \$7,053,500,000; and that the amount of loss in the four prefectures is estimated at 1,865,000,000 yen, or \$932,500,000, which is 1.9% of the total wealth of Japan proper.

"I do not claim unflinching accuracy for the foregoing or for all the details by which the total results were reached. But my staff working under the direction of Tadao Wikawa, the Assistant Commissioner, has employed every check usually taken in the making of official statistics. I may also observe that while the statistics showing the national wealth submitted to the League of Nations were assembled in the year following the war, and hence could not represent the normal wealth of the country, and while those of 1921, by which they have been checked, up and rectified, are incomplete, they nevertheless, allow us to make reasonable calculations of what is missing. Moreover, from a careful sifting of data coming from a number of sources—industrial, financial, commercial and social—it is unlikely that our national wealth had undergone any great change from the end of 1921 down to the day of the earthquake."

How Percentage Was Fixed.

"The table shows that you calculated the amount of wealth lost on the percentage of wealth lost; how did you fix the percentage?" Mr. Katsu was asked.

"We started with this premise," he replied. "The damage was most serious in Yokohama, then gradually decreased throughout a radius of 40 miles; beyond the circle formed by the 40-mile radius it was insignificant. Also within the stricken area the low levels were chiefly affected. Yamano, for example, which means 'hilly side,' the uptown residential section of Tokio, remained practically untouched. Again, even in the lower sections of Tokio, many of the modern concrete buildings built by American architects withstood the shock and still stand erect amid the debris of the downtown business quarter. Another check on building loss is the isolated structures of the inland districts, where the suffering was slight.

"The same may be said in and around Yokohama. All these elements serve to cut down the total loss in the four prefectures. Thus it does not seem that 60% of building loss is too low for the stricken area. That given, its value is easily calculated. And naturally, the loss of furniture and machinery would be about the same. The percentage of loss to the Government buildings and shipping is based upon information received; that of merchandise and products, which average 20%, upon the analogies offered by similar disasters; that of trees, livestock and poultry upon readily recognized conditions. And so we proceed until we reach 'the excess of investment abroad,' which, of course, is naught."

"How long do you think it will take Japan to rehabilitate herself?" he was asked.

"That is hard to say," he replied. "Of course, the fundamental element of restoration is the effort of our compatriots. In that I have full confidence. Other elements are naturally uncertain. Their value is, nevertheless, worthy of consideration. For example, although the wealth of Formosa, Korea, and Sakhalin is not denoted in the table I offer you, it may, nevertheless, prove an important element in the reconstruction. Besides, the wealth of Japan proper has increased rapidly since 1905. From that year to 1910, according to the estimate of the Bank of Japan, it increased from over 22 billion and a half yen to nearly 29½. According to the estimate of the Government Bureau of Statistics it increased from 32,043,000,000 yen in 1913 to 86,077,000,000 in 1919—the year this estimate was made for the League of Nations. And finally there is the 1921 estimate made by our staff, for the table, of 98,846,000,000 yen.

"The amount of our national loans outstanding at the end of May 1923 was as follows: Internal, 2,505,842,350 yen, of which 859,467,100 yen was unproductive and 1,646,375,250 productive; external, 1,320,624,818.10 yen, of which 575,825,647.10 yen was unproductive and 744,799,171 was productive.

"Most of the so-called unproductive loans were floated for the purpose of war financing. [By the way, our war financing in the past used to depend as far as possible on increased tax income.] The so-called productive loan is raised for the sake of Government enterprise or constructive work. Of this sum Formosa, Korea and Sakhalin may be said to have claimed over 50,000,000 yen for more or less profitable investment.

"All these elements can be depended on to make their contribution—directly, as security, or as economic influences—toward reconstruction.

"Then there is the foreign factor: Japanese foreign investment is very nearly balanced by foreign investment in Japan. At the end of 1919 the excess of our foreign holdings exceeded 356,000,000 yen; at the end of 1921 it had dropped to 280,000,000. The decrease was due to the large importations of machinery and implements for our industrial development. To-day I believe, although I have no data on which to base a conviction, the balance has been restored.

"Another available assets for reconstruction work is the specie held abroad and at home by the Government and the Bank of Japan, which at the end of July 1923 amounted to 1,780,000,000 yen; another is our surplus, which since 1883 has always been considerable, and, in 1920, reached 640,685,375 yen.

"And, finally, not only as confirmation of our estimate of the factor of loss, but also as another guarantee of rapid reconstruction. I will quote part of the last message received from our Minister of Finance:

"It was very fortunate for our country that the disaster did not fall on any districts important for the production of staple commodities for export, or for the production of the necessaries for domestic consumption, and thus hardly injured our industries at all."

"The combined productive power of the damaged prefectures was less than 10% of that of Japan proper; less than 20% of these prefectures' productivity has been impaired, which is less than 2% of the productivity of Japan proper. In this circumstances, while deeply thankful for emergency aid, and above all, for the sympathy which accompanies it, we look to the work of reconstruction unafraid and with our face turned toward the rising sun in gratitude and in confidence."

Statisticians to Consider New Crop Reporting Methods.

A special conference to study recent improvements in crop reporting and statistical methods is to be held at Indianapolis Oct. 22 by the United States Department of Agriculture. Leading Federal and State Government statisticians and crop estimators from Northern and Eastern States will take part in the conference, and the whole problem of acreage measurement and crop condition reports will be discussed. Some of the main topics coming up for discussion will be the development of an educational program to expand the use of crop reports, tests for accuracy, correlation of forecasting methods, the relation of weather to yield of crops, livestock estimates, methods of estimating acreages and abandonment of acreage planted, and estimates of commercial crops including apples, potatoes, broomcorn and tobacco.

A large part of the conference will be given over to discussion on the forecasting of crop and livestock production. The first attempt along this line was the making of pig surveys by the Department of Agriculture, in which an effort was made to indicate the probable pig crop based on information collected in the field relating to breeding operations. The possibilities of doing similar work with regard to other livestock, crops and wool will receive attention at the conference. The conference will continue throughout the three days Oct. 22-24

The Latest Canadian Wheat Estimate—The German Grain Harvest—Japan's Rice Crop.

Canadian wheat production this year is now estimated at 469,761,000 bushels, according to a telegram from the United States Department of Agriculture from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The crop last year was 399,786,000 bushels. Canadian rye production is estimated at 26,937,000 bushels, compared with 32,373,000 bushels in 1922; the barley crop at 80,357,000 bushels, compared with 71,865,000 bushels last year, and oats productions at 531,378,000

bushels, as compared with 491,239,000 bushels last year. The flaxseed crop is placed at 6,942,000 bushels, compared with 5,009,000 bushels in 1922.

Germany's grain crop harvest is nearly completed and a good quality of grain is reported by the Department's agricultural commissioner at Berlin. Potatoes are reported as below average in condition. Sugar beets are also below average, the report states, but better than potatoes.

Japan's rice production this year is estimated at 18,302,000,000 pounds, compared with 18,951,000,000 pounds last year, according to a cable to the Department from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

Argentine Wheat Crop is 6,770,000 Tons.

Press advices from Buenos Aires Oct. 16 state:

The Argentine wheat crop for the season of 1923-24 is officially estimated at 6,770,000 tons; linseed, 1,930,000; oats, 850,000; barley, 200,000, and rye, 94,000 tons.

Small Grain Exports Expected from Russia.

Although acreage in grain this year in Russia is estimated to be 20% larger than in 1922, yields are sufficiently lower so that forecasts of production are at best only slightly above production last year, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. The Department says:

One authority reports that the total Russian area in grain crops this year, including corn, barley, oats, wheat and rye, is 160,000,000 acres, as compared with 132,000,000 acres last year. Average yield is estimated by the Central Bureau of Statistics at Moscow at 1,524 pounds per acre, as compared with 1,834 pounds in 1922. The area in grain is estimated at about 80% of the pre-war area. Ukraine is the most important producing region and includes 35% of the total Russian acreage sown to spring grain and 40% of the total acreage sown to winter grain.

It is thought that approximately 543,000 short tons of grain of all kinds, including oats, corn, barley, wheat and rye, may be exported from South Russian ports, contingent upon the making of needed repairs at the ports. The All-Ukraine Congress estimated the export capacity of the port of Odessa at 108,300 short tons; Nikolayev, 108,300 short tons; Theodosia, 81,250 short tons, and Sebastopol, 36,100 short tons.

It is reported that German importers have contracted for the delivery of 13,000,000 bushels of Russian rye, and are to make payment in manufactured goods sent to Russia. Small quantities of wheat, barley and corn have been exported from the Black Sea ports. Last year Russia exported grain in only small quantities, and present indications are that very little, if any, more may be exported this year, the Department says.

Pink Bollworm Quarantine Modified to Permit Cotton Shipment to Canada.

A modification of the Federal pink bollworm quarantine allowing direct shipment by rail to Canada of cotton grown in regulated areas is announced by the Federal Horticultural Board, United States Department of Agriculture, effective Oct. 15. The change applies specifically to baled cotton lint and linters. Certain conditions must be complied with and the cotton shipped over the route prescribed in the permit. The Board's action was taken in response to requests from merchants in the Las Cruces Valley for permission to ship their cotton directly to Canada by rail. The Board, however, decided to modify its regulations so that such shipments could be made from all regulated areas in New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana. In the case of most of the regulated areas cotton so moved will pass through less cotton territory, or at least only very slightly more, than it now passes through on the way to the various permitted Gulf ports. The Board says:

On account of the very small crops produced in the regulated district of Cameron Parish, La., and in the Trinity Bay District, and in certain counties on the Rio Grande in Western Texas, it is not at all likely that any cotton originating in these districts will be shipped to Canadian points. It goes automatically to the Gulf ports for export.

It should be noted also that in the old pink bollworm areas in central and eastern Texas and in Louisiana, no infestation has been found for two years, and for most of the area for three years or more, and even in the border Rio Grande districts of western Texas, and in the Pecos Valley, where the State and planters have not been willing to authorize a determined effort at eradication because of the possibility of easy infestation from Mexico, the infestation has nevertheless been reduced to a negligible factor.

It is believed, therefore, that all-rail movement to Canada, authorized by this amendment, will not increase the risk of spreading the pink bollworm in this country.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
Office of the Secretary
Federal Horticultural Board.
Modification of Pink Bollworm Quarantine.
Amendment No. 1 to 2d Revision of Regulations Supplemental
to Notice of Quarantine No. 52.
(Effective on and after Oct. 15 1923.)

Under authority conferred by the Plant Quarantine Act of Aug. 20 1912 (37 Stat., 315), as amended by the Act of Congress approved March 4 1917 (39 Stat., 1134, 1165), it is ordered that Regulation 6 of the 2d revision of the rules and regulations supplemental to Notice of Quarantine No. 52, on account of the pink bollworm, which became effective June 1 1923, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Regulation 6. Control of cotton and other articles:
No restrictions are placed on the movement from an area not under regulation through a regulated area of cotton and other articles covered in Notice of Quarantine No. 52, when such movement is made on a through bill of lading.

The inter-State movement of baled cotton lint grown outside of, but concentrated within, a regulated area will be allowed without permit.

The inter-State movement of seed cotton and of the stalk and other parts of the cotton plant from a regulated area is prohibited.

The inter-State movement of cottonseed from a regulated area is prohibited: *Provided*, That such movement may be permitted from one regulated area to another regulated area under such safeguards as shall be required by the inspector of the Federal Horticultural Board.*

The inter-State movement under permit from a regulated area of gin waste and all other forms of cotton lint, except baled lint and linters, and of hulls, cake, meal, and bagging and other containers which have been used in connection with such articles, and of railway cars, boats, and other vehicles which have been used in conveying cotton and cotton products grown in such areas or which are fouled with such products, and of farm household goods and farm equipment, will be authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture upon compliance with conditions to be prescribed in the permit.

The inter-State movement of baled cotton lint and linters grown in a regulated area is prohibited except as hereinafter provided for in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). (See Regulation 10.)

(a) The inter-State movement without permit of baled cotton lint and linters grown in a regulated area will be allowed for export on through shipments to the ports of Houston, Galveston and Texas City, Tex., and New Orleans, La.

(b) The inter-State movement by rail under permit of baled cotton lint and linters grown in a regulated area to points in Canada may be authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture upon compliance with conditions and routing prescribed in the permit.

(c) The inter-State movement without permit of baled cotton lint and linters grown in a regulated area to the ports of Houston, Galveston, and Texas City, Texas, and New Orleans, La., for storage, pending export or shipment under paragraph (e) below, will be allowed when such shipments are consigned to warehouses or compresses designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to receive such shipments. Only such warehouses and compresses will be so designated as have agreed to keep all cotton and linters grown in a regulated area separate and apart from all other cotton in such warehouse or compress, and have further agreed to replace marks of identification on all quarantined cotton or linters that may have become destroyed in transit or compressing, to carry out any safeguards indicated by inspectors of the Federal Horticultural Board, and to make reports from time to time as required to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning all matters pertaining to the storage, handling, or shipment of such quarantined cotton or linters.

(d) The inter-State movement under permit of baled cotton lint and linters, grown in a regulated area more than two years prior to such shipment, or linters which can be identified as having come from seed originating outside of such area, may be authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture upon compliance with conditions prescribed in the permit.

(e) The inter-State movement under permit of baled cotton lint and linters, grown in a regulated area, from or via the ports of Houston, Galveston, and Texas City, Texas, and New Orleans, La., will be authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture only when such shipment is made from the above-named ports by all-water route and entered through the port of New York, Boston, Seattle, Portland (Ore.), or San Francisco, at which latter ports of entry such cotton lint and linters may be entered in the same manner that imported cotton is entered into the United States. This amendment shall be effective on and after Oct. 15 1923.

Done at the City of Washington this 8th day of October 1923.
Witness my hand and the seal of the United States Department of Agriculture.

HENRY C. WALLACE,
Secretary of Agriculture.

* Until further notice the safeguards which must be complied with as a condition of issuance of permits for the inter-State movement of cottonseed from regulated areas are indicated in Appendix A.

Action Against Boston "Transcript" Involving Constitutionality of Advertisement Provision of Minimum Wage Law Goes to United States Supreme Court.

The following is from the Boston "Transcript" of Oct. 12: Whether the law making it incumbent upon a newspaper to print such matter as the Minimum Wage Commission sees fit to publish concerning employers who decline to comply with its decrees is within the Constitution will be decided by the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of the Commonwealth against the Boston "Transcript."

The case was heard by a Suffolk Superior Criminal Court jury before Judge Dubuque on an agreement of facts. A verdict of guilty was ordered returned by the Judge, that the case might go higher. Assistant District Attorney Fielding acted for the Commonwealth and Felix Rackemann and Ralph W. Dunbar for the defendant. The case was originally brought in the lower court, and an appeal taken.

Lillian J. Haley, an assistant Commissioner, complained that the "Transcript" declined to print an advertisement sent in by the Commission relative to L. P. Hollander Co. Mr. Fielding told the jury that he and Mr. Rackemann had agreed to present the case on an agreed statement of fact, in lieu of presenting the testimony of witnesses. The Judge then ordered the verdict of guilty, that the constitutional question might be reviewed.

Annual Meeting of Real Estate Board of Trade.

The Real Estate Board of New York held its annual meeting of active, sustaining, contributing and active-associate members on Oct. 16 for the election of directors and active-associate governors, and for other business. The four candidates for directors to serve on the board of governors were Frank Ray Howe, William H. Quinlan, Wm. J. Kuder and Anton L. Trunk, and these were elected, each for a term of three years. Election was also held for active-associate governors to represent the sustaining, contributing, active-associate and associate members on the board of governors, and the following were elected, each to serve for a term of three years: Richard G. Babbage, Paul Starret and Donald W. Brown. Immediately after the annual meeting of the organization meeting of directors was held. Charles G. Ed-

wards was elected President; Douglas L. Elliman, Vice-President; Wm. H. Dolson, Secretary, and J. Irving Walsh, Treasurer. These officers will serve until the next annual election. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Dolson each have served two years as President and Secretary, respectively; Mr. Elliman one year as Vice-President and Mr. Walsh four years as Treasurer.

Eastern Railroads in Reply to Brotherhoods' Wage Demands Ask Conference—To Present Counter Demands.

In reply to demands for wage increases asked by the Big Four Brotherhoods, the railroads of the East on Oct. 15 informed the labor organizations that they were ready to discuss wages and working conditions at individual conferences. The railroads in a letter sent to representatives of the Brotherhoods asked for a revision of the conductors' and trainmen's schedules. This counter-move was made as a result of the demands of the brotherhoods for new wage contracts that would give them wage increases averaging approximately 12 1/2%, and cost the railroads of the country about \$100,000,000 additional a year. The railroads insist on treating the wage demands of the brotherhoods under the procedure set down by the Transportation Act of 1920, despite the evident desire of the trainmen to ignore this procedure. The railroad managements in their letter point out a large number of changes in working conditions which mainly would reduce the payment to the men for overtime and other special conditions. The letter sent out by the carriers is as follows, signed by the operating officers on the different roads:

This will acknowledge receipt of your joint letter of October 10 requesting increases in rates of pay, effective November 1 1923, as outlined in list of increases proposed by conductors and trainmen.

I will meet your committee as soon as possible and will advise you later as to date of meeting to discuss the increases in wages proposed by you and at the same time I desire to reopen the conductors' and trainmen's entire schedules for revision, and this letter is my notice to you that effective.

The rules which I wish to discuss with you and desire to eliminate and modify are as follows:

- 1. Eliminate time and one-half for overtime in all service.
2. Passenger.—Change the short turn-around passenger rule to a spread of 8-within-12 instead of 8-within-10 hours.
3. Freight.—Modify rule applying to short turn-around trips in irregular freight service (Article XI-b) by eliminating second exception—25-mile limit.
4. Yard.—Modify existing rules governing service to provide:
(a) Eight hours or less to constitute a day's work, excepting on engines engaged in industrial switching where the service is not required continuously for the 24-hour period, and in yards where not more than two engines are regularly assigned, in which cases assignments may provide for one hour for meal without pay.
(b) Where crews are held on spot, or are prevented from working because of interference by other movements, and this occurs at the usual or established lunch period, crew will be expected to take advantage of such time to eat lunch. Arrangements to be made locally.
(c) Employees in yard service will be allowed actual time at overtime rates for continuing duty on the succeeding trick when the employees of such succeeding trick fail to report at the fixed starting time. If the regular man reports later and relieves the man working through he will be paid for the actual hours worked.
(d) Employees in yard service used on two or more yard crews during a tour of duty will be paid a minimum day for eight hours' work or less, with overtime thereafter on the actual minute basis.
5. Yard crews who are paid yard rates and regularly assigned to perform service within switching limits, will, if used in road service, beyond their switching limits, be paid pro rata for each class of service with a minimum of their regular yard rates.
6. Branch Lines.—In branch line service where existing rates and conditions produce unusual or inequitable results to the men or company, it is desired to make an equitable adjustment in such cases.

Foreign Holdings of United States Steel Corporation Show Increase.

According to figures for Sept. 30 1923 recently made public, the foreign holdings of both common and preferred shares of the United States Steel Corporation have increased slightly. The total of common stock held abroad on Sept. 30 1923 stood at 210,799 shares, as against 207,041 shares June 30 1923 and 261,768 shares Dec. 31 1922. The foreign holdings of preferred shares, which on June 30 1923 amounted to 117,631 shares, on Sept. 30 1923 totaled 118,435 shares, but compare with 121,308 shares on Dec. 31 1922. Contrasted with the period before the war, however, these foreign holdings show an extremely striking shrinkage, thus the holdings of common stock abroad which now, as stated, amount to 210,799 shares on March 31 1914 aggregated no less than 1,285,636 shares. The foreign holdings of preferred now total 118,435 shares, as contrasted with 312,311 shares on March 31 1914.

Below we furnish a detailed statement of the foreign holdings at various dates since Dec. 31 1914 to the latest period:

Table with multiple columns showing foreign holdings of shares of U.S. Steel Corporation from Sept. 30 1923 to Dec. 31 1914. Includes sub-sections for Common Stock and Preferred Stock, listing various countries and their respective share counts.

Table showing the distribution of shares between common and preferred stock from March 31 1914 to Sept. 30 1923. Columns include Date, Shares, and Per Cent for both COMMON and PREFERRED categories.

In the following table is shown the number of shares of the Steel Corporation distributed as between brokers and investors on Sept. 30 1923 and Sept. 30 1922:

Common—	Sept. 29 '23.	Ratio.	Sept. 30 '22.	Ratio.
Brokers, domestic and foreign	1,058,585	20.83	1,273,424	25.05
Investors, domestic and foreign	4,024,440	79.17	3,809,601	74.95
Preferred—				
Brokers, domestic and foreign	183,164	5.09		
Investors, domestic and foreign	3,419,647	94.91		

The following is of interest as it shows the holdings of brokers and investors in New York State:

Common—	Sept. 29 '23.	Ratio.	Sept. 30 '22.	Ratio.
Brokers	911,020	17.92		
Investors	1,302,817	25.63		
Preferred—				
Brokers	155,434	4.31		
Investors	1,505,853	41.79		

President Coolidge Proposes That Freight Rates Be Cut on Grain and Coal—Railway Executives to Meet Next Week—Grain Rate Investigation by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The suggestion that a reduction in freight rates be made by the railroads on grain and coal designed for export was made by President Coolidge on Oct. 16 during a discussion of the transportation situation at the White House with Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania RR. On the same date it was announced by the Inter-State Commerce Commission that an investigation had been ordered by it into the subject of rates and charges on grain and grain products to determine whether the present rates applying in inter-State and foreign commerce are justifiable. At the same time the Commission temporarily denied the complaint of Western grain-growing States which has been pending before it for several months, asking for a reduction in freight rates on grain and grain products in the West, but instead of dismissing the complaint, reopened the case for more evidence. Present rates, the decision said, had not been shown at previous hearings to be unreasonable, while earnings of Western railroads were found to be low. The Washington "Post" of Oct. 17, in stating this, added:

Losses of the railroads resulting from a cut in freight charges on grain, grain products and hay, which the Western State's complaint asked, might have to be made up, the decision stated, by increases in rates on other commodities.

Decision Cites Situation.

"The agricultural industry in the West is mortgaged heavily and deeply indebted to the banks," the decision said in touching upon the situation which led to the filing of the complaint. "The labor and capital of the grain-and-hay farmer in parts of the Western district receive a reward much lower than in any important grainful pursuit, and this at a time when many other industries have shaken off the depression and have made rapid and substantial strides toward recovery."

Notwithstanding this, and the fall in grain prices, the Commission concluded, the present rates on the products under consideration in the Western district, which includes territory west of the Mississippi and east of the Rocky Mountains, had not been shown unjust or unreasonable of themselves.

In reopening the case, it was suggested further that study of grain rate conditions in other parts of the United States be made, that resulting rate revision might apply in all parts of the country. Commissioners Campbell and McChord dissented from the majority decision, the former declaring in a separate opinion that immediate decreases should have been granted.

Costs of a rate reduction in the West on grain and grain products were not discussed in the Commission opinion, but Clyde M. Reed, Chairman of the Kansas State Public Utilities Commission, which led in presenting the reduction demand, estimated that the annual earnings of a railroad would decrease \$17,000,000 if grain rates in the West were cut 10%.

The Washington dispatch to the "Journal of Commerce" on Oct. 16, stating that President Coolidge had asked Mr. Rea to institute a movement among railroad executives looking to a reduction in freight rates on grain destined for export, also had the following to say:

President Coolidge also suggested to Mr. Rea that railroads institute the same rate on export coal as they apply to coal for domestic use.

In proposing that the same rates apply on coal destined for export as on coal for domestic consumption Mr. Coolidge directed attention to protests received from New York and New England that the railroads were carrying coal through those States to Canadian points at a lower rate than was given coal consigned to consumers and dealers in those sections.

While recognizing that perhaps the lower export rate might be based on sound economic reasoning, the President told Mr. Rea it was not likely in his opinion to promote a good feeling.

With respect to reduction of the shipping rate on wheat for export, the President said he felt that such action by the railroads would be helpful in the wheat situation and would prove a wise policy for the railroads to undertake at the present juncture.

Although the suggestions were presented solely to Mr. Rea, the President believes that whatever action the Pennsylvania might take after study of the matter would be followed by the other railroads concerned in the shipment of export wheat and coal.

Stating that all roads are affected by the Inter-State Commerce Commission's order, the New York "Commercial" of the 17th inst. said:

The investigation into grain rates will affect all railroads carrying those products and will determine to what extent "the rates, charges, regulations and practices of carriers subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act are or for the future will be unjust, unreasonable or otherwise unlawful and in such case to prescribe just, reasonable and lawful rates, charges, regulations and practices thereafter to be observed."

The Commission has had the question of such an investigation under consideration for several days. The American Farm Bureau Federation recently sent a letter to it asking for a 20% reduction in the rates on wheat and flour for export.

Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture also recommended a cut of 25% in rates on farm products. Members of Congress from the West have urged cuts in rates on farm products.

While the suggestion of President Coolidge was brought before the railroad executives on Thursday at the monthly meeting held in New York at the Bankers' Club under the direction of the Eastern Presidents' Conference, no conclusions were reached with regard thereto, and the matter will be the subject of further discussion next Tuesday at a meeting to be held at the offices of R. N. Collyer, Chairman of the Trunk Line Association, at 143 Liberty Street. From the "Wall Street Journal" of yesterday (Oct. 19) we quote the following:

G. D. Dixon, Traffic Vice-President of the Pennsylvania system, will present Samuel Rea's views of President Coolidge's suggestion that freight rates on export wheat, and on anthracite to northern New York and New England, be reduced at the meeting of Eastern railroad traffic vice-presidents Tuesday. The meeting will have as its aim the planning of a rate case in the event an attempt is made to carry the suggestion through. Traffic officials of all roads have been advised to prepare data for that meeting.

Forty railroad executives, representing roads east and west, who attended the Eastern Presidents' Conference luncheon at the Bankers' Club, were unable to decide on any defensive movement against President Coolidge's export wheat and coal rate reduction proposal because of a scarcity of definite information as to the Chief Executive's position, said L. F. Loree, who presided.

"We discussed this subject which has been so widely talked about," Mr. Loree said, "but we could not accomplish much more than to decide to meet again Tuesday to go into the matter more thoroughly. We have received no direct word from the Administration nor from Mr. Rea."

Mr. Atterbury represented the Pennsylvania System, but said he did not convey any official message from Mr. Rea relating to his Washington interview. Vice-President Walber represented the New York Central, and the Eastern roads all had officials there, as well as Robert N. Collyer, Chairman of the Eastern Trunk Line Association.

Wage demands were generally discussed at the meeting of Eastern presidents, but no action will be taken until all roads have heard from the brotherhoods.

The same paper quotes Ralph Budd, President of the Great Northern Railway, to the following effect:

I understand the Commission's order just issued with report to grain rates broadens the inquiry to rates on grain and grain products so as to include all railroads in the country instead of confining the inquiry as heretofore to the Western railroads. The Great Northern welcomes this further and more comprehensive investigation. I believe it will bring out the striking facts that the rates on the railroads in the Northwest are only about 40% higher than 10 years ago, while the railroads as a whole have had an increase in the same time of about 60%.

Also, the return for the first eight months of 1923 was at the rate of only about 2.69% per annum for the railroads in the Northwest, while it was at the rate of about 5.40% for the United States as a whole.

I believe such an investigation will bring out the further facts that the grain rates charged by the Great Northern and other railroads in the Northwest for hauling grain to Minneapolis are the lowest in the United States for the service performed and in effect bring points in that territory from 100 to 200 miles closer to the market than points similarly situated further south.

That is, the Northwestern lines charge to Minneapolis for a haul of 300 miles as low a rate as is charged by railroads farther south for a haul of 100 miles, and as distances increase the advantage to Northern shippers is maintained, the rate charged in Great Northern territory for a haul of 900 miles being approximately the same as that for 750 miles in the territory further south. Thus, for the same rate the Great Northern and other lines in the Northwest are performing from 30% up to 100% more service.

The fact that the railroads in the Northwest have already given such relatively low rates accounts to a large extent for their relatively poor showing, in my judgment.

The more complete investigation contemplated will show more clearly than ever that there ought not to be any reduction at this time in the rates of the Western carriers and particularly in the rates of the Northwestern carriers. There is no possibility in the Northwestern territory of increasing business to compensate for the loss.

Signalmen on Forty-five Railroads Denied Wage Increases by Railroad Labor Board.

The U. S. Railroad Labor Board in a decision on Oct. 16 denied wage increases asked by signalmen on 45 carriers. The wage increases asked ranged from 13 to 23 cents an hour. This class of employee was granted an increase of 13 cents an hour by decision No. 2 in July 1920. On June 1921 their wages were cut from 6 to 8 cents an hour and a further decrease in July 1922 of from 5 to 6 cents an hour brought the rates of pay to approximately what they were under the Federal Administration prior to decision No. 2. The Board decided in denying the request that the cost of living and other elements entering into consideration of the case have not changed sufficiently since the last decision of 1922 to justify an increase. In a dissenting opinion by A. O. Wharton, labor member of the Board, it is charged that the majority members in reaching their decision did not take into consideration actual cost of living and upward trend in outside industries as well as other pertinent factors. The dissenting opinion further suggests to Congress that all decisions of the Board be analyzed by competent persons to determine whether the labor has been fairly treated in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation Act. Mr. Wharton's charges are answered by Chairmen Ben Hooper and R. M. Barton in comments which were attached to the decision.

Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover on Purpose of Super-Power Conference.

In addressing the Super Power Conference in New York City on Oct. 13, Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, by whom the conference had been called, referred to the "lack of definite principles and co-ordination in the policies of necessary regulation of power utilities by the different States, and a lack of co-ordination and vision in our national administration of the development of nationally controlled power sources" and stated that "it is the purpose of this conference to give preliminary consideration to the problems and principles that might be adopted in inter-State relations; to discuss what measures can be devised to assure this needed development and what obstacles in its realization can be removed." An exhaustive study into the possibilities of more comprehensive and co-ordinated development in the Northeastern States, undertaken by the Federal Government three years ago, had demonstrated, said Secretary Hoover, "that the savings in these eleven States of a co-ordinated and fully developed electrical power system by the time it could be erected could amount to a conservation of about 50,000,000 tons of coal per annum; that an annual saving could be made of over \$500,000,000 per annum at an additional capital outlay of about \$1,250,000,000. The conference held in the Engineering Societies Building, and called, it is stated, with the approval of President Coolidge, was attended by representatives of Public Service Commissions and engineers in some ten Middle Atlantic and New England States. A summary of Secretary Hoover's remarks follows:

I have called this conference with the approval of the President for a preliminary discussion of what co-operative steps Federal and State authorities can properly take in the promotion of what is called the super power development in the New England Middle Atlantic States. This conference is not conceived as more Government in business. The public authorities are already deeply in the power business through many forms of regulation and a very large measure of control of power sources. The thought here is that co-ordination between public authorities and industries may secure further consummation of a great advance in the development of a great service to the public.

The reason and need for this discussion is simply that engineering science has brought us to the threshold of a new era in the development of electric power. This era promises great reductions in power cost and wide expansion of its use. Fundamentally, this new stage in progress is due to the perfection of high voltage, longer transmission and more perfect mechanical development in generation of power. We can now undertake the cheaper sources of power from water sources further afield, such as the St. Lawrence and cheaper generation from coal through larger and more favorably placed generation plants. We can secure great economies in distribution through the interconnection of load between systems, for thus we secure a reduction of the amount of reserve equipment, a better average load factor through pooling the effect of day and seasonal variations, together with wider diversification of use by increased industrial consumption. We can assure more security in the power supply from the effect of coal strikes and from transportation interruptions.

All this means the liquidity of power over whole groups of States. At once power distribution spreads across State lines and into diverse legal jurisdictions. We are, therefore, confronted not only with problems of the co-ordination in the industries of their engineering, financial and ownership problems, but also with new legal problems in State rights and Federal relations to power distribution.

This super development of great areas of cheaper power has been dramatized by those less familiar with the problem, as the construction of great power highways traversing several States, into which we should pour great streams at high voltages from great giant water power or central steam stations to be distributed to the public utilities and other large users along the lines of these great power streams. This, indeed, serves perhaps to picture what is meant by super power development. As a matter of practical fact, however, the natural development of this situation lies first in the interconnection of power supplies between the existing great utility systems, and second, in common action for the erection of large units of production at advantageous points for the mutual supply of two or more of the present systems and in the development of such great water powers as the St. Lawrence.

Three years ago, at the instigation of our engineering societies the Federal Government undertook an exhaustive study into the possibilities of more comprehensive and co-ordinated development in the Northeastern States. This survey, under Mr. Murray's able direction, in which I also participated in an advisory capacity, demonstrated that the savings in these eleven States of a co-ordinated and fully developed electrical power system by the time it could be erected could amount to a conservation of about 50,000,000 tons of coal per annum; that an annual saving could be made of over \$500,000,000 per annum at an additional capital outlay of about \$1,250,000,000. In this area we are to-day producing something like 9,000,000 h.p. by direct steam and individual plant generation, a substantial part of which could be transferred to central generation with great economy.

With the crowding of our population in large areas we are faced with most difficult questions in the development of terminal facilities, the handling of traffic on our railways. There has been some electrification of transportation. The engineers who have made systematic super power surveys are convinced that over 40% of the mileage of the railways in this territory could be electrified at substantial economies in operation and with enlarged service if we should secure this greater and more economical power development.

The indirect results, both human and material, are even more important than these figures I have given would imply. They do not take account of vast losses to industry and commerce by the actual interruption and threatened interruption of fuel supplies to our several hundred thousand independent power units; no account of the relief to shippers from our already overburdened transportation and terminal facilities; no account of the increased production of our factories from cheaper power; no account of the larger extension of power into farm and home; in the reduction of physical labor, and increase of comfort.

To secure the rapid adoption of these demonstrated possible results is of profound public importance. Every time we cheapen power and centralize its production we create new uses and we add security to production; we also increase the production; we eliminate waste; we decrease the burden of physical effort upon men. In sum, we increase the standards of living and comfort of all our people.

This new era of advanced projects is no theorist's or promoter's dream. It is a basic fact unanimously supported by our engineers; agreed to by the responsible men in the industry. It is true that there has been progress in the actual application of scientific advances in our national equipment, but we are far from the realization that is to-day practicable. I do not wish to be construed as stating that no progress has been made in enlarged co-ordination of power production and distribution. The electrical companies, under the regulation of the Public Service Commissions, have already made excellent progress in the application of super power principles in many localities. Power interconnections on the Pacific Coast reach from the southern border of California to Oregon; the States of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan are associated in a network of interconnections, as are Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina and Tennessee. This being the case—one purpose of this conference is to consider—why does this development in this, the greatest power zone of our country, where the greatest saving can be made, not make progress? What measures can be devised to stimulate it? What obstacles in its realization can be removed?

I do not wish to anticipate the results of the conference, but I may point out that the State and national Governments are blamed by some persons for this lack of progress. It is said that there is a lack of definite principles and of co-ordination in the policies of necessary regulation of power utilities by the different States and a lack of co-ordination and vision in our national administration of the development of nationally controlled power sources. It is also said that we should not permit the rivalry between our distribution systems and competition for territory to restrict the establishment of interconnection of load and the development of great generation units for their common use.

Whatever the fault may be, it is the purpose of this conference to give preliminary consideration to the problems and principles that might be adopted in inter-State relations; to discuss what measures can be devised to assure this needed development and what obstacles in its realization can be removed.

In the matter of public relations to power development and distribution, it appears to me that one of the first principles we must realize is that the whole of this development implies the free flow of power. We have thus at once created at least a physical and economic inter-State question. This great development of so much public interest cannot come about unless there is a complete liquidity in movement of power back and forth across the boundaries throughout the whole of the United States. We cannot secure centralized generation, great water power development, or interconnection of load unless there is this free flow. Without this we shall have permanently a larger cost of power and less expansion in its service. There are time-honored disputes over States rights with regard to water, and somewhat similar questions are being raised as to power. Subject always to the sovereignty of States in taxation, etc., unless all citizens, irrespective of State, may have the same rights as to use of power we will destroy the hopes of a very great economic development.

I am advised that it is probably true that no embargo could be constitutionally placed upon power flow across State frontiers but unco-ordinated legislative and regulative actions by the States and national Government might amount to economic embargoes and discriminations and thus stifle development.

Again my argument that we must have free inter-State flow of power implies free flow within the States, and applies with the same strength to the complete necessity of State-wide regulation uninterfered with by municipal obstruction. Otherwise we shall have the same dams erected and, thereby, an increase of costs and the destruction of the ultimate public advantages to be obtained in this necessity of life and growth.

The regulation of power distribution, profits or rates is a concept fully fixed into our governmental system.

The economical distribution of power rests, to a large degree, upon local territorial monopoly. Competitive overlap of power distribution systems would represent tremendous capital and distribution waste. When we accept the principle of monopoly we at once must accept the principle of public regulation. This is a fundamental conception upon which there is no need for dispute or argument. It is amply accepted by universal State legislation. Our States have wisely created public service commissions with State-wide regulatory power in order that rates, profits and distribution might be controlled.

I am not here to advocate Federal super regulation of inter-State movement of power. I believe that power development and distribution would find its greatest solution in co-ordinated State regulation, perhaps with assistance and co-operation of the Federal Government, rather than in any super structure of authority such as has been found necessary in transportation, unless, of course, necessities of the case cannot be attained otherwise.

In national relations to power development the public reaction against waste and exploitation of our national resources some years ago brought about a great movement for conservation, but it imported into the practice of conservation an implication of cold storage for these resources. We must adopt a new thought on conservation. Real conservation lies in use for public interest, not in prevention of use. Every water horse-power that can be used to-day which runs to waste is a burden on man-power, nor am I here to advocate that the Federal Government abandon its policies to conservation of national resources; but I do advocate their proper use for the nation, not the deprival of the public through old fetishes, old hates and inertia.

One phase of public relationship in this district is involved in the great water power development of the St. Lawrence. It is of vital importance as an enormous contribution to the whole Northeastern States. The American share would amount to 1,200,000 horse-power producible at a cost far lower than any form of fuel generation. It is a pitiable waste to-day and can only be mobilized by co-operation of the Federal Government.

In any event, the problems we are here to discuss are from a public point of view that by virtue of these scientific developments power has now become an inter-State question. If, in our inter-State conflicts, or national policies, we are hindering the development of progress of so fundamental a thing, it is but right that we should consider the subject in all of its aspects and seek to remedy it.

There is a phase of this whole public relationship that seems to me to be slowly emerging and that is that the United States will naturally divide itself into several power areas. For instance, the barren area of power consumption formed by the Adirondacks on the east and the character of natural resources along the Mason-Dixon line on the South create a natural district in the New England and Mid-Atlantic States. Another power district lies to the west of the Alleghenies and east of the Mississippi River. Still another district lies in the Southeastern States, again in the Southwestern States, and still another in the Northwestern States. The problems in each of these power districts are essentially different as to the origins of power, the character of their industries, and are affected by the rate of probable

industrial development in some States. And if we are to make rightful solution of national problems we should consider their development as essentially separate questions.

It is fitting that I should make some remark upon the remarkable progress and ability shown by the whole electrical industry since the days of Mr. Edison's initial genius. They have come to have a large vision of co-operation and service and have in very large measure realized their responsibilities to the public. One great mark of their progress is that despite the greatly increased cost of labor, coal and other materials, there is but little if any increase in the cost of light and power to the consumer to-day over pre-war prices. Under the protection of State regulatory bodies over 2,000,000 of our people have invested their savings in this industry. From an annual utility production of four billion k.w. hours 20 years ago we have increased to fifty billions to-day with an increase in consumption from 60 to 500 k.w. hours per capita. It is a magnificent achievement of the initiative and ingenuity of these industries, and that it has attained such a growth under public regulation is itself proof of the ability and co-operation of our public officials. I believe that the same vision applied to the wider problems which spread before us will maintain the same initiative and secure like progress in the future.

American Bankers Association Committee Appointments—Past Presidents in Attendance at Convention.

A reorganized staff of officers and the personnel of commissions and committees for the coming organization year is announced by the American Bankers Association. Fred N. Shepherd is reappointed Executive Manager; Thomas B. Paton, General Counsel, and William G. Fitzwilson, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The new Administrative Committee is as follows:

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Walter W. Head, President Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Neb., Chairman; Charles H. Deppe, Vice-President Union Trust Co., Cincinnati, O.; Alexander Dunbar, Vice-President Bank of Pittsburgh N.A., Pittsburgh, Pa.; R. E. Harding, Vice-President Fort Worth National Bank, Fort Worth, Tex.; William E. Knox, President Bowery Savings Bank, New York, N. Y.; J. D. Phillips, President Green Valley Bank, Green Valley, Ill.; Thomas R. Preston, President Hamilton National Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. H. Puelicher, President Marshall & Ilsley Bank, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joseph B. Ramsey, President First National Bank, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Sam Stephenson, President First National Bank, Great Falls, Mont.; Oscar Wells, President First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.; Evans Woolen, President Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

The new Finance Committee is as follows:

William E. Knox, President Bowery Savings Bank, New York, N. Y., Chairman; W. Meade Addison, President Planters National Bank, Richmond, Va.; Charles W. Carey, President First National Bank, Wichita, Kan.; J. Elwood Cox, President Commercial National Bank, High Point, N. C.; Harry J. Haas, Vice-President First National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jacob H. Herzog, Vice-President National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany, N. Y.; J. J. Jamieson, Cashier First National Bank, Shullsburg, Wis.; H. H. Sanger, Vice-President National Bank of Commerce, Detroit, Mich.; Oscar Wells, President First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.

The Chairmen of the commissions and committees are appointed by President Walter W. Head are as follows:

- Agricultural Commission—Burton M. Smith, President Bank of North Lake, North Lake, Wis.
- Commerce and Marine Commission—Fred I. Kent, Vice-President Bankers Trust Co., New York, N. Y.
- Economic Policy Commission—M. A. Traylor, President First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.
- Banking and Currency Committee of the Economic Policy Commission—Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of board International Acceptance Bank, New York, N. Y.
- Public Relations Commission—Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co., New York, N. Y.
- Committee on Canadian Relations—David R. Forgan, President National City Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
- Committee on Conference, Agricultural Credits—P. J. Leeman, Vice-President First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Committee on Express Companies and Money Orders—John G. Lonsdale, President National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, Mo.
- Committee on Library—Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co., New York, N. Y.
- Committee on Membership—T. J. Hartman, President Producers National Bank, Tulsa, Okla.
- Committee on Non-Cash Items—J. W. Barton, Vice-President Metropolitan National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Committee on Public Education—J. H. Puelicher, President Marshall & Ilsley Bank, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Committee on State Taxation—Ray Nyemaster, Vice-President American Commercial & Savings Bank, Davenport, Ia.
- Special Committee on Taxation—Oliver C. Fuller, President First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Fiftieth Anniversary Committee—Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of board Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York, N. Y.
- Insurance Committee—W. F. Keyser, Secretary Missouri Bankers Association, Sedalia, Mo.
- Committee on Branch Banking—Grant McPherrin, President Central State Bank, Des Moines, Ia.
- Committee on State Legislation and State Legislative Council—W. D. Longyear, Vice-President Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles Cal.

We issued on Saturday last (Oct. 13) our annual publication—"American Bankers' Convention Section" or Supplement—in which we give in detail the proceedings of the annual convention at Atlantic City, Sept. 24 to 27, of the American Bankers Association, covering not only the proceedings of the main organization, but the various Sections and Divisions. We have already referred in these columns (Sept. 29, page 1412, and Oct. 6, page 1524) to the deliberations, resolutions, &c. Nine out of seventeen living past

Presidents of the American Bankers Association were present at its recent Atlantic City Convention. Their terms of office date back to 1886. It was an unusual gathering of former chiefs, and President Puelicher availed of it to give an intimate touch to the installation of new officers. President Puelicher said:

There were present at this convention nine of the seventeen living past Presidents of our organization. I have invited them to help us give greater dignity, greater solemnity to this installation. It is a fine thing that, though they served us in this high office, they continue to serve us by their attendance at our deliberations. It is a feeling of comfort to know they are sitting near you, so that in the course of your duties, if you are at all puzzled, you may turn to them for wisdom and direction.

I am sorry that Logan C. Murray, who served as President from 1886 to 1887, was compelled to leave; he stayed here until this morning, a gentleman very nearly eighty years of age, still manifesting that fine interest in his profession and still attending its conventions. Frank O. Watts, 1910 to 1911, also compelled to leave; yet just as interested as ever.

I am only calling the names of those who were actually present during our sessions. Now, William Livingston, 1911 to 1912. To him the American banker owes the travelers' checks.

1913 to 1914, Arthur Reynolds. We have just been discussing the Federal Reserve System. Does 1913 and 1914 mean anything to you in view of that discussion? It was during his term that the Act was passed, and you may imagine his activities in connections therewith.

1916-1917, Uncle Peter Goebel, called home this morning. He just wanted to be here. He will go down in history as the War President of the American Bankers Association.

1917-1918, Charles A. Hirsch, great unifier. The Sections of the Association were given representation on the Administrative Committee as the result of the work of Mr. Hirsch.

1918-1919, Robert F. Maddox. 1918-1919, those terrible years in all of the world and in America's financial affairs. He wrestled with the after-war problems and wrestled with them successfully.

1919-1920, Richard S. Hawes, to whose wisdom and whose energy, and, I think I ought to add (because I know something about it), to whose determination we owe the present constitution under which we regulate our Association's affairs.

1921-1922, Thomas B. McAdams. He had the conception to see the value of creating contacts outside our own business. He realized that the banker had been speaking of himself too much, and therefore first established a contact with our Government by taking his Administrative Committee meetings to Washington, going to the President of the United States and pledging to the President the allegiance of the bankers of America.

Gentlemen, they are our greatest servants, and I am asking you to make impressive this installation, to make those who are going to take over the reins of the government of our Association feel that they with their experience and we with our enthusiasm and loyalty will help them achieve.

With the induction into office of the newly elected officers—Walter W. Head as President, William E. Knox as First Vice-President, and Oscar Wells as Second Vice-President—Mr. Puelicher stepped back and swelled the ranks of living past Presidents to eighteen.

Annual Meeting of Savings Bank Association of State of New York—Remarks of Wm. Ganson Rose.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Savings Bank Association of the State of New York was held on Oct. 10 and 11 at the Westchester Biltmore Club, at Rye, New York. At the annual banquet on the 11th inst. William Ganson Rose of Cleveland compared the banking and business building methods of Europe and the Near East with the methods employed in the United States, saying:

My observations brought the keen realization of the superiority of the banking methods of our own country. Our dollar is the soundest money standard in the world. Our banks are the most efficient, enterprising and helpful of all banking service stations. Our bankers are the most able, loyal and progressive of economic leaders. In fact, the marvelous advance of our nation in the fields of industry and commerce is due in large measure to the stability of the dollar and the co-operation of the banker.

Mr. Rose pictured European conditions as he found them, saying:

Catastrophe can only be averted by strong leadership and the setting aside of selfish national interests. Most of Europe and the Near East, morally, mentally, politically and economically, is steadily slipping back. This makes greater than ever before the responsibility of the United States to set for the world an example of decent living and high ideals. Let us hope and pray that there will soon be a turning toward better things, and when the opportunity is granted to the United States to work in a practical manner toward international reconstruction, let us enter into our responsibilities with all the power of which we are possessed.

Pamphlet of Equitable Trust Co. of New York on New York State Income Tax.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has just issued a pamphlet dealing with the New York State income tax on individuals, estates and trusts, as amended by the 1923 Legislature. The complete text of the law, with all the amendments made at the current year's session of the Legislature, is furnished in the booklet, which is made especially valuable by reason of the fact that the 1923 changes in the law appear in italics.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Henry B. Guthrie was reported sold this week to M. H. Thomas, the consideration being stated as \$82,000. The last previous sale was at \$80,000. Announcement was made to-day of the purchase of a membership for Messrs. Foster, McConnell & Co.

The capital of the Corn Exchange Bank of New York, now \$9,075,000, is to be increased to \$10,000,000. A resolution to this effect was adopted by the directors on Oct. 17, the stockholders being called to act on the proposal on Nov. 21. The following is the resolution:

Resolved, That it is advisable and this Board recommends to the stockholders that the capital stock of the Corn Exchange Bank be increased to the amount of \$10,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

Resolved, That the action of this Board be submitted to the stockholders for the purpose of voting upon said increase at the special meeting of the stockholders, which the President shall call upon the written request of at least twenty shareholders holding in the aggregate at least one-fourth of the existing shares of the Association, which meeting is to be held at this bank on the 21st day of November 1923 at 12 o'clock noon.

Resolved, That it is deemed most advisable for the interests of the bank that upon said increase being authorized, the additional stock be issued and disposed of as follows: Each stockholder of record on the 7th day of December 1923, shall have the right to subscribe at \$100 per share, to an amount of the new stock equal to 10% of the stock held by him on said 7th day of December 1923. In this manner 9,075 shares will be subject to subscription at par, leaving a balance of 175 shares. These shares and any of the 9,075 shares not subscribed for will be sold at public auction in lots as small as any bidder may wish to bid for same, and if there is no request for sale in smaller lots, the entire amount to be sold will be sold in one lot. All subscriptions shall be based on the agreement that fractional parts of shares shall not be entitled to dividends.

Such stockholders or their assigns who shall subscribe shall deposit their subscription blanks and pay their subscriptions on or before 3 o'clock on the 3d day of January 1924, for which temporary certificates shall be issued, and such temporary receipts shall be exchangeable for stock certificates on the 5th day of January 1924, on which date said stock certificates shall be issued to subscribers.

Resolved, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to send to all stockholders of record a circular to be signed by the said President setting forth this resolution.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Liberty National Bank in New York on Sept. 27, C. S. Andrews, Jr., was elected Vice-President. Mr. Andrews was formerly Vice-President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. in charge of its 75d Street Branch; his resignation was referred to in four issue of Oct. 6, page 1524.

James P. Warburg, Vice-President of the International Acceptance Bank, has recently returned after a three months trip abroad. Mr. Warburg visited the various banks in England and on the Continent where the International Acceptance Bank has its own stockholding correspondents, and devoted his time to ascertaining business and financial conditions.

An evidence of the manner in which New York City banks are providing for future expansion is the policy adopted by the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of New York in constructing new and modern quarters for its branches. Two of them are now in the process of construction; another was formally opened on Oct. 11 at Second Ave. and 14th St. This building, which is accessibly leated to all parts of the lower East Side of New York City, took a year to construct. It is of red brick with white stone columns and trim. The main banking room is spacious and particularly light and well ventilated. A safe deposit vault of the most modern construction has been installed. The door of this vault weighs six tons and as a protective measure it is equipped with a system of time locks. William MacCammon, who has been Manager of the Stuyvesant Square Branch for a number of years, and has a wide acquaintanceship in the district, continues in that position.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has just issued two new booklets, "Some Things to Consider in Having Your Lawyer Draw Your Will," which outlines some of the practical business considerations for the individual to have in mind in planning a will or in reviewing an old one, and "Trusteeing Your Insurance," which discusses the advantages of placing in trust the proceeds of life insurance policies.

The American Colonial Bank of Porto Rico, main office, San Juan, announces that it has acquired the Ponce, Porto Rico, branch of the National City Bank of New York. The San Juan bank reports a paid-in capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$200,000.

The International Securities Trust of America announces that Leland Rex Robinson, formerly American Financial Trade Commissioner, London, has been elected a trustee. Mr. Robinson has also been connected with the Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce. He sailed last week on the Mauretania to study economic conditions in Europe.

H. Wendell Prout has been elected Treasurer of the Home Savings Bank, Boston, Mass., to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Carl M. Spencer to the position of

President, succeeding the late George E. Brock. In addition, Nelson J. Bowers and Lindley A. Bond have been elected Assistant Treasurers, and, together with Robert F. Nutting, now holding that office, complete the official organization of the bank.

The Plainfield Trust Co. of Plainfield, N. J., which began business in 1902 with deposits of \$124,000, showed on Sept. 14 1923 deposits amounting to \$10,439,001. This is only the second published statement of the company during the incumbency of its new President, Harry H. Pond, who in June of this year was elected President of the institution. The growth is all the more remarkable considering Plainfield's close proximity to New York City banks, and that fact that four other local banks are supported by a population of less than 31,000. Mr. Pond has been connected with the Plainfield Trust Co. since 1910, when he became Secretary and Treasurer. In 1913 he was elected Vice-President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of New York, and at the same time was elected to the Vice-Presidency of the Plainfield Trust Co. Mr. Pond, who is a banker of wide experience and sagacity, continues in his New York connection. The active executive management of the Plainfield Trust Co. is ably directed by DeWitt Hubbell, who holds the position of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Plainfield Trust Co. is also distinguished for the successful men of high character and ability that have been called to serve on its board of directors, which is composed of Charles W. McCutcheon, Chairman of the Board; Henry M. Cleaver, Frederick Geller, Arthur M. Harris, Augustus V. Heely, DeWitt Hubbell, Edward H. Ladd Jr., Harry H. Pond, Charles A. Reed, Frank H. Smith, John P. Stevens, Samuel Townsend, Cornelius B. Tyler, and Lewis E. Waring. The officers of the company are Harry H. Pond, President; Augustus V. Heely, Vice-President; DeWitt Hubbell, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer; F. Irving Walsh, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; H. Douglas Davis, Assistant Secretary and Trust Officer; Russell C. Doeringer, Assistant Treasurer.

James J. Keating Jr., until recently Treasurer of the Union County Savings Bank of Elizabeth, N. J., was arrested on Oct. 3 for alleged conversion to his own use of the deposits of the bank for an unknown amount. He was held in a bond of \$15,000, which was furnished. Keating, according to the New York "Times," was made Treasurer of the bank on Feb. 1 of this year after a long and respected service in its employ, which began in 1905. H. C. Hurt, the President of the bank, is reported as saying that Keating had been dismissed as Treasurer about three weeks ago, when the alleged shortage had been discovered, and had not been arrested until given an opportunity to make full restitution, a requirement he had failed to fulfill.

A press dispatch from Philadelphia on Oct. 15 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated that on that day the stockholders of the People's Bank of Philadelphia had ratified the proposed consolidation of the institution and the People's Trust Co. The stockholders of the latter institution, it was said, had already given their consent to the merger. As stated in our issue of July 14, the resulting institution will be known as the People's Bank & Trust Co. and will have a capital of \$1,250,000 and total resources of \$12,500,000. Henry R. Robins, for many years a Vice-President of the Land Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, will head the new institution.

Newspaper advices from Erie, Pa., state that, following the discovery of a shortage of approximately \$67,000 in the funds of the Citizens' Bank of Albion, Pa., the institution was closed on Oct. 10, and R. J. Griswold, its Cashier, taken into custody for alleged falsifying of the books of the bank. Later he was released in \$15,000 bail pending a hearing of his case. When the closing of the Albion bank became known, it is said, the First National Bank of Erie offered to take over the institution. The stockholders also, it is said, offered to make good any loss. A statement issued on the morning of Oct. 10 showed, it is said, that the bank had approximately \$87,000 to cover the reported losses, namely, combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$77,000, and a cashier's surety bond of \$10,000.

According to a press dispatch from Meadville, Pa., on Sept. 20, printed in the Pittsburgh "Post" of the following day, a verdict of "not guilty" was returned by a jury in the Criminal Court at Meadville on that day (Sept. 20) after it had

deliberated for four hours in the case against Paul Sturtevant, President, and E. T. Baird, Assistant Cashier, of the defunct Bank of Conneautville (Conneautville, Pa.), charged with conspiracy. The trial lasted a week and attracted great attention in the northwestern part of the State. At the close of the case, it is said, District Attorney August Delp announced that other charges against the defendants would be tried in January. We referred to the closing of the Bank of Conneautville in these columns in our issue of Feb. 11 1922 and subsequent issues.

George Davidson of the Union Drawn Steel Co. of Beaver Falls, Pa., has been elected a director of the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A., succeeding F. N. Beegle, deceased.

Charles F. Hess, for fifteen years President of the Dime Bank Title & Trust Co. of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has been elected Vice-President of the West Side Trust Co. of Wilkes-Barre. With his election to his new post, Mr. Hess retires as President of the Dime Bank Title Trust Co.

It is planned to increase the capital of the Liberty State Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., from \$75,000 to \$225,000. A special dividend will be paid to stockholders who are given the right to subscribe to the new stock in proportion to their present holdings, of subscribing to the new issue. The stockholders will act on the proposal to increase on Jan. 8 1924, and the enlarged capital is to become effective Jan. 9. It is planned to issue the new stock (par \$50) at \$75 per share.

Frederick W. Hecht, the Cashier of the American National Bank of Dayton, O., whose defalcations caused the institution to close on Aug. 16 last, was on Oct. 10 sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta by Judge Smith Hickenlooper in the United States District Court at Cincinnati, following his plea of "guilty" to the embezzlement of \$306,000, according to newspaper advices from Cincinnati. We referred to the failure of the bank and the subsequent taking over of its business by the Merchants National Bank of Dayton in these columns in our Sept. 8 issue.

On Oct. 10 the board of directors of the Central Manufacturing District Bank of Chicago voted to transfer \$100,000 from the undivided profits account to the surplus account, bringing the latter to \$500,000. The capital stock is now \$500,000, making the capital and surplus \$1,000,000. Remaining undivided profits amount to approximately \$80,000. The Central Manufacturing District Bank opened for business Oct. 7 1912 with a capital stock of \$250,000. Since its organization the bank's business has shown a steady increase, resources now being reported in excess of \$8,000,000.

In keeping with the growth and development of its banking facilities, the Lumbermens Trust Co.-Bank of Portland, Ore., has added four more executives to its staff. Its board of directors announce the election of:

Fred M. Blankenship as Vice-President, formerly Sales Manager of the bond department of the bank.

Harry C. Kendall as Vice-President, formerly President of Clark, Kendall & Co., Inc., of Portland.

Carlos C. Close as Vice-President, formerly Vice-President of Clark, Kendall & Co., Inc.

Arthur R. Stringer Jr. as Assistant Vice-President, for 22 years actively identified with the commercial department of the First National Bank of Portland.

The Fort Worth National Bank of Fort Worth, Tex., celebrated its golden anniversary by a reception in its banking rooms on Oct. 16 from 7 to 10 p. m. Invitations, engraved in gold, were issued to its friends and patrons.

The issuance of 50,000 additional shares of the authorized capital stock of the Bank of Italy was sanctioned on Oct. 11 by the directors of the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, this increasing the bank's paid-in capital to \$20,000,000. This increase, it is stated, will make the Bank of Italy one of the six largest financial institutions in the United States in point of capital. Three of the other banks with an equally large capitalization are in New York, and two are in Chicago.

A. P. Giannini, President of the Bank of Italy, says:

We are issuing this new stock first to reimburse the Stockholders' Auxiliary Corp. immediately with 12,500 shares borrowed by it from stockholders, to accommodate the over-subscription in July last year, when the bank increased its number of stockholders from 4,000 to 14,000. Subscriptions will be accepted at once for an additional 12,500 shares of Bank of Italy and Stockholders' Auxiliary Corp. stock at \$225 per combined share, after formal notification to stockholders. The books will close Dec. 31 of this year. Subscriptions for the remaining 25,000 shares will be received after Jan. 1 next year at \$250 per combined share.

Further, it has always been our policy to make the increase in the bank's capital keep pace with its growth in deposits. Since July of last year, when our paid-in capital was increased to \$15,000,000, our deposits have

gained more than \$60,000,000, and our resources have grown to approximately \$300,000,000. Because of this splendid increase, and the expected continuance of our growth, we feel that plans should now be made to preserve our established ratio between capital and deposits. Moreover, the demand for stock in many of the communities where the bank has established branches was not satisfied by the last issue. By offering this new stock now, we shall be able to meet the requirements of the people in cities such as Petaluma, Vacaville, Sallinas and Ontario, recently entered.

The directors expect to ask waivers from the present stockholders in order that the first 12,500 shares of this new issue may be used to reimburse those from whom it was previously borrowed by the Stockholders' Auxiliary Corp. With the issuance of these 50,000 additional shares of Bank of Italy and Stockholders' Auxiliary Corp. stock, these corporations will have a combined working capital, it is stated, of approximately \$45,000,000.

According to newspaper advices from Toronto this week, a "run" on the Dominion Bank of Canada (precipitated, it is understood, by false rumors as to the soundness of the institution), which on Saturday and Monday kept the staffs of all the 30 branches of the institution in that city hard at work subsided almost as quickly as it began. On Tuesday morning the Ontario Government made a deposit to the credit of the Province of \$1,500,000 in the institution and the publication of this news, said the Toronto "Globe" of Oct. 17, and of the statement of the Dominion Bank officials was in itself enough to reassure the public mind, "but if additional proof of the bank's soundness had been required it was forthcoming in almost unlimited volume yesterday. No sooner had the story of the panic been broadcast over Canada and the United States than messages proffering assistance began to come to the General Manager from all points of the compass. As it happened, the assistance promised proved unnecessary, but had an emergency arisen Mr. Bogert could have relied on the resources of one of the strongest and wealthiest banks in the United States, the National City Bank of New York." The following statement (as printed in "Financial America" of this city on Thursday Oct. 18) was made by Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, President of the Canadian Bankers Association. It read:

The Canadian Bankers Association feels satisfied that the Dominion Bank is in an absolutely sound and strong position, and able to meet without difficulty all demands likely to be made upon it, and I know that all the other banks comprising the Association would without doubt stand behind the Dominion Bank if it were necessary.

The New York agency of the Sumitomo Bank, Ltd., at 149 Broadway, announces that Sakio Imamura, heretofore the New York agent, has been appointed Chief Manager of the bank's Head Office in Osaka, Japan, and Giichi Higashi, Assistant Agent, has succeeded Mr. Imamura as New York Agent. Chozo Shirai, Assistant Agent, has been transferred to the Head Office and Shogo Ijara and Shuzo Hirasa have been appointed Assistant Agents of the New York office.

Norma C. Stenning, Agent of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd., has received a cablegram from his Head Office at London announcing that the net profits of the bank for the year ending June 30 1923 were £436,000, after making provision for all contingencies. In April an interim dividend of 6s. (six shillings) per share was declared involving a distribution of £196,000 and a final dividend of 4s. (four shillings), or £133,500, is now declared, making 10% for the year. £25,000 has been applied to the Staff Pension Fund and a balance of £337,000 carried forward as against £256,000 brought forward from the last year.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 3 1923:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 26th inst. was £125,828,205, as compared with £125,827,580 on the previous Wednesday. A fair amount of gold has been on offer this week, but Indian demand being on a small scale the bulk of supplies will go to the United States. Gold valued at \$5,975,000 has arrived in New York from London. The Southern Rhodesian gold output for August 1923 amounted to 53,256 ounces, as compared with 54,383 ounces for July 1923 and 56,037 ounces for August 1922. It is reported that gold on a payable scale has been discovered at Yanawai, Vanualovu, in Fiji, giving a yield of 54 ounces from 35 tons. The Government have asked New Zealand for the loan of a mining geologist to advise on the question of working the area.

SILVER.

The feature of the market has been the keen demand for prompt silver to cover contracts falling due and also for shipment to India. Prices rose sharply until yesterday, when the cash quotation reached 32¼d. and the premium for cash delivery over forward delivery ¼d. (the highest paid since Jan. 27 last, when the premium stood at 15-16d.). The rising prices, however, elicited sales from China and elsewhere, and to-day a setback was recorded in the cash price, while the premium receded to 9-16d. Under

date of Sept. 13 last we are informed by Indian mail as follows: "The Bombay silver market was excited during the week owing to the sinking of the American mail boat Cuba. Speculators were inclined to buy for the near deliveries, with the result that the price for the first settlement has advanced ten annas more than the second settlement. There was good business doing in the Bazaar and the banks were also active. The up-country demand for the metal is about 100 bars per day." No fresh Indian currency returns have come to hand. The stock in Shanghai on the 29th ult. consisted of about 26,700,000 ounces in sycee, \$37,500,000 and 4,330 silver bars, as compared with 26,100,000 ounces in sycee, \$36,000,000 and 1,380 silver bars on the 22d ult. Statistics for the month of September are appended:

	—Bar Silver, per oz. std.—		Bar Gold, per oz. fine.	
	Cash Delivery. 2 Mos. Del.		per oz. fine.	
Highest price	32 3/4 d.	32 d.	91s. 4d.	
Lowest price	30 15-16d.	30 13-16d.	90s. 2d.	
Average price	31.697d.	31.390d.	90s. 8.7d.	
	—Bar Silver, per oz. std.—		Bar Gold, per oz. fine.	
	Cash.		Two Mos.	
Sept. 27	31 7/8 d.	31 7-16d.	90s. 6d.	
Sept. 28	31 3/8 d.	31 3-16d.	90s. 7d.	
Sept. 29	31 15-16d.	31 3/8 d.		
Oct. 1	32 1-16d.	31 7-16d.	90s. 8d.	
Oct. 2	32 1/4 d.	31 3/8 d.	90s. 9d.	
Oct. 3	31 15-16d.	31 3/8 d.	90s. 7d.	
Average	31.948d.	31.365d.	90s. 7.4d.	

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1-16d. above and the same as those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

	London,	Oct. 13.	Oct. 15.	Oct. 16.	Oct. 17.	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.
Week ending Oct. 19—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	
Silver, per oz. d.	31 7-16	31 7-16	31 3/8	31 3/8	31 3/8	31 3/8	
Gold, per fine ounce	90s. 7d.	91s. 1d.	91s. 1d.	91s. 2d.	91s. 4d.	91s. 4d.	
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.	58 3/4	58 3/4	58 3/4	58 3/4	58 3/4	58 3/4	
British, 5 per cents.	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	
British, 4 1/2 per cents.	99 1/2	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	
French Rentes (in Paris), fr.	55.75	55.40	55.35	55.15	55.05	55.05	
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.	74.45	74.50	74.50	74.45	74.35	74.35	

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):						
Foreign	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Announcement has been made that W. D. King has withdrawn from the firm of Sherwood & King, Houston, Texas, and that W. D. Sherwood will continue the business as formerly under the firm name of Sherwood & Co. Seth S. Lamb will continue to give his attention to the cotton department and the New York Listed and Curb stocks.

—Cyrus Peirce & Co. announce the change in the corporate name to Peirce, Fair & Co. Mr. Harry H. Fair, whose name is now included in the company title, has been Vice-President and General Manager since the organization of the firm of Cyrus Peirce & Co.

—Myron S. Hall & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the appointment of Kenneth L. Mytinger and Howard E. Rainey to represent the firm in Springfield, Mass.

—George W. Kirtland, formerly with McDonnell & Co., has become associated with Horwitz & Co., 60 Wall St., N. Y., in charge of their public utilities department.

—Jelke, Hood & Co., 40 Wall St., N. Y., in the current issue of their market review, give a special summary and forecast in reparations and Germany.

—Harper & Turner, investment bankers, Philadelphia, announce that Frank J. Freller has become associated with them and will represent them as manager of their Reading, Pa., office.

—James K. Watt has been admitted as a general partner in the firm of Garrison & Co., Philadelphia and C. Kenneth Garrison has retired as a general partner, becoming a limited partner in the same firm.

—The New York Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of Amalgamated Trust Corp. 50,000 preferred stock (\$100 par) and 200,000 shares common stock of no par value.

—Price, Waterhouse & Co. announce the removal of their Los Angeles offices to 215 W. 7th St.

—Alexander Mayer has become associated with Livingston, Paperno Wachtell, accountants and industrial engineers.

—Wm. C. Hess Jr. & Co., Philadelphia, have opened a bond department under the management of Rowland Lippincott.

—George W. Kirtland, formerly with McDonnell & Co., has become associated with Horwitz & Co. in charge of their public utilities department

THE CURB MARKET.

Active trading in the Curb Market this week was confined to a few issues, business elsewhere being dull and uninteresting. Prices moved without definite trend except in a few issues. Park & Tilford was the outstanding feature which moved up sharply on heavy purchases from 25 1/8 to 31 3/4, reacting finally to 30 3/8. American Hawaiian Steamship advanced from 12 1/2 to 16 1/2 and ends the week at 16. Cuba Company rose from 34 to 35, The company declared its initial dividend this week. Curtiss Aeroplane common stock etfs. of dep. moved up from 9 1/2 to 12. Durant Motors improved from 26 to 31 1/4 and reacted finally to 27 3/4. Durant Motors of Indiana gained 1 1/2 points to 9 and finished to-day at 8 1/2. Ford Motor of Canada sold up from 433 1/2 to 435, then down to 417 1/2. In the oil group Standard Oil (Indiana) continues the most active and advanced from 54 3/8 to 56 1/2, reacting finally to 55 1/2. Standard Oil of New York was up from 41 1/2 to 42 3/4, receded to 41, and to-day sold up to 42 1/4, the close being at 42. Buckeye Pipe Line dropped from 77 1/2 to 72 1/2 and closed to-day at 74. Prairie Oil & Gas, after an early advance from 167 to 169, sank to 164,

sold back to 168 and closed to-day at 167. Standard Oil (Kentucky) rose from 91 1/2 to 92 3/4, reacted to 90 3/4, and sold finally at 91 1/2. Gulf States Oil & Refining was an active feature and sold up from 6 to 7, the close to-day being at 6 5/8. Carib Syndicate advanced from 3 1/8 to 4 1/2 and ends the week at 4 3/8. Salt Creek Producers was off from 19 to 18 1/8.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1766.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The feature of the week has been the decline in the railroad shares, a number of which have touched the lowest figures of the year. Northern Pacific and Great Northern have been particularly weak. The depressing influence has been the suggestion of President Coolidge that rates on grain and coal be reduced. Aside from this, the feature has been the irregularity of the price fluctuations, each day being almost a complete reversal of the movements of the preceding day. In the brief two-hour market on Saturday the early movement of prices was toward lower levels. A stronger tone developed toward the end of the session, and many of the stocks that showed declines in the early trading closed the day with moderate advances. Nearly all the active issues were in demand at increasing prices during the greater part of the session on Monday.

