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The Financial Situation.

This week's National Democratic Convention at Madison Square Garden must be considered as having rendered one inestimable service, whatever one may think of the bitterness and acrimony provoked by the controversy over the Ku Klux Klan. The Convention by its action on the League of Nations plank in the platform has definitely and decisively settled the position of the whole American people with reference to the League. The Republican Party from the first has been opposed to the League and won its overwhelming victory of four years ago mainly on that issue. Now the Democratic Party also has taken notice of public sentiment and makes adherence to the League entirely dependent upon a referendum of the question to the people. And this position represents the deliberate and matured opinion of the members of the party, reached after one of the most notable political debates in the annals of American history. An active minority, led by no one less than Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War in the Woodrow Wilson Administration, opposed this plank in the platform, and sought to have it changed, and suffered a crushing defeat in the attempt. The plank as reported by the majority of the Resolutions Committee and now, by the vote of the Convention itself, incorporated as part of the platform reads:

"There is no substitute for the League of Nations as an agency working for peace; therefore, we believe that, in the interest of permanent peace, and in the lifting of the great burdens of war from the backs of the people, and in order to establish a permanent foreign policy on these supreme questions, not subject to change with change of party Administrations, it is desirable, wise and necessary to lift this question out of party politics, and to that end to take the

sense of the American people at a referendum election, advisory to the Government, to be held officially under Act of Congress, free from all other questions and candidacies, after ample time for full consideration and discussion throughout the country, upon the question, in substance, as follows:

"Shall the United States become a member of the League of Nations upon such reservations or amendments to the Covenant of the League as the President and the Senate of the United States may agree upon?"

"Immediately upon an affirmative vote we will carry out such mandate."

Mr. Baker opposed a referendum and made a most impassioned and fervid appeal to the delegates in the endeavor to get direct endorsement for the League. He resorted to every trick of the orator to arouse the emotions of his auditors. If newspaper accounts are correct, by his words he moved himself to tears and sought to move his hearers to tears. As a sample of the nature of his appeal and of his utterances we quote the following from the Brooklyn "Eagle's" account of the speech as printed in its issue of last Sunday:

"As Baker sweeps into his peroration, the atmosphere is of extreme tensivity. 'I invoke the spirit of Woodrow Wilson. He is here looking over my shoulder, palpably present, not in the poor broken body in which he left us, but in the full vigor of his great personality. I can see the stern line of his jaw as he covers this threatened desertion with contempt. Through my poor voice and my insignificant frame he is speaking to you to-night. I feel, I know it.

"Woodrow Wilson is calling to you not to desert him with this miserable League compromise, but to fight on for that splendid cause for which he died."

"Baker finishes. He is totally exhausted.

"Joseph P. Tumulty, the late President's Secretary, is the first to reach him. Tumulty is weeping. He catches Baker in his arms and half carries him to a chair.

"The Garden is roaring itself hoarse. Now the band is playing 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic' and 'Onward Christian Soldiers.' The audience sings."

And what was the effect, as far as the votes of the delegates were concerned? The Convention, after it had been moved to sobs, rejected the Baker substitute by a vote of 742½ to 353½—that is the vote was two to one against him. And what was the substitute the Convention voted down? We have stated that it provided for direct endorsement of the League. But, after all, it was only an emasculated League that the tearful Baker offered. "The Democratic Party favors membership in that co-operative

agency (the League) upon conditions which will make it clear *that we are not committed to use force, and such further conditions as the President with the approval of the Senate may deem appropriate to make our co-operation effective in fact and consistent with our constitutional practice.*" Yet even such an innocuous League the party of Woodrow Wilson would not endorse. Therefore, we say the question has been settled, once and for all, for the whole American people. The Republicans were never in favor of the League. The Democrats wisely say they will not act without instructions. European statesmen who still invite the United States to participation, ought to take notice.

Insolvencies in the United States continue to be somewhat more numerous than they were last year, but show a reduction both in number and in the amount of indebtedness, as compared with two years ago. The records of R. G. Dun & Co. disclose 1,607 commercial defaults for June this year, as contrasted with 1,358 a year ago, and 1,740 for June 1922. The liabilities in June this year amount to \$34,099,031, against \$28,678,276 in June last year, and \$38,242,450 for the corresponding month of 1922. Each month this year since January has shown a larger number of business defaults than in 1923, the increase in May and June being somewhat greater than for the preceding months. For the second quarter of the current year there were 5,130 insolvencies, an increase of 722 over last year, whereas for the first quarter of this year the number was 5,655, and the increase only 339. For the six months 10,785 defaults this year contrast with 9,724 during the first half of 1923 and 13,384 for the corresponding time two years ago; likewise, as to the indebtedness, \$304,459,959 for the past six months, contrasting with \$259,424,068 a year ago and \$373,716,338 two years ago.

The above figures relate only to the defaults of mercantile concerns. In addition there were a number of banking failures, especially in some of the States west of the Mississippi River. For the second quarter of the year there were 163 banking defaults in the United States, with total liabilities of \$52,953,120. These figures contrast with 265 similar defaults in the first three months of 1924, for which there were \$100,275,600 of indebtedness and 64 banking insolvencies with \$36,699,644 during the second quarter of 1923. As during the first three months of this year, more than 50% of the banking defaults in the second quarter (for the latter nearly 60%), were in the seven States west of the Mississippi River, embracing Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa and Kansas, and for these seven States, about 60% of the liabilities were reported. Likewise, in some of the States west of those above referred to, a number of banking suspensions are reported. A number of bank failures occurred also in Oklahoma and some of the South Atlantic States.

Of the business failures in June, 439 were of manufacturing concerns with liabilities of \$16,645,661; 1,084 trading concerns with \$14,809,593 of indebtedness, and 84 of agents and brokers owing \$2,643,777. The number and liabilities of both manufacturing and trading defaults were heavier this year than they were in June 1923. In the manufacturing division, insolvencies were more numerous in many of the leading lines, notably in machinery and tools, cotton goods and lumber, but a decrease is reported

in clothing manufacturing and leather goods. Among trading classes, defaults last month were more numerous among grocers, dealers in clothing and dry goods, furniture and similar lines. As was the case during May, the larger mercantile defaults were somewhat less numerous in June, which in part accounts for the smaller volume of indebtedness shown in the last mentioned month. There were in June 46 of the larger failures reported that month, with total liabilities of \$14,127,971, whereas in April the number was 71 and the indebtedness \$29,060,961. In this respect the improvement is most notable in the manufacturing division. As to the mercantile defaults in the different sections of the country, all sections show an increase in number for the second quarter this year as contrasted with the second quarter of 1923, but relatively the larger increases were in the Central States, including Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Oklahoma. Some large failures swelled the liabilities in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and in some of the South Atlantic States. For the three Middle Atlantic States an increase in number is reported by each, but the indebtedness is somewhat less than for the corresponding time last year.

The June crop report on cotton, issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington on Wednesday, is very encouraging. It shows a substantial increase in acreage planted this year—in fact, the largest acreage ever planted to cotton in the United States—and an improvement in condition during the past month of 5.6 points. This is very gratifying. The area is placed at 40,403,000 acres, which contrasts with 38,701,000 acres, the revised estimate of acreage in cultivation last year, an increase of 1,702,000 acres, or 4.4%. Most of the cotton States, particularly those where production is large, show an increase in area this year over last year. Texas is included for 15,595,000 acres, an increase of 8%. For Oklahoma there is also an increase of 8%. Alabama is given the same area as a year ago, but for Georgia and Arkansas a loss of 2% is indicated, and for Mississippi 4%. Over 80% of the total area is in these six States. The cotton acreage of South Carolina shows an increase this year of 9%; of North Carolina 8%; Louisiana 5%, but Tennessee is given a reduction of 3%. In some of the States of small yield the increase in area is much greater than in any of the above figures, among them Virginia, 25%; Missouri, 15%; Arizona, 38%; double in New Mexico, and 13% in California. Florida reports a loss of 35% in area this year. The Government's estimate for all the cotton growing States is 615,000 acres smaller than that printed in the "Chronicle" two weeks ago, but for Texas the estimate included in both reports is exactly the same, while for some of the other larger cotton producing States the figures are in substantial agreement.

The improvement in condition during the past month is the noteworthy feature of the report. A condition of 71.2% of normal on June 25 last is given and this contrasts with 65.6% a month earlier, 69.9% on June 25 1923, and a ten-year average for that date of 74.8%. Not since 1918 has the June 25 condition been higher than is shown for this year. The improvement during the past month was notable in Oklahoma, 14 points, from 58% to 72%; in Tennessee, 13 points, from 54% to 67%; Georgia, 7 points, from 68% to 75%. The Atlantic Coast

States all show betterment last month; also, in addition to those above mentioned, Texas is up 4 points, from 66% to 70%; Arkansas, 10 points, from 58% to 68%; Louisiana and Missouri, 8 points each, and Mississippi 5 points. Alabama shows no change. Eight of the twelve leading cotton producing States report a condition on June 25 this year of 70%, or better, up to 79%, whereas a year ago only two of these same States reported better than 70% at the corresponding date. On the basis of the June 25 condition this year, the Government estimates a yield per acre of 143.8 pounds, which would make the total production this year 12,144,000 bales. The production last year was 10,128,478 bales, two years ago 9,761,817 bales, for 1921 only \$7,953,641 bales, but for 1920, 13,439,603 bales, the latter on 37,043,000 acres planted. The acreage planted last year was the second largest in the history of the cotton growing interest in the United States—second only to this year—but the yield per acre last year was only 130.6 pounds. Last year, in a number of the important cotton growing States, was considered a disastrous season. Further improvement has occurred this year in the past ten days since the date of the June report, and it may be that the progress of the crop, particularly in certain of the larger States, will be satisfactory during the remainder of this season. With a larger acreage this year and no better conditions than existed in July and August 1923, the production this year should show a substantial increase.

This has been an off-week for important European news. Quite likely there would have been more European cable dispatches in the American newspapers if the Democratic Convention had not been given so much space. The fact that there were not more happenings in Europe of international interest and importance was undoubtedly due, first of all, to a general disposition to await the outcome of the Allied Conference in London on July 16. Apparently little with respect to international problems can be determined in the meantime. It may be noted, however, that Premier Herriot directed the return of most Germans who had been expelled from the industrial regions since January of last year. The French Premier was reported to have informed the German Ambassador to France that Germany must do all in her power to make the Dawes plan effective. Germany has sent her reply to the Allies with respect to "the resumption of inter-Allied military control of Germany's armaments." Paris dispatches differed somewhat as to the reception given the reply by the French, but apparently it was more favorable than otherwise. On Thursday there were rumors from Paris that Premier Herriot may not last long. The German industrialists in the Ruhr have renewed their tax agreements with the French. Premier Mussolini of Italy has made several changes in his Cabinet that seem to have been well received.

The most interesting and striking news from Paris early in the week was the announcement that "Premier Herriot has instructed General Degoutte, commanding the Franco-Belgian forces occupying the Ruhr, to permit with few exceptions the return to the industrial region of all Germans expelled since the beginning of the occupation in January of last year." The New York "Times" representative in Paris said that, "while the exact number affected is not known

because their families were sent out with all Germans against whom expulsion orders were issued, it is understood the new order will permit the return to their homes of about 210,000 persons. The only exceptions are those expelled for serious non-political crimes, whose number is small. M. Herriot had previously authorized the return of 60,000 Germans expelled from Rhineland territory exclusive of the Ruhr." In a cablegram on June 27 he stated that "it is further announced that the sentences on all Germans condemned to prison for taking part in the passive resistance program without criminal violence will be suspended and that persons convicted for crimes of violence will have their cases reviewed for the purpose of exercising the largest measure of clemency." The "Times" representative observed that "this measure is quite in accord with M. Herriot's position that exploitation of the Ruhr should now be given up in favor of putting into operation the Dawes plan, and that regardless of the merits of the expulsion of those who interfered with this exploitation there is no use prolonging their deportation. There is some criticism of the Premier's measure before putting into operation the experts' plan, on the ground that he could have used permission to the expelled Germans to return as a card in the coming negotiations with the Germans." Continuing his account of the most recent events with respect to relations between France and Germany, the correspondent said in part: "Coincident with the announcement of this move, it has been made known that M. Herriot sent a note to Berlin rejecting the German proposals in regard to the Ruhr Micum accords. These proposals were made two days before M. Herriot became Premier, and stated that the Germans could not renew the agreements for deliveries by the Ruhr industrialists unless the French agreed that the 200,000,000 gold marks railroad tax planned by the Dawes report should be used to repay the industrialists. Inasmuch as the Dawes plan intended the railroad tax to meet the interest charges on an issue of bonds to be delivered to the Allies, it was perfectly apparent that the German demand amounted to an effort to reduce the amount Germany would have to pay under the experts' system. The Micum accords expired April 15 and were renewed by M. Poincare for two months. When they again expired on June 15 the Germans agreed to a 15-day extension, because of the French political crisis. Therefore on Monday the Ruhr agreements technically expire again. On June 30 also the German reply to the Allied demand for the resumption of military control of the Reich is due." It was sent forward, as outlined in a subsequent paragraph.

In giving what purported to be the substance of a conversation between Premier Herriot and German Ambassador von Hoesch in Paris on June 27, the representative in that city of the New York "Herald-Tribune" asserted that, "speaking in a manner in which probably no French Premier has ever before addressed a foreign diplomat, M. Herriot gave Ambassador von Hoesch to understand that now, if ever, is the time when the Reich must show evidence that she really wishes to regain the confidence of the world." Continuing, the correspondent said that, "with the repatriation to-day of more than 50,000 inhabitants of the Ruhr basin, Premier Herriot declared France has proved her generosity. Now, he emphasized, the

burden of proof rests with Berlin. And he insisted that before the opening of the forthcoming general Allied reparations conference at London on July 16 the Reich must have voted all the laws necessary to give effect to the Dawes plan, and that Chancellor Marx must have formulated the decrees necessary to form a basis for the settlement—which, the French Premier asserted, he hopes is near." With respect to the attitude of the German Ambassador, the correspondent said that "Ambassador von Hoesch was apparently much impressed by the earnest manner of the Premier. He promised to wire at once an exact report of the conversation to Berlin, accompanied by the strongest affirmation of which he was capable as to the sincerity of M. Herriot's desire that the muddle of European affairs be straightened out at last."

The French Premier displayed courage not only in the way he was reported to have stated his position to the German Ambassador, but also in placing before the Chamber of Deputies a proposal for an appropriation "for the occupation of the Ruhr." The Associated Press correspondent in Paris, in reporting the latter incident, said that, "staking the life of his Cabinet on a vote for 205,000,000 francs appropriation for the occupation of the Ruhr, Premier Herriot in the Chamber to-day brought about a split in his majority which would have been overthrown but for the fact that his opponents decided to let him remain in power rather than vote against the policy of occupation which they had supported all through Premier Poincaré's Administration." Continuing his account, the correspondent said that "the Right and Centre could have overthrown the Government by a majority of at least 20 had they taken advantage of the opportunity and voted against M. Herriot. Premier Herriot threw down the gauntlet to the Chamber when he put a question of confidence on the Ruhr occupation appropriations after the Socialists had announced through Leon Blum that they would abstain from voting. The vote on the question of confidence was 456 to 26, Communists only voting against, and 94 Socialists not casting a vote. Premier Herriot declared that the Government could not evacuate the Ruhr immediately without abandoning the rights of France, despite the fact that the Socialists were consistent in opposing appropriations they had always fought. He added that in insisting upon the continued occupation he was following the lines of his Ministerial declaration."

Premier Herriot on Wednesday described his visits to Chequers Court and Brussels, "to a joint meeting of the Finance and Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, with particulars about the inter-Allied conference to be held July 16." According to a Paris dispatch Thursday morning, "the Allied Conference will discuss only the execution of the experts' report. The questions of security and Allied debts are not on the agenda. The conference is expected to last a week and Germany will probably not be called in until the end, when all the signatories of the Versailles Treaty will sign a protocol unreservedly accepting the experts' plan." It was said also that "a date will be fixed for Germany to apply the measure provided for in the Dawes report and for withdrawal by the Allies of all financial and economic penalties now in force within a month from Germany's complete execution of the experts' suggestions. The Al-

lies will thereafter refrain from inflicting any further penalties unless Germany fails seriously to carry out her engagements."

Already reports are coming from Paris that Premier Herriot may be defeated in the near future. In a cablegram on Thursday morning the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" claimed that "the Parliamentary position of Premier Herriot, never strong, appears to be weakening rapidly and a decision made to-day [July 2] to keep Parliament in session until his return from the London conference instead of adjourning July 15 opens the possibility of his defeat. His tenure of office depends, perhaps, on what he accomplishes in London. However, if he were defeated it would almost certainly be on an issue of domestic politics so far as the technical vote would go." Further outlining M. Herriot's position as he understood it, the "Times" representative said: "Political experts here consider that M. Herriot's dependence on the 100 Socialist votes for his majority constitutes his greatest weakness. If M. Herriot goes to London and prepares the putting of the Dawes plan into effect with continuance of Ruhr occupation for some time, he will face a tough situation should he make the expected concession of receding from the position hitherto maintained by the French that if France accepts the Dawes plan, England should consent to an inter-Allied debt arrangement. He would then on the one hand have the opposition of the Socialists to any continuation of Ruhr occupation and on the other the resentment of the Nationalists at any sacrifice of the Poincaré position." As to the effect of the Premier's possible defeat on the political situation in France, the "Times" representative said: "The defeat of M. Herriot in Parliament would not mean reversal of French Governmental policy in favor of a return to Poincarism. It would mean a displacement toward the right formation of the Centre bloc, which would include the Radical Socialists, and the dropping of the Unified Socialists. At least this is what most observers think would happen."

Chancellor Marx and his supporters apparently see the necessity of granting the demand of the Entente "for a final survey of German disarmament." In a cablegram dated June 28 the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" said that a delegation of reactionary members of the Reichstag, headed by Admiral von Tirpitz, endeavored to force the Cabinet to defy this demand. The correspondent declared that Chancellor Marx took the wind out of Von Tirpitz's sails by declaring that all the Government departments concerned, including the Ministry of Defense and the army command, had agreed on the necessity of accepting the Entente proposals. The Minister of Defense, who was present at the interview, confirmed this. The deputation left unsatisfied, breathing warnings of the dire consequences of compliance." Continuing his account of this feature of the situation, the correspondent said that, "thanks to the latest note from Premier MacDonald and Premier Herriot on disarmament, and the warnings against playing with fire by haggling on the military control issue, German acceptance will be full and unconditional. It will, however, be accompanied by a long exposition of German views on the thoroughness of disarmament and the disastrous consequences to industry of any further interference

with establishments formerly producing war material."

Two days later, according to a Paris cable dispatch, "Germany's reply to the Allied note relative to the resumption of inter-Allied military control of Germany's armaments was presented to Premier Herriot by Herr von Hoesch, the German Ambassador." It was explained that "the note was handed to M. Herriot in his capacity as President of the Council of Ambassadors, which has the question in hand and to whose note on the subject Germany now is replying." In a cablegram from Berlin the same day it was stated that "Germany, in her note to the inter-Allied Council of Ambassadors on the resumption of Allied military control of German armaments, accepts the Allied demand for a general inspection on condition that it be final and is concluded by Sept. 30." Additional features of the note were outlined as follows in the dispatch, which was to the Associated Press: "Germany's reply to the Allied note on the resumption declares that the German people repudiate even the mere idea of war. All shades of opinion are unanimous in repudiating secret arming as impossible, useless and dangerous, it asserts. The German Government, the note adds, has proceeded in a thorough manner for the disarmament of certain political organizations, and there is no longer any question that they are armed to any serious extent. The note declares the athletic and physical exercises of German youths are not connected with military preparations. It asserts further that no experienced military authority in the world could hold the opinion that Germany was in a position to initiate an armed conflict in Europe for the reason that her strength in arms was less than that of the small States. Furthermore, it is declared, she is in a position of helplessness without a parallel in the history of nations. The German people, therefore, are unable to understand how Germany can threaten the peace of Europe, the note adds. The people, the note says, cannot understand why fears of future wars are not created by the fact that the idea of general disarmament has not made noteworthy progress among the other nations."

In an earlier wireless message from the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" it was reported definitely that "the Nationalist Party has decided to bow to the inevitable and no longer obstruct acceptance and the carrying out by the German Government of the Dawes report." According to this message also, "this change in the Nationalist attitude was induced by a flood of letters and telegrams pouring in from Nationalists throughout Germany imploring the party leaders to give up opposition against three bills without which the Dawes report cannot become operative—the bill transferring the German railways to international administration, the bill creating the new German gold note bank and the bill mortgaging a certain percentage of German industry as partial reparations guarantee." In an interview in Berlin on June 30 Foreign Minister Stresemann explained the position of the German Government with respect to the reply. He "declared that the next few weeks would show whether a new spirit of understanding or the old policy of violence would prevail in Europe. The German Government would do all in its power to further an international understanding, said Dr. Stresemann. But he added one must not forget that those 'imponderabilia'

which Bismarck declared to be the most important factor in politics might upset the most optimistic calculations." The New York "Times" correspondent, who was present at the interview, said that the Minister "expressed doubts, however, as to the possibility of putting the Dawes report into operation by Aug. 1, as desired by the Allies, since he declared that certain ambiguities in the report's wording must first be cleared up, and this could hardly be done so promptly." The correspondent added that, "in conclusion he reiterated his assurance that the German Government would do all possible to promote a spirit of international understanding."

Commenting upon the interpretation placed in Paris on the reply, the correspondent at that centre of the New York "Herald-Tribune" said in a dispatch on June 30 that "it has created a favorable impression in Government circles. A spokesman for the Ministry to-night hailed the acceptance as one of the first results of the pacific policy of the Herriot regime. It would never have been forthcoming, this speaker declared, had Poincare remained as Premier." The correspondent added that "Premier Herriot said to-night that France is not seeking to enter into polemics with the Reich and that the essential fact was simply that the demand, in presentation of which France and Britain acted jointly, had been accepted." Continuing the correspondent said that "there is only one point where M. Herriot is not ready to proceed in accordance with Berlin. The German note specifies Sept. 30 as the time limit within which the proposed military inventory must be taken. This, the Premier said, is not acceptable. If the Allies need a longer time, they will take it, he declared."