With the exception of a short period during the opening hour on Tuesday the general price trend was toward lower levels, making practically a complete reversal of the movement of the preceding day. The market again displayed a strong tone in the opening hour on Wednesday. Movements in most of the stocks were irregular during the forenoon on Thursday. A heavy tone prevailed in the oil group and some of the railroad issues broke badly for the reasons enumerated above. Irregular price movements again predominated on Friday, but with a brisk rally in the railroad shares.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week again 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, Oct. 20) aggregate bank clearings for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will show a decrease of 12.1% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$8,160,084,678, against \$9,278,507,485 for the same week in 1922. At this centre there is a loss of 21.6%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending Oct. 20.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,441,000,000	\$4,389,189,876	-21.6
Chicago	567,708,645	598,648,549	-5.2
Philadelphia	470,000,000	503,000,000	-6.6
Boston	352,000,000	401,000,000	-9.7
Kansas City	115,415,884	143,538,960	-19.6
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	158,600,000	152,900,000	+3.7
Los Angeles	146,877,000	102,958,000	+42.7
Pittsburgh	155,082,840	*172,500,000	-10.1
Detroit	120,776,901	104,053,720	+16.1
Cleveland	107,380,925	97,694,798	+9.9
Baltimore	89,280,320	92,510,130	-3.5
New Orleans	59,863,132	64,852,333	-7.7
Total 12 cities, 5 days	\$5,793,985,647	\$6,822,846,366	-15.1
Other cities, 5 days	1,006,084,918	909,243,205	+10.6
Total all cities, 5 days	\$6,800,070,565	\$7,732,089,571	-12.1
All cities, 1 day	1,360,014,113	1,546,417,914	-12.1
Total all cities for week	\$8,160,084,678	\$9,278,507,485	-12.1

a Will not report clearings. * Estimated.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ending Oct. 13. For that week there is a decrease of 12.7%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$6,270,254,995 and the 1922 aggregate \$7,185,470,280. Outside of this city the decrease is only 1.8%, the bank exchanges at this centre having fallen off 21.7%. 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 decrease of 2.7%, in the New York Reserve District (because of the loss at this centre) of 21.2%, and in the Philadelphia

Reserve District of 9.5%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are smaller by 4.9%, in the Atlanta Reserve District by 0.1%, and in the Chicago Reserve District by 2.0%. In the Richmond Reserve District there is an increase of 0.3%, in Minneapolis Reserve District of 4.9%, and in the Dallas Reserve District of 8.4%. In the St. Louis Reserve District there is a falling off of 2.5% and in the Kansas City Reserve District of 7.5%. The San Francisco Reserve District enjoys a gain of 7.3%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week ending Oct. 13 1923., 1923., 1922., Inc.or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.) and Grand total.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending October 13., 1923., 1922., Inc.or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve Districts (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth) and various cities within each district.

Clearings at—

Week Ending October 13.

Table with columns: 1923., 1922., Inc.or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Seventh Federal Reserve District (Michigan, Ann Arbor, Detroit, etc.), Eighth Federal Reserve District (Indiana, Evansville, etc.), Ninth Federal Reserve District (Minnesota, Duluth, etc.), Tenth Federal Reserve District (Nebraska, Fremont, etc.), and Eleventh Federal Reserve District (Texas, Austin, etc.).

Clearings at—

Week Ending October 11.

Table with columns: 1923., 1922., Inc.or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Canadian cities (Montreal, Toronto, etc.) and various US cities (Albany, Birmingham, etc.) under different Federal Reserve Districts.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ending Oct. 10. d Week ending Oct. 11. e Week ending Oct. 12. * Estimated.

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FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table with columns: Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Customs Receipts at New York (1923, 1922).

Movement of gold and silver for the eight months:

Table with columns: Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Silver—New York (Imports, Exports).

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

- Oct. 11—The First National Bank of Alma, Ark. Capital, \$25,000. Correspondent, O. B. Ragon, Alma, Ark.

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

- Oct. 11—The First National Bank of Fairview, Fairview, N. J. Capital, \$100,000. Correspondent, Francis Bradley, Fairview, N. J.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

- Oct. 13—12451—The Hanover National Bank of Ashland, Va. Conversion of the Hanover Bank, Ashland, Va. President, S. J. Doswell; Cashier, W. L. Poy.

CHANGE OF TITLE AND LOCATION.

- Oct. 12—9394—The First National Bank of Higginsport, Ohio, to The First National Bank of Winchester, Ohio.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

- Oct. 11—4054—The American National Bank & Trust Co. of Dayton, Ohio. Effective Sept. 21 1923. Absorbed by the Merchants National Bank & Trust Co. of Dayton, Ohio, No. 1788.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

Table listing various securities for auction with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities for auction by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities for auction by R. L. Day & Co. with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various securities with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table listing dividends with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Main table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Public Utilities (Concluded), Banks, and another Miscellaneous section.

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.

Main table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies and their financial details.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Oct. 13. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: Week ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demands, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-tables for Members of Fed. Reserve Bank and State Banks.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average total Oct. 13, \$40,642,000; actual totals Oct. 13, \$38,119,000; Oct. 6, \$43,300,000; Sept. 29, \$45,220,000; Sept. 22, \$45,185,000; Sept. 15, \$19,174,000.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$122,408,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$113,225,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$71,225,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$232,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$27,162,000.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Lists Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, and Trust companies.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. † This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount in reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Oct. 13, \$11,978,190; Oct. 6, \$12,165,120; Sept. 29, \$12,317,430; Sept. 22, \$12,435,010.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock. Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. m Payable in preferred stock. n Payable in Canadian funds. o New York Curb Market rules British Amer. Oil be quoted ex-div. on Oct. 1. p All transfers received in London on or before Sept. 3 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees. q Extra dividend on com. \$96,250.

Table with columns: Actual Figures, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve, State banks, Trust companies, and various dates.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Banks.
b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies...

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Table with columns: Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, etc. Includes a RESERVE section with State Banks and Trust Companies data.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Oct. 13 was 74,468,900.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Rows show weekly data from June 23 to Oct. 13.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Includes a comparison with previous week.

a United States deposits deducted, \$262,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$151,000. Excess reserve, \$261,290 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Oct. 17 1923, Changes from previous week, Oct. 10 1923, Oct. 3 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investments, Individual deposits, etc.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Oct. 13, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits...

Table with columns: Two Ciphers (00) omitted, Week Ending Oct. 13 1923 (Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, Total), Oct. 6 1923, Sept. 29 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts, etc.

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Oct. 17 1923 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns: Resources, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total bills on hand, U. S. bonds and notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, One-year certificates (Pittman Act), All other, Total earning assets, Bank premises, 5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes, Uncollected items, All other resources, Total resources, Liabilities, Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits, Government, Member banks—Reserve account, All other, Total, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circ'n—net liability, Deferred availability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Announcement has been made that the name of the well-known investment banking firm of Cyrus Peirce & Co. has been changed to Peirce, Fair & Co. Since the organization of Cyrus Peirce & Co., Harry H. Fair has been Vice-President & General Manager, and it is in recognition of his service that his name has been included in the corporate title of the firm.

—Noble & Corwin, 25 Broad St., N. Y., specialists in bank stocks, have prepared a comparative table showing the figures reported by all the leading New York City banks and trust companies as of September 1923, with the book values of a year prior to that date.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Oct. 18, 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 1724, 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 OCT. 17 1923.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Oct. 17 1923. Includes sub-sections for RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and Distribution by Maturities.

* 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 OCT. 17 1923

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Oct. 17 1923. Columns include Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total.

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Bank premises, 5% redemption fund against F. R. bank notes, Uncollected items, All other resources, LIABILITIES, Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits, Government, Member bank—reserve acct., Other deposits, Total deposits, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability, Deferred Availability Items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent., Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 17 1923.

Federal Reserve Agent at— Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleve., Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. L., Minn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr., Total. Rows include Resources (In Thousands of Dollars), Federal Reserve notes on hand, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold Fund—Federal Reserve Board, Eligible paper/Amount required (Excess amount held), Total, Liabilities, Net amount of Federal Reserves notes received from Comptroller of the Currency, Collateral received from/Gold, Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper), Total, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Federal Reserve notes held by banks, Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 770 member banks, from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve Banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Oct. 18 1917, published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 1724.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Oct. 10 1923. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, gross, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & discs'ts & invest'm'ts, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other.

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted. Table with columns for New York City, City of Chicago, All F. R. Bank Cities, F. R. Branch Cities, Other Selected Cities, Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, gross, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & discs'ts & invest'm'ts, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable and rediscounts with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Ratio of bills payable & rediscounts with F. R. Bank to total loans and investments, per cent.

* Includes Victory notes.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Sept. 19 1923.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1746.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table with 5 columns: Week Ending Oct. 19, Stocks, Railroad, State, United States. Rows for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

Table with 5 columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, 1923, 1922, 1923, 1922. Rows for Stocks, Bonds, Government bonds, State and foreign bonds, RR. and misc. bonds, and Total bonds.

* Corrected total. DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Table with 6 columns: Week Ending Oct. 19, Ind. & Mts., Oil, Mining, Domestic, For'n Govt. Rows for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with 6 columns: Week ending Oct. 19 1923, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore. Rows for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Oct. 13, Oct. 15, Oct. 16, Oct. 17, Oct. 18, Oct. 19.

Table with 7 columns: Bond type, High, Low, Close, Oct. 13, Oct. 15, Oct. 16, Oct. 17, Oct. 18, Oct. 19. Rows for First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table with 4 columns: Bond type, High, Low, Close. Rows for 48 1st 3 1/2, 1 1st 4 1/2, 33 2d 4 1/2.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cdfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with 8 columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows for June 15 1924, Sept. 15 1924, Mar. 15 1925, Mar. 15 1926, Dec. 15 1925.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange ruled dull and easier, although changes were not particularly important.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 49 3/4 @ 4 50 1/2 for sixty days, 4 51 1/2 @ 4 52 1/2 for cheques and 4 51 1/2 @ 4 52 1/2 for cables.

Exchange at Paris on London, 74.35 francs; week's range, 73.70 francs high and 75.45 francs low.

Table with 4 columns: Sterling, Actual, Sixty Days, Cheques, Cables. Rows for High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, Domestic Exchange.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Large table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Rows for Railroads, Industrial & Miscell., and various individual stocks.

* No par value. a Hartman Corporation quoted ex-rights on Oct. 18.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1746.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1766.

New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS		PER SHARE		PER SHARE	
							NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		Range since Jan. 1 1923.		Range for Previous Year 1922.	
Saturday, Oct. 13.	Monday, Oct. 15.	Tuesday, Oct. 16.	Wednesday, Oct. 17.	Thursday, Oct. 18.	Friday, Oct. 19.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
30 30	30 30	30 30	27 29	27 29	27 33	500	Ann Arbor preferred.....100	22 July 31	45 Feb 23	27 1/2 Jan	52 Aug	
96 1/2 96 1/2	97 97 1/2	96 97	95 96	95 96	96 35 1/2	6,200	Ach Topeka & Santa Fe.....100	94 1/2 July 2	10 5/8 Mar 3	9 1/2 Jan	10 1/2 Sept	
87 1/2 87 1/2	87 1/2 88	87 1/2 88	87 1/2 88	87 1/2 88	87 1/2 88	300	Do pref.....100	86 1/2 July 5	90 5/8 Mar 6	84 1/2 Jan	95 1/2 Aug	
1 1/8 1 1/8	1 1/8 1 1/8	1 1/8 1 1/8	1 1/8 1 1/8	1 1/8 1 1/8	1 1/8 1 1/8	2,300	Atlanta Birm & Atlantic.....100	11 1/4 Aug 14	3 1/2 Feb 21	3 1/4 Jan	5 1/2 Apr	
110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 112	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 111 1/2	1,900	Atlantic Coast Line RR.....100	109 1/2 July 31	127 Feb 26	83 Jan	124 1/2 Sept	
55 1/2 55 1/2	56 1/2 57	55 57	55 1/2 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	28,600	Baltimore & Ohio.....100	40 1/8 Jan 17	59 3/8 Oct 8	33 1/2 Jan	60 1/4 Aug	
57 1/2 58	58 58	57 1/2 58	57 1/2 58	57 1/2 58	57 1/2 58	500	Do pref.....100	55 1/2 May 7	60 1/2 Mar 21	52 1/2 Jan	66 1/4 Aug	
1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	500	Brooklyn Rapid Transit.....100	1 1/8 Oct 4	1 1/4 Jan 2	6 Jan	29 June	
144 1/4 144 1/4	143 1/4 143 1/4	142 3/4 144	142 1/2 143 3/4	141 1/2 142 1/2	143 143 1/4	400	Certificates of deposit.....100	1 1/8 Aug 9	1 1/4 Jan 12	5 1/2 Jan	24 1/2 June	
65 1/2 65 1/2	63 1/2 63 1/2	63 1/2 66 1/2	64 1/2 65 1/2	64 1/2 65 1/2	64 1/2 67 1/2	13,500	Canadian Pacific.....100	139 3/4 Sept 21	160 Apr 18	119 1/2 Jan	151 1/2 Aug	
98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	97 1/2 98	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	700	Chesapeake & Ohio.....100	57 June 27	76 3/4 Jan 30	54 Jan	79 Aug	
2 3/4 3	2 3/4 3	2 3/4 3	2 3/4 3	2 3/4 3	2 3/4 3	1,700	Do pref.....100	96 June 29	104 1/2 Feb 23	100 3/4 Dec	105 1/2 Oct	
8 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	7 3/4 8 1/4	7 3/4 8 1/4	7 3/4 8 1/4	7 3/4 8 1/4	4,700	Chicago & Alton.....100	2 May 21	3 1/4 Feb 13	1 1/4 Jan	12 1/2 May	
27 30	28 31	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 29 1/2	300	Do pref.....100	3 1/8 Jan 6	3 1/8 Oct 8	3 1/8 Jan	20 1/2 Aug	
52 56	53 54 1/2	53 53 1/2	53 54 1/2	53 54 1/2	53 53 1/2	300	Chic & East Ill RR (new).....100	19 Aug 6	38 1/4 Feb 13	12 1/4 Jan	43 Aug	
4 1/8 4 1/4	4 1/8 4 1/4	4 1/8 4 1/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 4 1/4	500	Chicago Great Western.....100	46 1/4 Aug 6	62 1/4 Mar 26	3 1/8 Jan	64 1/4 Aug	
9 9	9 10	9 9	8 3/4 9	8 3/4 9	8 3/4 9	800	Co pref.....100	3 1/2 Oct 17	7 Feb 6	7 3/4 Dec	10 1/4 May	
15 15 1/4	15 15 1/4	14 1/2 15 1/4	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15 1/4	8,700	Chicago Milw & St Paul.....100	14 1/4 Aug 6	26 3/4 Mar 5	17 1/4 Jan	36 1/8 Aug	
26 26 1/4	26 26 1/4	26 26 1/4	23 1/2 25	25 25 1/4	25 26	11,000	Do pref.....100	23 3/8 Oct 17	45 1/4 Mar 5	29 Jan	55 1/2 Aug	
62 62 1/2	62 62 1/2	60 1/4 62 1/2	58 1/2 60	59 60 1/4	60 61 1/4	11,800	Chicago & North Western.....100	58 1/2 Oct 17	88 Mar 5	59 Jan	95 1/2 Sept	
105 110	105 110	105 108	101 107	100 110	101 110	130	Do pref.....100	105 Oct 16	118 1/2 Mar 26	103 1/2 Jan	125 Aug	
22 1/2 22 3/4	22 23	21 1/2 22 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 3/4	8,300	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific.....100	19 1/4 Aug 16	37 1/4 Mar 29	30 1/2 Dec	50 Sept	
78 78	78 79	77 78	77 78	77 78	77 78	1,300	7% preferred.....100	7 1/2 Aug 4	9 1/8 Feb 9	830 Jan	105 Sept	
66 1/2 68	67 67	66 1/2 67	65 1/2 66 1/2	65 1/2 66	65 1/2 65 1/2	2,800	6% preferred.....100	60 7/8 Aug 4	85 Mar 5	70 1/4 Jan	95 Sept	
50 51	51 53	51 51	47 51	47 51	47 51	100	Chic St P Minn & Omaha.....100	51 Oct 16	78 Mar 5	51 Jan	90 Sept	
21 21 1/2	21 21 1/2	20 20 1/8	18 19	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	1,500	Delaware & Southern.....100	18 Oct 17	45 1/2 Feb 13	38 Jan	53 1/2 Apr	
108 109 1/2	109 109	107 108	107 1/4 107 3/4	108 108	108 109	1,300	Colarado & Hudson.....100	93 1/4 July 7	124 1/2 Feb 13	106 1/4 Jan	141 1/2 Sept	
111 1/4 111 1/4	110 1/2 111	110 111 1/4	110 110 1/2	110 110 1/2	111 1/4 112	1,200	Delaware Lack & Western.....50	110 Oct 16	130 1/2 Feb 8	108 Feb	143 Oct	
131 1/2 131 1/2	133 1/4 14	131 1/2 14 1/2	133 1/8 13 3/4	133 1/8 13 3/4	133 1/4 14 1/4	12,900	Erie.....100	10 1/2 May 22	16 1/2 Aug 25	7 Jan	18 1/4 May	
21 1/2 21 3/4	22 22 1/2	21 1/2 22 1/2	21 3/4 21 3/4	22 22 1/2	22 22 3/4	14,600	Do 1st preferred.....100	15 Jan 17	25 1/2 Aug 24	11 1/8 Jan	25 1/2 Aug	
15 1/4 15 1/4	15 1/4 16	15 1/2 16 1/4	15 1/2 16 1/4	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	1,500	Do 2d preferred.....100	10 1/4 May 21	18 1/2 Aug 24	7 1/4 Jan	20 1/4 May	
54 54 1/2	54 54 1/2	51 1/2 54 1/2	51 1/2 52 1/2	51 1/2 52 1/2	51 1/2 52 1/2	20,800	Great Northern pref.....100	51 1/2 Aug 4	80 Mar 5	70 1/4 Jan	95 Oct	
28 1/2 28 3/4	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 29	28 1/2 29	28 1/2 29	2,700	Iron Ore Properties No par	25 July 2	36 Mar 19	28 1/2 Nov	45 1/2 Apr	
10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 11	10 1/2 11	10 11	10 11 1/2	10 11 1/2	300	Gulf Mob & Nor tr cts.....100	9 1/2 Aug 22	20 Mar 5	5 Jan	19 May	
48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 49	47 1/2 49 1/2	47 1/2 49 1/2	300	Do pref.....100	4 1/4 Jan 2	6 1/2 Feb 21	16 Jan	47 Oct	
104 1/4 104 1/4	104 1/4 104 1/4	104 1/4 105	104 1/4 104 3/4	104 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	1,600	Illinois Central.....100	10 1/4 Sept 25	11 1/2 Feb 21	9 1/2 Jan	11 1/2 Sept	
12 1/4 12 1/4	12 1/4 13 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/4 12 1/4	12 1/2 12 3/4	2,300	Interboro Cons Corp. No par	1 1/2 Jan 7	3 1/4 Jan 4	1 1/2 Dec	12 1/4 Apr	
17 17 1/4	17 17 1/4	17 17 1/4	17 17 1/4	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	1,100	Do pref.....100	1 1/4 Mar 2	7 1/2 Jan 5	5 1/2 Dec	12 1/4 Apr	
51 53	51 53	51 53	51 1/2 54	52 54	52 54	500	Interboro Rap Tran w i.....100	9 1/2 Jun 30	22 1/2 Mar 14	17 1/2 Dec	32 1/4 Apr	
60 60 1/2	61 61	59 1/4 60	58 5/8 59 1/2	58 5/8 59	59 59	6,000	Kansas City Southern.....100	15 1/2 July 31	24 1/4 Mar 21	17 Nov	30 1/4 Apr	
85 87	85 87	86 87 1/4	86 1/2 87 1/2	86 1/2 87 1/2	87 1/2 87 3/4	200	Do pref.....100	48 1/2 July 30	57 1/4 Mar 5	52 1/4 Nov	59 1/2 Apr	
40 45	43 1/2 45	43 1/2 45	40 45	40 45	40 45	1,000	Lake Erie & Western.....100	28 1/2 May 23	34 Jan 2	10 Feb	39 1/2 June	
32 1/2 33 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	100	Lehigh Valley.....50	65 June 7	75 June 26	26 1/2 Feb	72 Sept	
8 9	8 1/2 10 1/2	8 1/2 10 1/2	8 1/2 10 1/2	8 1/2 10 1/2	8 1/2 10 1/2	100	Louisville & Nashville.....100	54 June 30	71 3/4 Feb 7	56 1/2 Jan	72 Sept	
28 40	28 40	28 40	28 40	28 40	27 40	100	Manhattan Ry guar.....100	85 1/2 May 7	155 Feb 26	108 Jan	144 1/2 Oct	
64 67 1/2	64 67 1/2	64 67 1/2	65 66 1/2	66 66	64 66	100	Eq Tr Co of N Y ctf dep.....100	38 1/2 Jan 28	60 Apr 17	35 Jan	58 Aug	
22 28	22 28	22 28	22 28	22 28	22 28	100	Market Street Ry.....100	35 1/2 Jan 25	44 Feb 13	44 1/2 Aug	55 1/2 Aug	
45 55	50 1/4 50 1/4	50 50	48 55	48 55	48 55	400	Do pref.....100	8 Aug 13	22 Mar 12	3 1/2 Jan	11 Mar	
12 12	11 1/2 12	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 3/4	4,500	Do 2d preferred.....100	32 Sept 17	68 1/2 Mar 12	17 Jan	50 1/4 Apr	
20 30 1/2	29 30 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	300	Minneapolis & St L (new).....100	62 June 21	87 Mar 12	35 Jan	76 Nov	
26 1/2 27 1/2	26 1/2 27 1/2	26 1/2 27 1/2	26 1/2 27 1/2	26 1/2 27 1/2	26 1/2 27 1/2	3,100	Minn St P & S S Marle.....100	21 1/2 June 21	56 1/4 Mar 12	5 1/2 Jan	32 Apr	
2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	500	Missouri Kansas & Texas.....100	7 1/2 Aug 15	9 1/2 Feb 13	5 Jan	14 1/4 Apr	
85 86	85 1/2 86 1/2	84 1/2 86	83 1/2 84	83 1/2 84	83 1/2 84	700	Missouri Kansas & Texas.....100	50 Oct 16	73 1/2 Mar 5	55 June	75 1/4 Oct	
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 101	99 1/2 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	14,300	Mo Kan & Texas (new).....100	8 1/4 Apr 26	12 Feb 6	8 1/2 Jan	15 1/4 Dec	
12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	300	Do pref (new).....100	10 July 5	17 Feb 15	7 1/2 Jan	19 1/2 Apr	
16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	15 1/2 16 1/2	15 1/2 16 1/2	15 1/2 16 1/2	15 1/2 16 1/2	3,600	Missouri Pacific trust cts.....100	25 July 5	45 1/2 Feb 14	24 1/2 Jan	48 1/2 Aug	
102 1/2 102 1/2	103 103 1/2	101 1/2 102 1/2	101 1/2 102 1/2	101 1/2 102 1/2	101 1/2 102 1/2	3,100	Do pref trust cts.....100	9 June 11	19 1/2 Feb 14	15 1/2 Nov	63 1/2 Sept	
74 77	74 77	74 77	73 77	73 77	73 77	4,200	New Rys of Mex 2d pref.....100	2 1/4 July 31	4 1/2 Feb 10	40 Nov	63 1/2 Sept	
54 54 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	53 1/2 54	50 1/2 51 1/2	50 1/2 51 1/2	300	New York Central.....100	2 1/4 Jan 17	4 1/2 Feb 25	2 1/4 Nov	7 1/4 May	
42 42 1/2	41 1/2 42 1/2	41 1/2 42 1/2	41 1/2 42 1/2	41 1/2 42 1/2	41 1/2 42 1/2	9,300	New York Central.....100	82 1/2 Aug 14	105 Mar 26	54 1/2 Jan	87 1/2 Dec	
9 9	8 1/2 11	8 1/2 11	8 1/2 11	8 1/2 10 1/2	9 9	400	Do pref.....100	90 1/2 May 4	104 1/2 June 13	72 1/2 Jan	101 1/2 Oct	
40 1/4 40 1/4	41 1/4 40 1/4	40 1/2 41 1/4	40 1/2 41	40 1/2 40 1/4	40 1/2 40 1/4	7,500	N Y Chicago & St Louis.....100	68 May 22	84 Jan 29	51 1/2 Jan	91 1/2 Oct	
70 72	65 72	65 70	65 70	67 70 1/2	67 70	100	Do 2d preferred.....100	76 1/2 Jan 2	95 July 3	61 1/4 Jan	93 Sept	
59 59	57 1/2 61 1/2	57 1/2 61 1/2	57 1/2 61 1/2	57 1/2 61 1/2	57 1/2 60	100	N Y N H & Hartford.....100	9 1/2 July 5	22 1/2 Jan 30	12 1/2 Jan	38 Aug	
40 1/4 40 1/4	40 1/4 41 1/4	39 1/2 41	38 3/8 39	38 3/8 39	39 39	5,100	N Y Ontario & Western.....100	14 1/4 Jan 28	21 1/2 Feb 13	18 1/2 Dec	30 1/2 Apr	
76 1/2 76 1/2	76 1/2 77 1/2	76 1/2 76 3/4	76 1/2 76 3/4	76 1/2 76 3/4	76 1/2 76 3/4	15,800	Norfolk Southern.....100	9 Sept 1	18 1/2 Feb 9	8 1/2 Jan	22 1/2 June	

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1 1923, On basis of 100-share lots); PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1922). Rows list various stocks like American Cotton Oil, 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.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 13-19); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922. Rows include various stock symbols and names like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Exchange Buffet, Famous Players-Lasky, etc.

* Bid and asked prices no sales this day. # Ex-dividend

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'per share' and 'range since Jan. 1 1923'.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for 'Lowest', 'Highest', and 'PER SHARE' (Lowest and Highest). Includes sub-headers for 'Range since Jan. 1 1923' and 'PER SHARE'.

* Bid and asked prices; no action on this day. * Dividend after distribution of dividend in shares of United Cigar Store at the rate of 38.85 shares for 100 shares of United Retail Stores.

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Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

BONDS.						BONDS.					
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE						N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE					
Week ending Oct. 19.						Week ending Oct. 19.					
Interest Period	Price Friday Oct. 19.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	Interest Period	Price Friday Oct. 19.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1
		Bid	Ask					Low	High			Low	High
U. S. Government.											
First Liberty Loan—											
3 1/4% of 1932-1947	J D	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	785	99 1/2	101.90			
Conv 4% of 1932-1947	J D	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2		97 1/2	98.90			
Conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947	J D	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	279	96 3/4	99.10			
2d conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947	J D	96	Sale	96	96	50	97.00	99.00			
Second Liberty Loan—											
4% of 1927-1942	M N	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	1920	96 3/4	98.70			
Conv 4 1/4% of 1927-1942	M N	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2		96 3/4	98.88			
Third Liberty Loan—											
4 1/4% of 1928	M S	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	4542	97 1/2	99 1/2			
Fourth Liberty Loan—											
4 1/4% of 1933-1938	A O	97 3/4	Sale	97 3/4	97 3/4	2179	97 1/2	99.04			
Treasury 4 1/8 of 1947-1952	A O	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	98 3/4	3570	98 1/2	100.04			
2s consol registered	Q J			104 1/2	July 23		102 1/2	104 1/2			
2s consol coupon	Q J			103	July 23		102	103			
4s registered	Q J			104	May 23		103	104			
4s coupon	Q J			103 1/2	Aug 23		103 1/2	103 1/2			
Panama Canal 10-30-yr 2s	A O			100	July 21		94 1/2	95			
Panama Canal 3s gold	Q M			95	Apr 23		92 3/4	96 1/4			
Registered	Q M			92 3/4	Sept 23		92 3/4	96 1/4			
State and City Securities.											
N Y City—4 1/8 Corp stock	M S	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	Oct 23		98 1/4	101			
4 1/8 Corporate stock	M S	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2		1	99 1/2	102 7/8			
4 1/8 Corporate stock	M S	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	Oct 23		100	102 1/2			
4 1/8 Corporate stock	M S	103 1/2	104	103 1/2		5	103 1/2	108			
4 1/8 Corporate stock July 1927	J D	102 3/4	103 1/2	102 3/4	Oct 23		101 3/4	107			
4 1/8 Corporate stock	J D	102 3/4	103 1/2	102 3/4	Oct 23		101 3/4	107 1/8			
4 1/8 Corporate stock	M N	102 3/4	103 1/2	102 3/4		7	102 1/8	107 3/8			
4% Corporate stock	M N	95 3/4	96 1/4	95 3/4		6	95	100 1/4			
4% Corporate stock	M N	95 3/4	96 1/4	95 3/4	Oct 23		95	99 7/8			
4% Corporate stock	M N	95 3/4	96 1/4	95 3/4	Sept 23		95	100 1/8			
4% Corporate stock reg	M N	95 1/4	96	95 1/4	July 23		95	99 1/2			
4 1/8 Corporate stock	M N	102	103	102	Oct 23		101 1/2	107 1/2			
4 1/8 Corporate stock	M N	102	103	102	Oct 23		101 1/2	107 1/2			
3 1/2% Corporate stock	M N	85	86 1/2	85 1/2	Oct 23		85 1/2	91			
New York State—				102 1/2	June 23		101 1/2	103 1/2			
Canal Improvement 4s	J J			102 1/2	June 23		102 1/2	102 1/2			
Highway Improv 4 1/8	M S			112 1/4	July 23		112 1/4	112 1/4			
Highway Improv 4 1/8	M S			104 1/2	Apr 22		104 1/2	104 1/2			
Virginia 2-3s	J J	69 1/4		71 1/4	Oct 20						
Foreign Government.											
Argentina (Govt) 7s	F A	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2		93	100 1/4	103 1/8			
Argentine Treasury 5s of 1909	M S	80 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2		7	77 1/2	85 1/4			
Austrian (Govt) 7s w l	J D	88 3/4	Sale	88 3/4		159	83 1/4	93 1/4			
Belgium 2 1/2% ext s f 7 1/2 g. 1945	J D	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2		100 1/4	96	114			
5-year 6% notes Jan 1925	F A	97 1/2	Sale	96 3/4	97 3/8	63	93	98 3/8			
20-year s f 8s	F A	102	Sale	100 1/2	100 1/2	42	93	103 1/4			
Bergen (Norway) s f 8s	M N	107 1/2	107 1/2	108	108 1/2	9	107 1/2	113 1/4			
Berne (City of) s f 8s	M N	103 3/4	Sale	103 3/4	103 3/4	2	108	113 1/4			
Bolivia (Republic of) 8s	M N	87 1/2	Sale	87	88 1/2	110	86	94			
Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6s	M N	79 1/2	Sale	79	80	68	69 1/2	83 1/2			
Brazil (U S external) 8s	J D	93 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	94	81	91 1/2	99			
7s (Central Ry)	J D	78 1/2	Sale	78	79	96	77 1/2	86 1/4			
7 1/2s (Coffee Security)	A O	99 1/4	Sale	99 1/4	99 3/4	18	96 1/2	104			
Canada (Dominion of) g s 6s 1926	A O	99 3/4	Sale	99 3/4	99 3/4	161	99	101 3/4			
do do do 5s 1931	A O	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/8	31	99	102			
10-year 5 1/2s	F A	101 1/2	Sale	101	101 1/4	116	99 1/2	102 1/2			
5s	F A	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	171	97 1/2	102			
Chile (Republic) ext s f 8s 1941	F A	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	104 1/8	24	100	104 3/8			
External 5-year s f 8s	A O	103	Sale	103	104	32	100	104 1/8			
25-year s f 8s	M N	95 1/2	Sale	95	96	43	93 1/2	96 3/4			
Chinese (Hukow) 6s	M S	103 1/4	Sale	103 1/4	104 1/4	28	100 1/2	105			
Christiana (City) s f 8s	F A	45	Sale	44	45	3	41	52 3/4			
Colombia (Republic) 6 1/2s	J D	93	Sale	92	94	45	88 1/2	95 1/2			
Copenhagen 25-year s f 5 1/2s 1944	J J	80 1/2	Sale	80	81 1/2	4	88	92 1/2			
Cuba 5s	F A	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	96	6	90 1/2	97 1/2			
Ext debt of 5s 14 Ser A	F A	90	Sale	91	91	3	87 1/2	93 1/4			
External loan 4 1/2s	F A	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	Oct 23		81 1/8	89			
5 1/2s	J J	91 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	92 1/4	35	90	99 3/4			
Czechoslovak (Repub of) 8s 1951	A O	93 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	93 1/2	68	77	96 1/2			
Danish Con Municlp 8s "A" 1946	F A	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	108	10	106 1/2	109 1/2			
Series B	F A	108	Sale	107 1/2	108	14	106 1/2	109 1/2			
Denmark external s f 8s	A O	108 1/2	Sale	108 1/2	109	15	107 1/2	110 1/8			
20-year 6s	J J	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	97	101	95	99			
Dominican Rep Con Adm s f 5s 58	F A	99 1/2	100 1/4	99 1/2	100	5	95 1/2	102			
5 1/2s	F A	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87 1/4	28	84	90			
Dutch East Indies ext 6s	J J	97	Sale	96 3/4	97 3/8	230	92 1/4	98 1/4			
40-year 6s	J J	97	Sale	96 1/2	97	219	92	97 1/4			
5 1/2s trust rets	M S	91 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	91 7/8	83	87 3/4	94 1/4			
French Republic 25-yr ext 8s	M S	99 3/4	Sale	99 3/4	99 3/4	300	90	101			
20-yr external loan 7 1/2s	J D	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	95 1/2	422	84	97			
Gt Brit & Ire (UK of) 5 1/2s 1937	F A	100 1/2	Sale	101 1/8	101 1/2	384	100 1/2	104 3/4			
10-year conv 5 1/2s	F A	111 1/2	Sale	111 1/2	112	134	109 1/2	116			
Greater Prague 7 1/2s	M N	76	Sale	76	76 1/2	55	65	82 1/2			
Haiti (Republic) 6s	A O	91 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	93 1/2	47	89 1/2	96			
Italy (Kingd of) Ser A 6 1/2s 1925	F A	97 1/2	Sale	96	97 1/4	51	92 1/2	97 1/4			
Japanese Govt—£ loan 4 1/2s 1925	F A	93 1/2	Sale	93	93 1/2	192	90 1/2	93 1/2			
Second series 4 1/2s	J J	92 1/2	Sale	91 3/4	93	188	90 1/2	93 1/2			
Sterling loan 4s	F A	79	Sale	78 3/4	79	111	75 1/4	82 3/8			
Oriental Development 6s 1931	M S	85 1/2	Sale	85 1/2	91	147	83 1/4	93 1/2			
Lyons (City of) 15-year 6s	M N	80 1/2	Sale	79	81 1/4	151	69 1/2	83 1/2			
Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6s	M N	79 1/2	Sale	79 1/2	79 3/4	34	69 1/2	83 1/2			
Mexican Irrigation 4 1/2s	M N	30	31 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/4	9	30	42			
Mexico—5s of 1899	Q J	49 1/2	Sale	49 1/2	52	40	49	58 1/2			
Gold debt 4 of 1904	J D	29	Sale	29	30 1/4	19	29	41 1/2			
Montevideo 7s	J D	85	86	85	86 1/8	19	85	91 1/8			
Netherlands 6s (Lat prices)	J D	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	98 1/4	127	96 3/4	102 1/2			
Norway external s f 8s	A O	111	Sale	110	111 1/2	21	109	112 1/2			
6s (interim certificates)	A O	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	95 1/4	156	94 1/2	100			
Panama (Rep) 5 1/2s Tr recls 1953	J D	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	96 1/2	1094	93 1/2	96 1/2			
Porto Alegre (City of) 8s	J D	96	96 1/2	96	Oct 23		93	99 1/2			
Queensland (State) ext s f 7s 1941	A O	107	Sale	106 1/2	107 1/4	34	105 1/2	109 1/2			
25-year 6s	F A	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101 1/4	30	100	102 1/4			
Rio Grande do Sul 8s	A O	96	97	96	96 1/2	14	91 1/2	99 1/4			
Rio de Janeiro 25-year s f 8s	A O	90 1/2	Sale	90	91	22	90	97			
8s	A O	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	91	22	90	97 1/2			
San Paulo (City) s f 8s	M S	96	96 1/2	95 3/4	96	10	95 1/2	98 1/4			
San Paulo (State) ext s f 8s 1936	J J	99 1/2	Sale	99	99 1/2	27	95 1/2	100			
Seine (France) ext 7s	J J	86 1/4	Sale	86 1/8	87 1/2	62	76	90			
Serbs, Croats & Slovenes 8s 1922	M N	66 1/2	Sale	66	67 1/8	98	63 1/2	78 1/2			
Solsons (City) 6s	M N	83 1/2	Sale	82 3/4	83 1/2	47	67 1/2	85			
Sweden 20-year 6s	J D	104	Sale	104	104 7/8	122	103 1/2	106			
Swiss Confer'n 10-20-yr s f 8s 1940	J J	112 1/2	Sale	112	112 1/2	19	111 1/2	119 1/4			
Tokyo City 5s loan of 1912	M S	68	Sale	68	68 1/2	3	68	77			
Uruguay Republic ext 8s	F A	102	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	16	99 1/2	107			
Zurich (City of) s f 8s	A O	109	109 3/4	109	109	8	108 1/4	113 1/2			
Railroad.											
Aia Gt Sou 1st cons A 5s	J D	94 1/2	95 1/4	96	Oct 23		92 1/2	96			
Aia Mid 1st guar gold 5s	M N	100	100	99	Oct 23		99 1/2	101 3/8			
Alb & Susq conv 5 1/2s	A O	79	78	78		1	78	81 1/2			
Allegh & West 1st g 4s	O 998	A		79 1/4	82 1/4	82	Aug 23				
Allegh Val gen gar 4s	O 1942	M S		87	87 1/2	87	87	90			
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s	O 1955	Q J		52	55 1/4	Oct 23		55	63 1/2		
Aitch Top & S Fe—Gen g 4s 1955	A O	87 1/2	Sale	87 1/2	87 3/4	106	84 1/2	91 1/2			
Registered	A O			85 1/2	Sept 23		81	88 3/8			
Adjustment gold 4s	O 1955	Nov		78 1/4	79 1/2	79 1/2	1	75			

Table with columns: Bonds, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 19., Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1., Bonds Sold, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Oct. 19., Illinois Central (Concluded), Price Friday Oct. 19., Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1., Bonds Sold. Includes various bond listings such as Chlc Un Sta'n 1st gu 4 3/4s, Del & Hudson 1st & ref 4s, E Minn Nor Div 1st 4s, etc.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan b Due Feb. Due June. a Due July. n Due Sept. o Due Oct. s 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 market indicators.

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Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS' with columns for Bid, Ask, Price, Range, and various bond descriptions.

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Quotations of Sundry Securities

Table of New York Stock Exchange bond prices. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Price (Friday/Oct. 19), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. Includes entries like Niagara Falls Power 1st 5s, N.Y. Public Service 7 1/2s, etc.

Table of quotations for sundry securities. Columns include Security Name, Bid, Ask, and Basis. Includes sections for Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, and Sugar Stocks.

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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 Precedent Year 1922.				
Saturday, Oct. 13.	Monday, Oct. 15.	Tuesday, Oct. 16.	Wednesday, Oct. 17.	Thursday, Oct. 18.	Friday, Oct. 19.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest					
*2145 146	145 145	145 146	145 145 1/2	146 146	145 145 1/2	135	Boston & Albany.....100	143	Apr 3	151	June 14	130 1/4	Jan	152	May
*77 77 1/2	77 77 1/2	76 3/4	76 3/4	75 1/2	75 1/2	466	Boston Elevated.....100	75	June 29	84	Jan 5	73 1/2	Feb	89 1/2	Sept
*94 94	*95 96	*95 96	*95 96	*95 96	*95 96	30	Do pref.....100	91 1/2	Aug 9	100	Mar 6	94 1/4	Mar	105	Sept
*115 115	*116 117	*116 117	*116 117	*116 117	*116 117	77	Do 1st pref.....100	111 1/8	Aug 2	125	June 12	101 1/2	Nov	109	Sept
*97 97	*97 97 1/2	*97 97 1/2	*97 97 1/2	*97 97 1/2	*97 97 1/2	143	Do 2d pref.....100	97	Sept 24	108	Mar 5	94	Jan	31 1/2	May
*121 121	*121 121 1/2	*121 121 1/2	*121 121 1/2	*121 121 1/2	*121 121 1/2	255	Boston & Maine.....100	100	9 Oct 17	207 1/2	Mar 2	14	Jan	31 1/2	May
*10 10	*12 12	*10 10	*10 10	*10 10	*10 10	82	Do pref.....100	52	Oct 17	27	Feb 13	20	Jan	37	Apr
*15 15	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	110	Do pref.....100	15	Oct 18	32 1/2	Mar 1	22	Jan	44 1/2	Apr
*22 22	*22 22 1/2	*22 22 1/2	*22 22 1/2	*22 22 1/2	*22 22 1/2	36	Do Series B 1st pref.....100	21	Oct 17	47	Feb 6	36	Jan	62	May
*23 23	*23 23 1/2	*23 23 1/2	*23 23 1/2	*23 23 1/2	*23 23 1/2	84	Do Series C 1st pref.....100	22	Sept 24	42	Mar 22	30	Jan	54	May
*138 138	*138 138	*138 138	*138 138	*138 138	*138 138	7	Do Series D 1st pref.....100	24 1/2	Oct 16	59	Feb 7	40	Jan	77 1/2	May
*23 23	*23 23	*23 23	*23 23	*23 23	*23 23	513	Boston & Providence.....100	135	July 21	160 1/2	Jan 25	125	Jan	163	July
*60 60	*60 60	*60 60	*60 60	*60 60	*60 60	10	East Mass Street Ry Co.....100	18	Feb 15	35	Mar 22	18	July	26 1/2	July
*56 56	*55 55	*55 55	*55 55	*55 55	*55 55	115	Do pref.....100	60	Oct 2	72	Jan 16	66	Aug	77	July
*35 1/2 35 1/2	*35 1/2 35 1/2	*35 1/2 35 1/2	*35 1/2 35 1/2	*35 1/2 35 1/2	*35 1/2 35 1/2	255	Do pref B.....100	52	Oct 18	65	Mar 19	51	July	60	Nov
*27 1/2 27 1/2	*27 1/2 27 1/2	*27 1/2 27 1/2	*27 1/2 27 1/2	*27 1/2 27 1/2	*27 1/2 27 1/2	124	Do adjustment.....100	34	Oct 3	46	Mar 21	23	July	47	Aug
*67 67	*67 67	*67 67	*67 67	*67 67	*67 67	28	East Mass St Ry (tr cfts).....100	34 1/2	Feb 15	45	Mar 21	29	July	47	Aug
*84 84	*83 83	*83 83	*83 83	*83 83	*83 83	111	Malne Central.....100	25 1/2	Sept 27	43	Jan 2	27 1/2	Jan	55	Oct
*68 70	*68 70	*68 70	*68 70	*68 70	*68 70	87	N Y N H & Hartford.....100	9 1/2	July 5	22 1/2	Jan 30	12 1/4	Jan	34 1/2	May
*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	*72 72	36	Northern New Hampshire.....100	65	Sept 8	84	Feb 3	69	Jan	96	July
*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	238	Norwich & Worcester pref.....100	80	June 12	100	Jan 3	58	Jan	103 1/4	Dec
*13 1/2 13 1/2	*13 1/2 13 1/2	*13 1/2 13 1/2	*13 1/2 13 1/2	*13 1/2 13 1/2	*13 1/2 13 1/2	87	Old Colony.....100	65	Aug 14	81	Feb 14	57	Jan	98 1/4	May
123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	125	Rutland pref.....100	21 1/2	Aug 25	38 1/2	Feb 20	15	Jan	52 1/2	June
70 70 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	10	Vermont & Massachusetts.....100	72	Oct 3	98	Jan 11	78	Jan	100	Aug
73 1/2 73 1/2	74 74	74 74	74 74	74 74	74 74	25	Amer Pneumatic Service.....25	1	Sept 19	3 1/2	Jan 9	2 1/2	Dec	4 1/4	Jan
*215 215	*215 215	*215 215	*215 215	*215 215	*215 215	2,685	Amer Telephone & Teleg.....100	119	June 29	125 1/2	Mar 14	114 1/2	Jan	128 1/2	Aug
*10 1/2 10 1/2	*10 1/2 10 1/2	*10 1/2 10 1/2	*10 1/2 10 1/2	*10 1/2 10 1/2	*10 1/2 10 1/2	171	Amoskeag Mfg.....No par	67 1/2	Oct 9	115	Jan 5	104	Jan	121	Dec
*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	74	Do pref.....No par	72	Oct 9	88	Jan 5	80	Nov	91	Aug
*21 21	*21 21	*21 21	*21 21	*21 21	*21 21	28	Art Metal Construc, Inc.....100	15	Mar 1	1 1/2	Mar 14	14	Nov	20 1/2	May
*71 80	*71 80	*71 80	*71 80	*71 80	*71 80	28	Atlas Tack Corp.....No par	10	July 2	20 1/2	Feb 14	13	Jan	22	May
70 80	73 80	73 80	73 80	73 80	73 80	125	Boston Cons Gas Co, pref.....100	104	Oct 17	108 1/2	Feb 24	104 1/2	Aug	107	Dec
160 1/2 161	157 157 1/2	157 157 1/2	157 157 1/2	157 157 1/2	157 157 1/2	10	Boston Mex Pet Trus.....No par	10	Jan 18	30	Jan 25	10	Sept	50	May
5 1/2 5 1/2	*3 1/2 4	*3 1/2 4	*3 1/2 4	*3 1/2 4	*3 1/2 4	415	Connor (John T).....100	19	July 5	27	Mar 19	15 1/2	Jan	30 1/2	Dec
*94 13	*94 13	*94 13	*94 13	*94 13	*94 13	500	Eastern Boston Land.....100	21 1/2	Oct 8	4	Jan 2	3	Jan	6	Apr
*64 84	*64 84	*64 84	*64 84	*64 84	*64 84	200	Eastern Manufacturing.....5	6 1/2	Oct 17	14 1/2	Mar 5	7	Dec	14 1/2	Feb
*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	75	Eastern SS Lins, Inc.....25	39	Oct 15	127 1/2	Mar 22	35 1/2	Jan	89 1/2	Jan
54 54	*54 55	*54 55	*54 55	*54 55	*54 55	25	Edison Electric Illum.....100	15 1/2	Oct 3	17 1/2	Jan 3	15 1/2	Mar	18 1/2	Sept
*34 34	*34 34	*34 34	*34 34	*34 34	*34 34	200	Elder Corporation.....No par	3 1/2	June 30	10 1/2	Jan 19	3	Mar	13	May
10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	200	Galveston-Houston Elec.....100	5	July 9	29 1/2	Feb 5	28	Dec	30	Aug
*55 1/2 55 1/2	*55 1/2 55 1/2	*55 1/2 55 1/2	*55 1/2 55 1/2	*55 1/2 55 1/2	*55 1/2 55 1/2	410	Gardner Motor.....No par	7 1/2	Oct 18	15 1/2	Mar 3	9	Nov	16 1/4	Apr
*75 88	*75 88	*75 88	*75 88	*75 88	*75 88	138	Greenfield Tap & Die.....25	15	Sept 21	24	Feb 10	17	Dec	27 1/2	Feb
*11 4	*11 4	*11 4	*11 4	*11 4	*11 4	10	Hood Rubber.....No par	53 1/2	Oct 11	63 1/2	Mar 13	43	Mar	54 1/2	Dec
6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	10	Internat Cement Corp.....No par	32	July 2	44	Mar 19	26	Jan	35 1/2	May
10 10	*10 10	*10 10	*10 10	*10 10	*10 10	50	Internat Cotton Mills.....50	10	Sept 14	22	Feb 19	20	Nov	35	Jan
80 80 1/2	*80 80 1/2	*80 80 1/2	*80 80 1/2	*80 80 1/2	*80 80 1/2	10	Do pref.....No par	50	May 31	79 1/2	Jan 10	60	Aug	85	Dec
69 1/2 69 1/2	*69 1/2 69 1/2	*69 1/2 69 1/2	*69 1/2 69 1/2	*69 1/2 69 1/2	*69 1/2 69 1/2	258	Internat Products.....No par	7 1/2	Oct 4	3	Mar 20	1 1/2	Dec	6 1/2	Mar
*2160 161 1/2	*2160 161 1/2	*2160 161 1/2	*2160 161 1/2	*2160 161 1/2	*2160 161 1/2	10	Do pref.....No par	4 1/2	June 20	8	Mar 15	5 1/2	Dec	17	Apr
*5 61 1/2	*5 61 1/2	*5 61 1/2	*5 61 1/2	*5 61 1/2	*5 61 1/2	258	Libby, McNeill & Libby.....100	5 1/2	Oct 1	8 1/2	Aug 20	1 1/2	Apr	11 1/2	June
*19 1/2 21	*19 1/2 21	*19 1/2 21	*19 1/2 21	*19 1/2 21	*19 1/2 21	1,025	Loew's Theatres.....25	84	June 27	11	Apr 26	8	July	13	Nov
*31 31	*31 31	*31 31	*31 31	*31 31	*31 31	225	Massachusetts Gas Cos.....100	78 1/2	May 22	87 1/2	Jan 2	63	Jan	90 1/2	Jan
*116 116	*116 116	*116 116	*116 116	*116 116	*116 116	55	Do pref.....100	65	July 7	73	Jan 25	62	Jan	74	Oct
*18 18 1/2	*18 18 1/2	*18 18 1/2	*18 18 1/2	*18 18 1/2	*18 18 1/2	147	Mergenthaler Linotype.....100	147	Jan 19	179	Jan 6	130	Jan	181	Oct
87 1/2 87 1/2	*87 1/2 87 1/2	*87 1/2 87 1/2	*87 1/2 87 1/2	*87 1/2 87 1/2	*87 1/2 87 1/2	100	Mex Investment, Inc.....100	5	Oct 10	14 1/2	Feb 19	11	Dec	27 1/2	June
*215 15 1/2	*215 15 1/2	*215 15 1/2	*215 15 1/2	*215 15 1/2	*215 15 1/2	163	Mississippi River Power.....100	18 1/2	Sept 20	23 1/2	Jan 31	13	Jan	34	Aug
*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	*2 2	1,176	Do stamped pref.....100	80	Jan 16	84	Feb 14	72 1/2	Jan	85 1/2	Oct
101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	50	National Leather.....100	3	Oct 19	8 1/2	Feb 13	6 1/2	Dec	11 1/2	Jan
44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	265	New England Oil Corp tr cfts.....100	2	Oct 9	4 1/2	Sept 13	2 1/2	Dec	5	Jan
*7 10	*7 10	*7 10	*7 10	*7 10	*7 10	265	New England Telephone.....100	113	July 4	122 1/2	Jan 3	109	Jan	122 1/2	Sept
34 1/2 34 1/2	*34 1/2 34 1/2	*34 1/2 34 1/2	*34 1/2 34 1/2	*34 1/2 34 1/2	*34 1/2 34 1/2	751	Orpheum Circuit, Inc.....100	1	1934 July 14	21 1/2	Apr 26	13	Jan	28	Oct
24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	47	Pacific Mills.....100	15 1/2	Jan 26	18	Mar 14	12 1/2	Apr	16	July
15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	*15 1/2 15 1/2	50	Reece Button Hole.....100	2	Jan 11	3 1/4	Mar 15	1 1/2	Dec	3	Mar
*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	10	Reece Folding Machine.....100	5	July 14	2	Feb 20	5	Nov	7 1/2	Apr
*35 35	*35 35	*35 35	*35 35	*35 35	*35 35	398	Swift & Co.....100	98 1/2	June 26	109 1/2	Jan 6	92 1/4	Jan	110 1/2	Sept
*50 50	*50 50	*50 50	*50 50	*50 50	*50 50	120	Torrington.....25	42	July 31	50	Mar 9	39	July	81 1/2	June
101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	2,930	Union Twist Drill.....25	7 1/2	Jan 15	11	Mar 7				

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Oct. 13 to Oct. 19, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Atl Gult & W ISS L 5s 1950, Chic June & U S Yds 5s '40, Hood Rubber 7s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Oct. 13 to Oct. 19, 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, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Wholesale, pref., Arundel Sand & Gravel, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Oct. 13 to Oct. 19, 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, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, Amer Elec Power Co., etc.

Table with columns: Bonds—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, Bell Tel 1st 5s, etc.

* No par value. Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Oct. 13 to Oct. 19, 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, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Vitrifed Prod, com, 50, Mfrs Light & Heat, etc.

* No par value. St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions on the St. Louis Stock Exchange for week from Oct. 13 to Oct. 19, 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, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Boatmen's Bank, First National Bank, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Oct. 13 to Oct. 19, 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, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Pub Service, pref, Amer Shipbuilding, etc.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.					
Great Lake D & D.....100		78	81	205	75	June 94 1/2	Feb	Durant Motors of Ind.....10	8 1/2	7 1/2	9 3/4	4,200	7 1/2	Oct 25 1/2	Jan
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, common.....100		119	119	12	98	Jan 119	Oct	Electric Bond & Sh pref 100	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	20	96	July 99	Mar
Preferred.....100		118 1/2	118 1/2	12	99 1/2	Jan 118 1/2	Oct	Federal Tel & Tel.....5	7	6 1/2	7 1/2	4,700	3 1/2	Apr 7 1/2	Sept
Hayes Wheel Co.....25		34 1/2	34 1/2	15	32	July 43 1/4	Apr	Film Inspection Mach.....5	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	4,400	5 1/2	Feb 6 1/2	Jan
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.....10		65	65	50	64	Feb 66	Jan	Firestone Tire & Rub pf 100	83	83	100	83	Oct 96	Apr	
Hupp Motor.....10		16 1/2	16 1/2	1,390	16 1/2	Oct 25 1/2	Mar	Ford Motor of Canada.....100	417 1/2	417 1/2	435	170	400	Jan 460	Mar
Hurley Machine Co.....49 1/2		49 1/2	50	330	41 1/2	July 50 1/2	Apr	Gillette Safety Razor.....269 1/2	265	274	1,540	238	June 292	Apr	
Hydrox Corp, com.....100		16 1/2	16 1/2	135	15 1/2	Sept 32 1/2	Aug	Glaxo Food Products Co.....10	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	800	10	Oct 10 1/2	Oct
Illinois Brick.....100		77 1/2	77 1/2	10	60	Apr 96 1/2	Jan	Glen Alden Coal.....10	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,300	18 1/2	Sept 18 1/2	Apr
Indep Pneumatic Tool.....83		82	83	685	82	Oct 83 1/2	Oct	Goodyear Tire & R, com 100	9	9	9 1/2	2,500	9	Sept 9 1/2	May
Internat Lamp Corp.....25		9 1/2	11	1,755	8	May 32	Apr	Griffith (D W) Inc, el A.....10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	75c	Sept 75c	Sept
Kellogg Switchboard.....25		43	44	234	39 1/4	July 47	Sept	Hartman Corp new w l.....39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	3,100	39 1/2	Oct 40 1/2	Sept	
Kuppenheimer & Co (B), Inc, pref.....100		87	87	20	87	Sept 95	Jan	Hudson Cos, pref.....100	107 1/2	107 1/2	117 1/2	3,000	12 1/2	Aug 17 1/2	Feb
Libby, McNeill & Libby.....10		6 1/2	7	4,700	5	July 8 1/2	Apr	Hud & Manh RR, com 100	10	9 1/2	10	1,500	8	July 12 1/2	Feb
Lindsay Light.....10		3 1/2	3 1/2	105	2 1/2	May 4 1/2	Jan	Preferred.....100	50	50	50	600	43	Jan 50	Sept
Lyons & Healy, Inc, pref.....10		33	34	285	26	June 39	Apr	Intercontinental Rubb.....100	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Ar 6 1/2	Jan
McCord Rad Mfg.....10		19	19 1/2	115	10 1/2	May 26	Apr	Internat Concrete Indus.....10	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	1,200	9 1/2	Sept 10 1/2	Oct
McQuay Norris Mfg.....100		45 1/2	46	469	36 1/2	May 53	Feb	Kresge Dept Stores, com.....36 1/4	35	36 1/4	1,100	33 1/2	Sept 36 1/4	Oct	
Mid West Util, com.....100		82 1/2	83	522	80 1/2	July 86 1/2	Jan	Preferred.....100	91	91	90	200	91	Oct 91	Sept
Preferred.....100		96 1/2	96 1/2	187	96	June 104	Jan	Lehigh Power Securities.....22	22 1/2	22 1/2	800	17 1/2	July 25	Mar	
Prior lien preferred.....10		18	18 1/2	110	18	July 21	Sept	Lehigh Valley Coal Sales 50	77	77	75	75 1/2	Apr 90	Jan	
Murray Mfg Co.....10		3	3 1/2	1,511	3	Oct 8 1/2	Feb	Libby, McNeill & Libby 10	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	5 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Apr	
National Leather.....1		18	18	200	17	Sept 20	Mar	Liggett's Internat, pref.....50	50	50	200	48	Apr 51	May	
Orpheum Circuit, Inc.....1		2	2 1/2	2,574	2	Sept 38	Jan	McCroy Stores.....75	75	75	200	40 1/2	May 75	Oct	
Phillipsborn's, Inc, com.....5		18 1/2	19 1/4	155	17 1/2	Aug 38 1/2	Mar	New common w l.....100	128	128	100	128	Oct 128	Oct	
Pick (Albert) & Co.....10		98	99	110	98	Oct 103 1/2	Apr	Pref (with warrants).....34	33	34	300	16	Aug 26	Oct	
Pub Serv of Nor Ill, com.....100		98 1/2	99 1/2	44	98 1/2	Oct 103 1/2	Apr	Warrants (stock purch).....5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,300	4 1/2	Sept 12 1/2	Jan	
Common.....100		98 1/2	99 1/2	60	90	Sept 99	Apr	Mesabi Iron Co.....18	17 1/2	18 1/2	6,600	11 1/2	June 21 1/2	Apr	
Preferred.....100		220	220	150	210	Mar 236	Jan	Midvale Co.....33 1/2	33 1/2	34	200	31 1/2	July 42 1/2	May	
Quaker Oats Co.....100		99	98 1/2	99	210	June 100	Jan	Munsingwear, Inc.....3	3	3 1/2	300	3	Oct 4 1/2	Feb	
Preferred.....10		16 1/2	16 1/2	2,048	11 1/2	Jan 20	May	National Leather.....2 1/2	2 1/2	3	1,600	2 1/2	Mar 4 1/2	Mar	
Reo Motor.....100		76	77 1/2	245	67 1/2	July 93	Feb	New Mex & Ariz Land.....109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	435	108	Jan 112	Jan	
Standard Gas & Elec.....50		27	26 1/2	27 1/2	590	Jan 32 1/2	Mar	N Y Tele 6 1/2 pref.....100	30 1/2	29 1/2	53,200	25	Sept 31 1/2	Oct	
Preferred.....50		48	48	48 1/2	255	June 51 1/2	Apr	Park & Tilford, Inc.....31	31	31	100	29 1/2	Oct 80	Jan	
Stew Warn Speed, com 100		83 1/2	80	32,720	74 1/2	July 124 1/2	Apr	Peerless Truck & Motor.....9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	9	Mar 11	Jan	
Swift & Co.....101 1/2		101 1/2	102	1,193	98 1/2	June 109 1/2	Jan	Pyrene Manufacturing.....2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	8,300	2 1/2	June 4 1/2	Mar	
Swift International.....15		53	52	54	12,485	June 54 1/2	Oct	Radio Corp of Amer, com.....5	47	48 1/2	7,100	37 1/2	Jan 49 1/2	Apr	
Thompson (J R), com.....25		52	54	3,440	16	June 21 1/2	Jan	Reading Coal, w l.....16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	900	13 1/2	Feb 20 1/2	May	
Union Carbide & Carbon 10		52 1/2	52	6,300	51 1/2	July 67 1/2	Jan	Reo Motor Car.....80c	80c	80c	100	75c	Sept 2	Jan	
United Lt & Rys, com 100		139 1/2	142	70	71	Jan 164	May	Repetit, Inc.....106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	200	46 1/2	Oct 54 1/2	Mar	
1st preferred.....100		78	80	492	69 1/2	July 94	Apr	Singer Manufacturing.....12c	8c	12c	25,000	8c	Oct 50c	May	
Participating pref.....100		92 1/2	92	60	89 1/2	Aug 99 1/2	Mar	Standard Motor Constr.....52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	1,300	50 1/2	Aug 52 1/2	Oct	
U S Gypsum.....20		78 1/2	79	1,696	51	July 104	Oct	Studebaker-Wulf Rubber.....12	12	12	500	10 1/2	Sept 24 1/2	Jan	
Preferred.....100		104	104	10	102 1/2	Aug 106	Mar	Swift & Co.....101	101	101	100	98	June 109	Feb	
Vesta Battery Corp, com.....29		28	29 1/2	295	16 1/2	Aug 37 1/2	Sept	Swift International.....15	18 1/2	19	1,000	17	June 21	Feb	
Wanner Malleable Cast'gs*.....48 1/4		23	23	10	18 1/2	May 25 1/2	Feb	Technicor Inc.....14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	200	12	July 10	Jan	
Ward, Mont, & Co, pf 100		109 1/2	109 1/2	25	95 1/2	Feb 112	June	Tenn Elec Power com.....4	4	4 1/2	1,900	2 1/2	July 6 1/2	Mar	
When issued.....20		22 1/2	23	1,620	18 1/2	May 25 1/2	Feb	Tob Prod Exports Corp.....49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	800	47	July 60	May	
Class "A".....102		102	102	350	93	Jan 105	Sept	Todd Shipyards Corp.....5 1/2	5 1/2	6	2,000	5c	Aug 38c	Apr	
Western Knitting Mills.....6 1/2		5 1/2	6 1/2	860	4 1/2	Sept 35 1/2	Mar	Triangle Film Corp v t c.....5 1/2	5 1/2	6	600	4 1/2	Jan 7	Apr	
Wolff Mfg Corp.....112		111	115 1/2	3,325	100	Jan 118	Sept	United Profit Shar, new.....5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	3,700	5	Jan 8	Mar	
Wright, Jr, common.....25		105	102	106 1/2	9,965	100	Oct 106 1/2	Oct	Unit Retail Stores Candy.....20	24	24	100	20	June 30 1/2	Jan
Yellow Cab Mfg, B new 10		185	179	185	2,620	175	Oct 185	Oct	U S Distrib Corp com.....90c	90c	1 1/2	900	90c	Oct 2 1/2	July
Rights.....117 1/2		114 1/2	118	19,891	70 1/2	Jan 190 1/2	Sept	U S Light & Heat, com.....1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	900	90c	Jan 3 1/2	Apr	
Yellow Taxi Co.....117 1/2		114 1/2	118	19,891	70 1/2	Jan 190 1/2	Sept	U S Metal Cap & Seal.....10	51c	51c	100	50c	Feb 1 1/2	Feb	

* No par value.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Oct. 13 to Oct. 19, 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.

Week ending Oct. 19.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.					
Indus. & Miscellaneous.															
Ace Packing.....10		13c	13c	1,000	5c	June 35c	Jan	Anglo-American Oil.....£1	14 1/2	14	14 1/2	1,000	13 1/2	Sept 19 1/2	Jan
Amalgam Leather, com.....11		11	11	100	11	Oct 19 1/2	Apr	Buckeye Pipe Line.....50	74	72 1/2	77 1/2	520	72 1/2	Oct 94 1/2	Jan
Amer Cotton Fabric, pf 100		99	99	1,200	99	Oct 102	Mar	Continental Oil.....25	36	37	37	200	32 1/2	Aug 50	Feb
Amer Gas & Elec, com.....38		37 1/2	38	200	31	June 46 1/2	Mar	Cumberland Pipe Line.....25	103	106	100	85	Jan 115	Feb	
Preferred.....50		42 1/2	42 1/2	100	40	June 46 1/2	Feb	Eureka Pipe Line.....100	96 1/2	97	35	95	Jan 117	Apr	
Amer-Hawaiian S S.....10		12 1/2	12 1/2	3,500	11 1/2	Oct 25 1/2	Mar	Galena-Signal Oil, com 100	60	60	60 1/2	150	55	July 79 1/2	Mar
American Thread, pref.....5		4	4 1/2	200	3 1/2	Feb 4 1/2	Oct	Humble Oil & Refining.....25	33 1/2	32 1/2	34	3,900	28	Sept 4 1/2	Mar
Amer Type Founders 100		72	77	20	72	Oct 98	Feb	Illinois Pipe Line.....100	156	157	130	152	Sept 171	Feb	
Archer-Daniels-Mid Co.....25		25	25	200	25	July 40 1/4	Apr	Imperial Oil (Can) coup 25	98 1/2	98	99	385	92	July 123	Feb
Armour & Co (Ill), pref 100		80	80 1/2	160	73	July 94	Feb	Indiana Pipe Line.....50	88	90	285	83 1/2	Sept 103	Mar	
Atlantic Fruit Co.....10		1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Sept 2 1/2	Feb	Magnolia Petroleum.....100	134	132	134	165	123	Sept 168	Jan
Blyn Shoes, Inc.....10 1/2		10 1/2	10 1/2	1,600	10	Oct 10 1/2	Oct	National Transit.....12.50	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	300	22 1/2	Jan 29	Feb
Borden Co., common.....100		118	118	10	110	Mar 122	Jan	Northern Pipe Line.....100	102	102	104	40	97	July 110	Feb
Bridgeport Machine Co.....10		23 1/2	24 1/2	1,600	19 1/2	Jan 25	Sept	Ohio Oil & Gas.....100	167	164	169	1,405	152	Sept 275	Feb
Brit-Amer Tob, ord bear.....21		23 1/2	24 1/2	1,200	19 1/2	Jan 25	Sept	Prairie Oil & Gas.....100	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	790	91	Sept 118 1/2	Feb
Ordinary.....18		18	18	100	12										

Table of stock prices for 'Other Oil Stocks' and 'Mining Stocks'. Columns include stock name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for 'Bonds (Concluded)'. Columns include bond name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

* No par value. k Correction. m Dollars per 1,000 lire fiat. l Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. o New stock. s Option sale. w When issued. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. Ex-stock dividend. n Ex-stock dividend of 40%.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and various company names like America, BNY, and others.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Alliance Realty, Mtge Bond, etc.

CURRENT NOTICES.

The "Directory of Directors in the City of New York"—1923-1924 edition—has just been issued. The book contains the names of some 42,000 New York City directors in various corporations, with an appendix comprising selected lists of corporations in banking, insurance, transportation, manufacturing and other lines of business, showing their executive officers and all directors.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.				Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.				Jan. 1 to Latest Date.
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.			Previous Year.	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	
Akron Canton & Y.	August	236,249	186,745	1,790,426	1,442,301	Minneap & St Louis	August	1,431,103	1,277,886	10,760,555	9,940,958
Alabama & Vicksb.	August	299,591	217,574	2,249,484	1,985,276	Minn St P & S M	August	4,347,861	4,526,505	32,357,528	28,043,855
American Ry Exp.	June	132,664	129,294	8,527,903.6	77,998,175	Wisconsin Central	August	1,792,327	1,885,433	13,845,487	11,986,673
Ann Arbor	1st wk Oct	106,644	108,677	4,098,069	3,800,447	Mississippi Central	August	145,936	118,341	1,196,988	965,203
Ach Topeka & S F.	August	176,835	167,979	13,106,236	11,997,469	Missouri Kan-Tex	August	3,198,371	2,804,539	22,965,362	20,913,332
Gulf Colo & S Fe.	August	2,252,329	2,356,848	15,414,297	14,294,396	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	August	1,780,609	1,645,627	12,708,035	13,222,457
Panhandle	August	840,781	683,29	5,208,380	4,796,377	Total system	August	4,978,441	4,450,167	35,673,398	34,135,789
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	August	359,638	329,435	3,044,809	2,495,342	Mo & North Arkan.	August	141,366	91,185	960,616	260,480
Atlanta & West Pt.	August	238,010	230,167	1,933,160	1,584,830	Missouri Pacific	August	10,255,028	8,756,702	73,439,762	65,073,700
Atlantic City	August	859,510	727,050	3,430,244	3,315,453	Mobile & Ohio	1st wk Oct	390,149	366,000	15,542,923	13,183,555
Atlantic Coast Line.	August	5,254,139	4,605,155	53,902,812	46,198,073	Monongahela Conn.	August	136,299	133,214	993,871	983,696
Baltimore & Ohio.	August	22,502,756	14,104,234	173,788,951	126,727,416	Montour	August	245,148	22,150	1,675,738	387,088
B & O Ch Term.	August	302,427	274,673	2,473,214	1,998,162	Nashv Chatt & St L	August	2,150,926	2,099,885	16,371,125	14,088,088
Bangor & Aroostk.	August	396,272	377,037	4,309,181	5,271,998	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	1st wk Oct	14,070	10,532	23,110	229,909
Bellefonte Central.	August	10,1072	9,983	88,061	66,138	Nevada North	August	89,005	64,011	621,523	312,821
Belt Ry of Chicago.	August	62,328	500,753	4,791,795	3,837,393	Newburgh & So Sh.	August	177,322	139,240	1,413,352	1,284,573
Bessemer & L Erie.	August	2,351,263	1,575,265	13,633,051	7,663,772	New York Great Nor.	August	255,863	208,870	1,908,309	1,694,939
Bingham & Garfield.	August	50,818	23,317	303,943	126,162	N O Texas & Mex.	August	199,157	174,415	1,944,667	1,677,334
Boston & Maine.	August	7,776,026	6,975,505	58,509,404	51,402,683	Beaum SL & West	August	200,173	150,985	1,514,309	1,341,931
Bklyn E D Term.	August	100,477	142,398	1,037,722	1,061,723	St L Browns & M	August	758,390	537,150	3,817,154	3,518,341
Buff Roch & Pitsb.	2d wk Oct	387,084	510,332	17,407,981	11,018,771	New York Central	August	36,872,841	29,812,929	286,154,291	223,252,173
Buffalo & Susq.	August	243,363	81,279	1,876,801	865,357	Ind Harbor Belt	August	986,947	875,405	7,718,008	6,305,071
Canadian Ry	1st wk Oct	5,586,728	5,486,295	18,124,956	16,988,631	Michigan Central	August	8,154,041	7,622,377	64,194,497	51,776,358
Atl & St Lawr'ce.	August	1,193,000	248,568	1,351,620	1,797,638	Chic G C & St L	August	8,484,030	7,003,195	64,051,930	54,179,681
Canadian Pacific.	2d wk	792,713	593,882	136,399,060	131,328,060	Cincinnati North.	August	450,473	228,887	3,537,739	2,206,703
Caro,Clinch & Ohio.	August	2,180,771	1,947,283	17,657,042	14,630,929	Pitts & Lake Erie	August	4,092,348	2,139,687	30,972,649	15,892,734
Central of Georgia.	August	5,353,627	3,796,503	39,066,661	30,682,640	N Y Chic & St L.	August	4,951,671	4,425,478	38,581,612	32,196,811
Central RR of N J.	August	759,87	2,446,73	5,161,138	4,366,254	N Y Connecting.	August	209,858	225,210	2,288,286	1,838,472
Cent of New Eng'd.	August	746,884	604,639	5,796,910	4,556,861	N Y N H & Hartf.	August	11,740,570	10,534,282	89,325,380	78,858,227
Central Vermont.	August	312,36	5,221,33	3,264,10	5,218,616	N Y Ont & Western	August	1,715,812	1,258,47	9,790,337	8,011,185
Charleston & W Car.	August	4,473,221	5,982,593	66,676,076	56,360,225	N Y Susq & West.	August	408,816	298,429	3,334,754	2,607,279
Ches & Ohio Lines.	August	3,139,909	1,891,713	22,152,612	17,885,495	Norfolk Southern.	August	698,668	585,556	6,043,252	5,457,920
Chicago & Alton.	August	14,899,151	14,502,539	113,048,039	101,747,129	Norfolk & Western.	August	8,758,915	7,903,124	62,229,997	61,477,819
Chicago & East Ill.	August	2,370,147	1,810,522	18,810,327	15,502,378	Northern Pacific.	August	8,661,337	8,539,793	63,406,979	58,448,288
Chicago Great West.	August	2,246,481	2,204,138	17,119,538	15,442,416	Northwestern Pac.	August	883,868	874,785	5,344,431	4,226,200
Chic Ind & N Wis.	August	1,537,779	1,270,995	11,962,998	10,239,655	Pennsylvania Syst.	August	171,750,43	63,138,688	521,272,519	438,230,210
Chic Milw & St Paul.	August	1,491,665	1,427,290	11,247,865	98,124,034	Pennsylv RR & Co.	August	6,483,927	5,737,607	48,475,655	40,479,672
Chic & North West.	August	1,333,629	1,286,888	10,629,929	9,202,325	Balt Ches & Atl.	August	192,702	197,848	1,033,180	1,072,616
Chic Peoria & St L.	August	625,896	133,201	908,675	1,439,441	Long Island	August	3,735,347	3,277,691	22,984,147	20,607,463
Chic R I & Ind.	August	1,125,072	3,108,912	181,477,18	76,903,458	Mary Del & Va.	August	531,442	251,293	3,380,107	2,118,461
Chic R I & Pac.	August	519,352	528,638	3,684,306	3,783,184	Monongahela	August	174,185	147,012	1,225,713	1,066,435
Chic St P M & Om.	August	2,546,983	2,731,206	18,501,608	18,110,929	Tol Peor & West.	August	1,963,311	1,894,673	9,853,388	9,316,179
Chic Ind & Western.	August	378,660	344,135	3,063,683	2,729,461	Peoria & Pekin Un.	August	145,958	133,544	1,152,643	1,151,174
Colo & Southern.	August	1,051,739	1,182,087	8,168,043	8,419,803	Pere Marquette.	August	3,976,042	3,386,042	29,986,598	24,614,000
Ft W & Den City.	August	886,936	898,752	5,962,273	6,030,407	Perkiomen	August	106,899	119,515	749,798	837,466
Trin & Brazos Val.	August	431,696	152,422	1,545,538	1,890,578	Phila & Reading	August	9,234,598	5,499,560	72,976,775	48,909,096
Wichita Valley.	August	117,438	98,204	854,118	760,640	Pitts & Shawmut	August	120,560	117,491	932,397	676,881
Delaware & Hudson.	August	4,566,740	2,399,439	31,892,374	23,487,737	Pitts Shaw & North	August	116,658	92,088	984,487	777,118
Del Lack & Western.	August	7,749,005	5,773,758	58,579,466	47,205,974	Pitts & West Va.	August	351,609	191,994	2,473,737	1,795,927
Deny & Rio Grande.	August	3,102,056	3,133,441	21,235,066	20,492,224	Port Reading	August	206,939	66,789	1,919,235	1,143,678
Denver & Salt Lake.	August	274,949	165,896	1,635,959	765,477	Pullman Co.	August	7,129,528	5,957,687	48,319,229	42,846,816
Detroit & Mackinac.	August	172,588	201,827	1,238,615	1,027,840	Quincy Om & K C.	August	101,190	93,471	841,549	693,525
Detroit Tol & Irontr.	August	957,997	719,708	6,919,700	6,021,410	Rich Fred & Potom.	August	890,405	895,213	8,312,620	7,198,111
Det & Tol Shore L.	August	322,926	267,884	2,836,474	2,997,350	Rutland	August	628,989	519,723	4,526,850	3,742,771
Dul & Iron Range.	August	1,192,645	1,257,614	5,341,537	4,773,220	St L-San Fran System.	1st wk Oct	8,006,601	4,767,218	68,293,009	62,793,180
Dul Missabe & Nor.	August	3,801,353	3,170,708	13,887,844	9,752,158	St L-San Fran Co.	August	7,022,610	6,309,073	56,624,573	52,476,719
Dul Sou Shore & Atl.	1st wk Oct	104,473	88,572	4,501,253	3,303,330	Ft W & Rio Grand	August	145,986	122,836	961,891	828,221
Duluth Winn & Pac	August	175,498	170,152	1,661,963	1,309,134	St L-S F of Texas.	August	160,222	164,556	1,050,721	1,103,760
East St Louis Conn.	August	224,050	180,024	1,582,364	1,351,742	St Louis Southwest.	August	1,622,626	1,603,532	13,629,308	11,181,430
Elgin Joliet & East.	August	2,418,243	1,097,303	19,188,598	3,337,175	St L-So West of T	August	746,926	607,934	5,183,826	4,647,811
El Paso & Sou West.	August	888,844	964,694	8,461,586	7,387,825	Total system	1st wk Oct	630,201	536,536	21,971,159	18,767,526
Erle Railroad	August	10,787,760	7,238,682	80,740,143	53,703,158	St Louis Transfer	August	88,316	60,972	574,686	488,806
Chicago & Ee.	August	1,034,418	903,307	9,086,200	7,220,640	San Ant & Aran Pass	August	738,751	551,160	3,667,952	3,465,540
N J & N Y RR.	August	150,419	128,780	1,061,804	991,781	San Ant Ulvalde & G	August	123,756	102,233	822,581	714,028
Evans Ind & T H.	August	860,947	84,919	1,115,444	674,491	Seaboard Air Line.	August	3,719,557	3,907,813	34,320,900	29,034,516
Florida East Coast.	August	673,897	1,082,761	9,454,654	9,054,654	Southern Pacific Sys	August	25,658,062	23,160,149	183,034,067	164,952,342
Fonda Johns & Glov	August	121,511	113,584	1,018,514	908,071	Southern Pacific Co.	August	18,643,069	16,717,507	130,302,916	115,875,721
Ft Smith & Western	August	127,913	152,053	1,008,233	1,018,004	Atlantic S Lines	August	1,150,861	977,042	9,054,824	7,496,861
Galveston Wharf.	August	122,979	136,410	876,732	929,825	Arizona	August	2,090,289	1,875,520	2,445,577	2,601,969
Georgia Railroad.	August	549,439	440,597	4,052,238	3,228,807	Galy Harris & S A	August	1,272,535	236,624	14,840,927	13,983,419
Georgia & Florida.	1st wk Oct	34,800	26,300	1,333,157	1,009,257	Hous & Tex Cent.	August	1,275,535	236,624	8,874,110	9,213,478
Grand Trunk Syst.	August	296,587	172,070	2,335,780	1,493,558	Hous E & W Tex.	August	2,752,044	808,215	19,399,567	2,003,695
Ch Det Can G T Jct	August	616,448	393,918	4,524,468	3,443,511	Louisiana West'n.	August	343,714	322,948	2,990,941	2,709,674
Det G H & Milw.	August	1,804,834	1,694,650	13,415,286	10,660,651	Morg La & Texas	August	687,239	620,501	5,718,199	5,013,226
Grand Trk West.	August	2,877,984	2,601,859	88,15							

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of October. The table covers 2 roads and shows 1.36% decrease from the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Second Week of October, 1923, 1922, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian Pacific, Total (2 roads), and Net decrease (1.36%).

In the following table we also complete our summary for the first week of October:

Table with 5 columns: First Week of October, 1923, 1922, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Previously reported (2 roads), Ann Arbor, Canadian National, Duluth South Shore & Atlantic, Georgia & Florida, Great Northern, Mineral Range, Mobile & Ohio, Nevada-California-Oregon, St. Louis-San Francisco, St. Louis Southwestern, Southern Railway System, Texas & Pacific, Western Maryland, Total (15 roads), and Net increase (5.30%).

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Main table for Electric Railway and Public Utility Co's. Columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows list various companies like Adirondack Pow & Lt, Alabama Power Co, Amer Elec Power Co, etc.

Table for Latest Gross Earnings and Jan. 1 to Latest Date. Columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows list companies like Manila Electric Corp, Market Street Ry, Mass Lighting Co, etc.

a The Brooklyn City RR. is no longer part of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, the receiver of the Brooklyn Heights RR. Co. having, with the approval of the Court, declined to continue payment of the rental; therefore since Oct. 18 1919 the Brooklyn City RR. has been operated by its owners. b The Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenue RR. companies were formerly leased to the New York Railways Co., but these leases were terminated on July 11 1919, since which date these roads have been operated separately. c Includes Pine Bluff Co. d Subsidiary of American Power & Light Co. e Includes York Haven Water & Power Co. f Earnings given in milreis. g Subsidiary companies only. h Includes Nashville Ry. & Lt. Co. i Includes both subway and elevated lines. j Of Abington & Rockland (Mass.). k Given in pesetas. l These were the earnings from operation of the properties of subsidiary companies. m Includes West Penn Co. n Includes Palmetto Power & Light Co. o Subsidiary of Southwestern Power & Light Co. * Earnings for 12 mos. † Earnings for 11 mos. ending Aug. 31. p Earnings for 2 mos. ending Aug. 31.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table for Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings. Columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Utah Securities Corp, Earnings for subsidiary companies only, Adirondack Power & Light, etc.

Table with columns: Company Name, Date, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Asheville Power & Light, Associated Gas & Electric, Carolina Power & Light, Detroit Edison Co, Hudson & Manhattan, Market St Ry Co, Niagara Lockport & Ont Pr Co, Philadelphia & Western Ry Co, Philadelphia Rapid Transit, Yadkin River Power Co.

* After allowing for other income.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry. Co.

(29th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President Fairfax Harrison, Macon, Ga., Sept. 25 1923, wrote in brief:

Income.—Operating revenues in 1922 declined \$68,753, or 1.5%, below the revenues of 1921. Expenses were cut \$925,000, or 19.8%, of which \$581,568 was in transportation expense.

Outlook for 1923.—Notwithstanding substantial reductions in freight rates, the operating results so far in 1923 have been substantially better than for the corresponding period of 1922, the 7 months of the current year for which figures are available showing an operating income after expenses and taxes of \$299,246 compared with \$198,839 for the same months of the preceding year.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Miles operated, Passengers carried, Receipts per pass. mile, Tons freight carried, Tons freight carried 1 m., Rate per ton per mile, Gross earnings per mile.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns: 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Operating Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, Joint facility), Operating Expenses (Maintenance of way & structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transportation for investment), Net revenue from operations, Taxes, Uncollectible revenues, Hire of equipment, Joint facility rents, Operating income, Non-Operating Income (U. S. Govt. act, Miscellaneous non-oper. phys. prop'ty, Dividend income, Income from unfunded secur. & acct's, Miscellaneous income), Gross income, Deductions (Miscellaneous rents, Interest on unfunded debt, Miscellaneous income charges, Interest on funded debt, Interest on equipment obligations), Balance carried to profit and loss.

The profit and loss account Dec. 31 1922 shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1921, \$1,214,980; add credit balance of income for year 1922, \$118,078; total, \$1,333,058; deduct uncollectible accounts written off, \$79,759; net miscellaneous debits, \$9,005; credit balance Dec. 31 1922, \$1,244,294.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31. Table with columns: 1922, 1921. Assets (Invest. in road, Invest. in equip., Miscel. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. co.'s, Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Other investments, Cash, Special deposits, Traffic & car serv-ices bal. receiv., Balances due from agents & conduc., Miscel. acct's. rec., U. S. Govt. adjus., Material & supplies, Other current ass'ts, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits, Claim against U. S. Government, Securities of co. held by it, pledged, \$1,200,000). Liabilities (Common stock, 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, Funded debt, Equip. trust oblig., Notes, Bills payable, Traffic & car serv-ices ba. payable, Audited accounts & wages payable, Miscel. acct's. pay., Int. mat. unpd. incl., int. due Jan. 1, Divis. mat. unpaid, Unmat. int. accrd, Unmat. rents accr'd, Other current liab., Deferred liabilities, Taxes accrued, Operating reserves, Accrued deprecia'n on equip., &c., Other unadj. cred., Add'ns to property since June 30 '07 thr. inc. & surp., Profit and loss).

Total 14,647,614 15,362,867

New Orleans & Northeastern RR. (39th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President Fairfax Harrison, New Orleans, La., Sept. 25, wrote in brief:

Income.—Operating revenues in 1922 declined \$822,963, or 13% below the revenues of 1921. Expenses were reduced \$857,860, or 14.6%, of which amount \$619,928 represents a cut in transportation expense. The appropriations for maintenance were reduced only \$189,683. The final net income, after the payment of rents and interest charges, amounted to \$66,344, compared with a deficit of \$106,878 in the preceding year.

Dividends.—A dividend of 6% on the capital stock, requiring \$360,000, was paid in 1922 and charged to profit and loss. 1923 Results.—Notwithstanding substantial reductions in freight rates, the results so far in 1923 have been substantially better than for the corresponding period of 1922, the seven months of the current year showing an estimated net income of \$620,000 after interest charges, compared with \$169,674 for the same months of the preceding year.

Relations with the Federal Railroad Administration.—The protracted negotiations with the U. S. RR. Administration concerning accounts growing out of Federal operation of the company's property during the 26 months from Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920 have not yet resulted in a settlement.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

Table with columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Passengers carried, Pass. carried 1 mile, Rev. per pass. per mile, Revenue tons carried, Rev. tons carried 1 m., Rev. per ton per mile, Earns. per pass. tr. mile, Earns. per frt. train mile, Gross earns. per mile.

CORPORATE INCOME STATEMENT—CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns: 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Operating Revenues (Passenger, Freight, Mail, express, &c.), Operating Expenses (Maintenance of way, &c., Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Miscellaneous operations), Total operating revenues, Net revenue from operations, Taxes, Uncollectible revenues, Hire of equipment, Joint facility rents, Operating income, Miscellaneous rent income, Income from rail leased, Dividend income, Inc. fr. funded & unfd. sec. & acct's, Contributions from other companies, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Miscellaneous rents, Separately operated properties, Interest on unfunded debt, Miscellaneous income charges, Interest on funded debt, Interest on equipment obligations, Dividends, Add'ns & betterments charged to inc., Bal. carried to credit profit & loss, x Dividend of \$360,000 charged to profit and loss.

The profit and loss account Dec. 31 1922 shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1921, \$4,292,238; add credit balance of income for year 1922, \$66,344; net miscellaneous credits, \$28,433; total, \$4,387,015; deduct dividend on stock (6%), \$360,000; credit balance Dec. 31 1922, \$4,027,015.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns: 1922, 1921. Assets (Road & equipm't, Misc. phys. prop., Affil. cos. stocks, Other investments, Cash, Special deposits, Traffic, &c., bal., Loans & bills rec., Agents & conductors' balances, Material & supp., Misc. acct's receiv., x Other curr. assets, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits, U. S. Govt., Claim, U. S. Govt. unad-justed debits). Liabilities (Common stock, Funded debt, Equip. trust oblig., Govt. grants in aid of construction, Loans & bills pay., Traffic, &c., bal., Misc. acct's mat'ured, Int. & divs. matured, Int. & rents accrd, Accts. & wages pay., Other curr. liab'l's, Deferred liabilities, Taxes, Operating reserves, Accrued deprec'n, Unadjusted credits, U. S. Govt. unad-justed credits, Add'ns to property since June 30 '07, Profit and loss).

Total 25,179,843 24,916,329

x Subject to settlement of claim with U. S. Govt.—V. 115, p. 1206.

Mississippi Central Railroad.

(15th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.
Average miles of road operated.....	245	246
Revenue passengers carried.....	231,523	246,863
Revenue passengers carried one mile.....	5,819,724	6,319,770
Average receipts per passenger per mile.....	3.51 cts.	3.66 cts.
Number of revenue tons carried.....	698,455	486,741
Number of revenue tons carried one mile.....	54,715,013	30,021,079
Average receipts per ton mile.....	2.25 cts.	3.05 cts.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.
Operating Revenues—		
Freight revenue.....	\$1,235,229	\$916,246
Passenger revenue.....	204,000	219,327
Mail, express, &c.....	63,625	48,927
Total operating revenues.....	\$1,502,854	\$1,184,496
Operating Expenses—		
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$247,539	\$286,847
Maintenance of equipment.....	345,353	346,956
Traffic.....	69,896	41,893
Transportation.....	527,661	444,671
General.....	82,679	82,129
Transportation for investment—Cr.....	—	1,347
Total operating expenses.....	\$1,273,130	\$1,201,159
Net operating revenue.....	\$229,724	def\$16,664
Taxes.....	\$71,023	\$71,748
Uncollectible railway revenue.....	168	27

Operating income.....	\$158,533	def\$88,439
Other income.....	12,188	52,035
Gross income.....	\$170,721	def\$36,404
Hire of equipment.....	\$13,533	\$73,995
Joint facility rents.....	23,995	10,600
Rent for leased road.....	19,500	7,391
Interest on funded debt.....	168,844	166,360
Sinking fund.....	88,404	83,240
Miscellaneous.....	8,835	2,838
Balance to profit and loss.....	def\$152,389	def\$380,628

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Inv. in road & eq't.....	\$8,704,036	\$8,518,134	Capital stock.....	\$3,940,000	\$3,940,000
Impts. on leased rd.....	765	—	First mtge. bonds.....	3,275,600	4,100,000
Sinking funds.....	208	725,173	Note.....	125,000	—
Deposits in lieu of mtgd. prop. sold.....	2,500	—	Loans & bills pay.....	100,000	120,000
Other investments.....	206,833	206,833	Traffic, &c., bal's.....	50,761	41,963
Misc. phys. prop.....	13,858	13,858	Audited accounts & wages payable.....	98,082	131,172
Cash.....	93,152	34,046	Misc. accts. pay'ble.....	13,189	16,234
Cash to pay coup's.....	102,500	102,500	Int. mat'd unpaid.....	85,735	83,118
Traffic, &c., bal.....	28,657	4,020	Unmat'd int. acer.....	5,558	—
Due from agents & conductors.....	20,852	11,173	Unmat. rents acer.....	228	—
Misc. accts't receiv.....	80,134	100,244	Deferred liabilities.....	618	175
Material & supp.....	159,414	168,571	Tax liability.....	72,459	68,528
Int. & rents receiv.....	575	3,032	Operating reserves.....	16,794	19,062
Deferred assets.....	950	1,382	Acce. depr. equip.....	395,123	414,705
Unadjusted debits.....	37,258	209,833	Other unadj. cred.....	38,822	67,673
Deficit.....	390,541	32,677	Add'n to property through surplus.....	547,614	360,948
			Sink. fund reserves.....	869,818	767,899
Total.....	9,635,401	10,131,475	Total.....	9,635,402	10,131,475

—V. 117, p. 1462.

Atlantic Coast Line Co.

(Report for Year ended June 30 1923.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Int. Received on—				
A. C. L. RR. Co. of S. C. 4s.....	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000
A. C. L. RR. Co. Cons. 4s.....	50,160	50,160	50,160	50,160
A. C. L. RR. Co. Gen.....	—	—	—	—
Unifying 4½s.....	135,360	135,360	135,360	135,360
Amalgam. Phos. Co. 6s.....	28,950	28,950	29,075	29,200
Internat. Agric. Corp.....	78,375	78,375	78,375	78,375
Miscellaneous.....	143,085	116,879	141,365	133,410
Dividends on Stocks—				
West' hse Air Brake Co.....	4,620	5,250	5,880	5,880
A. C. L. RR. Co. Com. & "A".....	1,301,342	1,301,342	1,301,342	1,301,342
Ch. & W. Caro. Ry. Co.....	—	—	72,000	72,000
Other dividends.....	87,669	9,669	12,669	42,416
Total credits.....	\$1,891,561	\$1,787,985	\$1,888,226	\$1,910,143
Expenses.....	\$19,246	\$19,501	\$19,321	\$19,107
Taxes.....	36,590	18,435	30,335	25,824
Interest on 5% cfts.....	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Int. on 4% cfts. "B".....	2,472	2,472	2,472	2,472
Int. on 4% cfts. "C".....	43,288	48,748	52,810	120,000
Net income.....	\$1,539,965	\$1,448,829	\$1,533,288	\$1,492,741
Prev. surplus forward.....	\$15,814,588	\$15,418,880	\$14,792,067	\$14,241,671
Alachua Phoa. Co. stock, net credit.....	—	—	—	126,637
Profit on Woodside Cotton mills stock.....	—	—	—	42,135
Prof. on Amal. Phos. bds.....	—	—	525	—
Disc't on A. C. L. 4% Deb. cfts. of indebt. purch. by co. & retired.....	1,467	10,259	161,755	—
Total surplus.....	\$17,356,020	\$16,877,968	\$16,487,634	\$15,903,182
Miscellaneous deductions.....	\$19,246	\$19,501	\$19,321	\$19,107
Loss on U. S. Lib. bonds.....	—	—	—	12,759
Pd. add. U. S. inc. taxes.....	—	4,980	10,354	39,958
Dividends paid (12%).....	1,058,400	1,058,400	1,058,400	1,058,400
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$16,297,620	\$15,814,588	\$15,418,880	\$14,792,067

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1923.	1922.	1921.
Assets—			
Securities deposited with Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore.....	a\$5,136,960	\$5,136,960	\$5,136,960
Railroad bonds.....	b1,220,835	1,220,835	1,220,835
Other bonds.....	c2,315,930	2,315,930	1,815,930
Railroad stocks.....	d21,074,283	21,074,283	21,074,283
Other stocks.....	e12,063	42,063	42,063
Certificates of indebtedness.....	f1,563	1,563	1,563
Other securities.....	59,665	—	—
Depos. for int., divs. & inc. tax ret'd.....	25,737	27,200	30,886
Dividends accrued.....	650,671	650,671	650,671
Cash on deposit.....	766,750	376,283	675,964
Total.....	\$31,294,456	\$30,845,789	\$30,649,155
Liabilities—			
Capital stock (176,400 shares at \$50).....	\$8,820,000	\$8,820,000	\$8,820,000
Certificates of indebtedness (5%).....	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Certificates of indebtedness (4%).....	61,800	61,800	61,800
Debtenture cfts. of indebtedness (4%).....	1,081,300	1,122,200	1,312,000
Divs. on stock & int. on cfts. unpaid.....	25,625	27,090	30,764
Income tax retained.....	111	111	121
Federal taxes.....	8,000	—	5,589
Profit and loss surplus.....	16,297,620	15,814,588	15,418,880
Total.....	\$31,294,456	\$30,845,789	\$30,649,155

Securities Owned June 30 1923.

a Securities deposited with Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore to secure 5% and Class "B" 4% certificates of indebtedness, viz.:

	Par.	Book Value.
Atl. Coast Line Cons. 4% bonds.....	\$1,250,000	\$1,125,000
Atl. Coast Line RR. of S. C. 4% bds.....	1,550,000	1,395,000
b Other railroad bonds.....	3,008,000	2,616,960—\$5,136,960
Colum. Newb. & Laur. RR. Co. 3%.....	\$318,000	\$190,800
Northwestern RR. Co. 1st Cons. 4%.....	285,000	228,000
Northwestern RR. Co. 1st Cons. 5%.....	75,000	67,500
Atl. Coast Line RR. Consol. 4%.....	4,000	3,600
A. C. L. RR. Co. L. & N. Coll. Tr. 4s.....	340,000	256,335
Charleston & West Carolina Ry. 1st Cons. Mtge. 4-5% bonds ser. "A".....	791,000	474,600—1,220,835
c Other bonds—		
Peninsular Phos. Corp. 1st M. 6%.....	500,000	500,000
U. S. 2d Liberty Loan Conv. 4¼%.....	103,000	103,000
U. S. 4th Liberty Loan 4¼%.....	3,000	3,000
U. S. Treas. Series "B" 1926 4¼%.....	80,000	80,000
International Agricultural Corp. 5%.....	1,567,500	1,097,250
Amalgamated Phos. Co. 1st M. 5%.....	579,000	532,680—2,315,930
d Railroad stocks:		
Northwestern RR. Co.....	500	\$50,000
Atlantic & North Carolina RR.....	11	1,100
Atl. Coast Line RR. Co. Com. "A".....	2,355	235,500
Atl. Coast Line RR. Co. Common.....	183,551	19,695,327
South Carolina Pacific Ry. Preferred.....	1,046	88,751
Charleston & West Carolina Ry.....	12,000	960,000
Nashville Chatt. & St. Louis Ry.....	480	43,605—\$21,074,283
e Other stocks:		
Westinghouse Air Brake Co.....	1,134	\$42,063
f Other assets:		
Colum. Newb. & Laur. 5% cfts.....	\$127,200	\$1,272
Atlantic Coast Line RR. 4% cfts.....	294	291—\$1,563
—V. 115, p. 2154.		

Crucible Steel Co. of America.

(23d Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ending Aug. 31 1923.)

Chairman H. S. Wilkinson, Oct. 16, wrote in substance:

Results.—After deducting dividends paid during the year amounting to \$2,299,979, the net increase in surplus was \$3,002,264. In order to maintain company's plants in the best state of repair and efficiency, there has been expended during the year and charged to current operating expenses the sum of \$2,381,600. There was a decided improvement in this year's business over last year. The demand for our products has increased and, notwithstanding the low prices which have prevailed in the steel business during this year, the earnings of the company have increased each quarter. The number of customers on our books to-day is the largest since the company was organized. We are rapidly increasing our production of high-grade steel by installing new improvements in our manufacture, which is not only reducing our cost per ton of steel, but is making it possible for us to supply to the trade a larger volume of fine steels than we have been able to produce before.

Inventories.—Inventories of raw, process and finished materials have been carefully taken and the values are on the basis of the actual purchase or production cost, or at the market value prevailing Aug. 31 1923, whichever was lower.

Federal Taxes and War Claims.—Since the signing of the Armistice we have been confronted not only with unprecedented difficulties in manufacturing because of the great fluctuation in prices of raw products, as well as the adjustments and changes in selling prices of our finished material, but with other difficulties equally serious in their financial possibilities. We refer to the final settlement of Federal taxes under the complex war and excess profits tax law and the final settlement with the various Government departments of our many uncompleted war contracts. These matters, involving vast amounts of money, have demanded almost continuous attention of your management and frequent negotiations with representatives of the several Government departments.

In addition to this, your company has been harassed by litigation with the previous management over alleged obligations of the company of large amounts.

These difficulties, however, are no longer matters for concern. Federal agents have examined the books and records of the company for all years covered by the war and excess profits taxes and have verified our reports. The Washington authorities have agreed that these findings shall be final and conclusive. The initial settlements of our various war contracts with the Government have been completely audited by the Government representatives and finally closed. The litigation with the previous management was disposed of in a conclusive manner without cost to the company.

The final and conclusive settlement of these matters relieves the management of a considerable burden and adds to the financial stability of the Co.

Capital Expenditures.—Your Company has expended in the past 5 years approximately \$25,000,000 in the completion of a program of improvements and additions to plants. The situation at the various works is as follows:

(1) *Alachua Works.*—Following the curtailment of the Government's munition program the ordnance department, through the installation of new machinery, has been made available for diversified lines of commercial work and our large machine shops have been converted at a moderate outlay into a modern and efficient locomotive repair shop. We have been busy during the year in aiding the railroads in repairing locomotives and have been able to accomplish satisfactory results along this line. We have completed 4 electric furnaces, which have been under process of erection for some time, and have been making necessary additions and changes in our equipment to take care of our regular alloy and tool steel business. This plant is now in excellent condition to produce a large volume of our usual products this coming year, in addition to the output of its locomotive and machine repair departments.

(2) *Sanderson Works.*—This plant has been completely reconstructed. For the past year it has produced a capacity business of high speed and tool steel. The property is in excellent shape and prepared to meet any competition without further investment in buildings or machinery.

(3) *Spaulding & Jennings Works.*—The machinery of this plant has been greatly improved and new machinery has been added. It is now in splendid condition to produce a capacity business and the past has been one of its most successful years.

(4) *Park Works.*—This plant has been closed most of the past year, as we are now engaged in rebuilding and installing improvements and equipment to make it one of our largest producers of high-grade products. The installation of electric furnaces now in operation, combined with the additional ones planned, will, with our large capacity of crucible furnaces, give us an opportunity of making both crucible and electric steel at low costs and in sufficient volume to take care of the trade. Similar improvements will be made in our furnaces and machinery in our *Crescent Works* at Pittsburgh, and when this work is completed we will be prepared to produce in the Pittsburgh district a large volume of tonnage to take care of the Central and Western trade.

(5) *Singer Works.*—On account of the inconvenient and restricted location of this plant, and the impossibility of securing additional adjoining property, no improvements in manufacturing facilities have been made for several years. We have now discontinued operations at these works, and its former product will be taken care of at our other mills. The Singer Works will be sold, and we believe that a price can be obtained for it sufficient to prevent any loss in the real estate, plant and equipment account.

Halcob Steel Co.—This property, both North and South Works, is in practically perfect condition and is producing its full capacity of crucible and electric melted tool and high-grade steels.

Pittsburgh Crucible Steel Co.—We have completed all the improvements which have been under way for some time and its coke ovens and by-products plants, blast furnaces, open-hearth furnaces and rolling mills are showing very satisfactory results, both in cost and production.

Crucible Fuel Co.—This company is now showing very satisfactory results in both production and costs.

Has Emerged from Business Depression—Outlook.—We have emerged from one of the severest business depressions in the history of the country. It has taught all business valuable lessons in conservatism and economy. It is our belief the foundation has been laid for an era of healthy trade in which wise and progressive administration will insure satisfactory profits. Money is easy and rates are moderate. Inventories are carefully adjusted to volume of business and are at relatively low prices. Those who work for wages are in purchasing power receiving the largest returns in our history. The products of the farm are in greater supply and higher in price than a year ago. The building program of the country is far below the normal

growth and requirement. Practically no additional railroads are being built and this will require a considerable increase in the necessary equipment to take care of the rapidly growing volume of transportation that must be carried by the existing lines. Large additions will undoubtedly be made in equipment to meet this emergency, which will require a great volume of steel to be used in this development.

Public improvements have been considerably curtailed during the past few years and expenditures will be necessary along this line to take care of the rapidly growing population of our country.

The enormous purchasing power caused by the great distribution of prosperity among all classes of the people will certainly increase the demands in all lines, and we believe these fundamental facts fully justify the expectation for continued profitable business, and that our stockholders may feel assured their property will make adequate returns on the investment and increase in value.

No. of Stockholders.—On Aug. 31 1923: Preferred, 4,895; common, 1,803.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDING AUGUST 31.

	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
y Profits	\$6,783,493	\$2,165,768	\$6,969,424	\$17,274,489
Depreciation and renewals	1,200,000	1,250,000		3,775,291
Int. on bonds of sub. cos.	281,250	293,750	306,250	312,333
Deprec. on foreign exch.			191,429	
Inventory adjustments		See x	924,499	1,230,176
Loss on sale of bonds				178,668
Preferred dividends (7%)	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Common dividends	549,979	999,817	See below.	See below.

Balance, sur. or def. sr. \$3,002,264 df \$6,459,334 sr \$3,797,246 sr 10,030,021

x Loss after depreciation in the value of inventories and loss from operations. y Profit after Federal taxes.

COMPLETE DIVIDEND RECORD OF COMMON STOCK (DIVIDENDS ARE NOT SHOWN IN THE REPORT).

Date Paid	In Cash	In Stock	Date Paid	In Cash	
July 1919	1 1/2%	\$375,000	Jan. 1921	2%	\$1,000,000
Oct. 1919	3%	750,000	Apr. 1921	2%	1,000,000
Jan. 1920	3%	750,000	July 1921	2%	500,000
Apr. 1920	3%	750,000	Oct. 1921	1%	500,000
July 1920	2%	750,000	Jan. 1922	1%	500,000
Aug. 1920		14 2-7	Apr. 1922	Div. passed.	
Oct. 1920	2%	1,000,000	July 1923	1%	\$550,000

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUGUST 31.

1923.		1922.		1923.		1922.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Property	104,820,941	103,924,318	Preferred stock	25,000,000	25,000,000		
Investments	1,880,177	193,940	Common stock	55,000,000	50,000,000		
U. S. Govt. secs.	87,000	87,000	Stock subscr. for			5,000,000	
Materials&supp.	17,860,305	17,021,727	but unissued.				5,000,000
Adv. on ore cont.		41,254	Bonds	5,500,000			1,700,000
Unexpired taxes			Notes payable				1,700,000
and insurance	165,850	182,712	Acc'ts pay., int.				
Notes receivable	99,002	122,288	& taxes accr.	4,363,578	2,491,762		
Accounts receivable, less res.	6,294,017	3,796,286	Pref. div. pay'le	437,500	437,500		
Cash	5,409,837	2,688,196	Deprec., &c., res.	22,864,510	21,787,132		
Unpaid subscriptions to common stock		4,500,000	Res. for exhaust. of minerals	440,809	383,037		
			Conting. reserve	723,297	323,174		
			Insurance res'v	763,276	472,268		
			Surplus	21,523,962	19,212,829		
Total	136,616,932	132,557,702	Total	136,616,932	132,557,702		

—V. 117, p. 1352.

Pittsburgh Steel Co.

(Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1923.)

Vice-President D. P. Bennett, Pittsburgh, Sept. 24, wrote in substance:

Income Account.—Net earnings after deducting all charges for operations, including \$2,822,682 for maintenance and repairs, were \$3,897,966; interest and income from investments, \$202,244; profit on sale East California property, \$162,473; miscellaneous revenue, \$116,140; total earnings, \$4,378,823. After deducting reserve for depreciation of plants of \$1,318,233, reserve for depletion of mine properties of \$108,859, reserve for Federal taxes of \$223,044, interest of \$100,348, expenses incident to coal strike of \$460,291, reduction of book value of Liberty Bonds to market of \$47,733, and reduction of inventory values to market of \$97,840, net income for the year amounted to \$2,022,473, from which was deducted dividends on pref. stock of \$735,000 and dividends on common stock of \$560,000, leaving a surplus for the year of \$727,473.

Shipments.—The value of materials shipped during the year is shown in the following comparative table:

	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.
Pig iron and billets	\$9,124,464	\$2,254,192	\$5,768,359
Hoops, bands and cotton ties	2,109,715	898,421	1,424,738
Wire rods, plain wire, nails, fencing, fabric, &c.	17,567,624	12,631,810	15,729,996
Miscellaneous products	\$28,801,803	\$15,784,423	\$22,923,093
	315,314	81,640	306,935
	\$29,117,117	\$15,866,063	\$23,230,027

The volume of business for the year showed a marked improvement over the previous year, and practically all departments worked steadily and constantly throughout the year. The demand for the products was exceptionally good, orders were plentiful and prices on the whole well maintained. There were unusual requirements for material for construction purposes and for the automobile and railroad equipment industries.

During the first half of the fiscal year shipments were curtailed somewhat but the car shortage and railroad embargoes, and during the latter part of the year the scarcity of both skilled and common labor seriously affected the volume of production. However, the results of the year's operations was an increase of \$13,176,172 in net sales and an increase of \$2,088,022 in profit on sales as compared with the previous year.

The average price of steel products shipped during the year was \$55.72 per ton, or 53c. per ton above last year.

Conditions abroad did not sufficiently improve during the year to create an export market for our goods; however, there was an excellent domestic demand.

No. 1 blast furnace operated throughout the year; No. 2 furnace from Oct. 4 1922. The open hearth furnaces and the finishing departments were operated as fully as labor conditions permitted.

Comparative Industries at June 30—

	1923.	1922.	1921.
Ore and coke	\$1,550,582	\$1,888,891	\$2,368,577
Pig iron and scrap	1,067,882	384,027	832,372
Semi-finished products	744,663	269,272	1,142,747
Finished products	963,003	1,364,382	1,936,922
Supplies and stores	1,506,875	1,544,427	1,582,870
	\$5,971,728	\$5,598,257	\$7,995,572

Inventory values are calculated at cost or market price, whichever was lower, and no inter-departmental profits are included.

Capital Expenditures.—During the year \$765,779 was expended in betterments and improvements and in the acquisition of new properties. From the sale of properties heretofore charged to capital account, &c., there was received \$215,752, leaving a net cash outlay for the above expenditures of \$550,027.

Employees and Payrolls—

	1923.	1922.
Average number of employees at steel works	3,940	2,825
Average number of employees at coal properties	686	435
Total salaries and wages paid	\$9,142,785	\$5,354,074

Effective Sept. 1 1922, the wages of employees in the steel plants were increased 20%, and on April 16 1923 a further increase of 11% was granted.

Unfilled Orders June 30—

	1923.	1922.
Tons	102,450	72,020
Value	\$5,950,394	\$3,756,347

General.—The physical condition of plants was fully maintained during the year, \$2,822,681 having been expended on maintenance, repairs and replacements.

On March 31 1923 the fourth annual installment of \$550,000 on the Alicia Coal & Coke properties was paid. To provide for this payment there was sold \$500,000 U. S. Third Liberty Loan 4 1/2% Bonds. There remains now only the final payment of \$550,000 to be made on March 31 1924 to complete the total purchase price of \$3,750,000.

During the year 518 acres of Upper Freeport Vein of coal were added to the company's reserve. This additional acreage adjoins that previously purchased by the company.

The new building for the manufacture of fabric has been completed and fully equipped.

Since Jan. 1 1916, when the workmen's compensation law of Pennsylvania became effective, under permission from the Compensation Board, the company has carried its own insurance on all its operations except the Alicia mines. To cover the current payments and to provide a fund for possible future serious accidents, a monthly charge of \$6,000 was made. The balance in the fund having reached the sum of \$250,000 originally contemplated, the monthly charge has been discontinued and current payments will be absorbed in operating expenses. The reserve fund has been invested in interest-bearing securities.

On March 11 1923 the steamer Alicia, while preparing to leave Alicia for Monessen, caught fire and was totally destroyed. Its value was fully covered by insurance.

In 1913 the company purchased a tract of land at East California, Pa., to be used as a dumping ground for slag and other waste products from the mills. The ground having been practically filled and the land not being suitable for the company's manufacturing purposes, it was sold at a profit of \$162,473.

In accordance with the understanding reached among the various steel companies, the officers have been giving careful study to the elimination of the 12-hour working day in departments operating continuously where this practice prevailed, and considerable progress has been made. The scarcity of labor has made it most difficult to effect this change.

Regarding the strike of the bituminous coal miners, which began April 1 1922, and which was declared off Sept. 1 1922, the Monessen mine was closed during this entire period, necessitating the purchase of gas coal in the open market at a considerably advanced cost. The Alicia Mines Nos. 1 and 2, which resumed operations May 25 1922, gradually reached normal production.

CONSOL. INCOME ACCT. YEARS END. JUNE 30 (INCL. SUB. COS.).

	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Sales, less returns and allowances	\$29,117,117	\$15,866,063		
Less sales discount	283,984	209,102		
Net sales	\$28,833,133	\$15,656,961	\$22,978,789	\$27,483,107
Mfg. & prodnc. cost and oper. expenses	20,740,513	11,553,697	14,790,152	19,919,623
Selling & admin. exp.	1,245,161	1,180,030	1,201,399	771,999
Maint. repairs & replace.	2,822,682	1,547,240	2,675,280	2,860,840
Depreciation	1,318,233	800,697	884,825	1,000,280
Depletion	108,859	65,633	101,065	126,026
Inventory adjustment	97,840	65,063	a1,095,320	126,026
Idle plant expenses		369,267	453,173	
Exp. incid. to coal strike	460,291			
Doubtful acct's reserve	56,409	73,376	41,755	
Net profit on operation	\$1,983,145	\$1,957	\$1,735,821	\$2,804,339
Miscellaneous revenue	b\$278,113	\$804,864	\$117,967	\$69,665
Interest earned	202,244	199,838	238,870	195,886
Net profits, all sources	\$2,464,002	\$1,006,809	\$2,092,658	\$3,039,890
Interest paid	100,348	75,625	103,125	134,455
Loss on sale of property		38,250	123,824	
Loss on U. S. bonds, &c.	47,733			339,287
Miscellaneous	70,403	31,051		
Fed'l income tax reserve	223,045	(b) 143,181	143,181	604,690
Pref. dividends (7%)	735,000	735,000	735,000	735,000
Common dividends	(4%)\$600,000	(4)\$600,000	(6)\$840,000	(8)\$560,000
Balance, surplus	\$727,473	def\$433,117	\$147,527	\$666,459

a Reduction in inventory prices, less adjustment of reserves. b In 1922 company's report showed a credit adjustment of reserve for Federal taxes amounting to \$270,427, which amount is included in miscellaneous revenue.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

1923.		1922.		1923.		1922.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real estate, plant, &c.	28,681,405	27,667,406	Preferred stock	10,500,000	10,500,000		
Invest's (at cost)	1,113,988	1,086,713	Common stock	14,000,000	14,000,000		
Liberty bonds and U. S. securities	2,693,813	3,190,000	Accounts payable	2,169,160	1,793,720		
Cash	2,003,727	1,108,255	Installmt on coal, &c., properties	x776,105	1,463,016		
Notes and accounts receivable	3,447,137	2,975,142	Deprec'n reserve	4,715,946	6,127,530		
Inventories	5,971,728	5,598,257	Fed. inc. tax res'v	223,045			
Prepaid insurance and taxes	143,685	80,522	Deferred credits		11,771		
Sale of houses	40,961		Com. div. payable	140,000	140,000		
			Res. for exting't of mine property	470,870	362,010		
Total	44,096,447	41,774,711	Repairs, &c., res.	808,072	510,888		
			Profit and loss	7,593,249	6,865,775		
Total			Total	44,096,447	41,774,711		

x Installments on purchase price of coal and coke properties maturing subsequent to Sept. 30 1923, \$742,277; maturing between July 1 and Sept. 1 1923, \$33,828.

Note.—Contingent liability for notes receivable discounted, \$443,000.—V. 117, p. 1672, 901.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

(Results for Nine Months Ending Sept. 30 1923.)

President H. B. Thayer, New York, Oct. 15, wrote in substance:

During the first eight months of this year there was in vested in addition to the operating plant of the Bell Telephone System over 150 millions of dollars. In this period of eight months, service was extended to more than one-half million additional stations. The demand for service is unabated, and there are still some places in which we are not able promptly to connect new patrons. The new facilities which are being provided will favorably affect this condition, and while supplying needed service, will also provide their proportionate earnings.

The earnings per share for the year 1922 exceeded our dividend requirements by a larger margin than the average for the previous ten years. They are continuing with a like margin on the increased capital.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS, 9 MOS. END. SEPT. 30.

	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Earnings				
Dividends	\$39,890,945	\$33,282,388	\$28,345,757	\$26,079,476
Interest	9,408,274	9,048,160	10,056,913	9,369,580
Telephone oper. revs.	53,379,024	47,724,196	43,002,228	41,788,955
Miscell's revenues	277,509	139,271	69,710	127,796
Total	\$102,955,751	\$90,194,015	\$81,474,608	\$77,365,807
Exp. (incl. prov. for tax.)	31,952,271	29,133,162	25,921,776	24,056,229
Net earnings	\$71,003,481	\$61,060,853	\$55,552,832	\$53,309,577
Interest	9,747,338	12,188,268	14,765,220	14,150,856
Dividends	46,770,739	35,499,872	30,496,479	26,527,291
Balance	\$14,485,404	\$10,372,713	\$10,291,133	\$12,631,430

Note.—Subject to minor changes when final figures for September are available.—V. 117, p. 1131, 783.

Julius Kayser & Co. (Glove Manufacturers), New York. (Report for Fiscal Year Ending Aug. 31 1923.)

RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING AUG. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Profits (after deprec'n), Deductions, Loss on invent'y, Fed. inc. & exc. prof. tax, Amt. added to res'v's for market fluctuations in raw silk, Miscellaneous, New pref. stk. divs, Divs. on old pref. stocks, Divs. on old com. stocks, Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

x Profits in 1923 and 1922 are after provision for bond interest, depreciation and taxes on income, while the income account for the year ending Aug. 31 1921 does not show any deduction for Federal income and excess profits tax, but the balance sheet shows a provision for Federal taxes on income for 1920-21 (source of which is not stated). y Adjustment of inventories to market value, \$1,036,069; for market decline or unfilled purchase contracts, \$114,000; total, \$1,150,069; less reserve previously provided therefor, \$500,000; balance, \$650,069.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31 (INCL. AFFIL. COS.).

Table with 4 columns: 1923, 1922, 1923, 1922. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., machinery & equip., Patents, trade-mks and good-will, Cash, Dep. with mutual insurance cos., Notes & accts. rec., 1st M. bds. pur. in adv. of sk. rd. at par and interest, Due from officers and employees, Sundry debtors, Marketable secur., Stk. pur. for empl., Inventories, Deferred charges), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st M. 20-year 7s., Bonds & mtges. of affiliated cos., Notes payable, Accounts payable, Prof. divs. reserve, Accrued compen'n to employees, Sundry cred. & liabilities accrued, Due to officers and employees, Federal taxes, Reserves, Surplus).

a Capital surplus arising from property appraisals. b Federal and foreign taxes on income, due or accrued. x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment valued as to principal properties on basis of 1922 appraisals, \$8,464,841; less reserve for depreciation, \$2,424,079, leaving as above stated, \$6,040,762. y Preferred stock authorized, 70,000 shares of no par value; issued and outstanding, 66,115 shares. z Common stock authorized, 150,000 shares of no par value; issued and outstanding, 115,700 shares; and surplus, \$8,203,656.—V. 115, p. 2275.

American Seeding Machine Co.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1923.)

Treasurer B. J. Westcott, Springfield, O., Oct. 15, writes in substance:

While reflecting substantial improvement over the operations of the preceding year, volume still remains but about 50% of normal. This condition is not peculiar to the company, but marks the entire farm machinery industry. As compared with most other implement companies, we are particularly fortunate in having maintained an exceptionally strong cash position and have no current or funded debts.

This excellent financial condition has safely permitted the continuance of dividends upon both classes of stock throughout the trying period of the past three years, the worst in the history of the industry, and until the return of normal conditions and earnings.

In accordance with the written consents filed by the holders of over 60% of the Preferred stock and 75% of the Common stock, the directors Sept. 12 effected a reduction in the Common stock to \$2,500,000, through the reduction of the par value of the shares to \$50 each. New certificates are in preparation and will be ready for exchange about Nov. 1. By this action there is transferred to surplus \$2,500,000, and the intrinsic value of the Common shares in nowise is adversely affected. It is believed the change in capitalization is desirable and to the best interest of stockholders.

Domestic trade conditions continue unfavorable. Foreign sales, particularly to South America, show most satisfactory increase. Also, in recent months, there have been quite encouraging developments in the Russian trade, some small orders having been received and our machines are being displayed and demonstrated at the Industrial Exhibition now in progress at Moscow. It is felt that this field has the very greatest potential possibilities for American machinery, and there is daily increasing evidence of stabilization which encourages the belief that a very substantial business may be realized from there in the early future.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Interest, General taxes, Federal taxes, Income taxes, Bad debts, Inventory reductions, Depreciation, &c., Preferred dividends (6%), Common divs. (5%), Com. divs. (extra) (1%), Total deductions, Balance, deficit.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1923, 1922, 1923, 1922. Rows include Assets (Property account, Cash, Bills & accts rec'le, Inventories, Cash adv'ces, Lib. bonds, Deferred items), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Acrued pay-rolls, Dividends payable, Reserves, Surplus).

* Property account, \$3,508,342; additions for the year, \$52,883; less depreciation, \$792,263; balance as above, \$2,768,961.—V. 117, p. 1351.

Russell Motor Car Co., Limited.

(Annual Report—Year Ending July 31 1923.)

The report, dated Oct. 25 and signed by President Lloyd Harris and Vice-President T. A. Russell, says in substance:

The activities of the company are now represented in the operations of the following companies in which it holds stock:

Canada Cycle & Motor Co., Ltd.—The business year ends on Dec. 31, but sales and profits for the year will again show improvement over those of the previous year. Both the bicycle and skate business have contributed to this increase in the domestic field and there has also been a small increase in the foreign sales.

Russell Gear & Machine Co., Ltd.—Has added to its lines of manufacture the making of the Ruckstell two-speed rear axle for Ford cars and trucks, which promises an important growth in its business. It is hoped that sales on this axle will include not only the domestic business, but an important section of export trade as well.

Russell Motor Car Co., Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.—Has ceased active operations and will, in all probability, be wound up as a company and its assets turned over to the parent company during the coming year. The U. S. Supreme Court delivered judgment in the suit against the navy, confirming the increase of approximately \$50,000 over the settlement offered by the navy officials, but rejecting the larger claim of the company. Payment of remaining moneys due the company should be made early in the new year.

Russell Motor Car Co., Inc., acquired the holdings of stock of this company in Willlys-Overland, Ltd. This latter company ends its year on Dec. 31, and while there has been an increased volume of sales in both Overland and Willlys-Knight cars, and indications promise a further encouraging growth in sales, we do not look forward to the receipt of dividends from this company in the immediate future.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED JULY 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Net profits after taxes, Transf. to inventory res., Prof. divs. (8% p. a.), Common dividends, Balance, surplus.

BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1923, 1922, 1923, 1922. Rows include Assets (Real estate, furniture and fixtures, Cash, Canada war bonds, Accounts and bills receivable, Invest'ns in other companies), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Bankers' advances, Accts & bills pay., Divs. declared and unpaid, Contingent acct'., Buildings, invest' & insur. reserves, Profit & loss ac't.).

—V. 115, p. 2044, 316.

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."

Authorized Railroad Statistics.—The following is authorized by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association:

New Equipment.—The railroads during the month of September placed in service 18,519 new freight cars, together with 380 new locomotives. This brought the total number of new freight cars installed from Jan. 1 this year to Oct. 1 up to 134,636, while the number of new locomotives installed during the same period totaled 2,963.

The railroads on Oct. 1 also had on order 64,601 new freight cars, with deliveries being made daily. They also had 1,242 new locomotives on order. Of the 18,519 new freight cars installed during the month of September, 8,916 were coal cars, which brought the total number of cars for that class of equipment installed during the first 9 months this year up to 55,575. They also installed during September, 6,809 new box cars, making a total of 52,963 placed in service since the first of the year. New refrigerator cars installed during the month totaled 1,405, while 970 new stock cars were also placed in service.

This equipment is being purchased as part of the program unanimously agreed upon by the railroads of this country, at a meeting last April in New York, for the purpose of providing adequate transportation facilities to meet the record breaking freight traffic that was then contemplated, and which has since exceeded even the estimates prepared at that time by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

Locomotive Repair.—The locomotive equipment of the railroads of the United States is now in the best condition it has been in years, according to reports filed to-day by the railroads with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

The railroads of this country on Oct. 1 had 9,823 locomotives, or 15.3% of the total number on line, in need of repair. This is the smallest number in need of repair for any period since the Car Service Division began the compilation of these records in Aug. 1920. This also is a decrease of 969 locomotives compared with the number in need of repair on Sept. 15, at which time there were 10,792, or 16.8%.

Under provisions of the program unanimously adopted by the railroads last April for the purpose of providing adequate transportation facilities this year, the number of locomotives in need of heavy repair was to be reduced to 15% of the number on line by Oct. 1 this year. This has been more than realized, there having been on Oct. 1, 8,789 such locomotives or 13.7%. Compared with the number of such locomotives on Sept. 15 this was a decrease of 949.

Locomotives in need of light repair amounted to 1,034, or 1.6% of the number on line. This was a reduction of 20% since Sept. 15.

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 1 reports showed 20,250 locomotives repaired and turned out of the shops, an increase of 937 over the preceding 15 days.

The railroads on Oct. 1 had 54,159 serviceable locomotives, an increase of 892 compared with the number serviceable on Sept. 15. They also had on Oct. 1, 2,620 locomotives in good repair but in storage.

Freight Car Repair.—Freight cars in need of repair on Oct. 1 totaled 151,332 or 6.7% of the number on line. This is a decrease of 13,952 under the number in need of repair on Sept. 15, at which time there were 165,284 or 7.3%.

Freight cars in need of heavy repair totaled 118,563 or 5.3% of the number on line, which was a decrease of 11,549 compared with the number on Sept. 15.

Reports showed 32,769 or 1.4% in need of light repair, a decrease of 2,403 within approximately 15 days.

This is the best condition of railway freight cars that has existed on the American railroads for years, and reflects the program unanimously adopted by the carriers last April in New York, which provided steps to enable the railroads to meet the transportation requirements of the United States during the current year, when freight traffic has been the heaviest in history.

Freight Car Surplus.—Surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for use whenever transportation conditions require them, numbered 34,138 on Oct. 7, a decrease of 7,607 compared with the number on Sept. 30, a decrease within approximately a week of 6,698, while 7,098 surplus coal cars were reported, which was an increase of 1,447 within the same period. Reports also showed 1,185 stock cars, a decrease since Sept. 30 of 37, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 1,059, or a decrease of 2,664 within the same period.

Car Shortage.—The reported car shortage amounted to 16,160 cars, or an increase of only 829 within the same period. Of the total shortage of 16,160 cars, box cars totaled 6,306, or a decrease since Sept. 30 of 170, while there also was a decrease of 839 in the shortage in coal cars, which brought the total for that class of equipment to 4,600. The shortage in stock cars totaled 1,603, or an increase of 545 over that existing on Sept. 30, while the shortage in refrigerator cars amounted to 2,256, or an increase of 1,264 since the same previous date.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 13.—(a) Demands of railroad trainmen for wage increases ranging from 15 to 39%, p. 1627. (b) New York New Haven & Hartford R.R.—Analysis of its securities—Assets are substantially in excess of total liabilities—Rapid restoration of earning ability, p. 1627. (c) Decisions of U. S. R.R. Labor Board on rules and working conditions—Some wage increases, p. 1628. (d) Heat and power companies petition Inter-State Commerce Commission to reopen assigned car case, p. 1629. (e) U. S. R.R. Labor Board declares void compulsory membership in railroad brotherhood, p. 1629. (f) Greater power to enforce decisions of R.R. Labor Board recommended to President Coolidge by Chairman Hooper, p. 1629. (g) U. S. R.R. Labor Board denies petition of Philadelphia & Reading for rehearing in telegraphers' case, p. 1629. (h) R. H. Aishton urges period of rest from politics and legislation for railroads, p. 1629.

Alabama Great Southern RR.—New Officer.— E. H. Shaw has been elected Vice-President in charge of traffic, succeeding Lincoln Green.—V. 117, p. 1554, 1552.

Alaska RR.—Washouts, &c.— The Department of the Interior announces that a severe rainstorm, combined with a high tide six feet above any record level has put 100 miles of the road out of commission. No estimate of the damage is furnished, but the entire section of the line between Seward and Potter has suffered from washed-out embankments and cave-ins on cuts. Two large bridges near Spencer Glacier and Bartlett Glacier have been washed away.—V. 117, p. 1554, 1235.

American Electric Power Co.—Div. Payable in Cash.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Pref. stock, payable in cash Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. The company on Aug. 15 last paid the Pref. dividend in Pref. stock (see V. 117, p. 322).—V. 117, p. 1346.

Boston Elevated Rys.—Wage Increase Granted.— A flat increase of 9 cents an hour was granted to the company's employees in the award handed down Oct. 15 by the Board of Arbitration. This award will become effective as of July 1 1923 and will continue in force until July 1 1924. The men will be entitled to receive back pay at the increased rate from July 1 1923 to be paid by the company within 2 months from Oct. 15. It is estimated that the increase in wages will cost the company \$2,000,000 above existing operating expenses with \$500,000 additional to be paid within 2 months for back wages.—V. 117, p. 1555.

Chester & Delaware River RR.—Merger, &c.— See Reading Co. below.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Equipment Trusts.— The receivers have applied to the Federal Court at Chicago for authority to issue \$5,400,000 Equipment Trust Certificates.—V. 117, p. 1550, 1460.

Chicago Rock Isl. & Pac. Ry.—Pref. Stock for Employees.— The company announces that it has formed a plan whereby any of its employees may become owners of its Pref. stock. Under this plan any employee may purchase not to exceed 10 shares of Pref. stock upon an initial payment of \$5 per share; the balance of the purchase price may be paid through deductions from salaries of not less than \$3 per month for each share of stock purchased.—V. 117, p. 85.

Christopher & 10th St. RR.—May Not Be Included.— In connection with the tentative reorganization plan of the New York Rys. (see below) the committee's report states: "The new company may, however, decide not to acquire the stock of the Christopher & 10th St. RR. since the operation of the lines of that company is not profitable."—V. 107, p. 1836.

Cincinnati Milford & Blanchester Traction Co.— I. W. Pettingill, who recently was made Sec. & Gen. Mgr. of the company, has been elected President, succeeding J. P. Peurrung. Henry Kroger has been made Sec. & Treas.—V. 113, p. 1771.

Columbus & Ninth Ave. RR.—Not Included In Plan.— In connection with the tentative reorganization plan of the New York Rys. (see below) the committee's report states: "It is anticipated that the assets of the new company may not include the lines or property covered by the Columbus & Ninth Ave. 1st Mtge. 5s, the operation of which has proved highly unprofitable."—V. 116, p. 2006.

Columbus Railway, Power & Light Co.—Tenders.— The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, 115 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., will, until Nov. 8, receive bids for the sale to it of Refunding Mortgage gold bonds 6% series due 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$115,813.—V. 116, p. 2388.

Community Traction Co.—To Issue Stock.— The company has applied to the Ohio P. U. Commission for authority to issue \$43,140 Preferred stock, to pay for extensions in Carpenter St., Columbus, O. The city has given its approval.—V. 117, p. 552.

Consolidated Power & Light Co., Huntington, W. Va.—Bonds Offered.—Tucker, Anthony & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Blyth, Witter & Co., Stroud & Co., Inc., and Otis & Co. are offering at 99 1/2 and int., to yield over 6 1/2%, an additional issue of \$1,039,500 1st Mtge. & Ref. Lien Sinking Fund 6 1/2% gold bonds, Series "A," dated Mar. 1 1923, due Mar. 1 1943 (see description in V. 116, p. 933).

Listing.—Company agrees to make application to list these bonds on the New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of Pres. Van Horn Ely, Huntington, W. Va., Oct. 3. System and Operations.—Company directly and through subsidiaries owns and operates, without competition, the entire electric power and light and electric railway business in Huntington, W. Va., Roanoke and Lynchburg, Va., and surrounding communities, as well as the gas business in Lynchburg. The system also does the entire electric light and power and electric railway business in Ironton, O., Ashland and Catlettsburg, Ky., and the intermediate territory. Present combined estimated population served is in excess of 220,000. The system now has over 39,000 customers and new customers are being added at the rate of over 200 per month.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of the properties covered by this mortgage (including the earnings of Roanoke Ry. & Electric Co., all of whose stock is owned by Roanoke Traction & Light Co., one of the subsidiaries), together with dividends from stocks owned of other subsidiary companies, after taxes but before depreciation, are as follows:

Table with columns: 12 mos. ended, Years ended Dec. 31. Rows: Operating revenues, Net earnings, Divs. from stocks owned by other subsidiaries.

Total inc. applic. to int.—\$1,783,849 \$1,642,838 \$1,296,937 \$1,153,726 Annual interest on funded debt with public (including this issue) amounts to \$724,047.

x Includes undistributed income for the 6 months ended June 30 1923. Capitalization as of June 30 1923 (but after giving effect to this financing). Common stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. Preferred stock \$1,500,000 Underlying bonds of mortgaged properties (closed) \$3,379,000 First Mtge. & Ref. Lien bonds (including this issue) 8,039,500

x In addition there are \$624,000 bonds outstanding of Roanoke Ry. & Electric Co., all of whose stock is owned by Roanoke Traction & Light Co., one of the subsidiaries, and there are \$1,223,000 (total issue) Lynchburg Traction & Light Co. Consol. Mtge. 5% bonds pledged with the trustee as additional security for the 1st Mtge. & Ref. Lien bonds. Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to acquire \$1,223,000 Lynchburg Traction & Light Co. Consol. Mtge. 5% bonds, which will be pledged under this mortgage. This will reduce the funded debt outstanding in the hands of the public. (Compare also V. 116, p. 933).—V. 117, p. 1235.

Cuba Co.—Resumes Dividends on Common Stock.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the Common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. This is the first dividend on the new no par stock which was issued early this year in exchange for the old Common stock, par \$50,000, in the ratio of 3,500 new for each old share held. Dividends of 10% each were paid on the old Common stock on Aug. 1 1919 and Aug. 1 1920; none since.—V. 117, p. 1346, 1344.

Eighth Ave. RR.—Not Included In Plan.— In connection with the tentative reorganization plan of the New York Rys. (see below) no provision is made to include the properties of (a) Eighth Ave. RR.; (2) Ninth Ave. RR., and (3) N. Y. & Harlem RR. These companies were formerly operated by N. Y. Railways under leases, which have been abrogated since the receivership. They are now operated independently.—V. 114, p. 1179.

Elmira Water Light & RR. Co.—Abandonment.— The New York P. S. Commission has authorized the company to abandon a portion of its trolley line operating from Elmira to Horseheads and Watkins, N. Y.—V. 117, p. 1016.

Erie RR.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—Drexel & Co. have sold at prices ranging from 100 and div. to 100.35 and div., to yield from 5 1/2 to 6%, according to maturity, \$1,500,000 6% Equip. Trust Gold certificates, Series "KK," issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated Oct. 15 1923. Payable \$50,000 semi-annually April 15 1924 to Oct. 15 1928 both incl. Denom. \$1,000 each. Dividends payable A. & O. at Bank of North America & Trust Co., Phila., trustee. Issuance.—Subject to the approval of the U. S. C. Commission. Security.—Certificates are to be issued in part payment for standard railway equipment consisting of 44 new steel suburban passenger cars, 475 steel frame box cars of 40-ton capacity, 200 refrigerator cars of 30-ton capacity. The total cost of the above equipment will be approximately \$2,176,000. The cost of the new passenger cars will be over 42% of that amount. The face amount of these certificates will represent less than 70% of the total cost of the equipment.—V. 117, p. 1662, 1016.

Fort Smith & Western RR.—Earnings, &c.— The protective committee for the bonds of Fort Smith & Western Railroad caused to be incorporated in Delaware Fort Smith & Western Railway, for the purpose of acquiring the railroad property covered by the mortgage securing the bonds. The property was brought to sale on Jan. 16 1923 and was acquired by the Railway on a bid of \$50,000, plus the obligations of the receiver, which were assumed by the purchasing company. Possession of the railroad property was delivered by the receiver to this new Railway company on Feb. 1 1923. The committee controlled or represented \$6,863,000 out of a total of \$7,000,000 1st Mtge. bonds outstanding. The bonds held by the committee were delivered up to the new Railway and have been canceled and the committee received in exchange therefor the following securities of the new Railway company (being all the securities issued by it):

Table with columns: \$1,500,000 20-year First Mortgage 6% bonds; \$3,744,000 20-year Second Mtge. 5% bonds (income bonds only for first 10 years); and 62,400 shares of no par Common stock. Assets Received and Liabilities Assumed as of Feb. 1 1923.

Excess of liabilities of receiver assumed over assets received... \$287,005 The operations for the first four months of 1923 showed better net earnings than for the same months of 1919—the best year the Railroad Co. has ever had. The new Railway since it acquired the property (Feb. 1 1923) paid up to May 15 last receiver's obligations as follows: Four equipment notes aggregating \$3,345; bills payable, First Nat. Bank, \$10,000; receiver's certificates, \$71,874; total, \$85,219, of which \$84,500 was proceeds of the sale of certain real estate in Fort Smith, Ark., and the balance from earnings of the company.

It is anticipated that by the end of 1923 all the receiver's debt will be converted into Railway Co. liabilities or paid off, with the exception of the loan from the U. S. Government.

Summary of Operations for the Calendar Years. Table with columns: 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922. Rows: Gross rev. from oper., Other income, Total, Operating expenses, Rentals and taxes, Total, Net income.

Receipts & Disbursements, Oct. 9 1915 to Jan. 31 1923 (Period of Receivership). Gross rev. from oper., \$10,904,121; other income, \$409,563; total \$11,313,683 Oper. expenses, \$9,445,714; rentals and taxes, \$864,242; total—\$10,309,955

Total gross income \$1,003,728 Other receipts: Receiver's certificates issued, \$394,920; money borrowed from First Nat. Bank, \$115,000; money borrowed from U. S. Govt., \$156,000 665,920 Miscellaneous 85,941 Total income \$1,755,589

Expenditures Betterments to roadway, tracks, &c., \$611,797; refund on industrial tracks, \$24,621; locomotives—notes retired, betterments, &c., \$374,211; freight cars—betterments, &c., \$97,420; pass. cars—notes retired, &c., \$40,188; work equip.—notes retired, betterments, &c., \$20,805; receiver's certificates paid, \$202,419; int. on receiver's certificates, \$104,533; int. on car trust notes, \$5,153; int. on borrowed money, \$30,228; repayments to First Nat. Bank, \$40,000; int. on notes of Railroad Co. secured by \$760,000 1st Mtge. bonds owned or controlled by bondholders' committee, \$72,887; total \$1,624,268

Balance \$131,311 Officers.—A. C. Dustin, Pres.; Charles T. O'Neal, V.-Pres.; Charles Follett, Sec.; W. C. Merrick, Treas.; H. B. Herendeen, Asst. Sec.; F. A. Handlin, Asst. Sec.; J. B. Phelps, Asst. Treas. Directors.—A. C. Dustin, Elton Hoyt 2d, H. H. McKeehan, W. C. Merrick, Cleveland, Ohio; Charles T. O'Neal, Fort Smith, Ark.—V. 116, p. 1649.

Great Northern Ry.—New Directors.— Treasurer F. L. Paetzold and Joseph Chapman of Minneapolis have been elected directors to succeed P. L. Howe, of Minneapolis, and the late W. B. Dean, of St. Paul.—V. 117, p. 1663.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—Pref. Stock Increased.— The stockholders recently approved an increase in the authorized 7% Cumul. Pref. stock from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000. Part of the increased stock will be offered to customers and employees under the company's customers' ownership plan at \$95 per share.

A convenient cumulative monthly savings plan is offered whereby employees can purchase this stock on a basis as low as \$5 per share with application and \$5 per share per month, and receive interest at the rate of 7% on all payments.

The authorized capital stock now consists of \$25,000,000 1st Pref. 7% Cumul. stock, \$1,875,000 Partic. Pref. 6% Cumul. stock, and 400,000 shares of Common stock of no par value.

Earnings Statement for Eight Months ending Aug. 31 1923. Table with columns: Gross earnings, net earnings, Deduct Interest (1) underlying issues, (2) 1st & Ref. 6s, (3) 7s, (4) other int., Bond discount, Dividends—Accrued on 7% Pref. stock, Pref. stock, Dividends—Accrued on prior co.'s Pref. stocks.

x Balance before providing for depreciation \$1,964,730 x Depreciation charged annually but it is estimated that eight months will be approximately \$1,000,000.—V. 117, p. 1663.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—August Earnings.
 The net earnings of the Interborough system under the plan for the month of August 1923 were as follows:

Total revenue	\$4,197,306
Operating expenses, taxes and rentals paid city for old subway	3,180,949
Income available for all purposes	\$1,016,357
Fixed charges—Interest on I. R. T. First Mortgage 5s	674,410
Interest on Manhattan Ry. bonds	150,687
Interest on I. R. T. 7% secured notes	189,316
Interest on I. R. T. 6% 10-Year notes	17,373
Interest on equipment trust certificates	4,620
Miscellaneous income deductions	46,337
Earnings without deducting sinking fund on the I. R. T. 1st Mtge. 5s (\$181,836 for August), which, under the plan, does not become operative until July 1 1926, but which must be deducted from earnings of the system before arriving at the sum available for dividends on Manhattan stock	def. 66,385
Dividend on \$60,000,000 Manhattan stock	200,000
Balance, deficit	\$266,385
Reconciliation with Report to Transit Commission Month of August 1923.	
Net corporate income as reported to Transit Commission	\$448,222
Deferred sinking fund (accrued but not paid)	181,836
Equals above balance	\$266,385

See Manhattan Ry. below.—V. 117, p. 1347, 553.

Joliet & Chicago RR.—Stockholders' Committee to bring Suit Against Chicago & Alton.