The German Government not only has sent a reply to the Allies on military control, but the industrialists in the Ruhr have renewed again their tax agreement with the French. In a cablegram dated July 1 the Berlin correspondent of "The Sun" stated that, "threatened with French seizure of their property unless they signed forthwith, the Ruhr industrialists just after midnight this morning once more renewed the agreement with General Degoutte by which they pay over a certain percentage of their profits to the occupation authorities in Dusseldorf on the reparations account. The renewal holds until the Dawes plan goes into effect, but the coal and steel barons have the right to reopen negotiations between Aug. 1 and 10 if they see fit." The correspondent also said that, "although they claim their signatures virtually were forced from them at the point of French bayonets, the Germans gained a considerable reduction in the sums they are obliged to pay in lieu of taxes and also on the amount of coal deliveries for the period covered by the miners' strike last May. With this transient settlement the last bone of contention immediately imperiling Franco-German relations was buried and the Marx Cabinet can devote its energies single-mindedly to the Parliamentary enactment of the Dawes report."

Premier Mussolini apparently has been devoting considerable time and thought to changes in his Cabinet in accordance with plans that were outlined in Rome cable dispatches last week. In an Associated Press message dated June 30 it was stated that "four portfolios in the Mussolini Cabinet have been

turned over by the Premier to new Ministers, it was announced to-day." After giving the changes in detail, the correspondent stated that "none of the new Ministers is a member of the Fascist militia, although all of them are strongly pro-Fascista. All of them belong to the Liberal Constitutional Party except Senator Nava, who is a member of the Catholic Party and a personal friend of Pope Pius. A few days ago he went with Monsignor Charles A. O'Hern, rector of the American College in Rome, to visit the Villa Garrielli in order to report to the Pope on the advisability of purchasing it for the use of the college."

According to a cable dispatch from London on July 3 the discount rate of the Imperial Bank of India has been reduced from 6 to 5%. The former rate had been in effect since June 19. No change has been made in official discount rates at leading European centres from 10% in Berlin; 7% in Norway and Denmark; 6% in Paris; 5½% in Belgium and Sweden; 5% in Holland and Madrid, and 4% in London and Switzerland. Open market discounts in London were a trifle easier and short bills were reduced to 27/8@3¼%, against 3 3-16%, and 3 5-16@3¾% for three months, against 3 3-16@3¼% last week. Call money closed at 1½%, against 1¾% last week. At Paris the open market discount rate is now quoted at 4¾%, against 4½@4¾, and in Switzerland 3¼%, comparing with 3¼@3½% a week earlier.

The Bank of England again added to its gold holdings, viz., £4,374,000 although reserve sustained a further reduction of £1,287,000 in consequence of another increase in note circulation amounting to £1,291,000. Heavy increases were also noted in the deposit items as a result of July 1 interest and dividend payments. Public deposits decreased £7,851,000, but "other" deposits decreased £27,433,000. Loans on Government securities expanded £6,626,000 and loans on other securities £14,263,000. The Bank's stock of gold aggregates £128,265,538, which compares with £127,624,465 last year and £128,458,962 in 1922. Reserve totals £20,221,000, against £20,397,735 and £22,385,822 one and two years ago, respectively. Loans amount to £95,356,000, against £96,425,366 a year ago and £75,819,578 the year before that, while note circulation is now £127,800,000, in comparison with £126,976,730 in 1923 and £124,523,140 a year earlier. Contrary to general expectations, no advance was made in the Bank's official discount rate, which remains for the present at least at 4%, unchanged. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £907,587,000, against £718,650,000 a week ago. We append herewith comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1924. July 2.	1923. July 4.	1922. July 5.	1921. July 6.	1920. July 7.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	127,800,000	126,976,730	124,523,140	129,108,285	122,743,815
Public deposits.....	11,742,000	19,457,755	14,922,857	19,720,551	17,886,048
Other deposits.....	140,136,000	123,784,779	133,393,567	129,041,060	117,035,455
Government securities	54,213,000	44,333,731	67,987,920	63,798,078	52,424,853
Other securities.....	95,356,000	96,425,366	75,819,578	85,102,305	83,894,614
Reserve notes & coin	20,221,000	20,397,735	22,385,822	17,710,798	16,443,887
Coin and bullion.....	128,265,538	127,624,465	128,458,962	128,369,083	120,737,702
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	13.31%	14¼%	15%	11.90%	12.18%
Bank rate.....	4%	4%	3½%	6%	7%

According to the weekly statement of the Bank of France an expansion of 450,986,000 francs occurred in note circulation this week. The improvement in

that item shown in the three weeks immediately preceding by three successive reductions aggregating 301,159,000 francs, is thus wiped out and the total of notes outstanding is again brought very close to the peak figure of 40,265,994,000 francs touched on March 7 of this year. The actual amount of notes in circulation is now 40,115,648,000 francs, contrasting with 37,661,950,940 francs at the corresponding date last year and with 36,798,717,320 francs the year previous. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. The gold item showed a further small increase of 84,000 francs for the week. This brings the Bank's aggregate gold holdings up to 5,543,217,725 francs as compared with 5,537,743,836 francs at this time last year and with 5,529,200,064 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,864,320,900 francs were held abroad in 1924, 1,864,344,927 francs in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in 1922. During the week silver gained 81,000 francs, Treasury deposits rose 1,407,000 francs, general deposits were augmented by 68,421,000 francs, and bills discounted recorded an expansion of over 1,000 million (1,029,690,000) francs. On the other hand, advances fell off 38,508,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1923 and 1922 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		July 3 1924.	July 5 1923.	July 6 1922.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	84,000	3,678,896,825	3,673,398,909	3,580,833,008
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,320,900	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	84,000	5,543,217,725	5,537,743,836	5,529,200,064
Silver.....Inc.	81,000	299,803,000	293,427,703	284,942,240
Bills discounted...Inc.	1,029,690,000	4,726,673,000	3,006,250,265	2,105,263,857
Advances.....Dec.	38,508,000	2,242,553,000	2,061,196,496	2,257,821,382
Note circulation...Inc.	450,986,000	40,115,648,000	37,661,950,940	36,798,717,320
Treasury deposits...Inc.	1,407,000	14,793,000	18,641,887	22,758,201
General deposits...Inc.	68,421,000	2,205,877,000	2,553,715,320	2,344,127,125

The Imperial Bank of Germany's statement, issued as of June 23, was featured by another reduction in note circulation, thus bringing the total outstanding to almost 34 quintillion marks under the total of two weeks ago. Other decreases were 6,170,000,000,000,000,000 marks in notes of other banks, 18,565,357,000,000,000,000 marks in bills of exchange and checks 67,530,356,000,000,000,000 marks in Rentenmark bills and checks, 5,272,520,000,000,000,000 marks in advances, and 57,758,000,000,000,000 marks in investments. Rentenbank notes increased 60,967,570,000,000,000,000 marks, other assets 86,164,184,000,000,000,000 marks, deposits 69,078,674,000,000,000,000 marks, and other liabilities 24,182,416,000,000,000,000 marks. In liabilities resulting from discounted bills payable in Berlin there was an expansion of 25,000,000,000,000,000,000 marks. Rentenbank loans remain unchanged. An increase of 14,184,000 marks in gold holdings is shown, while silver coin reserve gained 10,562,517 marks. Total outstanding note circulation aggregates 920,347,753,000,000,000,000 marks, as compared with 13,091,705,000,000,000,000 marks a year ago and 167,830,000,000 marks in 1922.

The outstanding feature of the Federal Reserve Bank statements, issued at the close of business on Thursday, was a heavy decline in gold reserve both locally and nationally, at the same time that rediscounting operations were materially increased. The system's report indicated a loss in gold of \$35,000,000. Rediscounts of Government secured paper increased

\$24,200,000. "Other" bills were reduced \$5,400,000, but bill buying in the open market increased \$7,700,000. Total bills discounted increased \$18,800,000, to \$369,001,000, which, however, compares with \$929,839,000 at this time last year. Earning assets mounted \$32,300,000, although deposits decreased \$34,000,000. At New York like conditions prevailed. An even larger reduction in gold was shown, namely, \$79,800,000, lost mainly through the institution's operations in the Gold Settlement Fund. Rediscounts of all classes of paper were higher, approximately \$31,400,000, while open market purchases went up \$11,500,000. Total earning assets increased \$47,700,000. Here, also, however, deposits declined, viz., \$31,000,000. Member bank reserve accounts were reduced \$19,000,000 for the combined statement and \$33,000,000 at New York. For the first time in a number of weeks, the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation was substantially increased—\$5,800,000 locally and \$30,900,000 for the twelve reporting banks. Notwithstanding the decline in deposits, reserve ratios were lowered, mainly because of losses in the gold reserve. The local institution's reserve ratio declined 5.1%, to 81.0%, and that of the system 1.3%, to 81.5%.

Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies reflected the usual strain of preparing for month-end payments, and showed a decrease in surplus reserve of more than \$39,000,000. The statement was featured by heavy increases in loans and deposits. The loan item expanded \$121,967,000, while net demand deposits showed an increase of \$67,937,000, to \$4,354,994,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits amounting to \$21,203,000. Time deposits also increased, gaining \$9,209,000, to \$507,145,000. Cash in own vaults increased \$1,269,000, to \$46,905,000. This latter, however, is not counted as reserve. Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults increased \$12,000, while reserves held by these institutions in other depositories increased \$102,000. A decline of \$30,577,000 was shown in the reserves of member banks at the Reserve bank, and this, combined with the additions to deposits, served to bring about the loss in surplus reserve above mentioned, namely \$39,557,300, to \$13,416,120, as compared with \$52,973,420 the previous week. The above figures for surplus reserves are on the basis of reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in own vaults amounting to \$46,905,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

While the 2% call money rate of last week prevailed again on Monday of this week, there was an advance the next day to 3%. The same maximum was reached on Wednesday. This change did not cause surprise, and certainly not apprehension, even in speculative circles. It had been expected sooner, as a matter of fact. On Thursday, however 2½% was the only quotation. The statement in the July issue of the Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York that "during the five weeks' period ended June 18 the total loans and investments of reporting member banks in this district advanced to a new high point since 1920," attracted considerable attention and may have had something to do with the reported calling of loans and higher call rates that day and the next. It was explained by the bank

that "loans made largely for commercial purposes were smaller." This naturally indicated that a general expansion in business had not taken place. Reports from various other sources show that such a change has not come. It may be noted, however, that there was a slight increase in the car loadings on the railroads of the United States in the third week of June compared with the second. While the figures for the third week disclosed a decrease of more than 100,000 cars compared with the corresponding week or 1923, they showed a large increase over that week in 1922. Local bankers have disposed of the American portion of \$7,500,000 of the Hungarian Reconstruction Loan for about \$50,000,000. Finland is said to be in the American market for a loan. After the Allied conference on July 16 there may be renewed talk in definite form of a large international loan to Germany. Bankers would not be surprised to see somewhat higher rates for money at this centre during the coming weeks. Coupled with the upturn in call money quotations was an advance of ¼ of 1% in time money on Wednesday. The crops are beginning to move in the West and South. As the financial demands for this purpose increase, and if general business expands, rates above the recent extremely low levels would be perfectly natural. As yet the aggregate amount of loanable funds in the country appears to be large.

Referring to specific rates for money, loans on call ranged between 2@3%, as against a flat rate of 2% last week. On Monday and Tuesday the only quotation named was 2%, this being the high, the low and ruling figure on both days. Wednesday a slightly firmer tendency developed and there was an advance to 3%; the low was 2½% and also the basis for renewals. All loans on call were negotiated at 2½% on Thursday, which was the maximum, minimum and renewal basis for the day. Friday was a holiday (Independence Day). In time money the minimum and renewal basis for the day. Friday was market was dull and narrow, with funds still in ample supply, and the range of quotations at the levels prevailing a week ago, namely, 2½@2¾% for sixty days, 2¾@3% for ninety days, 3% for four months, 3@3¼% for five months and 3¼% for six months. The increased demand for funds incidental to July 1 disbursements apparently had very little effect upon the available supply. After the turn of the month the market relapsed into dulness. So far as could be ascertained no large loans were put through in any maturity. The figures here given are for both regular mixed collateral and all-industrials alike.

Mercantile paper rates have not been changed from 3½@3¾% for four to six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known still requiring 4%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are being dealt in at 3½%. Prime names had a ready market with country banks usually the principal buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were in good demand at the levels current the preceding week. Offerings, however, continue light, so that the aggregate turnover was only moderate. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 2½%, against 1½% a week earlier. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 2⅛% bid and 2% asked for bills

running 30, 60 and 90 days, 2¼% bid and 2⅛% asked for bills running 120 days and 2½% bid and 2⅜% asked for bills running 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	2¼@2	2⅛@2	2⅛@2
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	2⅛ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	2⅛ bid		

On June 30 it was announced by the Federal Reserve Board that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City had reduced its rediscount rate from 4½% to 4% on all classes of paper of all maturities, effective July 1 1924. Inasmuch as in our table of discount rates last week, the rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on agricultural and livestock paper maturing after six months and within nine months was inadvertently given as 5%, we take occasion here to explain that last week's reduction to 3½% by that bank applied both to agricultural paper after 90 days and within six months, and the same paper with maturities of between six and nine months. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JULY 3 1924.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial & Livest'k Paper. n.e.s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
New York.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
Philadelphia.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
Cleveland.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Richmond.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Atlanta.....	4	4	4	4	4	4½
Chicago.....	4	4	4	4	4	4½
St. Louis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4½
Minneapolis.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

Dulness at times to the point of complete stagnation prevailed in the sterling exchange market and trading was light in volume and featureless. Prices moved within narrow limits. Demand bills opened at 4 31⅞, gradually advanced to 4 33⅞, then relaxed, but rallied and closed at the top. A few desultory attempts at selling were noted on the part of London banks in the early part of the week, while offerings (for foreign account) were freer than for some time. Buyers continued to be few and far between and trading lagged perceptibly. Of speculative interest there was practically none, large operators in this market showing no inclination whatever to enter into new commitments at present. News from abroad was regarded as favorable to exchange, especially that from Germany, indicating that the Nationalist Party had at length withdrawn its opposition to certain terms of the Dawes reparation plan and finally decided to accept Allied military control. Two new factors operated to restrict activity this week, namely the presence of the Democratic Convention in this city, which is of course interfering to a very considerable extent with the transaction of regular business; also toward the close, intervention of the Independence Holidays. As a result trading on Thursday was reduced to a minimum with quotations, though firm, little better than nominal.

Bankers and others who have consistently predicted materially lower levels for sterling, evidently experienced a change of heart and when rumors were placed in circulation that the Bank of England was to raise its discount rate, began to talk of an advance in exchange rates. The opinion seems to be that such a move on the part of the British authorities will portend a definite policy of deflation with a view of bringing sterling to parity. Banks would then, it is claimed, add to their London balances, at the same time that dealers would be forced into the market for the purpose of covering future commitments, all of which would make for a substantial gain in sterling values. The movement is likely to be more of a sentimental rather than actual character, however, so that few if any could be found who were willing to venture upon any forecasts as to the duration of the higher levels; especially in the face of the onrush of commercial bills which is expected to develop shortly incidental to seasonal shipments of cotton and grain. As it turned out, the Bank of England did not raise its discount rate. Nevertheless exchange rates were strong at the close, and the general feeling seemed to be that the change was bound to come in the near future.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday was easy and demand bills declined to 4 31⅞@4 32⅝, cable transfers to 4 32⅛@4 32⅝ and sixty days to 4 29⅝@4 30⅛; trading, however, was inactive. On Monday the market was dull and practically unchanged with the range 4 31⅞@4 32 7-16 for demand, 4 32⅛@4 32 11-16 for cable transfers and 4 29⅝@4 30 3-16 for sixty days. Irregular movements marked Tuesday's dealings and after a decline at the opening, prices moved up to 4 32 13-16 for demand; the low was 4 31½, while cable transfers moved between 4 31¾@4 33 1-16 and sixty days between 4 29¼@4 30 9-16; no increase in activity was noted. Wednesday fractional advances occurred on quiet, narrow trading; demand bills sold up to 4 32 9-16@4 33 3-16, cable transfers to 4 32 13-16@4 33 3-16 and sixty days to 4 30 5-16@4 30 15-16. Pre-holiday dulness prevailed on Thursday, although quotations ruled firm and a trifle higher; the day's range was 4 32⅞@4 33⅞ for demand, 4 32⅝@4 33⅝ for cable transfers and 4 30⅞@4 31⅞ for sixty days. Friday was a holiday (Independence Day). Closing quotations on Thursday were 4 30⅞ for sixty days, 4 33⅛ for demand and 4 33⅞ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 33, sixty days at 4 30⅞, ninety days at 4 29¼, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 30¾, and seven-day grain bills at 4 32½. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 33.

The week's gold arrivals were light, being again restricted to a single shipment, viz., £203,400, on the Olympic from England.

The Continental exchanges shared in the general inactivity and trading was described as listless with the volume of business unusually small. As a matter of fact, the whole market seems for the moment to be at a practical standstill. Even francs attracted less attention and the quotation covered a comparatively narrow range. While much of this was the result of continued unsettlement in European affairs, presence of the great Democratic Convention in New York, with its many hundreds of delegates, operated to disturb the regular routine of business and accentuated the dulness. Dealers were more

than ever disinclined to take a position in the market so that during most of the time price levels moved aimlessly and without definite trend in either direction. Abroad, announcement of Germany's decision to accept the terms laid down by the Allies for placing the Dawes Plan into immediate operation, was well received and resulted in advancing francs a point or two. Later in the week advices suggesting expansion in French financing in direct opposition to the previous attempts at reform and retrenchment under the Poincare regime, had a depressing effect, and led to a decline of 17 points to 5.08 for checks. The high for the week was 5.29½. Antwerp currency followed suit. Lire exchange moved within narrow limits with the undertone generally steady. Reichsmarks ruled at 0.00000000024 up to Tuesday when there was a nominal decline to 0.00000000023½. Greek and the minor central European currencies were all firmly held without important alteration. Trading in all of these displayed little real activity. According to despatches from Berlin, foreign exchange conditions have improved of late. It is reported that all dealings are controlled by the Reichsbank, which apportions out its exchange holdings to meet requirements. A few weeks ago these allotments seldom amounted to more than 2% of the amount asked, but now demand for many currencies are being filled. Applications for dollars and guilders are usually supplied, it is stated, to about 50% of the original amounts asked. Germany's foreign balance is still unfavorable, although German foreign credits secured by the Gold Exchange Bank have helped materially, and credit scarcity has called out hoarded holdings.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 83.85, against 81.90 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 5.10½, against 5.28; cable transfers at 5.11½, against 5.29; commercial sight bills at 5.09½, against 5.27, and commercial sixty days at 5.04¼, against 5.21¾ a week ago. Antwerp francs closed at 4.49 for checks and 4.50 for cable transfers, in comparison with 4.60 and 4.61 a week earlier. Final quotations on Berlin marks were 0.00000000023½, against 0.00000000024 the previous week. Austrian kronen were not changed from 0.0014⅛. Italian lire closed the week at 4.28½ for bankers' sight bills and 4.29½ for cable transfers. This compares with 4.31¼ and 4.32¼ at the close of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.94¼, against 2.95½; on Bucharest at 0.40½, against 0.43¾; on Poland at 19½, against 19 5-16, and on Finland at 2.51 (unchanged). Greek exchange finished at 1.69¾ for checks and 1.70¼ for cable transfers, which compares with 1.73 and 1.73½ the week preceding.

Dealings in the neutral exchanges formerly so-called were featured by the sensational drop in Danish exchange, due to failure of the Government's stabilization plan. Following a flood of contradictory rumors last week, it finally developed that the measures for stabilizing foreign exchange which had successfully passed the Lower House some time ago had gone down to defeat before the upper branch of the legislature. The result was a wave of alarm which brought about a slump of more than 60 points to 15.64. Before the close some of this was regained and the final range was 15.77. Aside from this, trading was quiet and changes narrow. Guilders were firmly held, as also were Swiss francs and the other Scandinavian currencies. Spanish pesetas, after a firm

opening, turned weak and closed at a net loss for the week.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 37.61, against 37.57; cable transfers at 37.65, against 37.61; commercial sight bills at 37.55, against 37.51, and commercial sixty days at 37.19, against 37.15 a week ago. Swiss francs closed at 17.82 for bankers' sight bills and at 17.83 for cable transfers, in comparison with 17.74½ and 17.75½ the week before. Copenhagen checks finished at 15.77 and cable transfers at 15.81, against 16.61 and 16.65. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.50½ and cable transfers at 26.54½, against 26.54 and 26.58, while checks on Norway finished at 13.37 and cable transfers at 13.41 against 13.50 and 13.54 last week. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.14½ for checks and 13.16½ for cable transfers, against 13.42½ and 13.44½ the previous week.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JUNE 28 1924 TO JULY 3 1924, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	June 28.	June 30.	July 1.	July 2.	July 3.	July 4.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0461	.0460	.0453	.0455	.0450	.0450
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007250	.007217	.007225	.007211	.007220	.007220
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029511	.029349	.029333	.029387	.029383	.029383
Denmark, krone.....	.1643	.1599	.1576	.1592	.1563	.1563
England, pound sterling.....	4.3245	4.3221	4.3209	4.3305	4.3263	4.3263
Finland, markka.....	.025043	.025031	.025022	.025053	.025040	.025040
France, franc.....	.0529	.0528	.0518	.0518	.0511	.0511
Germany, reichsmark.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Greece, drachma.....	.017255	.017105	.017242	.017220	.017013	.017013
Holland, guilder.....	.3758	.3757	.3759	.3766	.3762	.3762
Hungary, krone.....	.000012	.000012	.000012	.000012	.000012	.000012
Italy, lira.....	.0432	.0431	.0431	.0430	.0429	.0429
Norway, krone.....	.1346	.1342	.1336	.1345	.1341	.1341
Poland, zloty.....	.1927	.1927	.1928	.1928	.1923	.1923
Portugal, escudo.....	.0279	.0282	.0280	.0283	.0281	.0281
Rumania, leu.....	.004295	.004238	.004193	.004121	.004054	.004054
Spain, peseta.....	.1343	.1342	.1333	.1321	.1312	.1312
Sweden, krona.....	.2656	.2654	.2654	.2656	.2653	.2653
Switzerland, franc.....	.1775	.1776	.1776	.1780	.1780	.1780
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.011419	.011425	.011531	.011775	.011827	.011827
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael.....	.7258	.7233	.7242	.7225	.6225	.6225
Hankow, tael.....	.7275	.7238	.7263	.7250	.7258	.7258
Shanghai, tael.....	.7102	.7104	.7105	.7096	.7093	.7093
Tientsin, tael.....	.7350	.7325	.7333	.7325	.7308	.7308
Hongkong dollar.....	.5188	.5176	.5177	.5180	.5184	.5184
Mexican dollar.....	.5117	.5083	.5088	.5106	.5115	.5115
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5188	.5121	.5125	.5171	.5113	.5113
Yuan dollar.....	.5238	.5138	.5133	.5200	.5113	.5113
India, rupee.....	.3064	.3063	.3058	.3064	.3059	.3059
Japan, yen.....	.4178	.4184	.4183	.4194	.4186	.4186
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	.5019	.5013	.5022	.5017	.5021	.5021
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	.989198	.990125	.988482	.989031	.989092	.989092
Cuba, peso.....	.999805	.999922	.999531	.999438	.999625	.999625
Mexico, peso.....	.483292	.483333	.483500	.483333	.482938	.482938
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.986313	.987813	.985625	.987063	.986500	.986500
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.7396	.7397	.7385	.7395	.7396	.7396
Brazil, milreis.....	.1093	.1095	.1084	.1083	.1079	.1079
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1038	.1037	.1033	.1023	.1007	.1007
Uruguay, peso.....	.7761	.7709	.7700	.7698	.7715	.7715

a Quotations for German marks were: June 28, .00000000000238; June 30, .00000000000239; July 1, .00000000000239; July 2, .00000000000239; July 3, .00000000000239.