The stockholders' protective committee, Joseph Walker, Chairman, in a letter Oct. 15 says: "The investigation of the affairs of the company has reached a point where the stockholders' committee, and the holders of a substantial proportion of the company's shares, unanimously believe that legal action is essential to protect the rights of the Joliet company. Besides the failure of the Alton company to pay surtaxes on Joliet dividends, to set aside a guaranty fund, and to carry out certain other provisions of the lease, this committee now learns with grave concern that the Alton company has interrupted and broken the line of the Joliet railroad in many places, by cut-offs taken in the name of the Alton company and conveyances of the original Joliet right-of-way. The result is that until the line of road is restored by process of law, the company no longer has a continuous railroad from Joliet to Chicago, and is not capable of resuming independent operations, in case of the abrogation of the lease. "Accordingly, it is the plan of the stockholders' committee to bring suit against the Alton company for the complete restoration of the company's property and equipment, and for the cancellation of the lease on account of the Alton company's numerous breaches. "To meet the expenses of the investigation already made and of the prospective legal action, the committee is asking a contribution of \$2 for each share held."—V. 117, p. 86.

Manhattan (Elevated) Ry.—Stockholders Lose Suit.

Supreme Court Justice Irving Lehman on Oct. 13 declined to give judgment on the pleadings to Stephen and Nina H. Peabody, stockholders, in a suit against the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. to compel the payment of 7% per annum dividends to Manhattan stockholders, under the 999 years' lease of the Manhattan elevated lines to the Interborough.

The Peabodys brought suit when the 7% payments were discontinued and proceedings instituted to arrange for a lower rate of dividends. The plaintiffs asserted that the defendant company had guaranteed the payment of 7% on Manhattan stock.

Justice Lehman holds that the Interborough's agreement was with the Manhattan Ry. and not with its individual stockholders; that the 7% was to be paid as rent; that the amount of rent to be paid may be changed by agreement between the two companies, under changing conditions, and that the promise to pay 7% "could not survive a valid revocation or modification of the lease by the parties to the lease."—V. 117, p. 1347.

Mass. Northeastern Street Ry.—New Financing.

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue \$40,000 serial 6% notes, the proceeds to be applied in part to the purchase of additional rolling stock costing \$65,500.—V. 115, p. 1942.

Middletown & Hummelstown RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. below.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Ry.—Dividend Decision—New Director.

The U. S. Supreme Court on Oct. 15 denied the appeal of the Continental Insurance Co. and the Fidelity-Phenix Insurance Co., New York, in the suit in which they opposed the payment by the company of a 2% dividend, declared in March 1922, on its Preferred and its Common stock.

The two insurance companies, which hold Preferred stock of the railroad company, contractual obligation by the latter to pay 7% on the Preferred stock before any dividend was declared on the Common stock, also claiming that no dividend was declared in 1922 other than 2% on each, the Preferred and the Common.

The lower courts held that the dividends were paid from the accumulated surplus of the railroad company and that each class of stock was entitled to share equally in the distribution.

The issue before the court involved a difference between the wording of the stock certificates of the railroad company and the language of the charter. The history of the action is as follows:

In April 1922 the Continental Insurance Co. and the Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co. of New York, as Preferred stockholders, filed a petition in the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota for an injunction restraining the payment by the company of a dividend of 2% on its Common stock. At the same time a dividend of 2% had been declared on the Preferred stock.

It was the contention of the insurance companies that the dividend on the Common stock was illegal, for the reason that the certificates of Preferred stock contained the provision that the same was entitled "to a preference of 7% non-cumulative in dividends declared in any calendar year before any dividends are paid upon the Common stock." The railroad company contended that the dividend was legal because the articles of consolidation of the company provided that "if and whenever any dividend shall be declared upon the capital stock of the consolidated corporation hereby formed, out of the profits of its business, the holders of the Preferred stock of such corporation shall be entitled to receive for and in respect of the calendar year within which such profits were made, and for and in respect of each and every calendar year out of the profits of which any such dividends shall be declared, semi-annually, dividends of not exceeding 3 1/4% each on such Preferred stock."

Both in the articles of consolidation and the certificates of stock it was further provided that after the payment of the 7% on the Preferred stock 7% was to be paid to the Common stock and they were to share equally in any further dividends declared.

The dividend which was declared in 1922 was to be paid from earnings of previous years, and the railroad took the position that as the Preferred and Common stock had each already been paid 7% for such previous years, they should share equally in the 1922 dividend, under the provisions of the articles of consolidation.

The insurance companies took the position that since the certificates of stock provided that they should have a preference of 7% out of dividends declared "in" any calendar year they were entitled to such preference in 1922 before any dividends were paid on the Common stock, because that dividend, regardless of the source of the money, was declared "in" 1922.

The railroad contended that the articles of consolidation or charter was controlling. The insurance companies' position was that the railroad company was bound by the terms of the contract as expressed in the certificate of stock and that while the general rule of law is that in construing such a contract the charter or articles of consolidation and the by-laws must be taken into consideration, together with the certificate of stock, that where there was a direct conflict and contradiction between the terms of the articles of consolidation or charter and the certificate of stock, the latter expressed the contract between the railroad company and the Preferred stockholders.

The District Court held with the defendant, and the insurance companies appealed to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit,

and that Court handed down its opinion, in which it sustained the finding of the District Court. On Oct. 1 a petition for a writ of certiorari was presented to the U. S. Supreme Court at Washington, and the decision Oct. 15 denies this petition, and concludes the case. George H. Partridge of Minneapolis, has been elected a director to succeed the late Oliver C. Wyman.—V. 117, p. 440.

New York Central RR.—Final Settlement With Governm't.

Director-General Davis has announced that final settlement with the New York Central and four subsidiaries—the Toledo & Ohio Central, Zanesville & Western, Kanawha & Michigan, and Kanawha & West Virginia—included in the standard contract with that system, has been made.

After an adjustment of all accounts between the Government and these roads there is an acknowledged balance due the Government from them, largely on account of capital expenditures of \$23,000,000.

A. H. Harris, Vice-President in charge of financing says: "This settlement will cause no new financing because the funds to pay the Government have already been provided. The Government still owes the New York Central something like \$6,000,000 in war compensation, so that the net sum to be paid by the New York Central will be approximately \$17,000,000"—V. 117, p. 1556, 1462.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR ("Nickel Plate" System).—Pref. Stock Sold.

The bankers named below have sold at 87 1/2 and div., to yield over 6.85%, \$15,000,000 Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, 6% Series "A," par \$100. (See advertising pages.)

The stock, which is being offered, was purchased from Messrs. O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen, of Cleveland, and associates. Messrs. Van Sweringen and associates, under whose active direction the enlarged Nickel Plate system has been developed, inform the bankers that the proceeds of this stock will be used toward the retirement of obligations incurred by them in connection with the purchase of stocks of the constituent companies of the Nickel Plate system, and that they retain a controlling interest in the Nickel Plate Common stock.

Bankers Making Offering.—Guaranty Co. of New York; Lee, Higginson & Co., Union Trust Co., Cleveland; Hayden, Miller & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Clark, Dodge & Co., Chas. D. Barney & Co., White, Weld & Co., Dominick & Dominick, Spencer Trask & Co., W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., Alex. Brown & Sons, Cassatt & Co., the Herrick Co. and Federal Securities Corp.

Cumul. Pref. stock authorized, \$45,880,000. Cumul. Pref. stock issued, 6% series "A," \$32,720,000, of which approximately \$25,865,666 is to be outstanding upon completion of exchanges of stock under plan of consolidation and approximately \$6,854,334 is to be treasury stock. The balance of the authorized Cumul. Pref. stock may be issued in series "A," or in any other series with such dividend rates (not exceeding 8% per annum) and redeemable at such premiums (but at not to exceed 115%) as determined by directors at time of issuance. Divs. payable Q-J. Series "A" stock is red. after 3 years from the date of issue, as a whole or in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 on any div. date on 60 days' notice at 110 and divs. Dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax exempt from the Penna. 4 mills tax. Transfer agent, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Registrar, Bankers Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. J. Bernet, Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 15.

System.—The company, known as the "Nickel Plate," is a consolidation of the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., Toledo, St. Louis & Western RR., Lake Erie & Western RR. and two subsidiaries, effected April 11 1923 (per plan in V. 116, p. 721). The consolidated system comprises 1,696 miles of road, extending from Buffalo to connections with the principal Western and Southwestern roads at Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, and also reaching Indianapolis, Toledo and other important cities in the Middle West.

The company owns half the Capital stock of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR., connecting Toledo with Detroit, and a substantial interest in the Common stock of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. The owned and affiliated lines of the Chesapeake & Ohio (including the Hocking Valley) extend through the Chesapeake & Ohio and West Virginia to Cincinnati, Louisville, Toledo and Chicago on the west, and eastward to tidewater at Newport News, Va. Traffic arrangements have been effected between the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Nickel Plate, resulting in mutual advantages of great importance.

Mortgage bonds	\$66,944,000
Capitalization of Consolidated Company	
Equipment obligations	13,262,000
Miscellaneous funded debt	2,700,000
Cumulative Preferred stock, 6% series "A"	\$25,865,666
Common stock	\$30,405,964

x Approximate amounts to be outstanding upon completion of the exchanges of stock under the plan of consolidation; in addition, approximately \$6,854,334 Cumul. Pref. stock, series "A," and \$15,841,936 Com. stock are to be in the treasury of the company.

Combined Revenues & Income of Consolidated Companies Calendar Years.

Year Ended	Operating Revenues	Gross Income	Interest, Rentals, &c.	Net Income
Dec. 31—				
1916	\$28,751,099	\$6,696,418	\$2,637,501	\$4,058,917
1917	32,065,664	5,141,997	2,887,742	2,254,255
1918	\$40,306,413	4,579,246	2,994,052	1,585,194
1919	\$41,518,661	6,151,505	3,266,317	2,885,188
1920	\$52,385,412	7,242,276	3,531,356	3,710,920
1921	45,547,039	7,137,392	3,413,334	3,724,058
1922	50,948,424	8,853,609	3,513,646	5,339,963
y1923	38,581,612	8,525,316	2,604,024	5,921,292

x Properties operated by U. S. RR. Administration from Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 29 1920. y Eight months ended Aug. 31.

Results of the lines under separate operation do not fully indicate the present earning capacity or future possibilities of the consolidated system under unified operation. Nevertheless, net income for the 7 years ended Dec. 31 1922 averaged \$3,365,499 per annum, or over twice the annual dividend requirement of \$25,865,666 Cumul. Pref. stock. In 1922 net income amounted to over 3.4 times, and for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1923 was at the rate of over 5 1/2 times, such dividend requirement.

General.—The management which has operated the Nickel Plate since 1916 has also supervised the operation of the other lines comprised in the consolidated system since early in 1922, and the benefits of co-operation and unified management are reflected in the increase in both gross and net earnings during 1922 and the current year. The formal consolidation recently effected makes possible further economies in administration and operation and enables the consolidated lines to give improved service to the public.

Dividends.—At the rate of 6% per annum are being paid on the company's Common stock.

Issuance.—Authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission.

Listing.—Temporary certificates for the stock have been admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the definitive certificates upon the issuance thereof in exchange for temporary certificates.—V. 117, p. 1664.

New York & Harlem RR.—Not Included In Plan.

See Eighth Ave. RR. above and New York Rys. below.—V. 116, p. 2256.

New York Rys.—Tentative Reorganization Plan.

A tentative reorganization plan has been completed by a committee (see below) appointed by Federal Judge Mayer, which contemplates the discharge of the receiver by Jan. 1 1924. The following are the basic principles of the plan recommended by the committee in its report to Judge Mayer.

(1) The system now operated by the New York Rys. should be reorganized substantially as a system as now operated, but with greatly reduced capitalization and annual charges.

(2) No bonds bearing a fixed annual interest charge whatsoever should be issued by the new company except for new cash actually contributed to the new company.

(3) The only bonds to be left undisturbed should be those of leased lines on which no default has been made and on which the interest has been apparently earned during the receivership.

(4) Other obligations now in default and now bearing a fixed charge should be replaced by income bonds on which no income will be payable unless actually earned.

(5) These income bonds should be offered to the various units composing the system, but limited to the amount of the earnings actually shown to be contributed under present conditions to the system by these various units.

(6) Various units which do not receive the principal or par amount of their present obligations in income bonds because the earnings are insufficient receive the balance of their obligation in Preferred stock of no par value, but no unit receives more than the principal or par amount of its present existing obligations.

(7) No new securities should be issued for arrears of interest or rent which has not actually been earned during the receivership.

(8) The existing capital stock of \$17,500,000 par value should be eliminated in the reorganization.

(9) The result is a large reduction in fixed charges and capitalization, as follows:

Thus the fixed charge bonds are reduced by	\$18,000,000
Income bonds are reduced by	13,000,000
Total reduction in obligations	\$31,000,000
The fixed charges are reduced by	720,000
The annual contingent charges are reduced by	650,000
Fixed rentals are eliminated amounting to	350,000

The members of the committee appointed by Judge Mayer July 9 last are Bronson Winthrop, Chairman; Joseph P. Cotton, Charles P. Howland, Henry V. Poor and Frank D. Pavey. [Mr. Pavey dissents from the basic features of the plan and for that reason does not join in the report of the committee. Objections by Mr. Pavey are given below.]

No provision is made in the report of the committee for the inclusion in the new company of the 8th Ave., 9th Ave. and 4th and Madison Ave. lines, formerly parts of the New York Rys. system, but operated independently since the receivership. The reorganization may not include the Christopher & 10th Street RR. or the lines or property covered by the Columbus & 9th Ave. mortgage, operation of which has been unprofitable.

The reorganization plan contemplates the sale of much of the non-operative property, including the 50th Street car barn, and the proceeds would go to the bondholders entitled to them.

Holders of claims against the New York Rys. and holders of its Adjustment Mtge. Bonds are to receive 25% of their claims or bonds in Pref. stock of the new company.

The only bonds to bear a fixed interest rate to be issued by the new company will be for cash actually contributed to it. It is proposed to raise \$5,000,000 of new capital at once by the issue of Prior Lien bonds, the rate of interest to be determined later. The committee's report contemplates the issue of other prior lien bonds after reorganization, but only to fund underlying obligations or for additions and betterments of the property, and the acquisition of equipment.

By direction of Judge Mayer, the committee will hold hearings commencing 11 a. m. on Oct. 22, to hear criticism of and comment on the plan, and will report to him the following week.

Digest of Report of Committee to Judge Julius M. Mayer Oct. 10.

At a conference in regard to the New York Rys. receivership, attended by members of the several protective committees and counsel for the various interests, held July 9 1923, Judge Mayer stated certain conclusions he had tentatively reached in regard to a reorganization of the company summarized briefly as follows:

- (a) That the receivership should be promptly ended;
 - (b) That while the precise allocation of securities among creditors and security holders in a reorganization was primarily a matter of bargain inter sese, nevertheless the court has and must exercise jurisdiction to see that a reorganization is planned and carried out on terms which are substantially fair to all classes of creditors and security holders;
 - (c) That the reorganization should be a conservative one under which the fixed charges will be so low that the new company will live and not shortly return to a receivership;
 - (d) That the main legal questions involved in the receivership have been settled so that it is possible with reasonable accuracy without further litigation to ascertain the respective rights in the receivership assets of the various classes of existing securities;
 - (e) That properties (and proceeds of properties liquidated) not actually used in the operation of the street railway lines of the receivership should for the benefit of those entitled thereto;
 - (f) That the 50th St. car barn should be sold;
 - (g) That the reorganized company should, so far as practicable, make no leases of subsidiary lines (including the present lessor lines) which involve an annual fixed charge on the lessee.
- The committee understood that Judge Mayer's expressions on these points were tentative and were intended to be advisory only, but on consideration and study the committee has come into practically complete agreement with his observations and the outline of a plan of reorganization (below) is in substantial accord with those observations.

Earning Power of Component Parts Basis for Allocation of New Securities—The committee early decided that as a prerequisite to any scientific and fair allocation of the securities on reorganization among holders of existing securities, it was necessary to arrive at a conclusion as to the relative earning power of the component parts of the N. Y. Rys. system, and in the main to use that as a basis for the allocation of the new securities. As this work called for expert and unbiased opinion, the committee employed Charles W. Kellogg of Stone & Webster, Inc., Hugh J. Sheeran, Asst. Mgr. to the receiver, and Joseph R. Warner, statistician of Bankers Trust Co., to report the proper method of allocation of earnings.

A majority of the members of the committee are of opinion that the report represents an entirely fair and under all conditions, the best method of ascertaining the earning power of the several parts of the New York Rys. system and constitutes, in the main, a logical and correct basis for the allocation of securities in reorganization to the several classes of holders of existing securities, and further, that in case after reorganization the new company should lease any of the present lessor companies of New York Rys. system, it would be fair to both parties if such lease provided in lieu of a fixed rental, for a sharing of net profits of the joint operation on the basis of this allocation report.

Cash Requirements as Outlined in Plan Sufficient for Needs of New Company—A statement by Mr. Samuelson, Auditor for the receiver, of the assets and liabilities of the receivership, and a statement of capital requirements and an estimate of normal earnings after reorganization, by Stone & Webster, Inc., prepared for the committee, indicates that the new cash to be provided as outlined in the plan should be sufficient for the reorganization and for the immediate needs of the new company, and that the net earnings as indicated in the allocation report will tend to increase when operation is conducted by the new company.

The outline of the plan of reorganization does not purport to be a completed plan, but it does, in the view of the committee, show the principles and methods which should be embodied in a fair plan of reorganization of New York Rys.

Conclusions of Committee—In support of the outline of a plan of reorganization proposed, the committee submits the following statement of the conclusions which it has reached regarding reorganization.

(1) The receivership is no longer advantageous and there is every reason why administration of the street railway lines by the U. S. District Court should promptly cease.

(2) The important legal questions and controversies which grew out of the insolvency of New York Rys. have been practically all finally adjudicated and the rights of the several classes of security holders inter se in the estate determined. While it is true that not every question which legal ingenuity may suggest has been decided, nevertheless it is now practicable for each security holder to form a fair judgment as to the share of the earnings of the system contributed by the property in which he has an interest, as to his effective legal rights, and as to the value of his claims.

(3) The street railways now operated by Job E. Hedges as receiver are, with few exceptions, necessary public conveniences. Any further extensive split-up of the system would be disadvantageous alike to the public and the security holders.

(4) The properties now operated by the receiver should be reorganized as a system. The very large increase in the last decade in the costs of operating street railways in a city like New York and the decrease in the purchasing power of the nickel and the resultant decrease in net earnings, make it clear that in any reorganization of New York Rys. a very heavy capital loss must be absorbed and fairly distributed among the security holders who are interested in the earnings of the system.

Therefore, it seems clear that the reorganization plan must provide:

- (1) for a great decrease of fixed charges;

- (2) for a great decrease of the total capitalization; and
- (3) for the elimination of all interest of the present stockholders of New York Rys.

Owned and Leased Lines—The New York Rys. (prior to receivership) operated certain owned lines and a number of leased lines. By the terms of such leases the company was obligated to pay fixed annual rentals. The experience of New York Rys. and of the receivership has demonstrated that under existing conditions practically all of such rentals are too high to be carried by the reorganized company and that leases at fixed rentals are an unwise method of street railway consolidation or operation. Therefore, it has been determined that the reorganization should provide for the abrogation in practically all cases of all leases of railway lines by New York Rys., and it is a general principle of the reorganization that the reorganized company shall not make new leases on any fixed annual rental.

Offer to Stockholders of Leased Lines—In order that the holders of stocks of the leased lines shall, however, receive their fair share of the securities of the new reorganized company, it is contemplated that the new company will offer them in exchange for their existing securities, securities that shall fairly represent their share of the earning power of the present system (as a system).

Offer to Mortgage Creditors—In view of the adoption of this principle as to the leased lines and in view of the general condition of the estate in the receiver's hands, it has also been determined that all the mortgage creditors of New York Rys. and of its predecessor companies should forgo the right (which may arise under their respective mortgages) to reduce to possession their pledged assets (so far as they are now used in the operation of the street railway system), and should exchange their bonds (which by their terms call for fixed annual payments) for income obligations of the new or reorganized company or for Preferred stock of the new company which do not call for fixed annual payments but only for such payment when the net earnings permit it, and the board of directors deems it wise to pay it.

No New Securities for Accrued Int. or Dibs.—In view of the fact that during the receivership the receiver has not been able to show sufficient earnings to warrant the distribution of any return on the capital invested in the system (save as to the bonds undisturbed in the reorganization), no securities should be issued on reorganization to represent past-due interest or arrears of dividends or rents.

Exchange of Securities Par for Par—As a general rule no securities should be issued on reorganization (in exchange for existing securities) to a par or principal amount in excess of the par (or principal) amount of the existing securities, respectively.

To Dispose of Property Not Useful for Street Railway Use—There are now in the hands of the receiver, the Special Master and of the trustees of the several mortgages of New York Rys. and its predecessors certain property and cash which are not, as such, used for or useful in street railroad operation. It is not desirable that such assets should be included in the reorganization or acquired by the new company. They will be sold in the foreclosure proceedings under the several mortgages for the benefit of the creditors respectively entitled thereto. Such property and cash are not considered in the allocation report.

To Raise Cash to Pay Existing Taxes and Provide for Future Capital Requirements—The estate of the receiver is not now in a position to pay all the existing taxes and obligations which must be taken care of on reorganization. The new company must therefore raise a certain amount of new cash and be in a position also to finance its future capital requirements. For that reason no fixed charge bonds should be issued to any security holder, but such bonds should be reserved for issue for the cash necessary to complete reorganization and for future issue of new capital requirements. The plan proposed is therefore subject to proper adjustment being made of the liability of the New York Rys. to its preferred creditors and of its liability for accidents occurring prior to the receivership.

Bonds Not in Default to Remain Undisturbed—While it is desirable to eliminate, as far as may be, all fixed charge bonds of lessor or subsidiary companies, it is not possible, nor fair to the stockholders of lessor companies, to eliminate them entirely. Therefore, the plan proposed shows certain bonds which it is not proposed to disturb in the reorganization—generally the list of these bonds in the plan includes only bonds as to which no default in interest has been made during the receivership.

Sale of Car Barn—It is advantageous for the system and for the holders of all securities that the valuable car barn property at 50th and 51st Sts. between 6th and 7th Aves., which belongs to the Broadway & 7th Avenue Ry., be sold (with the exception or reservation of the sub-station) and that the operations now carried on there be conducted on the other properties of the system.

Effective Date of Reorganization—Jan. 1 1924 should be the effective date of reorganization and the new securities should be dated as of that date and interest on them should accrue from that date.

Outline of Plan of Reorganization of New York Railways.

New Company—A new company will be formed to acquire the following properties:

- (a) It will acquire, through mortgage foreclosures and creditors' sales, in pending proceedings, all the assets of New York Rys., so far as desirable, now in the hands of the receiver, used for operation of street railroads, free from the lien or claim of the following mortgages now in process of foreclosure: (1) The 1st Real Estate & Ref. Mtge. and the Adjustment Mtge. of New York Rys.; (2) The 1st Mtge. of the Columbus & Ninth Avenue RR., and (3) the 1st Mtge. of the Lexington Ave. & PAVONIA FERRY RR., and free from the claims of all other creditors of New York Rys. now asserted in the receivership.

The assets thus acquired will not include property owned not used in operation of the street railway system. Such assets and the proceeds of liquidation of similar non-operative assets during the receivership will not be included in the reorganization nor acquired by the new company.

The principal items of such non-operative assets are as follows: (a) Lexington Bldg. (valued at \$1,369,176), now used as office building (except substation which will be acquired by new company). This building will presumably be sold at foreclosure sale of the Lexington Ave. mortgage as a separate parcel and the proceeds of such parcel distributed in cash to the persons entitled thereto, e. g., Lexington Ave. bondholders.

(b) In the same way the 96th St. power house will be separately sold and its proceeds distributed to New York Rys. 1st & Ref. bondholders, together with the proceeds of other sales of real estate during the receivership, and together with underlying bonds of the system pledged under that mtge.

The assets thus realized and which it is estimated will be realized for the benefit of the holders of these two issues of bonds will be treated in the reorganization as *pro tanto* payments of principal of said bond issues.

It is anticipated that the assets of the new company may not include the lines or property covered by the Columbus & Ninth Avenue mortgage, the operation of which has proven highly unprofitable.

New York Rys. owned certain stocks of various subsidiary and lessor companies (i. e., companies whose lines of railway were leased to New York Rys. and its predecessor companies and thus operated by New York Rys., such as the 23d St. Ry.). These stocks will be acquired by the new company in the same manner as other assets.

The new company will pay for the properties above described by the issue of its securities directly to the holders of the several issues of bonds of New York Rys. and its predecessor companies and to the creditors of New York Rys. in exchange for their bonds and claims.

(b) New York Rys. does not, however, own all the stock of its lessor or subsidiary companies which are independent corporate structures and have, in varying proportions, stock (and sometimes bonds) outstanding in the hands of the public. The new company does not propose to acquire all of such bonds (most of which are to be left undisturbed), but it proposes to acquire all the stocks of these lessor and subsidiary companies, thus owned by the public, by offering its own securities to the individual owners in exchange for their present stock holdings.

The new company will make no offer of securities in the reorganization in exchange for properties not now being operated in the receivership (though previously owned or operated under lease by New York Rys., e. g., Eighth Avenue RR.), but securities of the new company may be reserved for that purpose if the new company shall deem it wise. The new company will also be free to proceed to the consolidation of the various subsidiaries and constitute such operating units as it may be advised. The new company may, however, decide not to acquire the stock of the Christopher & Tenth Street RR., since the operation of the lines of that company is not profitable.

Securities to Remain Undisturbed in Reorganization, but which are to be Offered the Right of Conversion into Equal Amount of Broadway Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.

	Principal.	Ann. Int. Charge.
Broadway Surface RR. 1st M. 5s, due July 1 1924	\$1,500,000	\$75,000
South Ferry RR. 1st M. 5s, due April 1 1919	350,000	17,500
Total	\$1,850,000	\$92,500

Securities to be Extended but not Otherwise Disturbed.

Table with 2 columns: Principal, Ann. Int. Charge. Central Crosstown RR. 1st Mt. 6s, due Nov. 1 1922. \$250,000 \$15,000

Bleecker St. & Fulton Ferry RR. total stock, \$900,000; amount held by New York Rys., \$853,600; minority outstanding, \$46,400

Securities to Remain Undisturbed for Which no Present Offer of Exchange into New Securities is to be Made.

Table with 2 columns: Ann. Int. Charge. Broadway & 7th Ave. 1st Cons. M. 5s, due Dec. 1 '43. \$8,150,000 \$407,500

x If and when the sale of the 50th St. car barn is carried out and the proceeds thereof are received, it is expected that \$500,000 of these bonds, together with all interest thereon, will be paid and that the balance of \$1,000,000 will be converted into an equal amount of Broadway Consol. Mtge. bonds in the same way as the bonds of the Broadway Surface RR.

Securities which are to be Exchanged for Income Bonds and (or) Pref. Stock.

Table with 2 columns: Ann. Int. Charge. New York Rys. 30-Yr. 1st Real Estate & Ref. Mtge. 4s, Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1942. \$18,061,290 \$722,452

Securities to be Issued by New Company.

Fixed Charge Bonds.—New company will create its Prior Lien mortgage, dated as of Jan. 1 1924, which will be a first lien on (a) all property owned on completion of reorganization or acquired by the issue of securities, and improvements and appurtenances thereto; (b) all property hereafter acquired by use of Prior Lien bonds issued after completion of reorganization

Income Bonds.—New company shall also create an issue of Income bonds or debentures. Not more than approximately \$17,500,000 shall be issued in the reorganization. No Prior Lien bonds shall be issued in the reorganization only for acquisition of properties and securities now in the hands of the receiver or in exchange for securities of lessor or subsidiary lines.

The Income bonds shall bear interest from Jan. 1 1924 at the rate of 5% per annum, half yearly. New company shall not be obligated to pay interest in any event except out of earnings or accumulated surplus and then only if and at such times as the directors may determine.

Preferred Stock.—The Preferred stock to be issued may be of no par value. Will be preferentially entitled to non-cumulative dividends at the rate of \$7 per share per annum and will be redeemable at \$100 per share. After a dividend of \$7 per share shall have been paid on the Common in any year, the Preferred and Common stocks will participate equally in any further dividend.

Common Stock.—Common stock may be of no par value. The Common stock will always elect a majority of the board of directors.

Treatment of Existing Securities to Be Exchanged for Income Bonds and (or) Preferred Stock.

The plan calls for the issue of income bonds and (or) Pref. stock of the new company in exchange for existing securities. The terms of exchange and the allocation of new securities are primarily based upon the allocation report.

The general method of applying the allocation report is as follows: The allocation report determines the respective amount of net earnings of the system produced by each component part of the system (i. e., each separate unit, whether it be a separate corporation such as Sixth Avenue RR. or a separately mortgaged unit such as the property covered by Lexington Avenue & Pavonia Ferry RR. 1st Mtge.).

This method is departed from in only one case—i. e., when the unit owns a substantial amount of land (free from lien of any mortgage remaining undisturbed) used for railroad operating purposes in the present system, which has a value independent of its use for street railroad purposes, and is therefore a more valuable contribution to the new company than, for instance, rails or cars which could not be put to any non-railroad use.

Income bonds are not allocated to any unit to a greater face amount than the par amount of the existing security. No provision is made for the issue of new securities for arrears of interest or dividends.

Preferred stock of the new company is allocated to the various units shown in the allocation report on the following basis: Each unit receives a number of no par preferred shares which (figured at \$100 per share) plus (1) the principal amount of income bonds allocated to that unit, plus (2) the estimated value of non-operative property to be received by that unit, equals the present par or principal amount of securities representing ownership of the unit.

Preferred stock of the new company is allocated on a different basis to holders of unsecured debt of New York Rys. and to the holders of its adjustment bonds. They give up to the new company their claims and bonds (thereby surrendering their distributive share of cash which they would, on completion of the foreclosures, receive out of non-mortgaged assets of New York Rys. and all other claims) and receive a number of shares of Pref. stock, which, taken at \$100 per share, equals 25% of the face amount of their claims and bonds, without any allowance for arrears of interest.

Thus, while the new company pays by the use of income bonds for properties which now have an earning capacity and contribute to the earnings of the system, it buys entirely with Pref. stock the rest of the property in the system, which property, while it makes at the moment no perceptible contribution to net earnings, represents a large investment and reproduction value and may, under improved conditions, show considerable earnings.

Amount of Property, Income Bonds and Pref. Stock to Be Received by Various Units.

Table with 4 columns: Existing Securities—Outstanding, a Value of Cash and Property, b Income Bonds at 50, c Income Bonds at Par, d Preferred Stock. h Broadway system stks. \$2,100,000 \$2,100,000

a Value of cash and property received from liquidation, non-operative land, cash or bonds.

b Income bonds at 50 for operative land.

c Income bonds at par for balance of earnings after allowance for interest on undisturbed bonds. This column shows allocation for unit as a whole, including portion owned by New York Rys.

d Pref. stock on basis of \$100 per share. This column shows allocation for unit as a whole, including portion owned by New York Rys.

e The non-operative real estate subject to the mortgage of the Central Crosstown presumably will be acquired by the new company and will be applied on account of the Central Crosstown bonds to be extended.

f Sixth Avenue total income bonds is increased by \$41,719 by reason of cash to credit of Sixth Avenue. Preferred stock is decreased accordingly.

g Approximate (for allocation to 1st & Ref. 4s, see below). This cash may be invested in new prior lien bonds of new company.

h It is proposed to leave to the new company the matter of making terms with the holders of minority shares of the following companies: (1) Broadway & Seventh Avenue; (2) 23d Street RR.; (3) Bleecker Street & Fulton Ferry RR.; (4) 42d Street & Grand Street Ferry RR. If the same principles of allocation were followed in regard to these minorities as are followed in the outline in regard to majorities, the amount of new securities attributable to these minorities would be approximately as shown.

This matter is left to the new company because the number of such shares outstanding in the hands of the public is in each case a minority. The majority is now owned by New York Rys. and will come to the new company through the foreclosure sale and therefore it seemed wise to leave the terms for the acquisition of such shares to the new company and to those who are to furnish the cash requirements of the reorganization.

Income bonds allocated to minority stock of Bleecker St. and 42d St. are reduced in these computations to rate of stipulated rental under existing leases. Such allocation to these two stocks exceeds the present par amount of such stocks.

Table with 2 columns: Amount of New Securities Allotted to New York Rys. 1st & Ref. 4% Bonds. Cash and investments (see below) \$3,381,902

Table with 2 columns: Total cash and investments to be credited on principal \$6,394,478

Total cash, investments and new securities. \$22,057,333

This allocation is reduced to the present principal amount of the Refunding bonds, viz., \$18,063,539; so that the total amount received by a Refunding bond of \$1,000 face amount will be approximately: Credits as above, \$354; Income bonds face, \$646.

Public to Be Represented.—Any plan of reorganization and issue of new securities must be subject to the approval of the Transit Commission in accordance with the existing statutes and must not conflict with but be consistent with public plans for operation and extension of transit facilities. For that reason and in the interest of a closer co-operation of the new company and the public, it is proposed that the board of directors shall contain representation of the public named by its authority.

Readjustment of Securities of Broadway & Seventh Avenue RR.

The Broadway & Seventh Avenue RR. has now outstanding \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. bonds which with claims for past due int. have been sustained by the U. S. District Court. It also has outstanding \$8,150,000 Consol. bonds. It is guaranteed \$350,000 South Ferry RR. 1st Mtge. bonds (int. and principal not paid) and guaranteed \$1,125,000 out of a total of \$1,500,000 Broadway Surface RR. 1st Mtge. bonds.

It is proposed, subject to the approval of the Court, that the 50th St. car barn of the Broadway & Seventh Avenue company be sold, that in accordance with the terms of its Consolidated Mortgage, the company issue new Consolidated bonds in exchange for the South Ferry and Broadway Surface bonds and for \$1,000,000 of its First Mortgage bonds, and that out of the cash proceeds of the car barn sale the company pay approximately \$800,000 on account of the principal and interest of the remaining First Mortgage bonds and that the balance of the cash proceeds be used as the Court may approve under the terms of the Consolidated Mortgage.

Miscellaneous.—No provision is to be made for holders of mortgage or non-mortgage debt of New York Rys., or of mortgage debt of Metropolitan Street Ry. or any predecessor company, who do not assent to the plan. But the securities deliverable in respect thereof may be disposed of in the reorganization.

No provision is made in the plan for any holders of stock of lessor or subsidiary companies who do not assent to the plan.

The plan contemplates that the new company generally will or may make operating agreements or leases with all or any existing lessor or subsidiary companies on such terms as it may determine without fixed annual rentals but based on the relative earning power of such companies as determined by the allocation report. Such leases or traffic contracts may, but need not, contain provisions for periodic readjustment of division of income and provisions for arbitration.

Non-operative Property Not to Be Acquired by New Company.

Non-operative property which will not be acquired by the new company, but which will be liquidated for account of the parties entitled. The benefits of this property will be confined to the 1st & Ref. bonds of the New York Rys. and the 1st Mtge. bonds of the Lexington Avenue.

Table with 2 columns: Cash & Estimated Value. (a) To refund 4s—Cash and investments (see following) \$3,381,902

By this item the principal of the Refunding 4s would be reduced to about \$12,200,000.

(b) To Lexington Avenue bondholders—Non-operative land val. \$1,369,176
Cash and Investments Subject to New York Rys. Mortgages as of July 31 1923.

(a) Cash: (1) In Guaranty Trust Co.: Cash fund, \$127,023;
interest accrued on Liberty bonds, \$3,187; interest accrued on cash, \$45

(2) In hands of receiver: Special funds 26,388

(3) In hands of Special Master: Cash from sales (includes cash received Aug. 2 1923, balance of Lex. Ave. & 33d St. property) 956,810

Total cash \$1,113,453

(b) Investments: (1) In Guaranty Trust Co.: Liberty Loan bds. \$200,000
(2) In hands of receiver: 4½% U. S. cfs. of indebtedness 68,874
(3) In hands of Special Master: 4½% U. S. cfs. of indebtedness, \$550,000; mortgages, including \$1,200,000 received Aug. 2 1923, balance of Lex. Ave. & 33d St. property, \$1,449,575 1,999,575

Total investments \$2,268,449

Grand total \$3,381,902

x If and when the sale of the 50th St. car barn is carried out and the proceeds thereof are received, it is expected that this cash will be increased by approximately \$800,000 representing \$300,000 approximate interest due on the Broadway & 7th Ave. 1st Mtge. bonds and \$500,000 payment on account of the principal thereof.

Bonds—Total, \$2,150,000.

Broadway & Seventh Avenue 1st Mtge. 5% bonds (including about \$300,000 interest) \$1,800,000

23d Street Ry. 1st Mtge. 6%, due Jan. 1 1909 200,000

23d Street Ry. Debentures 5%, due Jan. 1 1906 150,000

Metropol. Crosstown Ry. 2d M. 5% bonds, due May 1 1901. No val. assign. x To be converted into \$1,000,000 Broadway & Seventh Ave. 1st Consol. Mtge. bonds if the sale of the 50th St. car barn is carried out.

Non-Operative Real Estate—Total, \$862,576.

Power house, 96th St. and 1st Ave., reduced to upset sale price under court decree \$800,000

53d St., 10th and 11th Aves.—land, \$22,489; bldgs., \$40,087 62,576

Approximate Capitalization of New Company.

	Principal.	Ann. Int.
Undisturbed bonds (see above)	\$15,350,000	\$765,500
New fixed charge bonds, say	5,000,000	250,000
New income bonds, say	17,500,000	875,000
New Preferred stock (no par)	x120,000 shares	
Common stock (no par)	0,000 shares	

x This includes an allotment of .25 of a share of Pref. stock for each \$100 of general claims against New York Rys. The amount of such general claims is estimated at the present time at about \$5,000,000.

Objections of F. D. Pavey to Above Plan of Committee.

Frank D. Pavey has forwarded a minority report to Judge Mayer, in which he outlines his objections to the committee's plan and submits what he considers a much more feasible plan for the reorganization of the New York Rys. system. Mr. Pavey lists his objections to the committee's plan as follows:

(1) The proposed plan perpetuates the method of operation which has brought the street railways of that system to ruin and to the verge of extinction.

(2) The properties now operated by the receiver ought not to be reorganized in a single operating system. In this connection it is pointed out that the public can better be served by a series of short lines furnishing rapid, safe and sanitary transportation.

(3) The organization of three operating companies will aid in the solution of the question of free transfers.

(4) The organization of three operating companies will tend to protect the system in general from the adverse effects of local changes in passenger traffic.

(5) Claims of tort creditors and contract creditors of New York Rys. prior to the receivership ought not to be capitalized and paid out of the proceeds of the sale of securities of the new company.

(6) No mortgages or liens should be placed upon the earnings of the lessor companies to provide funds for the payment of the debts of their bankrupt lessee.

(7) The New York Rys. ought not to be reorganized as a railroad corporation. Mr. Pavey emphasizes his point by stating that the company is hopelessly bankrupt, not only in respect to the payment of its private debts, but also in respect to the performance of its public duties.

(8) The receivership ought to be continued until the affairs of the lessor companies are adjusted.

Mr. Pavey's suggestions as to the readjustment of New York Rys. contemplate the organization of three operating railroad corporations designated as Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR., New York Crosstown Rys., Manhattan Street Ry., and one non-operating company designated as the New York Railways Assets Realization Co. The purpose of this grouping is to put the railway end of the business in a position where it can fulfill its duties to the public; will no longer be open to attack upon the ground that it is highly overcapitalized and operated solely in the interest of security-holders; will protect the relative rights of the owners of the underlying securities, and will be in an advantageous position for sale to the City of New York in case plans for municipal ownership are ever made effective.—V. 117, p. 895.

New York Short Line RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. below.—V. 87, p. 1421.

Ninth Ave. RR.—Not Included In Plan.

See Eighth Ave. RR. and New York Rys. above.—V. 116, p. 1050.

Norristown & Main Line Connecting RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. below.—V. 75, p. 1148.

Norristown Junction RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. below.

Pennsylvania Co.—Tenders.

The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will until Oct. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 40-Year Guaranteed gold trust certificates, Series "E," due 1952, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,000, at a price not exceeding par and int.—V. 117, p. 1347.

Pennsylvania RR.—Final Settlement With Government.

The Director-General of Railroads has announced that 22 railroads, comprising the Pennsylvania System, have completed settlement with the Government on accounts arising out of Federal control and involving payment for \$90,000,000 of additions and betterments made during the control period. This amount will be funded by the Government, the Pennsylvania giving properly secured paper for ultimate payment of same.

Col. James A. McCrea, Vice-President in charge of the central region, died in Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 17.—V. 117, p. 1556.

Philadelphia & Frankford RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. below.—V. 115, p. 2047.

Philadelphia & Reading Ry.—Plan Approved.

See Reading Co. below.—V. 117, p. 1664.

Phila. Harrisburg & Pittsburgh RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. below.—V. 51, p. 459.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Rys.—Reorganization Delayed.

The Pennsylvania P. S. Commission has extended until Dec. 1 1923 the date for the reorganization of the company to become effective. The company presented the petition and no objection was raised by the city of Pittsburgh.

The Master appointed by the Allegheny courts to make a report on the reorganization has reported as of Oct. 11. According to law, the Master's findings must be advertised for 30 days before the court can make an order and the further extension until Dec. 1 was sanctioned by the Commission to meet this requirement.—V. 117, p. 1664, 1463.

Reading Belt RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. below.—V. 74, p. 1090.

Reading Co.—Stockholders Approve Various Matters Connected With Dissolution Decree.

The stockholders on Oct. 15 authorized the officers and directors to do whatever may be necessary or expedient to carry into effect the Third modified plan (V. 116, p. 2256) and the decree of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, entered June 28 1923, pursuant to the mandate of the U. S. Supreme Court in the suit of the United States against Reading Co. et al., approval was given to the following:

(a) Increase the indebtedness of the Reading Co. in the amount of \$64,000,000;

(b) The creation of a mortgage and deed of trust on all or any of its railroad and other property to secure an issue of bonds of the company, the total authorized issue at any one time outstanding, excluding bonds issued or reserved for refunding, to be limited to an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate par value of the then outstanding capital stock of the company;

(c) The merger by the Reading Co. of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. and the Chester & Delaware River RR., the Middletown & Hummelstown RR., the Rupert & Bloomsburg RR., the Tamaqua Hazleton & Northern RR., the Norristown Junction RR., the Philadelphia & Frankford RR., the Philadelphia Harrisburg & Pittsburgh RR., the Schuylkill & Lehigh RR., the Shamokin Sunbury & Lewisburg RR., the New York Short Line RR., the Norristown & Main Line Connecting RR. and the Reading Belt RR.;

(d) The disposition of the stock of the Reading Iron Co. and of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. as contemplated by the plan and final decree; (e) The adoption of a by-law restricting the transfer of shares of stock of the company as provided in the plan and final decree; (f) The surrender by the Reading Co. of those of its powers which are inappropriate for a railroad corporation of Pennsylvania; and (g) The acceptance by the Reading Co. of the Constitution of 1874.—V. 117, p. 1236.

Rockford & Interurban Ry.—Franchise.

The City Council of Rockford, Ill., has granted the company a special permit to operate its cars on the city streets for a period of 90 days after Oct. 3, when franchise expired. Negotiations for a new franchise are in progress and it is expected that draft of the proposed ordinance will be submitted to the City Council within the next 60 days.—V. 117, p. 670.

Rupert & Bloomsburg RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. above.

Rutland Toluca & Northwestern RR.—To Foreclose.

The Chicago & Alton RR. having failed to pay the rental due on the Rutland Toluca & Northern RR., and the Rutland having defaulted in payment of int. due April 1 and Oct. 1 of this year on its 1st Mtge. bonds, the committee representing those bonds, which has over 95% on deposit, have instructed their counsel Wollman & Wollman and Robert G. Starr to begin proceedings to foreclose the mortgage and terminate the lease.—V. 116, p. 2007.

Saginaw-Bay City (Mich.) Ry.—Successor Co.

See Saginaw Transit Co. below.—V. 117, p. 895.

Saginaw (Mich.) Transit Co.—New Co.—Acquisition.

This company was incorporated Sept. 11 1923 in Michigan and acquired at foreclosure sale Aug. 18 1923, the property in Saginaw, Mich., of the Saginaw-Bay City Ry. Co., which had discontinued operations Aug. 10 1921. In payment for this property the Saginaw Transit Co. issued upon approval of the Michigan P. U. Commission \$584,000 1st Mtge. gold bonds, Series "A," 5%, due Jan. 1 1949; \$1,479,000 of 5% Cum. Pref. stock and 18,750 shares of Common stock of no par value (as per reorganization plan in V. 117, p. 326).

The Saginaw Transit Co. owns and operates street railway system, supplemented by motor buses, in the city of Saginaw and Interurban line from there to Carrollton and Zilwaukee, Mich. The franchise (V. 117, p. 326) runs to June 25 1938, and the City of Saginaw has agreed that it will prohibit and prevent the operation of "jitneys" and other motor vehicles in competition with the company.

Capital stock of the new company, authorized and outstanding: \$1,479,000 of 5% Pref. (cumulative as to divs. from Jan. 1 1924), par \$100, and 20,000 shares of no par value Common stock. Registrar for Pref. and Common stocks, Bank of Saginaw, Saginaw, Mich.; transfer agents for Pref. and Common stocks, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of company.

Funded debt outstanding, \$1,184,000 1st Mtge. gold bonds, Series "A," 5%, due Jan. 1 1949.

Officers.—C. S. Kressler, Pres., Treas. & Gen. Mgr.; Otto Schupp and H. V. Smett, Vice-Pres.; L. F. Swartout, Sec.; R. E. Smith, Asst. Sec. and Asst. Treas.

Directors.—William C. Wiechmann, Charles G. Christensen, E. Walter Secord, Henry T. Robinson, A. A. Alderton, John Troy, Otto Schupp, C. S. Kressler and Fred Fox.

See also Saginaw-Bay City Ry. in V. 117, p. 326, 555, 782, 895.

Schuylkill & Lehigh RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. above.—V. 113, p. 2313.

Shamokin Sunbury & Lewisburg RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. above.—V. 94, p. 1120.

Tamaqua Hazleton & Northern RR.—Merger, &c.

See Reading Co. above.

Third Ave. Ry.—Adjust. Bondholders Have Voting Power.

President S. W. Huff in a letter to bondholders says in part: "Under the terms of the mortgage and the certificate of incorporation of the company, you are entitled to one vote for each \$100 of your bonds on all questions upon which stockholders may vote until such time as full interest at the rate of 5%, together with any accumulation, shall have been paid upon such bonds for five consecutive years. [At present there is 20¾% accumulated interest due on these bonds.]

"The right to vote can be exercised by the holders of these coupon bonds by simply registering the bonds for voting purposes only." Upon the sale of such bonds the bonds are transferable by delivery as if they had not been registered. It is necessary for the new holder to again register them if the right to vote thereon is to be continued. It will be noted that this is quite different from the registration of the ownership of bonds.

"Your attention is called to this, since a number of the holders of these bonds are under the impression that to register them for voting purposes would interfere with or delay the delivery of the bonds in the event of sale. All that is necessary is to have the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., make a notation on the bond of the name of the holder and the words 'registered for voting purposes only.' The trust company at the same time notes on its books serial number and description of the bonds and the name of the holder and date of such registration.

"A comparative small number of holders of these bonds are availing themselves of this voting privilege. The directors are anxious to have as large a number of the security holders of the property as possible vote at its annual meetings, either in person or by proxy.—V. 116, p. 1665.

Toledo & Indiana RR.—Obituary.

President Lewis R. Schenck died Oct. 4 at Toledo, Ohio.—V. 111, p. 390.

Toronto Railway Co.—To Appeal Award.

The city of Toronto, it is stated, will appeal to the Privy Council against the award of the arbitrators in connection with the city taking over the railway. The award was \$1,118,500. The city appealed to the first divisions court against this amount, and the divisional court reduced it by \$543,000, being the estimated value of certain street railway property, which the city need not take over. This, however, is not satisfactory to the city, and the Board of Control agreed to carry the case to the Privy Council.—V. 117, p. 1463.

Tuscaloosa Ry. & Utilities Co.—New Control.

The company has petitioned the Alabama P. S. Commission for authority to sell the utilities properties at Tuscaloosa and Northport to the Alabama Power Co.—V. 103, p. 1120.

Virginia Railway & Power Co.—Listing.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$125,000 additional 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds, due July 1 1934, being part of \$1,000,000 applied for in company's application dated July 26 1923, to be listed upon official notice of issuance, making the total amount of bonds listed at Oct. 13 \$10,992,000.—V. 117, p. 1665.

Washington Water Power Co.—Earnings.—
Nine Months ended Sept. 30—

	1923.	1922.
Gross revenue	\$3,942,267	\$3,620,990
Operating expenses	\$1,336,302	\$1,287,516
Taxes (including income tax)	493,450	402,221
Interest	459,578	456,265
Replacement reserve	175,012	242,461
Profit and loss prior years	Cr. 1,167	Dr. 6,882
Deductions for additional res. for replacement	200,000	200,000
Net earnings	\$1,279,092	\$1,025,647

—V. 117, p. 1237, 327.

West Penn Co.—Initial Div. on 7% Pref. Stock.—
 The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. See also V. 117, p. 1237.

Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Power Co.—Construct'n.
 Construction work will be started soon on a new \$1,000,000 substation at the Wisconsin hydro-electric development on the Chippewa River. This plant will be located at the south end of the Wisconsin dam, and when completed it will distribute all power generated at the Wisconsin and Jim Falls dams, which have generating capacity of 45,000 h.p. and 14,400 h.p., respectively.
 The company also will build two smaller substations at Colby, Wis., and Red Wing, Minn., to cost \$20,000 and \$40,000, respectively.
 This is part of the comprehensive power development program of the Northern States Power system, which serves 450 cities and towns, having a population of over 1,250,000 in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.—V. 117, p. 783, 327.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The following brief items touch the most important developments in the industrial world during the past week, together with a summary of similar news published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle."

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

The review of market conditions by the "Iron Age," formerly given under this heading, appears to-day on a preceding page under "Indications of Business Activity."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The United States Geological Survey's report on coal production, together with the detailed statement by the "Coal Trade Journal" regarding market conditions, heretofore appearing in this column, will be found to-day on a preceding page under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

The statistics regarding gross crude oil production in the United States, compiled by the American Petroleum Institute and formerly appearing under the above heading, will be found to-day on a preceding page under "Indications of Business Activity."

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Refined Sugar Prices.—Warner Sugar Refining Co. on Oct. 17 advanced price 25 pts. to 9 1/2c. a lb.

Tire Prices.—Firestone Tire & Rubber has announced a reduction of 15% on the 4, 4 1/2 and 5-in. tires, constituting the largest sizes. Smaller sizes, 3 and 3 1/2-in. tire prices remain the same. Reduction of 15% in larger size tires by Firestone is made in prices to dealers. "Financial America" Oct. 17.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. reduced prices on large sized cord tires 5 1/2% to 15% and increased prices on Ford sizes. Cash discount basis has been reduced. See below. "Boston News Bureau" Oct. 19, p. 33.

Fisk Tire & Rubber Co. has made a general cut of 15% in all tires above 30 x 3 1/2 and is making special prices on all other sizes. "Financial America" Oct. 15.

United States Rubber Co. has made readjustments in its net prices to dealers which embrace reductions ranging from 3 1/2% to 12 1/2% on some grades of tires, and advances of 7 1/2% to 10% on other grades. See the company below. "Financial America" Oct. 16.

Sterling Tire Corp. advanced prices from 5 to 7% on both tires and tubes. "Times" Oct. 14.

Window Glass Price Reduced.—American Window Glass Co. reduced price 8c. a sq. ft. on 39 ozs. crystal stock sheets. No change was made on cut sizes. "Financial America" Oct. 19.

Alcohol Price Advanced.—U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co. advanced prices 2c. to 37c. a gallon. "Times" Oct. 12, p. 24.

Milk Price Advanced.—Borden's Farm Products Co. and Sheffield Farms Co. announce that the price of Grade A and B milk will be advanced 1c. a quart, effective Oct. 16. The increase is attributed to a demand of the dairymen. Other companies that will increase prices are Brookfield Farms, International Milk Co. and the Locust Farms. "Times" Oct. 16, p. 1.

Wage Advances.—Boston longshoremen are granted 15c. an hour increase for straight time and 20c. an hour for overtime to 80c. and \$1 20 an hour, respectively. Agreement is retroactive to Oct. 1 and covers period to Sept. 30 1924 and provides for 44-hour week during June, July, Aug. and Sept., and a 48-hour week during rest of year. "Wall Street Journal" Oct. 17, p. 3.

Norfolk longshoremen on Oct. 16 received award of 75c. an hour and \$1 07 for overtime, replacing 65c. rate which prevailed when strike was called Oct. 6. The increase which followed a like increase by Shipping Board, as applying to its vessels at Hampton Roads, was granted on open-shop basis, however, employers refusing to sign an agreement with the union. "Boston News Bureau" Oct. 17, p. 8.

Paper mill firemen in Holyoke (Mass.) dispute receive award of 73c. an hour, the same rate as now paid. They asked 80c. an hour, the 1920 "peak" base. Provision is made for double time on holidays (no change), and time-and-a-half on Sundays (formerly straight time). Decision is to take effect as of Oct. 1 and to be in force for not less than 3 months. "Boston News Bureau" Oct. 16, p. 12.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 3.—(a) Copper lowest in year—increased demand for copper, p. 1606. (b) Flour production increasing but mills employed to less than 55% of capacity, p. 1610. (c) Production of boots and shoes again increasing—figures for August, p. 1611. (d) Affairs of J. M. Gidding, retail women's apparel, in hands of receiver, p. 1612. (e) Governor Smith's letter to Governor Pinchot says responsibility for coal prices rests primarily on Pennsylvania, p. 1625. (f) Large coal dealers in New York fix \$14 25 as fair price for anthracite, p. 1626. (g) Anthracite coal advanced to \$17 40 in Chicago by the Consumers Company, p. 1626. (h) Governor Pinchot warns Anthracite operators they must clean their own house or public will force action, p. 1626. (i) Commissioner of Markets letter on coal prices in New York, p. 1627. (j) Samuel Warriner, anthracite owners' spokesman, finds present prices economically unsound, p. 1627. (k) U. S. Coal Commission a lamentable failure, says John Lewis, p. 1627.

Alabama Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co. are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 6.07%, \$6,000,000 1st Mtge. Lien & Ref. gold bonds, 6% Series, dated June 1 1921, due 1951 (see description in V. 112, p. 2644, 2751).

Issuance.—Alabama P. S. Commission has approved the issuance.

Data from Letter of Pres. Thos. W. Martin, Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 17.

Company.—Serves, directly and indirectly, over 80% of the urban population and practically all of the large industrial power requirements of the State of Alabama outside of the City of Mobile. Does, directly, (1) all the electric light and power business in some 83 cities and towns, including

Montgomery, Anniston, Gadsden, Attalla, Talladega, Huntsville, Selma, Roanoke, Decatur and Albany; (2) all the street railway business in Montgomery, Anniston, Gadsden and Huntsville; and (3) the gas business in Montgomery, Anniston, Selma, Decatur and Albany, and (4) it furnishes under contract all the current used by the Birmingham Railway, Light & Power Co. in Greater Birmingham and Bessemer and all the current used by the local public service companies in Tuscaloosa, Alexander City, Tuskegee and Cordova, and by the municipalities of Opelika, Sylacauga, La Fayette and Piedmont. It also serves under contract a number of large industrial power consumers.

Company now has in direct service a total of 30,737 customers' meters, and current is being supplied directly and indirectly to approximately 65,000 customers. The present connected load of the system is approximately 450,000 h.p., and for the year ended Sept. 30 1923 the electrical output of the system was approximately 731,742,000 k.w.h.

Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstanding
a Capital stock—Common	\$40,000,000	\$18,751,000
Preferred stock	10,000,000	5,710,000
Income debenture certificates		b 12,170,000
1st Mtge. Lien & Ref. 6s (incl. this issue)	c	18,000,000
do 5% Series due 1951		d 4,700,000
First Mortgage 5s, due 1946	d	d 10,221,000
Underlying Divisional bonds	Closed	d 1,265,600

a Partly represented by no par value stock. b These debentures are a non-foreclosable security having a contingent interest in the balance available after the payment of Preferred stock dividends. They represent part of the original investment in the property over and above that represented by the outstanding bonded debt. c Unlimited except by the conservative restrictions of the indenture as outlined herein. d Upon completion of the present financing there will be 18,829,000 additional First Mtge. bonds and \$828,000 additional Underlying Divisional bonds pledged under the indenture securing the First Mtge. Lien & Ref. bonds and no additional First Mtge. 5% bonds may be issued except for pledge thereunder.

Earnings Twelve Months ended Sept. 30.

	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$8,237,371	\$6,855,771
Operating expenses and taxes	4,443,354	3,724,483
Net earnings	\$3,794,017	\$3,131,288

Annual interest on funded debt with public (including this issue) requires \$1,889,330
 —V. 117, p. 1464, 1350.

Amalgamated Silk Corp.—Registrar—Acquires Assets of D. G. Dery Corp. as of Oct. 1.—

The New York Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of \$50,000 Pref. stock (par \$100) and 200,000 shares Common stock of no par value.

Official confirmation of the complete reorganization of the D. G. Dery Corp. as the Amalgamated Silk Corp. is contained in a notice to creditors by the receivers for the old company, stating that pursuant to a decree of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York the receivers have transferred all their accounts receivable and other personal property to the new corporation as of Oct. 1, and that the Amalgamated corporation has taken over the business formerly carried on by the D. G. Dery Corp. —V. 117, p. 1665, 896.

American Chain Co., Inc.—Business Excellent.—

Gross sales for the eight months ending Aug. 31 1923 were \$20,945,648, which amount exceeds the total gross business for the 12 months ending Dec. 31 1922. Net earnings for the eight months period were over 2 1/2 times the net earnings for the calendar year 1922. July, August and September were among the best months of the year to date, net earnings for the three months ended Sept. 30 before reserves for Federal taxes, being over \$1,000,000.

The company's balance sheet as of July 31 1923 shows quick assets of \$14,343,500, against quick liabilities of \$2,385,000, a ratio of better than 6 to 1.

During the present year the company has made active progress in the development and expansion of its automobile bumper business. This line has grown to the point where the company is unable to supply the demand with its present facilities and a new factory is now being erected in connection with the plant at York, Pa., which will more than double the company's present output in this department, which, it is anticipated, will equal approximately 10% of the company's gross business during 1924.

During the past six months the company has retired \$158,000 10-Year 6% Debenture bonds on which interest for the past nine months after depreciation, has been earned over eight times. For statement of earnings for nine months ended Sept. 30 1923, see V. 117, p. 1350.

American Fuel Oil & Transportation Co., Inc.—

The reorganization committee announces that the time for the first payment of one-third of subscriptions to common stock of the new company under the reorganization plan (V. 117, p. 1350), has been extended to Oct. 25.

Old preferred stockholders may subscribe to new common stock, share for share, and old common stockholders at the rate of one new share for ten old, the subscription price in both cases being 50c. per share for the new stock. The second payment of one-third is due Nov. 1, and the final payment Dec. 1.

The new company will be known as American Fuel Oil Co., and will be capitalized at \$4,750,000, of which \$300,000 will be preferred stock, the balance, common, all of \$5 par value.

Bonds and stock should be forwarded to Empire Trust Co., depository, 120 Broadway, N. Y. Checks for subscriptions should be drawn to the order of Henry F. Whitney, Sec., and sent to the depository. Compare plan in V. 117, p. 1350.

American Pneumatic Service Co.—To Continue Mail Tubes.—

Postmaster-General New recently appeared before the Director of the Budget and recommended an appropriation for the continuance of pneumatic mail tubes in New York, complete resumption of this service in Philadelphia and partial resumption in Boston. The recommendations of the Postmaster-General, according to reports, will be followed by the Budget Director.—V. 117, p. 897, 779.

American Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and H. B. Leach & Co., Inc., are offering at 96.80 and int., to yield about 6.80%, \$1,500,000 1st Lien gold bonds, bearing 6 1/2%, dated Dec. 1 1912, due Dec. 1 1942 (see advertising pages).

These bonds, issued under the 1st Lien Mtge. dated Dec. 1 1912, are secured through pledge thereunder by a first lien on all the present or future outstanding bonds and capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of the subsidiary companies. As the First Lien Mtge. limits the maximum rate of interest to 6% per annum, the additional 1/2% interest, which the present issue will bear, will be issued under a supplemental indenture and will constitute a direct obligation of the company not secured by the mtge.

Data from Letter of President Samuel Insull, Chicago, Oct. 15.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in 1912. Controls, through ownership of all the capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares) and all outstanding funded debt, eleven public utility operating properties. Subsidiary companies supply, without competition, 52 communities with one or more classes of public utility service, 50 with electric service, 33 with ice, 3 with street railway service and 2 with gas. The communities thus served are situated in eastern Oklahoma and central and eastern Texas and have an estimated combined population of 143,000.

The physical property of the company includes electric generating plants having a generating capacity of approximately 30,000 k.w. and a combined daily ice capacity of 778 tons. The electric light and power transmission system consists of 462 miles of high tension lines. The two gas properties serve their respective localities with natural gas through 66.1 miles of mains.

Consolidated Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstanding
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative	\$10,000,000	\$5,187,600
Common stock	15,000,000	x 2,636,980
First Lien gold bonds, due Dec. 1 '42 (incl. this iss.)	z	y 7,863,700
5-Year 7 1/2% Coll. gold notes, Ser. A & B, due 1925	z	z 733,100
20-Year 8% Coll. gold notes, Ser. C, due Mar. 1 '41	z	z 474,500
Gen. Lien 6% gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1942	z	z x 1,003,000

x Entire amount of Gen. Lien bonds and practically all of the Common stock owned by the Middle West Utilities Co. y Exclusive of bonds

pledged as security for Collateral gold notes. z Issuance of additional bonds or notes limited by the restrictions of the respective indentures.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for capital expenditures and to reimburse company for necessary improvements, betterments and extensions.

Consolidated Earnings Twelve Months ended July 31.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1922, 1923. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings before depreciation, Annual int. on the 1st Lien bonds, and Management.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—Annual Report.— Years Ending July 31— 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920. Gross profits, Oper. expenses, &c., Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Interest, discount, &c., Inventory, adjus., &c., Federal taxes, &c., Net income.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Officer—Report.— The directors on Oct. 16 created the office of Executive Vice-President and elected Walter S. Gifford to that position.

American Tobacco Co.—Complaint.— The American Tobacco Co. and P. Lorillard Co. are named as respondents in separate complaints issued by the Federal Trade Commission.

American Water Works & Electric Co.—Dividends.— The company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock for the quarter ending Oct. 27.

American Window Glass Co.—Earnings.— Years ending— Aug. 31 '23, Aug. 29 '22, Aug. 26 '21, Aug. 27 '20. Boxes com. window glass, Single strength, Double strength, Net profits, Other income, Total income, Federal and State taxes, Royalties, Other deductions, Pref. dividends (7%), Common dividends, a Adjustments, Balance, surplus, a Charges applicable to prior years' operations.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—Tenders.— J. P. Morgan & Co., trustee, 23 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Dec. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 5-yr. 7 1/4% sinking fund gold notes.

Barnett Leather Co., Inc.—Earnings.— 9 mos. end. Sept. 30— 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920. Net earnings, Preferred dividends, Sinking fund, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, * After deducting charges for maintenance and repairs of plants, depreciation and estimated amount of Federal and State taxes, &c.

Beech-Nut Packing Co.—Earnings.— 9 Months Ended Sept. 30— 1923, 1922. Net earnings before taxes, Sales for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1923 show an increase of 21.3% over the corresponding period of 1922.

Birmingham (Ala.) Water Works Co.—Expansion.— Expansion of this company, a subsidiary of the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., has resulted so far this year in the laying of 110,000 feet of new mains and the attaching of 2,125 new services.

Book-Cadillac Properties, Detroit, Mich.—Bonds Offered.— S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$9,000,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Fee & Leasehold bonds.

These bonds are the obligation of the Developments Corp. of Detroit, the Common stock of which is entirely owned and controlled by J. B. Book, Jr., Frank P. Book and Herbert V. Book.

British Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.—Resignation.— Dr. W. L. McDougald, Chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commission, has resigned as a director.

Buckeye Pipe Line Co.—Smaller Dividend.— The directors have declared a dividend of 3% on the outstanding \$10,000,000 capital stock, par \$50, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 20.

Caracas Sugar Co. of Cuba.—Acquires Sugar Estate.— The directors on Oct. 15 ratified the purchase of the Lequeitio sugar estate from the Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.

Chesebrough Buildings.—Bonds Offered.— A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Halsey, Stuart & Co. are offering at 99 1/2 and int., to yield over 6%, \$3,500,000 1st Mtge. 25-Year 6% Sinking Fund Gold loan.

Data from Letter of A. H. Fromm, Vice-Pres. of Chesebrough Bldg. Co. Properties.— The properties owned in fee by the Chesebrough Bldg. Co. are located in one of the most important business sections of the downtown area of N. Y. City.

Earnings from the Properties for the Years Ended June 30. 1923, 1922. Gross revenues, Oper. exp., maint., ins., &c., taxes, Net income available for int. & reserves, Annual interest charges on this loan amount to.

Clarke Bros., Ltd.—Bondholders Committee.— Ernest Walter Brubacher, Arthur Stanley King, Norman MacDonald, Andrew Park, Charles Tapscott Stark, Toronto, Ont.; Walter deW. Barrs, Halifax, N. S.; William Thomas Henderson, Brantford, Ont., with H. L. Stark, Sec., Royal Bank Building, Toronto. Depository Montreal Trust Co., Toronto, and Halifax.

Columbia Graphophone Factories Corp.—Reorg. Plan See Columbia Graphophone Mfg. Co. below.—V. 115, p. 2162.

Columbia Graphophone Manufacturing Co.—Reorganization Plan.— The readjustment committee, Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman, has announced a reorganization plan which provides for two new companies—one to continue the operations of the present company and the other to take over and liquidate such assets of the present company as are not required for economical operation.

One of the problems of the committee has been that the company has a physical plant and equipment in excess of its needs and the plan, therefore, gives full power to the reorganization committee to determine how much of the plant and equipment are to be retained.

The plan provides for a new company (herein designated as the operating company), which is to acquire sufficient facilities for presently and conservatively estimated sales requirements.

The operating company and the liquidating company will each have approximately 80,000 shares of capital stock without nominal or par value. The total debt which existed on April 6 1922, with interest thereon to Aug. 1 1923 (the date to which interest will be computed under the plan) is approximately \$20,000,000.

The plan also provides for the exchange of \$1,925,000 8% Cumulative Preferred stock of the Columbia Graphophone Factories Corp. of Md. for \$385,000 cash and voting trust certificates for 5,775 shares of stock in each of the new companies.

Current indebtedness of the old company for services, supplies, materials, taxes and similar items, not disputed, and if disputed when and to the extent established, is to be paid in full under the provisions of the plan.

The plan further provides that voting trust certificates for shares of stock of the operating company and the liquidating company distributable under the plan, on the basis of substantially a reduction of 25%, to participating creditors of the old company and depositing Factories Corporation stockholders, may be acquired by the stockholders of the old company at \$100 per share.

Any substantial amount of cash so derived will be distributable to such creditors and depositing Factories Corporation stockholders pro rata in lieu of voting trust certificates for shares of stock. If the stockholders of the old company exercise the right to purchase, the result will be that such creditors will be obliged to accept for their indebtedness of approximately \$20,000,000 the sum of approximately \$15,000,000, and that depositing Factories Corporation stockholders will be obliged to accept in lieu of voting trust certificates for 11,550 shares of stock in the two new companies the sum of \$1,115,000.

The committee is of the opinion that the operating company when organized should continue the present management, being impressed with the energy and ability with which it has met the many difficulties with which it has been confronted. With freedom from indebtedness, &c., the committee is satisfied that the operating company should be able to establish a permanent good-will for the new Columbia products, to the benefit and advantage of the participants in the plan.

Holders of participation certificates with respect to the indebtedness of the company issued by New York Trust Co. and certificates of deposit for the 5-Year 8% gold notes of Guaranty Trust Co., who shall not dissent from the plan within 30 days from Oct. 18 shall be deemed to have accepted the plan.

Holders of undeposited 5-Year gold notes may become parties to the plan by depositing their notes, with the coupons maturing on and after Aug. 1 1922, with the New York Trust Co., as depositary, on or before Nov. 15 1923.

Holders of undeposited notes who do not deposit will have no right to share in the benefits of the plan.

Holders of Factories stock may become parties to the plan by depositing their stock certificates with the depositary on or before Nov. 15 1923.

Digest of Reorganization Plan Dated Oct. 17 1923.

Preliminary Statement.—The finances and affairs of the old company reached a critical stage in the fall of 1921, when committees were organized by its bank and merchandise creditors, respectively, and by holders of the 5-Year notes.

The readjustment committee holds more than 80% of the 5-Year notes, and all of the other indebtedness of the old company outstanding on April 6 1922, and now unpaid. Interest to April 1 1922 on all of the deposited indebtedness (except as to \$350,216 thereof subordinated by agreement) has been paid.

On Jan. 30 1923 the assets of the old company involved in the manufacture of dictaphones were sold (to the Dictaphone Co.), together with the good-will of the dictaphone business, for approximately \$915,000 (V. 116, p. 520).

On Oct. 15 1923 certain creditors of the old company filed a petition in bankruptcy against it in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and H. L. Wilson and James R. Sheffield were appointed receivers.

Present Indebtedness of Old Company.

The indebtedness now deposited under the deposit agreement, with unpaid interest thereon to Aug. 1 1923 (the date to which interest will be computed under the plan), is as follows:

Table with columns: Debt Deposited, Principal, Rate, Int. Runs, Interest, and Int. Principal. Rows include Bank loans, 5-Year notes, Mdse. & supply creditors, etc.