As to South American quotations the situation was quiet and not essentially changed. Argentine checks were a shade firmer, closing at 32.62 and cable transfers at 32.67, against 32.57 and 32.62. Brazilian milreis were weak, and finished at 10.75 for checks and 10.88 for cable transfers comparing with 11.06 and 11.1 a week ago. Chilean exchange continues to move downward and closed at 10.04, against 10.35, while Peru declined to 4.12, against 4.14 last week.

Far Eastern exchange was under some pressure owing to the movements in the price of silver, but rallied to normal and Hong Kong closed at 52@52¼ against 52@52¼; Shanghai, 71½@71¾, against 71½@71½; Yokohama, 41¾@42, against 41¾@42; Manila, 49½@49¾ (unchanged); Singapore, 50½@50¾ (unchanged); Bombay, 30⅞@31¼ (unchanged) and Calcutta 31⅞@31⅞, against 31⅞@31⅞ a week ago.

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have

gained \$1,744,743 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended July 2. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$2,763,443, while the shipments have reached \$1,018,700, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending July 3.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$3,763,443	\$1,118,700	Gain \$1,744,743

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, June 28.	Monday, June 30.	Tuesday, July 1.	Wednesday, July 2.	Thursday, July 3.	Friday, July 4.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 65,000,000	\$ 77,000,000	\$ 75,000,000	\$ 88,000,000	\$ 84,000,000	Holiday.	Cr. 389,000,000

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

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

Banks of	July 3 1924.			July 5 1923.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 128,265,538		£ 128,265,538	£ 127,624,465		£ 127,624,465
France a	147,154,732	11,963,240	159,117,972	146,935,956	11,720,000	158,655,956
Germany	23,109,350	643,500	23,752,850	41,595,200	3,475,400	45,070,600
Aus.-Hun.	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000
Spain	101,359,000	26,334,000	127,693,000	101,032,000	26,666,000	127,698,000
Italy	35,413,000	3,412,000	38,825,000	35,498,000	3,023,000	38,521,000
Netherl'ds.	44,292,000	858,000	45,150,000	48,483,000	878,000	49,361,000
Nat. Belg.	10,819,000	2,683,000	13,502,000	10,757,000	2,490,000	13,247,000
Switzerl'd.	20,539,000	4,019,000	24,558,000	20,971,000	4,093,000	25,064,000
Sweden	13,742,000		13,742,000	15,170,000		15,170,000
Denmark	11,642,000	898,000	12,540,000	12,678,000	194,000	12,872,000
Norway	8,182,000		8,182,000	8,115,000		8,115,000
Total week	546,517,620	50,810,740	597,328,360	570,859,621	52,539,400	623,399,021
Prev. week	545,796,686	50,813,350	596,610,036	571,365,191	52,360,400	623,725,591

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,573,977 held abroad. b No recent figures.

Party Prospects—The Democratic Convention and Its Platform.

The Democratic National Convention at New York will doubtless be long remembered for the bitter controversy which developed over the Ku Klux Klan and for the protracted balloting for candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency. The emergence of such a question as that of the Klan, involving as it does religious and racial prejudices and animosities which easily stir passion to a fervid heat, is to be deplored in any democracy, and it is peculiarly regrettable in a country which, like our own, is dedicated to religious and political liberty and numbers among its people representatives of most of the races and creeds under the sun. It would have been a happy thing if the issue could have been kept out of the convention altogether, and left to be disposed of by the voters during the campaign and at the November election. Once it had forced itself to the front, however, it of course had to be faced, but the division of sentiment in the convention was too close to admit of condemning the Klan by name, and a resolution of general disapproval of "any effort to arouse religious or racial dissension" was all that could be inserted in the platform.

The echoes of this unhappy controversy will undoubtedly reverberate throughout the campaign. Whatever the personal opinions of the candidates

for President and Vice-President or the strength of their personal followings, they will have to exert themselves to heal a serious breach within the party which they have been chosen to lead, and the time and effort which this will cost will be just so much time and effort taken from the exposition of the political or economic principles for which the party stands, and which, in so far as they commend themselves to any considerable number of people, ought in fairness to be fully discussed. In this respect the Democrats will enter the campaign under a disadvantage, for whatever differences of opinion the Republicans may have about their own platform or their candidates, they at least have none which rivals in gravity and heat the issue which has divided their opponents.

There is little in the Democratic platform that calls for extended comment. The criticisms of the party in power have a familiar ring, and the attack upon the Mellon income tax proposals as favoring the rich at the expense of the masses is not likely to prove very good campaign material, especially now that Mr. Coolidge has come out with an emphatic demand for still further economy. If Mr. Coolidge really proposes a return to the state of mind when the saving of a million dollars here and another million there seemed worth while, he will have presented an issue to which Democrats as well as Republicans will have to subscribe. The platform demands for the Federal operation of Muscle Shoals and the immediate grant of independence to the Philippines raise large questions of national policy upon which public opinion has not yet divided clearly upon party lines, and the same may be said of the rather far-fetched condemnation of the Lausanne Treaty with Turkey. It would have been better, too, since presumably something had to be said in the platform about American relations with Europe, to have approved or condemned the Dawes plan in terms, rather than to pass it over without mention while pointing to the Republican policy of "isolation" as one of the primary causes of the distresses of the American farmer.

On the other hand, the proposal of a national referendum on the question of joining the League of Nations, "upon such reservations or amendments to the Covenant of the League as the President and the Senate" may agree upon, while obviously indicating a party break with the Wilson tradition, has under the circumstances something to commend it. For such a procedure in general as a national referendum there is no clear place in our constitutional system, and the platform itself recognizes that the referendum in this case would be purely advisory, but where a great issue of national policy has been long before the country, as the League issue has been, and sharp party division continues, neither the novelty of a proposal for "taking the sense of the country" nor the expense involved in carrying it out are weighty arguments against it. We are very much of the opinion that if a referendum on the League were held under the conditions which the Democratic platform prescribes, namely "free from all other questions and candidacies, after ample time for full consideration and discussion throughout the country," the verdict would be adverse, but whether that be so or not, it is time that the question of the League were disposed of once and for all.

It is hard to see in the work of the convention anything likely to afford much aid or comfort to a

third party movement. Concessions to radical political sentiment, rigorously excluded from the Republican platform, are too few and too general in the Democratic statement of principles to satisfy those who desire a program with a socialistic squint; and the Klan controversy, while it opens a rift in the Democratic Party which is certain to prove embarrassing, does not necessarily presage the alienation of large numbers of Democratic voters. There are Republican dissenters as well as Democratic dissenters, as there have always been, but dissent alone has rarely proved sufficient to rupture widely the bonds of party allegiance; there is need of a policy to expound and a leader to follow before the allegiance of tradition or interest or conviction will be abandoned. At these points the third party movement appears to be still as inchoate as it has been ever since Roosevelt led his Progressive followers out of the Republican fold and gave the election of 1912 to the Democrats. There is as yet no clear body of doctrine, political or economic, upon which those in this country who call themselves liberals or radicals are agreed, and no leader who, speaking with the unmistakable accent of authority, directs the march of his followers to the Promised Land. The party dissent that seems likely to count most heavily in the present campaign aside from that caused by the Klan issue, is rather to be looked for in the ranks of organized labor, where some of the leaders appear to have found neither the Republican nor the Democratic platforms wholly to their minds; but even this element of opposition may be offset by the tendency of women voters, who this year will swell the vote to unprecedented proportions, to stick to party lines.

All things considered, the position taken by the Democratic convention does not promise a campaign of intense or dramatic interest. The question of the Klan, which came near to disrupting the convention at New York, will not be allowed to disrupt either the Republican or Democratic parties if the leaders can prevent it. The other principles which separate the two great parties have long been indistinct when compared with the situation a generation and more ago, and formal programs have lent themselves readily to modification, sometimes to radical modification, when the reins of power have been grasped. In this respect American politics, notwithstanding the dominance of two parties and the relative unimportance of minor groups, shows the same tendency which is to be observed everywhere in Europe. The rise in every country of new economic interests, or of old interests in new forms, has weakened the hold of the political issues around which the older parties historically formed, and the revolt against political interference with economic operations has accelerated the process. A new American party, accordingly, when it comes, may be expected to concern itself very little with patching or mending a system that has been outgrown. Its task, rather, will be that of recovering for the people and the States the large area of independence which the Constitution clearly intended should be left to them, and at the same time freeing the normal economic activities of the common life from the shackles and hindrances which an over-developed politics has imposed. There is a hint of this, although a distorted one, in the protest of the Democratic platform against "the centralizing and destructive tendencies of the Republican Party," in the demand "that the States of the Union shall be preserved in all their vigor and

power," and in the declared opposition to "the extension of bureaucracy, the creation of unnecessary bureaus and Federal agencies, and the multiplication of offices and office-holders." Substitute politics for the Republican Party, which has been no sinner above all others and whose leader in the Presidential chair is now urging drastic economy in public expenditure, and the declarations just quoted would serve as well for one party as for another.

Evolution as a Practical Conception in Business.

What ought to be an important fact in the business world is the rapid increase in the number of schools of advanced Business Training and the throng of students attending them; that department of the University of New York, for example, its School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, reporting an attendance of 6,000.

In this Commencement season our universities and colleges are sending forth thousands of young people prepared in various degrees to make themselves felt in every department of the nation's life. The ideas planted in the minds of these young people cannot fail to be influential, especially those which at the hour are to the front. Among these the theory of evolution, though in its origin and immediate application strictly scientific, and to-day accepted as the best, if not the only working hypothesis by practically all scientific men, is most hotly contested. It carries in its train a host of questions and challenges thought in all directions. However extensive may be its application, or whatever its final form, it cannot be ignored and is a definite contribution to modern thought.

A distinguished scientist, lately visiting here, Prof. J. Arthur Thomson of Aberdeen, said: "It would be a terrible contradiction in terms if an evolution theory did not evolve itself."

This gives a range to the doctrine which leaves no room for shutting it out of any department of daily life. It is therefore not only proper but highly important to apply it to business, that form of activity which engrosses so large a proportion of the community. It is a strictly scientific teaching in that it deals with facts and can be submitted to practical tests, which cannot be ignored, and which every business man must require.

"Whence," "How" and "Whither," are the three question covering the conception of any process. In what does it begin; what is its method; in what does it result? In the process of evolution in the natural world as now accepted the question of its origin and the question of its ultimate goal are unsolved and perhaps unsolvable. At least as a practical question the doctrine is limited to the method of its operation; that can be studied and widely applied. It is here that it has its immediate application. It is the best working hypothesis, if not the only satisfying explanation of the phenomena of the existing universe. One form and event follows another in unbroken order of antecedent and consequent, if not of cause and effect; and there is a progress, which, whatever the goal, can be counted upon as real and sure.

It would be foolish, therefore, and certain in the end to be destructive, for men engaged in any occupation whatever to think that it is exempt from the universal truth. The law of an evolutionary progress applies to all. The only question is how it is to

be applied and what it requires. Obviously the first step is, for any man who would be intelligent, to rid himself of the prevalent antagonism to "evolution" as a purely theoretical modern doctrine, unproved, illogical and irreligious, all of which is loudly charged. In the physical sciences at least, and so far in daily affairs, it has immediate worth. Whether it is or is not soon to be accepted in the philosophical and spiritual world does not immediately concern us. That may be left to the philosophers and theologians. Our immediate task is to understand its bearing on our affairs.

It will be recognized at once that a long established business has certain advantages over a new one. When a European banker intimated to our American banks proposing to establish branches, for instance, in South America and the Orient, that they would find something more than erecting a handsome building and sending out a staff of clerks would be necessary, he only asserted the importance of local experience; in other words, of the evolutionary process, which could not be disregarded. That requisite experience means something more than the possession of knowledge which may be gained from books—knowledge of certain more or less important facts. It means linking up with existing vital forces which are at work in all lands and in all conditions, and which are only available for men who can take advantage of them, move in their line, and secure their co-operation even though the coming of these men may in itself contribute a new impulse and lead to infinite enlargement in what may seem new directions.

Recognition of Evolution, which may be loosely defined as "Growth writ large," as the best working theory of the universe, involves to-day for the man of affairs three things. First is the adoption of the scientific method. This is very simple and intelligible. It is to take special and endless pains to get at facts; then to make their proper appraisal and adjustment to each other and to the business; to determine their value as interpreting the past and indicating the lines of advance; with courage in the use of them and confidence in the sure result if they are adhered to. His optimism has this best of all foundations.

Second, is recognition of his place in the scheme of things, which is like that of the parents in the human family. He is to preserve and pass on the heredity which has come down to him, and which he now is to preserve, and transmit, if possible, strengthened and re-enforced by what he adds to it for those who are to come after him. He may esteem himself and his business of small importance, but if there is a break in the progress the line is broken. No one can take his place. The general stream may not be turned back. It flows in many channels; but that particular branch which runs to and in him is blocked, destroyed, dissolved. The process that was working toward a certain goal, however originated, so far as it reached him is ended.

His third duty is to recognize how in the evolutionary process he and his work are related to the world at large. Evolution applies everywhere, in all lands and in all human affairs. As an illustration the evolution of language is one of its aspects. Every one recognizes the way in which the meaning of words enlarges and changes in the course of human affairs. Such basic terms in business as wealth, credit, money, capital, exchange, are evidence. They

have embraced new facts and assumed new significance with the increase of man's knowledge and the extension of his ability to make use of the forces of nature and of his wider opportunities of contact. Every new raw material or source of its supply, every new machine, every new agency, every new approach of other people, gives rise to new methods, as surely as it calls for new products, and at every step a new or an enlarged meaning is given to some familiar term. Even words held as sharply antagonistic, such as strong and weak, fast and slow, hard and soft, light and darkness, love and hatred, happiness and misery, have already been pointed out as no longer antithetic opposites; they are rather polar extremes between which lies a long series of gradations leading from one to the other. Daily experience enforces this, and we have continually to modify our understanding and our words accordingly, and this because of our progressive relationship with the world outside oneself. In short, evolution is going on in every department of human existence, in man's affairs no less than in his understanding.

Here, then, is the true measure of the evolutionary process and the necessity of its confident acceptance. The world is at once its arena, and its instrument. All visible existence contributes to it and will mark its final achievement. It may be accepted as being truly the thought of God as are the laws of the planetary world which Kepler discovered. Not altogether in the same class of definite apprehension, perhaps, both having possibility of modification with our advance of knowledge, as is to-day disclosed in regard to the heavenly bodies, but both marking an advance in reading the mind of God and helping us to the spiritual approach which all would have.

The whole creation, in a new sense, works to this end. The universe may be accepted as friendly and not hostile to man. He has to contribute his part, and so does all nature: the stars in their courses, and the flowers in the field. Every man must, if true to himself, recognize the men of every other race as equally with himself a link in the chain, a parent, a transmitter of such heritage of truth, of experience, of knowledge, as has reached or is made known to him. It is to take its place and be set at work in the great scheme of existence, and is an expression of God who clothes the lilies of the field and whose children we all are.

In practical application of this great doctrine, three things follow. Improvement in one's own ways of business and life leads more or less directly to improvement in the class, the group, the community of which one is a part.

Development of oneself or one's business leads naturally and surely to growth in oneself and in one's lines and ways of work. "Love," it has been said, "if it enrich not the heart of another returns to enrich the heart of the lover." Not less surely is Evolution a personal enrichment.

And, thirdly, development of oneself and one's business fits one better to help the community and the State; it makes a better citizen as well as a better business man and a better man; that is if he recognizes the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all. He learns that about him are men, children of the same Father—of all who, like himself, are capable of growth, are under the same law of progress, and who need the same incentive and help. He attains thus his full vision of life.

An "International Conscience."

Josephus Daniels, in his recently published biography of Woodrow Wilson, is credited with coining a phrase descriptive of the highest achievement of Mr. Wilson by saying that he "created for the first time an 'international conscience.'" If he did so, it is a supreme accomplishment. But an "international conscience" is as hard to understand as it is to find. There has always been a broad field of psychological speculation as to the nature of conscience when applied merely to the individual. Mr. Wilson's ideal was a democratized world in which peoples would possess self-determination as to governmental control—a world in which peace and the brotherhood of man would be triumphant. The instrumentality by which this was to be brought about was the League of Nations. But it is impossible to discover in the League, or in the collective peoples or nations, any unity of belief as to what constitutes right and wrong in human or governmental relations while the threat of war still frowns upon the earth. And in the consciences of individuals there is no harmony of opinion as to right and wrong.

Some psychologists contend that the conscience can be educated; others believe that this silent monitor is implanted in man by the Divine and that as to the personal act of the individual it is to him an infallible guide. Perhaps we apply the latter definition to mankind when we say man does not in his acts live up to his knowledge and beliefs. But in this vast inchoate mass of humanity, savage or civilized, gathered together into races, peoples, or States, where do we find even a collective opinion as to the right or wrong of social, political, economic or commercial relations? An international conscience, if such there were, or could be, would instantly outlaw war; would raze down custom houses erected for a selfish national protection of trade; would open the doors of every country to unlimited immigration and emigration; would place sacrifice and service in the interest of all before even the duty of self-defense that duty might persist; would substitute good-will and tolerance for hate, envy, and pride of power.

We may go a step further and say that we cannot find a common consciousness to exist in the peoples of the world as to the colossal evil of war and the supreme beatitude of peace. If there is a directing conscience without this consciousness it would be difficult to discover it. The vague, undefined sentiment that it would be a beautiful thing to have the lion and lamb lie down together is not quite a directing international conscience. There is room still, everywhere, for education. Like many other fine phrases, this one is but sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. We have not progressed far enough in conscience making to assert that we have a national conscience, the final arbiter of right and wrong. If we have one, it changes with the advent of each political party into power. The "Third Internationale" may have an international conscience, but heaven help the world guided by such an one.

Perhaps this is trifling over a few words. But it suggests consideration of the thought recently attracting attention as to the proper use of science in the affairs of men. We are told that scientific progress has far outdistanced ethics in the control of national and international relations. It is said that science is to become the deliverer or the destroyer of mankind. Two books of recent date discuss the fu-

ture influence of science. That by Haldane contends that science will ultimately so energize war as to threaten the continuance of civilization, but at the same time will so uplift man as to cause him to turn against the monster in time to save himself; that by Russell draws a darker picture and foresees science ministering to the power of dominant groups that are not concerned with making men happy.

We have not unity of resolve among peoples, let alone a collective conscience. Nor have we unity of purpose, more than we have group or State unselfishness. As to our own course, some believe we are hesitating at the door of the League. Some talk of entering by a side door or a back door. The disposition is not overwhelming to go or to stay. And our institution of Government coddles itself with elevating guns upon ships and maintaining the ratio of naval strength in the interest of a preparedness warranted to produce peace. Meanwhile our own scientists, in an effort similar to that of other nations, are engaged in laboratories seeking new ways by gas or bomb or electrical ray for wholesale murder. Conscience national or individual is never apathetic. It is always at work. Our petty politics absorb us to the exclusion of this master-question of banishing war. And the all-powerful League has yet the power of Force.

As a people we are not devoid of sympathy. We have shown that in recent years abundantly. Though we are somewhat selfish in our unselfishness we wish the whole world well. But while we are absorbed in trade and politics the national conscience does not spring up out of the natural union of individual consciences. And, in the confusion of terms, it would seem impossible to have an international conscience without a national. This inward, ever-acting, never-sleeping individual conscience does not compel us to elevate ethics to the high plane of the golden rule where we will turn science to the building of peace. Men talk of the biological possibility of eliminating savage propensities from men and races. We toy with these fascinating ideas when common sense is enough to point the way to personal dedication to the individual duty of forcing representative government to champion the cause of disarmament.

Men have died for their convictions, heroes, martyrs, patriots. It is a much easier, sweeter thing to live for them. And is it not in the individual conscience that these wonderful things we talk about, international conscience and world-opinion, are to be born, if born at all. An ideal is an idea; but an idea is not always an ideal. The far-off light that shall lead the world to justice and peace comes not out of tenaciously held ideas as to manner and means. In politics, economics, society and government we wreck ourselves upon the rocks of selfishness—the will to impose our own will upon others. We affirm—and having affirmed, we fight to establish. Conscience without humility is a tyrant. The Nazarene who died because of intolerance himself preached tolerance. Even conscience must deny unbridled power to the egotist. Our governments and laws too much grow out of the tyranny of the self-flattering ideas of men, groups and parties.