Total \$17,114,667. Undeposited 5-Year notes are outstanding in the principal amount of \$1,179,000, which with interest from April 1 1922 to Aug. 1 1923 makes a total amount of such undeposited notes to be provided for in the plan of \$1,304,760.

The old company at the date of the filing of the petition in bankruptcy was indebted for services, supplies, materials, taxes, &c., incurred since April 6 1922, aggregating approximately \$200,000, of which all undisputed items, and disputed items if established, are to be paid in full.

The old company has also made contracts with various cabinet manufacturers and other persons for the manufacture and delivery of merchandise essential to its business, and the obligations of the old company under these contracts amounting to approximately \$1,900,000 will have, upon the delivery of the merchandise, priority to the deposited indebtedness.

Various obligations and liabilities have also been, and are being currently, incurred by the receivers in the operation of the business.

Columbia Graphophone Factories Corp. of Md.—The old company holds all of the issued Common stock of this co., which owns plants at Baltimore and Toronto, for the manufacture of cabinets. The acquisition and construction of these plants were financed in part by the sale of bonds and Preferred stock of the Factories Corporation.

The Factories Corporation has outstanding \$1,925,000 8% Cumulative Preferred stock and \$1,353,000 6% bonds maturing in various annual amounts not exceeding \$125,000 in any year. The mortgage trustee has approximately \$150,000 in cash which may be made available for the retirement of these bonds.

Litigation is now pending to determine the right of the Factories Corporation to obtain the authentication of additional bonds and to issue additional Preferred stock, and to deliver such securities to the old company with respect to outlays made by the old company in connection with the construction of these plants.

It is estimated that there would be payable under the lease as rental a sum which would entail an annual outlay, with respect of interest, dividends, sinking fund requirements, taxes, insurance, maintenance and other charges, exceeding \$650,000 for the year beginning Nov. 1 1923, with reductions in subsequent years as to interest and dividend requirements by reason of the retirement of bonds and Preferred stock.

Should the receivers be instructed by the Court not to assume the lease, the reorganization committee is authorized in its discretion to pay or to arrange for the payment of the Factories Corporation bonds and coupons as they mature or otherwise, and also such other amounts as may be deemed necessary to preserve the mortgaged property. As the value of the mort-

gaged property appears to be sufficient to provide for the payment of the outstanding bonds of the Factories Corporation, no provision is made for such bonds in the plan.

Operating Company.—A new company is to be formed which will acquire such assets of the old company and of the receivers, including cash for working capital, as may be deemed by the reorganization committee to be sufficient to enable it to engage in the business of manufacturing and selling phonographs, records and parts.

The operating company will issue approximately 80,000 shares of capital stock of no par value and will assume and agree to pay such liabilities and obligations of the old company incurred since April 6 1922, or of the receivers, not otherwise provided for, as the reorganization committee may determine.

Liquidating Company.—A second new company is to be formed which will acquire the remaining assets of the old company and of the receivers, less such amount of cash as may be determined by the reorganization committee to be required for the cash payments to be made to depositors of Factories stock, the expenses of the plan, the distributive share of persons holding allowed claims not participating in the plan, and the liabilities and obligations of the receivers not otherwise provided for.

There is also to be transferred to the liquidating company any shares of stock of the Factories Corporation as well as any obligations of or claims against that corporation acquired by the reorganization committee.

The liquidating company, in payment or part payment for the assets so to be acquired by it, will issue approximately 80,000 shares of capital stock of no par value and will assume and agree to pay such liabilities and obligations of the old company incurred since April 6 1922 of the receivers and of the reorganization committee as the reorganization committee may determine.

It is anticipated that from time to time the operating company may require for its use some of the assets to be acquired by the liquidating company, and in such event, whenever it shall be in the interest of an efficient and economic liquidation, it is contemplated that the operating company will acquire such assets for cash, and thus beneficially meet the needs of both companies, and likewise the operating company may sell from time to time to the liquidating company such assets as it may be found the operating company cannot utilize.

Voting Trusts.—All of the stock of both companies shall be placed in voting trusts for such period as the reorganization committee may determine, the trustees of each of the voting trusts to be named in the first instance by the reorganization committee.

Treatment of Deposited Indebtedness and Factories Stock.

(1) Depositors holding either participation certificates representing deposited indebtedness or note deposit certificates will be entitled to receive voting trust certificates for stock of the operating co. and of the liquidating co. at the rate of 3.75 shares of stock of the operating co. and 3.75 shares of stock of the liquidating co. for each \$1,000 of principal and unpaid interest to Aug. 1 1923, represented by the participation certificates or note deposit certificates surrendered.

(2) Depositors holding participation certificates representing deposited Factories stock will be entitled to receive voting trust certificates and cash at the rate of 3 shares of stock of the operating co., 3 shares of stock of the liquidating co. and \$200 in cash for each \$1,000 of deposited Factories stock represented by the participation certificates so surrendered.

Any substantial amount of cash realized from the purchase by stockholders of the old company of voting trust certificates for stock of the operating company and of the liquidating company shall be distributed to all of the depositors ratably; and in such event the amount of voting trust certificates distributable to each depositor shall be diminished at the rate of 1/4 share of stock of the operating company and 1/4 share of stock of the liquidating company for each \$100 in cash so distributed to him.

Offer to Stockholders.

Voting trust certificates for shares of the capital stock of the operating company and of the liquidating company, to be issued, shall be offered to the holders of Preferred or Common stock of the old company for purchase at \$100 per share in cash in amounts as follows:

(a) In respect of every 10 shares of the Preferred stock of the old company held by any stockholders, he shall be entitled to purchase voting trust certificates representing 5 shares of stock of the operating company with 5 shares of stock of the liquidating company.

(b) In respect of every 100 shares of the Common stock of the old company held by any stockholder, he shall be entitled to purchase voting trust certificates representing 2.45 shares of stock of the operating company with 2.45 shares of stock of the liquidating company.

The date when such offer to stockholders shall be made, &c., shall be determined by the reorganization committee.

Table of Exchange of Old for New Securities or Cash.

Table with columns: Existing Securities, Outstanding, Operating Company, Liquidating Company, Cash Depositors, Cash Payable to Stockholders. Rows include Indebtedness, Factories Pref. stk., Pref. stock (old co.), Com. shares (old co.), etc.

x Total deposited indebtedness and undeposited 5-Year notes with interest to Aug. 1 1923. y In addition to voting trust certificates for the new stock, the depositors of Factories stock will receive \$200 cash per \$1,000 par value of deposited stk.

If all of the stockholders of the old company exercise their right to purchase the shares of the new companies, approximately sufficient cash will be provided to pay the depositors substantially 75 cents on the dollar, which depositors must accept.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31 1923.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Accounts and notes receivable, Raw material on hand, Goods in process, etc.

Total \$44,036,398. x Of this amount \$1,936,355 is for accrued interest. y Notes of Columbia Graphophone Co. z Reserve to reduce commitments to market value and for allowances and contingencies.—V. 117, p. 443.

Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—Bds. Called. Certain 1st Mtge. bonds dated May 2 1921 (aggregating \$89,800) have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 105 and interest at the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., or, at the option of the holder, at the First National Bank, N. Y. City.—V. 116, p. 181.

Consolidated Naval Stores Co.—Further Data.—In our issue of Oct. 13, p. 1667, we gave a digest of the bankers' circular in connection with the organization and sale of stock of the Naval Stores Investment Co., which company was recently organized to hold the stock of the Consolidated Naval Stores Co., purchased by Baker, Fentress & Co. of Chicago. The Common stock of the Consolidated Naval Stores Co., owned by the Investment Company, is being deposited with other Common stock of the Consolidated Naval Stores Co. in a voting trust, which will give control of the parent company.

Contract for Sale of Lumber.—The bankers' circular (V. 117, p. 1667) also said in substance:

As the Florida Industrial Co. did not contemplate the manufacture of lumber after terminating, a contract was negotiated with Baker, Fentress & Co. in Jan. 1923, under which the bankers undertook the sale of timber to lumber manufacturers, reserving, however, to the Florida Industrial Co. the naval stores rights and the land itself.

Recent Sales.—During the 6 months which have elapsed, the following sales have been made:

(1) Approximately 45,000,000 ft. of cypress timber were sold to the Osceola Cypress Co. for \$10 per 1,000 ft., lumber tally, plus an increase of each year equal to about 6% per annum on the purchase price. Land remains property of Consolidated Co. Total purchase price, at \$10 per 1,000 ft. for the lumber, \$450,000

(2) By a contract dated Mar. 31 1923 there was sold to W. C. Sherman of Panama City, Fla., approximately 350,000,000 ft. of pine timber (lumber tally) and also a lease given on mill and equipment at Lake Wales, Fla. The contract calls for the payment, during the first year, of 25% of the gross selling price of the lumber manufactured (f. o. b. cars at mill), with an increase of 1% annually until the 9th year, when the price increases to 33 1/3%. The increase of 1% per year is to cover interest and taxes. In addition, the buyer pays, as rental for use of mill and equipment, a lump sum of \$1 per 1,000 ft. on all lumber manufactured from the timber.

The buyer has already commenced cutting the timber and plans to cut a minimum of 24,000,000 ft. per annum after the first year. Without including the land or naval stores products which are reserved, and also without figuring any increased percentage beyond said 25%, the Industrial company should, on the basis of \$35 per 1,000 ft. of lumber, recently prevailing, receive a total of \$9 75 per 1,000 ft. for lumber and said rental; or, on the basis of \$30 lumber values, which approximates the present market, a total of \$8 50 per 1,000 ft.; or on the basis of a lumber market averaging \$25 per 1,000 ft., a total of \$7 25 per 1,000 ft. Total purchase price, on the basis of 350,000,000 ft. of lumber, at \$7 50 per 1,000 ft. for lumber and \$1 rental (i. e., a total of \$8 50 per 1,000) 2,975,000

(3) About 56,570 acres of scattered lands, largely untimbered, were sold to the Gulf Coast Realty Corp. for the sum of 409,776

(4) About 3,000 acres of untimbered muck lands were sold to W. J. Connors of Buffalo, N. Y., for the sum of 180,000

(5) Approximately 23,000 acres of untimbered land, including town sites, in which company, through one of its subsidiaries, owned a one-half interest, were sold to W. J. Connors, for the sum of \$862,500. Half interest therein amounting to 431,250

(6) Eighty acres of wild citrus lands were sold to Coleman du Pont and Francis D. duPont of Delaware, for the sum of 10,000

Total sales made during past six months \$4,456,026

Numerous negotiations are now pending for the sale of other large blocks. The directors of the Naval Stores Investment Co. are as follows: L. K. Baker, Pres.; Sec'y: H. Worcester, V.-Pres.; C. W. Coachman, V.-Pres.; C. M. Cavese, C. H. Fontress, Treas.; Geo. L. Gilkey, C. M. Musser, H. F. Chaney, W. A. Graff. Compare V. 117, p. 1667.

Congoleum Co., Inc.—Consol. Balance Sheet.—

*Sept. 29'23. Dec. 31'22.		*Sept. 29'23. Dec. 31'22.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Real estate, bldgs., mach. & equip., autos., &c.	5,245,206	1st pref. 7% cum. stock	1,826,100
Construct. in prog.	1,268,118	Common stock	3,752,475
Good-will & trade marks	1,000,864	Funded debt	2,926,600
Cash	388,413	Notes payable	1,000,000
Notes & acc'ts rec.	4,592,911	Accounts payable	765,353
Inventories	2,550,622	Accrued dividend	480,000
Advances to salesmen, &c.	62,704	Fed. tax 1922 (est.)	101,509
Due from affil. co.	6,644	1923	429,160
Marketable secur.	14,481	Miscell. reserves	141,279
Inv. in affil. co.	282,783	Surplus created by val. of good-will & trade-marks.	1,000,000
Trustee for empl's sub. to com. stk.	400,231	Res. for 1st pref. stock sink. fund	100,000
Deferred debits	428,275	Res. for redemp'n prem., 1st pfd. stock	17,644
		Earned surplus	5,686,651
Total	17,226,771	Total	17,226,771

* Subject to adjustment at the end of fiscal year. a Real estate, bldgs., machinery and equip., autos, furniture and fixtures, \$7,656,049; less reserve for depreciation, \$2,410,843. b The basis of valuation of inventories is cost or market, whichever is lower. c Common stock authorized, 240,000 shares, no par value; issued and outstanding, 239,891 shares.—V. 117, p. 1667, 1132.

Continental Can Co.—Consol. Balance Sheet.—

Aug. 31'23. Dec. 31'22.		Aug. 31'23. Dec. 31'22.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Real est., bldgs., plant, &c.	11,981,716	Common stock	18,000,000
Patents & good-will	8,035,000	Pref. stock (7%)	5,834,500
Investments	185,974	Notes, accounts payable, &c.	6,249,159
Inventories	7,400,147	Divs. payable Jan.	340,263
Accounts and bills receivable	7,288,774	Accr. wages, tax, &c.	255,868
Cash	1,701,174	Surp. for redemp. of Pref. stock	1,485,000
Accr. int. & divs.	48,350	Reserve for taxes & contingencies	1,215,052
Prepaid insurance	170,484	Profit and loss	3,772,221
Total	36,811,799	Total	36,811,799

a Real estate, buildings, machinery, to Aug. 31 1923, \$15,945,984, less reserve for depreciation, \$3,964,268. b Represented 360,000 shares of no par value.—V. 117, p. 1668, 1240.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—New President, &c.—

E. C. Collins, who has been Assistant to the Chairman, has been elected President, succeeding Dr. John A. Mathews. For annual report see under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 117, p. 1352.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Sells a Sugar Estate.—

See Caracas Sugar Co. above.—V. 117, p. 1560.

Cudahy Packing Co.—Outlook Encouraging.—

President Edward A. Cudahy is quoted as follows: "I am inclined to be very conservative about the resumption of dividends, preferring to see how we come out at the end of our year when we take inventory on Nov. 1, before making a definite statement.

"The last year has been a profitable one for the packing companies and our net will exceed our surplus of last year by a comfortable margin. The fact that working people are all employed and at higher wages than ever before has added largely to our business. They have been willing and able to consume more meat and their purchases have been on a correspondingly increasing scale. Meats have been cheaper this year than at any time since 1913 and hogs have been selling at lower levels, also, than they were ten years ago. All of these conditions have improved the status of the packing corporations and everybody feels encouraged over the outlook.

"There is nothing I can see to check the upward trend of business and in the packing business there should be a retention of good times."—V. 117, p. 785.

Cumberland Pipe Line Co.—10% Annual Dividend.—

The directors have declared an annual dividend of \$10 per share on the outstanding \$3,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. This compares with an annual dividend of 12% paid Dec. 15 1922 on the \$1,500,000 capital stock which was outstanding before the payment on Dec. 30 1922 of the 100% stock dividend. (Compare V. 115, p. 2909, 2586.)

Dividend Record (Cash) Since 1912.

1912-13.	1914-16.	1917.	1918-22.	1923.
Paid annually in December	6% yrly	5% yrly	10% 12% yrly	10%

—V. 116, p. 621.

Cushman's Sons, Inc. (Bakeries), N. Y.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the following dividends: (1) 75 cents per share on the Common stock; (2) 1 1/4% on the 7% Preferred stock, par \$100; and (3) \$2 on the \$8 Preferred stock, no par value; all payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15.—V. 117, p. 211.

Dallas Gas Co.—Additional Bonds Offered.—Arthur Perry & Co. and Paine, Webber & Co., are offering, at 97 1/2% and interest, to yield about 6.22%, an additional block of \$400,000 First Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1921. Due Oct. 1 1941. (See description in V. 116, p. 2013.)

Territory.—Dallas Gas Co. and the County Gas Co., subsidiaries of the Dallas Gas Corp., do the entire gas business in Dallas, Texas, and environs, serving an estimated population of 210,000. The business of Dallas Gas Co. or predecessors has been in continuous operation for over 49 years. Company supplies gas to more than 32,000 consumers through a distributing system of 295 miles of high and low pressure mains. The gas is at present obtained from natural gas production and transportation companies operating in the Oklahoma and Texas gas fields.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay off floating debt and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1923.

Gross earnings	\$2,184,969
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	1,847,024
Net earnings	\$337,944
Annual int. on \$2,200,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds (incl. this issue)	\$132,000

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.

Capital stock	\$850,000
First Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds due 1941 (including this issue)	2,200,000

—V. 116, p. 2013.

Davis (Cotton) Mills, Fall River.—Larger Dividend.—A dividend of 3 1/4% has been declared on the outstanding \$2,500,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 23 to holders of record Dec. 8. This compares with 1 1/2% paid quarterly from March 1921 to Sept. 1923, incl.—V. 116, p. 2642.

(D. G.) Dery Corp.—Assets Transferred.—See Amalgamated Silk Corp. above.—V. 117, p. 1020, 898.

Dexter Portland Cement Co.—Stock Increased.—The stockholders on Oct. 9 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.—V. 87, p. 680.

Dominion Coal Co., Ltd.—Production—Shipments.—

	Production.	Shipments.
9 mos. ended Sept. 13 1923 (approx.)	2,527,000 tons	2,340,000 tons
12 mos. ended Dec. 31 1922 (approx.)	2,845,000 tons	2,400,000 tons

The production for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1923 exceeded production for the first nine months of 1922 by approximately 660,000 tons, while shipments increased 675,000 tons over 1922.—V. 116, p. 1654.

Eagle-Picher Lead Co.—Extra Dividend, &c.—In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Common stock, the company has declared an extra cash dividend of 1% and a stock dividend of 11 1/2% all payable to holders of record Oct. 2. Books will be closed from Oct. 1 to Oct. 22. See also V. 117, p. 1560.

East Butte Copper Mining Co.—Status.—President R. H. Gross states that the company's cash, copper, gold, silver and Liberty bonds, exclusive of supplies and after deducting accounts payable, amount to \$1,250,000. The company is borrowing no money and has sold the bulk of its production above 14 cents; the lowest price it has received is for one small lot at 13 1/2 cents. The company has temporarily withdrawn from the metal market.

E. P. Beaudin has been appointed General Manager to succeed the late Oscar Rohn.—V. 117, p. 1353.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Sub. Co. Stock Increased.—The Tennessee Eastman Corp., Kingsport, Tenn., a subsidiary, has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000.—V. 117, p. 673.

Edison Electric Co. of Milan, Italy.—Status, &c.—See Italian Power Co. below.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Earnings, &c.—

Consolidated Income Account for 6 Months Ended June 30 1923.

Operating profits, \$2,046,819; less prov. for Fed. taxes, \$155,771; balance carried to surplus	\$1,891,048
Surplus at Dec. 30 1922	9,350,118
Total surplus	\$11,241,161
German investments written off	Dr. \$1,336,851
Surplus of subsidiary cos. not previously consolidated	Cr. 16,869
Total consolidated surplus	\$9,921,179
Common dividends	\$916,812
Preferred dividends	358,800
Subsidiary cos. outside interest	263
Surplus June 30 1923	\$8,645,304

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

*J'ne 30'23. Dec. 30'22.		*J'ne 30'23. Dec. 30'22.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Land, bldgs., leases & equipment	14,613,290	Preferred stock	\$8,970,000
Deferred charges	894,247	Common stock	20,389,216
Good-will	8,353,931	Int. of minor'y stk. holders of sub. cos.	254,650
Cash	1,741,284	Bills payable	4,347,500
Bills receivable	61,089	Accounts payable	1,152,283
Accts. receivable	1,460,128	Owing to sub. cos.	483,362
Inventory	15,597,108	Exc. taxes, pay-rolls & sundries	1,228,847
Securities	201,654	Producers, &c. & royalties	259,378
Invest. in subsid. & affil. cos.	6,829,724	Serial payments	851,596
Deposits to secure contracts	404,949	1922 Federal taxes	283,311
		Com. div. payable	458,406
		Pref. div. payable	179,400
		Deferred liabilities	2,073,782
		Res. for 1923 Fed. taxes (est.)	155,771
		Conting. reserve	424,599
Total (each side)	50,157,404	Surplus	8,645,304

* After giving effect to the issue of 14,228 shares of Common stock, see V. 117, p. 1668.

x Land, buildings, leases and equipment (including equities of subsidiary companies subject to mortgage thereon of \$9,949,366), being obligations of subsidiary companies. y Common stock (including additional 14,228 shares), represented by 243,431 shares of no par value.

Contingent mortgage liability of subsidiary company on properties sold, \$470,000.—V. 117, p. 1668, 1240.

Federal Signal Co., Albany, N. Y.—Sale.—See General Railway Signal Co. below.—V. 103, p. 581.

580 Parke Avenue Apartment Bldg.—Bonds Called.—Nine hundred thirty-one 1st Mtge. 6% serial coupon bonds dated Dec. 18 1922 (numbers 1 to 931 incl.), aggregating \$739,500, have been called for redemption Dec. 15 at 102 and int. at the office of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., N. Y. City, or at Chicago.—V. 115, p. 2910.

Fruit Growers Supply Co.—Bonds Sold.—First Securities Co. and Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, have sold at 100 and int., \$4,000,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% Serial Gold bonds. The bankers state:

Dated Oct. 1 1923; due serially, Jan. 1 1925 to Jan. 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Interest payable J. & J. at Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Callable, all or part, on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at 102 1/2 and interest.

Company.—Organized in 1907. Is a strictly co-operative corporation owned and operated by the 11,000 grower-members of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, which markets about 75% of the entire citrus crop of California, under the nationally-known trade-name "Sunkist." The purposes of the Fruit Growers Supply Co. are to secure for its members an adequate supply of such materials as are used in the production and marketing of citrus fruits, to insure their purchase at equitable prices and to engage in the operation of the mills and box factories which are incidental to the services rendered to its members. At the present time the total amount of business transacted by the Fruit Growers Supply Co. for its members approximates \$10,000,000 per year.

Security.—Secured by a direct first closed mortgage on all of the real property of the company now or hereafter owned in Siskiyou and Lassen counties, Calif., and Jackson County, Ore. These properties comprise approximately 71,000 acres of timber and ranch lands, including the standing timber, sawmills, box factories, railroads, &c., and have been appraised at a present depreciated value of \$11,116,345.

Earnings.—For the past five calendar years the earnings of the company available for interest on its funded debt have averaged annually over \$740,000, or nearly three times the maximum annual interest charges on this entire issue of bonds.

Retirement of Bonds.—As the timber forming the security for these bonds is cut, the company will pay the trustee, as a sinking fund for the retirement of these bonds, \$4 per 1,000 ft. of timber so cut. These payments must be used to retire bonds of this issue, either in their regular order of maturity, by purchase in the open market, or by call. At the present rate of operations it is estimated that this stumpage fee will provide approximately \$300,000 annually.

In addition to this, there will become available for the retirement of bonds approximately \$400,000 per year from stock subscribed by members, based on a charge of two cents per box upon all shipments marketed through the California Fruit Growers Exchange, which continues until the remaining \$1,052,870 is paid into the treasury. Of the total authorized issue of \$6,000,000 there has been paid in \$4,478,130.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire its existing funded debt, to reduce current borrowings and increase working capital, to complete the purchase of the Collins tract of timber in Lassen County and for other corporate purposes such as plant improvements necessary.—V. 117, p. 1669.

Francisco Sugar Co.—Annual Report.

Year Ended June 30—	1923.	1922.
Operating income	\$9,146,796	\$4,082,996
Operating expenses	6,741,326	3,236,507
Operating profit	\$2,405,470	\$846,490
Premium on capital stock sold, &c.		125,453
Interest received	87,246	84,121
Total income	\$2,492,716	\$1,056,068
Deduct—Interest and discount paid	\$542,513	\$494,649
Depreciation of plant and machinery	475,000	445,000
Reserve for Colonos accounts	200,000	
Reserve for U. S. & Cuban inc. tax. & misc. chges.	183,506	80,056
Dividends	100,000	92,500
Balance	\$991,697	def. \$56,137

—V. 115, p. 2385.

General Asphalt Co.—Tenders.

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will, until Oct. 26, receive bids for the sale to it of 8% 10-Year Sinking Fund Conv. gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$51,292 and at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 117, p. 898.

General Electric Co.—Orders Received.

The orders received by the company have been as follows:

Period—	1923.	1922.
3 months ended Sept. 30	\$65,483,549	\$58,914,620
9 months ended Sept. 30	229,747,304	176,171,194
	135,256,462	

—V. 117, p. 1669, 1353.

General Motors Corp.—Assembly Plant in Copenhagen.

The corporation is forming a Danish stock company to be known as General Motors A-S, with headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark. There is now being established in the South harbor district of Copenhagen a plant in which to assemble Chevrolet chassis and bodies and carry stocks of parts for service.

This new organization will market these cars in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia, and ultimately Holland. This operation will be under the direction of James D. Mooney, Vice-President of General Motors Corp., in charge of export matters. H. G. Zimmerman, Copenhagen Branch Manager of the General Motors Export Co., will be in charge of the new organization.

The establishment of this assembly plant is in line with the policy of General Motors announced some time since to expand its products in overseas markets as rapidly as economic conditions justify.—V. 117, p. 1669, 1560.

General Railway Signal Co.—To Issue \$2,000,000 Bonds, Part of Which Will Be Used to Acquire the Federal Signal Co. of Albany, N. Y.

The stockholders will vote Oct. 24 on approving an issue of \$2,000,000 bonds, the proceeds to be used to retire \$950,000 6% bonds, due July 1 1927, and to pay in part for the assets properties and effects of the Federal Signal Co. of Albany, N. Y., the acquisition of which has been approved by the directors and to provide working capital for the company's increased business.

President W. W. Salmon, Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 11, says in part: "The consideration to be paid the Federal Signal Co. will consist of \$348,000 of the proposed new bonds and of treasury Preferred and Common shares of the General Railway Signal Co. in an amount to be determined by a competent inventory and appraisal of the net value of the assets, properties and effects of both companies and in accordance with the fair and reasonable provisions of the contract of Sept. 22 1923, which has been approved by the directors.

"The business of the Federal Signal Co. parallels that of the General Ry. Signal Co. in every branch of the art of railway signaling, which broadly consists of manual and automatic block, mechanical and power interlocking, automatic train stop and automatic train speed control systems. Each company now maintains a complete organization with its administrative, financial, accounting, patent, engineering, purchasing, manufacturing, selling and installation departments, including branches and agencies in this and in foreign countries.

"Through consolidation, costly duplication will be avoided, increased efficiency will be achieved, expense of operation will be much reduced and with substantially decreased costs we shall be better able to meet strong competition, thus greatly serving the railways and the public while materially improving our own earnings."

The following new bonds and of treasury Preferred and Common shares of the Federal Co., will become a director and a Vice-President of the General Co.: Paul Renshaw, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the Federal Co., will assume the position of sales manager of the General Co.; Frederick Pruyn of Albany and New York will become a director of the General Co. The directors of the General Co. have entered into an arrangement with Merrill, Lynch & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, to act as fiscal agents. Charles E. Merrill, the head of this banking house, will become a director of the General Co. Acting as the company's bankers are: The Mechanics & Metals National Bank, Merrill, Lynch & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. City, also the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, National Bank of Commerce and the Union Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y.—V. 117, p. 674.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Dividends.

The regular quarterly cash dividend of \$3 per share has been declared payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 1. A 5% stock dividend is also payable on the same date. Compare V. 117, p. 212, 331.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Prices Readjusted.

The company has readjusted its tire prices to dealers and has reduced cash discount from 5% to 2%. Prices of 30x3 and 30x3½ Wingfoot and All Weather clincher fabric tires have been advanced on a range of from 2½% to 12%. In sizes larger than 30x3½ straight side All Weather tread,

ribbed tread and grooved All Weather tread prices have been reduced 15%. Prices of all Wingfoot cord tires have been reduced 5½%. Prices of All Weather tread fabric tires in sizes over 30x3½ remain unchanged.—V. 117, p. 1467.

(W. T.) Grant & Co.—Gross Sales.

Gross sales for September amounted to approximately \$1,534,000, an increase of 34% compared with Sept. 1922. Gross sales for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1923 were \$12,596,298, an increase of 38% compared with 1922.—V. 117, p. 445.

Great Western Power Co. of Calif.—Not to Sell to City.

See Pacific Gas & Electric Co. below.—V. 117, p. 1669, 1569.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Par of Stock Changed—120,000 Additional Shares of Stock Offered at \$37 50 per Share to Shareholders—Underwritten.

The stockholders on Oct. 15 voted to change the par value of the capital stock from shares of \$100 to shares of no par value and to increase the total authorized number of shares to 400,000 of no par value. Two no par value shares will be issued in exchange for each share of \$100 par value. This will require 240,000 shares of no par value.

An additional 120,000 shares is offered to stockholders of record Oct. 18 for subscription pro rata, according to their respective holdings at \$37 50 per share. Payment is to be made on or before Nov. 2. The offer to stockholders has been underwritten by Hallgarten & Co. and Ames, Emerich & Co.

The stockholders also approved the purchase of the American Furniture Co. of Denver and the issue of stock for that purpose. Compare financial statement in V. 117, p. 1467, 1561.

Haverhill Gas Light Co., Haverhill, Mass.—Earnings.

Twelve Months Ended Aug. 31—	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$563,486	\$543,658
Operating expenses and taxes	439,334	396,766
Interest charges	384	4,314

Balance for reserves, replacements and dividends—\$123,767 \$142,578

Condensed Balance Sheet August 31 1923.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Plant	\$1,261,363	Capital stock	\$702,000
Materials and supplies	72,518	Prem. on sale of cap. stock	371
Advance payments	6,144	Accounts payable	23,996
Accounts receivable	54,925	Accounts not yet due	74,286
Suspense	1,161	Replacement reserve	143,301
Cash	59,632	Reserves and surplus	512,689
Total	\$1,455,743	Total	\$1,455,743

—V. 117, p. 1669, 1353.

Helvetia Milk Condensing Co.—Shares at \$20,000.

A St. Louis dispatch Oct. 11 says: The 176 shares of stock, with a par value of \$100, of Mrs. Louisa Wildt of New York have been purchased for \$3,520,000. The stock was bought by other large stockholders. Mrs. Wildt's stock represented about one-third of the entire stock of the company, which was formed 38 years ago with an original investment of \$15,000. It also was announced that the company had obtained nine shares of the stock from Timothy Mojonier of Chicago for the same price, \$20,000 a share.

Hoboken Paper Mill Co.—Receiver's Sale.

Pursuant to an order of the U. S. District Court, William C. Ridgway and Herman Ringel, receivers, will offer for sale at public auction the property of the company, located at Rossman, Columbia County, N. Y., on Oct. 25. Property consists of approximately 90 acres of farm land, 12 houses for employees, and mill property, &c.

Houston Lighting & Power Co.—Stock Offered.

The company is offering to its employees and customers a limited amount of 7% cummul. pref. stock (par \$100) at 99 and divs.—V. 117, p. 899.

Houston Oil Co. (of Texas)—Earnings.

Period—	3 Mos. end. Sept. 30—	9 Mos. end. Sept. 30—
	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$1,157,349	\$582,154
Oper. & gen. exp., incl tax	317,098	184,526
		\$42,033

Net earnings before deprec. & depletion. \$840,251 \$397,628 \$1,774,583 \$1,465,836

—V. 117, p. 674.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.

Periods ended Sept. 30—	3 Mos.	9 Mos.
Gross earnings	\$303,840	\$1,208,159
Expenses, ordinary taxes, dry holes, &c.	164,703	534,799
Interest and discounts (net)	Cr. 1,086	Deb. 2,478

Balance, before Federal taxes. *\$140,223 \$670,882

* No Federal taxes due to date account explorations allowing high depletion on discovery new oil reserves.—V. 117, p. 446.

Indiahoma Refining Co.—Petitions for Receivership.

Petitions asking for the appointment of a receiver for the company were filed simultaneously October 12 in the U. S. District Courts in St. Louis and Oklahoma.

The petition, which charges "gross mismanagement," is directed against the corporation and seven of its officers, who are also directors. The officers named are: William O. Schock, Pres.; A. W. Gieske, J. A. Berninghaus and J. J. Schock, Vice-Presidents; F. C. Winters, Sec.-Treas., and Elmer E. Schock and F. J. Greve, Assts. to Sec.-Treas.

E. J. Kraus, St. Louis, a director, is not named as a defendant in the receivership petition, for the reason that the petitioners believe he did not have anything to do with the acts which they interpret as constituting mismanagement.

The petition was filed by Hugh E. McCorkle and Irwin J. Helsey, both of Missouri, and who are the trustees of the estate of Gustav Wamsanz. The Wamsanz estate is said to own capital stock in the company of a par value of \$3,750.

The petition alleges that a recent financial statement (V. 117, p. 1458) and balance sheet issued by the company states exaggerated and false values and contains false and incorrect information relative to the company's financial condition.—V. 117, p. 1458.

International Agricultural Corp.—Deposits of Bonds Asked.

The bondholders' committee has issued a notice to the holders of the 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 5% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds dated May 1 1912, advising them that the stockholders have taken all action necessary to put into effect the plan and agreement for readjustment of debt and capitalization, dated July 30 1923. This plan, the committee says, is unquestionably advantageous to the bondholders, in that the amount of outstanding bonds is reduced practically one-third, and therefore the security of the bonds will be materially increased.

Bondholders are asked to promptly deposit their bonds with the depository or one of the sub-depositaries, so that the plan can be made promptly effective and that the coupons maturing Nov. 1 can be collected by the depository and promptly remitted to the depositing bondholders.

American Exchange National Bank, depository, 128 Broadway, N. Y. City; First National Bank, sub-depository, Boston; Central Trust Co. of Illinois, sub-depository, Chicago. Compare plan in V. 117, p. 1241.

Stockholders Given Right to Subscribe to Prior Pref. Stock.

The stockholders on Oct. 8 were advised that the plan was approved by the stockholders on Oct. 3 and that the corporation may now issue its Prior Preference stock (par \$100) and its Common stock of no par value as provided in the plan. The notice further stated:

"\$10,000,000 Prior Preference stock will be offered for subscription on the basis of \$90 for each share of such Prior Preference stock, together with 2¼ shares of the new Common stock. Holders of Preferred stock of record Oct. 25 1923 will be entitled to subscribe for the Prior Preference stock on the basis of 4 shares of the Prior Preference stock for each 5 shares of the Preferred stock. Payment must be made to the Lawyers Title & Trust Co., depository, 160 Broadway, N. Y. City, on or before Nov. 9 1923.

Warrants will be mailed as promptly as possible to the Preferred stockholders of record on Oct. 25 1923, evidencing their rights to subscribe.
Preferred stockholders will also be given an opportunity to subscribe, subject to allotment, to such part of the Prior Preference stock as is not subscribed for under the foregoing subscription rights. Common stockholders will also be given an opportunity to subscribe, subject to allotment, to such part of the Prior Preference stock as is not subscribed for by the Preferred stockholders. Subscription forms will be mailed to the Preferred and Common stockholders promptly after Oct. 25 1923. Such subscriptions must be made on or before Nov. 9 1923.—V. 117, p. 1669, 1561.

International Match Corp.—New Financing Reported.—It is reported that American bankers are negotiating with the above corporation (a holding company incorporated in Delaware, most of whose stock is owned by the Swedish Match Co.) for an issue of about \$15,000,000 bonds, probably debentures, to be offered locally. The issue, it is reported, will be guaranteed by the Swedish company. Proceeds will be used for acquisition of properties in North and South America outside the United States.

International Harvester Co.—Operations.—President Alexander Legge says in substance:
Sales this year show an improvement over last year. While it is practically impossible to make any accurate statement of earnings prior to the close of the year and the pricing of inventories, the year has progressed favorably and every present indication points to more satisfactory earnings than in the preceding year.
As compared with 1922, the trade in the United States and Canada shows some improvement. Foreign business (excluding Canada) will show an increase in volume of approximately \$10,000,000. Due to impossible operating conditions, both German and Russian factories have been shut down for some months. Collections, both domestic and foreign, have been satisfactory.
The finances of the company are in a sound and satisfactory condition.—V. 117, p. 1561.

International Salt Co.—Quarterly Report (Incl. Subs.).—Quarters ending Sept. 30—

	1923.	1922.
Earnings after deducting all expenses except Fed. taxes	\$426,375	\$516,569
Fixed charges and sinking fund	97,814	99,430
Net earnings before Federal taxes	\$328,561	\$417,139

—V. 117 p., 1468, 446.

Interstate Public Service Co.—Stock, &c., Authorized.—The Indiana P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$300,000 of Prior Lien stock, \$358,000 of Preferred stock and \$1,000,000 of bonds, or in lieu of the bonds \$1,000,000 of Prior Lien stock. The proceeds derived from the sale of the securities, it was said, will be used to reimburse the company for capital expenditures made or to be made from May 1 to Jan. 1.—V. 117, p. 1663.

Intertype Corporation.—Earnings.—[Subject to adjustment at end of fiscal year.]

Period—	3 Months ended			9 mos. end.
	Sept. 30 '23.	June 30 '23.	Mar. 31 '23.	
Gross profits	\$503,622	\$503,726	\$432,277	\$1,439,625
Head and branch office				
selling expenses	149,490	159,238	155,464	464,192
Depreciation	51,861	52,631	53,424	157,916
Reserve for taxes	40,000	30,000	20,000	90,000
Net to surplus	\$262,272	\$261,856	\$203,390	\$727,518
Net to surplus 1922	257,209	240,976	183,244	681,431

—V. 117, p. 1021, 213.

Invincible Oil Corporation.—Earnings.—Six Months ended June 30—

	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$1,267,337	\$2,571,050	\$796,931
Other income	112,728	153,106	159,360
Total income	\$1,380,065	\$2,724,156	\$956,291
Interest, &c.	70,496	302,339	329,387
Adjustment oil inventory			765,154
Development expenses	376,745	745,219	
Net inc., before deprec., depl., &c.	\$932,823	\$1,676,598	def\$138,250

—V. 116, p. 2395.

Iowa Electric Co.—Acquisition.—The voters of Farmington, Ia., have authorized the sale of the municipal light plant to the above company.—V. 117, p. 899.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Earnings.—Results for Quarter and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.

Period—	1923—3 Mos.	1922.	1923—9 Mos.	1922.
Tons coal mined	854,728	548,120	2,133,546	2,620,758
Operating profit	\$859,884	\$957,239	\$2,797,991	\$3,655,019
Depreciation & taxes	236,250	244,085	813,127	963,437
Net profits	\$623,634	\$713,154	\$1,984,864	\$2,691,581

—V. 117, p. 1561, 1243.

Italian Power Co. (Del.)—Bonds Sold.—Aldred & Co., Stone & Webster, Inc., Bankers Trust Co., First Federal Foreign Banking Assn., New York, and First National Corp., Boston, have sold at 99 and int. to yield about 6 3/4%, \$2,000,000 5-Year 6 1/2% Collateral Trust Gold bonds, Series "A" (see advertising pages).

Dated Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 1 1928. Int. payable A. & O. in New York in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 &c. Red, as a whole only at any time prior to maturity on 30 days' notice, at 102 1/2% and int. on or before Oct. 1 1924, at 102 and int. after Oct. 1 1924 and on or before Oct. 1 1925, at 101 1/2% and int. after Oct. 1 1925 and on or before Oct. 1 1926, at 101 and int. after Oct. 1 1926 and on or before Oct. 1 1927, at 100 1/2% and int. after Oct. 1 1927 and on or before April 1 1928, and at 100 and int. thereafter. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. E. Aldred, Oct. 1 1923.
Company.—Italian Power Co., incorporated in Delaware in 1923, was organized by American interests primarily for the financing in the United States of leading electric light and power companies operating in Italy. The company will acquire the obligations of such companies and will in turn pledge them to secure its Collateral Trust bonds, which will be offered to American investors.

The Italian Power Co. has acquired the obligations of the Societa Generale Italiana Edison di Elettricita (Edison Electric Co. of Milan) and in connection therewith is issuing its 5-Yr. 6 1/2% Coll. Trust Gold bonds, Ser. "A."
Security.—The Series "A" bonds, \$2,000,000 authorized and issued, will be direct obligations of the company, and secured by pledge of \$2,000,000 6 1/2% Acceptances of the Edison Electric Co. of Milan, due Oct. 1 1923, payable principal and interest in U. S. dollars in New York, free from all present or future Italian taxes. The plants, transmission and distributing lines, and other fixed properties of this company, which have a reproduction cost less depreciation in excess of \$7,200,000, are free from mortgage or other lien and the company covenants that it will not place any mortgage on them while these acceptances are outstanding.

Hydro-Electric Situation in Italy.—Because of the absence of coal deposits in Italy and the consequent high cost of fuel, the future national and industrial growth of the country is largely dependent upon the development of its extensive water power resources. Northern Italy, where the Edison Electric Co. of Milan operates, embraces most of the large cities and active industrial areas of the country. The water resources of this section are particularly adapted to economical development and the demand for electricity for commercial and industrial purposes is steadily increasing.

Edison Electric Co. of Milan.—Organized in 1884 in Italy and was the first European company to engage on a large scale in the distribution of electricity for commercial lighting. It is an operating and holding company, which, with its subsidiary and affiliated companies, is the dominant factor in the hydro-electric industry in the Lombardy region of northern Italy, generating and supplying the greater part of the electric light and

power used in this district. The territory served has a population of almost 5,000,000 and comprises the most important industrial section of the country, including the city of Milan, the largest industrial centre of Italy. Textile and automobile industries, in particular, are highly developed in this region, and in addition there are large metallurgical, chemical and electrical establishments.

The Edison Electric Co. of Milan directly owns and operates three hydro-electric generating plants, with an aggregate capacity of 53,300 h. p. and a reserve steam plant with an installed capacity of 40,000 h. p. It also purchases large amounts of power under contract from subsidiary and affiliated companies. Company's transmission lines extend from its hydro-electric generating plants to Milan and adjoining territory and with its distributing system total 450 miles.

Company's holdings of securities consist principally of stocks in power generating and distributing companies operating in adjoining territory and forming part of the Edison system. They include among others the majority stock of important companies such as the Bresciana and the Coma companies, the latter owning and operating hydro-electric plants of about 19,000 h. p. and steam reserve plants of about 19,000 h. p. For the calendar year 1922 the Edison company produced 205,000,000 k. w. h. of electric energy while the output of the entire Edison system, including subsidiary and controlled companies and including energy purchased from other groups, was 934,000,000 k. w. h.

In order to take care of the growing demand for power, the company is constructing through a subsidiary two high-head hydro-electric plants operating under heads of from 935 to 2,300 ft. The initial capacity of the plants will be 60,000 h. p., with an ultimate capacity of about 90,000 h. p. As a further power supply, company, through one of its controlled companies, is constructing a 130,000-volt transmission line which will make possible the interchange of power between the company's plants in the Alps and those of the Adamello Co. in the Apennines.

Purpose.—Funds received by the company from the sale of its acceptances will be applied in part to the retirement of current indebtedness, and in part to furnish funds for the completion of important hydro-electric developments already undertaken.

Earnings (in Lire) of Edison Electric Co. of Milan—Years ended Dec. 31.

Years—	Gross Earnings	Oper. Exp.		Net Earnings	Int. on \$2,000,000 for Int. Acceptances
		Taxes & Miscel. Deducts.	Deprec. Avail. for Int. Charges.		
1918	27,533,720	17,895,774	9,637,946	1,014,000	
1919	27,776,711	15,702,023	12,074,688	1,144,400	
1920	38,026,206	18,284,329	19,741,877	2,748,400	
1921	45,925,929	20,345,497	25,580,432	3,023,200	
1922	50,265,974	27,900,501	22,365,473	2,742,600	

x Amount required at prevailing rates of exchange for each year.

Assets and Liabilities.—The present cost of reproduction, less depreciation, of the plants, transmission lines, distributing system, &c., owned in fee by Edison Electric Co. of Milan is estimated to be in excess of \$55,000,000 lire. Investments, principally in subsidiary and affiliated companies, on Dec. 31 1922 amounted to 144,757,913 lire, and other assets including advances to subsidiaries and current assets, totaled 131,411,856 lire. Before giving effect to this financing, total assets of the company amounted, therefore, to about 431,169,769 lire, which compares with total liabilities (except capital stock) amounting on Dec. 31 1922 to 139,896,626 lire. Company has 180,000 paid in lire capital stock outstanding, on which 165,600,000 lire had been paid in on Dec. 31 1922, and which has since been fully paid.

Equity.—The stock is quoted on the Milan Bourse and has at current rates of exchange a market value of over \$14,500,000.

Directors.—J. E. Aldred (Chairman), Pen. Water & Power Co., A. C. Bedford (Chairman Standard Oil Co. of N. J.), A. W. Burghard (Pres. International General Electric Co.), C. A. Coffin (Director General Electric Co.), Arthur V. Davis (Pres. Aluminum Co. of Am.), J. W. Lieb (V.-Pres. N. Y. Edison Co.), Howard Murray (V.-Pres. Shawinigan Water & Power Co.), F. P. Royce (V.-Pres. Stone & Webster, Inc.), Philip Stockton (Pres. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston), A. A. Tilney (Pres. Bankers Trust Co., N. Y.), A. H. Titus (Pres. First Federal Foreign Banking Assn., N. Y.), D. G. Wing (Pres. First National Bank, Boston, Mass.).

Jersey Central Power & Light Corp.—Pref. Stock Sale.
A. E. Fitkin & Co., New York, have completed the sale of \$1,250,000 7% Cum. Partic. Pref. stock at 92 1/2% and div., to yield 7.55%. A substantial part of the offering was taken by the consumers of the company in the territory surrounding Morristown and Lakewood, N. J. (Compare offering in V. 116, p. 2772.)—V. 117, p. 1354, 899.

Kirby Lumber Co.—Preferred Stock to be Retired.—The company has announced that owners of 46,711 shares of the 50,000 shares of Preferred stock outstanding have accepted the company's offer to exchange their stock for the new issue of 15-year 6% Mtge. bonds. The Preferred stock is to be retired at 105 and dividends, and the holders are to receive \$231 in bonds, which bear interest from July 15.

The company has already retired \$295,000 of the bonds, and on Oct. 25 an additional \$150,000 is expected to be retired. (Compare V. 116, p. 2889.)—V. 117, p. 559, 333.

Lawrence (Mass.) Gas Co.—Dividend Increased.—A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the capital stock, par \$100, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 10. Heretofore the company has been paying semi-annual dividends of 3 1/2% on the stock.—V. 116, p. 1058.

Lee Rubber & Tire Co.—Omits Dividend.—The directors on Oct. 18 voted to omit payment of the quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share usually paid Dec. 1 on the outstanding Capital stock, no par value. An official statement says in substance:

The directors have decided to discontinue dividends for the time being owing to the conditions in the tire industry and in order to conserve the resources of the company.

The present price of tires is approximately 10% lower than a year ago although the price of rubber has practically doubled during the same period. In spite of the decrease in the cost of all standard tires, their quality has been so improved that an appreciable increase in service has been obtained.

Progress in the reorganization of the Republic Rubber Co. recently acquired by Lee is continuing as planned. No benefits to the Lee company from the Republic, however, are expected before the first of the year when the reorganization program will be practically completed. The fact that the Republic company is mainly engaged in the manufacture of mechanical rubber goods and solid tires should provide an income to the Lee company in 1924 which will not be affected by the prevailing conditions in the price of pneumatic tires. Republic's mechanical goods department is showing an increase of 60% and solid tire production has already been increased 200%.

The Lee Rubber & Tire Co. has no mortgages on any of its plants. There are no debentures or Preferred stock and the bank debt is small.
President John J. Watson, Jr., says in part: "It is the aim of the management of the Lee company to keep it in a strong financial position and considering the present condition of the tire industry it seems that the interest of the stockholders is best served by conserving cash at this time." [The company from June 1 1920 to Sept. 1 1923, inclusive, paid quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share.]—V. 116, p. 3003.

Lincoln Body Co., Rahway, N. J.—Sale.—The company's plant and site located at Caldwell, N. J., have been purchased by the Royal Motor Coach Co., Inc., the latter company planning to install equipment for the manufacture of motor cars. ("Iron Trade Review.")—V. 115, p. 443.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Complaint.—See American Tobacco Co. above.—V. 116, p. 2644.

McCroly Stores Corp.—Stock Dividends.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1% on the Class "A" and Class "B" Common stocks, both payable in Common stock Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. A dividend of 1% was paid on the Common stock in stock on Jun. 1 and Sept. 1 last, while on March 1 last a quarterly dividend of 1% was paid in cash (see also V. 116, p. 728).
Declarations of dividends by the corporation at this time was done in order to give the Class "B" warrant holders a month's time in which to

convert their Class "B" warrants into Class "B" stock. If the warrants are not exercised holders will not receive the divs.—V. 117, p. 1670, 1243.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.— Net earnings for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1923 amounted to \$277,548 after taxes but before depreciation.—V. 117, p. 1354, 1135.

Manufacturers Light & Heat Co.—Gas Rates.— The company has filed formal notice with the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission of an advance in rates for natural gas for domestic purposes in all communities in Pennsylvania. The proposed rate for domestic consumers is established at 60 cents per 1,000 cu. ft., minus a customary discount for prompt payment. A special rate of 50 cents is set up for gas consumed in heating public schools. The new rate is to become effective Nov. 15.—V. 116, p. 2137.

Martin-Parry Corp.—Receives Large Order.— The corporation has received orders for 1,000 commercial bodies to be shipped with Ford chassis direct to Japan within the next 30 days.—V. 116, p. 1903.

Nash Motors Co., Kenosha, Wis.—Cash, &c., on Hand.— The following statement is understood by the "Chronicle" to be correct: The company has in its treasury upwards of \$21,000,000 in cash and Government securities. Sight drafts attached to bills of lading total \$2,000,000, while accounts payable are only \$2,400,000. Cash assets equal the par value of the 163,800 shares of Preferred stock and leave the balance of over \$4,700,000, or \$17 a share, for the 273,000 shares of Common stock.

The average quarterly earnings for the first nine months have been in excess of the full yearly dividend of \$6 a share on the Common stock. Earnings for the first nine months of the fiscal year, ending Aug. 31, were \$6,399,000, or \$20.25 a share, or nearly 3 1/2 times a year's dividend. See also V. 117, p. 1562.

National City Bank Building, Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co. are offering at par and int. \$1,375,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Serial Coupon bonds safeguarded under the Straus plan.

Date Aug. 1 1923; due serially, Feb. 1 1926 to Feb. 1 1942. Int. payable F. & A. at offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Callable at 105 and int. for the first five years; 103 and int. thereafter. Federal income tax of 2% paid by National City Holding Co. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

Under the covenants of the trust mortgage, these bonds constitute: (1) A direct closed first mortgage on the land and new 12-story bank and office building; (2) a first lien on the income from the property, a sufficient portion of which must be deposited monthly with S. W. Straus & Co. to meet the interest and principal in cash promptly on the days due.

The net annual earnings of this property are estimated on a conservative basis as \$199,582. This estimate allows for deductions for operating expenses, taxes, insurance, and vacancies.

National Enameling & Stamping Co.—Business.—

President George W. Niedringhaus is quoted as saying: "Our inventories are materially reduced and will be further reduced over the last quarter. Business is much better than we had expected. Our sheet mills and plate mills are running well."—V. 116, p. 945.

National Steel Car Corp., Ltd.—Report.—

Table with 2 columns: 1923, 1922. Rows include Net profit for year, Reserve for deprec. of bldgs., machinery & equip., Interest on bonds, Interest on borrowed money.

Table with 2 columns: 1923, 1922. Rows include Total deficit, Previous capital and surplus.

Table with 2 columns: 1923, 1922. Row: Capital and surplus June 30.

Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Stock Increase, &c.— The stockholders on Oct. 17 increased the authorized capital stock from \$3,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$6,000,000, par \$100. The new stock will be distributed to stockholders of record Oct. 17 as a 100% stock dividend.—V. 117, p. 1562.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Quarterly Report.—

President M. B. Jones says: "The financial statement for the past quarter reflects the effect of the recent serious strike of telephone operators, as we have fallen short of earning dividend requirements for that period by approximately \$2,200,000.

"The third quarter is always the poor one of the year with us, owing to slack summer business and the vacation expenses. Officers estimate that about \$200,000 of the above amount is due to these normal causes. This leaves approximately \$2,000,000 as the loss due to strike conditions, and that sum is made up about as follows:

- 1. Loss of revenue due to withholding of business by the public because of the strike. \$550,000
2. Expenses paid during the strike period for guarding and transporting operators to and from their work, and in some places housing and feeding operating forces, guarding exchange buildings, recruiting depleted operating forces and otherwise restoring service, together with advertising and other publicity. 950,000
3. Abnormal expense since the end of the strike for instructing new forces and otherwise restoring service. 500,000

"The cost of this wholly unjustifiable strike has been extremely heavy, but it is well to bear in mind that large as it is this sum would have met for a period of only about four months the demands of the striking operators.

"It is expected that the final quarter of the year will show reasonably satisfactory results. Interest requirements for the year upon entire indebtedness will be earned more than twice over but company will fall considerably short of earning its full dividend in 1923. It will, however, be the policy of the management to pay the regular dividend for the years charging the unearned portion against surplus, which has been accumulated to care for unusual situations."

Results for Three and Nine Months ended Sept. 30.

Table with 4 columns: Quarter ended (Sept. 30 '23, June 30 '23, Mar. 31 '23, Sept. 30 '22), 9 mos. end. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, &c., Total oper. income, Net non-oper. revenue, Total gross income, Interest, &c., Dividend appropriation.

Balance—def. \$2,201,563 sur \$184,786 sur \$409,942 df \$1,606,835 The company has been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission to acquire the Automatic Telephone Co.'s property at New Bedford, Mass.—V. 117, p. 560.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—2% Dividend.— The directors have declared a dividend of 2% on the Common stock, par \$100, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 20. A like amount was paid May 1 and July 31 last.—V. 116, p. 2891.

New York Air Brake Co.—Earnings—Sales.— Net earnings in September were \$249,635 and for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 \$2,245,881. Gross sales for September were \$782,811. Compare V. 117, p. 1355, 901.

New York Shipbuilding Corp.—Dividends Resumed.— The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 200,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Nov. 6 to holders of record Oct. 22. The company on June 1 1922 paid a dividend of 50 cents per share; none since. Dividend record follows: Mar. '19, July '19, Nov. '19, Mar. '20 to Mar. '22, June '22, Nov. '23. \$1, \$1, \$1, \$1 quarterly, 50c., \$1.—V. 116, p. 1187.

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Report.—

Results for Quarter and 9 Mos. ended Sept. 30 (Incl. Can. Niagara Pow. Co.)

Table with 4 columns: 1923-3 Mos., 1922-3 Mos., 1923-9 Mos., 1922-9 Mos. Rows include Operating revenue, Oper. exp., amort. & tax., Net operating revenue, Non-operating revenue, Net income, Interest, &c., Surplus income.

—V. 117, p. 447, 214.

Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Nov. 7 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds due Nov. 1 1954, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$234,931, and at a price not exceeding 120 and int.—V. 117, p. 1671.

(Chas. F.) Noble Oil & Gas Co.—Retires Bonds.—

This company on Oct. 1 last paid the first maturing installment of its 1st Conv. Serial Gold 8% bonds at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. The bonds maturing amounted to \$90,000. After paying off this installment the company's bonded indebtedness was reduced to about \$600,000.—V. 116, p. 1905.

North American Edison Co.—Stock Increased.—

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from 200,000 shares, no par value (all owned by the North American Co.), to 270,000 shares of no par value.—V. 117, p. 1022.

North American Provision Co.—Bal. Sheet as of June 30 1923.—

(Consisting substantially of the business and properties of Morris & Co.)

Table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Land, bldgs., machinery & fixed equipment, Refrigerator cars, tools, &c., Franchises and leaseholds, Good-will, Cash, Notes & acc'ts receivable, Inventories, Stocks, bonds, advs. & securs., Discount on bonds, &c., Prepaid expenses, 7% Cumul. Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st Mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, Morris & Co. 7 1/2% notes, Wm. F. Mosser Co. 8% notes, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Dividends payable, Accrued liabilities, Surplus.

Total—\$81,715,999 Compare also Armour & Co. of Delaware, above.

North Attleboro Gas Light Co.—To Issue Stock.—

The Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 681 shares of additional capital stock at par (\$100), the proceeds to be used for additional equipment. &c.

Northern Indiana Power Co.—To Issue Bonds, &c.—

The company has applied to the Indiana P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$1,360,000 of 5% 25-year bonds and \$680,000 of Common stock, both at 90% of par, the proceeds to be used to acquire the Huntington Light & Fuel Co., the Bippus Utilities Co., the Bippus Building and the Wilkerson Ice & Coal Co.—V. 116, p. 1188.

Oahu Sugar Co., Honolulu.—Extra Dividends.—

The directors have declared an extra of 20 cents per share for October, November and December, in addition to the regular monthly dividend of 20 cents. This will make a total of 15% paid in dividends during this year. Dividends are payable the 15th of each month to holders of record the 5th.—V. 115, p. 1738.

Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—Report.—

Income Account for Years ending Aug. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Trading profits, incl. inv. inc., after bond int., Preferred dividend (7%), Common divs. (12%), do bonus (10%), Balance, surplus.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1923, 1922, 1923, 1922. Rows include Assets: Water powers, mill plants, &c., Goodwill, trade marks, patent rights, &c., Cash, Acc'ts & bills rec'le, Stocks on hand, Investments, Pen. fund invest'ts, Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, First mtge. bonds, Accounts payable, Interest and dividends accrued, Officers' pen. fund, Rest account, Conting't account, Profit & loss, surp.

Total—15,811,577 16,537,717 Total—15,811,577 16,537,717 —V. 117, p. 1355, 901.

Ohio Copper Co.—Production.—

The output of the company for September was approximately 326,000 pounds of copper at a cost of 6.445 cents a pound. August output was approximately 300,000 pounds, at a cost of under 7 cents a pound. The output for the year totals 2,126,000 lbs., average cost under 7 cts. a pound. The pumping capacity during September was about 400 gallons of water a minute, the same as during the preceding month. The installation of the new plant, which will pump about 1,500 gallons of water a minute, is completed and pumping will begin within a few days. Compare V. 117, p. 1355.

Ohio Utilities Co.—Stockholders' Committee.—

See Ohio & Western Utilities Co. below.—V. 115, p. 1217.

Ohio & Western Utilities Co.—Stockholders' Committee.—

The Preferred stockholders of the Ohio & Western Utilities Co. and of the Ohio Utilities Co. of Del. on Oct. 11 decided to take action "looking toward an examination of the affairs of these companies to discover whether they are able to resume payment of dividends on the Preferred stock. If the payment of these dividends is found to be warranted, the committee (see below) will take steps in the endeavor to compel such payment and otherwise to enforce the rights of the Preferred stockholders."

The following have been appointed a permanent committee to look after the interests of the Preferred stockholders: Thoms D. Brown, New Haven, Conn.; E. B. Merritt, Bridgeport, Conn., and Theodore Bernstein of Hirsch, Lilienthal & Co., N. Y. City. Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall, Counsel.—V. 112, p. 939.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—New Franchises, etc.—

Citizens of Norman and Enid, Okla., at elections just held, voted by large majorities to grant 25-year franchises to the Oklahoma company. In addition to being voted a new electric franchise in Norman, Okla., the company also was granted a gas franchise. Work on a gas distributing system will be started immediately.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed trustee, registrar and paying agent under the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., Muskogee Gas & Electric Co., Southern Oklahoma Power Co., Oklahoma Light & Power Co. and Shawnee Gas & Electric Co. trust indenture dated Aug. 1 1923, securing an authorized issue of \$5,000,000 7% Mortgage notes of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. dated Aug. 1 1923, due Aug. 1 1926. See offering of \$2,100,000 for these notes in V. 117, p. 789.

Otis Elevator Co.—Earnings.—

<i>Nine Mos. end. Sept. 30—</i>	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920
Earnings after all charges, maintenance & deprec'n.—	\$3,443,008	\$2,090,482	\$2,960,615	\$3,422,425
Reserve for Federal taxes—	470,000	225,000	940,000	750,000
Reserve for pension reserve—	75,000	75,000	75,000	175,000
Interest charges—	—	—	—	96,532
Reserve for contingencies—	475,000	—	—	—
Net income—	\$2,423,008	\$1,790,482	\$1,945,615	\$2,400,893

—V. 117, p. 906, 335.

Overman Cushion Tire Co.—Initial Dividends.—
The directors have declared an initial dividend of 1% on the Common and "X" Preferred stocks, both payable Oct. 25 to holders of record Sept. 30.—V. 116, p. 3005.

Pacific Coast Co.—Dividend Request Refused.—
The directors have refused the request of some of the stockholders to use the \$288,783 added to reserves for depletion and depreciation during the last fiscal year (see report in V. 117, p. 1553) to pay dividends on the First and Second Preferred stock. The board considered a resolution submitted at the annual meeting held Oct. 10 but decided that to grant the request would be against the best interests of both the company and the bondholders.—V. 117, p. 1671.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (Calif.)—Will Not Sell to City.
Pres. W. E. Creed in a letter to James D. Phelan, Chairman of Advisory Committee of Citizens, has advised that the company will not sell its generating transmission and distributing system within the confines of the City of San Francisco to the city. Pres. Creed said in part: "We are not in a position to offer our distributing system in the City of San Francisco for sale. The generating, transmission and distributing system of this company has been developed through a long period of years until it constitutes to-day an integrated whole, designed for an devoted to the service not simply of territory within municipal boundaries, but of a great section of the State of California without regard to municipal boundaries, and service in any one portion of this section of the State is directly related to service in every other portion thereof."
The Great Western Power Co. also notified the Advisory Committee on the Hetch Hetchy power question that sale of the company's San Francisco distributing system to the city would disrupt the plans for development, and that it was "doubtful if a plan of separation can be evolved which will be satisfactory to all parties concerned."—V. 117, p. 1563.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—September Sales.—
1923—Sept.—1922. Increase. 1923—9 Mos.—1922. Increase.
\$6,010,297 \$4,752,893 \$1,257,404 \$38,925,834 \$31,090,087 \$7,835,747
—V. 117, p. 1245, 790.

Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—Approves Refunding Plan.—
The stockholders have approved the plan for financing the company's maturing 7% notes providing for the formation of a new company to take over the Penn Seaboard steel casting plant at Chester, Pa. All the stock of the new company is to be owned by Penn Seaboard, and the new company will issue bonds in exchange for the present outstanding Penn Seaboard notes. About 60% of holders of 7% notes, it is stated, have approved the plan. Compare V. 117, p. 1245, 1470, 1563.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Listing.—
The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation to \$1,274,300 additional capital stock, par \$100, making the total amount listed \$9,769,300.—V. 117, p. 1136, 1022.

Pepperell Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

<i>Years end. June 30—</i>	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Sales—	\$16,287,790	\$10,311,129	\$10,548,573	\$23,011,210
Increase in inventory—	dec. 1,338,291	dec. 388,256	1,857,873	865,438
Total—	\$14,949,499	\$9,922,873	\$12,406,446	\$23,876,648
Operating expenses—	14,003,950	10,135,038	11,634,538	20,039,954
Credits—	116,272	89,324	111,776	194,208
Net profit—	\$1,061,821	loss \$122,840	\$883,684	\$4,030,904

—V. 115, p. 2055.

Pfister & Vogel Leather Co.—Bonds Called.—
Certain 7% Conv. Sinking Fund debentures, dated Nov. 1 1920, aggregating \$59,900, have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 101 and int. at the First Wisconsin Trust Co., trustee, Milwaukee, Wis.—V. 117, p. 790.

Phila. & Reading Coal & Iron Co.—Plan Approved.—
See Reading Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 117, p. 1659, 1672.

Philipsborn's, Inc.—Chicago.—Resignations.—
It is announced that Martin M. Philipsborn and Herbert F. Philipsborn will resign as Chairman and Vice-President and Mdse. Mgr., respectively effective Jan. 1 1924.—V. 117, p. 1356.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Operations.—
A current report, believed by the "Chronicle" to be based on fact, says: Operations of the company have shown a profit in the first nine months of this year, although there was a slight falling off in the last quarter. As a result, the company has strengthened its financial position and has around \$2,000,000 cash, as against \$1,332,846 at the beginning of the year. The company has recently received orders from Japan. The first shipment of Pierce-Arrows already has been made and a second shipment is about to leave.—V. 117, p. 1022.

Piggly Wiggly Corp.—Pref. Stockholders Acquire Control.
Control of the corporation has passed from the Common to the Preferred shareholders upon default in the payment of two successive quarterly dividends on the Preferred stock.
Several changes were made in the board of directors, which now includes Frank T. Comstock, Providence, R. I.; E. W. Bradford, Washington, and W. A. Titus, New York.
A. W. Brinkley of Memphis has been elected Secretary, succeeding E. W. Rollo.—V. 117, p. 1470, 1023.

Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., Minneapolis, Minn.—Bonds Sold.—The National City Co., W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., have sold at 95 and int., to yield about 6.45%, \$6,000,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 6% gold bonds. (See advertising pages).
Dated Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e*. Int. payable A. & O. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% at National City Bank of New York, trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' prior notice at 105 if redeemed on or before Oct. 1 1933, and thereafter at face value plus a premium of ½% for each full year between the date of redemption and maturity. Company will agree to refund the Penna. 4-mills tax, the Maryland 4½-mills tax, the Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per dollar per annum, and the Mass. income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% of such interest per ann.
Data from Letter of Pres. A. C. Loring, Minneapolis, Oct. 13.
Company.—Successor to a business founded in 1872. Is one of the largest flour milling concerns in the world. Properties include well-located and thoroughly equipped mills at Minneapolis and Anoka, Minn., Atchison, Kan., and a large modern mill now in course of construction at Buffalo, N. Y. The latter property is owned by the Island Warehouse Corp., an affiliated company, and will be operated under lease by the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co.
The combined capacity of the company's mills now in operation is 30,300 barrels daily, and upon completion of the additional capacity at Buffalo will aggregate in excess of 38,000 barrels daily. Company also has extensive cereal producing facilities of a capacity of 10,000 cases per day. The mills together will have a flour capacity of 38,300 barrels daily and an elevator capacity of 7,340,000 bushels. The distribution of the company's products is effected by a comprehensive organization of branch warehouses and sales offices located at points of major merchandising importance from the viewpoint of supplying the trade with all possible promptness and convenience.
Present Financing.—For many years subsequent to the original inception of the business, the flour milling properties were owned and operated by American interests. In 1890 these properties were sold to a British corpor-

ation whose ownership has continued to the present time. Since 1908, however, the operation of the properties has been carried on under lease and the business has been conducted by the present company, the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., organized in Minnesota. Recently the Minnesota company has arranged to purchase all the flour milling properties, brands, good-will and other assets of the British corporation. (Compare plan in V. 116, p. 2776.)
The proceeds of this issue of \$6,000,000 bonds and of an additional issue of the company's Common stock, sold for cash, will be applied toward the acquisition of the properties from the British corporation and to increase the company's working capital. All, or practically all, of the company's Common stock, including the additional issue, will be owned by a Delaware corporation to be organized, the Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc., which will be utilized in the purchase of the additional issue of Common stock of the Minnesota company, as above mentioned.
Security.—A direct first mortgage on all the real estate, buildings, equipment and other fixed assets of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., and further secured by pledge of the capital stocks owned of constituent companies. While there is outstanding an issue of \$2,000,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the Island Warehouse Corp., the new mortgage will provide that additional bonds of that issue hereafter issued must be deposited and pledged under the new mortgage of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co.
Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide for a fixed semi-annual minimum sinking fund sufficient to retire \$100,000 of bonds in each year, beginning April 1 1924. As an additional sinking fund, the company will agree to pay for each fiscal year subsequent to June 30 1925 an amount equivalent to 20% of the aggregate amount of cash dividends paid in such years, all payments on account of this additional sinking fund to be due and payable on Aug. 15, following the close of each fiscal year. The sinking fund payments are to be utilized for the purchase or redemption of bonds of not exceeding the current redemption price in each case.

Net Income After Deprec'n but Before Int. & Taxes, Yrs. ended Aug. 31.

1913	Net Income	1919	Net Income
1914	\$888,093	1920	\$2,124,398
1915	1,079,990	1921	1,854,715
1916	871,065	1922	996,787
1917	1,205,337	1923 (10 months ended	1,424,773
1918	1,609,844	June 30)	1,282,250
	2,866,389		

Company's net sales in the period shown above have aggregated \$606,313,373, and the average annual net income for the same period was \$1,495,721, or 4.1 times, and for the past 5 years and 10 months was \$1,808,453, or 5 times the annual interest charges on this issue of bonds. For the 10 months ended June 30 1923 the net income was \$1,282,250, or 4¼ times the bond interest requirements for such a period.
Condensed Balance Sheet as at June 30 1923 (After Present Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$1,135,878	First Mtge. gold bonds	\$6,000,000
Govt. & other marketable sec.	878,275	Capital stock	10,000,000
Notes & accounts receivable	1,600,311	Notes & acceptances payable	2,073,593
Prepaid Insur., advances, &c.	457,384	Accounts payable	898,657
Inventories and supplies	8,203,325	Accrued taxes	161,774
Land, buildings, &c.	8,936,238	Reserve for taxes & conting.	1,214,327
Investments	1,000,000	Other current liabilities	120,964
Miscellaneous assets	278,657	Reserved for dividends	286,358
Def'd charges, incl. bond dis.	910,571	Surplus	2,644,967
Brands and good-will	1		
Hydraulic rights	1		
Total assets	\$23,400,640	Total liabilities	\$23,400,640

—V. 116, p. 3005.

Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc. (of Del.)—To Offer Notes.—
It is understood that Goldman, Sachs & Co., Lehman Bros. and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., of Minneapolis, will shortly make an offering of \$2,000,000 10-Year 7% Convertible Sinking Fund Collateral Trust notes of the above holding company, which will own the stock of Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. (of Minn.), the operating company. (See above.)

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Shipments.—
Shipments in September were 2,874,693 barrels, a daily average of 95,823 barrels, which compares with a daily average of 114,094 barrels in August and with 190,705 barrels daily in Sept. 1922.—V. 116, p. 2891.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co.—Dividends Resumed, &c.—
The directors have declared a dividend of 2½% on the outstanding capital stock, par \$50, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 29. On April 15 1921 a dividend of 2½% was paid; none since. Dividend record follows:
Oct. '19 to July '20 incl. Oct. 1920. Jan. 1921. Apr. 1921. Nov. 15 '23. 2½% quar. 4% 2½% 2½%
Daniel M. Clemson of Pittsburgh has been elected a director to succeed the late John R. McCune. Richard F. Hoyt succeeds Charles B. Wiggin as a director.—V. 117, p. 1564, 97.

Pure Oil Co.—Oil Suits Settled.—
See Standard Oil Co. of N. J. below.—V. 117, p. 1136, 1023.

Reading Iron Co.—Plan Approved.—
See Reading Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 116, p. 946.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Quarterly Report.—
Results for Quarters and Nine Months ending Sept. 30.

	1923—3 Mos.	1922.	1923—9 Mos.	1922.
*Net earnings—	\$2,384,563	\$395,756	\$7,566,799	\$681,745
Depreciation & renewals	304,576	252,338	1,004,403	655,769
Exhaustion of minerals	95,496	49,865	296,635	131,590
Bond and note interest	290,958	232,229	831,538	658,763
Preferred dividend—	x(3¼)937,500		(9¼)231,250	
Balance, surplus—	\$755,997	def\$138,676	\$3,121,685	def\$764,380

* These are the net earnings from operations after charges for repair and maintenance of plants, amounting to \$1,194,009 for the three months ended Sept. 30 in 1923, against \$705,760 in 1922.
x Regular Preferred dividends of 1¼%, plus 2% extra dividend, leaving 3% in arrears.
Unfilled orders on hand Sept. 30 1923 of finished and semi-finished products totaled 127,767 tons, against 187,392 tons June 30 1923.
Note.—The above results are subject to change at end of fiscal year when accounts are finally audited.—V. 117, p. 336, 97.

Rio Pluma Orchard Co., Sutter County, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—
G. E. Miller & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$125,000 1st Mtge. 7% Serial Gold bonds dated Sept. 1 1923, due serially 1925-1937, but redeemable, all or part, at 102 and int. on any int. date. Int. payable J. & D. at First Federal Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee, or any office of G. E. Miller & Co.
The bonds are secured by a first mortgage on 914 acres of fertile, irrigated fruit lands located in Sutter County, Calif. Of the 914 acres, 350 acres are planted to bearing orchards, alfalfa and potatoes. Work is now under way preparing 130 acres of the land to be planted to peaches. The balance will be improved gradually until the entire acreage is in producing orchard. The property in present condition is valued at \$364,700.

St. Lawrence Flour Mills Co.—Annual Report.—

<i>Years end. Aug. 31—</i>	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Profits—	\$110,883	\$169,365	\$147,801	\$215,077
Bond interest—	5,805	7,952	12,460	13,395
Preferred dividend—	40,250	40,250	40,250	40,250
Common dividends—	(6%)72,000	(6%)72,000	(6%)72,000	(10)120,000
War tax—	13,807	14,308	14,641	28,433
Balance, surplus—	def\$20,259	\$34,853	\$8,450	\$12,999
Add'l general reserve—				Cr.182,566
Bonus div. on Common—			(2%)24,000	(10)120,000
Balance—	def\$20,259	sur.\$34,853	def\$15,550	sur.\$75,565
Total p. & l. surplus—	\$396,873	\$417,132	\$382,279	\$397,829

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Plant.....	\$690,482	Common stock.....	1,200,000
Goodwill, &c.....	1,200,000	Preferred stock.....	\$575,000
Accounts receivable.....	130,779	Bonds and interest.....	97,465
Inventories.....	543,712	Accounts payable.....	49,905
Sundry debits.....	59,996	Sundry credits.....	240,844
Equipment.....	21,500	Bank loans.....	98,782
Investments.....	12,000	Unclaimed divs.....	567
Cash.....	968	Profit & loss, surp.....	396,873
	365		417,132
Total.....	\$2,659,439	Total.....	\$2,659,439

St. Maurice Power Co., Ltd.—Listing.
The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation to £200,000 1st Mtge. 30-Year 6½% Sinking Fund debenture stock (see V. 116, p. 626).—V. 117, p. 562.

Santa Ana (Calif.) Development Co.—Bonds Offered.
Carstens & Earles, Inc., Leo G. MacLaughlin Co., Los Angeles, and First National Bank, Santa Ana, are offering at 100 and int. \$200,000 1st Mtge. 6½% Serial Gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1923; due serially Aug. 1 1926 to 1938. Interest payable F. & A. at First National Bank, Santa Ana, Calif., trustee, or through offices of Carstens & Earles, Inc. Borrower agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103 and interest.

The bonds will be secured by a first (closed) mortgage on the land owned in fee simple and the buildings existing and to be erected. The mortgaged property consists of an entire city block, located in the centre of Santa Ana's business district. On this property at the present time is situated the Santa Ana Grand Central Market, which has been in successful operation for two years. Adjacent to the Central Market, running the full length of the block fronting on Broadway and Second Street, will be constructed a 2-story and basement combination store and apartment building. On the southeast corner of the property under this mortgage will be erected a modern cold storage plant and garage of concrete and brick construction, with terra cotta trimmings. The southwest, or remaining corner, of the above property is under lease to the Union Oil Co. This property has been conservatively appraised at in excess of \$400,000.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—May Acquire Dunhill Co.
It is announced that negotiations are under way whereby the corporation is likely to acquire by purchase the world-wide business of Alfred Dunhill of London, the pipe manufacturer. Negotiations, it is stated, have been carried on by Pres. D. A. Schulte and are expected to be completed within a few weeks. Schulte Stores now controls the New York branch of Alfred Dunhill of London, Inc., and also the Canadian branch of the pipe manufacturer, but when the present negotiations are completed the Schulte interests, it is said, will control the entire business of the London concern throughout the world.—V. 117, p. 1248, 791.

Scotten-Dillon (Tobacco) Co.—Extra Dividend.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3% and the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable Nov. 14 to holders of record Nov. 6. The company in Feb. last paid an extra dividend of 3% and in Aug. last an extra of 2%, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 3%, making a total for 1923 (incl. dividends payable Nov. 14) of 20%.—V. 117, p. 448.

Shelton Looms.—Permanent Certificates Ready.
The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., transfer agent of the Common and Preferred stock, is now issuing permanent certificates in exchange for temporaries now outstanding. See V. 116, p. 947, 2018.

Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Sept. 1923.	3 mos. end. Sept. 30 '23.	9 mos. end. Sept. 30 '23.
Net earnings.....	\$125,394	\$471,856	\$2,153,278

It is stated that the company is now free of floating debt, has no bills payable or accounts payable, and has over \$400,000 in cash on hand and other cash assets exceeding \$1,000,000. Company, it is said, has orders on hand for about 55,000 tons deliveries against which extend to the end of this year.—V. 117, p. 448.

Southern Oklahoma Power Co.—Bonds Sold.—H. M. Bylles & Co. have sold at 92 and int. an additional block of \$160,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "B," dated June 1 1922, due June 1 1942. A circular shows:

Company and subsidiaries own and operate electric light and power gas and ice properties serving 12 communities in Oklahoma having an estimated population of 50,000, including the towns of Shaynew, Ada, Holdenville, Pauls Valley and Sulphur. Over 75% of the net earnings is derived from the sale of electric light and power. The properties include thoroughly modern and efficient electric generating plants having an installed capacity of over 12,300 h. p. and upon completion of transmission lines now under construction all the towns will be interconnected, effecting the distribution of electric current over the entire system. Arrangements have been completed for the building of a transmission line to connect with the new 20,000 h. p. plant of the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. at Horse Shoe Lake, near Oklahoma City, which will insure an additional supply of power for future development.

The properties are leased to the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., which owns over 90% of the total outstanding Preferred and Common stocks of Southern Oklahoma Power Co.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide funds for extensions and additions which have been made to the property.

First & Refunding Mortgage Series "B" 6s (incl. this issue).....	\$408,700
First & Refunding Mortgage Series "A" 7s.....	1,380,000
Shawnee Gas & Electric Co. First Mtge. 6s, 1926 (closed).....	219,500
Shawnee Lighting Co. First Mortgage 5s, 1926 (closed).....	51,000
7% Cumulative Preferred stock.....	1,097,000
Common stock.....	1,000,000

Gross earnings.....	\$808,455
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes (excl. depreciation).....	538,372

Net earnings..... \$270,083
Annual interest requirements on First and Refunding bonds (including this issue) and underlying bonds..... \$134,647
Management.—Properties are under the management of Bylles & Engineering & Management Corporation.—V. 116, p. 2140.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Increased.
The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized capital stock from \$5,500,000 to \$7,500,000.—V. 117, p. 1471, 97.

Standard Oil Co. of N. J.—Settle Suits.
The Texas Co. and the Standard Oil Co. of N. J. have settled the suit of Rogers vs. Adams and the Texas Co., in which suit the Standard Oil Co. of N. J. was contesting the title of the Texas Co. to the Adams patents for cracking heavy oils to produce gasoline.

The Standard Oil Co. of N. J. and the Gasoline Products Co. have also settled the differences between them out of which arose the suit of the Standard Oil Co. of N. J. vs. the Pure Oil Co., one of the licensees of the Gasoline Products Co. under its "Cross process" cracking patents.

By virtue of these settlements, in certain phases of which the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, owner of the Burton cracking patents, has also joined, it is expected that further patent litigation between all four of the parties and their present and future licensees will be avoided. All parties will continue to grant licenses for their respective cracking processes as heretofore.—V. 117, p. 1023, 791.

Stevens Mfg. Co., Fall River.—Smaller Dividend.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1½%, payable to holders of record Oct. 16. On July 17 last a distribution of 2½% was made.—V. 115, p. 2057.

Texas Co.—Oil Suits Settled.
See Standard Oil Co. of N. J. above.—V. 117, p. 1565, 562.

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Earnings.
The company reports for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1923 net earnings of \$387,000, after taxes.—V. 117, p. 1358, 792.

Traut & Hine Mfg. Co.—Bonds Offered.—Hincks Bros. & Co., Bridgeport, Conn., are offering at 100 and int. \$225,000 1st Mtge. 7% Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Date Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 1 1938. Interest payable A. & O. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000*. Red. all or part on any int. date at 107 and int. Phoenix National Bank, Hartford, Conn., trustee. Tax-exempt in Connecticut.
Capitalization.—

Authorized.....	Issued.....
1st Mtge. 7% bonds (this issue).....	\$225,000
Capital stock (par \$25).....	1,000,000

Company.—Incorporated in Connecticut in 1888. Business is the manufacture and sale of sheet metal and wire goods specialties. Company sells direct to other manufacturers upon order and also makes and distributes its own line of articles. Plant at New Britain, Conn. Also maintains New York offices.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund which, beginning in 1925, will retire a minimum of \$3,000 of bonds and will rise gradually to a minimum of \$15,000 per year.

Company's Average Earnings for Various Periods of Years Have Been as Follows

	Annual Average.....	Interest Earned.....
5 years 1918-1922.....	\$70,925	4.5 times
10 years 1913-1922.....	97,157	6.1 times
15 years 1908-1922.....	94,524	6.0 times

For the first six months of 1923 net earnings have been at the annual rate of \$83,968, equivalent to 5.3 times interest requirements, and, after such requirements, to a rate of 6.82% on the company's \$1,000,000 capital stock.

Purpose.—Provide cash for the funding of the company's bank loans.
Balance Sheet as of June 30 1923 (After this Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$24,615	Accounts payable.....	\$23,140
Accounts receivable.....	102,131	Notes & accepts, payable.....	16,109
Notes receivable.....	400	Accr. taxes, wages & sal.....	30,461
Inventories.....	406,752	1st Mtge. 7s, 1938.....	225,000
Investments.....	213,658	Capital stock.....	1,000,000
Prepaid int. & insurance.....	9,974	Surplus.....	105,668
Total plant & equipment.....	642,848		
Total.....	\$1,400,380	Total.....	\$1,400,380

Triangle Film Corp.—Receivership.
Federal Judge Learned Hand, acting on the petition of Adam and Charles Kessel, with claims aggregating \$93,930, on Oct. 17 appointed Percival L. Waters, President, as receiver. Liabilities are reported to be about \$350,000 and nominal assets nearly as much.

The company owns the majority of the capital stock of the New York Motion Picture Corp., which controls the Keystone Film Co., and the Reliance Motion Picture Co. These subsidiary companies are creditors for over \$300,000. The Government is also a creditor for unpaid taxes amounting to \$29,000.—V. 113, p. 1981.

Union Copper Land & Mining Co., Boston.—Dividends Resumed.

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share, payable Dec. 1, to holders of record Oct. 25. A dividend of like amount was paid Feb. 10 1908; none since.

United Hotels Co. of America.—Pref. Stock Offered.
United States Finance Corp., Denver, Colo., is offering \$1,500,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock at par (\$100) with two shares Common stock bonds with each three shares of Preferred purchased.

Callable at \$105 per share. Divs. payable Q.-J. Preferred stock has preference over the Common stock both as to assets and dividends, and dividends are cumulative. Company has no fund debt.

Company was organized in Delaware and controls, through stock ownership, hotels in 20 principal cities, located at strategic points in commercial and railroad centres in the United States and Canada.

Capitalization (After This Financing).—

Authorized.....	Outstanding.....
7% Cumulative Preferred stock (incl. this offering).....	\$5,000,000
Common stock.....	\$3,117,350
	5,000,000

Earnings.—The average net earnings for the four years 1919 to 1922, including proportion of the net earnings applicable to depreciation and dividends in which it is beneficially interested, through stock ownership in subsidiaries, after allowing for all expenses and taxes, amounted to \$601,225 and for the year ended Dec. 31 1922, on the same basis, were as follows: Earnings, \$644,696; annual dividend requirements, \$3,117,350 7% Preferred stock, \$218,214.—V. 116, p. 731.

U. S. Mex Oil Corp.—Sale.

Special Master Henry Melville will offer for sale without valuation, appraisal, redemption or extension at the County Court House, New York City, Nov. 5, the following property: 150 shares Capital stock of Southern Fuel Co., S. A. of Mexico, of (aggregate par value, 15,000 Mexican pesos), 600 shares Capital stock of Vivian Oil Co., S. A. of Mexico (aggregate par value, 60,000 Mexican pesos), 200 shares Capital stock of the Mexus Petroleum Co., S. A. of Mexico (aggregate par value, 20,000 Mexican pesos), 200 shares Capital stock of Compania Petrolera la Republica, S. A. of Mexico (aggregate par value, 20,000 Mexican pesos), 50 shares Capital stock of Mexican Atlas Petroleum Co., S. A. of Mexico (aggregate par value, 10,000 Mexican pesos), 80,000 shares Capital stock of Marmaduke Oil Co. of West Virginia (aggregate par value, \$400,000), 485,000 shares Capital stock of Texacaddo Oil & Gas Co. of Delaware (aggregate par value, \$485,000), 1,500 shares Capital stock of Pittsburgh Mexican Oil Co. (aggregate par value, 150,000 Mexican pesos), 13,258 shares Capital stock of Marmaduke Oil Co. of W. Va. (aggregate par value, \$66,290), 10,000 shares of no par value Capital stock U. S. Mex Transports, Inc. of Delaware, corporation; 100,000 shares Capital stock of no par value U. S. Tex Oil Corp., N. Y.; 1,000,000 shares Capital stock of Compania Petrolera Normex S. A. (aggregate par value, 1,000,000 Mexican pesos).

The above stocks are deposited as collateral security for the outstanding \$1,200,000 8% notes, due June 1 1926. The June 1 1922 and subsequent coupons on these notes is in default.—V. 115, p. 1741.

United States Rubber Co.—Tire Prices Readjusted.
The company on Oct. 16 announced reductions ranging from 3½ to 12% on certain grades of tires and tubes and advances of from 7½ to 10% on other grades. These readjustments were made in order to meet competition.—V. 117, p. 1358.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Earnings.
9 Months Ended Sept. 30—

	1923.	1922.
Sales.....	\$10,370,395	\$8,827,945
Gross income.....	1,306,340	1,253,793
Depreciation and reserves.....	347,400	302,360
Federal taxes.....	121,208	123,947
Preferred dividends.....	92,190	96,705
Common dividends.....	376,409	301,207

Balance, surplus..... \$369,496 \$429,628
Permanent engraved certificates for Common shares may be exchanged for temporary certificates now outstanding, on or after Oct. 22, at the State Street Trust Co., Boston, or at the Bank of the Manhattan Co., N. Y. City. (See V. 116, p. 2019).—V. 117, p. 1565.

Wallace Mfg. Co., Jonesville, So. Caro.—Organized.
This company has been incorporated in South Carolina, with an authorized capital of \$700,000 (\$250,000 Preferred and \$450,000 Common stock) to take over the Wallace plant, located at Jonesville, So. Caro., which was recently purchased by Ridley Watts of New York and associates from the Victor Menoghan Co. Operation of the plant has already been started by the new company.
Directors of the Wallace Mfg. Co. are: T. M. Marchant (President), W. H. Beattie (Vice-President & Treasurer), W. E. Beattie and J. E. Sirrine, all of Greenville, So. Caro.; Ridley Watts and C. W. Dall of New York; R. A. Lybrand (Secretary), and Reuben Lindsay, both of Jonesville, So. Caro. (See also Victor-Menoghan Co. in V. 117, p. 792.)

Warren Bros. (Asphalt), Co.—Status.—

During the year to Oct. 4, the company secured contracts for 7,873,087 sq. yds. of pavement, as compared with 9,070,249 sq. yds. during the corresponding period of 1922. Carryover from 1922 was 4,333,165 sq. yds., making the total under contract as of Oct. 4, 12,206,252 sq. yds., contrasted with 11,618,528 sq. yds. on Oct. 4, 1922. During the year to Aug. 31, the company and its licensees laid 6,244,261 sq. yds. compared with 3,647,509 sq. yds. in the first eight months of 1922.—V. 117, p. 1249.

Washington Hotel Co., Inc., Shreveport, La.—Bonds Offered.—Interstate Trust & Banking Co., Securities Sales Co. of La., Inc.; Sutherlin, Barry & Co., Gladney & Watson, New Orleans, are offering at 100 and int. \$700,000 1st Mtg. 7% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1923, due serially 1926 to 1938. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Int. payable J. & D. at Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans, La., trustee.

These bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on building and grounds of the Washington Hotel Co., Inc., owned in fee simple, consisting of a strictly modern, fireproof, steel reinforced concrete hotel, 8 stories in height including roof garden, in course of construction.

The bonds will be unconditionally guaranteed, principal and interest, by E. Kirby Smith of Shreveport, La., whose financial statement shows a net worth in excess of \$1,000,000.

Western Grocers, Ltd., Winnipeg.—Defers Pref. Div.—

The directors have voted to defer payment of the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, usually paid Oct. 15 on the 7% Cum. Partic. Pref. stock.—V. 108, p. 1299.

Western Knitting Mills, Inc.—Recapitalization Plan.—

The stockholders on Oct. 18 approved a recapitalization plan calling for a reduction in the Class B shares from 200,000 to 15,000, the new issue to be convertible into Class A stock, which was increased from 35,000 shares to 125,000 shares. It is proposed to exchange the present Class B stock, of which 147,525 shares are convertible, for the new Class B shares on the basis of one of the new for ten of the old.

The creditors of the company will receive about 14,500 new Class A shares in payment of 50% of their claims.

The stockholders will be offered 50,000 Class A shares at \$12.50 a share on the basis of 4 shares for each Class B share held. There will be made available for directors 6,600 shares for the payment of unliquidated claims, cancellation of contracts or other purposes.

Some time ago the company attempted to issue 35,000 shares of additional Class A stock at \$22.50 a share, but only a few stockholders subscribed and the offer was withdrawn. See V. 117, p. 792, 1137.

Western Power Corp.—To Re-classify Pref. Stock—To Provide for Accumulated Dividends.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 27 on re-classifying the shares of stock by altering the preferential rights of the authorized Pref. stock (including all shares now outstanding) so that hereafter (a) the holders of the Pref. stock shall be entitled to dividends at the rate of 7% (instead of only 6%) per annum in preference to the Common stock; and (b) the dividends on the Preferred stock shall be cumulative only from and after Oct. 1 1923 (instead of from and after Jan. 1 1915), thus cancelling (in consideration of such increase in the Preferred dividend rate) all claims to dividends accrued on the Preferred stock to Oct. 1 1923 and unpaid at the time of such alteration; and (c) the Preferred stock shall be subject to redemption at 107 1/2% and divs. No other change in the present designations, preferences, privileges and voting powers of the Preferred stock will be made.

President H. P. Wilson, New York, Oct. 18, writes in substance: Although the full 6% divs. have been regularly paid upon the Pref. stock for a number of years, the previous accumulations, amounting to \$13 per share (or over \$900,000 in all), remain unpaid. The advantage to the Common stockholders, as well as to the corporation, of disposing of these accruals (if accomplished without imposing too great a burden on the corporation) is obvious, and the directors have now agreed upon a method of accomplishing the desired object which is authorized by amendments to the New York statutes which have recently become law.

The plan here proposed calls for an increase in the annual Preferred dividend rate from 6 to 7% in consideration of the surrender by the Pref. stockholders of all their claims to back dividends (\$13 per share). The cost to the corporation in additional dividends would be 1% per annum on the par value of the Pref. shares, or about 8% per annum on the \$13 per share of accrued unpaid dividends so eliminated.

The certificate of incorporation provides that "the amount of capital with which the corporation will carry on business is \$7,813,500." In making the formal re-statement of capital it is recommended that the minimum capital be stated at \$10,747,500 (instead of at \$7,813,500). This would make the amount thereof conform with the amount of capital actually carried on the books.

Besides approving an adequate return to the Pref. stockholders for their present accruals, the plan would give to the Common stockholders the advantage of having over \$900,000 of prior dividend claims disposed of. It is believed that the value of the Common, as well as of the Preferred shares, would be more adequately reflected in current prices as a result of the removal of the accumulations.—V. 117, p. 1472.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

Results for Nine Months ended Sept. 30 (Sept. 1923 Estimated).

	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Gross revenues (includ. dividends & interest)	\$84,878,754	\$78,783,925	\$79,080,923	\$91,544,687
Maint.: repairs & reserve for depreciation	\$13,679,844	\$12,694,523	\$13,253,659	\$12,671,277
Oth. oper. exp. (incl. rent of leased lines & taxes)	59,468,269	54,885,421	57,983,438	67,329,523
Int. on bonded debt	1,730,137	1,730,137	1,058,471	998,887
Net Income	\$10,000,504	\$9,473,844	\$6,785,355	\$10,545,000

—V. 117, p. 563, 453.

White Oil Corp.—Time Extended.—The reorganization committee, Murray W. Dodge, Chairman, announces that the time for depositing preferred and common stocks with the Chase National Bank, New York, has been extended from Oct. 20 to Nov. 10. (See advertising pages and compare plan in V. 117, p. 1566.)

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Aug. 31 '23	Dec. 31 '22		Aug. 31 '23	Dec. 31 '22
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Oil lands & leases, lands, buildings, mach'y, equip., &c.	\$30,297,963	\$1,363,923	Preferred stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Investments	691,968	723,704	Common stock	25,094,506	25,094,506
Mat'ls & supplies	397,921	479,337	Equipment trust notes & liability	153,000	468,000
Cash	25,945	99,042	Deferred payments to leaseholders	161,438	294,306
Accts. & note rec.	250,324	452,601	1st mt. gold bonds	1,000,000	
Devel. & oper. exp. acct. assoc. int., recoverable from oil production	131,758	133,097	Bank loans	1,480,058	2,236,985
Oil & ref. prod., &c	408,724	551,107	Accts. & notes pay	301,039	612,280
Miscellaneous	10,094	7,055	Accruals	35,553	17,392
Deferred charges	65,082	30,503	Mn. int. in cap. stk. of sub. cos.	2,925	2,925
			Special reserve	2,053,270	2,798,879
Total	\$32,505,779	\$3,862,004	Surplus	\$723,388	\$86,733

Total... \$32,505,779 33,862,004

x After deducting \$11,700,821 reserve for depreciation and depletion. y Common stock represented by 951,289 shares of no par value. Compare also readjustment plan in V. 117, p. 1566, 1673.

White Oil & Refining Co.—Sales, &c.—

Sales for the third quarter of 1923 were \$4,136,766, compared with \$4,018,414 in 1922. Net income for the period was \$528,170 before de-

preciation, depletion and Federal taxes, compared with \$1,082,009 in 1922, and for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1923 totaled \$2,262,766, against \$2,516,619 in the same period in 1922.—V. 117, p. 1358.

Williams Sealing Corp., Decatur, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—N. L. Rogers & Co., Peoria, Ill., are offering at 100 and int. \$150,000 1st (Closed) Mtg. 7% Serial Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Sept. 1 1923; due serially Sept. 1 1925 to Sept. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100*. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. after Oct. 1 1928—non-callable prior to that date. Interest payable M. & S. in Chicago and Decatur without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Milliken Trust Co., Decatur, Ill., trustee.

Company.—Was founded in 1909 in Waterbury, Conn., and has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of Cork-N-Seal bottle caps and capping machinery for use in applying Cork-N-Seal to bottles. Cork-N-Seal is used by food products packers, manufacturing chemists, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and for patent and proprietary medicines, &c. Company has just recently added to its products a patented nozzle for tin cans, which more than doubles the sale possibilities of the Cork-N-Seal cap, the customers being manufacturers of shellac, varnish, oils, polishes, syrups, disinfectants, chemicals, &c.

Company numbers among its domestic customers the Standard Oil companies of New Jersey, Indiana, and California; Palmolive Co., Maltine Co., Parke, Davis & Co., R. L. Watkins Co., E. R. Squibb & Sons, &c.

This issue will be secured by a direct first (closed) mortgage upon all of the real estate, plants and machinery now owned or hereafter acquired by the company. Land, buildings and machinery have been appraised as of June 30 1923 by Coats & Burchard Co., public appraisers and engineers, as having a reproduction value of over \$380,000, while the net sound value is \$325,935, or well over two times the amount of this bond issue. Total net tangible assets are approximately \$3,000 per \$1,000 bond.

The company is carrying \$100,000 of insurance on the life of Mr. George A. Williams, which has been made payable to the trustee, under this mortgage, to be applied (in case of Mr. Williams' death) to the payment or retirement of this issue of bonds.

Proceeds.—Will be used to retire current debt, outstanding debenture bonds, and for general corporate purposes.

Earnings Applicable to Interest, Depreciation and Federal Taxes—Cal. Years.			
1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
\$39,308	\$46,719	\$37,816	def\$12,972
			\$52,486
			\$20,766
Capitalization—			Authorized.
1st (Closed) Mtg. 7% Gold bonds			\$150,000
6% Debenture bonds, due July 1 1924			90,000
7% Cumulative Preferred stock			75,000
Common stock			75,000

Balance Sheet June 30 1923 (After Proposed Financing).	
Assets	Liabilities
Cash on hand & in banks	Accounts payable
Receivables	Accrued local taxes
Inventory	Accrued interest
Deferred charges	Funded debt
Fixed assets	7% Cumul. Pref. stock
Patent rights	Common stock
	Surplus
Total	Total

Total \$574,088 Total \$574,088

Willys-Overland Co.—Increases Production Schedule.—It is announced that the company has advanced its production schedule to 600 cars daily from 515 and increased the working schedule from 5 to 7 1/2 days a week.—V. 117, p. 1358.

Wolverine Power Co., Sanford, Mich.—Bonds Sold.—Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich.; Powell, Garard & Co., Chicago, Ill., and the Milliken & York Co., Cleveland, Ohio, have sold, at par and interest, \$1,570,000 7% First Mtg. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1943. Interest payable J. & D. at Chicago, Toledo, New York City and Grand Rapids without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100 c*. Redeemable all or part, upon 60 days' notice, at 107 1/2% and interest until June 1 1933, and thereafter less 1% premium each year until June 1 1937, and thereafter less 1/2% premium each year until maturity. Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, and Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, trustees. Tax-exempt in Michigan. Present Penn. Conn. and Maryland personal property tax, and Mass. income tax refundable.

Data from Letter of Pres. Frank J. Wixom, Sanford, Mich., Oct. 1. Company.—A Delaware corporation. Has under construction four hydro-electric plants at Sanford, Edenville, Smallwood and Secords, with installed generating capacity of 15,000 h. p. Company owns approximately 12,600 acres of land, and water flowage rights on the Tittabawassee and Tobacco rivers and their tributaries. Of this acreage approximately 7,250 acres are owned in fee. This property is located in Midland and Gladwin counties in the east central part of the State of Michigan. The drainage area of the Tittabawassee River and its tributaries is approximately 2,750 square miles.

Contract for Output.—The entire electrical output of the Wolverine company has been contracted to the Consumers Power Co. The contract, extending for a period of 99 years, provides that the Consumers Power Co. shall purchase the entire electrical output of the Wolverine company delivered to its substation at Edenville at a price estimated to net, after deduction of taxes and operating expense, \$221,500 per year, or over twice the maximum annual interest charge of this issue.

The Consumers Power Co. is obligated to purchase all of the electrical energy developed by this property during the term of this contract, provision being made for the measurement of and payment for this developed power whether the Consumers Power Co. uses same or not, and this obligation of the Consumers Power Co. assures payment of the interest and sinking fund requirements of these bonds as the purchase of this power is in effect an operating charge against the Consumers Power Co.'s gross earnings.

In addition to the above-mentioned investment, the Consumers Power Co. is expending approximately \$800,000 in the construction of its transformer station at Edenville and the high tension transmission line from its main line at Zilwaukee to Edenville, in order to avail itself of this power.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on all the company's property now or hereafter owned, including dam sites, flowage lands and rights, hydro-electric plants and connecting transmission lines.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for a sinking fund, commencing June 1 1925, of 1% per annum of the largest amount of bonds at any one time outstanding; and also an additional sinking fund commencing June 1 1926, of the amount of saving in interest on the bonds retired by the sinking fund. Payments for the sinking fund are to be made to the Ohio trustee monthly, and such funds are to be used for the purchase of bonds in the open market, or for call by lot at the prevailing redemption price.

Purpose.—To provide for the completion of the five dams and four power stations and the purchase of the necessary equipment.

Capitalization—Authorized. Issued.

First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds	\$3,500,000	x\$1,570,000
Preferred Stock	800,000	800,000
Common Stock (no par value)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.

x The Mortgage provides for the issuance of \$130,000 additional bonds when the profits available for interest for 12 consecutive months shall be equivalent to twice annual interest on \$1,700,000 of bonds. Bonds in excess of \$1,700,000 may be issued, with the consent of the underwriters, only up to 60% of actual and reasonable expenditures for permanent extensions and additions to plants and properties, provided annual net earnings shall have been at least twice the annual interest charges on all first mortgage bonds outstanding, or up to 80% if such expenditures, provided the net earnings shall have been at least twice the annual interest charge on all first mortgage bonds outstanding and those proposed to be issued.

(Rudolph) Wulitzer Co.—Bus. Building.—The company has purchased the 15-story building at 116 and 118 West 42d St., extending through to 119 to 127 West 41st St., N. Y. City, wherein their main offices in the East are located.—V. 117, p. 337.

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, Oct. 19 1923.

COFFEE on the spot has been quiet but very firm; No. 7 Rio, 11¼c. to 11½c.; No. 4 Santos, 15 to 15½c. Mild was wanted but was scarce. Medellins, 20½ to 21c.; fair to good Cucuta, 16½ to 17c. Futures advanced sharply on the 15th, i. e., 17 to 25 points, owing to much higher cables and a good demand, especially for December, from importers and jobbers. Brazilian cables advanced, it was supposed on covering of shorts with a scarcity of desirable coffee. The restricted receipts hit Brazilian shorts hard. Much of the coffee arriving at Brazilian markets is said to be of the lower grades, showing in some cases the effects of rains. Some want the Brazilian bars let down and a larger marketing allowed, but could the railroads, it is asked, handle a much larger coffee traffic? Some doubt it. Meantime it was significant that cables were received offering premiums as high as 2 cents per pound to cancel previous sales to New York. On the 15th inst. a special morning cable showed Santos 1,100 to 1,300 reis (48 to 57 points) higher than last Thursday. Rio was 675 to 700 reis higher (about 30 points). Exchange on London rose 1-64 at 5 11-16d. and the dollar 40 reis higher at 10 \$240. To-day futures advanced 15 to 17 points under the stimulus of higher cables, covering of shorts and buying by trade houses. Rio on Thursday advanced 475 to 625 reis, and this morning 450 to 475 reis more. Santos closed on Thursday 600 to 800 reis higher and advanced 350 to 575 reis further this morning. Rio exchange on London fell 1-16d. to 5 3-64d. Dollar exchange was 120 reis higher, touching 10 \$480. Some are inclined to reduce crop estimates on Santos by considerable. In any case the Brazilian markets showed a snap and strength that woke up the shorts here and invited trade buying. Final quotations show a rise for the week of no less than 47 to 50 points. Coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unoff.) 11¼-½c. | March ----- 8.53@8.54 | July ----- 7.95@7.96
 December ----- 9.17@9.20 | May ----- 8.23@8.24 | September ----- 7.82@7.83

SUGAR was quiet early in the week at 5¼c. for Cuba. The United Kingdom reported a sale of Mauritius whites (preferential) at 28s. 6d., c. i. f., with more buyers at that price and sellers at 28s. 9d. The United Kingdom would buy February Cubas, some thought, at 3.95c., f. o. b., equal to about 4¼c., c. & f. New York. Refined sugar was quiet at 9.15 to 9.50c., with moderate offerings of second-hand sugars at 9 to 9.10c. Colorado beet refined was offered for thirty-day shipment as far East as Buffalo-Pittsburgh at 8.70c., said to be the first time that such sugars have come so far East since 1914 or 1915. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 20,047 tons, against 23,350 last week, 8,463 in the same week last year and 8,880 two years ago; exports, 53,932 tons, against 67,096 last week, 42,261 last year and 22,740 two years ago; stock, 207,918 tons, against 241,803 last week, 282,674 last year and 1,169,628 two years ago. A refining company on the 16th inst. bought 10,000 bags of Cuban raw sugars here for second half October shipment at 5¼c., c. & f. Later sales included 20,000 bags Cuba, October arrival, at 5¼c., c. & f.; 12,000 to 14,000 bags Porto Rico afloat and October shipment at 7.66c., delivered; 400 tons Peru, early November arrival, at 5¼c., c. i. f. Some express the belief that Western beet sugar will compete sharply now with cane refined. A thousand tons of new-crop Cuba, February-March shipment, were sold at 4.20c., f. o. b. Cuba. Willett & Gray's weekly United States Atlantic port figures were as follows: Receipts for the week were 41,927 tons, against 67,304 tons in the previous week, 17,768 in the same week last year and 38,950 two years ago; meltings, 60,000 tons, against 64,000 in the previous week, 36,000 last year and 50,000 two years ago; total stock, 88,332 tons, against 106,405 tons in the previous week, 56,342 last year and 86,735 two years ago. To-day sugar was offered more freely and there were rumors that sales were made at 5¼c., c. & f., for Cuba. Offerings were larger and the demand smaller. Venezuela sold on Thursday, due next week, at 5 7-16c., c. i. f. Refined to-day was quiet and obtainable at 9.10 to 9.15c., it was said, though nominal quotations were 9.25 to 9.50c. Resale sugar was 9 to 9.05c.

Louisiana raws sold for November delivery, it is stated, at 7¼c. Futures to-day were 4 to 8 points lower. They end 2 points lower to 3 points higher for the week. Prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 5¼c. | March ----- 4.04@4.06 | July ----- 4.19@Nom
 December ----- 5.08@5.09 | May ----- 4.12@4.13

LARD in fair demand; prime Western, 13.20c.; refined to Continent, 14.50c.; South America, 14.75c.; Brazil, 15.75c. Futures have been a little irregular, declining at one time with grain lower. Hogs fell 25 to 40c. on the 18th. Selling of November and December lard by the smaller packers for hedge account has some effect. But Liverpool was unchanged to 18s. 6d. higher, and this braced up Chicago prices somewhat, especially as buying increased. English prices have been nearer to working basis. To-day prices showed little net change. The ending is 2 points lower to 2 points higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery	12.12	12.22	12.20	12.20	12.17	12.17
January delivery	11.05	11.17	11.07	11.02	10.99	11.00

PORK dull; mess, \$25 50 to \$26; family, \$30 to \$33; short clear, \$25 to \$32. Beef quiet; mess, \$15 to \$16 nom.; packet, \$17 to \$18; family, \$19 to 20; extra India mess, \$30 to \$32; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2 35; No. 2, \$4; 6 lbs., \$15; pickled tongues, \$35 to \$65 nom., per bbl. Cut meats irregular; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 13@17¼c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 13@15½c. Chicago wired Oct. 14: At 20 points the marketings of all livestock so far this year have surpassed all records, the total being 54,872,000 of cattle, hogs and sheep, an increase of 8,382,000 over last year. Receipts of hogs are 32,338,000, or 7,080,000 over last year; cattle, 10,978,000, a gain of 546,000, and sheep 11,556,000, an increase of 756,000, but a decrease of almost 500,000 from 1921. In 1920, the next highest year of marketing, total receipts of live stock for the year to date were 48,113,000. Hog receipts here last week were the largest in two months and above the ten-year average. The same is nearly true of cattle. Feeders were in active demand with the bulk of sales at \$6 75 to \$7 75, although a few of the best ranged up to \$8 50. Top prices on beef steers were \$12, or 50 cents to \$1 lower than the previous week. Hogs declined to the lowest point in two months with an average of \$7 60, a loss of 10 cents for the week and comparing with \$9 05 last year. Butter, creamery seconds to high scoring, 42 to 49c. Cheese, flats, fancy whites to fancy specials, 27 to 28c. Eggs, fresh gathered trade to extra fancy, 26½ to 29c.

OILS.—Linseed quiet but steady. Spot carloads quoted at 95c.; tanks, 89c.; less than carloads, 98c.; less than 5 barrels, \$1 01. Buyers are purchasing very sparingly. Coconut oil, Ceylon barrels, 9¼c.; corn, crude, tanks, mills, spot New York, 9c.; refined, 100-barrel lots, 12¼c. Olive, \$1 12. Cod, domestic, 66 to 68c.; Newfoundland, 68 to 70c. Lard, prime, 15¼c.; extra strained, 13¼c.; Spirits of turpentine, \$1 01. Rosin, \$5 80 to \$7. Cottonseed oil sales to-day were 19,800 barrels, including switches. S. E., 9.37¼c. bid. Closing prices as follows:

Spot	11.90@12.50	Dec	10.65@10.68	March	10.79@10.80
Oct.	12.00@12.15	Jan	10.65@10.66	April	10.80@10.90
Nov.	10.90@10.95	Feb	10.70@10.76	May	10.95@11.00

PETROLEUM.—Again crude oil prices were cut by the Magnolia Petroleum Co. High gravity oil was reduced 20c. to 50c. On 33 to 39.9 gravity the new price is \$1 10, against \$1 30, and for 40 gravity and above \$1 25 against \$1 75. Low gravity prices are unchanged. Bunker oil has been rather quiet at \$1 45 per barrel f. o. b. New York refiner. Stocks of this oil are very large. Gas oil dull. Later kerosene was reported firmer with a good demand. On the 17th inst. the gasoline tank wagon price was cut 2c. by the Gulf Refining Co. throughout its territory. (which includes 24 States), except in Massachusetts where the reduction was 3c., which brings the price down to 15½c. The New York price will be 16½c. It is expected that the Standard Oil companies will meet these reductions. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 25.15c. U. S. Navy specifications, 11.50c.; naphtha, cargo lots, 12.50c.; 63 to 66 degrees, 14.50c.; 66 to 68 degrees, 16c. Kerosene, in cargo lots, cases, 15.90c. Petroleum refined, tank wagon to store, 14c. Motor gasoline, garages (steel barrels), 16½c.

In New York the wholesale price of gasoline was quoted at 16½c. on the 17th inst., and in Boston 15½c., bringing the retail price down to about 19c. Other States have been selling gasoline at less than New York prices, though some of them levy a tax and New York does not. The American consumption is of enormous size, yet the output outruns it. It is a knotty question to solve. A decrease in the Los Angeles basis has been more than offset by the big output in the Powell fields of Texas. The financing of storage for

9,000,000 bbls. of crude oil and 1,500,000,000 gallons of gasoline between now and next spring, in view of the natural decrease in demand during the winter, has caused a vexing situation to the oil companies. Gasoline stocks held by refiners on Sept. 1 were estimated at 1,053,856,000 gallons by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. As the country consumed 760,487,000 gallons during August the stocks held would last only 43 days during a period of peak consumption. With winter ahead, however, the demand shows considerable slackening.

Acting Mayor Murray Hulbert of New York asks for investigations by the State Attorney-General and by Congress into the price of gasoline in this State, i. e., 21 to 22c. at retail, with wholesale prices as he hears of 9c. delivered here. Later in the week the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced gasoline prices in New Jersey 2c. a gallon. The Standard Oil Co. of New York cut the price of gasoline in steel barrels to garage 2c. per gallon in New York and New England, excepting Massachusetts, where the cut amounted to 3c. The Gulf Pipe Line Co. reduced Gulf Coast crude oil 25c. per barrel to 75c. per barrel for all grades, with the exception of Pierce Junction and Blue Ridge Grade B, which are now down to 65c. per barrel. This is the first change in this crude oil since Aug. 18.

Pennsylvania	.....\$2 50	Ragland	.....\$ .75	Illinois	.....\$1 47
Corning	.....1 45	Wooster	.....1 50	Crichton	.....90
Cabell	.....1 35	Lima	.....1 68	Plymouth	.....85
Somerset	.....1 25	Indiana	.....1 48	Mexia	.....1 00
Somerset, light	.....1 40	Princeton	.....1 47	California 3s	.....76

RUBBER has been lower in sympathy with London. Business has been quiet. Later the tone was steadier. First latex crepe, spot October, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; November, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; December, 27c.; January-March, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; smoked ribbed sheets, spot October, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; November, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; December, 27c.; January-March, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. London on Oct. 15 dropped to 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for plantation standard on the spot, a decline of $\frac{3}{8}$ d. in a week. An increase of 1,849 tons took place in the London stocks. They reached 57,217 tons, against 55,368 tons in the previous week, 69,710 tons last year and 69,906 tons two years ago. Crude rubber is being manufactured at Para, Brazil, from the local raw product. In London on Oct. 16 plantation standard sold down on the spot to 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ d., a decline of $\frac{3}{8}$ d. According to the "Rubber Age," conditions in the mechanical rubber goods line are much better than at this time last year, sales in some quarters being 25% greater than in 1922. Some plants are busy on this fall and winter's line of footwear, while others are working on next summer's stocks of hose. The recent tire price cuts have unstabilized this field. The United States Rubber Co. has readjusted prices, reducing certain grades 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 12% and advancing other grades 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 10%. New prices are net to dealers. London on Oct. 18 advanced $\frac{1}{8}$ d., touching 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Exports from Singapore for the first two weeks of October were 1,600 tons to the United Kingdom, 1,100 to the Continent and 6,750 tons to the United States.

HIDES were rather steadier early in the week. Late advices from the River Plate section stated the heavy-weight Montevideo hides were firmer and sales were reported of 6,000 at \$44, or 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. c. & f., sight credit. Both United States and European buyers were looking around. Here trade was quiet. At Chicago big packer hides were active. Buyers wanted country extremes and some tanners got 25 to 45 pound weights at 10c., Chicago basis. Other lots free of grubs brought 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; as high as 11c. was paid for strictly short-haired free of grub stock. Later River Plate sales included 2,000 Las Palmas frigorifico steers, 4,000 La Plata steers and 4,000 Swift La Plata steers, all at \$40 25, or 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. c. i. f. freight. Both United States and European buyers were in the market. City packer hides were rather more active and it seems that then cars of spread native steers of October-December salting sold at 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Country hides were dull. Leather was dull. When it will wake up nobody seems to have any very clear idea.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Grain charters have recently been active at firm rates. To Greece and Japan the shipments have attracted attention either from actual business or an increased inquiry. Later business died down. Tanker charters, however, were more active. There was at times a steady demand for full cargo steamers and rates were firm. Prompt grain berth room from New York advanced slightly to the United Kingdom, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Christiania and Marseilles.

Charters included grain from Atlantic range to Greece, 19c., Oct.-Nov.; from Montreal to Mediterranean, 4s. Nov.; from Atlantic range to Genoa, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Nov.-Dec.; clean products from Gulf to French Atlantic ports, 23s. 6d., Oct.; lumber from Gulf to River Plate, 155s., Nov.; one round trip in West Indies trade, 9,275-ton steamer, delivery north of Hatteras port, 85c., prompt; grain from Montreal to Greece, 22c., first half Nov.; 12 months general time charter, 4,044-ton steamer, 8s., Oct.; coal from Atlantic range to St. Lucia, \$2, prompt; coal from Baltimore to Curacao, \$2, Oct.; coal from Atlantic range to Rouen, \$2 50, Oct.; grain from Montreal to west coast of Italy, 4s. 3d., first half Nov.; loading; from Montreal to Greece, 22c., Oct.-Nov.; oil from San Pedro to north of Hatteras, 10c., steamer, \$1 35, Oct.; crude oil from Atlantic range to West Indies, \$2, Oct.; from Hampton Roads to Antwerp-Hamburg range, \$2 25, Oct.; coal from Atlantic range to Rio Janeiro, \$3 65, Dec.; grain from Atlantic range to Denmark or Sweden, four ports basis, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Dec.; grain from Atlantic range to Mediterranean, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Nov.; grain from Montreal to west coast of Italy, 20 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; first half Nov. loading; grain from North Pacific to United Kingdom and Continent, 37s., Nov.; from North Pacific to United Kingdom and Continent, 37s., Dec.; gasoline from Los Angeles to Philadelphia, 70s., Dec.-Jan.; coal from Atlantic range to Rio Janeiro, \$4 15, prompt; round trip in Canadian trade delivery and re-delivery north of Hatteras, 31c., Oct.; ton steamer, 95c., Oct.; crude oil from Tampico to Fall River, 31c., Oct.; from Tampico to New York, 29c., Oct.; gas oil from Gulf to Hamburg, Gothenburg or Copenhagen, 23s. a ton, one port, 24s., two ports of discharge, Nov.; gasoline from Gulf to Rouen, 24s., Nov.; from Gulf to Copenhagen, 24s., Oct.; oil from Tampico to New Orleans, 16c.; gasoline

from Tampico to New Orleans, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Oct.; ore from Bizerta to Philadelphia, 7s., Nov.; grain from Montreal to west coast of Italy, 4s. 3d., Nov.; coal from Wales to Atlantic range, 7s. 6d., Oct.; from Swansea to Montreal, 7s. 6d., free discharge, Oct.; one round trip West Indies or Canada, 1,177-ton steamer, \$1 40, prompt.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand and steady. Wisconsin recently had frosts that to all appearance did no small damage to the growing crop, and the 1922 tobacco nas naturally felt the effects in firmer prices. Samples of the new Wisconsin packing are expected to be shown in a couple of weeks. This may stimulate business somewhat. In a nutshell, tobacco is not active, but it is steady and the feeling in the trade is hopeful.

COAL was in good domestic demand for anthracite early in the week at firm prices. Soft coal has been slow. Chicago has been dull. For chestnut anthracite the demand has been especially good. Other sizes of anthracite have been as a rule in light demand. Later the demand increased somewhat for Pools Nos. 9 and 10. Anthracite output ran above 2,000,000 tons a week. Smokeless coal was wanted.

COPPER early in the week showed little change from last Friday, i. e., 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Later, however, a few sales were reported at 13c., and the tone was firmer. On the 15th inst. sales of 5,000,000 lbs. of copper were reported, of which 50% went to France and 20% to Germany. The sales to Germany were the largest in many weeks, it was said. Domestic buying was small, however. Electrolytic copper for domestic shipment was 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. delivered to the end of the year, alongside ship; New York, 12.80c. The Board of Managers of the New York Metal Exchange has added the following rule, effective Oct. 29:

Dealings in electrolytic copper on the call or on the floor of the Exchange, unless otherwise specified, shall be f.o.b. Eastern refinery, and buyer's option as to shapes, subject to usual allowances and charges, without option to deliver Lake copper on contracts. All provisions to the contrary in the rules or contracts are non-effective so far as concerns transactions under this rule, which shall be attached to and form part of the contract.

It was also decided that on and after Monday, Oct. 29, the Exchange will be open for business between 10 and 11 a. m. and 2 and 3 p. m., with calls at 10:30 and 2:30.

TIN quiet, with not much change in price. Spot, 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. London of late has been higher, and sales there, as well as at Singapore have been of normal volume. The premium on spot tin here is falling owing to predictions that there will be more tin available for October delivery than was at one time expected.

LEAD remains unchanged here, despite continued advances in London. Spot, New York, 6.85@7c.; East St. Louis, 6.55@6.60c.

ZINC.—Higher London cables and a good British demand put up prices here. It is estimated in some quarters that England will have to purchase 4,000 tons mostly from America. There has also been a fair demand from the galvanizing trade. Spot, New York, 6.70@6.75c.; East St. Louis, 6.35@6.40c.

STEEL has been declining with a gradually falling, though still large consumption. New orders by no means match the shipments. The days when orders crowded close on shipments, and even greatly overlapped them, are gone. At any rate for a time. It is true that there is a good demand from the railroads, a steady call from building interests and a rather remarkably large November and December demand from automobile makers. But on the other hand, within the last sixty days the shipments have been so heavy to some consumers that there is some re-selling at under mill prices of bars, for instance. In the Middle West, too, there has been more or less irregularity on this account. Jobbers, that is to say, have cut under regular prices \$2 a ton on plates, shapes and bars. Even the most optimistic admit that consumers are feeling their way. And yet it is said that October orders are larger than those of September by some 20%, and even 40% over those of August. It is said that the orders for sheets in September were the largest for four or five months previous. Railroads, it is said, want 25,000 cars and fully 250 locomotives. Pipe foundries have been doing a pretty good business, though it is a fact that Continental manufacturers, including French, are competing successfully with American in some cases for California orders.

PIG IRON has been dull and declining; that is, to \$19 Birmingham, or \$2 lower than recently. Buffalo iron has fallen to \$22 and eastern Pennsylvania to \$23. What is more, the drift is to all appearance still downward. What the real Pennsylvania price is nobody ventures to say. There is no enlightening business to tell. Enough for the moment that a composite price of pig iron is \$7 lower than a year ago. In fact, it is the lowest in about a year and half. More furnaces are to blow out owing to the unsatisfactory market. It is true that at a price buyers will take hold to a certain extent. It is stated that within a week the sales in the Buffalo district have reached 15,000 tons at \$22 to \$23 50. The lowest prices were made for shipment into other than Buffalo territory, such as New England. It is a significant fact, too, that not even a steady decrease in the output has stayed the decline in coke. Connellsville medium sulphur has been selling at \$3 25 per ton, furnace at \$3 75 to \$4 and foundry at \$5 to \$6 50. These are certainly anything but halcyon times in the iron and coke business. At Chicago declines of 50 cents to \$1 50 a ton in old iron and steel prices were recorded at beginning of the week. Heavy melting steel was marked down \$1 a ton to \$14.

WOOL.—Crossbreds have been in pretty good demand and steady. Buenos Aires 4s and 5s are wanted, it is stated, by spinners of coarse Bradford yarns. The supply of merinos is dwindling here. There is a certain amount of buying of merinos by manufacturers of fine dress goods and fine yarn counts. In the main, however, wool is not active and it is conceded that to stimulate business recent prices in some cases are shaded. Carpet wools are quiet.

At Bradford last week tops and crossbreds were more active both for home use and export, chiefly in medium sorts. Prices were stronger. Japan was a good buyer. Merinos were quiet but steady. Crossbred yarns were in fair Continental demand. Spinners are wary about selling for forward delivery at present prices. For piece goods more inquiry was noted, but mostly at unworkable prices. Botany cloths are neglected because of French competition.

At Hull on the 11th inst. the British-Australia Wool Realization Association total offerings for the two sessions were 33,500 bales of Australian greasy and scoured crossbreds. Attendance large. Prices mostly 5 to 7½% above those of last month's auction in London. British and Continental demand was sharp. Ninety-five per cent of the offering was sold. Greasy crossbreds, medium, were 7½% higher; other descriptions 5%.

At Adelaide, South Australia, on Oct. 12, 25,000 bales were offered. Selection good, and most of it sold. Good Yorkshire and Continental demand. American operators did little. Compared with the sale of Sept. 21 the best fleece was slightly higher, ordinary faulty was unchanged to 5% lower and skirtings and lambs firm. Highest prices paid, 28½d. At Melbourne, Australia, on Oct. 16, 5,600 bales were offered and 5,100 bales sold. Continental buyers bought freely. Americans took some. Compared with the opening of the season, medium crossbreds were 10% higher; other descriptions firm. Australian and New Zealand wool exports for the three months ended Sept. 30 were as follows: Australia, 140,000 bales, against 424,000 in the same time last year; New Zealand, 45,000, against 99,000 in the same time last year. The "Commercial Bulletin" will say on Saturday:

The demand for wool has continued moderate during the past week and prices have been generally well sustained. The manufacturers have favored, especially, the low to medium qualities rather than the finer grades, request for these descriptions coming chiefly from the knit goods manufacturers.

The foreign markets have been strong especially for good wools, with inferior descriptions occasionally slightly irregular. Bradford quotes medium to low cross-bred tops up a half penny.

The fall clip movement continues rather slow with prices hardly changed. Mohair is rather slow and prices are only steady.

The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston, from Jan. 1 1923 to Oct. 18 1923, inclusive, were 112,478,300 pounds, against 101,924,675 pounds for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1 1923 to Oct. 18 1923, inclusive, were 382,652,200 pounds, against 347,193,011 pounds for the same period last year.

COTTON

Friday Night, Oct. 19 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 287,213 bales, against 273,052 bales last week and 329,949 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1923 2,040,373 bales, against 1,773,383 bales for the same period of 1922, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1923 of 266,990 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	15,867	22,694	40,616	22,059	15,506	10,968	127,710
Texas City						817	817
Houston	11,569	14,724	27,028			1,400	54,721
New Orleans	5,398	5,464	10,974	5,258	9,327	4,716	41,137
Mobile	339	87	335	107	177	372	1,417
Jacksonville						98	98
Savannah	2,275	2,930	3,347	1,544	2,528	3,029	15,653
Brunswick						49	49
Charleston	977	1,976	1,016	2,036	1,420	2,095	9,520
Wilmington	1,072	1,788	3,192	1,544	417	703	8,716
Norfolk	3,663	3,000	4,912	3,028	3,567	8,290	26,460
Boston		49	21		29		99
Baltimore						744	744
Philadelphia						72	72
Totals this week.	41,160	52,712	91,441	35,605	32,942	33,353	287,213

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1923 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

Receipts to Oct. 19.	1923.		1922.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1923.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	127,710	1,138,514	147,145	945,561	268,983	428,256
Texas City	817	10,809	8,145	17,590	2,206	15,343
Houston	54,721	350,434	52,030	173,972		
Port Arthur, &c.						
New Orleans	41,137	221,940	67,256	277,113	110,818	197,151
Gulfport						
Mobile	1,417	8,781	4,728	29,660	6,515	13,928
Pensacola		497		944		
Jacksonville	98	694	413	6,300	2,577	6,618
Savannah	15,653	111,675	15,594	170,947	67,672	91,029
Brunswick	49	106	1,031	22,993	217	1,050
Charleston	9,520	44,414	6,498	23,823	46,201	47,161
Georgetown						
Wilmington	8,716	40,172	6,915	33,537	23,986	23,768
Norfolk	26,460	105,186	15,325	60,465	65,977	65,881
N'port News, &c.				1,410		62,378
New York		600		3,701	19,310	4,879
Boston	99	3,335		2,647	2,647	4,879
Baltimore	744	2,405	940	2,803	995	2,032
Philadelphia	72	811		564	4,250	4,187
Totals	287,213	2,040,373	326,020	1,773,383	622,354	963,661

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Galveston	127,710	147,145	116,304	130,992	81,438	54,732
Houston, &c.	54,721	8,145	32,568	11,425	5,840	389
New Orleans	41,137	67,256	56,031	41,207	39,500	39,798
Mobile	1,417	4,728	5,698	1,581	3,759	3,477
Savannah	15,653	15,594	28,315	32,885	54,885	35,937
Brunswick	49	1,031	827	1,300	4,000	4,000
Charleston	9,520	6,498	2,697	3,291	14,793	6,302
Wilmington	8,716	6,915	6,327	8,232	5,165	5,227
Norfolk	26,460	15,325	16,972	10,662	17,627	17,354
N'port N., &c.			48	42	68	141
All others	1,830	53,383	3,297	826	2,324	1,873
Total this wk.	287,213	326,020	269,084	241,843	229,399	169,230
Since Aug. 1.	2,040,373	1,773,383	1,835,353	1,248,097	1,188,147	1,356,983

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 239,338 bales, of which 78,753 were to Great Britain, 52,281 to France and 108,304 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1923.

Exports from—	Week ending Oct. 19 1923. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1923 to Oct. 19 1923. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	40,033	33,020	59,633	132,686	175,451	115,922	350,657	642,030
Houston	24,518	11,641	18,562	54,721	123,733	76,899	149,562	350,194
New Orleans	1,962	454	2,351	4,767	13,622	1,616	13,547	28,785
Mobile	1,505			1,505	1,505		350	1,855
Pensacola				497				497
Savannah	5,898		5,600	11,498	30,383	1,150	8,679	40,212
Brunswick				475	50			50
Charleston			475	475	11,921		6,483	18,404
Wilmington							9,000	9,000
Norfolk	700		1,000	1,700	22,722		9,023	31,745
New York	4,137	7,166	6,360	17,663	69,116	24,941	68,158	162,215
Boston					252		97	349
Los Angeles							3,000	3,000
San Fran.			3,500	3,500			32,475	32,475
Seattle			10,823	10,823			26,048	26,048
Total	78,753	52,281	108,304	239,338	449,252	220,528	677,079	1,346,859
Total 1923.	40,459	33,572	100,127	174,158	327,904	174,999	535,868	1,038,771
Total 1922.	90,944	24,848	125,864	241,656	335,246	212,635	930,901	1,478,782

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 month of September the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 6,163 bales, of which 5,529 bales were to Quebec and 634 bales to Maritime Provinces. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 4,672 bales. For the two months ending Sept. 30 this year there were 10,993 bales exported, as against 18,983 bales for the corresponding two months last year.

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.

Oct. 19 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'n.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	3,730	2,800	5,000	8,513	18,000	230,940
New Orleans	3,712	959	838	8,440	2,873	93,996
Savannah					500	67,172
Galveston						46,201
Mobile	125				200	6,190
Norfolk						65,977
Other ports *	4,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	400	40,788
Total 1923.	11,567	5,759	6,838	18,953	21,973	557,264
Total 1922.	49,723	17,369	18,668	47,665	11,725	145,150
Total 1921.	56,215	18,180	21,408	52,073	10,627	158,503

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery, at one time active, has died down of late and prices, after advancing gradually, declined for a time with better weather in the Southwest, dulness of textiles, reports of curtailment by mills in Massachusetts and the South and unfavorable news from Germany. But the ending is higher for the week. Frost is threatened and a special Government report likely, it is believed, to be bullish. The stock market, however, has been lower or irregular and foreign exchange has fallen, as internal troubles in Germany multiply. Hungry mobs stormed the Berlin Stock Exchange and City Hall and there seemed to be threats of a general German strike, if German soldiers should march to quell the rioting in Saxony. A settlement of the Ruhr and reparations questions are taken by many to be as far off as ever. Ex-Premier Lloyd George in a Chicago speech seemed to take a pessimistic stand in regard to the outlook of affairs in Germany, and Europe in general. And of late bull speculation has dwindled here noticeably. The market has more than once disregarded a sharp advance in Liverpool which has recently become bullish on the ground that the American crop is inadequate for the third year in succession. Operators who were recently aggressive on the bull side have latterly been timid about following the market up to the recent high level. Fall River's output for two weeks ending Oct. 13 were 280,000 pieces and the sales only 80,000. For the present week the total sales are estimated at something like 50,000 pieces. Of course this is unsatisfactory. In active times the sales there have been as high as 200,000 and even 300,000 pieces in a single week. There have been reports that two Massachusetts mills have located

of late at Charlotte, N. C. Southern mills in some cases, it is said, have considerably curtailed their output of gingham, for which the sale was slow. It is supposed to have been overproduction of gingham which led to the recent closing down in a dull market of the cotton department of the Amoskeag Mills at Manchester, N. H. These New Hampshire mills are said to absorb some 5% of the cotton annually shipped to New England. Latterly yarns have been dull and in some cases declining. Raw silk has fallen. Woolen goods have been quiet. Mills at Lowell, Mass., have reduced their running time to three days a week. Hedge selling here has latterly increased and trade buying has correspondingly fallen off. Wall Street has been bearish on the general situation. It is understood that some of the same operators who have been selling stocks have been selling cotton. On Tuesday one of these operators, it is said, sold 40,000 bales of December. The idea of these traders is that the advance has been too rapid and has gone too far; that the consumer will not pay for goods made from 28 to 30-cent cotton. It is also feared that the market will break under the big receipts which are coming before long. Hedge selling, it is predicted, will then greatly increase. For several days past, indeed, it has been noticeably larger. October, moreover, which at one time was 70 points over December and 107 over January, has latterly fallen to 40 over December and 90 over January, largely because of rumors that considerable cotton is coming this way for delivery on October contract. Some reports put these shipments at 10,000 to 12,000 bales a day.

It might possibly be more than that. Probably such shipments would be promptly snapped up by cotton merchants who find it hard to get desirable grades, it is said, at the South. But at a time when the air is full of bearish predictions, when bull enthusiasm has greatly declined and when powerful Wall Street and other interests are plainly disposed to sell the market, these reports of pending shipments to New York from the South for October tender have by no means been without their effect. That is plain enough indeed from the declines in the premiums. Also, the spot basis has latterly fallen. Spot prices have been drifting downward. Some Texas reports of late have said that the demand was less urgent. And what has further discouraged some of the friends of cotton is that of late the market has disregarded heavy rains in the central and eastern Gulf sections of the belt and storm warnings of further Gulf storms. There has been a good deal of liquidation. The long interest proved to be larger than was suspected. In a very short time, it will be remembered, there was an advance of 6c. or 9c. since July 30. Then came a reaction, but this was followed only recently by a rise of some 2½c. Then the market seemed to lag. It became hard to bull. And of late, as already intimated, there has been a gradual drift downward.

But on the other hand there are still many who believe that cotton must eventually advance under the stimulus of bullish facts of supply and demand at home and abroad. Liverpool, so long a skeptic, has recently become bullish on the small carry-over and the very moderate crop, even putting it at 11,000,000 bales as the Government estimated it in its last monthly report. Liverpool has been buying here quite steadily of late. For several days Liverpool has tried to set the pace upward for New York. It has been New York that has balked at an advance, not Liverpool, although it is true that Liverpool has reacted under what was practically a repulse by New York. But the fact remains that British sentiment about cotton has evidently swung to the bull side. Manchester has reported a better demand for cloths, and also, at times, for yarns. In miscellaneous goods it has been doing a better trade with its minor markets. At times, too, Fall River has shown rather more life. Worth Street has been firm. And on the 17th inst. it was announced that the American Thread Co. of Holyoke, Mass., had adopted a 5-day week in contrast with a 3 to 4-day week during much of the summer. Latterly the exports from this country have been very large. On Thursday they were no less than 86,000 bales and on the 16th inst. 66,852 bales. Most of these exports have been from Galveston. They have gone not only to Great Britain, but also to France and other parts of the Continent, inferentially in part to Germany. It has been said that not a little of the business in cotton, copper, etc., supposed to be with Germany recently was really for shipment to Germany to be forwarded to other countries. But those who note the rising tide of exports are not disposed to look "a gift horse in the mouth." They are encouraged by the fact that the exports are running heavier than the same time last year. Also, if the weather has been better of late in Oklahoma and Texas there have been rains up to 4 inches in Tennessee, 4½ in Mississippi and 6¾ in Alabama, something which, it is contended, will damage the grade and not improbably, to some extent at least, reduce the quantity. The census figures on the 13th inst. showed a larger consumption for September than was expected, and singularly enough, in view of recent New England and Southern complaints of dulness of trade, a noticeable increase during September of the number of active spindles. The supplies

held by mills and warehouses are down to a regrettably low stage.

To-day prices advanced 47 to 73 points, owing to the fact that the Government will issue a crop report on Nov. 1, rains east of the Mississippi, a forecast of frost for Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas, and rumors that the next ginning report is likely to be bullish or well under the total up to Oct. 18 last year, which was approximately 6,900,000 bales. Also, there were reports that three Amoskeag mills will resume work on Monday and that many Lancashire mills will start up again next week on full time, having secured the necessary supplies of cotton and also having a better trade. Furthermore, Liverpool was stronger. No attention was paid to unfavorable reports from Fall River and New Bedford. The market was found to be short. Contracts became scarce. October was sluggish in following the rise because of the issuance of ten notices, which were taken by not a few to mean the herald of perhaps quite a good many more to come. The ending was firm at not far from the highest prices of the day. The wind-up for the week shows a rise of 117 to 153 points. Spot cotton closed at 30.20c. for middling, a rise for the week of 120 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Oct. 18 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Oct. 25 1923.

Middling fair.....	1.31 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.37 off
Strict good middling.....	1.04 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.75 off
Good middling.....	.77 on	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.23 off
Strict middling.....	.48 on	*Middling yellow stained.....	1.76 off
Strict low middling.....	.80 off	Good middling "gray".....	.31 off
Low middling.....	1.58 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	.82 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	2.40 off	*Middling "gray".....	1.31 off
*Good ordinary.....	3.23 off	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	2.12 off
Good middling spotted.....	.24 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.88 off
Strict middling spotted.....	.16 off	Good middling "yellow" stained.....	1.24 off
Middling spotted.....	.67 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	1.81 off
*Strict low middling spotted.....	1.42 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	2.38 off
*Low middling spotted.....	2.16 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.06 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.14 on	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.56 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.29 off	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.15 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.67 off		

* these grades are not deliverable.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Oct. 13 to Oct. 19—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	29.70	30.45	30.25	30.05	29.80	30.20

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Oct. 19 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1923	30.20c.	1915	12.65c.	1907	11.75c.	1899	7.38c.
1922	23.05c.	1914	12.65c.	1906	11.00c.	1898	5.44c.
1921	18.75c.	1913	13.80c.	1905	10.25c.	1897	6.19c.
1920	20.50c.	1912	10.90c.	1904	10.25c.	1896	7.94c.
1919	35.00c.	1911	9.35c.	1903	9.10c.	1895	9.12c.
1918	32.85c.	1910	14.45c.	1902	8.70c.	1894	5.94c.
1917	28.65c.	1909	14.00c.	1901	8.50c.	1893	8.56c.
1916	18.35c.	1908	9.20c.	1900	9.75c.	1892	8.12c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed	Futures Market Closed	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ts.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 70 pts. adv.	Firm			
Monday	Steady, 75 pts. adv.	Steady			
Tuesday	Steady, 20 pts. dec.	Steady			
Wednesday	Steady, 20 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Thursday	Quiet, 25 pts. dec.	Steady			
Friday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Firm			
Total			nil	nil	nil

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Oct. 13.	Monday, Oct. 15.	Tuesday, Oct. 16.	Wed'day, Oct. 17.	Thurs'd'y, Oct. 18.	Friday, Oct. 19.	Week.
October—							
Range	28.90-23	29.50-98	29.50-86	29.55-30	29.20-80	29.00-70	28.90-30
Closing	29.19-20	29.95-98	29.75	29.55	29.23-33	29.67-70	
November—							
Range	28.63-68	29.45				29.38	28.63-45
Closing	28.60	29.45	29.25	29.10	28.93	29.55	
December—							
Range	28.38-70	29.05-48	28.88-29	28.95-47	28.74-12	28.70-48	28.38-48
Closing	28.58-60	29.32-40	29.08-11	28.95-97	28.83-85	29.45-48	
January—							
Range	27.90-16	28.55-88	28.32-77	28.43-87	28.25-66	28.2-98	27.90-98
Closing	28.08-11	28.80-82	28.55-60	28.48-50	28.32-35	28.95-98	
February—							
Range							
Closing	28.12	28.83	28.57	28.50	28.35	28.99	
March—							
Range	28.00-26	28.60-98	28.41-82	28.52-96	28.35-66	28.30-11	28.00-11
Closing	28.16-20	28.87-90	28.60-65	28.52-56	28.39-40	29.03-10	
April—							
Range							
Closing	28.16	28.86	28.61	28.54	28.40	29.05	
May—							
Range	28.03-25	28.64-95	28.37-80	28.52-98	28.38-71	28.32-15	28.03-15
Closing	28.17-19	28.85-87	28.62-64	28.58	28.43-45	29.08-12	
June—							
Range							
Closing	27.85	28.47	28.22	28.65	28.20	28.78	28.65
July—							
Range	27.45-60	28.05-41	27.85-23	27.98-141	27.76-110	27.79-60	27.45-60
Closing	27.53-58	28.28-33	28.02-05	27.98	27.87-90	28.55-60	
August—							
Range							
Closing	26.50	27.23	27.00	27.00	26.70	27.30	26.97-602
September—							
Range		26.28-30	26.05-15	26.70	26.04-35	26.00-20	26.00-70
Closing	25.75	26.53	26.25	26.20	25.95	26.55	

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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 with columns for Oct. 19, 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, Total visible supply, etc.

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 with columns for 1923 and 1922. Rows include Oct. 19 Shipped, Total gross overland, Deduct shipments, Total to be deducted, Leaving total net overland.

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 14,095 bales, against 30,818 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 80,269 bales.