We are only dallying with the devil when we try to make the world over upon some egoistic plan. There is a higher power; there is a natural law. If we try to come in touch with these we shall be able to fashion peace and much-loved and ever-lauded prosperity. We do not lack, as men and women,

consciences; we will not heed the inner voice. Our knowledge crushes out love. Reason overrides sacrifice. We will to have our own way. Nothing can be clearer than the unselfishness we preach we will not practice save upon our own terms. We would have peace but woe to that nation which thinks we are not prepared to fight. Comity and amity of nations we believe in with mind and heart, but to give way in trade to others, that would be suicide. As citizens we will vote for conscience sake, but how make it clear save through fidelity to the principles of party? And an "international conscience" is, *as yet*, an "iridescent dream"!

City-Building and City-Booming.

Discussing the trend of trade, F. T. Letchfield, Director of the Industrial Department of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, points out, in an interview in the New York "Times" that "Decentralization of production is the order of the day through the United States. The accumulated increase in rail freight rates, the Panama Canal, the Westward shifting of population and the equalization of labor rates that was brought about by the war have all resulted in dividing the country into three main zones of manufacture, namely the Atlantic seaboard, the Mississippi Valley and the Pacific Coast." Naturally, Mr. Letchfield is interested in showing the advantageous situation of San Francisco and the Bay cities as centres of production and distribution not only for the Pacific Coast but for trade with South America and the Orient. Those who have followed the growth of populous centres on our Western coast will probably surmise that there is an echo of rivalry in his thought when he says: "All of the larger cities of the Pacific Coast are several hundred miles from their nearest competitor, all of them have rich and extensive back country, and all are destined to be great, thriving communities. The average person, however, is prone to give too much weight to the spectacular, to overlook fundamental considerations and be unduly impressed with the unusual. The city that can maintain an even, sustained growth of 3, 4 or 5% annually over a period of years will prosper. Her prosperity will be stable and permanent."

"When any community has an increase in population of 20 to 50% in a year it should feel alarmed, for such a condition can invariably be traced, in the last analysis, to but one thing, quick, easy money, such as mining deposits or oil fields so often produce. Easy money brings a big and rapid influx of people, which in turn begets speculation, particularly in real estate and promotion fields of all sorts. Speculation almost always causes inflation, and inflation is dangerous to the real prosperity and welfare of any community."

There is a philosophy in the statement in this last paragraph that cannot be doubted. But the reader will probably say: "True, but what can be done about it?" We would not like to undertake the answer. Still, while it is true that all growth is slow, especially substantial growth, even and tempered growth of the individuals in any species does not seem to be nature's plan. And our cities are not an exception to the general rule. We *may* consider, perhaps, the forcing processes which communities often put forth to increase growth in population and trade. Discovery of hidden resources cannot be predicted in advance. Nor can the influence of the new

resources upon trade be denied. And it is not in our general trade chivalry to try to diminish their importance. To the fortunate ones must accrue the benefits. On the other hand, the natural increase is the permanent one and in the end must outstrip the accidental and temporary. Again, that community which seizes good fortune to hold its products fast and capitalizes it to its own good cannot be denied the just rewards. A city builded on the shores of a great harbor, and fronting an ocean, who or what can take away the trade that *must* pass through its gates? So many influences go into the building of great cities, naturally, that analysis despairs of pointing out how they should grow. There are teeming populations in the Far East, and who would dare place a limit on the growth of Pacific Coast cities?

Community pride is worthy—but it *is* worth while to consider the waste there is in what we term "booms." A city, led by adventurous men of business, *may* be made to outstrip a competitor, *for a time*; indeed, with the influx of capital, it may do so for all time. But it is a costly process and one that is accompanied with danger. And while the freedom of financial endeavor will not allow any chains to be put upon this form of enterprise, and there is no preconceived power of control, yet much money, time and talent could be saved (for "time evens all things" though the time be long), if men would study the local situation in connection with the larger and decide whether the city *can* become great. And we must make a sharp distinction here between the public-spirited citizens who are enthused by community welfare and business pride, and that class, now common, of professional boomers who consider only the money to be made. The professional boomer is not perforce loyal to any community. He goes to new fields with the collapse of every boom. The really public-spirited citizen is sometimes the mere tool of the professional boomer. And especially in small towns scattered over the country thousands of good men are now "holding the bag." The whole philosophy of the matter lies in consideration of the question of whether or not the city is so placed, strategically, in trade as to command endeavor on the part of its population to make it "big." And perhaps we might here dismiss the subject by saying that if it *is* so placed it will grow despite an apathetic community.

There is another side or phase. We need in American life more rest—a repose, which is another name for quiet confidence. These cities, large and small, are inter-related. They are the ganglionic centres of an activity, that, fostered by steady toil, leads to certain prosperity, but that fevered by mere wealth-getting leads often to depression and disaster. Booms are the worst sort of inflation. The bubble is certain to burst. We do not believe a community can become a permanent large city the dependence of which is upon any two or three large industries. Sooner or later these industries will be superseded. If not quite this, then the elements of manufacture will change, either the raw materials, the markets, the processes, or the trend of populations. Perhaps we do not need in our great domestic interior as many prospective metropolitan centres as we now have. Again, speculating merely, perhaps the increase in population in a hundred years will justify more. But the thought is that the present generation will be bettered by a more steady development than apparently we now possess.

Economic and social aspects of city growth and building are of general interest. It is too early to estimate the final effect of motor transportation upon the populations of city and country. Undoubtedly changes in social life of each are taking place. But the attractive features of city life through libraries, museums, universities, foundations of various kinds, public service benefits, cannot be duplicated in small towns or in country districts. With the wider diffusion of manufactures throughout our great national domain there will ensue closer connection and more harmony between country and city. Jefferson had forebodings concerning the growth and increase of large cities. They cost much, but they contribute much to the general welfare. Our States would be poor indeed without the revenues their cities pay into the common treasury. And we must first establish an ideal mode of existence for men and women before we can even attempt to establish an equilibrium between these two factors of common life, which we name country and city. Their economic relations are reciprocal; neither can exist without the other. Homes naturally flourish in one; quietude and calm flourish there; the influence on character must be sobering and elevating. In the other, ambition is excited to business ventures of

magnitude and importance; but social life is fevered by show and pleasure; the great benefactions of wealth are shadowed by the contrasting lives of rich and poor.

It would be idle to talk of control—that seems impossible. But so far-reaching are the problems presented to the philosophic thought of the national citizenry that merely to emphasize the study of city-building vs. city-booming must result in some good. We are proud of our great cities. They star a domain magnificent and unapproachable. Their political power is great and growing. They have become railroad terminals that direct the course of trade. Waterway improvements and water-power developments will give to the leading cities of to-day a new alignment in the future. It becomes important, therefore, in thought on public questions to remember that one generation and one century corrects the unintentional errors of another. If the question were initial to-day the capital of the country would not be located on the eastern fringe of the continent. Development that is steady, both from within and without, will set the pace in growth, and will finally demonstrate proper location; any other influences, through commercial acceleration not properly placed, cause costly waste.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 4 1924.

There has been some increase in retail and jobbing trade in summer goods. It is true that wholesale business is still small. Buyers are as cautious as ever. But there is a rather more cheerful feeling. It seems to be in the air. Some insist that there was an improvement in the steel trade during June. In recent weeks reduced production has about kept pace with a light consumption. The logical result must be improvement in the statistical and general trade position sooner or later of the great industries which have pursued this course. Most of them have. Meanwhile cotton has declined something over \$5 a bale during the week, owing to better weather and a much more favorable Government report on the condition of the crop than had been at all expected. It indicates at the present time a yield tentatively of 12,144,000 bales, or an increase over the crop of last year of about 2,000,000 bales, and an acreage of some 40,400,000 acres. Not only this, but since the Government report was compiled, on data coming down no later than June 25, it is very generally believed that the condition of the crop has improved. This is all to the good. For three years past the cotton crops have been inadequate, to the manifest loss and dislocation of the cotton trade both at home and abroad. The world's stocks of cotton are down to a low stage and badly need replenishing. A yield of fully 12,500,000 to 13,000,000 bales is much needed. It is to be hoped that the weather in July and August will make it possible to raise it. The outlook for the wheat crop has improved and this fact is reflected in some decline in the later deliveries, although July is somewhat higher than a week ago. Prices for corn have risen sharply for the reason, unfortunately, that the weather has been cold, wet and unseasonable and that crop estimates have been considerably reduced in contrast with an increase in the estimates of the wheat yield. Of course, it is rather too early to dogmatize about the size of the corn crop. It is not getting the best start imaginable, but it is conceivable that better weather conditions later on may easily insure a satisfactory crop. In fact, yesterday the weather was the best seen at the West for some weeks past aside from rather low temperatures. Other grain has advanced. There has been a somewhat better export demand for wheat, including American, to be shipped from ports in the Gulf of Mexico. The inquiry has been from England, Germany, Italy and Holland. A moderate export demand has been done in rye. Norway, it seems, is buying it to some extent.

Coffee has risen no less than 1½ cents, with the statistics strong, Brazilian markets rapidly rising, offerings here strong and the excited market giving plain enough evidence of having been oversold. Of course, any scarcity, or seeming scarcity, of coffee is largely artificial. It is due to the arbitrary restriction of receipts to a certain limited quantity per day at Rio and Santos. There is said to be a scarcity of the more desirable grades of Brazilian coffee. To make matters worse, the Brazilian Government insists upon old coffee being exported before the new and possibly better coffee to foreign countries. Such interference with the natural laws of trade may work well enough for a time but in the end, like disobedience to natural law in general, the result cannot be otherwise than detrimental to the best interests of this branch of business. Sugar has declined somewhat, trade being dull after the recent notable activity. Hardware has been in better demand. Lumber, on the other hand, has declined. The output at Southern and north Pacific centres has been reduced. Still, business is fairly good. Other building materials sell well. Significantly enough, the jewelry business is rather slow. This would seem to be the natural reflection of dulness in the big industries and of unemployment in many big centres of the textile trades and others. The coal trade is slow. There is little demand for coke. Leather is dull in this part of the country, but at the West it is said to be in somewhat better demand. There is no great change anywhere, however. The silk trade is waking up. Mail order business in June was larger than in the same month last year. Bank clearings show an increase over those of 1923. There is a bountiful hay crop. The weather on the Pacific Coast unfortunately continues dry. It needs a period of good rains for the crop. Chicago reports an increased amount of building. In parts of the West business has improved. Some Chicago reports say that steel business is better and that it may be necessary to increase the output before very long. Lumber prices there are falling, but other building materials are advancing. Hides have been dull, with prices apparently rather weak. It is pointed out that failures and liabilities are noticeably larger than those of last year. At the same time it is satisfactory to notice that liquidation is dying down. To all appearances the worst is over in that respect. But taking wholesale trade in the main, as already intimated, it has a touch of the usual mid-summer slowness. The country is still disposed to keep close to shore and await events. This does not mean that there is anywhere a dominant note of pessimism; quite the contrary. In New England there is cheerful talk. There

is a growing hope amounting almost to a belief in some parts of the country that next fall will see some improvement in trade. Of course, the wrangling here at one of the national conventions is not altogether edifying and merchants view with a certain apprehension the movements for the convention of a third party. What the country needs is tranquil politics, a safe and sane program in public affairs, reduced taxation, larger production and consumption, and in other words a return as near as may be to normal conditions of pre-war times if not to something better.

It is a hopeful circumstance in the estimation of the commercial community that on the Stock Exchange stocks have recently been active and rising, together with bonds, for which there is still a very satisfactory demand. Gains in the price of commodities as a rule exceed declines. Money is somewhat firmer, as usual at this time of the year, but funds are still obtainable at low rates and call money is no higher than 2½% and 60-day loans 3%. In London on Thursday business was slow and of late foreign exchange has declined, especially French francs. Silver currencies in general have latterly advanced. The trend of sentiment in Europe is plainly in favor of an acceptance of the Dawes plan, and it is hoped that definite steps for its adoption will be taken in the very near future. The world, of course, wants to leave the war behind and all its controversies and resume the ways of peace and normal conditions of life. Meanwhile, so far as this country is concerned, one of the gratifying features of the times is the improvement in the position of the farmer. It is true that the recent great advance in prices of wheat, corn and other grain, coming at the close of the season, does a certain large proportion of the farming population no good. But it does affect a certain percentage favorably. This fact is apt to be forgotten. Many always carry over a certain percentage of their crops in the hope of better prices. In any case, looking ahead the trend of things is in the farmer's favor. His buying power, actual and potential, is increasing. This must sooner or later have its beneficial effect on the trade of the country. Glancing backward, a report just made by farmers to the Department of Agriculture at Washington states that they made money in 1923 on corn, cotton and potatoes above the cost of production, including wages and interest on investment, but lost on wheat and oats. Losses indicate that farmers did not receive a sufficient income from their products to pay all cash expenses of production and allow them going wages for their time and the cash rental value of their land. For example, wheat on 7,852 farms cost on the average \$1.24 a bushel and had a sales value of 99 cents. Oats on 8,481 farms cost 52 cents a bushel, with a sales value of 49 cents. On the other hand, corn on 11,238 farms cost 68 cents a bushel, with a sales value of 81 cents. Potatoes in different sections of the country showed an average profit of \$1.42 to \$86.23 an acre. And cotton on 407 farms, with yields between 101 and 140 pounds of lint an acre, had an average cost of 22 cents a pound and an average sales price of 30 cents. On the whole things might have been far worse in the agricultural community of this country. The cotton crop is likely to be larger this year, and this will in all likelihood offset some possible decline in the price.

Retailers are carrying relatively small stocks. One drawback is that manufacturers are not. They are carrying unduly large inventories. In April, it is recalled, an index of the stock of 45 commodities compiled by the Department of Commerce stood at 136, as compared with 117 in April last year. A hopeful factor concededly, however, is that curtailment has in recent months brought output down to a point nearer to consumption. This is bound to tell favorably in time. The tide sooner or later must turn. The decided decrease in the output of pig iron is a case in point. At times recent sales have been large. It is true that the increase in trade was largely due to reduced prices. But all the time the furnaces are getting into better shape through a reduction of stocks. The same thing is bound to happen in the steel trade.

Some Southern cotton mills have recently reduced wages, although they were already lower than the New England scale. In New England curtailment of time of the mills is still very marked. At Fall River the mills are running at an average of only 20 to 25% of capacity. Labor works less efficiently and charges more. Lessened productivity is one of the serious evils of the times. Production and consumption are still badly hampered by high costs, a large item in which is high wages. The United States Department of Labor recently showed that average hourly wages of organ-

ized workmen in this country are 9% higher than in 1923, 84% higher than in 1917 and 111% higher than in 1913. Wages are high, yet wage values, or buying power, are higher than a year ago, since retail price levels are to-day much lower than then.

At Fall River, Mass., heavy curtailment movement is still in effect, the only recent change being the opening of the American Printing Co.'s mills, but they are to close again on Saturday for two weeks. At North Andover, Mass., night work has been resumed at the Sutton's mill. Operations are limited to the carding and spinning departments, but increased operations have been started in practically all departments of the mill on the day shift. At North Andover, Mass., the Davis & Furber Co., manufacturers of textile machinery, suspended operations June 27 to reopen July 7. At the Pacific mills operations were suspended last week in the worsted and print works departments and during the shut-down the annual taking of stock was held. This week the departments reopened on a three-day-a-week schedule. The Everett mill was closed June 25 to reopen July 14. The shut-down was because of the continued unsatisfactory conditions of the colored cotton goods business. At Lawrence, Mass., the loom fixers are considering the calling of a strike vote, it is understood, which action was postponed six months ago. Within six weeks there will be a marked increase in the operations in the Lawrence mills is the prediction of a prominent mill man. A number of local mill officials are optimistic, but could name no time for the fulfillment of this prediction. At Salem, Mass., the Naumkeag mills closed for two weeks' vacation on June 28 to reopen July 14, when the mills will resume full time in all departments. The mill and the bleachery at Danvers, Mass., which is owned by the Naumkeag, and which together employ some 2,300 operatives, are now running at capacity. At Providence, R. I., operations will be resumed at the Hope and Phoenix mills of the Hope Co. July 7 on a three-day-a-week basis. These mills have been shut down for several weeks. The yarn departments of the National, Providence and Riverside mills in Rhode Island will close as soon as the present stock is used up. It will affect 2,000 workers. At Springfield, Mass., the William Carter mills will be closed for two weeks. At Lewiston, Me., the Androscoggin mill and the Hill mill are running practically full capacity and the Continental mill four to five days a week and the Lewiston bleachery 3½ days a week. At Charlotte, N. C., the Armstrong group of combed yarn mills in Gaston County, embracing 12 plants, which have been curtailing production for many weeks, resumed full time on Monday. A report that a general wage reduction had been made of 10% was erroneous, though two mills did reduce wages that much. Charlotte, N. C., wired that New England textile workers have begun to come into the Carolinas. The New England workers have heard so much about the wonderful opportunities in the Carolinas that they are seeing for themselves. They have gone to work. They are members of the union. While not expressing an opinion at this time, the general attitude of the local union leaders has been that foreign workers would not be welcomed by the union. At Gaffney, S. C., on July 1 the Gaffney mills closed for the remainder of the week to give operatives a Fourth of July vacation. The plant will resume operations Monday. At Blowing Rock, N. C., leading textile manufacturers of North and South Carolina at a meeting took an optimistic view of the textile situation and look for a decided quickening of business within the next few months. They find that curtailment is spreading in the South, many mills having gone on short time in the last few weeks. This policy is expected to continue for a few weeks, but the turn is looked for about Sept. 1.

At Paterson, N. J., June 30 several inquiries were made at employment agencies for winders and warpers in preparation for starting up several new looms as quickly as the silk can be prepared. Warpers and winders have been idle for several weeks and it was difficult to interest any manufacturers until last week, when a number of new orders were put through necessitating extra looms and increased production. Curtailment had been reported in all of the mills, but each day there are reports of increased activity in all of the weaves. A few of the plants closed for all this week, while others closed on Thursday night and until Monday morning; in one or two mills two weeks' vacation, it is understood will not be taken, but only a few days. At Passaic, N. J., on June 30, the plant of the Forstman & Huffman Co., manufacturers of fine dress goods and coatings, which had

been running on part time of late owing to the depression in the piece goods market, resumed full operations.

The chain of newsprint and specialty mills of the International Paper Co., except that at Niagara Falls, N. Y., have closed down for one week and will resume operations July 7. Recently the company announced a closing down at Wilder, Glen, Glens Falls and Fort Edward mills, which cut off some 300 tons of newsprint production. Production of newsprint is now estimated to be slightly below 1,000 tons daily, compared with in excess of 1,300 tons when normal capacity operations are conducted.

At Detroit industrial employment last week declined 5,207, compared with 452 in the preceding week. Closing of a number of plants for inventory, including several departments of one of the larger companies account for a big part of this week's decline. The natural decrease would have been practically the same as the week before. Total employment index is now 196,494, against 222,045 a year ago.

Most of the workers involved in the garment strike here have returned to work. It is said, however, that employees in the needle trades threaten to quit again and a walkout of 75,000 garment workers seems certain, as employers reject an arbitration offer. It is reported that 300,000 would be affected by such a strike.

The silk trade is reported better and double extra crack was quoted at \$5 60, compared with \$5 recently. Sears, Roebuck & Co. sales in June represented an increase of 4.54% over the same month a year ago. Business for the six months showed a decrease of 1.74% compared with last year. Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s sales during June showed an increase of 12.2% over June last year. For the six months ended June 30, sales showed an increase of 17.52% over a year ago.

The world moves. Airplane letter boxes have been installed on the streets in this city for San Francisco and intermediate points. Westbound planes are scheduled to make the trip in 34 hours, 45 minutes, while eastbound time will be 2 hours 40 minutes faster.

In the great wind, rain and electrical storm in Ohio on June 28 which swept the coast of Lake Erie from Sandusky to Loraine, wrecking a large portion of these cities, 94 persons were killed, including 70 in Lorain alone, where 125 blocks were destroyed and damage done, it is estimated, to the amount of \$50,000,000.

The weather has been fair and cool here this week. It was 75 at 2 p. m. Thursday. At the West it has been cool; Chicago has been as low of late as 56, Cleveland, Milwaukee and St. Paul 54, Cincinnati 50, and the nights over much of the cotton belt have had temperatures in the 50's and lower 60's. At Oklahoma City it was 58 and at Abilene, Texas, 62. It has been too cool and wet in corn States, but generally favorable in the wheat sections.

Business Conditions in Federal Reserve District of Chicago.

Stating that "May returns now available from wholesalers in the Chicago Federal Reserve District reflect the general caution in buying that characterized the month," the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, in its Monthly Business Conditions report July 1 says:

For the second time this year, sales by the majority of dealers in each of the five reporting groups were smaller than during the corresponding month of 1923. These comparisons, however, based as they are on dollar amounts without allowance for price changes, indicate somewhat larger percentage decreases than would be shown by analysis at this time of volume figures.

With the exception of grocery sales, May comparisons with April also are unfavorable. In hardware, the decline is in contrast to the gain noted in 1923, when May was the peak sales month for the year. Similarly, the dry goods decline from April is sharper than a year ago, and marks the fourth successive month to follow a downward trend.

As during April, stock comparisons varied, grocery, shoe and drug inventories on May 31 continuing below the corresponding 1923 level, but dry goods and hardware stocks maintaining increases of 2 and 11%, respectively. Compared with the preceding month, stocks on hand at the end of May were heavier for the majority of dry goods and drug dealers, but lower for most of the grocery firms and for over half the hardware firms.

In collections some improvement was noted during May, the hardware group averaging an increase of 11% over April, and the drug group 6%. For the other commodities, with decreases and increases about equal in number, net changes were slight. Accounts receivable May 31 were smaller in amount than a year ago for 42 firms out of 72, and for 49 were less than at the beginning of the month. Delinquent accounts in May numbering 957 and representing \$110,184 35 were reported by member manufacturers and jobbers to the Electrical Credit Association, Central Division. The aggregate for April was 871 accounts, involving \$110,326 40. The figures for both months exceeded considerably the corresponding reports of 1923 in number of accounts, but the total amount in April 1923 was greater than in either April or May of this year.

Regarding department store trade, the report says:

For nearly two-thirds of the department stores reporting to this bank, a decline in sales was apparent during May, both as compared with the previous month and with the corresponding month a year ago. The falling off

from April, in contrast to moderate increases in the three preceding years, results in part from inclusion in the April figures this year of most of the Easter trade. Weather conditions and the general lull in business contribute to the unfavorable comparison with May 1923. Cumulative sales for the five months of 1924, however, maintain an excess of 6% over 1923.

As usual during May, stocks were lowered, only eight out of 44 stores being inventoried as high on May 31 as at the beginning of the month. The gain of 8% over the previous year, slightly less than that noted in March and April, reflects individual increases by the majority of firms. Over half the returns showed a reduction during May in outstanding orders, the percentage ratio for the district dropping to 6.9% of total 1923 purchases.

Of 42 firms reporting collection figures, all but eight made gains over April and all but 14 over a year ago. Their ratio of 45.3% to accounts outstanding on April 30 compares with 44.3% the previous month and 46.7 in May 1923.

Business Indexes of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board in accordance with its purpose to issue about the first of each month a statement giving current figures of its various business indexes has just made public the following:

INDEX OF PRODUCTION IN BASIC INDUSTRIES.
(Corrected for seasonal variations. Monthly average 1919=100.)

	1923		1924			
	April	May	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Pig iron.....	139	149	132	131	127	101
Steel ingots.....	141	147	145	145	121	92
Cotton.....	117	120	102	92	97	80
Wool.....	118	117	100	101	97	93
Wheat flour.....	99	97	100	107	105	105
Sugar meltings.....	118	122	127	115	115	109
Animals slaughtered—						
Cattle.....	99	105	94	90	98	107
Calves.....	100	110	137	112	116	111
Sheep.....	113	111	93	90	102	109
Hogs.....	140	125	116	132	136	124
Lumber.....	119	122	130	124	127	117
Bituminous coal.....	132	129	123	101	92	87
Anthracite coal.....	114	111	118	111	97	101
Copper.....	114	120	132	123	127	125
Zinc.....	119	121	112	122	114	121
Sole leather.....	88	84	71	66	62	57
Newsprint.....	101	120	107	103	111	116
Cement.....	164	161	192	187	169	172
Petroleum.....	136	193	189	186	189	192
Cigars.....	95	98	94	90	88	95
Cigarettes.....	139	150	140	143	157	173
Manufactured tobacco.....	95	100	98	91	91	96
Total.....	124	127	120	116	114	103

a Revised.

INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.
(Not corrected for seasonal variations. Monthly average 1919=100.)

	1923		1924			
	April	May	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Metals and products—						
Group index.....	96	96	91	92	91	85
Iron and steel.....	95	96	90	91	90	85
Textiles and products—						
Group index.....	106	105	98	97	92	87
Fabrics.....	107	107	97	94	89	86
Products.....	105	102	100	100	94	89
Lumber and products.....	122	120	123	123	123	119
Motor vehicles.....	103	104	105	107	101	90
Paper and printing.....	106	105	106	106	105	104
Food and products.....	96	97	102	101	98	97
Leather and products.....	94	92	87	87	82	79
Stone, clay and glass.....	110	115	106	110	115	117
Tobacco and products.....	91	89	87	85	83	82
Chemicals and products.....	73	78	78	78	77	74
Total.....	103	103	99	99	97	93

a Revised.

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

	1923		1924			
	April	May	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Wholesale trade—						
Groceries.....	80	81	76	79	78	80
Meat.....	62	64	63	62	61	64
Dry goods.....	86	83	99	90	81	72
Shoes.....	62	68	48	62	65	52
Hardware.....	112	118	90	101	106	102
Drugs.....	106	107	110	118	115	111
Total.....	79	80	78	79	77	76
Retail trade—						
Department store sales.....	*119	*128	*102	*115	*132	*126
Department store stocks.....	x115	x125	x127	x115	x127	x123
Department store stocks.....	*132	*129	*126	*138	*140	*134
Mail order sales.....	*129	*130	*135	*137	*136	*135
Mail order sales.....	*103	*98	*96	*105	*114	*90
Mail order sales.....	x100	x110	x101	ax91	ax111	x100

a Revised. * Without seasonal correction. x Corrected for seasonal variation.

Earnings of Factory Workers in New York State 10% Less than a Year Ago.

Payrolls in the manufacturing industries of New York State in May were nearly 10% less than they had been two months before and a little more than 10% below those of May a year ago. This March, it is estimated, the purchasing power put into the hands of the workers in the manufacturing industries amounted to about \$37,500,000 weekly. By May the figure had been reduced to about \$34,000,000, that is the loss was about three and one-half million dollars. This statement was made by Industrial Commissioner Bernard L. Shientag of the State Department of Labor on June 30. The Commissioner says:

It is evident that the trading activities of the State may still depend upon large sums of money to be put into circulation as factory workers' earnings. Even at the low point of 1921-22 factory payrolls reached a weekly total of about \$27,500,000. However, ten million dollars represents the difference between prosperity and depression. The total volume of factory wage payments was smaller in May this year than it has been at any time since October, 1922. Yet it must be remembered that this volume and the purchasing power it represents is still 16% higher than was the average in 1921.

In the further advices from the Commissioner in the matter it is stated:

In the recent expansion the number of factory employees reached its maximum in March 1923. Despite a slight decline in employment in the next two months, increases in basic wage rates carried payrolls upward until May. A yearly comparison in March this year showed payrolls quite as large as they had been a year before. Since then, however, trade reaction has carried payrolls down sharply.

The average weekly pay of factory employees in this State in May was \$27.54. This represents a drop of 62 cents from the average in March. Because employers in cutting forces usually retain a relatively large proportion of office help, foremen and higher priced employees generally, the loss to the individual worker because of reduced working time has no doubt been larger than appears in these figures. Wage rate changes continue very few and the increases slightly outnumber the reductions.

The decline since March has been more severe in Syracuse than in any of the larger cities of the State. The prospects for the merchants in this district have been affected by a drop in factory payrolls amounting to 17% in two months and to 12% as compared with May 1923.

New York City payrolls are in about the same position as those for the total State. Their total is nearly 10% less than that for March or that for May a year ago.

The decline in orders for railroad equipment had previously brought a reduction in earnings in the industrial area which has Buffalo for its center. With the curtailment in other metal plants since March, the aggregate of wage payments here in May was 16% less than in May last year.

The reaction in Binghamton has not been so severe in the last two months. But for some time factories here have not been so busy as they were in 1923. In May a comparison showed a loss of 12% from the high level of May 1923.

On the whole, the amount of money paid to garment workers in Rochester in May was only three-quarters of what it was at this time last year. Wage totals in the instrument and optical goods factories, however, were higher than those of last year. In the total the decline from last year was only 5%, the most favorable ratio reported from any large manufacturing centre in the State.

The Capitol district ranked next to Rochester in maintaining the level of 1923. But the situation among the different communities here varies a great deal because of the wide difference in the industries centring in the various cities of the district. Payrolls in the textile plants in May amounted to only about two-thirds of the total in May last year, and the shirt and collar industry and the railroad equipment and repair shops show a loss of about 25%. On the other hand, more money was paid out this year than last by the manufacturers of machinery and electrical apparatus, and in the printing establishments.

As in the Capitol district, the fortunes of merchants in the cities of the Utica area vary a great deal with the course of earnings in the larger industries. In the total, payrolls here in May were 13% below those of May, 1923. In the textile plants, the loss amounted to 20% of last year's total, but was only 4% in the metal industries. In the latter group the firearms, tool and cutlery establishments were still paying out more money in May than they did last year.

The following tables are furnished by Commissioner Shien-tag:

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS—MAY, 1924.

Industry—	-All Employees-		Shop Employees	
	Total New York State.	City.	Men.	Women.
Stone, clay and glass products.....	\$28 48	\$35 75	\$30 10	\$15 30
Miscellaneous stone and mineral products.....	31 91	44 55	38 28	---
Lime, cement and plaster.....	32 36	33 79	32 14	22 18
Brick, tile and pottery.....	24 73	29 73	25 22	15 00
Glass.....	26 90	31 41	29 80	12 59
Metals, machinery and conveyances.....	30 38	29 29	31 42	17 06
Gold, silver and precious stones.....	28 95	30 04	31 90	18 16
Brass, copper, aluminum, &c.....	27 15	26 85	28 50	16 24
Pig iron and rolling mill products.....	32 57	---	33 11	20 52
Structural and architectural iron work.....	33 53	36 87	31 40	*
Sheet metal work and hardware.....	27 40	26 45	29 42	15 07
Firearms, tools and cutlery.....	25 67	*	26 73	14 38
Cooking, heating and ventilating apparatus.....	33 24	30 84	33 27	z
Machinery (including electrical apparatus).....	31 04	30 30	31 59	17 47
Automobiles, carriages and aeroplanes.....	31 77	35 06	31 49	16 65
Cars, locomotives and railroad repair shops.....	32 49	32 96	32 44	23 69
Boat and ship building.....	31 52	31 69	31 15	---
Instruments and appliances.....	26 91	26 02	30 17	17 14
Wood manufactures.....	27 14	28 43	28 98	51 04
Saw mill and planing mill products.....	28 81	30 07	29 46	12 88
Furniture and cabinet work.....	27 63	33 31	28 47	15 00
Pianos, organs and other musical instruments.....	28 05	30 94	30 17	15 60
Miscellaneous wood and allied products.....	23 87	22 62	25 73	15 16
Furs, leathers and rubber goods.....	24 41	27 36	27 10	16 12
Leather.....	23 46	---	24 58	14 29
Fur and fur goods.....	34 10	34 10	34 69	20 14
Boots and shoes.....	24 08	27 44	26 27	16 98
Miscellaneous leather and canvas goods.....	22 94	25 74	27 82	13 73
Rubber and gutta percha goods.....	26 89	26 40	30 03	16 97
Pearl, horn, bone, celluloid, hair, &c.....	22 36	24 02	24 73	15 57
Chemicals, oil, paints, &c.....	28 27	27 65	31 32	17 11
Drugs and chemicals.....	27 45	21 94	29 67	15 31
Paints, dyes and colors.....	27 60	27 40	28 75	15 00
Animal and mineral oil products.....	28 08	29 87	31 16	16 11
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	29 30	28 15	33 26	18 20
Paper.....	28 35	*	28 07	13 74
Printing and paper goods.....	33 55	35 73	38 95	18 22
Paper boxes and tubes.....	24 36	26 03	26 86	16 65
Miscellaneous paper goods.....	26 34	27 77	26 89	15 83
Printing and book making.....	36 36	38 44	41 03	19 30
Textiles.....	21 58	22 04	25 75	15 02
Silk and silk goods.....	18 98	19 62	28 16	13 02
Wool manufactures.....	24 99	*	26 17	15 38
Cotton goods.....	21 94	---	22 93	13 77
Cotton and woolen hosiery and knit goods.....	18 09	*	25 93	15 52
Other textiles and allied products.....	22 65	23 94	25 74	15 75
Clothing, millinery, laundering, &c.....	23 00	26 68	30 25	16 86
Men's clothing.....	25 19	31 02	29 17	15 02
Men's shirts and furnishings.....	17 78	25 05	27 21	14 16
Women's clothing.....	29 07	30 58	36 70	23 50
Women's underwear and furnishings.....	20 64	21 20	30 18	18 09
Women's headwear.....	25 72	25 72	32 15	19 70
Miscellaneous sewing.....	17 91	18 98	26 12	13 71
Laundering, cleaning, dyeing, &c.....	19 11	20 21	29 36	15 07
Food, beverages and tobacco.....	25 57	25 47	30 10	16 08
Flour, feed and other cereal products.....	29 01	29 30	28 52	12 11
Fruit and vegetable canning and preserving.....	25 73	24 04	29 18	14 07
Groceries not elsewhere classified.....	29 34	29 56	32 20	15 68
Meat and dairy products.....	29 30	31 33	29 15	14 08
Bread and other bakers products.....	25 37	25 60	30 59	13 48
Confectionery and ice cream.....	22 19	22 78	25 68	14 47
Beverages.....	34 38	38 16	33 70	10 72
Cigars and other tobacco products.....	18 58	19 61	25 87	18 24
Water, light and power.....	33 96	33 76	33 32	z
Total.....	\$27 54	\$28 62	\$31 04	\$16 56

(*) (z) Not enough employees to be reported separately.

COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT IN REPRESENTATIVE FACTORIES, MAY 1924.

Industry—	-Percentage of Change From-	
	Apr. 1924	May, 1923
Stone, clay and glass products.....	3.1	1.1
Miscellaneous stone and mineral products.....	-3.7	-3.9
Lime, cement and plaster.....	1.6	0.9
Brick, tile and pottery.....	16.7	13.3
Glass.....	-8.9	-10.1
Metals, machinery and conveyances.....	-5.0	-5.3
Gold, silver and precious stones.....	-3.3	-7.0
Brass, copper, aluminum, &c.....	-5.7	-6.1
Pig iron and rolling mill products.....	-19.4	-21.0
Structural and architectural iron work.....	-2.8	-3.0
Sheet metal work and hardware.....	-7.4	-7.7
Firearms, tools and cutlery.....	-3.9	-3.6
Cooking, heating and ventilating appliances.....	-1.6	-1.2
Machinery (including electrical appliances).....	-3.3	-2.6
Automobiles, carriages and aeroplanes.....	-14.2	-12.1
Cars, locomotives and railroad repair shops.....	2.7	2.2
Boat and ship building.....	-10.7	-23.4
Instruments and appliances.....	2.4	-2.5
Wood manufactures.....	-4.0	-5.0
Saw mill and planing mill products.....	-3.7	-2.1
Furniture and cabinet work.....	-3.3	-4.9
Pianos, organs and other musical instruments.....	-5.7	-10.0
Miscellaneous wood and allied products.....	-2.7	-2.4
Furs, leathers and rubber goods.....	-5.0	-4.9
Leather.....	-7.8	-10.3
Fur and fur goods.....	-6.3	-3.6
Boots and shoes.....	-3.9	-3.3
Miscellaneous leather and canvas goods.....	-4.9	-8.3
Rubber and gutta percha goods.....	-7.2	-7.4
Pearl, horn, bone, celluloid, hair, &c.....	-9.3	-6.6
Chemicals, oil, paints, &c.....	-1.6	-1.8
Drugs and chemicals.....	1.1	z
Paints, dyes and colors.....	0.6	0.9
Animal and mineral oil products.....	-1.1	-1.6
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	-1.0	-2.6
Paper.....	-2.2	-1.7
Printing and paper goods.....	-3.2	-4.2
Paper boxes and tubes.....	-5.8	-1.9
Miscellaneous paper goods.....	-1.3	-1.4
Printing and book making.....	-4.8	-5.4
Textiles.....	-5.7	-3.8
Silk and silk goods.....	-4.6	-4.9
Wool manufactures.....	0.6	5.8
Cotton goods.....	-6.3	-9.4
Cotton and woolen hosiery and knit goods.....	-4.7	-6.6
Other textiles and allied products.....	-7.8	-12.6
Clothing, millinery, laundering, &c.....	-10.1	-12.2
Men's clothing.....	-5.4	-7.3
Men's shirts and furnishings.....	-13.5	-21.2
Women's clothing.....	-0.5	-2.4
Women's underwear and furnishings.....	-9.7	-19.5
Women's headwear.....	-5.2	-7.1
Miscellaneous sewing.....	0.9	0.5
Laundering, cleaning, dyeing, &c.....	-0.2	1.2
Food, beverages and tobacco.....	-0.4	-0.7
Flour, feed and other cereal products.....	-3.0	-0.1
Fruit and vegetable canning and preserving.....	2.4	5.0
Groceries not elsewhere classified.....	0.3	0.1
Meat and dairy products.....	-1.1	-0.6
Bread and other bakery products.....	-1.4	-0.3
Confectionery and ice cream.....	1.9	3.7
Beverages.....	-0.9	2.3
Cigars and other tobacco products.....	-7.1	-6.6
Water, light and power.....	-4.2	-4.7
Total.....	-4.2	-10.3

* Increases of less than 0.05. z Decreases of less than 0.05. Minus sign denotes reduction; all others are gains.

Industrial Employment Conditions in Federal Reserve District of Chicago.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its July report of Monthly Business Conditions in the Federal Reserve District of Chicago says:

Employment reports for May confirm indications of a slackening in industrial operations. On May 15 wage earners in the Seventh Federal Reserve district numbering 387,000 represented a decline from April 15 of 3.5% in number and 4.1% in earnings. This is the heaviest reduction in employment reported in this district for any month since 1921. Curtailment of industrial activity is also evidenced by many reports of reductions in working time ranging from one hour a day to almost half the normal working period.

Of the industrial groups represented in the total returns, the only one that showed increased activity for the month was the stone, clay and glass products group. Even in this group, however, conditions were varied, several brick yards closing down during the month, although the industry in the aggregate changed little. Stone crushing and quarrying as well as glass factories added a considerable number to their forces. Under "food and related products," a seasonal increase was apparent in the canning and preserving industry and also in the manufacture of ice cream; meat packing, however, declined further with the total group, showing a shrinkage in employment. With the exception of panel and veneer mills and the factories for making sash, door and interior finish, practically all lumber industries show lower employment. Furniture factories laid off about 3% of their men and in many cases also reduced the number of working hours. Logging is off about 50% and Wisconsin reports a cut of 15% in employment in the box factories. All leather products show a heavy decline, especially boots and shoes. Hosiery, knit goods, clothing and other textile products show a heavy decline, especially boots and shoes. Hosiery, knit goods, clothing, and other textile products show reduced operations. Among metals and metal products, the declines were general, total returns for about 163,000 men showing curtailment of 3.3% in men and 5.3% in earnings.

In comparison with the volume of industrial employment of a year ago, decreases of approximately 8% for Illinois, of 5% for Wisconsin, and of 4% for Iowa were noted in the respective State reports.

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of the Trade of the United States with Foreign Countries.

The following is from the June number of the Federal Reserve Bulletin:

American foreign trade statistics for the first quarter of 1924, as contrasted with similar figures for 1923, show changes which correspond to the changes in business conditions between the two periods. In consequence of the increased purchasing power arising out of the gradual improvement in production and trade and the generally greater stability of economic conditions that has characterized the past year, foreign countries have increased their purchases from the United States to the extent of \$114,000,000, bringing our total exports for the first quarter of 1924 to

\$1,080,000,000. More than 50% of the increase, or \$60,000,000, represents a growth of cotton exports at higher prices, and nearly one-half, or \$51,000,000, represents increased exports to Germany. Imports into the United States, on the other hand, decreased by \$80,000,000 to \$950,000,000, reflecting the replenishment of stocks and the falling off of business activity in the United States from the exceptionally high level of the first quarter of 1923. Over 90% of this decrease occurred in the raw and manufactured textile group, and of the \$42,000,000 decrease of imports from Europe, more than half, or \$23,000,000, was due to a falling off of merchandise imports from Great Britain, a decline that was balanced by increased shipments of gold from that country. As a result of increased exports and reduced imports, the balance of trade in favor of this country was \$130,000,000 for the first quarter of the present year, as against an adverse balance of \$74,000,000 during the first quarter of 1923.

Both total exports and total imports during the year 1923 were greater than in 1922, when the post-war low in exports was registered, exports increasing from \$3,832,000,000 in 1922 to \$4,168,000,000 in 1923, and imports from \$3,113,000,000 to \$3,792,000,000, with a balance in favor of exports of \$719,000,000 in 1922 and \$376,000,000 in 1923.

The table below shows the percentage distribution of our foreign trade, by geographical areas, during the years 1921, 1922 and 1923, and indicates a surprising degree of stability after the abnormal war and post-war period in the relative volume of purchases in the United States by the different parts of the world and in our purchases in the various foreign markets.

Distribution of American Foreign Trade, by Geographical Areas.

	Per Cent of Total Exports.			Per Cent of Total Imports.		
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1921.	1922.	1923.
Europe	52.7	54.4	50.2	30.5	31.8	30.5
North America	25.2	23.9	26.1	30.1	26.4	26.4
South America	6.1	5.9	6.5	11.8	11.5	12.3
Asia	11.9	11.7	12.3	24.6	26.6	26.9
Oceania	2.5	2.7	3.5	1.4	1.6	1.6
Africa	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.3

The fact that our sales abroad have maintained a relative stability between different markets during the three years and have shown an actual increase in value during the past two years, in the face of keen foreign competition, would seem to indicate that our export commodities as a whole are for the present in a relatively strong competitive position and that future changes would be more likely to reflect changes in the purchasing power of foreign countries rather than a diversion of trade to other exporting nations. Similarly, the volume of our imports from different countries appears to be determined chiefly by the degree of activity in this country in the lines of business which require the particular raw materials exported by these countries.

Foreign trade statistics of other countries clearly reflect the greater importance of the United States in foreign markets at the present time as compared with the pre-war period. The table below, showing the proportion of trade of the leading countries in each geographical group with the United States in 1913 and 1922, indicates the relative increase of world trade that is conducted with the United States. Although the total international exchange of goods was smaller in 1922 than in 1913, if price changes are taken into consideration, this contraction was offset, so far as the United States was concerned, by the greater proportion of purchases made by other countries in our markets and the greater part of their total production which was sold to the United States. In constructing this table, North American countries which furnish about one-fourth of both our import and export trade were excluded on the grounds that their location naturally results in a larger volume of trade with the United States. In the other geographical areas, Europe, South America, Asia, Oceania and South Africa, where our commerce is, if anything, at a competitive disadvantage so far as location, trade routes, accustomed commercial and financial connections, &c., are concerned, the most important countries in each group, comprising altogether 70% of our foreign trade with these areas and more than 50% of our total foreign trade, were selected as representative. The large increase in the importance of our trade to these countries may be seen from the table.