Table with columns for 1923 and 1922. Rows include In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to Oct. 19, Net overland to Oct. 19, Southern consumption to Oct. 19, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Came into sight during week, Total in sight Oct. 19, Nor. spinners' takings to Oct. 19.

* Decrease. Movement into sight in previous years: Table with columns for Week, Bales, Since Aug. 1, Bales. Rows for 1921, 1920, 1919.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table with columns for Week ending Oct. 19, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows for Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows for October, December, January, March, May, July, Spot, Options.

EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.—According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the condition of the Egyptian cotton crop is reported as 83% of normal by the International Institute as compared with 79% at the same time last year. Pink boll worm attacks are general, the Institute says, but the damage is not as serious as it was last year.

PINK BOLL WORM QUARANTINE MODIFIED TO PERMIT COTTON SHIPMENTS TO CANADA.—Particulars regarding this step will be found in an item in the earlier part of this publication in our Department of Current Events and Discussions.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that in the northwestern section of the cotton belt the weather has been rather cool, while in the other portions of the belt temperatures have averaged near normal. Rainfall has been general, and in many instances has been heavy, leading to fears of damage to the crop.

Texas.—Picking has been largely suspended in Texas, where the top crop continues to make poor progress, with some open cotton beaten out and the grades lowered.

Mobile.—There have been heavy rains in the interior, but small damage is expected, as picking has been about completed. Ginning is on a moderate scale.

Continental imports for past week have been 35,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show an increase from last week of 285,237 bales, a loss of 1,186,228 from 1922, a decline of 2,940,753 bales from 1921 and a falling off of 1,787,236 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:

Table with columns for Movement to Oct. 19 1923, Movement to Oct. 20 1922. Rows for various towns including Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Helena, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ga., Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Rome, La., Shreveport, Miss., Columbus, Clarksdale, Greenwood, Meridian, Natchez, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Mo., St. Louis, N.C., Greensboro, Raleigh, Okla., Altus, Chickasha, Oklahoma, S.C., Greenville, Greenwood, Tenn., Memphis, Nashville, Texas, Abilene, Brenham, Austin, Dallas, Houston, Paris, San Antonio, Fort Worth.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 135,104 bales and are to-night 240,621 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 66,647 bales less than the same week last year.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
			high	low	mean
Galveston, Tex.	5 days	3.05 in.	high 82	low 64	mean 73
Abilene	4 days	3.86 in.	high 82	low 64	mean 73
Brenham	5 days	2.10 in.	high 85	low 59	mean 72
Brownsville	4 days	2.47 in.	high 88	low 64	mean 76
Corpus Christi	3 days	2.14 in.	high 84	low 62	mean 73
Dallas	4 days	4.20 in.	high 83	low 52	mean 68
Henrietta	4 days	4.00 in.	high 85	low 44	mean 65
Kerrville	5 days	2.55 in.	high 84	low 49	mean 69
Lampasas	3 days	2.28 in.	high 87	low 50	mean 69
Longview	3 days	2.13 in.	high 87	low 57	mean 71
Luling	4 days	2.59 in.	high 88	low 54	mean 71
Nacogdoches	3 days	2.21 in.	high 91	low 57	mean 74
Palestine	4 days	2.55 in.	high 82	low 58	mean 70
Paris	4 days	0.88 in.	high 86	low 54	mean 70
San Antonio	5 days	0.60 in.	high 84	low 56	mean 70
Taylor	5 days	1.24 in.	high 84	low 54	mean 70
Weatherford	3 days	3.92 in.	high 83	low 48	mean 66
Ardmore, Okla.	4 days	5.41 in.	high 80	low 39	mean 60
Altus	5 days	3.25 in.	high 81	low 45	mean 63
Muskogee	7 days	8.42 in.	high 83	low 47	mean 65
Oklahoma City	6 days	5.44 in.	high 74	low 45	mean 60
Brinkley, Ark.	3 days	3.25 in.	high 85	low 50	mean 69
Eldorado	3 days	1.45 in.	high 80	low 50	mean 69
Little Rock	3 days	0.82 in.	high 81	low 53	mean 67
Pine Bluff	3 days	2.07 in.	high 87	low 43	mean 65
Alexandria, La.	2 days	2.45 in.	high 85	low 60	mean 73
Amite	3 days	1.44 in.	high 87	low 53	mean 70
New Orleans	4 days	1.89 in.	high 88	low 57	mean 75
Shreveport	5 days	1.58 in.	high 83	low 57	mean 70
Okolona, Miss.	3 days	1.67 in.	high 88	low 36	mean 62
Columbus	2 days	6.81 in.	high 87	low 44	mean 66
Greenwood	3 days	1.68 in.	high 88	low 43	mean 66
Vicksburg	3 days	1.14 in.	high 84	low 56	mean 70
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	5.43 in.	high 82	low 62	mean 73
Decatur	dry	dry	high 80	low 44	mean 62
Montgomery	2 days	1.20 in.	high 83	low 49	mean 66
Salma	4 days	1.45 in.	high 80	low 48	mean 62
Gainesville, Fla.	2 days	0.08 in.	high 85	low 60	mean 73
Madison	2 days	0.07 in.	high 86	low 54	mean 70
Savannah, Ga.	3 days	0.38 in.	high 79	low 58	mean 71
Athens	dry	dry	high 86	low 45	mean 66
Augusta	dry	dry	high 83	low 48	mean 66
Columbus	3 days	0.34 in.	high 88	low 46	mean 67
Charleston, S. C.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 77	low 58	mean 68
Greenwood	dry	dry	high 81	low 51	mean 66
Columbia	dry	dry	high 83	low 52	mean 65
Conway	dry	dry	high 83	low 47	mean 65
Charlottesville, N. C.	1 day	0.39 in.	high 84	low 50	mean 66
Newbern	dry	dry	high 82	low 48	mean 65
Weldon	dry	dry	high 82	low 42	mean 62
Dyersburg, Tenn.	2 days	1.25 in.	high 80	low 50	mean 65
Memphis	3 days	2.33 in.	high 83	low 58	mean 71

Oct. 18. Receipts at—	1923.		1922.		1921.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
	Bombay	11,000	106,000	2,000	122,000	40,000	389,000

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1923	3,000	19,000	1,000	23,000	24,000	107,000	77,000	208,000
1922	1,000	21,000	22,000	11,000	72,500	173,500	257,000	
1921	2,000	14,000	19,000	35,000	4,000	112,000	354,000	470,000
Other India—								
1923	3,000	3,000	3,000	8,000	38,000	46,000	46,000	
1922	5,000	48,550	53,550					
1921	1,000	20,000	21,000					
Total all—								
1923	3,000	22,000	1,000	26,000	32,000	145,000	77,000	254,000
1922	1,000	21,000	22,000	16,000	121,050	173,500	310,550	
1921	2,000	14,000	19,000	35,000	5,000	151,000	371,000	527,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 9,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 4,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 56,550 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, October 18.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	310,000	350,000	360,000
Since Aug. 1	1,177,937	1,109,022	1,154,683

Exports (bales)—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	7,000	24,304	19,806	7,750	34,408	34,408
To Manchester, &c	25,504	6,750	28,997	5,750	28,975	28,975
To Continent and India	7,000	56,320	4,050	40,286	5,200	48,988
To America	4,000	8,594	18,405	5,000	36,461	36,461
Total exports	18,000	114,722	10,800	107,494	23,700	148,802

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Oct. 18 were 310,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 18,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is quiet. Demand for both home trade and foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1922-23.						1921-22.						
	32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Upl's		
July 3 20	@	20 1/2	16 0	@	16 2	13.71	19 1/4	@	21	15 6	@	16 3	13.01
10 20 1/2	@	21	16 1	@	16 2	14.57	18 1/2	@	20 1/2	15 3	@	16 1	12.45
17 20 1/2	@	21 1/2	16 1	@	16 5	15.61	18 3/4	@	19 1/2	15 2	@	16 0	13.25
24 20 1/2	@	21 1/2	16 0	@	16 4	15.19	19 1/4	@	21 1/2	15 4	@	16 2	12.60
31 20 1/2	@	21 1/2	16 0	@	16 4	14.93	20	@	21	16 0	@	16 5	13.70
Sept. 7 21 1/2	@	21 1/2	16 2	@	16 6	15.87	19 1/2	@	21	15 6	@	16 2	12.84
14 21 1/2	@	23	16 5	@	17 2	16.89	20	@	21	15 4	@	16 2	13.32
21 24	@	25 1/2	16 5	@	17 1	17.95	19 1/2	@	21 1/2	15 4	@	16 2	12.83
28 24	@	25 1/2	16 5	@	17 2	16.91	19 1/2	@	20 1/2	15 4	@	16 2	12.25
Oct. 5 22 1/2	@	24 1/2	16 5	@	17 2	16.64	19 0	@	20 1/2	15 4	@	16 0	12.37
12 22 1/2	@	24	16 5	@	17 0	16.50	19 1/2	@	20 1/2	15 4	@	16 0	13.15
19 23	@	24 1/2	16 5	@	17 2	17.04	20	@	21 1/2	16 0	@	16 4	13.50

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 239,338 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Havre—Oct. 10—Chicago, 1,868	1,868
Andaluser, 1,000; Rochambeau, 4,298	7,166
To Bremen—Oct. 11—America, 5,070	5,070
Oct. 16—Muenchen, 400	400
To Barcelona—Oct. 11—P. de Satrustegui, 100	100
Oct. 13—Otterburn, 150	150
To Naples—Oct. 11—Guglielmo Pierce, 200	200
To Genoa—Oct. 13—Dante Alighieri, 300	300
To Liverpool—Oct. 10—Baltic, 2,072	2,072
Oct. 15—Montauk, 1,986	1,986
To Manchester—Oct. 11—Archimedes, 79	79
To Antwerp—Oct. 16—Lapland, 140	140
GALVESTON—To Gothenburg—Oct. 11—Braheholm, 4,678	4,678
Oct. 13—West Tacoma, 200	200
To Christiania—Oct. 11—Braheholm, 500	500
To Liverpool—Oct. 13—Songster, 9,843	9,843
Oct. 16—Deillion, 3,047; Telesora de Larriaga, 4,185; Invincible, 9,672	26,747
To Manchester—Oct. 13—Songster, 1,155	1,155
Oct. 16—Telesora de Larriaga, 9,949; Invincible, 2,182	13,286
To Oporto—Oct. 13—Songster, 100	100
To Bremen—Oct. 13—West Tacoma, 12,698	12,698
Oct. 16—Cripple Creek, 5,482	5,482
To Copenhagen—Oct. 13—Texas, 2,749	2,749
To Havre—Oct. 15—Eiffa, 5,701	5,701
Oct. 16—Hamington Court, 9,993; Abercos, 13,906; Greystoke Castle, 4,020	33,200
To Ghent—Eiffa, 381; Oct. 16—Abercos, 150; Greystoke Castle, 3,081	3,612
To Antwerp—Oct. 15—Eiffa, 150	150
Oct. 16—Abercos, 600; Greystoke Castle, 975	1,725
To Barcelona—Oct. 15—Mar Caribe, 5,279	5,279
Oct. 16—Saugerties, 2,906	2,906
To Rotterdam—Oct. 16—Cripple Creek, 3,683	3,683
To Genoa—Oct. 16—West Totant, 8,721	8,721
To Japan—Oct. 17—Panama Maru, 7,300	7,300
NEW ORLEANS—To Port Barrios—Oct. 13—Ellis, 100	100
To Havre—Oct. 14—Bruges, 454	454
To Honolulu—Oct. 14—Hanover, 20	20
To Liverpool—Oct. 16—Duquesne, 1,422	1,422
To Manchester—Oct. 16—Duquesne, 540	540
To Bremen—Oct. 16—Emergency Aid, 2,222	2,222
To Hamburg—Oct. 16—Emergency Aid, 9	9

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.
July 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	1,048,507	51,252	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	105,024	331,947	355,704	987,684	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
21	258,747	205,404	168,787	519,567	600,540	1,037,994	334,807	334,415	222,912
28	288,759	253,298	205,490	577,954	743,160	1,147,941	347,146	305,164	315,437
Oct. 5	329,949	275,188	258,740	670,922	897,611	1,225,335	422,917	380,561	336,134
12	273,032	259,881	275,129	811,038	1,067,545	1,301,337	413,218	420,815	351,131
19	287,213	326,020	269,084	943,192	1,186,813	1,312,699	422,317	445,288	280,446

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1923 are 2,717,593 bales; in 1922 were 2,454,402 bales, and in 1921 were 1,535,937 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 287,213 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 422,317 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 135,104 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 445,288 bales and for 1921 they were 280,446 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 Oct. 12	3,008,009	4,180,393	3,769,450	3,602,719
Visible supply Aug. 1	2,024,671	3,793,914	554,106	122,000
American in sight to Oct. 20	506,412	1,000	46,000	53,550
Bombay receipts to Oct. 18	11,000	106,		

	Bales
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 12—Invincible, 9,094	9,094
Dellion, 14,724	14,724
To Manchester—Oct. 12—Invincible, 700	700
To Barcelona—Oct. 12—Saugerties, 1,775	1,775
To Havre—Oct. 15—City of Fairbury, 11,641	11,641
To Antwerp—Oct. 15—City of Fairbury, 1,025	1,025
To Ghent—Oct. 15—City of Fairbury, 450	450
To Bremen—Oct. 15—Gaffney, 11,871	11,871
To Rotterdam—Oct. 15—Gaffney, 2,041	2,041
To Gothenburg—Oct. 18—Barholm, 1,000	1,000
To Copenhagen—Oct. 18—Braeholm, 400	400
CHARLESTON—To Antwerp—Oct. 12—Sundance, 475	475
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Oct. 13—Coahoma County, 1,255	1,255
To Manchester—Oct. 13—Coahoma County, 250	250
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Oct. 19—Thistlemore, 700	700
To Antwerp—Oct. 19—West Haven, 100	100
To Rotterdam—Oct. 19—West Haven, 900	900
PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—Oct. 8—Hakata Maru, 4,423	4,423
Oct. 10—Hawaii Maru, 5,000; Oct. 15—Shidzuoka Maru, 1,400	6,400
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Oct. 17—West Prospect, 3,500	3,500
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Oct. 13—Antillian, 4,048	4,048
To Manchester—Oct. 13—Antillian, 1,850	1,850
To Bremen—Oct. 13—Mar Adriatico, 5,600	5,600
Total	239,338

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Sept. 28.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 12.	Oct. 19.
Sales of the week	31,000	29,000	29,000	28,000
Of which American	9,000	9,000	12,000	12,000
Actual export	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000
Forwarded	43,000	49,000	51,000	55,000
Total stock	285,000	270,000	331,000	339,000
Of which American	66,000	61,000	119,000	125,000
Total imports	58,000	34,000	34,000	91,000
Of which American	45,000	21,000	74,000	60,000
Amount afloat	223,000	307,000	253,000	268,000
Of which American	148,000	230,000	163,000	187,000

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:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	More slowly.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Mid. Up'ds	16.75	17.15	17.07	17.39	17.35	17.04
Sales	2,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Futures. Market opened	Very steady.	Firm at 17 to 40 pts. adv.	Barely st'y 15 to 15 pts. dec.	Strong at 11 to 27 pts. adv.	Firm at 11 to 11 pts. adv.	Quiet at 5 to 3 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Very st'd'y, 16 to 23 pts. adv.	Firm at 22 to 24 pts. adv.	Steady at 8 to 12 pts. dec.	Barely st'y 7 to 17 pts. adv.	Steady at 1 to 9 pts. dec.	Strong at 8 to 20 pts. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Oct. 13 to Oct. 19.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
October	16.35	16.75	16.80	16.67	16.72	16.99	16.89	17.00	16.88	16.74	16.99	16.99
November	15.99	15.37	16.45	16.30	16.34	16.60	16.50	16.69	16.49	16.34	16.57	16.57
December	15.88	16.25	16.31	16.17	16.21	16.47	16.36	16.44	16.34	16.20	16.44	16.44
January	15.72	16.05	16.12	15.99	16.02	16.28	16.16	16.25	16.15	16.04	16.29	16.29
February	15.60	15.92	15.99	15.86	15.88	16.13	16.00	16.09	15.99	15.89	16.13	16.13
March	15.50	15.80	15.87	15.75	15.77	16.01	15.88	15.96	15.86	15.76	16.01	16.01
April	15.37	15.67	15.74	15.62	15.62	15.86	15.73	15.81	15.71	15.61	15.85	15.85
May	15.28	15.55	15.62	15.51	15.51	15.74	15.61	15.68	15.58	15.49	15.74	15.74
June	15.11	15.37	15.45	15.34	15.34	15.55	15.43	15.50	15.39	15.30	15.56	15.56
July	14.93	15.15	15.25	15.17	15.14	15.35	15.23	15.27	15.17	15.10	15.36	15.36
August	14.53	14.75	14.80	14.67	14.69	14.88	14.76	14.79	14.69	14.63	14.88	14.88
September	13.98	14.15	14.20	14.09	14.11	14.29	14.18	14.19	14.09	14.04	14.29	14.29

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 19 1923.

Flour has been quiet and rather weak. In other words, the monotonous story of slack trade and an uneventful market which has been reported week after week for a long period is still the thing that confronts the trade. At most a moderate business takes place from time to time. Small wonder that there is an undercurrent of opinion or, perhaps it might be said, a plainly manifest opinion that looks to lower prices. Mills are competing sharply for business, as may well be imagined, with the demand so unsatisfactory. They have been offering to sell in some cases at lower prices. They are supposed to be selling flour on a narrow margin of profit, consoling themselves with the fact that mill feed is selling at relatively good prices, thereby reducing the cost of flour output. For export there has been a fair demand now and then. In the aggregate the sales to Europe make a respectable showing. For October and November shipment Canadian mills are said to be pretty well sold up. American mills have therefore caught considerable of the Canadian overflow of foreign orders, especially, it seems, for South-western straights. Europe has also taken a moderate quantity of pure white rye flour which now-a-days costs but little more than dark grades. At Kansas City wheat flour has declined slightly. At Minneapolis trade has dropped sharply owing to uncertainty as to what the Government will do for the wheat farmer. Shipping directions have been poor. Mill feed has recently been firm there, but later on weakened. Minneapolis wired: "Mill feed down about \$1.50 per ton; quoted \$27 to \$27.50. Mills are reported grinding 62% of capacity, compared with 68% last year." Greece, it seems, has reduced the import duty one-half. Clearances on the 17th inst. were 106,000 bags, mostly to Hamburg and the Near East. It is believed that the clearances in old sales will be large in the near future.

Wheat fell owing to the bearish facts, as many regard them, of world's supply and demand. The export demand has still been disappointing. Argentine's official crop estimate has been increased 55,000,000 bushels. And there is the big Canadian crop. The feeling was uncertain as to what

the United States Government might do to help the farmer. It was assumed off-hand that whatever it may do in any attempt to sustain prices would be a good thing and not a boomerang in the end. The market became narrow. Washington was a sphinx; at any rate it was silent. And not a few became discouraged and sold out, especially as Liverpool advices were disappointing and Winnipeg receipts on a single day, the 17th inst., were 1,965 cars. That seemed premonitory of worse, or "coming events casting their shadows before." To further cloud the outlook, at one time in Chicago there was comment to the effect that an advance in vessel rates on the Great Lakes might soon divert larger shipments of wheat to the United States from Canada and that any reductions in rail rates would be insufficient to put domestic wheat on an export basis. This would have hit wheat harder but for the rains in the corn belt and the protection which wheat got from the corn market's powers of resistance. Export sales on the 17th inst. were 400,000 bushels. Europe cannot buy heavily; it is too poor. Besides, its crops are larger than in former years. Furthermore, other countries undersell the United States. Speculatively, too, the technical position was weaker. Too many had gone long, expecting the Government to do something wonderful for the farmer. President Coolidge advocates a cut in rail freights west of Chicago to help the export trade. It is stated that the Inter-State Commerce Commission is not inclined to make it. The railroads are an industry, too. They have their rights. Meanwhile Canadian wheat car daily loadings reach totals that eclipse anything ever before known. The big Canadian surplus looms in the background, or rather, as some consider it, conspicuously in the foreground, and it is a kind of death's head at the feast or such feast as there is, which is something none too obvious. This feeling is not allayed by such dispatches as this from Winnipeg: "The estimate on the present Canadian crop means that for 300 days to come there will be a million bushels of wheat for sale every day." Viewing the situation from another angle, a Minneapolis dispatch said: "Blame for the present trouble in the wheat business was laid to the Capper-Tincher bill in a telegram sent to President Coolidge by a Farmer-Labor Congressman, who urged modification of some of the more drastic provisions of the Act, adding that 'the marketing of our grain crops is a stupendous business. The law was passed in large part by those having little knowledge of the grain business and has worked havoc to the industry and brought loss to the producer.'" It is not the first time that meddlesome legislation has thrown a wrench into the intricate machinery of business. Wheat owes whatever steadiness it has had to the real leader of the grain markets, to corn, which has bulked large indeed with an assembly of facts distinctly and inherently bullish. Meanwhile Australia cables that the new crop is progressing favorably and the yield per acre is estimated at 13 bushels against 11.7 last year. New wheat is already being offered at 45s. per quarter, c. i. f. United Kingdom. Freight rates are offered at 37s. 6d. per ton for new crop shipments. A later decline was due to reports that arrangements for financing Russian wheat exports were being made by leading British firms. The foreign demand for American wheat, it was feared, might be further curtailed. Export sales of 600,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba, in old orders were reported later. Also, it is said that three large English firms would work in conjunction with the Russian co-operative associations in selling grain already in Russian port elevators and that Norway had contracted for 7,000,000 bushels, her entire needs for the season. Russian shipments this week, it is said, will total 2,000,000 bushels. And Argentina, it was declared, was offering wheat cheaper than Canada. Already, too, in spite of recent harsh experience, it is said that the prospects point to a larger American acreage to winter wheat, especially in southwest Kansas. To-day prices declined on liquidation with other grain down. Speculative interest flagged. Last prices showed a decline for the week of 3 to 4 1/2c., the latter on December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	124 1/4	123 1/4	122 1/4	122	122	120 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	cts. 108 1/4	108	108 1/4	106 1/4	105 1/4	104 1/4
May delivery in elevator	112 1/4	112 1/4	112 1/4	111 1/4	110 1/4	109 1/4
July delivery in elevator	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/4	108	107 1/2	106 1/4

Corn prices were advanced by rains in the Southwest and predictions of unsettled weather over much of the West. Rainy weather in the harvesting season would be indeed a serious matter. Everybody recognizes that December shorts covered promptly and on a large scale. And December, in any case, is declared to be too much below cash corn. So reason many. No. 2 white in Chicago was \$1.11 to \$1.12 and December, curiously enough, was 77 1/2c. That is a wide gap; too wide perhaps. At the same time for cash corn there is a demand little less than remarkable. It is said, too, that in Nebraska a good deal of corn is rotting in the fields. Yet from Iowa and other sections new corn has at times been arriving more freely at Chicago. Though cash prices stood the test very well, this new development had a rather sobering effect on futures. Old cash corn on the 15th advanced 2 to 3c. after an early decline. This caused short covering in futures and checked the selling. No. 2 yellow sold at \$1.11, with mixed 3c. under. Four cars of new sample grades were received in Chicago that day, with sales at 83 to 92c., the

latter for 21.5% grain. Peoria and Kansas City also reported the arrival of a car of new corn. A decrease of 502,000 bushels in the United States visible supply makes it 1,060,000 bushels, against 1,562,000 bushels last week and 9,738,000 last year. On the 18th inst. there was selling of late months on good crop accounts, a decline in hogs and a forecast of clear, frosty weather, but October and November advanced, owing to the smallness of available supply and covering, especially in December. To-day prices declined in spite of reports of rains and small receipts. Last prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 2½c. December stood up the best.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 mixed	cts. 127½	Sat. 129½	Mon. 131¼	Tues. 130	Wed. 129	Thurs. 127½	Fri. 127½
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	cts. 75½	Sat. 76¼	Mon. 77½	Tues. 77¼	Wed. 76¾	Thurs. 75¾	Fri. 75¾
May delivery in elevator	74½	74¾	75¾	74¾	74	73½	73½
July delivery in elevator	75½	75¼	75¾	75¼	74¾	74¾	73¾

Oats declined a fraction in the fore part of the week with other grain down and the demand indifferent. And the American visible supply last week increased 1,467,000 bushels, against 964,000 last year. But this merely means that the total has risen to 17,982,000 bushels, which is nearly 50,000,000 bushels less than a year ago. The total then was no less than 86,846,000 bushels. There was a lack of enlivening features. Trade stuck to the old familiar rut. The cash demand of late has been only moderate, with fair-sized receipts. Scattered liquidation has reached a downward turn of prices, but the market has disclosed nothing really interesting. It is still a monotonous affair. To-day prices declined with other grain, especially as the weather was better in some parts of the belt. Final prices show a decline for the week of ½ to 1½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	cts. 54¼	Sat. 54¼	Mon. 54¼	Tues. 54¼	Wed. 54¼	Thurs. 53¾	Fri. 53¾
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	cts. 43¾	Sat. 43	Mon. 42¾	Tues. 42¾	Wed. 42¾	Thurs. 41¾	Fri. 41¾
May delivery in elevator	45¼	45¼	45¼	44¾	44¾	44¾	44¾
July delivery in elevator	44¾	44¾	44¾	44¾	44	44	43¾

Rye declined slightly early in the week with wheat. Also, the Northwest was supposed to be selling. That meant hedging sales against the new crop. The visible supply in the United States increased last week 579,000 bushels, against, it is true, an increase in the same week last year of 2,184,000 bushels. But the total is 15,880,000 bushels, against 9,555,000 a year ago. The demand, too, was only moderate. Latterly there has been a moderate export business, though no details were forthcoming, possibly because buyers wish to purchase more. The understanding, however, was that the quantity was not large. And it was declared that Russia was again offering rye to western Europe and had made sales to Germany. Hedge selling and the weakness in wheat have been a bar to any advance in rye. To-day prices declined a fraction in response to lower prices for other grain. The concluding prices were 2½ to 3c. lower than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	cts. 71¼	Sat. 71¼	Mon. 71¼	Tues. 71¼	Wed. 69¾	Thurs. 69¾	Fri. 68¾
May delivery in elevator	75¼	75¼	75	73¾	73¾	73¾	72¾

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.		Wheat, New York:		Oats:	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	120¼	No. 2 white	53½	No. 2 white	53½
No. 1 Northern	136¾	No. 3 white	52½	No. 3 white	52½
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	120¼	Rye, New York:		Rye, New York:	
Corn:		No. 2 c.f.	77¾	No. 2 c.f.	77¾
No. 2 mixed	127¼	Barley, New York:		Barley, New York:	
No. 2 yellow	128¼	Malting	79@81	Malting	79@81
		Chicago	63@79	Chicago	63@79

FLOUR.		Rye flour, patents		Nos. 2, 3 and 4	
Spring patents	\$6 00@6 40	Rye flour, patents	4 10@ 4 50	Nos. 2, 3 and 4	3 50
Cleats, first spring	5 25@ 5 75	Semolina No. 2 med.	6 15@ 6 35	Fancy pearl, No. 2, 3 and 4	6 00
Soft winter straights	4 75@ 5 00	Oats goods	2 75@ 2 85		
Hard winter straights	5 60@ 6 00	Corn flour	2 85@ 2 95		
Hard winter patents	6 10@ 6 40	Barley goods			
Hard winter clears	4 75@ 5 25				
Fancy Minn. patents	7 25@ 7 85				
City mills	7 15@				

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	237,000	619,000	1,633,000	1,802,000	16,000	231,000
Minneapolis	2,957,000	54,000	961,000	326,000	276,000	
Duluth	1,035,000		120,000	95,000	367,000	
Milwaukee	70,000	35,000	94,000	732,000	278,000	32,000
Toledo		363,000	5,000	58,000		2,000
Detroit		82,000	37,000	60,000		
Indianapolis		72,000	130,000	302,000		
St. Louis	132,000	758,000	291,000	686,000	34,000	7,000
Peoria	36,000	74,000	302,000	392,000	49,000	
Kansas City		1,058,000	102,000	325,000		
Omaha		490,000	211,000	608,000		
St. Joseph		201,000	87,000	50,000		
Sioux City		75,000	170,000	254,000		
Total wk. '23	475,000	7,824,000	3,016,000	6,350,000	798,000	915,000
Same wk. '22	507,000	10,543,000	7,510,000	5,165,000	1,078,000	1,994,000
Same wk. '21	445,000	9,651,000	9,670,000	4,885,000	679,000	427,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1923	4,515,000	133,369,000	46,283,000	69,226,000	12,436,000	9,683,000
1922	5,892,000	144,216,000	72,372,000	57,230,000	11,234,000	29,246,000
1921	5,342,000	150,482,000	89,104,000	67,443,000	8,297,000	6,010,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday Oct. 13 1923 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	215,000	2,422,000	59,000	311,000	338,000	354,000
Philadelphia	53,000	350,000		27,000		1,000
Baltimore	42,000	629,000	2,000	18,000	15,000	5,000
N'port News	1,000					
Norfolk	1,000					
New Orleans*	51,000	26,000	26,000	15,000		3,000
Galveston		42,000				
Montreal	110,000	4,557,000	3,000	291,000	321,000	307,000
Boston	20,000	114,000	1,000	17,000		1,000
Total wk. '23	493,000	8,140,000	91,000	679,000	674,000	671,000
Since Jan. 1 '23	18,497,000	193,632,000	36,055,000	31,749,000	12,962,000	30,808,000
Week 1922	513,000	6,264,000	3,004,000	1,092,000	500,000	1,459,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	19,420,000	198,864,000	123,184,000	55,808,000	13,970,000	34,869,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 13 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,427,837		93,223		569,995	41,723	
Boston	179,000						
Philadelphia	152,000		23,000				
Baltimore	56,000		26,000				
Norfolk			1,000				
Newport News			1,000				
New Orleans	388,000	21,000	26,000	3,000			
Montreal	2,197,000		74,000	42,000	78,000	335,000	
Total week 1923	4,399,837	21,000	244,223	45,000	647,995	375,723	
Week 1922	6,677,585	1,807,771	314,169	920,555	2,187,336	351,578	

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1923 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Oct. 13 1923.	Since July 1 1923.	Week Oct. 13 1923.	Since July 1 1923.	Week Oct. 13 1923.	Since July 1 1923.
United Kingdom	82,748	1,142,017	1,275,931	26,246,373		641,026
Continent	141,565	1,816,066	3,123,906	38,413,137		262,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	1,000	79,000		202,000		39,000
West Indies	14,000	251,000		4,000	21,000	363,000
Brit. No. Am. Colon.				244,000		29,000
Other Countries	4,910	150,155				6,000
Total 1923	244,223	3,438,238	4,399,837	65,109,510	21,000	1,340,026
Total 1922	314,169	3,539,713	6,677,585	102,931,732	1,807,771	34,365,760

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Oct. 12, and since July 1 1923 and 1922, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.		Corn.			
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.		
	Week Oct. 12.	Since July 1.	Week Oct. 12.	Since July 1.		
North Amer.	9,837,000	99,523,000	130,573,000	87,000	1,470,000	35,002,000
Russ. & Dan.	800,000	3,824,000	2,536,000	101,000	2,254,000	3,477,000
Argentina	1,705,000	33,445,000	29,082,000	3,520,000	50,334,000	33,260,000
Australia	888,000	12,192,000	7,948,000			
India	112,000	10,584,000				
Oth. countries		1,584,000		1,088,000	8,585,000	3,195,000
Total	13,342,000	161,152,000	170,139,000	4,796,000	62,643,000	74,934,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 13, was as follows:

	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.	
	GRAIN STOCKS.		GRAIN STOCKS.		GRAIN STOCKS.		GRAIN STOCKS.		GRAIN STOCKS.	
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.					
United States—										
New York	820,000	25,000	501,000	307,000	121,000					
Boston	1,000	10,000	22,000	1,000						
Philadelphia	712,000	18,000	337,000	57,000	3,000					
Baltimore	1,521,000	16,000	154,000	150,000	3,000					
New Orleans	687,000	126,000	76,000	76,000	2,000					
Galveston	1,022,000			92,000						
Buffalo	4,082,000	17,000	2,351,000	780,000	408,000					
afloat		109,000								
Toledo	1,996,000	27,000	353,000	27,000	6,000					
Detroit	32,000	27,000	71,000	21,000						
Chicago	19,661,000	231,000	3,120,000	947,000	161,000					
Milwaukee	477,000	72,000	1,343,000	236,000	245,000					
Duluth	4,526,000		623,000	4,790,000	853,000					
St. Joseph, Mo.	1,039,000	27,000	78,000		3,000					
Minneapolis	11,708,000	1,000	5,025,000	7,012,000	842,000					
St. Louis	1,965,000	18,000	337,000		3,000					
Kansas City	9,927,000	19,000	1,213,000	113,000	372,000					
Sioux City	183,000	40,000	575,000	11,000	9,000					
Peoria	63,000	3,000	315,000							
Indianapolis	770,000	71,000	247,000	7,000						
Omaha	3,553,000	68,000	1,368,000	151,000	83,000					
On Lakes	387,000			396,000						
On Canal and River	710,000	118,000		628,000	163,000					
Total Oct. 13 1923	65,840,000	1,040,000	17,982,000	15,880,000	3,277,000					
Total Oct. 6 1923	64,335,000	1,562,000	16,515,000	15,301,000	3,516,000					
Total Oct. 14 1922	33,411,000	9,736,000	36,846,000	9,555,000	2,625,000					

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 10,000 bushels; Baltimore, 4,000; Buffalo, 54,000; Buffalo afloat, 173,000; Duluth, 52,000; Chicago, 84,000; total, 377,000 bushels, against 277,000 bushels in 1922. Barley, New York, 69,000 bushels; Buffalo, 18,000; Buffalo afloat, 271,000; Duluth, 69,000; Chicago, 191,000; total, 618,000 bushels, against 165,000 bushels in 1922. Wheat, New York, 842,000 bushels; Boston, 47,000; Philadelphia, 225,000; Baltimore, 384,000; Buffalo, 685,000; Buffalo afloat, 253,000; Duluth, 183,000; Chicago, 2,107,000; total, 4,726,000 bushels, against

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCT. 16.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Oct. 16, is as follows:

The weather during the week ending Oct. 16 was characterized by rather wide variations in different sections of the country. In the East, after the cool weather at the beginning, temperatures were moderately high, although the week as a whole was somewhat cooler than the seasonal average in the Southeast. In the southern Great Plains, the southern Rocky Mountains and Plateau areas unseasonably cool weather prevailed with freezing temperatures extending southward through northern portions of Arizona and New Mexico. Freezing was reported also in the extreme upper Mississippi Valley, the northern Great Plains, the interior of the Northeastern States, and in the middle Appalachian Mountain districts.

Heavy to excessive rains fell from Kansas southward, including eastern New Mexico. Rainfall was exceptionally heavy in parts of Texas, where some stations reported as much as eight inches for the week; elsewhere precipitation was light to moderate, with no rains reported in nearly all Central and Southern States east of the Mississippi River.

At the close of the week the soil had become very dry in the East Gulf States and as far north as the Ohio River, where late truck and gardens have been injured. At the same time, however, rain had set in over the Central Gulf States with prospects of immediate extension over the dry area.

There were some showers in the Northeastern States, but copious rains are needed in that area, particularly in New England, southern New York and New Jersey. Conditions were generally favorable in the western Lake region and upper Mississippi Valley. Dry, sunny weather in the latter area the first part of the week was very beneficial in drying out corn and maturing other crops, while showers the latter part were favorable for fall grains.

It was much too wet in the lower Great Plains, especially in Oklahoma. Work was delayed and the maturity of crops retarded, while there was considerable flood damage in parts of New Mexico. Weather was favorable in the Northern Plains and farm work made good advance. Killing frosts from Nebraska northward caused but little damage, as crops were nearly all matured.

It continued too dry in a few localities in the more northwestern States, particularly in parts of Montana, but in general there was sufficient rainfall during the week to greatly improve conditions in that area, especially the range and fall-seeded grains. The cool weather and high humidity were rather unfavorable for drying raisins and prunes in California, but otherwise conditions were favorable in the middle and south Pacific Coast sections.

SMALL GRAINS.—The seeding of winter wheat progressed during the week throughout the principal producing areas. Rainfall was favorable for germination in Illinois and central and northern Indiana, but moisture was needed in the Valley States. Seeding was nearly completed at the close of the week in Missouri, where much was up and making a fine start. This work was about three-fourths done in Kansas, with the early seeded grain in good condition, while the crop was germinating well and growing rapidly in Nebraska.

Seeding was interrupted in the southern Great Plains, especially in Oklahoma, where very little was seeded during the week because of wet soil. The early seeded, however, was making good growth. There was sufficient rain to materially benefit the soil condition in the more northwestern States, especially in the eastern portions of Washington and Oregon. It continued too dry for best results, however, in northwestern Montana, though much fall-sown grain has come up and is looking well in that State.

Moisture was needed for seeding winter oats in the east Gulf States, and it was too dry for grain in much of the Atlantic Coast area. Rice harvest progressed favorably in Arkansas, and was well advanced in Louisiana. The harvest of wheat and sorghum was delayed by frequent rains in New Mexico, and harvest was suspended in Oklahoma. Grain sorghums are nearly all mature in Kansas.

CORN.—Late corn matured rapidly in the upper Mississippi and Ohio valleys, and the prevailing weather was favorable for drying out the early crop. Husking has begun in a few places in the northern and western sections of Iowa, and some husking was reported in the Ohio Valley States. This crop has been all safely made in Missouri, and conditions were unusually favorable for late corn in Arkansas. It was too wet in Oklahoma and much of Texas where harvest was delayed, and there was some damage to grain by rain in the former State. There was a small amount of corn cribbed during the week in Kansas. No material damage was done to corn by the killing frost in the northern Plains, as the crop was generally matured. Late corn has been damaged considerably in the east Gulf States and Tennessee by reason of insufficient moisture.

COTTON.—Temperatures averaged near normal throughout the cotton-growing States except in the northwestern portions of the belt, where it was rather cool. There was very little rainfall east of the Mississippi River, although rain set in at the close of the week over the central Gulf States. In the western portions of the belt, the rainfall was heavy to excessive in many localities with deficient sunshine; there was a large amount of sunshine east of the Mississippi River.

It was too cool and wet for cotton in Oklahoma and very unfavorable for picking and ginning; bolls opened slowly with considerable rotting. The crop in general showed further deterioration. The first part of the week was generally dry in Texas, but the latter part was rainy and wet, and picking was largely suspended. The top crop continued to make poor progress, and some open cotton was beaten out by rains and grades were lowered.

It was favorable for picking in Arkansas, and this work made rapid progress in that State. There is no top crop except in the extreme north, and many bolls are injured. Cotton is practically all gathered in southern Louisiana and nearly so in the northern portion, but some open cotton was damaged by rains and high winds at the close of the week.

East of the Mississippi River the weather was unusually favorable for harvest operations and picking and ginning continued to make excellent progress. Harvest was practically completed in central and southern portions of Mississippi and Alabama and the crop was nearly all out in Georgia, though there were some fields ungathered in the northern portion of the latter State. Picking is further advanced than usual for the season in South Carolina and has been almost finished in some sections of Tennessee. Weather was favorable in North Carolina and picking advanced rapidly with the crop turning out better than was expected in some weevil-infested areas. The general condition in that State is fair to very good.

North Carolina.—Dry, sunny and cool, with light frosts in north and west first part of week. Favorable week for cotton and good progress made in picking, crops turning out better than expected in portions of weevil-infested area. Progress and condition fair to very good.

South Carolina.—Very dry and favorable for harvesting. Cotton picking is much in advance of former seasons. Crop practically all open.

Georgia.—Practically no rain during week. Picking cotton nearly completed. Some left to be gathered in north but very little elsewhere.

Alabama.—Fair weather except for rain in south at close of week. Condition of cotton unchanged. Picking and ginning progressed rapidly; picking practically finished in most central and southern sections and also some northern sections.

Mississippi.—Generally dry until Monday. Rain with damaging high winds in south and central Monday night. Picking cotton mostly completed south and central portions and good progress elsewhere. Ginning made fair advance.

Louisiana.—Dry until close of week when rain occurred over the entire State, stopping all farm work. Cotton picking made fair progress; completed in south and nearly completed in north portion. Rain and wind will damage some open cotton.

Texas.—Preparat of week mostly dry, but latter part had general moderate to excessive rain in condition and progress of cotton top crop poor. Rain beat out some open cotton and lowered grades. Picking progressed very well in east, but was prevented by rain last four days elsewhere.

Oklahoma.—Cool, cloudy, and wet, with heavy to excessive precipitation. Very unfavorable for maturing and harvesting crops. Cotton deteriorated further, and was damaged by rains. Bolls opening slowly with considerable rotting. Picking greatly retarded.

Arkansas.—Favorable for cotton picking, which is about completed in some portions and progressing rapidly elsewhere. No top crop except in extreme north; many injured bolls.

Tennessee.—Cotton harvest almost finished in some localities and being pushed elsewhere.

California.—Too cool for cotton; ginning started in San Joaquin Valley and continues in Imperial Valley.

Arizona.—Cotton picking progressing well.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Oct. 19 1923.

A firmer undertone developed in markets for textiles during the past week, this being particularly true as regards cotton goods. The decided strength of raw material markets encouraged more general buying and led to higher prices in a number of directions. Many buyers, however, hesitate to pay the higher prices asked, while mills, in view of a lighter supply of cotton than a year ago, are not keen to accumulate in advance of orders. Curtailment of production is increasing and is expected to make goods scarce later on, and cause higher prices. The trade feels now that buyers are being misled into thinking that manufacturers are going to over-produce this winter, and that they will be well stocked with goods for spring as they were a year ago. A year ago jobbers purchased without much thought of the goods they might have to carry over. Consequently this year the thought of what happened when trade fell off last spring is uppermost in mind, and they are operating more cautiously. The situation with the mills is also quite different from what it was a year ago. Last year mills bought cotton early in the season at low prices, and were not afraid to carry it over into another season if they were obliged to, while at the present time, when they buy cotton, they are obliged to think very seriously of the probability of either carrying over the high cost cotton or the high cost goods they will make from it if they continue to operate in advance of orders. This explains why curtailment in a number of directions is increasing. Some mills making heavy chambrays are running alternate weeks, while others manufacturing ginghams are either running three days a week or shutting down altogether.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Markets for domestic cottons have ruled firm during the week, and sales have been more general, although the volume has not been particularly large. Owing to the strength of raw material, mills and selling agents declined many bids for contract deliveries on the basis of prevailing prices. The inability of mills to secure prices in keeping with the cost of cotton is of particular importance as many mills have a lighter supply of raw material on hand than usual. If they purchase at current price levels they must have a reasonable assurance of being able to sell the finished product. The fact that this assurance is lacking in many quarters accounts for mills curtailing production. Mills making finished goods for the counters and cutting tables are the ones that are curtailing most freely. Jobbers, however, are doing a good business in some places. Retailers are taking in goods for fall advance orders much better than jobbers thought they would and the filling in business is fair and steady. There have been quite good inquiries for some of the fine goods in medium yarns, such as voiles, pongees and sateens of the lower grades. Mills have been firm in their asking prices on anything except where stock goods were involved, and it has been difficult to find buyers who were willing to pay the prices asked for many of the better grades of fancy dress goods in the gray. Bleached cottons of a staple character have been quiet, and it was reported in some quarters that further curtailment of production is likely unless this branch of the business shows improvement within the near future. Many of the second hand offerings have been withdrawn during the week. Prices asked were substantially higher, but very little business developed on any higher level. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 8c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 7½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 11½c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 13¼c.

WOOLEN GOODS: A distinct improvement in the demand for men's wear has been one of the encouraging features in the markets for woollens during the week. General belief is expressed throughout the trade that the market is on the road to recovery. Many factors point out that the woolen market was one of the first to feel the business depression, and now that the depression has extended throughout the textile industry, the woolen market will naturally, it is argued, be the first to regain normalcy. Activity has continued in the market for women's wear despite the fact that it is now between seasons and usually a dull period for the industry. Mill agents are already preparing their style numbers for the next heavy weight season, which will open in January, and are laying particular stress upon plaid back overcoatings for the men's wear trade. There appears to be, however, an adverse feeling in some quarters about the future of fancy back coats, and soft finished fabrics in general.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Markets for linens have been fairly active. Dress linens continue to sell in a liberal way, while on the other hand, household lines have been quiet. In fact, the damask, towel and toweling divisions of the market have not been as active as they were expected to be. In regard to dress linens, the story is quite different. Salesmen on the road are selling these goods actively, and in some quarters there is talk of price advances owing to the well-sold condition of mills. Burlaps have ruled firm owing to active demand for spot good and near-by afloats. According to cable advices, the Calcutta market continues to maintain a firm undertone, and in view of this fact, sellers in the local market are offering sparingly. Light weights on the spot are quoted at 6.50c., and heavies at 7.80c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Detroit, Mich.—Annexation of Greenfield, Redford and Gratiot Territory Voted—Greenfield Annexation Legality Doubtful.—On Oct. 9 the annexation of portions of Greenfield, Redford and Gratiot Townships was approved by the voters. The following table shows the vote cast in the City of Detroit and in the annexed portions:

	Yes.	No.
Greenfield	5,055	4,455
Detroit	28,042	25,427
Redford	4,909	4,477
Detroit	27,418	25,562
Gratiot	5,244	4,472
Detroit	30,045	22,377

The annexation of the Greenfield territory may not be legal, as some Detroit officials contend that the portion of Greenfield Township not affected by the annexation voted against the proposal, making it ineffective. The Detroit "Free Press" of Oct. 12 said in part:

The home rule bill provides that an election must be held in three areas on an annexation proposal; in the district to be annexed; in the city to which it would be annexed; and in the township from which the annexation is made. Some officials did not vote to allow a portion of that township to annex to Detroit that the annexation is invalid.

On the other hand, Walter Barlow, Assistant Corporation Counsel, maintains that an affirmative vote is only necessary in the area to be annexed, and in the city to which the area is annexed. The case will likely be determined in court, and the city will probably carry it to the Supreme Court, in the event that the lower court rules that annexation of Greenfield is legal.

Finland (Republic of).—\$10,000,000 Bonds Taken in American Market.—The Republic of Finland has borrowed \$10,000,000 in the American market. On Thursday of the past week the National City Co. and Dillon, Read & Co., of New York, sold 6% bonds in that amount at a price of 90 and interest, to yield the investor 6.89%. The bonds are denominated "6% External Loan Sinking Fund Gold Bonds," are dated Sept. 1 1923, and mature Sept. 1 1945. They are coupon in form, in \$1,000 pieces, and are registerable as to principal. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 1 and Sept. 1, and both principal and interest are payable at the National City Co., New York, in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any present or future Finnish taxes. The bonds are not redeemable before maturity, except for sinking fund, as indicated by the following, which is taken from the offering circular:

Finland agrees to redeem the entire loan through a cumulative sinking fund, beginning after the expiration of the second year of the loan, to be used to purchase bonds at not exceeding 100 and interest, or, if bonds are not obtainable at or below that price, for redemption of bonds by lot semi-annually at 100.

Further details of this loan may be found in our Department of Current Events and Discussions, and in an advertisement appearing on a preceding page:

New York State.—City Club of New York Gives Opinion of Constitutional Amendments Before Voters This Fall.—The City Club of New York has issued a bulletin in which it gives its opinion of the various constitutional amendments to be submitted to the voters on Nov. 6. The measures opposed are the Soldiers' Bonus amendment, the Debt and Tax Limit Change, and the use of Forest Preserve Lands for Water Power Development amendments. The club urges the voters to ratify the Home Rule for Cities, and Voting at Soldiers' Homes amendments, and also approves the \$50,000,000 Hospital Bond Issue Act. In our issue of last week—pages 1688 and 1689—we referred to these various measures in detail.

First the club takes up the \$45,000,000 Soldiers' Bonus amendment. This proposal is opposed as a matter of principle. The bulletin says of this:

The granting of bonuses should be opposed on principle. The existing constitutional restrictions against giving away public moneys to favored individuals, groups or classes is wise, and should not be broken down. Many ex-service men take this position, preferring a sound public policy to the personal receipt of a few hundred dollars in gratuities.

If this proposition goes through, no distinction will be made between those who saw actual fighting and those who were merely mobilized in camps on this side of the Atlantic. No special consideration is given to those who were disabled in the service.

While the amount which would go to each ex-service man would be small and would soon disappear, the total cost to the State—about \$45,000,000—would be so large as to increase materially the heavy burdens of taxation. This sum would be in addition to the Hospital bond issue of \$50,000,000, which, if authorized, may be raised and spent within the next four years. The Hospital bond issue has a real merit which this proposition lacks.

Moreover, it would seem to be in addition to a Federal bonus inasmuch as national officers of the American Legion assert positively that enough United States Senators and Congressmen are now committed to a Federal bonus to pass bonus legislation this winter, even over a presidential veto.

The proposed change in the constitutional provision for limiting city and county indebtedness is opposed by the club because the amendment "is not limited to the object sought to be accomplished and because the rights of localities are not safeguarded." The objections of the club, as announced in the bulletin, are as follows:

The proposal in its present form should be defeated. The constitution now provides that, with certain exceptions, no county or city shall incur indebtedness in excess of 10% of the assessed value of real estate therein subject to taxation. Such real estate includes the value of the franchises and property of public service corporations in the highways. These so-called "special franchise" values are large in amount and the revenue from them is highly important to the respective localities in which they exist.

It is highly desirable to change the present method of taxing public utility corporations, including their ownership of these special franchises. The Joint Legislative Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment proposed in its report to do this and recommended the submission of a Constitutional Amendment "not increasing the debt limit by a set percentage, but providing that the taxation of public utilities under an improved State system,

in the yield of which the localities will share, shall not operate to diminish the borrowing power of the localities." If the proposed amendment did this, we should be heartily in favor of it.

But it does not do this. It does not mention the taxation of public utilities as such. It provides that the debt and tax limit of a city or county shall not be affected by a change in the system of taxation or the definition of real estate, whereby real estate shall be exempted from taxation or taxed otherwise than on its assessment rolls, but the valuation of such real estate as it last appeared on the assessment rolls shall nevertheless continue to be a part of the base on which the debt and tax limit shall be calculated. If therefore nullifies the existing provision of the constitution that the debt and tax limit shall be based upon real estate "subject to taxation." The Legislature would exempt any real estate of any character, whether or not owned by a public utility corporation, and the percentage limit would be proportionately increased as to the value of the remaining real estate. If one-half were exempted, the limit would be increased to 20% of the value of the remaining real estate. This would necessarily injuriously affect the credit of the city or county.

Even if in practice, the Legislature should utilize such an amendment only for the taxation of public utilities, it could deprive the localities of the revenue from the special franchise taxes which they now receive. What is still more important, it could deprive the localities of the right to tax real property owned by public service corporations other than franchises and property in the highways. The real property of public service corporations, such as gas and electric plants and railroad properties not in the highways, is much more valuable than "special franchise" property. Under the proposed amendment such property could be used as a basis for incurring future debt, but exempted from taxation for its share of either future debt or debts now outstanding.

The report of the committee above mentioned states that "there are very good reasons in the cases of many types of utility real estate why the real estate should be assessed by some central authority which would distribute to the localities the valuation of the property arrived at as a unity" and "that such a tax partakes somewhat of the character of a reimbursement to the locality for services rendered such as protection of the property." But the proposed amendment contains nothing about any distribution to the locality of a tax so permitted to be levied by the State. While it may be presumed that any tax law passed under the amendment would provide for participation of the localities in the revenue, the new revenue may still easily be less than the old revenue and the extra burden will fall on other real estate. The localities, in other words, will be wholly at the mercy of the Legislature—a taxing policy in conflict not only with tradition but with sound economic practice. The lender to the city or county must be assured of the continued control of such locality over its revenue, either directly or indirectly, otherwise the local credit will surely suffer.

The amendment is opposed because its scope is dangerously broad, it is not limited to the object sought to be accomplished, and because the rights of localities are not safeguarded.

The proposed constitutional amendment which would result in the use of 3% of the State Forest Preserve lands for water power development, is opposed by the club on the ground that there is plenty of potential water power, undeveloped, lying outside the Forest Preserve, which could be developed without destroying State property for private enterprises. The club in its bulletin gives the following reasons for its opposition:

This amendment should be defeated. It would authorize construction within the Adirondack Forest Preserve of private power plants and the cutting of wide avenues through the State forests for the location of high-power electric transmission lines. These could be built either by the State or by private interests operating under fifty-year leases. No definite provision is made for compensation for private use of the public property.

The constitution already allows 3% of the Forest Preserve area to be used for dams and reservoirs for municipal water supplies and for regulating the flow of streams. Such reservoirs, however, must be publicly owned.

The Forest Preserve is one of the State's greatest assets for health, recreation and protection of the water supply. For this purpose it is none too great, and the State has a well-settled policy which should not be lightly disturbed.

On the other hand, the State's policy in regard to the development and control of water power is still unsettled. In particular the issues between public and private development have not been determined.

Only a small fraction of the State's potential water power lies within the Forest Preserve area. The importance of the area for real forest preserve purposes is therefore proportionally much greater than its possible value for power sites. As a matter of fact, the Conservation Commission has reported that even on the streams having their source in the Adirondacks about seven-eighths of the undeveloped power lies outside the Forest Preserve. As to potential power so located a very important consideration is regulation of the flow of water so as to insure an ample supply during dry seasons. For this purpose the present constitutional powers are sufficient without allowing the construction of plants and power lines within the Preserve.

Oregon (State of).—Income Tax Law Before Voters.—The income tax law enacted at the 1923 legislative session (V. 116, p. 1089), is to be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection at the Nov. 6 election. The Act provides for taxation of net incomes of corporations and individuals on the following basis:

- On the first \$1,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 1% thereof.
- On the second \$1,000 or any part thereof, 1 1/4%.
- On the third \$1,000 or any part thereof, 1 1/2%.
- On the fourth \$1,000 or any part thereof, 1 3/4%.
- On the fifth \$1,000 or any part thereof, 2%.
- On the sixth \$1,000 or any part thereof, 2 1/2%.
- On the seventh \$1,000 or any part thereof, 3%.
- On the eighth \$1,000 or any part thereof, 3 1/2%.
- On the ninth \$1,000 or any part thereof, 4%.
- On the tenth \$1,000 or any part thereof, 4 1/2%.
- On the eleventh \$1,000 or any part thereof, 5%.
- On the twelfth \$1,000 or any part thereof, 5 1/2%.
- On any sum of taxable income in excess of \$12,000, 6%.

Exemptions, other than special, allowed under the law are as follows: \$1,000 for a single individual, \$2,000 for head of family, \$400 for each dependent, and \$2,000 for corporations.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS.

Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho.—Bond Call.—The City of Rexburg will redeem and pay off, on Nov. 1, all of the following described bonds:

\$10,000 6% water bonds, numbered from 1 to 10, both inclusive, denom. \$1,000 each, dated Aug. 1 1913, payable Aug. 1 1933, but redeemable at the option of the city any time after Aug. 1 1923.

\$30,000 6% grading and curbing bonds, numbered from 1 to 30, both inclusive, denom. \$1,000 each, dated Aug. 1 1913, payable Aug. 1 1933, but redeemable at the option of the city any time after Aug. 1 1923.

Bonds must be presented at the office of the City Treasurer in Rexburg, where principal and interest to Nov. 1 will be paid. Interest ceases on Nov. 1. George L. Liljenquist, City Clerk.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 9 the \$20,240 4 1/2% G. E. macadam road bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 347—were awarded to the Peoples Loan & Trust Co. of Decatur at par. Due \$1,012 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

ALDEN, Freeborn County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by H. Scotte, Village Clerk, until Nov. 1 for \$7,000 water works bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%.

ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—A. J. Robinson, Township Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 24 at the County Auditor's office in Crosby, for \$1,500 7% 18-months' certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

ALLEN PARISH (P. O. Oberlin), La.—BOND SALE.—M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock were awarded the \$100,000 6% school bonds offered on Oct. 11 (V. 117, p. 1368) at 105.75. Date Nov. 1 1923.

ALLEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Kidder County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Mrs. Otto Johnson, District Clerk, until 2 p. m. Oct. 25 at the County Auditor's office in Steele, for \$6,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$100. Date Oct. 25 1923. Int. rate not to exceed 7%. Due April 25 1925. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

ANTELOPE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Elgin), Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Guy Johnson, School Director, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 25 for \$70,000 coupon school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest F. & A. Due \$11,000 each six months from Feb. 1 1924 to Aug. 1 1931, incl. Following is a list of the bids received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes Ashtabula City School District (P. O. Ashtabula), Ohio, and various individuals and companies like Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, and The Tilloston & Wolcott Co., Cleveland.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Port Allen), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5% levee bonds offered on Oct. 17 (V. 117, p. 1483), were awarded to the Hibernal Securities Co., Inc., of New Orleans at a premium of \$7,425, equal to 102.475—a basis of about 4.85%. Due \$25,000 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1925 to 1963, inclusive.

ATHENS, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 12 the following two issues of 6% bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 1483—were awarded to Milliken, York & Co. of Cleveland for \$12,546 02, equal to 102.87—a basis of about 5.39%.

\$7,240 67 city's portion various street impt. bonds, issued under Sec. 3820-21 of General Code. Denom. \$800 and one for \$840 67. Date Sept. 15 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$840 67, 1925, and \$800, 1926 to 1933, incl.

4,955 35 Shannon Ave. special assessment impt. bonds, issued under Sec. 3914 of the General Code. Denom. \$500 and one for \$55 35. Date March 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$55 35, 1924, and \$500 in all the odd years and \$50 in all the even years from 1925 to 1932, incl.

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pattersonville), Carroll County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. G. Hyatt, Clerk Board of Education, until 1 p. m. Oct. 22 for \$2,384 67 6% school bonds. Denom. \$150 and one for \$134 67. Date Aug. 1 1923. Interest semi-ann. Due each six months as follows: \$134 67 Feb. 1 and \$150 Aug. 1 1924 and \$150 Feb. 1 1925 to Aug. 1 1931 incl.

BACA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80, Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED—CORRECTION IN DISTRICT NUMBER.—At a recent election a proposition to issue \$2,500 6% school bldg. bonds failed to carry. These bonds were sold subject to being voted to James N. Wright & Co. of Denver. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 117, p. 1151. The correct number of this district is 60.

BALDY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 124, Mountrail County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—H. T. Peterson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 26 at the County Auditor's office in Stanley for \$4,000 18 months certificates of indebtedness, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 26 1923. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

BARNESVILLE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The First Nat. Bank of Barnesville on Sept. 17 purchased \$1,700 6% street paying bonds at par. Denom. \$100. Date Sept. 1 1923. Interest M. & S. Due \$100 each year.

BATESBURG, Lexington County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 15 the \$30,000 6% paving bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1689) were awarded to the First National Bank of Batesburg at 102.50, a basis of about 5.58%. Date June 1 1920. Due \$3,000 yearly on June 1 from 1926 to 1935, inclusive.

BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Beach), Golden Valley County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—C. O. Halvorson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 29 for \$6,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. Due May 1 1924. A certified check for 5% must accompany all bids.

BEAUFORT, Cartaret County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Walter, Woody & Helmerding of Cincinnati, were the successful bidders on Oct. 16 for the \$150,000 6% (registerable as to principal only, or both principal and interest) street-improvement bonds, offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1689). The price paid was par. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1933, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1934 to 1943, inclusive.

BEAVER DAM, Dodge County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Wm. Gergen, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. Oct. 25 for \$15,000 5% bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Interest F. & A. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$7,000 1941 and \$8,000 1942. A certified check for \$750 required.

BEAVERTON, Washington County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Oct. 8 the voters approved the issuance of \$65,000 water bonds.

BELOIT, Rock County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Beloit State Bank, bidding par, less \$620 for expenses, equal to 99.27, a basis of about 4.84%, was awarded on Oct. 12 the following two issues of 4 3/4% coupon bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1690): \$70,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due \$3,000, 1924 to 1933, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1934 to 1943, inclusive.

15,000 storm sewer bonds. Due \$1,000, 1924 to 1938, inclusive. Date Oct. 15 1923.

BILLINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cavalier County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$4,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 29—V. 117, p. 1483—were not sold.

BINGHAM CANYON, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1368—the \$30,000 6% water bond issue carried by a vote of 110 to 5.

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Johns), Clinton County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—On Oct. 12 the taxpayers voted on a bond issue of \$75,000 for a new school.

BLUE BUTTES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, McKenzie County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—A. A. Dreson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 27 at the County Auditor's office in Schafer, for \$2,500 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$100. Due March 1 1925. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

BRADFORD, McKean County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—West & Co. of Philadelphia have purchased the \$25,000 4 1/2% incinerator bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 117, p. 1483. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due 1953, optional in 1933.

BRADLEY BEACH, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 the following two issues of 5% bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 1577—were awarded to the Union National Corp. of New York at par: \$55,000 permanent funding and improvement bonds. Due \$3,000 1924 to 1928, inclusive, and \$4,000 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

60,000 funding and improvement bonds. Due \$3,000 1924 to 1943, incl. Date Sept. 1 1923.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—The County Treasurer is receiving proposals until 9:30 a. m. Oct. 23 for the purchase at discount of \$60,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance notes, dated Oct. 24 1923, and maturing April 24 1924.

BROOK PARK (P. O. Berea R. F. D. No. 4), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. H. Pincombe, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Nov. 8 for \$5,333 33 5 1/2% road assessment bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$333 33. Date Nov. 1 1923. Interest J. & D. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$500 1924 to 1932, incl., and \$333 33 1933. Certified check for 5% of amount bid for required.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Texas.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$50,000 5% coupon auditorium erection bonds offered on Oct. 2—V. 117, p. 1369—were not sold.

BRUIN, Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. D. Noel, Borough Treasurer, until 8 p. m. Nov. 6 for \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon road improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the First National Bank of Bruin. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1942, incl. Certified check for \$100, payable to the above official required.

BUCYRUS, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Carl Young, City Auditor, until 12 m. Nov. 9 for \$24,500 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$500. Date Oct. 1 1923. Interest semi-annually. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,500 1924 and \$3,000 1925 to 1931, incl. Certified check for \$300 required.

BUCYRUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bucyrus), Crawford County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—The \$50,998 80 5% school funding bonds offered on Oct. 12 (V. 117, p. 1483) were not sold as no bids were received. The bonds probably will be readvertised for sale at a higher interest rate.

BURKE COUNTY (P. O. Bowbells), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—C. J. Kopriva, County Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 23 for \$9,000 18 months certificates of indebtedness, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

BURKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29, Pierce County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received at the County Auditor's office in Rugby, by M. J. Costell, District Clerk, until 2 p. m. Oct. 27 for \$1,000 six months certificates of indebtedness. Bidder to name rate of interest. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to R. G. Argabright, Treasurer of District, required.

BURNS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Byron), Shiawassee County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—A \$5,000 bond issue to complete community hall has been voted.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Butler), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals were received yesterday (Oct. 19) by T. H. Greer, Chairman of Board of County Commissioners, for \$500,000 4 1/2% road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Interest A. & O. Due \$25,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1928 to 1947, inclusive; optional Oct. 1 1938.

BUTTE VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Calif.—BOND SOLD SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE BOND COMMISSION.—An issue of \$594,000 6% irrigation bonds has been sold to Mason & Co. of San Francisco at 90, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission.

CARTHAGE, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Oct. 31 to vote on the question of issuing \$38,000 5% 15-year memorial and convention hall bonds.

CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Mercer County, No. Dak.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$5,000 building bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 117, p. 1483. Date Oct. 20 1923. Due Oct. 20 1933.

CENTER TOWNSHIP (P. O. New Bloomfield), Perry County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% refunding bonds offered on Oct. 1 (V. 117, p. 1483), have been awarded to the Monaca National Bank of Monaca. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 20 1933.

CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Bend), Ore.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election a proposition to issue \$120,000 irrigation bonds failed to carry.

CHAMPION (P. O. Carthage), Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 5% road bonds was awarded on Sept. 15 to the Carthage National Bank of Carthage, for \$20,270, equal to 101.35, a basis of about 4.72%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and annual interest (Sept. 1), payable at the Carthage National Bank. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

CHANDLER, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$50,000 water, \$55,000 electric light and \$40,000 sewer bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1264—failed to carry.

CHARLESTON, Charleston County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. Nov. 1 W. S. Smith, City Treasurer, bids will be received at not less than par and accrued interest for \$375,000 5% or 6% paving bonds. Series "C." Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Interest M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$37,000, 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and \$38,000, 1930 to 1934, inclusive. Certified or cashier's check for \$2,500 on a bank satisfactory to the above official, drawn to his order, required. Official announcement states that previous issues of these paving bonds have been approved by the State Supreme Court and by Caldwell & Raymond, New York.

CHINOOK, Blaine County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The American Bank & Trust Co. of Denver was the successful bidder for the \$15,000 5 1/2% water bonds offered on Oct. 4 (V. 117, p. 1151). Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1933, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1933 to 1937, inclusive.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY (P. O. Montevideo), Minn.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. Oct. 23 (offering postponed from Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1483) by A. E. Swenson, County Auditor, for \$3,200 ditch bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$100. Date Nov. 1 1923. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, St. Paul. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$200, 1929 to 1942, inclusive, and \$400, 1943. A certified check for 5%, payable to the County Auditor, required.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY (P. O. Tangwell), Tenn.—PRICE—DESCRIPTION.—The price paid by I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson for the \$33,000 pile road bonds awarded to them as stated in V. 117, p. 691, was par plus expenses. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int., 5 1/4%, payable F. & A. Due Aug. 1 1963.

CLAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Johns R. D. No. 2), Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. M. Metz, Clerk Board of Education, until 1 p. m. Oct. 25 for \$7,040 5 1/2% school bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$260. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due each six months as follows: \$260, Feb. 1 1924 to Aug. 1 1925, and \$500, Feb. 1 1926 to Aug. 1 1931 incl. Certified check for \$200 required.

CLEVELAND, Bradley County, Tenn.—PRICE—DESCRIPTION.—The price paid by I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson and Caldwell & Co. of Nashville for the \$45,000 funding and \$75,000 school building bonds, awarded to them as stated in V. 117, p. 1264, was par plus expenses. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int., 5 1/2%, payable M. & S. Due funding bonds 1 to 15 years and school bonds Sept. 1 1953.

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 15 the following two issues of 5% school bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1577 and 1484), were awarded to the Huntington National Bank of Columbus (et al): \$606,000 funding bonds for \$608,199 78, equal to 100.36—a basis of about 4.50%. Due each six months as follows: \$50,000, Feb. 1 1926 to Aug. 1 1928, inclusive, and \$51,000 Feb. 1 1929 to Aug. 1 1931, inclusive.

444,000 building bonds for \$454,136 42, equal to 102.28—a basis of about 4.77%. Due yearly on Oct. 15 as follows: \$18,000, 1925 to 1936, inclusive, and \$19,000, 1937 to 1948, inclusive.

Date Oct. 15 1923. Following is a list of the bids received:

	\$606,000	\$444,000	Combined.
Huntington National Bank, Columbus			
First National Bank, New York	\$2,199 78	\$10,136 52	-----
Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.			
Redmond & Co.			
B. J. Van Ingen & Co.			
*Wm. R. Compton & Co.			
*Halsey, Stuart & Co.	1 00	1,648 00	
Remick, Hodges & Co.			
Stacy & Braun			
Barr Brothers & Co.	*1,207 00	*887 00	
Blodgett & Co.		6,405 00	
First Trust & Savings Bank			
H. L. Allen & Co.			
F. A. Calkins & Co.		5,156 00	
Grau, Todd & Co.			
Prudden & Co.			
Detroit Trust Co.		1,711 00	
Weil, Roth & Irving			
A. M. Lamport & Co.			\$9,775 00
Minton, Lampert & Co.			
A. G. Becker & Co.		7,028 00	
Second Ward Securities Co.			
Federal Securities Corporation			
Seipp, Princell & Co.		2,500 00	
Estabrook & Co.			
Hannah, Ballin & Lee		6,350 00	2,289 00
Harris, Small & Co.			
Otis & Co.			
*Hayden, Miller & Co.	4,115 00	3,015 00	
R. M. Grant & Co.		3,751 80	
Seasongood & Mayer		4,133 00	
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.			
George H. Burr & Co.		1,688 00	
Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co.			
*Herrick & Co.	3 00	3,150 00	
Bankers Trust Co.		5,905 20	2,310 00
Tillotson & Wolcott Co.			

* Conditional bids, "to be awarded all or none".

CORINNE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23, Stutsman County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Floyd A. Wilson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 22 at the County Auditor's office in Jamestown for \$6,000 5/4% funding bonds. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due Sept. 1 1943. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

CORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cortland), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Grace Barnes, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 23 for \$135,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Cortland Savings & Banking Co. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1926, 1928, 1931, 1933, 1936, 1938, 1941, 1943 and 1946, and \$6,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the other years from 1924 to 1947 incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the District, required.

COVINA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 991 "for" to 491 "against" the voters approved the issuance of \$200,000 school bonds at an election held on Oct. 11.

CRANE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 145, Mountrail County, No. Dak.—NO BIDS.—The \$3,000 7% 18 months certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 29—V. 117, p. 1369—were not sold as no bids were received.

CROFTON, Knox County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Oct. 30 to vote on the question of issuing \$23,000 20-year funding bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. H. D. West, Village Clerk.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Republic National Bank of Dallas on a 4.1% interest basis.

DAWSON, Kidder County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—W. D. Putnam, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 20 for \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness. Date Nov. 1 1923. Int. rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$100. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$29,000 5 1/4% school bonds were awarded as 5s to Joel Stockard & Co. at 100.04. The following bids were also received:

	Premium.	Price.
Howe, Snow & Bertles	\$172 00	100 60
E. E. MacCrone & Co.	168 40	100 56
Detroit Trust Co.	66 00	100 23
Bumpus, Hull & Co.	39 00	100 10
Matthew Finn	*50 00	99 80

* Discount.
Lewis, Bonbright, Keane, Higbie & Co., American St. Bank, Dearborn and First National Co. bid for 5 1/4% bonds.

DETROIT, Mich.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Ford Motor Co. on Oct. 10 loaned the city \$2,000,000 on a 4% interest basis.

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—The \$12,440 5 1/4% special assessment street impt. bonds offered on Oct. 15 (V. 117, p. 1369) were not sold as no bids were received.

EDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21, Bowman County, No. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$900 7% 5-year funding bonds offered on Oct. 1 (V. 117, p. 1369) were not sold.

ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY (P. O. Hampton), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Holt, Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Oct. 25 for \$50,000 5 1/4% Chesapeake District road bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Bonds are callable after 5 years on 60 days' notice at any interest paying period. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

ELLIS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Waxahachie), Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 5% road bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 117, p. 1484—were awarded to Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., of Chicago as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$1,709, equal to 101.42, a basis of about 5.36%. Date Oct. 10 1923. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 10 from 1924 to 1953, incl.

ENDERLIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22, Ransom County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—R. B. Smith, District Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 26 at the Superintendent's office in Enderlin for \$12,000 18 months certificates of indebtedness, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

ERATH, Vermilion Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Edmar J. Broussard, Secretary Board of Aldermen, until 3 p. m. Nov. 5 for \$12,000 6% electric-light bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 15 1923. Interest M. & S. 15. Due serially. A certified check for \$500, payable to E. M. Harrington, Mayor, required. Successful bidder will be furnished with the approving opinion of Wood & Oakley, of Chicago, approving the proceedings and issuance of bonds.

EVANSVILLE, Natrona County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at not less than par until 8 p. m. Nov. 5 by Oscar Fell, Town Clerk, at the offices of E. T. Foe Lumber & Hardware Co. in Evansville, for \$85,000 6% coupon water-works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the Town Treasurer or at Kountze Bros., New York, at option of holder. Due Nov. 1 1923. Certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to Bryson W. Nicholson, Town Treasurer, required.

FAIRMONT, Marion County, W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Nov. 6 to vote on the question of issuing approximately \$125,000 water filtration and purification plant construction and \$25,000 water main construction bonds. Luke C. Arnett, City Clerk.

FARMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Union Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The Farmerville State Bank of Farmerville has purchased the \$20,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 12—V. 117, p. 1369—at a premium of \$450, equal to 102.25 (interest rate not stated). Date Aug. 1 1923. Due serially, 1924 to 1939 inclusive.

FIELDS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eureka), Humboldt County, Nev.—BOND SALE HELD UP.—Because of a technical error of the School Board in voting school bonds in the amount of \$10,000 at a recent election, says the "Humboldt Times" of Eureka, bids for the sale of the bonds were not opened at the offering on Oct. 9 (see V. 117, p. 1578). The "Times" continues: "Under the law a school district may not vote over 5% of its assessed valuation in school bonds, and the amount of \$10,000 exceeds the Fields District limit by a trifle over 5%."

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Oct. 23 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,750,000 5% bonds for the erection of a municipal auditorium.

FOSTER COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Carrington), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$10,000 7% certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 6 (V. 117, p. 1578) were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$18, equal to 100.18, a basis of about 6.85%. Date Oct. 6 1923. Due Oct. 6 1924.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,500 5 1/4% sewer district Clinton No. 2 bonds offered on Oct. 12 (V. 117, p. 1485) have been awarded to the Milliken & York Co. of Cleveland at par and accrued interest to date of delivery, plus a \$183 premium, equal to 101.35, a basis of about 5.16%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1925 to 1928 incl., \$1,500 1929 and \$1,000 1930 to 1933 incl. The following bids were received:
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, \$144 45 | A. E. Aub & Co., Cincinnati, \$168 75
Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cinc., 137 70 | Milliken & York Co., Cleve., 183 00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, | Sidney, Spitzer & Co., Toledo, 163 35
Cincinnati, 110 00 | The Herrick Co., Cleveland, 141 00
Tucker, Robison & Co., Tol., 83 70 | Citizens' Trust & Savings
Seasongood & Mayer, Cinc., 68 00 | Bank Co., Columbus, 26 25
Ryan, Bowman & Co., Tol., 117 17 | Ohio National Bank, Colum., 21 75
All bids included par and accrued interest.

FREEBORN COUNTY (P. O. Albert Lea), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$299,000 public drainage ditch bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 117, p. 1485—were awarded as 5s to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and the Minneapolis Trust Co., both of Minneapolis, at a premium of \$2,235, equal to 101.11. Date Oct. 1 1923.

GALAX, Grayson County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati has purchased, it is reported, \$30,000 6% 30-year street-improvement bonds at a premium of \$600, equal to 102, plus the cost of blank bonds and attorney's fees.

GATE TOWNSHIP, McLean County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Until 1 p. m. Oct. 20 bids will be received at the County Auditor's office in Washburn by O. G. Ostwalden, Township Clerk, for \$1,200 certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$100. Date Oct. 20 1923. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

GILROY, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$87,000 5% water works bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 117, p. 1485—were awarded jointly to Schwabacher & Co. and the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco at par, plus a premium of \$435, equal to 100.50.

GLENILA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cavalier County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$3,000 18 months certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 29 (V. 117, p. 1370) were awarded to C. B. Enkema & Co. of Minneapolis as 7s at par. Date Sept. 29 1923. Due Mar. 29 1925.

GLENVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Scotia), Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$270,000 coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 117, p. 1485—were awarded as 4 3/4s to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 100.831, a basis of about 4.67%. Date July 1 1923. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1925, \$6,000 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$7,000 1931 to 1934, incl., and \$15,000 1935 to 1948, incl. Other bidders were:
Union National Corp., 100.61 | Geo. B. Gibbons, 100.09
Fidelity Trust Co., 101.785 | Clinton H. Brown & Co., Inc., 102.20

GOLDMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Mercer County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Albert Stuhlmeier, District Clerk, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Stanton until 2 p. m. Oct. 24 for \$1,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$100. Date Oct. 24 1923. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

GORMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gorman), Eastland County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$25,000 5% serial school bonds on Oct. 9.

GRACE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$75,000 bonds awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo, as stated in V. 117, p. 1265—bear 5 1/4% interest.

Assessed valuation (1923)	\$4,196,830
Total bonded debt (this issue only)	75,000
Population (present estimate), 3,500.	

GRAND FORKS, Grand Forks County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 5 1/4% paving bonds, for which no bids were received when offered on May 31—V. 116, p. 2675—have been disposed of.

GRAND VALLEY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Otero County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Nov. 10 by Jerry Wood, Secretary Board of Directors (P. O. La Junta), for \$22,000 drainage bonds. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the District, required.

GRANDVIEW, Johnson County, Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$30,000 6% sewer bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on Oct. 6—V. 117, p. 1265—was defeated.

GRANVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Oxford), No. Caro.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$30,000 school bonds awarded as stated in V. 117, p. 237, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Interest 5%, payable semi-ann. (J. & J. 15). Due \$1,000 yearly on July 15 from 1924 to 1953 incl.

GUAYAMA (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 coupon impt. bonds offered on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1153—were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati as 6s at par. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1925; \$10,000, 1926; \$5,000, 1927 to 1929; \$10,000 1930; \$5,000, 1931; \$10,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933; \$10,000, 1934 to 1939, incl.; \$15,000, 1940; \$10,000, 1941, and \$15,000, 1942 and 1943.

HALL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Memphis), Texas.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$100,000 5 1/4% road bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 117, p. 1370—were rejected.

HAMILTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hamilton), Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 6% coupon school improvement bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 117, p. 1579—have been awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo for \$41,553, equal to 103.88, a basis of about 5.24%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and \$5,000 1930 to 1933, inclusive. Other bidders were:

A. E. Aub & Co.	\$1,540 00	Seasongood & Mayer	\$1,466 50
Detroit Trust Co.	1,467 00	The Lewis Rosenthal Co.	1,472 00

HAMMOND, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% coupon "Lake Michigan front real estate purchase bonds," offered on Oct. 1—V. 117, p. 1370—have been awarded to Scrip Princell & Co. of Chicago for \$25,131, equal to 100.52, a basis of about 4.93%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 1 1933. The following bids were received:

Seipp, Princell & Co.	\$25,131 00	Bonbright & Co.	\$25,033 50
Fletcher American Co.	25,107 00	C. W. McNear & Co.	25,021 00
Blyth, Witter & Co.	25,090 50	Thompson, Kent & Grace	25,000 00

All bidders are located in Chicago excepting the Fletcher American Co., which is in Indianapolis.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING. —Sealed bids will be received by James L. Allen, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Oct. 24 for \$4,400 5% coupon W. R. Weber et al. road bonds. Denom. \$220. Date Sept. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$220 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

HARTFORD, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 17 the \$100,000 4 1/2% main pipe extension bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 1485—were awarded to Hincks Bros. & Co., of Bridgeport, at 101.431, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Nov. 1 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl. A complete list of the bids received follows:

Table with columns: Name, Bid, Name, Bid. Lists various companies and their bids for Hartford bonds.

HARTSVILLE AND SOCIETY HILL TOWNSHIP, Darlington County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$37,500 6% bridge bonds offered on Oct. 11—V. 117, p. 1485—were awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$1,413 75, equal to 103.79. Date Nov. 1 1923. Due serially for 20 years. Interest M.—N.

HASKINS, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 15 the following issues of 6% special assessment improvement bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 1691—were awarded to the Farmers Savings Bank of Haskins at par:

Table listing bond issues: \$3,150 Watts St. bonds, 1.675 Sugar St. bonds, 1.775 Mary St. bonds. Includes denominations and due dates.

HAZEN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Mercer County, No. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$60,000 5% funding bonds offered on Sept. 22—V. 117, p. 1265—were not sold. Due July 1 1943. Date July 1 1923.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Valley Stream), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% school bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 117, p. 1485—have been awarded to the Union National Corp. of New York at 106.26, a basis of about 5.43%. Date Nov. 1 1923. Due \$2,500 yearly on April 1 from 1926 to 1935 incl.

HENNEPIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Hopkins), Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Oct. 20 to vote on a proposition to issue \$180,000 5 1/2% 15-year school bonds. H. Miller, District Clerk.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. New Castle), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The City Trust Co. of Indianapolis has been awarded the \$14,702 88 6% Herbert Van Winkel et al., drainage bonds, offered on Oct. 1—V. 117, p. 1265—at par. Although the bonds have been awarded to the above firm, the sale has not been completed. Date Aug. 15 1923. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$15,000 1924 and 1925 and \$1,702 88 1926.

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hicksville), Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 6 to vote on the question of issuing \$160,000 site purchase and school erection bonds.

HIDALGO COUNTY (P. O. Edinburg), Texas.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that J. R. Arlitt, of Austin, has purchased \$150,000 road bonds, dated Aug. 1 1923, at 89.

HIGHLAND PARK (P. O. Dallas), Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$65,000 5% serial city hall bonds on Oct. 8.

HILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Gilford), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,090 6% funding school bonds offered on Oct. 12—V. 117, p. 1370—were awarded to the State of Montana at par. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1933; optional Sept. 1 1928 or any interest-paying date thereafter.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. Nov. 16 the Clerk Board of County Commissioners will receive bids for \$1,500,000 highway bonds, it is stated. These bonds are the unsold portion of a total authorized issue of \$3,000,000, \$1,500,000 of which have been sold (V. 115, p. 2181).

HINDS COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—W. S. Wells, Chancery Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 7 for \$260,000 road and bridge bonds, at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1924. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in Jackson and New York. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1944, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of bid required.

HINESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hinesville), Liberty County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% school bonds offered on Aug. 30—V. 117, p. 919—have been purchased by the Lowry Bank & Trust Co. of Georgia for \$25,760, equal to 103.04.

HOLT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Holt), Ingham County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The taxpayers have voted a \$15,000 additional bond issue for a new school.

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hornell), Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 117, p. 1691—have been awarded as 4 1/2% to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 100.25—a basis of about 4.46%. Date Nov. 1 1925. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$15,000 1928 and \$10,000 1929 to 1935, inclusive. The bids received were:

Table with columns: Name, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various companies and their bids for Hornell school bonds.

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cavalier County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 8—V. 117, p. 1153—were not sold.

ILLINOIS (State of)—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon registrable as to principal bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 117, p. 1691—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, Bankers Trust Co., Equitable Trust Co., Estabrook & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Eldredge & Co., Kountze Bros., Roosevelt & Son, Lehman Bros., First National Co. of Detroit, A. G. Becker & Co., Keane, Higbie & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, F. E. Calkins & Co., Stacy & Braun and Curtis & Sanger as follows:

Table listing bond issues for Illinois with columns for amount, date, and interest rate.

Denom. \$1,000. Principal and annual interest payable in gold coin at the State Treasurer's office. The purchasers are now offering the bonds to investors at prices to yield from 4.45% to 4.60% on the \$6,000,000 issue and at prices to yield from 4.50% to 4.60% on the \$15,000,000 issue.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported). Table with columns for Valuation fixed by State Tax Commission, Equalized valuation for taxation purposes 1922, Total bonded debt, etc.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,650,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 18 (V. 117, p. 1486) have been awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York at 98.595—a basis of about 4.60%. Date Oct. 18 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 18 as follows: \$50,000, 1933 to 1942, inclusive; \$75,000, 1943 to 1948, inclusive, and \$100,000, 1949 to 1955, inclusive.

INDIANA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indiana), Indiana County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 9 an issue of \$450,000 4 1/2% site and high-school-building bonds was awarded to the First National Bank of Indiana at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1923. Interest A. & O. Due serially from Oct. 15 1924 to Oct. 15 1953, inclusive.

—ADD JEFFERSON COUNTY, IND.—BOND OFFERING.—S. G. Bovard, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 26 for the purchase at not less than par of the following 4 1/2% coupon road bonds: \$6,850 Harry Christman et al road bonds. Denom. \$342 50. 7,400 John Speltz et al road bonds. Denom. \$370. Date Oct. 13 1923. Interest M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

IROQUOIS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brook), Newton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Chas. Russell, Township Trustee, until 2 p. m. Oct. 25 for \$16,500 5% "Second Series of Public Aid Bonds of Iroquois Township." Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due \$1,000 each six months from June 1 1925 to June 1 1933 inclusive.

ISABELLA COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Pleasant), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Road Commissioners, until 2 p. m. (Central standard time) Oct. 25 for the purchase of \$4,050 (approximately) serial Assessment District Road No. 44 bonds. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required. Bidder to name denomination and interest rate (not to exceed 6%).

ISLE LA CLARE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING—SALE NOT COMPLETED.—John T. Hood, Clerk of Police Jury (P. O. Jennings), will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 2 for \$22,000 6% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$250. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$250, 1924; \$500, 1925 to 1931, inclusive; \$750, 1932 to 1937, inclusive; \$1,000, 1938 to 1941, inclusive; \$1,250, 1942 to 1945, inclusive; \$1,500, 1946 and 1947, and \$1,750, 1948. Certified check for \$1,000 required. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. These bonds were sold to L. E. French & Co. of Alexandria (see V. 116, p. 1093), but the sale was not completed and the bonds were re-offered on July 5—V. 116, p. 2800—but apparently they were not sold.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 3:30 p. m. Nov. 8 by Thos. C. Imeson, Chairman of the City Commission, for the following 5% coupon bonds: \$100,000 street-improvement bonds. Certified check for \$2,000 required. 50,000 sidewalk bonds. Certified check for \$1,000 required. 300,000 improvement bonds. Certified check for \$6,000 required. 100,000 incinerator bonds. Certified check for \$2,000 required. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at Jacksonville or at the fiscal agency of the city in New York City, at holder's option. Certified checks must be on one of the banks of Jacksonville. Delivery of bonds 10 a. m. Nov. 9.

JASPER COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Jasper), Texas.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$125,000 5 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on Oct. 10 (V. 117, p. 1371) were rejected. Date Oct. 10 1923. Due on Oct. 10 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1943, inclusive, and \$4,500, 1944 to 1953, inclusive.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% Geo. T. Righthouse et al road bonds offered on Oct. 15 (V. 117, p. 1691), were awarded to the Madison Safe Deposit & Trust Co. for \$30,250, equal to 100.83—a basis of about 4.82%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$1,500 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

JEFFERSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jefferson), Marion County, Texas.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$10,000 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 9 (V. 117, p. 1579) were rejected. Date Aug. 31 1923. Due on Aug. 1 1933, optional Aug. 1 1943.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, Cleveland County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% water and sewer bonds mentioned in V. 117, p. 1371, have been awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at 105.26. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$2,000, 1926 to 1936, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1937 to 1962, inclusive.

KINGSTON, Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$54,000 5% permanent street-improvement bonds offered on Oct. 15 (V. 117, p. 1580) were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York for \$54,980, equal to 101.81—a basis of about 4.55%. Date Oct. 15 1923. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924; \$5,000, 1925 to 1929, inclusive; \$15,000, 1930, and \$10,000, 1931.

KINGSTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kingston), Ross County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,609 36 6% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 13 (V. 117, p. 1580) have been awarded to the Ross County National Bank of Chillicothe at 100.48—a basis of about 5.86%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due each six months as follows: \$650 Feb. 1 1924 to Feb. 1 1931, inclusive, and \$859 36 Aug. 1 1931.

LAFAYETTE, Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% city park bonds offered on Sept. 18 (V. 117, p. 1266), have been awarded to the Fletcher Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Indianapolis. Date Sept. 18 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928; \$5,000, 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and \$6,000, 1932.

LAKEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lakewood), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. W. Grill, Clerk Board of Education, until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 12 for \$275,000 5 1/2% building and improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Cleve land Trust Co. Due \$11,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1948, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for required.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,200 5% coupon Deloss Smith et al. road bonds offered on Oct. 9 (V. 117, p. 1486) have been awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison at par plus a premium of \$15, equal to 100.28, a basis of about 4.93%. Date Sept. 25 1923. Due \$260 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

LAURINBURG, Scotland County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—C. M. Felter, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Oct. 25 for \$142,000 coupon (registrable as to principal only) water and sewer bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1930, inclusive; \$3,000, 1931 to 1935, inclusive; \$4,000, 1936 to 1945, inclusive; and \$5,000, 1946 to 1961, inclusive. Certified check for 2% required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mgt. & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York, and J. L. Morehead, Durham. Bids to be on forms furnished by the above Clerk or said trust company. Delivery on or about Nov. 20 1923.

LA VETA, Huerfano County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver have purchased \$7,000 6% water bonds.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. New Castle), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$275,000 4 1/2% road impt. bonds offered on Oct. 10 (V. 117, p. 1371) have been awarded to the Mellon Nat. Bank of Pittsburgh at 101.61, a basis of about 4.33%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$25,000 yearly on July 1 from 1932 to 1938 incl.

LAWRENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (P. O. Lawrence), Douglas County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—Our Western correspondent advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that an election will be held on Oct. 23 to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 school bonds.

LE BEUF TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mill Village), Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% road bonds offered on Oct. 13 (V. 117, p. 1692) have been awarded to West & Co. at 100.64—a basis of about 4.88%.

LEHR, McIntosh County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received by B. P. Pitula, City Auditor, until 2 p. m. yesterday (Oct. 19) for \$2,500 7% funding bonds maturing \$1,000 April 15 1924 and \$1,500 April 15 1925.

LE MARS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Richland County, No. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$5,000 5 3/4% building bonds offered on Aug. 13 (V. 117, p. 580) were not sold. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1933.

LINWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Davidson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by W. J. Parker, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Lexington), until 2 p. m. Oct. 20 for \$12,500 6% school, coupon, registrable as to principal and interest, bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1926. Prin. and int. will be payable in gold coin at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City.

Notice of this offering was given in V. 117, p. 1371, it is given again as additional data have come to hand.

LISBON PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Lisbon), Ransom County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—C. G. Mead, District Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 29 for \$9,000 5 1/2% funding bonds. Date Sept. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 1933, payable at the Merchants Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul.

LITTLE FALLS, Morrison County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Oct. 29 to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 bonds for the construction of a municipal water plant and for the purchase of the present distributing system.

LOGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Rolland Bright, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Oct. 19 for \$7,200 6% school bonds. Denom. \$450. Date Oct. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$450 each six months from Feb. 1 1924 to Aug. 1 1931 incl. Certified check for 5% of amount bid for required.

LOGUEMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 74, McLean County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$4,500 certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 4 (V. 117, p. 1486) were awarded to C. B. Enkema & Co. of Minneapolis at par. Due in 18 months. Due Oct. 4 1923.

LONE TREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Golden Valley County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Oct. 27 bids will be received at the County Auditor's office in Breach by A. H. Becley, District Clerk, for \$4,000 18 months certificates of indebtedness, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70, McLean County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Oct. 22 by Sigurd Sigurdson, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Washburn for \$4,500 18 months certificates of indebtedness. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. Date Oct. 22 1923. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

LONG LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48, Burleigh County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received at the County Auditor's office in Bismarck until 10 a. m. Oct. 26 by F. H. Pillsbury, District Clerk, for \$3,500 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due May 1 1925. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. F. D. No. 1, Phillipsburg), Warren County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$46,500 5% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 10 (V. 117, p. 1580), were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia for \$46,801, equal to 100.64—a basis of about 4.94%. Date Oct. 15 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,500, 1925 to 1931, inclusive; and \$2,000, 1932 to 1949, incl.

LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lorain), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$105,729 19 5 1/2% coupon deficiency bond, offered on Oct. 15 (V. 117, p. 1580) have been awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland for \$106,487 19, equal to 100.71, a basis of about 5.30%. Date Sept. 16 1923. Due each six months as follows: \$7,000 Feb. 1 and \$6,000 Aug. 1 from Feb. 1 1924 to Feb. 1 1931 incl., and \$7,729 19 Aug. 1 1931. Following is a list of the bids received:

Table listing bids for Lorain City School District bonds, including names like Keane, Higbie & Co., Detroit, Benjamin Dancer, Detroit, Prudden & Co., Toledo, etc.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—A special election held in Municipal Improvement District No. 22 on Oct. 9 a proposition to issue \$1,000,000 bonds for the Mulholland Highway carried by a margin of 72 votes more than the two-thirds necessary.

LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$760,000 4 3/4% school bonds, no bids for which were received on Sept. 17 (V. 117, p. 1486). \$720,000 have been awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$10, equal to 100.001.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 15 the four issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$208,176 99 notice of the offering of which was given in V. 117, p. 1486, were awarded on that day, together with two other issues of bonds, as follows:

Table listing bond issues for Lucas County, including Local Sanitary Sewer No. 92, Water Supply Line No. 62, and Local Sanitary Sewer No. 87.

Following is a list of the bids received, showing the premiums offered for the various issues. With reference to the amount of each issue offered, the cents in each case are omitted.

Table listing bond bids for various entities including Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Profident Sav. Bank & Tr. Co., Farnson, Son & Co., etc.

LUZERNE COUNTY (P. O. Wilkes-Barre), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Paul J. Schmidt, County Comptroller, until 2 p. m. Oct. 26 for \$350,000 5% bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$100,000, 1925 to 1927 incl., and \$50,000, 1928. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

LYNDHURST, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. C. Vessy, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Oct. 29 at his office at No. 345 The Arcade, Cleveland, for \$82,500 5 1/2% coupon special assessment bonds, issued under Sec. 3914 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$500. Date Oct. 1 1923. Interest A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,500 1924; \$9,000 1925; \$8,000 1926 to 1928 incl.; \$9,000 1929; \$8,000 1930 to 1932 incl., and \$9,000 1933. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

LYNN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Oct. 11 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$6,000 6% serial bonds.

MCCULLOUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$4,000 7% certificates offered on Oct. 10 (V. 117, p. 1180) were not sold.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (P. O. Bladensburg), Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds has been awarded to White-Phillips & Co. of Davenport. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Huston Banking Co. of Bladensburg or through the above firm without expense. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl.

MCDOWELL COUNTY (P. O. Marion), No. Caro.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—BONDS RE-OFFERED AND SOLD.—The sale of the \$60,000 court house bonds on July 9 to the Title Guarantees & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, see V. 117, p. 239, was not completed as the attorneys did not approve the issue. The bonds were re-offered on Sept. 10 and sold to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis, see V. 117, p. 1266.

MALCOLM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38, McLean County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—There were no bids received for an issue of \$3,500 certificates offered on Oct. 2 (V. 117, p. 1486).

MANLIUS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fennville), Allegan County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Guy Teed, Sec. Board of Education, until 8 p. m. Oct. 31 for \$50,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1949 incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education, required.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Oct. 22 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 6% 20-year school site and building bonds. Geo. W. Mickle, District Clerk.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND SALE.—At the election held on Sept. 18—V. 117, p. 1267—the \$2,500 6% school building bonds issue carried. The bonds have been purchased by James N. Wright & Co. of Denver.

MANISTEE, Manistee County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 26 a \$130,000 5% paving bond issue will be voted upon. The bonds will run for 13 years.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 12 17 issues of 6% special assessment bonds aggregating \$50,400 were offered—V. 117, p. 1372. The Citizens National Bank of Mansfield purchased \$73,100 of these bonds for \$73,340 17, equal to 100.32.

MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Maplewood), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 coupon or registered park bonds offered on Oct. 16 (V. 117, p. 1486), were awarded as 4 3/4% to Boland & Preim for \$45,026 75, equal to 100.059—a basis of about 4.74%. Date June 15 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 15 from 1925 to 1969, inclusive.

MARINE CITY, St. Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Liberty National Bank of Marine City on Sept. 29 purchased \$10,000 5% bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1924 to 1933 inclusive.

MARION, McDowell County, No. Caro.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$60,000 6% school bonds awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 2676, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Interest J. & D. Due June 1 1933. Date of award June 2 1923.

MARSHALL, Harrison County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Oct. 9 (V. 117, p. 1154), all the propositions submitted to a vote of the people carried. The vote "for" and "against", each issue follows:

Table showing bond vote results for Marshall, Texas, including \$250,000 school bonds, 80,000 water-extension bonds, etc.

MASON COUNTY (P. O. Ludington), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that the authorization of \$125,000 of 5% bonds to insure the payment of the county's proportion of the expense of completing the paving of M-11, will be put up to the voters on Nov. 6.

MAURY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), Tenn.—BONDS ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 15 to vote on the question of issuing \$492,000 bonds.

MEBANE, Alamance County, No. Caro.—BIDS REJECTED.—BIDS TO BE RECEIVED AT PRIVATE SALE FOR THIRTY DAYS.—The \$25,000 coupon, registrable as to principal only, street-improvement bonds offered on Oct. 11 (V. 117, p. 1487), were not sold, as all bids received were rejected. Private bids will be received for thirty days for the bonds. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1930, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1931 to 1943, inclusive.

MERCEDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mercede), Mercede County, Calif.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for an issue of \$200,000 5% bonds offered on Oct. 2 were rejected. Notice of the offering of \$128,000 6% bonds on the above date was given in V. 117, p. 1487.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Stanton), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$15,000 7% certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 2—V. 117, p. 1487—were awarded to the First National Bank of Hebron at a premium of \$15, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 6.86%. Date Oct. 2 1922. Due \$10,000 July 2 1924, and \$5,000, Oct. 2 1924.

MERIDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Henry T. King, Mayor, and Wm. H. Russell, City Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Nov. 1 for \$750,000 4 3/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America at the Importers and Traders National Bank of New York. Due \$25,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1954 incl. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required.

The official offering of these bonds appears on a subsequent page of this issue.

METAMORA CIVIL AND SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Metamora), Franklin County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 8 the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 1372—were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$29,091, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.81%.

\$14,328 civil township bonds. 14,328 school township bonds. Denom. \$398. Date June 30 1923. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1941 inclusive.

MIDDLETOWN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by I. B. A. Taylor, City Clerk, until 3 p. m. Nov. 9 for \$45,000 5% coupon general impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Interest A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1933 incl., and \$5,000, 1934. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

MISSOULA, Missoula County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 19 to vote on the question of issuing \$600,000 water bonds

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 the \$350,000 5% coupon water-works and sewer bonds, dated Nov. 1 1923 and maturing Nov. 1 1953, offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1487), were awarded to I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson, Tenn., for \$353,150, equal to 100.90, a basis of about 4.94%.

MONROE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tippecanoe City), Miami County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,323 48 5/8% school bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 117, p. 1581—were awarded to the Citizens' Trust & Savings Bank of Columbus for \$11,330, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 5.49%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due each six months as follows: \$323 48 5/8 Feb. 1 and \$500, Aug. 1 1924 and \$500 Feb. 1 1925 to Aug. 1 1931 inclusive.

MONTAGUE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Montague), Montague County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Oct. 9 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$15,000 5 1/2% serial school bonds.

MOORESVILLE, Iredell County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 26 C. F. Moore, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids for \$200,000 coupon (registerable as to principal only) water bonds, at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1933, inclusive; \$5,000, 1934 to 1953, inclusive, and \$7,000, 1954 to 1963, inclusive. Certified check for 2% required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York, or J. L. Morehead, Durham. Bids to be made on forms furnished by the above official or said trust company. Delivery on or about Nov. 20 1923.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 Burnside Street Bridge and \$500,000 Ross Island Bridge bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 117, p. 1581—were awarded as 5s to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 101.27, a basis of about 4.88%. Date Nov. 1 1923. Due \$20,000 of each issue yearly on Nov. 1 from 1929 to 1953, incl.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Muskegon Heights Savings Bank purchased an issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% Sanford St. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due one to ten years.

NESSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Ray), Williams County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 7% 18-months' certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 2—V. 117, p. 1487—were not sold.

NEWCOMERTOWN, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harry Dillehay, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$100,000 5% coupon water bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at Newcomertown. Due 1925 to 1947, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the above official, required.

NORTH COLLEGE HILL (P. O. College Hill Station, Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Perry C. Brestel, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Nov. 9 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following three issues of 6% bonds: \$2,896 special assessment street impt. bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$295 and 9 for \$289. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$295 Sept. 1 1924 and \$289 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1933 incl.

3,600 city's portion street impt. bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$600 and 6 for \$500. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due serially. 40,000 water system bonds. Denom. \$2,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl.

Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award.

NORTH DANVILLE (P. O. Dansville), Livingston County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 road bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 117, p. 1692—were awarded as 4 7/8s to the Merchants & Farmers National Bank of Dansville at par. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1938 inclusive.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—BOND SALE.—R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of New York, have purchased the following two issues of gold bonds: \$300,000 5 1/2% bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due July 1 1937.

\$700,000 5 1/4% bonds. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$120,000, 1928, and \$150,000, 1929, 1932 and 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.), payable at the National City Bank, New York City. The bonds are now being offered to investors at prices to yield 5% for the 5.50s and 5.10% for the 5.75s

NORTH SHORE PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Rogers Park Sta., Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Northern Trust Co. and Minton, Lampert & Co. of Chicago have purchased \$300,000 5% bonds, and are now offering the same to investors at prices to yield from 4.60% to 4.70%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago. Due 1926 to 1943 inclusive.

Assessed valuation.....\$15,486,324 Total bonded debt (including this issue).....450,000 Population (estimated) 50,000.

NORTHWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 83, Grand Forks County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$3,500 18 months' certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 1 (V. 117, p. 922), were awarded jointly to C. B. Edwards, of Oklahoma City, who took \$2,000, and Wm. Treacy, who took \$1,500. The price paid was par. Interest rate 7%.

NORWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40, Kidder County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—J. J. Bennett, District Clerk, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Steele until 2 p. m. Oct. 22 for \$1,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$100. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. Date Nov. 1 1923. Due in 12 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

OAKWOOD, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 5 the \$50,000 5 1/2% water works impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 1267—were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo for \$51,046, equal to 102.092, a basis of about 5.27%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1948 inclusive.

OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Omaha), Douglas County, Neb.—NOTE SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Northern Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co., all of Chicago, and the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha, has purchased the \$1,500,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) school notes offered on Oct. 15 (V. 117, p. 1487) at a premium of \$339, equal to 100.0229—a basis of about 4.985%. Date Nov. 5 1923. Due Aug. 1 1924.

ORANGE, Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 6% sewer bonds offered on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1487—were awarded to the California Securities Co. of Los Angeles at par, plus a premium of \$17, equal to 100.008, a basis of about 5.99%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000 1924 to 1933, incl., and \$8,000 1934 to 1948, incl.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orlando), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. Nov. 15 B. M. Robinson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will receive sealed bids for \$397,000 5 1/2% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date

Sept. 15 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S. 15) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Due \$194,000 Sept. 5 1950 and \$203,000 Sept. 15 1951. Certified check on a national or State bank for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, required. It is said that the bonds have been validated by decree of the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, for Orange County. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York.

OREGON (State of).—CORRECTION.—Instead of maturing \$25,000 each six months from Oct. 1 1928 to April 1 1948, inclusive, as had been originally advertised, the \$1,000,000 4 1/2% highway bonds bid for which are asked until 2:30 p. m. Oct. 22, will mature \$25,000 each six months beginning April 1 1929 and ending Oct. 1 1948, inclusive. For other details of offering see V. 117, p. 1581.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Dec. 1 by O. B. Hoff, State Treasurer (P. O. Salem), for the purchase of \$175,320 Oregon District interest bonds, dated Dec. 1 1923, and in denom. to suit purchaser of \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present value in weight and fineness at the office of the State Treasurer or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in New York City. Due as follows: \$19,500 July 1 1943, \$2,250 July 1 1944, \$2,750 Oct. 1 1945, \$7,800 July 1 1947, \$12,000 July 1 1948, \$23,100 Jan. 1 1950, \$8,250 July 1 1950, \$5,670 July 1 1951, \$24,000 Jan. 1 1952, and \$30,000 July 1 1959. Certified check for 5% of the amount of each bid, payable to the above official, required. Bidders to name rate of interest. Legality approved by Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch.

BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE.—According to the "Oregonian" of Oct. 4, the State Land Commission on Oct. 3 invested \$50,000 of segregated accident commission funds in school district securities. The bonds purchased by the board were: School District No. 13, Harney County, \$7,000, yielding 5.08%; School District No. 16, Grant County, \$5,000, yielding 5%, less discount of 3 1/2%; Union High School District No. 2, Lincoln County, \$15,000, yielding 5.05%; School District No. 17, Curry County, \$9,000, yielding 5.05%; School District No. 25, Multnomah County, \$7,000, yielding 5%; School District No. 4, Lane County, \$2,000, yielding 5%; Union High School District No. 1, Klamath County, \$5,000, yielding 5%.

OYSTER BAY, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest) Hicksley water district bonds offered on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1487—have been awarded to Clark Williams & Co. of New York as 4:50s at 100.557, a basis of about 4.44%. Date Oct. 15 1923. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1928 to 1942 inclusive.

PALMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65, McLean County, No. Dak.—NO BIDS.—The \$2,000 18-months' certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 2—V. 117, p. 1487—were not sold, as no bids were received.

PALO ALTO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry A. Pfister, County Clerk (P. O. San Jose), will receive sealed proposals until 11 a. m. Nov. 5 for \$125,000 5% coupon school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M.-N. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 and 1925, \$2,000 1926 and 1927, \$3,000 1928 and 1929, \$4,000 1930 and 1931, \$5,000 1932 and 1933, \$6,000 1934 and 1935, \$7,000 1936 and 1937, \$8,000 1938 and 1939, \$9,000 1940 to 1942, incl.; \$10,000 1943 and 1944 and \$6,000 1945. A certified check for 5% of amount bid for, payable to the above official, required.

PANOLA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Oct. 10 the State Comptroller of Texas registered the following serial road bonds: \$82,000 5 1/2% District No. 4 bonds. 7,000 5 1/2% District No. 5 bonds. 55,000 5% District No. 8 bonds.

PAROWAN, Iron County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The Utah State Industrial Commission has purchased \$31,000 5 1/2% light and water bonds.

PELHAM MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) road-improvement bonds (Serise No. 33), offered on Oct. 15 (V. 117, p. 1532), have been awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, as 4 1/2s at 100.09—a basis of about 4.49%. Date Nov. 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

PEMISCOT COUNTY (P. O. Caruthersville), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—A. A. Correll, County Treasurer, will offer for sale on Oct. 23 \$32,000 6% Drainage District No. 12 bonds. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due in 20 years.

PERKINS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12-C (P. O. Madrid), Neb.—ISSUE TURNED DOWN BY STATE AUDITOR—NEW ELECTION HELD.—BONDS VOTED AND SOLD.—In V. 117, p. 582, we reported the sale of \$25,000 6% school-building bonds to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver. We are now informed that the State Auditor turned down the issue when submitted to him for his approval, and that a new election was called at which time \$14,500 bonds were voted and sold to the same company.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Nov. 2 by Frank Dorsey, City Treasurer, at his office in the City of Perth Amboy, for the purchase of each of the following issues of bonds, the amount of the issue stated in each case being the maximum amount of bonds which may be issued, and the amount which is required to be obtained: \$26,000 5% street impt. bonds, of the denomination of \$1,000, to be dated Nov. 1 1923, and to mature in numerical order, two bonds on Nov. 1 of each of the years 1924 to 1936 incl.

73,500 5% general impt. bonds, of the denomination of \$1,000 (except last bond, which is for \$500), to be dated Nov. 1 1923, and to mature in numerical order on Nov. 1 of each year, nine bonds 1924 to 1929, both inclusive, and ten bonds 1930 and 1931. All of the bonds are in coupon form, with privilege of registration as to principal and interest, or as to principal only. Interest is payable semi-annually (M. & N.) and both prin. and int. are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Each issue of bonds will, unless all bids are rejected, be sold to the bidder or bidders complying with the terms of sale and offering to pay not less than the sum above stated for each issue and to take the least amount of bonds, commencing with the first maturity, and stated in a multiple of \$1,000; and if two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of bonds, then the bonds will be sold to the bidder or bidders offering to pay the highest additional price. In addition to the price bid, the purchaser must pay accrued interest from the date of the bonds to the date of delivery. Bids are desired on forms which will be furnished by the city, and must be accompanied by a certified check or checks on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed thereon. Approving opinion of Caldwell and Raymond of N. Y. City as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser or purchasers without charge.

Financial Statement Oct. 1 1923. General bonded debt (not including these issues) \$2,571,640 00 Water bonded debt 1,035,000 00 Total bonded debt \$3,606,640 00 Floating debt—Tax revenue bonds \$390,000 00 Temporary improvement bonds (trust) 553,200 00 Temporary improvement bonds (capital) 96,000 00 Temporary improvement bonds (school) 10,000 00 General floating debt \$1,049,200 00 Water floating debt 1,248,200 00 Total bonded and floating debt \$5,904,040 00 Sinking funds—General \$527,408 83 Water 133,538 53 Total sinking funds \$660,946 56 Net taxable valuations for year 1923—Real \$28,279,243 00 Personal 9,341,385 00 Total \$37,620,628 00 Population estimated at 45,000.

PETITE ANSE COTEAU DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Iberia Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. L. Babineau,

Pres. Board of Commissioners (P. O. New Iberia) until 12 m. Nov. 8 for \$75,000 drainage bonds. Date Sept. 1 1923. A certified check for \$1,875 on some Louisiana bank required.

PIQUA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Piqua), Miami County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,833 39 5/8% coupon school funding bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 117, p. 1487—have been awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Piqua for \$21,910 55, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 5.41%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due each six months as follows: \$1,350 Feb. 1 1924 to Feb. 1 1932, incl., and \$1,583 39 Aug. 1 1932.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4 1/2% school coupon bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 117, p. 1693—have been awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston at 100.36—a basis of about 4.37%. Date Oct. 15 1923. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1924 to 1928, incl. Other bidders were: Estabrook & Co. 100.35; Arthur Perry & Co. 100.18; Edmunds Bros. 100.28; National City Co. 100.141; Old Colony Trust Co. 100.21; Geo. H. Burr & Co. 100.088; R. L. Day & Co. 100.21; E. H. Rollins & Sons 100.068; Kimball, Russell & Co. and Wm. R. Compton Co. 100.187.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH (P. O. Point Pleasant), Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—The \$50,000 coupon street-improvement bonds offered on Oct. 11 as 5s (V. 117, p. 1582), are being re-offered on Oct. 25 as 5 1/2s. They failed to sell on Oct. 11. Bids are being received until 8 p. m. Oct. 25 by W. T. Newbury, Borough Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Interest, semi-annual. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1939, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1940. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to H. C. Shoemaker, Jr., Collector, required.

PONDERA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (P. O. Brady), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,750 6% funding bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 117, p. 809—were awarded to the State Land Board of Montana at par.

PONTIAC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pontiac), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 7 an election will be held to vote on a \$750,000 bond issue for schools.

PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Ravenna), Ohio.—NO BIDS.—There were no bidders for the \$5,291 5 1/2% road bonds offered on Oct. 16 (V. 117, p. 1582).

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$101,000 5% fire department construction bonds offered on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1487—were awarded to the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$1,301 76, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 4.86%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926 to 1932, incl., and \$6,000 1933 to 1943, incl. The following bids were received: The National City Co. 101.139; The Anglo-London-Paris Co. 1,301.76; A. N. Wright 100.43; Freeman, Smith & Camp Co.; Wm. R. Compton Co. 101.09; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; Lumbermen's Trust Co. 100.810; Baillargeon, Winslow & Co.; C. W. McNear & Co. 100.57; Cyrus Peirce & Co. 100.81.

Cyrus Peirce & Co. For any part thereof will pay a 4.75% basis less a discount of 1.32%. 909.90

Seasongood & Mayer 100.660; Ralph Schneelock Co.; Stacy & Braun 100.660; Western Bond & Mtge. Co.; Clark, Kendall & Co.; Ladd & Tilton Bk100.805; Ferris & Hardgrove 776.00

Wm. Adams, City Treasurer. Account of Policemen's Relief & Pension Fund accrued interest and 102.37 for \$6,000 (maturing Oct. 1 1933.) 102.55 for \$6,000 (Maturing Oct. 1 1934.)

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17, Colo.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$9,000 6% school building bonds awarded as stated in V. 117, p. 695, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at Kountze Bros., New York City. Due July 1 1933, optional July 1 1943.

Financial Statement. Actual valuation over \$850,000; Assessed valuation, 1922 510,214; Total bonded debt (this issue only) 9,000; Population, estimated, 500.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Jos. D. Grigsby & Co., and Kennedy, Evans & Co., both of Pueblo, have jointly purchased \$30,000 5 1/4% 20-30-year (optional) school-building bonds at 100.67, subject to the bonds being voted at an election to be held shortly.

QUEBRADILLAS (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 9 a. m. Oct. 26 by Manuel Lamela, Municipal Commissioner of Public Service, for \$70,000 coupon public improvement bonds at not exceeding 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1924. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) will be payable and the bonds will be delivered at some bank or trust company in Washington, D. C., New York, or Porto Rico, to be chosen by the buyer and designated by the Council of Administration of Quebradillas. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935 to 1951, inclusive; \$2,000, 1952 to 1956, inclusive; \$3,000, 1957 to 1969, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1970. Certified check or bank draft (or cash) on some national bank of the United States or on any of the banks doing business in Porto Rico for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Commissioner of Finance, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

RALSTON, Douglas County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Sept. 18 (V. 117, p. 1155) the proposition to issue \$20,000 funding bonds carried by a vote of 74 to 36. Interest rate 5 1/2%. Due Dec. 1 1943.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% road-improvement bonds offered on Oct. 15 (V. 117, p. 1693) have been awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison, for \$14,663 50—equal to 100.43—a basis of about 4.91%: \$5,100 Otis W. Hinshaw et al. Denom. \$225; 3,200 J. E. Parker et al. Denom. \$160; 6,300 W. H. Thompson et al. Denom. \$315. Interest M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

RIDGEWAY RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ridgeway), Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Nov. 6 the voters will vote on a \$20,000 bond issue for school improvements.

ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rockford), Winnebago County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by P. A. Peterson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, until 4 p. m. Oct. 22 for \$95,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Date April 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1942, inclusive. The bonds are registerable as to principal. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5 1/2% special assessment bonds offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 20 (V. 117, p. 923), have been awarded at par to Weil, Roth & Irving, of Cincinnati: \$6,125 street bonds dated Aug. 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$25, 1924, and \$700, 1925 to 1932, inclusive. 2,600 street bonds dated Aug. 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$200, 1924, and \$300, 1925 to 1932, inclusive. 47,000 street bonds dated July 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,500, 1924 to 1926, inclusive; \$5,000, 1927; \$4,500, 1928; \$5,000, 1929; \$4,500, 1930; \$5,000, 1931; \$4,500, 1932, and \$5,000, 1933. 20,000 street bonds dated Aug. 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. 16,730 street bonds dated Aug. 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,730, 1924; \$1,500, 1925 and 1926; \$2,000, 1927; \$1,500, 1928 and 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$1,500, 1931 and 1932, and \$2,000, 1933. 15,000 Wooster Road water mains construction and installment bonds. Denom. \$1,500. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$1,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

10,500 Bonnie Bank Road water mains construction and installment bonds. Denom. \$1,050. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$1,050 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

4,800 Westwood Ave. water main construction and installment bonds. Denom. \$500 and bond No. 1 for \$300. Date June 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1923, and \$500 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58, Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Oct. 24 bids will be received by (Mrs.) A. F. Newman, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Minot for \$8,500 6% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 1 1943. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

ROTTKE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32, McHenry County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—John J. Davis, District Clerk (P. O. Deering), will receive bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 5 for \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Date Nov. 5 1923. Due Nov. 5 1924. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Royal Oak), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Watling, Larchen & Co., of Detroit, purchased \$150,000 school bonds as 1/4s at 97. Other bids for 5% bonds were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium, Rate Bid. Detroit Trust Co. 7,515 105.01; Matthew Finn, E. E. MacCrone 5,450 103.63; Keane, Higbie & Co.; Livingstone, Higbie & Co. 5,070 103.38; Howe, Snow & Bertles; Kinsey, McMahan & Co. 4,385 102.92; Security Trust Co.; Lewis Bonbright 3,000 102.00; Bumpus, Hull & Co. 2,859 101.90

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—The \$22,808 29 6% New St. improvement special assessment bonds offered on Oct. 12 (V. 117, p. 1374) were not sold, as all bids were rejected. The bonds will be re-advertised for sale.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Rollette County, Calif.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$6,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 6 (V. 117, p. 1488), were not sold.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (P. O. Duluth), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% bonds offered on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1488—were awarded jointly to the First National Bank of Duluth, Northern Trust Co. of Duluth and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$1,676 97, equal to 101.71—a basis of about 4.82%: \$87,000 Judicial Ditch No. 1 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1941, incl., and \$3,000, 1942. 10,500 Ditch No. 14 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1940, incl.; \$1,000, 1941 and 1942, and \$2,000, 1943. Date Oct. 1 1923.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (P. O. Duluth), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. Borgen, County Auditor, until 1:30 p. m. Nov. 6 for \$335,000 coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check or bank draft on a national or State bank, for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to G. H. Vivian, County Treasurer, required.

SAND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sand Lake), Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$90,000 high-school bonds has been awarded to the Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids.

SANFORD, Lee County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 25 by C. L. Gunter, Town Clerk, for the following coupon, with privilege of registration, bonds: \$100,000 street improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1933, incl., and \$6,000 1934 to 1943, incl. 55,000 water bonds. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,000 1926 to 1936, incl., and \$2,000 1937 to 1958, incl. 70,000 sewer bonds. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$2,000 1926 to 1954, incl., and \$3,000 1955 to 1958, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. O. 15) payable in gold coin at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City, and interest on registered bonds will, at option of holder, be paid in New York exchange. Bidder to name rate of interest not to exceed 6%. A certified check (or cash) for 2% of amount bid for upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the town of Sanford. Successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the town of Sanford.

SANTA MONICA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 15 the \$550,000 5% school bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1582), were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles for \$554,325, equal to 100.78—a basis of about 4.95%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1932, inclusive; 5,000, 1933 to 1939, inclusive; \$7,000, 1940 and 1941; \$10,000, 1942 to 1950, inclusive; \$12,000, 1951 and 1952, and \$36,000, 1953 to 1962, inclusive.

SCHAGHTICOKE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Pleasant Hill, R. F. D. No. 6, Troy), Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% school bonds offered on Oct. 13—V. 117, p. 1694—have been awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 105.20, a basis of about 5.62%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1940 to 1943 inclusive.

SCHNEIDER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39, McLean County, No. Dak.—NO BIDS.—The \$4,000 18-months certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 6 (V. 117, p. 1583), were not sold, as no bids were received.

SEBASTOPOL, Sonoma County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 22 John A. Saunders, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids for \$8,905 50 7% improvement bonds. Denom. \$593 70. Date Oct. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Town Treasurer's office. Due \$593 70 yearly on July 2 from 1924 to 1938, inclusive. Certified check for 10% of the bid, payable to the above official, required.

SHENANDOAH, Page County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION VOID—NEW ELECTION DATE SET.—Owing to the defects in the notices of election and the printing of ballots on blue instead of yellow paper, the recent vote for the \$50,000 armory building bonds (see V. 117, p. 1488) has been declared null and void. Oct. 26 has been set for the date of a new election.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Antelope), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—F. R. Puckett, Clerk of Board of Trustees, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 1 for an issue of amortization funding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,800. Date Nov. 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Int. rate 6%. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the above Clerk, required.

SHORT CREEK SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Burke County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$34,000 7% 18 months certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 3 were not sold.

SMOKY BUTTE TOWNSHIP, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Oct. 24 at the County Auditor's office in Crosby for \$2,000 7% 18 months certificates of indebtedness by Ole Olson, Township Clerk. Denom. \$500. A certified check for 5% must accompany all bids.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Paul H. Prassi, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Nov. 15 for \$85,780 5 1/2% street impt. assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000, and one for \$780. Date Oct. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,780, 1924; \$9,000, 1925; \$8,000, 1926; \$9,000, 1927 and 1928; \$8,000, 1929; \$9,000, 1930; \$8,000, 1931, and \$9,000, 1932 and 1933. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

SOUTH EUCLID SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Euclid), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Milliken & York Co. of Cleveland purchased the \$23,268 59 6% coupon school funding bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 117, p. 1694—for \$23,449 59, equal to 100.77—a basis of about 5.78%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due each six months as follows: \$1,458 59, Feb. 1 1924; \$1,454, Aug. 1 1924 to Aug. 1 1931, incl.

SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Manteca), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election

will be held on Oct. 27 to vote on a proposition to issue \$500,000 ditch and drainage pump bonds.

STARKE COUNTY (P. O. Knox), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 27 by A. W. Carlson, County Treasurer, for \$7,500 5% coupon Wm. Thompson et al. gravel road bonds. Date Sept. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank M. Daniels, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 3 for \$59,897 83 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$397 83. Int. J. & D. Due each six months as follows: \$5,897 83, Dec. 1 1924 and \$6,000, Jan. 1 1925 to Dec. 1 1933 inclusive.

SWAIN COUNTY (P. O. Bryson City), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 15 the \$200,000 5 1/2% Forneys Creek Township Road District bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1263), were awarded, it is stated, to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., of Chicago, at par. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$200,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1931 to 1940, inclusive.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Vervay), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edwin R. Ferguson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 5 for \$30,000 4 1/2% coupon gravel road repair bonds. Denom. \$750. Date Nov. 5 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$1,500 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

TAGUS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39, Mountrail County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Ira D. Bush, District Clerk, will receive bids until 7.30 p. m. Oct. 27 at the County Auditor's office in Stanley for \$4,800 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,600. Dated: \$1,600 Nov. 1 1923, \$1,600 Jan. 2 1924 and \$1,600 March 1 1924. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. Due in 18 months from date. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of bid required.

TAMPA, Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% coupon registerable as to principal water works extension bonds offered on Oct. 9—V. 117, p. 1583—were awarded to the Sinking Fund Trustees at par. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$26,000 Aug. 1 1924 and \$24,000 Aug. 1 1925.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Amite), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Nov. 6 by the Parish Superintendent of Schools for \$12,000 school bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$250. Date Nov. 1 1923. Due serially for 15 years.

TARBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Edgemont County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 23 by S. T. Emory, Secretary of the School Board, for \$130,000 coupon, with privilege of registration as to principal only, school bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1930 to 1952, inclusive. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for \$2,600, payable to the Financial Agent of Edgemont County, required. The bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., in New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials signing same and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinions of Chester B. Masslich, New York City, and J. L. Morehead, Durham, N. C., will be furnished the purchasers. Delivery on or about Nov. 14 1923 in New York City; delivery elsewhere at purchaser's expense, including N. Y. exchange.

TERREBONNE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Houma), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% road bonds offered on Oct. 10 (V. 117, p. 1374) were awarded to the Bank of Houma Trust & Savings Bank at a premium of \$700, equal to 102.66. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1951, inclusive.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The following is a list of the bonds purchased on Oct. 10 by the State Board of Education. The bonds all bear 5% interest. The price paid was par.

Brownboro Ind. S. D.	-----	\$8,000	Johnson Co. C. S. D. No. 80	-----	\$2,000
Burnet Co. C. S. D. No. 3	-----	1,200	Ochiltree Co. C. S. D. No. 15	-----	1,800
Live Oak Co. C. S. D.	-----		Red River Co. C. S. D. No. 79	-----	1,200
No. 1	-----	4,000	Smith Co. C. S. D. No. 1	-----	800

BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered the following bonds:

Amount.	Place.	Due.	Int.	Date Reg.
\$1,200	Red River Co. C. S. D. No. 79	10-20 yr.	5%	Oct. 9
3,000	Lynn Co. Com. Sch. Dist. No. 8	serial	6%	Oct. 11
3,500	Lubbard Co. Com. Sch. Dist. No. 15	serial	5%	Oct. 11
2,000	Panola Com. Sch. Dist. No. 23	5-20 yr.	6%	Oct. 13
2,400	Collingsworth Co. C. S. D. No. 30	10-20 yr.	5%	Oct. 13
1,500	Collingsworth Co. C. S. D. No. 33	10-20 yr.	5%	Oct. 13

THOMASVILLE, Davidson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—B. H. Harris, City Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 4 p. m. Oct. 23 for \$365,000 5 1/2% coupon, registerable as to prin. and int. public impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1926 to 1933 incl.; \$10,000, 1934; \$11,000, 1935, and \$20,000, 1936 to 1949 incl. A certified check for \$7,300, payable to the above official, required. Legal proceedings and preparation and sale of bonds under the supervision of Bruce Craven of Trinity. Bonds will be ready for delivery about Nov. 8 and will be delivered together with the final delivery papers and the opinion as to legality, of Storey, Thorncliffe, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, Mo., were awarded on Oct. 16 the \$250,000 4 1/2% general improvement bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 1694). Date Aug. 1 1923. Due in one to ten years.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William A. Toohey, City Comptroller, until 10 a. m. Oct. 23 for the purchase of the following two issues of 4 1/2% tax-exempt coupon or registered bonds:

- \$80,000 Health Building bonds. Due \$4,000 for 20 (annual) years.
- 15,000 "City of Troy Bridge Bonds of 1923. Due \$1,000 for 15 (annual) years.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within five days from time of award. Accrued interest between date of bonds and actual payment date must be paid by the bidder. Basis bids not acceptable.

Financial Statement Oct. 13 1923.

General debt	-----	\$3,065,323 78
Water debt	-----	2,178,261 24
Sinking fund	-----	157,490 25
Certificate of indebtedness for harbor and dock and public improvements (temporary loan)	-----	1,119,000 00
Revenue bonds for liquor tax rebates	-----	3,200 00
Real estate assessed valuation for 1923	-----	59,333,762 00
Franchise assessed valuation for 1923	-----	4,325,288 00
Total Assessed valuation for 1923	-----	63,659,050 00
Population, 1920 Census, 72,013.	-----	

TROY, Montgomery County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by M. A. Nicholson, Town Clerk, until 11 a. m. Oct. 27 for \$120,000 6% coupon, registerable as to prin. and int. street bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Prin. and int. will be payable in gold coin at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1926 to 1931 incl. and \$8,000, 1932 to 1943 incl. A certified check for 2% of issue, required. Legal proceedings and preparation and sale of bonds under the supervision of Bruce Craven of Trinity. Bonds will be ready for delivery on or about Nov. 15 and will be delivered, together with certified transcript of legal proceedings, final delivery papers, and opinion as to legality, of Storey, Thorncliffe, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Urbana), Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 1 of this year an issue of \$16,000 5 1/2% deficiency bonds was taken by the Urbana Sinking Fund Commission at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & N.

VALEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Opheim), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by H. O. Dahlen, Clerk Board of Trustees, until 2 p. m. Nov. 10 for an issue of amortization funding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,771 87. Date Dec. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. A certified check for \$750, payable to the above Clerk, required.

VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, McLean County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—F. A. Vogel, District Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 23 at the County Auditor's office in Washburn for \$8,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$2,000. Date Oct. 23 1923. Int. rate not to exceed 7%. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

VILLISCA, Montgomery County, Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD DUE TO INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS.—The \$75,000 5% coupon electric light and power plant bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 117, p. 1583—were not sold due to proceedings for an injunction to prevent the sale, started by the Iowa Service Co.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received for the \$20,000 6% school bonds, awarded to Caldwell, Mosser & Willaman of Chicago, as stated in V. 117, p. 1695.

Prudden & Co., Toledo	-----	\$20,616	W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	-----	\$20,226
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo	-----	20,562	Bk. of So. Jacksonville, So. J.	-----	20,316
C. W. McNear & Co., Chic.	-----	20,114	Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cin.	-----	20,585
Caldwell, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago	-----	20,810	Sutherland Securities Co., Kansas City	-----	20,489

WAPPINGER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Wappinger Falls), Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York have purchased the \$75,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 117, p. 1489—at 100.48, a basis of about 4.61%. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1928 incl.; \$3,000, 1929 to 1943 incl., and \$2,000, 1944 to 1953 incl.

WATERTOWN, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered at public auction on Oct. 16 (V. 117, p. 1583) were awarded as follows:

- \$365,000 water, light and power development bonds to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 101.98—a basis of about 4.33%. Date July 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1924 to 1940, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1941 to 1953, incl. 50,000 water, light and power development bonds to the Jefferson Securities Corp. of Watertown at 100.83—a basis of about 0.00%. Date July 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1934, inclusive.
- 28,000 grade-crossing bonds to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 100.71—a basis of about 0.00%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Interest A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1938, inclusive.

WEBB CITY, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—In furnishing us with data for our forthcoming edition of the "State and City Supplement," L. O. Walker, City Clerk, advises us that \$27,500 5% funding bonds, dated Sept. 1 1923, and maturing from 1925 to 1941, inclusive, have been sold.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dunbridge), Wood County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. D. Philo, Clerk Board of Education, until 1 p. m. Oct. 29 for \$12,837 03 6% coupon school funding bonds. Denom. \$750 and one for \$837 03. Date Oct. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. Due each six months as follows: \$837 03 Feb. 1 1924 and \$750 Aug. 1 1924 to Aug. 1 1931 incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

WELSH, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. Nov. 6 by F. G. Seward, Town Clerk, for \$20,000 electric-light-plant bonds. Denom. \$500. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1931, inclusive; \$1,500, 1932 to 1935, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1936 to 1938, inclusive. A good faith deposit of \$1,070 required. Legality of issue to be approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

WEST CHICAGO, Du Page County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago has purchased \$30,000 5% coupon water works impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chicago Trust Co. of Chicago. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1925 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000 1935 to 1941 incl., and \$3,000 1942 and 1943.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Real value of taxable property (estimated)	-----	\$2,443,262
Assessed valuation for taxation	-----	1,221,631
Total debt (this issue included)	-----	32,000
Less water debt	-----	\$30,000
Net debt	-----	2,000
Population, 1920 Census, 2,594.	-----	

WESTERVILLE, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Richard Biehl, City Manager, until 12 m. Nov. 3 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% coupon Logan Ave. concrete curb and gutter bonds:

- \$10,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl.
- 1,500 bonds. Denom. \$300. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$300 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1928 incl.

Interest A. & O. All bidders must state amount of bonds bid for and accrued interest to date of delivery. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

WHITE CLOUD, Newago County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo on Sept. 1 purchased at par an issue of \$12,000 6% water main bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1935 inclusive.

WILLS POINT, Van Zandt County, Texas.—BONDS NOT TO BE ISSUED.—The \$25,000 municipal light plant bonds voted at the election held on April 3—V. 117, p. 1691—are not to be issued by the city, as it has made connections with a power company to supply its light.

WILMINGTON, Clinton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. E. Hoskins, City Auditor, until 12 m. Nov. 2 for \$16,500 5 1/2% street impmt. assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$500. Date April 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1931 incl. and \$500, 1932. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required. At the same time the City Auditor will receive bids for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$2,200 5 1/2% coupon special assessment Rombach Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$200. Date April 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$200, 1924 to 1930 incl., and \$400, 1931 and 1932. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award.

WILSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$215,000 5 1/2% serial bonds on Oct. 8.

WILSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Oct. 8 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$100,000 5 1/2% serial bonds.

WISE COUNTY (P. O. Wise), Va.—BOND SALE.—C. W. McNear & Co. and Caldwell & Co., both of New York, have jointly purchased \$300,000 coupon registerable as to principal road bonds as follows:

- \$90,000 5 1/2% bonds. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924, and \$4,000, 1925 to 1945 inclusive.
- 210,000 6% bonds. Due Dec. 1 1945. \$189,000 optional as follows: \$21,000 1934 to 1942 inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Coal & Iron National Bank, N. Y. City.

WOODBURY, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Walter B. Woolley, City Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Oct. 30 for the purchase at not less than par of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon school bonds not to exceed \$360,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$360,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the First National Bank of Woodbury. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1943, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1944 to 1963, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, required.

The official notice of this bond offering may be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

YORKVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. J. Tolber Jr., Village Clerk, until 12 m. Nov. 1 for \$8,000 6% public building adequate for all the village offices and fire department bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1923. Interest semi-ann. Payable in eight years from date. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. H. Williams, City Auditor, until 12 m. (standard time) Nov. 12 for \$68,500 5 1/4% public safety debt extension bonds. Denom. \$7,000, \$8,000 and one for \$8,500. Date Nov. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Sinking Fund Trustee's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,500 1925 and \$7,000 in all of the even years and \$8,000 in all of the odd years from 1926 to 1933 incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Auditor (and subject to his approval), required.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ACTON VALE, Que.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that an issue of \$65,000 5 1/4% 40-installment debentures has been purchased by Municipal Debentures Corp., at a price of 98.7, the money costing the municipality approximately 5.60%.

CHICOUTIMI, Que.—BOND SALE.—Newspaper advices say that Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., were the successful bidders for an issue of \$150,000 5 1/4% 10-installment bonds, paying a price of 99.05, which means an approximate cost to the town of 5.70%. Alternative bids were asked for 10-installment and 30-year bonds.

ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that Matthews & Co. were the successful bidders for \$71,700 5 1/4% 30-installment debentures, at the purchase price of 100.81, the money costing the township approximately 5.42%. Tenders were as follows:

Matthews & Co.	100.81	Dymont, Anderson & Co.	100.41
Macneill, Graham & Co.	100.67	Murray & Co.	100.38
W. A. Mackenzie & Co.	100.63	Gairdner, Clarke & Co.	100.372
Bain, Snowball & Co.	100.517	Harris, Forbes & Co.	99.79
C. H. Burgess & Co.	100.43	W. C. Brent & Co.	99.622

HOLTON COUNTY, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—A by-law of \$90,000 for road purposes has been authorized by the Council.

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ivanhoe), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders for the purchase of \$10,000 5 1/4% Moira Public School debentures will be received until Nov. 1 by D. L. Fleming, Township Clerk.

LA SARRE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received up to 11 a. m. Oct. 21 by Jules Lavigne, Sec.-Treas., for the purchase of \$10,000 6% 20-year school debentures. Bonds are payable semi-ann. (A. & O.) at Quebec and La Sarre. They are in denom. of \$100 and \$500 up to ten years, and after that in denom. of \$1,000.

METIS BEACH, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids are to be received up to 12 m. Oct. 15 by A. H. McLaren, Clerk, for the purchase of \$80,000 5 1/4% 40-year bonds, dated Nov. 1 1923. Int. is payable semi-ann. and bonds are in denom. of \$100 and multiples of \$100.

ONTARIO (Province of).—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$40,000,000 5% 25-year bonds has been sold to a syndicate composed of Wood, Gundy

& Co.; A. E. Ames & Co.; Dominion Securities Corp.; Aemilius Jarvis & Co.; Matthews & Co.; Gardner, Clarke & Co.; Hanson Brothers; R. A. Dally & Co.; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.; National City Co.; and Harris, Forbes & Co. The bonds are now being offered to investors at prices to yield 5.14%.

Bonds may be registrable as to principal. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Oct. 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O. 15) payable in gold coin of lawful money of Canada at the office of the Provincial Treasurer in the City of Toronto, at the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, St. John, N. B., or Halifax, at option of holder. Due Oct. 15 1948.

OSAHWA, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is stated that the ratepayers have passed a by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$25,000 for the erection of a grandstand.

ST. THERESE, Que.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$140,000 5 1/4% 25-installment debentures, it is stated, has been sold to Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., at a price of 99.26, the money costing the town approximately 5.58%.

SASKATCHEWAN (Province of).—DEBENTURES SOLD.—The "Monetary Times" reports the following debentures sold by the local Government Board from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4: School districts: Sproule, \$1,000, 6 1/4%, 10-years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Jack Pine Valley, \$4,000, 6 1/4%, 15-years to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Foxdale, \$2,000, 6 1/4%, 10-years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Coma Park, \$3,618, 6 1/2%, 15-years, to Melfort Sinking Fund.

The same publication reports the following debentures as having been authorized during the same period: School Districts: Not exceeding 8%, Ross, \$3,300, 15-years; Grant Butte, \$3,000, 15-years; Wheat Ville, \$4,000, 15-years; Raspberry, \$2,500, 10-years.

SUTTON WEST, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. G. Tremayne, Village Clerk, until Oct. 27 for \$21,000 5 1/4% hydro-electric system bonds.

TISDALE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTION NO. 1 (P. O. South Porcupine), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank C. Evans, Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 22 for \$25,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

TORNOTO, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is stated that a by-law authorizing the issuing of \$458,000 general consolidated loan debentures was passed by the Council.

WINDSOR, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Sealed tenders will be received until noon Oct. 22 for the purchase of the following coupon debentures by H. A. Dickinson, City Clerk:

\$18,385 88	5 1/4%	local impt. 20 years, annual installment debentures.
100,000 00	5%	parkland purchase, 30 years, ann. installment debentures.
60,901 34	5 1/4%	local impt. 20 years, annual installment debentures.
110,113 53	5 1/4%	industrial and technical school, 10 years, annual installment debentures.
12,740 82	5 1/4%	industrial and technical school, 10 years, annual installment debentures.
160,000 00	5%	fire equipment, 10 years, annual installment debentures.
51,628 16	5%	industrial and technical school, 30 years, annual installment debentures.
454,838 56	5 1/4%	local impt. 10 years, annual installment debentures.
25,500 00	5%	public school, 20 years, annual installment debentures.

Tenders must be for each block separately. Debentures and coupons payable at Windsor. Delivery of debentures to be made purchaser at Windsor. Int. semi-ann. Debentures may as far as practicable, be made of the denom. of \$1,000 each. Tenderers requested to give name of legal firm to pass on legality of by-laws.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and City Treasurer of the City of Meriden, Connecticut, until 2 O'CLOCK P. M., NOVEMBER 1, 1923, for an issue of \$750,000 School Bonds, City of Meriden, to be dated January 1, 1924, bearing interest at 4 1/4% per annum, payable January 1 and July 1 at Importers and Traders National Bank, New York City.

Maturing \$25,000 annually, beginning January 1, 1925, and to be issued in denomination of \$1,000 each.

Principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America.

Certified check for 2% must accompany bids.

No bid accepted less than par.

Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

HENRY T. KING, Mayor.
WM. H. RUSSELL, City Treasurer.

RUTH E. PAYNE, City Clerk.

City of Woodbury, N. J.

4 1/2% SCHOOL BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1923**, at two o'clock P. M. (Eastern standard time), the purchase of not exceeding \$360,000 School coupon bonds of the City of Woodbury, New Jersey.

Said bonds will be dated August 1, 1923, in denomination of \$1000 each, and will mature on August 1st of each year as follows: \$8,000 each year from 1924 to 1943, both inclusive, and \$10,000 each year from 1944 to 1963, both inclusive. The rate of interest is 4 1/2% per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and both principal and interest will be payable at the First National Bank, Woodbury, New Jersey. The sum required to be obtained at such sale is \$360,000, and such bonds will be sold in not exceeding such sum.

Unless all bids are rejected, said bonds will be sold to the bidder or bidders complying with the terms of sale and offering to pay not less than \$360,000 (and interest to accrue from August 1, 1923) and to take therefor the least amount of such bonds, stated in multiple of \$1,000, commencing with the first maturity. Should two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of such bonds, then, unless all bids are rejected, they will be sold to the bidder or bidders offering to pay therefor the highest additional price.

The bonds cannot be sold for less than par and accrued interest. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for two per centum of the amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the undersigned and drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, to secure the municipality against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of the bid. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

WALTER B. WOOLLEY,

Treasurer of the City of Woodbury.

Dated, October 20, 1923.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

MINNESOTA

BONDS

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the office of the undersigned, Monday,

OCTOBER 22nd, 1923.

at 2:30 o'clock P. M., for \$25,000.00 Auditorium bonds, \$25,000.00 Public Market Bonds and \$33,910.60 Special Street Improvement Bonds.

The above bonds to be dated November 1, 1923, and to become due and payable at various dates to and including November 1, 1953, and will bear interest at a rate of not exceeding five per cent (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually.

Open bids will be asked for the \$33,910.60 Special Street Improvement Bonds after 2:30 o'clock P. M. on the date of sale.

No bid will be entertained for less than the par value for the Auditorium bonds and the Special Street Improvement bonds and not less than 95 per cent of the par value for the Public Market bonds. Accrued interest must be included in all bids from the date of bond to date of delivery.

The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Attorney, New York, will accompany these bonds. The right to reject any and 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.

Circular containing full particulars will be mailed upon application.

DAN C. BROWN,
City Comptroller,
Minneapolis, Minn.

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