Proportion that Trade with the United States Constitutes of the Total Foreign Trade of Leading Countries in Each Geographical Group in 1913 and 1922.

	Imports from U. S.		Exports to U. S.	
	1913.	1922.	1913.	1922.
Europe—	18%	22%	6%	8%
Great Britain	10	16	6	10
France	16	21	7	9
Germany	14	28	10	11
Italy	3	8	8	11
Asia—	6	17	9	15
India	17	32	29	45
China	3	8	8	11
Japan	6	17	9	15
South America—	15	22	5	12
Argentina	16	23	33	39
Brazil	12	18	4	5
Oceania—Australia	10	12	1	7
Africa—Union of South Africa	10	12	1	7

a Estimate based on pre-war values.
b Year ending March 31.
c Year ending June 30.

The countries of Europe which received the largest part of American goods exported during the past year are the United Kingdom (including Scotland and Ireland), with \$882,000,000; Germany, with \$317,000,000; France, with \$272,000,000; Italy, with \$168,000,000; Holland, with \$109,000,000, and Belgium, with \$101,000,000. These six countries imported from the United States during 1923 goods representing a value of \$1,849,000,000, or 88% of our total exports to Europe. Imports into the United States during the past year were more widely distributed, although the above-mentioned countries supply most of the commodities exported from Europe to the United States, as appears from the following figures: United Kingdom, \$404,000,000; Germany, \$161,000,000; France, \$150,000,000; Italy, \$92,000,000; Holland, \$78,000,000, and Belgium, \$68,000,000. Total imports from the above countries thus aggregate a total of \$953,000,000, or 82% of our total imports from Europe for the year. Thus all important countries of Europe have an unfavorable balance of trade with the United States. It is, however, of interest to note that a number of smaller European countries have a favorable balance of direct trade with the United States, which in the case of Switzerland amounts to \$32,000,000, and in the case of Czechoslovakia to about \$16,000,000. It should be noted, however, that these countries receive a considerable volume of imports from the United States indirectly through neighboring countries. Since total exports to Europe are almost twice as large as imports from European countries, it is evident that these countries pay for almost one-half their imports from the United States by other means than merchandise exports.

The trade of the United States with other North American countries for the past year shows exports of \$1,087,000,000 and imports of \$1,002,000,000, leaving an excess of exports of \$85,000,000. The movement of goods from and to Canada are by far the most important, amounting to \$652,000,000 exports and \$416,000,000 imports. The trade with the West Indies shows a great deficit for the United States, imports aggregating \$406,000,000 and exports \$249,000,000, leaving an excess of imports of \$157,000,000.

Balances in the foreign trade of the United States with most South American countries are unfavorable for the United States, the excess of imports over exports during the past year amounting to \$198,000,000. Brazil and Argentina are the most important countries of origin and destination. Imports from the two countries were \$143,000,000 for Brazil and \$115,000,000 for Argentina. Exports to Brazil amounted to \$46,000,000, leaving an unfavorable balance of about \$97,000,000, and exports to Argentina were \$113,000,000, leaving an excess of only \$2,000,000.

The largest excess of imports, however, is in our trade with Asia, where for the past year imports amounting to \$1,020,000,000 exceeded exports by \$509,000,000. Japan, China, Straits Settlements and British India are the largest shippers of goods to the United States, and, with the exception of Straits Settlements, also the largest consumers of American goods. The last mentioned country exported during 1923 goods representing a value of \$154,000,000, while her imports from the United States amounted to only about \$7,000,000, leaving an excess of imports of \$147,000,000. This is the largest trade deficit of the United States with any one country in the world. Japan's imports from the United States during the past year amounted to \$264,000,000, and her exports to \$347,000,000, leaving a balance against the United States of \$83,000,000. United States trade with British India and China is also unfavorable to the United States, the excess of imports over exports during the past year amounting to \$98,000,000 in the case of India and to \$77,000,000 in the case of China.

American exports in 1923 were almost equally divided between foodstuffs and crude materials for use in manufacturing, on the one hand, and manufactures for immediate consumption or for further use in manufacturing, on the other. In 1922 foodstuffs and crude materials for use in manufacturing were somewhat in excess of manufactured and consumption goods. The change may be attributed both to the decided falling off in the export of foodstuffs, both crude and manufactured, and to an actual as well as relative increase in total exports in all other groups. The most striking decrease was that in grains and their preparations, which decreased 40% as compared with 1922. The most noteworthy increases were 20% in raw cotton, 21% in machinery, 26% in ores, metals and their manufactures, excluding machinery and vehicles, 49% in wood and wood products, 53% in vehicles and 63% in coal and coke. Of our imports in 1923, over one-fourth consisted of raw silk, sugar and crude rubber. The most striking increases in imports over 1922 were 49% in wool, 51% in sugar, 57% in oil and flax seeds and 81% in rubber.

Advance Report of Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank on Steel and Iron Foundry Operations in District During May.

On June 25 the Department of Statistics and Research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia made public the following advance report on steel and iron foundry operations in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District for the month of May:

In our second month's survey of the steel foundry industry in this district we publish comparative figures for the principal operating items of five identical establishments with a monthly steel-making capacity of 4,150 tons. Production increased less than 1% while tonnage shipments were 7% larger than in April. The value of castings shipped, however, showed a reduction of more than 20%. Unfilled orders, both in tonnage and value, were larger in May than in April. Stocks of both pig iron and scrap were considerably reduced in May.

STEEL FOUNDRY OPERATIONS, THIRD FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

	April.	May.	Change.
Capacity of furnaces	4,150 tons	4,150 tons	-----
Production of steel castings	2,356 tons	2,373 tons	+0.7%
Shipments	2,189 tons	2,347 tons	+7.2%
Value of shipments	\$473,855	\$378,742	-20.1%
Unfilled orders	4,118 tons	4,310 tons	+4.7%
Value of unfilled orders	\$680,125	\$788,974	+16.0%
Raw stock—Pig iron	2,108 tons	1,148 tons	-45.5%
Scrap	6,372 tons	3,966 tons	-37.8%
Coke	596 tons	712 tons	+19.5%

Reports received from 45 iron foundries in the Third Federal Reserve District show that production in May was 10% less than in April, the largest falling off being reported by gray iron foundries. Shipments and unfilled orders also declined, both in value and tonnage. Stocks of pig iron and scrap were slightly heavier in May than in April. Shipments of gray iron castings by 26 identical firms manufacturing this product exclusively amounted to 3,431 tons valued at \$472,007 in April, and to 3,349 tons valued at \$462,194 in May. Calculated on this basis the average value per ton was \$137 50 in April and \$138 in May. The accompanying table shows the totals for April and May in the principal operating items for the 45 reporting foundries with a monthly capacity of 14,604 tons.

IRON FOUNDRY OPERATIONS, THIRD FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

	April.	May.	Change.
Capacity of furnaces	14,804 tons	14,804 tons	-----
Production of castings	7,612 tons	6,851 tons	-10.0%
Malleable iron	1,002 tons	982 tons	-2.0%
Gray iron	6,610 tons	5,869 tons	-11.2%
Jobbing	4,409 tons	3,989 tons	-9.5%
For further manufacture	2,201 tons	1,880 tons	-14.6%
Shipments of castings	5,142 tons	4,638 tons	-9.8%
Value of shipments	\$807,755	\$749,543	-7.2%
Unfilled orders	6,602 tons	6,001 tons	-9.1%
Value of unfilled orders	\$1,127,877	\$1,078,351	-4.4%
Raw stock—Pig iron	9,048 tons	9,122 tons	+0.8%
Scrap	3,624 tons	3,777 tons	+4.2%
Coke	2,366 tons	2,361 tons	-0.2%

June Iron Output Shows Large Loss.

A still further large loss was recorded in June in the blast furnace output of the country. While not as large as the decline in May, the June loss per day was over four times that in April when the present severe recession started, declares the "Iron Age" on July 3. The June loss was 16,817 gross tons per day and compares with 23,423 tons per day in May and 4,028 tons per day in April. The net loss of furnaces in June was 20, compared with 46 in May and 40 in April, says the "Age," adding:

The production of coke and anthracite pig iron for the 30 days of June amounted to 2,026,221 gross tons, or 67,541 tons per day, as compared with 2,615,110 tons, or 84,358 tons per day, for the 31 days in May. This

is a loss of 16,817 tons per day, or 20% from the loss in May. The June rate is the lowest since August 1922, when it was 58,586 tons per day at the time of the coal and railroad strikes. There were 25 furnaces blown out or banked and 5 blown in during June, or a net loss of 20. Of the 25 furnaces shut down 18 were steel making and 7 were merchant.

The capacity of the 164 furnaces in blast on July 1 is estimated at 65,200 tons per day as compared with 77,300 tons per day for the 184 furnaces in blast June 1.

The ferromanganese production in June was 20,049 tons as compared with 14,993 tons in May. The spiegeleisen output of 9,405 tons in June contrasts with 9,336 tons in May.

DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS.

	Steel Works.	Merchant.	Total.
1923—June	90,907	31,641	122,548
July	88,798	29,853	118,656
August	86,479	24,795	111,274
September	77,799	25,385	104,184
October	72,352	24,331	101,586
November	69,921	24,124	94,225
December	73,368	24,304	97,384
1924—January	83,126	24,016	106,026
February	86,276	22,900	111,809
March	82,101	25,533	107,781
April	62,176	25,680	84,358
May	50,237	22,182	67,541
June		17,304	

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES—GROSS TONS.

	—Total Production—		—Spiegeleisen and Ferromanganese—	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
January	2,479,727	2,274,005	19,358	12,056
February	2,259,154	2,410,658	21,282	3,657
March	2,724,305	2,674,565	20,730	13,832
April	2,704,360	2,463,027	20,808	7,440
May	2,976,892	1,927,461	19,568	9,533
June	2,727,203	1,507,110	19,717	18,289
Half year	15,871,646	13,256,826	121,564	64,807
July	2,752,738		26,493	12,876
August	2,680,851		22,045	5,586
September	2,363,967		23,206	4,478
October	2,394,922		20,015	15,931
November	2,170,567		14,839	16,783
December	2,167,563		18,069	10,124
Year	30,402,254		246,231	130,585

TOTAL PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS.

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
January	3,015,181	2,416,292	1,644,951	3,229,604	3,018,890
February	3,067,043	1,937,257	1,629,991	2,994,187	3,074,757
March	3,375,907	1,595,522	2,035,920	3,523,868	3,466,086
April	2,739,797	1,193,041	2,072,114	3,549,736	3,233,428
May	2,985,682	1,221,221	2,506,679	3,867,694	2,615,110
June	3,043,540	1,064,833	2,361,028	3,676,445	2,026,221
Half year	18,138,986	9,428,166	12,050,683	20,841,534	17,434,492
July	3,067,043	864,555	2,405,365	3,678,334	
August	3,147,402	954,193	1,816,170	3,449,493	
September	3,129,323	985,529	2,033,720	3,125,512	
October	3,292,597	1,246,676	2,637,844	3,149,158	
November	2,934,908	1,415,481	2,849,703	2,894,295	
December	2,703,855	1,649,086	3,086,898	2,920,982	
Year*	36,414,114	16,543,686	26,880,383	40,059,308	

*These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1923 production of this iron was 251,177 tons.

Steel and Iron Operations Restricted—Prices Uncertain.

Reports of somewhat better buying of steel and of quieter mill conditions, together with fresh evidences of weakness in bar, plate and shape prices, indicate a mixed situation on the eve of general mid-summer shutdowns, states the "Iron Age" in its weekly review issued July 3.

Most of the larger producers will close their mills for Thursday night to Monday morning. In some cases the shutdown has already begun, and here and there are plants that will remain down most of next week. Thus the indications are that July production will fall below that of June, which represented a decline from May. This week Chicago district mills, which have been sustained by railroad and structural work, went to their low point for the year, and Pittsburgh and Youngstown have averaged less than 40%, according to the "Age" report, which adds:

August is still looked to by leaders in the trade to bring a definite turn in operations and in demand, though it is evident that uncertainty as to prices is doing much to cut down current buying and is likely to be a large factor for some weeks.

Pig iron output declined 20% in June. At 2,026,221 tons for the 30 days, last month's daily rate was 67,541 tons. The May total was 2,615,110 tons, or 84,358 tons a day. Of the decline of 16,817 tons in the daily rate, steel company furnaces contributed 12,000 tons and merchant furnaces about 4,800 tons.

Not since August 1922 when the daily rate fell to 58,586 tons under the double influence of the coal and railroad strikes, has pig-iron output been so low as in June. Since March the decline has been 40%.

The net loss in active furnaces last month was 20, against 46 in May and 40 in April. The 164 furnaces in blast July 1 had a daily capacity of 65,200 tons, against 77,300 tons a day for 184 furnaces one month previous.

A further decline in foundry activity is indicated, and the average operation for the country is put at about 50%. Reports in the past week from the metal-working industries show some increase in unemployment.

The recent heavy buying of pig iron has put some furnaces in a more comfortable position and in eastern Pennsylvania prices are slightly steadier, but in other sections they are still yielding. At Chicago buying has subsided and prices are off 50c. At Cleveland, where 325,000 tons was sold during June, the sales of the past week amounted to 45,000 tons. In the South the price has receded 50c. on Birmingham iron, which is now \$18 50. A sanitary company which recently bought 27,000 tons has taken 12,000 tons of Southern iron in addition.

An order for 3,000 cars for Mexico taken by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and not yet re-let, the contracting for repairs to 1,000 cars and numerous inquiries for passenger equipment and freight car repair parts have increased interest in the railroad equipment field.

Bookings of structural steel, exceeding 31,500 tons in the past week, is largest since the middle of April and compare with a weekly average

of 21,500 tons in the ten weeks intervening. Conditions point to a steady volume of bridge and building work for two or three months. Lower prices have figured in recent negotiations.

As between Pittsburgh district and Eastern mills, the price spread on plates and shapes is widening, Eastern plate mills selling at the equivalent of 1.90c. Pittsburgh, whereas on structural shapes they have gone to 1.95c. to 2c. Pittsburgh, or about \$4 a ton below Pittsburgh prices. On the Pacific Coast plates have declined to 2.35c., equivalent to 1.95c. Atlantic port.

Cotton tie manufacturers have opened their books for the 1924 season and there is the innovation of quoting f.o.b. domestic ports plus freight to interior instead of f.o.b. Pittsburgh. There are the usual reports of offers of European cotton ties, but no transactions are known. The domestic market is considered to be around \$1 40 per bundle of 45 pounds, f.o.b. port.

Wire manufacturers look for better buying as a result of higher prices for grain. At Chicago oil tank awards are still a feature in the plate market. At Philadelphia the Cramp shipyards will neet 6,500 tons of plates and shapes for a Matson Line passenger boat.

May iron and steel exports were 154,136 tons, compared with 131,276 tons in April. Imports, at 66,801 tons (April, 50,969 tons), were the largest since June of last year. In May no less than 25,220 tons of pig iron came in, despite the steady decline in domestic prices.

Lake ore shipments made a good showing for June, the total being about 7,400,000 tons, but boats are now being laid up and the movement for July is expected to be less than that for the same month last year.

The usual comparative price table is as follows:
Composite Price, July 1 1924, Finished Steel, 2.589c. 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.

June 24 1924,	2.603c.
June 3 1924,	2.624c.
July 3 1923,	2.798c.
10-year pre-war average,	1.689c.

Composite Price, July 1 1924, Pig Iron, \$19 38 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.

June 24 1924,	\$19 54
June 3 1924,	20 86
July 3 1923,	26 79
10-year pre-war average,	15 72

Improvement in the breadth and volume of new business in steel is of a minor character, but the situation has a more settled and less dubious tone, according to the "Iron Trade Review" of July 3. Opinion inclines to the belief that better things are in sight, which accounts for the more cheerful feeling prevalent. Buyers do not seem so confident they can break prices below present levels, but they have only a limited amount of tonnage to bid for concessions. That the stern way in which production and prices have been pinched down, and the low state of stocks in buyers' hands, apparently puts the situation in good position to await favorable development, is the opinion of this journal, which is further quoted as follows:

A move in the direction of stiffening steel prices and driving in sluggish tonnage is seen in the action of some large producers in fixing their dead level on plates, shapes and bars at 2.15c., base Pittsburgh.

Production at the beginning of this week showed no appreciable variation over a week ago, but a wide suspension of steel works and mills is scheduled for Thursday night, to continue to July 7.

Demand for ship steel has reappeared in considerable volume, due to the number of suspended projects and the issuance of inquiries for several new undertakings. Four ore freighters are being bid on by Lake yards, requiring 20,000 tons of steel. The Steel Corporation will furnish 11,000 tons of material for two vessels just awarded. Cable advices state the Standard Oil Co. placed two tankers with British yards.

Building steel maintains activity, with new awards this week of 25,425 tons distributed over 49 different jobs. New inquiry calls for 20,565 tons. Bids go in July 16 on 25,000 tons for the approaches of the Delaware River bridge at Philadelphia. American fabricators are bidding on 57,000 tons of bridge work for the East Indian Railway.

The reported award of 3,000 freight cars for a Mexican Railway to a locomotive builder has aroused interest. The Missouri Pacific is declared to have deferred action on an inquiry for 3,000 freight cars.

Buying of pig iron has simmered down somewhat this week but further developments show recent sales were even in excess of the previous estimate of 600,000 tons.

The composite this week on 14 representative iron and steel products is \$40 13. This compares with \$40 37 last week and \$40 55 the preceding week.

Automobile Price Changes and New Models.

A report from Detroit states that the prices of Paige-Detroit cars will be increased on July 1. It is understood that the touring car will be increased \$70 and other models \$110 to \$125.

The H. C. S. Motor Car Co. of Indianapolis this week announced its entry into the taxicab manufacturing field. This company formerly specialized in the building of high-grade passenger automobiles. Demonstrating models will be ready within 60 days. The new cab will be known as the "H. C. S. Taxicab."

New prices announced July 1 on Hudson and Essex cars are as follows:

Essex touring, \$900; Essex Coach, \$1,000; Hudson Speedster, \$1,400; Hudson Phaeton, \$1,500; Hudson Coach, \$1,500; Hudson 5-passenger Sedan, \$2,150; Hudson 7-passenger Sedan, \$2,250.

The Buick Motor Co. on July 1 announced a new 6-cylinder model to be known as the "Standard Six."

The body models will consist of a 5-passenger double-service sedan, a 2-passenger roadster, a 2-passenger enclosed roadster with heater, a 5-passenger touring, a 5-passenger enclosed touring with heater, a 2-passenger double-service coupe, a 5-passenger sedan, and a 4-passenger coupe; low-pressure tires on all models. The cars with the enclosed tops will carry heaters. The engine is a valve-in-head type with automatic lubrication throughout and with the cylinder head removable. The chassis is entirely new and all models are equipped with 4-wheel brakes.

Continental Motors Corp. is bringing out a new engine for passenger bus service which will be a six-cylinder and is developed for inter-city express work.

National Industrial Conference Board on Changes in the Cost of Living Between July 1914 and May 1924.

The cost of living in the United States on May 15 1924 had decreased three-tenths of one per cent from the level of April 15 1924, as shown by a survey just completed by the National Industrial Conference Board, made public June 21, and which says:

The most important change within the month from April to May was a decrease of approximately 2% in fuel prices. This decrease in fuel prices was occasioned mostly by decreases for bituminous coal in regions where bituminous coal is an important domestic fuel. In the East, where anthracite is used almost exclusively for domestic purposes, there were no decreases reported for anthracite, and decreases for anthracite in other parts of the country were not important. Between July 1920, when the peak of the rise in the cost of living since 1914 was reached, and May 1924, the cost of living decreased 21.1%. The increase in the cost of living since July 1914 was 61.4%.

The following table shows in detail the changes in the cost of living noted above:

Item.	Relative importance in family budget	Percentage of increase in the cost of living above average prices in July 1914 to—			Percentage of decrease in the cost of living on May 15 1924 from average prices in—	
		July 1920.	April 1924.	May 1924.	July 1920.	April 1924.
		1920.	1924.	1924.	1920.	1924.
Food*	43.1	119	41	41	35.6	no change
Shelter	17.7	58	85	85	z17.1	no change
Clothing	13.2	166	77	76	34.0	0.4
Fuel and light	5.6	66	68	65	0.6	1.8
Fuel	3.7	92	81	77	7.8	2.2
Light	1.9	15	42	42	z23.4	no change
Sundries	20.4	85	74	74	5.9	no change
Weighted average of all items	100.0	104.5	61.8	61.4	21.1	0.3

* Food price changes are from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. z Increase.

The purchasing value of the dollar, based on the cost of living in May 1924, was 62 cents as contrasted with one dollar in July 1914.

Crude Oil Production Shows Only Slight Change.

The weekly estimate published by the American Petroleum Institute, July 2 1924, shows a decline of 2,700 barrels per day in the production of crude oil during the week ended June 28.

The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended June 28 was 1,975,850 barrels, as compared with 1,978,550 barrels for the preceding week. The current figure, however, is 234,500 barrels per day lower than in the corresponding week of 1923. The present daily average production east of the Rocky Mountains was 1,349,150 barrels, as compared with 1,351,800 barrels the previous week, a decrease of 2,650 barrels. California production was 626,700 barrels, as compared with 626,750 barrels, a decrease of 50 barrels; Santa Fe Springs is reported at 59,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 163,000 barrels, against 163,500 barrels; Huntington Beach, 45,000 barrels, against 45,500 barrels; Torrance, 58,000 barrels, against 58,500 barrels, and Dominguez, 11,000 barrels, against 9,500 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks ended as indicated:

In Barrels	DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.			
	June 28 '24.	June 21 '24.	June 14 '24.	June 30 '23.
Oklahoma	472,750	471,950	469,300	506,550
Kansas	76,200	76,100	74,000	84,700
North Texas	78,050	80,800	80,200	77,700
Central Texas	171,450	173,450	176,550	145,450
North Louisiana	56,700	55,750	55,200	64,100
Arkansas	152,800	155,100	156,500	153,850
Gulf Coast	106,550	109,450	112,250	100,850
Eastern	107,000	106,500	106,000	112,000
Wyoming and Montana	127,650	122,700	126,650	135,150
California	626,700	626,750	631,450	830,000
Total	1,975,850	1,978,550	1,988,200	2,210,350

Reductions Continue in Prices of Crude Oil and Gasoline.

Few price changes were announced during the week just closed but those which took place were in the nature of reductions, both in the crude oil and gasoline markets. Some pro-rating also went into effect, started by the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. which, on June 30, announced that beginning July 1 it will purchase only 50% of the production of wells to which it has connections and will store the remaining 50% at a small charge. The company decided on this action following a meeting last week of the large crude oil purchasing companies in the midcontinent field when the question of curtailment of production was discussed.

On July 1 a similar step was taken by the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. which issued an announcement stating that the company would buy only such oil as it could currently market and would not run oil from new properties or increase its runs from properties to which it is now connected. The period

of proration is expected to be brief in view of the declining production.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Standard Oil Co. of California, the period of overproduction in oil is passing and the industry seems "to be on the threshold of another phase." The statement says:

Production is falling. Shipments to the Atlantic and elsewhere are about half what they were last July. The demand for petroleum is good, consumption great, the large daily surplus production of crude oil that existed less than a year ago has disappeared. Supply and demand are approximately in balance. Barring the discovery of prolific new fields, therefore, the industry in California must again draw on its reserve stocks.

It was reported from Dallas, Tex., on July 2 that the Magnolia Petroleum Co. has advanced the price of Luling crude oil 25c. per barrel to \$1.

A dispatch from Manila, on July 2, stated that the Richmond Petroleum Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of California, has decided to discontinue drilling for oil, no commercial quantities of oil having been disclosed up to the present time.

With the Standard Oil Co. of New York leading the movement, gasoline dealers in Schenectady reduced the tank-wagon price of gasoline 3c. to 19c. a gallon on June 28.

Another gasoline "war" has broken out in South Dakota, this time among the dealers themselves, according to a dispatch from Mitchell, S. D. on July 2, resulting in a cut of 5c. per gallon. The new price, including the 2 cents state tax, is now 19 cents. The cut is said to have been caused by an independent dealer selling 500 gallons of gasoline two weeks ago at a price 2 cents below the then current market.

Slight Change in Bituminous Coal Production—Anthracite Remains Practically the Same.

The weekly report on the production of bituminous coal, anthracite coal and beehive coke issued by the Department of the Interior, through the Geological Survey on June 28 for the week ending June 21 declares that little change has taken place in the production as compared with the preceding week. The production of soft coal in the week ended June 21 gained slightly over the production of the preceding week but failed to equal the output of the week before that, which marked the high point in production since April 1. In the week under review the total output, including mine fuel, local sales and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 7,218,000 net tons, an increase of 66,000 tons over the revised figures for the preceding week. The average daily rate of production of soft coal during the recent weeks has been maintained at a level of approximately 1,200,000 tons per day, which is less by about 100,000 tons than the average rate of production during the corresponding part of the year 1921, which was marked by industrial depression. The present rate of soft coal production should not, however, be interpreted as indicating a similar depression, because consumption of coal at present is doubtless greater than it was in 1921, the supply being obtained from the large stocks which had accumulated during the preceding period of heavy production.

Estimated U. S. Production of Bituminous Coal (Net Tons), incl. Coal Coked.

	1924		1923	
	Week to Date.	Cal. Year	Week to Date.	Cal. Year
June 7	7,373,000	204,491,000	10,676,000	239,358,000
Daily average	1,229,000	1,516,000	1,779,000	1,773,000
June 14	7,152,000	211,643,000	10,573,000	249,931,000
Daily average	1,192,000	1,502,000	1,762,000	1,773,000
June 21	7,218,000	218,861,000	10,422,000	260,353,000
Daily average	1,203,000	1,490,000	1,737,000	1,771,000

a Revised since last report. b Subject to revision. c Minus one day's production to equalize number of days covered by the two years.

Production of soft coal during the first 147 working days of the calendar year 1924 was 218,861,000 net tons. In the six preceding years it was as follows:

Years of Activity.	Years of Depression.
1918.....269,061,000 net tons	1919.....207,528,000 net tons
1920.....251,286,000 "	1921.....191,235,000 "
1923.....260,353,000 "	1922.....187,489,000 "

ANTHRACITE.

The production of anthracite in the week ended June 21 was 1,823,000 net tons, which was the same as in the preceding week. The present rate of production, although lower than that of June 1923, is close to the average for normal summer seasons.

The cumulative production during the present calendar year is 43,707,000 net tons, as compared with 49,287,000 a year ago.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1924		1923	
	Week to Date.	Cal. Year	Week to Date.	Cal. Year
June 7	1,846,000	40,061,000	2,046,000	45,192,000
June 14	1,823,000	41,884,000	2,053,000	47,245,000
June 21	1,823,000	43,707,000	2,042,000	49,287,000

BEEHIVE COKE.

Beehive coke production, which for several months has steadily declined except for the halt in the first week of June, fell to 128,000 net tons in the week ended June 21. This amount, which is estimated from reports of cars loaded for shipment by the principal carriers, is less than one-third of the amount produced in the corresponding week of 1923.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended			1924 to Date.	1923 to Date.c
	June 21 1924.a	June 14 1924.b	June 23 1923.		
Pennsylvania and Ohio	93,000	93,000	324,000	4,708,000	7,721,000
West Virginia	3,000	6,000	24,000	311,000	566,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	16,000	17,000	20,000	499,000	577,000
Virginia	6,000	6,000	14,000	204,000	402,000
Colorado & New Mexico	5,000	5,000	9,000	132,000	202,000
Washington & Utah	5,000	4,000	7,000	101,000	135,000
United States total	128,000	131,000	398,000	5,955,000	9,603,000
Daily average	21,000	22,000	66,000	40,000	64,000

a Subject to revision. b Revised from last report. c Less production in New Year's week to equalize the number of days covered for the two years. Cumulative production of beehive coke during 1924 to June 21 stood at 5,955,000 net tons. Figures for similar periods in earlier years are as follows
 1920-----10,264,000 net tons 1922-----3,088,000 net tons
 1921-----3,528,000 " 1923-----9,603,000 "

NEW DATA ON BY-PRODUCT COKE.

The following segregation of retort-oven coke production as between plants operated in connection with iron furnaces and plants independent of furnaces shows that the growth of production from both types of plants has been in the same direction. The furnace plants increased in number and output more rapidly, however, than the others from 1914 to 1920, and during the decline on account of industrial depression in 1921 and the coal strike in 1922 the output of furnace plants continued to gain relatively over other plants.

Number and Production of By-Product Coke Plants Connected with Iron Furnaces, 1913-1922.

Year—	Number of Plants.		Coke Produced (Net Tons).		Percentage of Production.	
	Furnace.	Other.	Furnace.	Other.	Furnace.	Other.
1913	21	15	9,346,855	3,367,845	73.5	26.5
1914	23	14	8,029,727	3,190,216	71.6	28.4
1915	24	16	10,448,015	3,624,880	74.2	25.8
1916	29	17	14,446,576	4,622,785	75.8	24.2
1917	33	19	17,321,145	5,118,135	77.2	22.8
1918	39	21	20,124,218	5,873,362	77.4	22.6
1919	43	22	20,019,097	5,118,524	79.6	20.4
1920	45	23	25,212,745	5,621,206	81.8	18.2
1921	45	22	16,231,374	3,518,206	82.2	17.8
1922	43	21	23,889,702	4,660,843	83.7	16.3

Bituminous and Anthracite Coal Markets Show No Apparent Change.

Little, if any, change marks the bituminous and anthracite markets for the fourth week in June, declares the "Coal Trade Journal" in its market review issued July 2. Prices have remained stationary and there is little doubt that they are rock bottom prices. Yet, despite the fact that there has been no tangible evidence of expanding business, there is a feeling of optimism reflected in almost all the reports, says the "Journal," adding:

This feeling comes from the fact that there are more inquiries floating around, that industrial plants and public utilities cannot hold off buying for a great period, and that the coming week will see both Presidential candidates nominated, and a less restless business feeling.

The production of bituminous coal for the week ended June 21 is estimated at 7,218,000 tons—a gain of 66,000 tons over the preceding week, and the production of anthracite for the same period was 1,823,000 tons, about the same as for the preceding week and close to the average for normal summer seasons.

Lake cargo dumpings for the week ending June 22 showed a continued increase in both bituminous and anthracite, the former amounting to 760,096 tons and the latter 120,998 tons.

While the bituminous coal market exhibits no haste in getting "around the corner" from the depression that has held the business in its grip for so long, a fair degree of optimism prevails, born of quiet confidence that awaited developments for the better are about to materialize, states the "Coal Age" on July 3 in its weekly market summary, which is appended hereto:

Already foreign charters for July at Baltimore are reported at a rate that augurs well for late summer and autumn export business. In most other aspects, however, there is little evidence of actual improvement, additional financial reports by coal-carrying railroads reflecting the adverse effect of the decrease in shipments of soft coal. This is especially marked in the case of the Virginian.

The Navy Department has awarded contracts for 110,000 tons of mine-run bituminous coal for navy yards and naval stations on the basis of bids opened May 21. Twenty thousand tons will be delivered at New York at \$5 37 per ton under chutes, \$5 37 alongside vessels and \$6 37 delivered in the harbor and unloaded; 30,000 tons will be delivered at Boston at \$5 85 per ton, 20,000 tons at Philadelphia at \$4 90 per ton and 35,100 tons at Annapolis at \$5 19 per ton.

As in recent weeks, "Coal Age" index of spot prices of bituminous coal shows no variation, standing at 166 on June 30, the corresponding price being \$2 01. This is the third successive week that it has remained at that level, which would seem to bear out the theory that the bottom has about been reached.

Activity at Hampton Roads has slumped to a marked degree, dumpings of coal for all accounts during the week ended June 28 totaling 287,870 net tons, a falling off of more than 60,000 tons from the week ended June 21, when 350,821 tons were handled.

The slowing-down tendency in anthracite business is still in evidence, the market apparently having fallen into the throes of a summer lull that is likely to last until late-summer or early-autumn ordering sets in. Although July price advances were looked for, independent quotations show a weakening, due to the scarcity of orders. Stove continues to lead in demand, with no close competitor among the other sizes. Pea is lagging to such an extent that it is being stored. The demand for the buckwheat is fading fast.

Increase in Postal Savings Deposits in April.

An increase of \$525,000 in postal savings deposits during the month of April is indicated in the following statement recently made public by the Postmaster-General.

STATEMENT OF POSTAL SAVINGS BUSINESS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1924, COMPARED WITH THE MONTH OF APRIL 1924.

Balance on deposit April 30-----\$132,564,851
 Increase during May-----525,000

Balance on deposit May 31-----\$133,089,851

Post Office—	Depositors' Balance.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—)	Rank	
			This Month.	Last Month.
New York, N. Y.	\$42,210,931	-\$212,728	1	1
Brooklyn, N. Y.	11,738,438	-85,965	2	2
Boston, Mass.	7,212,154	-2,350	3	3
Chicago, Ill.	6,139,357	-50,619	4	4
Seattle, Wash.	3,033,939	-4,957	5	5
Philadelphia, Pa.	2,553,383	-20,404	6	6
Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,267,600	-34,728	7	7
Detroit, Mich.	1,727,660	-17,050	8	8
Kansas City, Mo.	1,547,020	-68	9	9
Tacoma, Wash.	1,502,385	+3,360	10	10
Portland, Ore.	1,347,467	-3,443	11	11
Newark, N. J.	1,319,226	+15	12	12
Uniontown, Pa.	1,061,034	-28,308	13	13
St. Paul, Minn.	1,043,358	+624,085	14	27
St. Louis, Mo.	985,445	-11,139	15	14
Los Angeles, Calif.	776,968	-2,380	16	15
Butte, Mont.	732,092	-1,820	17	16
San Francisco, Calif.	702,691	-11,247	18	17
Milwaukee, Wis.	661,733	-3,871	19	18
Jersey City, N. J.	617,783	-10,452	20	19
Great Falls, Mont.	533,462	+3,080	21	20
Cincinnati, Ohio	514,314	-9,763	22	21
Providence, R. I.	499,627	+3,928	23	23
Denver, Colo.	499,386	-3,840	24	22
Buffalo, N. Y.	486,212	+4,504	25	24
Columbus, Ohio	446,037	-1,150	26	25
Cleveland, Ohio	426,051	-12,539	27	26
Minneapolis, Minn.	418,561	+45,192	28	28
Ironwood, Mich.	402,658	-4,363	29	29
Passaic, N. J.	393,705	-5,719	30	29
Passaic, N. J.	380,029	-13,682	31	30
Kansas, Rocks, Pa.	350,564	-9,173	32	32
Bridgeport, Conn.	350,564	-9,173	32	32
Aberdeen, Wash.	347,064	-1,806	33	34
Washington, D. C.	343,913	+4,277	34	35
McKeesport, Pa.	343,085	-13,100	35	33
Sioux City, Iowa	313,872	+24,939	36	39
Leadville, Colo.	295,731	-1,814	37	37
Toledo, Ohio	295,016	-8,364	38	36
Lowell, Mass.	294,359	-2,560	39	38
Roslyn, Wash.	283,795	-3,949	40	40
Roundup, Mont.	276,190	+4,823	41	42
Pocatello, Idaho	273,951	-2,567	42	41
Astoria, Ore.	257,904	-4,567	43	43
Hartford, Conn.	253,075	-2,808	44	45
New Haven, Conn.	252,641	-1,955	45	46
Pawtucket, R. I.	252,164	-6,673	46	44
Mount Pleasant, Pa.	242,037	-3,150	47	47
Omaha, Nebr.	238,924	-5,361	48	48
Erie, Pa.	237,861	-2,825	49	49
Kansas City, Kan.	236,432	+4,672	50	50
Pueblo, Colo.	214,642	+5,329	51	53
Staten Island, N. Y.	209,700	-5,915	52	51
Pensacola, Fla.	208,466	-2,784	53	52
Oakland, Calif.	198,897	-5,943	54	54
Altoona, Pa.	196,779	-6,323	55	55
Jacksonville, Fla.	196,058	-2,550	56	56
Louisville, Ky.	193,470	-1,770	57	57
Atlantic City, N. J.	192,040	+3,030	58	60
Long Island City, N. Y.	190,765	+533	59	59
Flushing, N. Y.	190,337	-512	60	58
Norwood, Mass.	181,536	+780	61	63
Bellingham, Wash.	181,339	+660	62	64
Fairbanks, Alaska	*180,946	+1,587	63	65
Red Lodge, Mont.	180,521	-6,989	64	61
Birmingham, Ala.	178,005	+3,880	65	68
Duluth, Minn.	177,244	-1,962	66	66
Bingham Canyon, Utah	176,361	-1,260	67	67
Baltimore, Md.	175,672	-9,653	68	62
New Orleans, La.	169,316	-1,866	69	70
Wilmington, Del.	168,152	-2,582	70	71
Charlen, N. J.	168,792	-5,707	71	69
Jamaica, N. Y.	162,189	-3,996	72	72
Paterson, N. J.	159,250	-5,258	73	73
Billings, Mont.	158,315	-3,465	74	74
Gary, Ind.	157,486	-3,103	75	75
Bayonne, N. J.	155,717	+4,302	76	77
Dallas, Texas.	151,438	-4,128	77	76
Memphis, Tenn.	147,594	-1,153	78	79
Akron, Ohio	147,026	-350	79	80
Hurley, Wis.	145,306	+3,506	80	84
Anchorage, Alaska	*144,202	-2,201	81	82
Miami, Fla.	143,294	-5,823	82	78
Phoenix, Ariz.	143,247	+13,552	83	88
Elizabeth, N. J.	142,358	-2,524	84	81
Havre, Mont.	141,884	+3,599	85	86
Mason, Pa.	139,684	-3,710	86	83
Brownsville, Pa.	137,180	-3,780	87	85
Salt Lake City, Utah	129,968	-874	88	87
Centralia, Wash.	123,591	+2,046	89	94
Everett, Wash.	122,320	-3,848	90	89
Boise, Idaho	121,496	+1,788	91	98
Tampa, Fla.	121,297	-2,889	92	91
Missoula, Mont.	120,892	+28,781	93	93
Export, Pa.	120,586	-1,720	94	93
Manchester, N. H.	120,509	-2,855	95	92
Dayton, Ohio	119,911	-5,445	96	90
San Antonio, Texas	117,859	-3,000	97	95
Christopher, Ill.	116,810	+2,800	98	105
Indianapolis, Ind.	116,091	+281	99	102
Raymond, Wash.	114,764	-2,141	100	100
Breckenridge, Tex.	114,317	-2,369	101	101
Windber, Pa.	114,288	-6,320	102	97
Fairmont, W. Va.	112,692	-8,070	103	96
Rochester, N. Y.	112,478	-2,826	104	103
New Kensington, Pa.	112,437	-5,431	105	99
East Pittsburgh, Pa.	111,295	-2,435	106	106
Monongahela, Pa.	111,147	+1,760	107	107
Oklahoma City, Okla.	110,868	+3,747	108	111
Norwich, Conn.	110,491	-3,977	109	104
Greensburg, Pa.	110,332	+1,518	110	109
Des Moines, Iowa	107,164	+11,230	111	111
San Diego, Calif.	109,836	-1,670	112	108
Maynard, Mass.	105,252	-1,057	113	112
Chester, Pa.	104,229	-3,501	114	110
Willmington, Conn.	104,182	-1,100	115	113
Youngstown, Ohio	103,951	+2,551	116	116
Ansonia, Conn.	103,281	-3,424	117	114
Waterbury, Conn.	100,244	-795	118	117

* April balances.

Preliminary Statistics of Coal Production for May.

The production of bituminous coal in May, according to the U. S. Geological Survey, is estimated at 31,236,000 net tons; the production of anthracite, at 7,745,000 net tons. The following explanatory remarks are made:

Except for the strike year 1922, the output of bituminous coal was the smallest in any May for eight years. In comparison with May 1921, a period of prostration of general business, the month showed a decrease of 8%. To find its equal it is necessary to go back to 1915, when the May output was 30,938,000 tons. This does not mean, however, that the pres-

ent depression is less serious than was that of early 1915, for in the meantime the capacity of the industry to produce has increased by perhaps 20,000,000 tons a month. In May 1915 the capacity of the developed mines and existing labor force was about 56,000,000 tons a month; by 1922 we know that it had grown to 76,000,000 tons a month.

The May output of Pennsylvania anthracite, on the other hand, was not greatly different from other recent years. Omitting the war years 1917, 1918 and the year 1923, when the mines were called upon to make up for the deficit caused by the great strike of 1922, production of anthracite in May has ranged from 7,200,000 to 8,000,000 net tons, and in the meantime there has been no increase in producing capacity.

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN MAY AND DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE LAST 12 YEARS.

Year.	—Bituminous (Net Tons)—		—Anthracite (Net Tons)—	
	May.	Total to May 31.	May.	Total to May 31.
1913	37,205,000	188,241,000	7,945,000	38,271,000
1914	28,551,000	173,278,000	8,348,000	35,635,000
1915	30,938,000	159,222,000	7,807,000	35,228,000
1916	38,804,000	208,040,000	7,212,000	36,116,000
1917	47,086,000	226,131,000	8,933,000	39,541,000
1918	50,443,000	230,601,000	8,880,000	41,237,000
1919	38,186,000	179,487,000	7,525,000	32,520,000
1920	39,841,000	217,258,000	8,037,000	36,131,000
1921	34,057,000	165,937,000	7,752,000	39,078,000
1922	21,005,000	170,631,000	36,000	22,906,000
1923 a	46,076,000	227,780,000	8,573,000	42,604,000
1924 a	31,236,000	197,118,000	7,745,000	38,215,000

a Subject to revision.

Total Values of Imports and Exports of Merchandise by Grand Divisions and Principal Countries.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington on June 30 issued its report showing the merchandise imports and exports by grand divisions and principal countries for the month of May and the eleven months ending with May for the years 1923 and 1924. The following is the table complete:

Imports from— Grand divisions:	—Month of May—		—11 Months Ended May—	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Europe	102,216,746	84,269,847	1,071,867,465	935,470,656
North America	104,820,090	93,054,236	898,370,021	916,787,321
South America	49,400,716	38,882,819	434,399,793	390,818,941
Asia	99,984,947	77,850,576	904,761,982	876,489,695
Oceania	7,106,823	5,686,298	65,098,358	44,959,484
Africa	9,015,256	3,202,645	86,227,547	65,595,854
	372,544,578	302,946,421	3,460,725,166	3,280,121,951

Principal countries:	—Month of May—		—11 Months Ended May—	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Belgium	5,226,884	6,184,927	57,532,300	63,591,090
Denmark	373,223	160,457	5,598,305	6,876,346
France	12,300,058	11,283,118	140,828,506	134,841,249
Germany	12,761,910	9,830,727	130,794,100	136,305,142
Greece in Europe	656,838	5,354,816	18,749,250	12,489,024
Italy	5,769,499	4,924,335	76,027,080	75,022,823
Netherlands	7,591,104	5,311,226	71,006,544	64,474,636
Norway	1,682,601	1,177,007	17,095,030	19,176,127
Russia in Europe	135,671	602,004	887,539	4,681,240
Spain	2,965,240	3,330,201	30,544,680	29,101,886
Sweden	1,641,810	1,653,580	35,754,781	32,621,498
Switzerland	2,533,006	2,253,334	32,133,434	34,539,438
United Kingdom	44,038,831	26,127,681	405,212,635	317,305,257
Canada	35,637,788	33,343,181	375,923,441	384,198,934
Central America	4,732,249	4,829,540	34,504,555	31,014,568
Mexico	11,887,193	15,046,159	123,638,731	139,930,560
Cuba	49,952,725	37,129,393	337,568,173	332,256,725
Dominican Republic	480,770	390,179	4,655,945	8,064,206
Argentina	16,874,598	7,510,595	119,012,685	70,515,255
Brazil	9,209,588	12,781,609	129,807,985	134,593,924
Chile	13,992,956	8,121,431	84,304,380	85,218,167
Colombia	3,762,223	5,935,685	35,852,208	46,718,465
Ecuador	557,251	379,799	6,802,566	5,259,578
Peru	1,358,622	2,164,449	14,591,031	26,048,509
Uruguay	2,019,382	503,301	25,477,541	6,395,739
Venezuela	986,731	1,311,195	12,946,889	13,093,711
British India	14,430,096	9,244,984	110,117,289	100,680,138
Straits Settlements	18,358,876	11,987,539	119,819,075	133,303,820
China	14,564,672	8,169,563	155,545,305	147,958,167
Dutch East Indies	4,651,073	5,490,389	42,316,746	51,091,570
Japan	33,112,624	27,183,966	348,353,287	303,533,811
Philippine Islands	6,654,146	10,806,551	64,119,182	78,676,884
Australia	4,693,856	4,362,249	49,048,989	31,159,471
New Zealand	2,191,503	1,242,365	13,794,251	11,702,379
British South Africa	2,820,408	357,136	14,031,463	7,080,036
Egypt	2,701,459	1,309,217	45,135,598	26,711,680

Exports to— Grand divisions:	—Month of May—		—11 Months Ended May—	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Europe	138,344,050	162,086,187	1,895,174,342	2,060,036,931
North America	103,968,155	88,371,228	945,983,030	958,019,500
South America	22,447,356	24,763,747	234,011,515	255,597,544
Asia	36,949,247	41,466,733	400,299,355	528,236,224
Oceania	9,812,750	12,623,894	107,770,820	143,371,202
Africa	4,837,912	5,638,112	53,537,358	59,400,253
Total	316,359,470	334,949,901	3,636,776,420	4,004,661,654

Principal countries:	—Month of May—		—11 Months Ended May—	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Belgium	8,045,419	7,952,317	95,899,463	95,726,037
Denmark	3,673,743	2,891,241	34,841,348	36,400,358
France	20,524,422	22,067,148	249,314,449	258,981,966
Germany	22,969,364	28,301,607	274,149,884	360,317,245
Greece in Europe	719,187	913,956	11,709,417	8,793,140
Italy	9,913,955	11,202,917	160,373,641	163,271,133
Netherlands	7,552,990	8,682,267	105,943,561	109,076,187
Norway	3,668,475	938,695	30,187,114	19,047,897
Russia in Europe	366,135	1,920,063	10,235,257	12,925,245
Spain	3,408,652	5,942,280	57,277,184	64,840,829
Sweden	4,031,538	4,651,263	34,359,411	42,438,287
Switzerland	526,781	1,185,241	4,709,306	7,665,699
United Kingdom	48,400,240	62,409,054	768,229,725	845,871,028
Canada	66,083,544	48,162,396	595,650,844	533,390,319
Central America	5,159,505	5,559,326	45,897,954	53,237,497
Mexico	10,489,598	11,865,013	103,680,355	112,679,601
Cuba	17,439,878	17,647,038	146,190,252	177,435,265
Dominican Republic	1,537,247	1,422,456	10,644,499	13,045,711
Argentina	10,275,308	8,840,971	98,333,750	97,704,149
Brazil	3,606,353	5,363,206	42,771,286	48,206,886
Chile	2,331,629	2,625,920	24,802,151	28,191,818
Colombia	1,731,241	2,058,986	22,152,293	20,403,690
Ecuador	432,686	532,933	4,296,656	4,225,243
Peru	1,231,011	1,829,201	14,244,440	20,687,227
Uruguay	1,437,078	1,273,619	12,272,779	15,770,850
Venezuela	866,942	1,687,433	9,228,957	13,845,608
British India	1,894,704	3,114,538	25,777,143	31,305,037
Straits Settlements	563,395	1,072,557	5,870,799	6,782,296
China	8,064,256	11,144,452	88,104,284	111,970,508
Dutch East Indies	895,356	1,502,551	9,052,651	12,431,714
Japan	19,889,509	15,971,229	195,981,410	273,728,486
Philippine Islands	3,404,726	5,366,311	40,290,641	50,726,458
Australia	7,525,776	10,774,849	84,534,298	118,161,043
New Zealand	2,117,163	1,645,254	21,729,099	23,473,983
British South Africa	2,137,788	2,905,932	22,652,761	29,887,115
Egypt	610,671	462,272	6,299,098	5,635,517

Analysis of Imports and Exports of the United States for May.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on June 27 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of May and the eleven months ending with May. This statement enables one to see how much of the merchandise imports and exports for 1924 and 1923 consisted of crude materials, and how much of manufactures and in what state, and how much of foodstuffs and whether crude or partly or wholly manufactured. The following is the report in full:

Groups.	—Month of May—				—Eleven Months Ended May—			
	1923.		1924.		1923.		1924.	
	Value.	Per Ct.	Value.	Per Ct.	Value.	Per Ct.	Value.	Per Ct.
Imports.								
Crude materials for use in mfg.	144,924,000	39	104,120,000	35	1,357,882,000	39	1,111,649,000	34
F'dstuffs, crude, & f'd animals.	28,839,000	8	37,484,000	12	327,684,000	9	351,313,000	11
F'dstuffs partly or wholly mfd.	59,893,000	16	50,581,000	17	453,394,000	13	488,466,000	15
Mfrs. for further use in mfg.	73,074,000	20	48,650,000	16	649,070,000	19	609,557,000	18
Mfrs. ready for consumption.	65,320,000	17	61,679,000	20	655,325,000	19	695,694,000	21
Miscellaneous.	495,000	--	432,000	--	17,370,000	1	23,143,000	1
Total imports	372,545,000	100	302,946,000	100	3,460,725,000	100	3,280,122,000	100
Exports.								
Crude material for use in mfg.	53,300,000	17	76,855,000	24	949,356,000	27	1,239,701,000	32
F'dstuffs, crude, & f'd animals.	25,997,000	9	10,638,000	3	373,018,000	10	188,329,000	5
F'dstuffs partly or wholly mfd.	49,132,000	16	37,480,000	12	542,998,000	15	527,754,000	13
Mfrs. for further use in mfg.	50,006,600	16	53,078,000	16	437,635,000	12	545,170,000	14
Mfrs. ready for consumption.	130,653,000	42	147,456,000	45	1,264,919,000	36	1,418,250,000	36
Miscellaneous.	302,000	--	251,000	--	6,578,000	--	5,655,000	--
Total domestic exports	309,399,000	100	325,758,000	100	3,574,504,000	100	3,924,859,000	100
Foreign exports	6,989,000	--	9,192,000	--	62,272,000	--	79,802,000	--
Total exports	316,359,000	--	334,950,000	--	3,636,776,000	--	4,004,661,000	--

Edward T. Bartlett of New York Cotton Exchange on Government Crop Report.

Edward T. Bartlett, Jr., President of the New York Cotton Exchange, issued the following statement on July 2, commenting upon the Government crop report:

Although an improvement in the condition of the crop was generally expected, the Government's estimate of 71.3 was a surprise to the trade. The fact that the weather in the cotton belt has been very favorable since the report was compiled doubtless was also a factor in the action of the market.

The only way by which America's cotton problem can be solved, however, is through a big crop, and the Government report is encouraging in that it gives hope of a yield which will get the crop back to somewhere near normal.

If we should have a big crop, as the estimate gives reason to hope for, and prices for raw cotton should go to lower levels, it would be the best thing which could happen to the cotton trade.

It would be well, however, not to lose sight of the fact that the season is not yet advanced to a point where we can look with certainty for a normal crop. The trade probably will continue to be nervous until we have gone through the boll weevil period.

Everyone interested in the industrial welfare of America knows that we need a banner crop of cotton to enable the world to again build up a reserve and to insure a continuance of our prestige as the leading cotton producing country.

American Woolen Company to Close Two Yarn Mills.

The yarn departments of the National Providence and the Riverside mills at Providence, R. I., will close as soon as the present stock has been used, according to an order posted on July 1 from the American Woolen Co.'s headquarters at Shawsheen, Mass. This will throw about 2,000 employees out of work, leaving employed about the same number in the weaving and finishing departments. These two mills are the largest owned by the company in that State.

Curtailments in New England Textile Mills.

Domestic Exports of Canned and Dried Foods.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on June 20 issued its monthly report showing the domestic exports of canned and dried foods for May and the eleven months ending with May 31. The value of canned meats exported in May 1924 was \$452,191, compared with \$526,798 in the corresponding month in 1923. For the eleven months ending with May 31 1924 the canned meat exports were \$4,672,033, as against \$4,756,584 for the corresponding eleven months in 1922-23. The exports of dairy products were valued at only \$2,080,425 in May 1924, against \$2,214,374 in May 1923, but for the eleven months foot up \$26,538,405, against \$21,612,223. Dried fruits exported in May 1924 were valued at \$1,243,506, compared with but \$737,462 in May 1923. Canned fruits exported in May were valued at \$602,409, as against \$632,418 in May 1923. The following is the report in full:

Exports of dried and evaporated fruits for the eleven-month period ending May 1924 registered an increase of more than 100,000,000 pounds over the same period of 1923. Exports of canned vegetables also increased during this period.

Shipments of prunes, dried apricots and sardines for May increased over May last year while exports of evaporated unsweetened milk declined.

A detailed statement of the exports of canned and dried foods for May 1924, compared with May 1923, together with the eleven-month period ending May, follows:

	Month of May.		11 Months Ended May.	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Total canned meats, lbs.	1,617,690	1,487,098	13,799,883	16,139,300
Value	\$526,798	\$452,191	\$4,756,584	\$4,672,033
Total dairy products, lbs.	17,252,211	15,231,195	165,662,060	213,184,779
Value	\$2,214,374	\$2,080,425	\$21,612,223	\$26,538,405
Total canned vegetables, lbs.	3,773,257	5,858,855	39,602,569	45,927,343
Value	\$461,752	\$789,871	\$4,000,591	\$4,916,669
Total dried and evap. fruits, lbs.	7,326,795	16,663,727	204,863,281	308,121,011
Value	\$737,462	\$1,243,506	\$23,151,680	\$25,656,536
Total canned fruits, lbs.	6,316,328	6,328,770	199,340,716	161,671,735
Value	\$632,418	\$602,409	\$21,721,087	\$18,550,799
Beef, canned, lbs.	238,516	150,931	2,141,847	1,517,280
Value	\$72,310	\$43,061	\$592,659	\$363,166
Sausage, canned, lbs.	232,770	313,815	2,500,236	2,882,246
Value	\$61,508	\$88,447	\$662,761	\$814,191
Milk, condensed, sweetened, lbs.	5,741,117	6,985,602	43,473,775	62,421,751
Value	\$829,225	\$979,571	\$6,053,845	\$9,160,473
Milk, evaporated, unsweetened, lbs.	10,401,683	6,935,305	102,375,859	139,732,068
Value	\$1,030,166	\$687,426	\$9,436,341	\$13,456,817
Salmon, canned, lbs.	2,917,136	2,024,868	53,748,624	56,268,296
Value	\$432,003	\$357,801	\$7,300,847	\$8,009,191
Sardines, canned, lbs.	2,131,776	4,969,800	28,796,732	42,494,314
Value	\$181,429	\$414,574	\$2,529,352	\$3,601,069
Raisins, lbs.	4,628,657	5,805,052	90,897,380	80,814,716
Value	\$466,148	\$455,902	\$9,970,384	\$7,344,568
Apples, dried, lbs.	258,247	510,697	12,321,165	30,211,795
Value	\$22,405	\$62,000	\$1,406,429	\$3,313,111
Apricots, dried, lbs.	277,016	1,199,329	10,737,201	37,954,409
Value	\$44,320	\$155,874	\$2,563,309	\$4,322,631
Peaches, dried, lbs.	206,706	415,647	5,303,767	12,858,310
Value	\$21,489	\$37,641	\$685,495	\$985,729
Prunes, dried, lbs.	1,714,891	8,552,902	76,550,541	132,474,373
Value	\$155,808	\$608,154	\$7,337,284	\$8,357,297
Apricots, canned, lbs.	1,749,975	687,046	---	25,025,100
Value	\$138,909	\$60,799	---	\$1,965,252
Peaches, canned, lbs.	1,944,460	1,852,961	52,173,165	49,171,446
Value	\$183,602	\$165,424	\$5,191,772	\$4,321,646
Pears, canned, lbs.	1,410,608	531,975	47,378,426	38,233,327
Value	\$161,095	\$56,419	\$5,866,693	\$4,119,380
Pineapples, canned, lbs.	276,535	1,256,516	21,664,038	24,573,868
Value	\$32,766	\$153,059	\$2,324,409	\$2,977,428

Curtailed in Plant of Boston Rubber Shoe Company.

The Boston Rubber Shoe Co., of Malden, Mass., owned by the United States Rubber Co., has announced, it is stated, a long period of idleness for the summer. The plant which employs 1,700 workers will be closed for five weeks, re-opening on Aug. 4.

Coke Workers Strike Against Wage Cut.

One thousand coke workers, employed at Alison plants of the W. J. Rainey Co. at Uniontown, Pa., on July 1 refused to go to work when the company announced a wage reduction of 33½%. The Rainey Co. was the last of the independents in the Uniontown region to announce the cut.

Domestic Exports of Meats and Fats.

On June 20 the Department of Commerce at Washington gave out its report for the month of May and the eleven months ending with May of the domestic exports of meats and fats. This report shows that although there is a substantial increase in the quantity of meats and meat products exported for the eleven months ending with May this year as compared with the corresponding period last year, there is a small decrease in the value of the products exported. In quantity the shipments were 951,460,171 lbs. for the eleven months of 1923-24, against 844,703,880 lbs. for the eleven months of 1922-23, and in value, \$131,347,346, against \$132,953,186. In addition, the exports of animal oils and fats are running much heavier than a year ago, having been 1,207,276,405 lbs. for the eleven months of 1923-24, against 1,129,170,597 lbs. in 1922-23, with the values \$148,843,071, against \$134,182,513. Below is the report in full.

Average export value of meat products for the eleven months ending May 1923, amounting to 15.73 cents per pound, declined for the period ending May 1924, to 13.81 cents per pound. On the other hand, export value of animal oils and fats which for the ten months' period ending May 1923, amounted to 11.88 cents per pound increased for the period ending May 1924, to 12.33 cents per pound. Following the usual trend at this season of the year, May exports of both meats and fats have declined from those of April. The May exports follow:

	Month of May.		11 Months Ended May.	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Total meats & meat prod. lbs.	79,370,797	57,934,932	844,703,880	951,460,171
Value	\$11,201,907	\$7,662,851	\$132,953,186	\$131,347,346
Total animal oils and fats lbs.	113,525,751	85,724,082	1,129,170,597	1,207,276,405
Value	\$13,614,058	\$9,899,592	\$134,182,513	\$148,843,071
Beef, fresh, lbs.	388,029	173,375	3,804,394	2,693,453
Value	\$59,846	\$31,869	\$576,364	\$460,043
Beef, pickled, &c., lbs.	1,612,194	1,724,568	22,078,380	19,945,550
Value	\$165,100	\$174,887	\$2,096,104	\$1,983,886
Pork, fresh, lbs.	2,601,173	1,522,340	40,678,346	47,856,302
Value	\$376,027	\$200,191	\$6,344,637	\$6,720,720
Wiltshire sides* lbs.	---	1,262,344	---	---
Value	---	\$142,771	---	---
Cumberland sides** lbs.	---	2,002,629	---	---
Value	---	\$225,684	---	---
Hams and shoulders, lbs.	30,031,731	27,379,746	288,437,579	341,123,456
Value	\$4,607,177	\$3,763,307	\$50,533,538	\$52,213,527
Bacon, lbs.	34,576,766	14,939,578	379,693,172	395,066,305
Value	\$4,359,641	\$1,700,609	\$55,538,327	\$49,376,816
Pickled port, lbs.	2,442,929	1,951,927	37,956,633	35,463,488
Value	\$264,776	\$213,063	\$4,615,245	\$4,074,623
Oleo oil, lbs.	8,917,924	8,805,589	96,937,745	85,269,156
Value	\$1,125,533	\$1,075,483	\$11,122,928	\$10,462,617
Lard, lbs.	93,198,992	62,647,748	888,036,468	955,423,280
Value	\$11,279,153	\$7,437,567	\$108,778,020	\$122,135,063
Neutral lard, lbs.	2,143,748	2,831,900	25,311,584	21,854,337
Value	\$277,407	\$357,366	\$3,273,431	\$2,947,049
Lard com'ds, animal fats, lbs.	425,537	444,053	10,583,934	6,318,407
Value	\$59,835	\$58,084	\$1,318,847	\$857,955
Margarine, animal fats, lbs.	80,940	61,548	1,927,220	1,057,405
Value	\$13,559	\$9,866	\$312,582	\$169,473
Cottonseed oil, lbs.	2,672,190	2,435,298	62,596,504	38,023,401
Value	\$305,710	\$254,218	\$6,276,122	\$3,931,336
Lard com'ds, veg'le fats, lbs.	526,231	911,435	17,432,933	6,737,545
Value	\$77,621	\$122,436	\$2,141,956	\$952,677

* Included in "hams and shoulders" prior to Jan. 1 1924.
** Included in "bacon" prior to Jan. 1 1924.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on July 2 1924, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve banks combined, shows increases of \$32,300,000 in earning assets and of \$30,300,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and decreases of \$34,900,000 in gold reserves and of \$34,000,000 in deposit liabilities.

An increase of \$31,400,000 in holdings of discounted bills is reported by the New York Reserve Bank and of \$2,200,000 and \$300,000, respectively, for the San Francisco and Philadelphia banks. The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland reports a decline of \$4,000,000 in its holdings of discounted bills, Kansas City a decline of \$2,300,000, Atlanta a decline of \$2,000,000, and the six remaining banks a total decrease of \$6,600,000. Holdings of paper secured by U. S. Government obligations increased by \$24,200,000 to \$142,300,000. Of this amount, \$95,200,000 was secured by Liberty and

other United States bonds, \$46,200,000 by Treasury notes, and \$1,000,000 by certificates of indebtedness. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The New York Bank reports an increase of \$11,600,000 and Boston an increase of \$1,700,000 in holdings of acceptances purchased in open market, while the ten remaining banks show reductions aggregating \$5,500,000. Holdings of Treasury notes were \$12,200,000 larger than a week ago, while those of certificates of indebtedness and of bonds were lower by \$5,100,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively. The New York Reserve Bank shows an increase of \$4,800,000 in its holdings of Government securities.

Federal Reserve note circulation increased by \$30,300,000 during the week, larger figures being shown for all Federal Reserve banks except Cleveland, which reports a decline of \$1,200,000, and Chicago, which reports a decline of \$1,300,000. The San Francisco Bank shows the largest increase \$8,600,000, while Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Richmond report increases ranging from \$2,100,000 to \$5,900,000. Gold reserves declined by \$34,900,000 during the week. Reserves other than gold by \$16,900,000 and non-reserve cash by \$5,200,000.

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 53 and 54. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the

Reserve banks during the week and the year ending July 2 1924 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	-\$51,800,000	+\$52,700,000
Gold reserves	-34,900,000	+33,000,000
Total earning assets	+32,300,000	-364,900,000
Bills discounted, total	+18,900,000	-560,800,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	+24,200,000	-334,700,000
Other bills discounted	-5,300,000	-226,100,000
Bills bought in open market	+7,800,000	-146,100,000
U. S. Government securities, total	+5,700,000	+340,800,000
Bonds	-1,400,000	-4,500,000
Treasury notes	+12,200,000	+256,700,000
Certificates of indebtedness	-5,100,000	+88,600,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	+30,300,000	-407,800,000
Total deposits	-34,000,000	+100,200,000
Members' reserve deposits	-19,200,000	+84,400,000
Government deposits	-19,900,000	+17,500,000
Other deposits	+5,100,000	-1,700,000

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

Further increases of \$98,000,000 in loans and investments and of \$35,000,000 in time deposits, together with reductions of \$46,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$52,000,000 in reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on June 25 of 748 member banks in leading cities. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Loans on U. S. Government securities show an increase of \$3,000,000 and loans on corporate securities an increase of \$29,000,000, while "all other," largely commercial, loans and discounts, show a decrease of \$2,000,000. Holdings of Liberty bonds were increased by \$18,000,000 during the week and of corporate securities by \$50,000,000. Member banks in New York City report an increase of \$65,000,000 in loans and discounts, loans on U. S. Government securities having increased by \$4,000,000, loans on corporate securities by \$28,000,000, and all other loans and discounts by \$33,000,000. Investments of these banks in U. S. Government securities show an increase of \$11,000,000, and their investments in corporate stocks and bonds an increase of \$21,000,000. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Of the aggregate decrease of \$46,000,000 in net demand deposits \$27,000,000 was reported by banks in the New York district. Small decreases are reported in all other districts except Boston, Cleveland and Kansas City. Time deposits of all reporting members were \$35,000,000 larger than a week ago, increases being reported for all districts except Richmond. Government deposits show practically no change for the week.

Reserve balances of all reporting banks declined by \$52,000,000, while cash in vault increased by \$4,000,000. For the New York City banks a decline of \$53,000,000 in reserve balances and an increase of \$1,000,000 in cash are shown.

Borrowings of all reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks declined from \$116,000,000 to \$106,000,000, while like borrowings of the New York City members show practically no change.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 54—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total	+\$30,000,000	+\$292,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	+3,000,000	-33,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	+29,000,000	+244,000,000
All other	-2,000,000	+81,000,000
Investments, total	+68,000,000	+134,000,000
U. S. bonds	+18,000,000	+129,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes	+2,000,000	-340,000,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	-2,000,000	-11,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	+50,000,000	+356,000,000
Reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks	-52,000,000	+154,000,000
Cash in vault	+4,000,000	-3,000,000
Net demand deposits	-46,000,000	+733,000,000
Time deposits	+35,000,000	+414,000,000
Government deposits		-126,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed. Res. banks	-10,000,000	-385,000,000

Mexico Fails to Remit for Interest Due July 1 on External Debt—President Obregon's Statement Regarding Suspension of Agreement.

The failure of the Government of Mexico to forward remittances to cover the six months' interest due July 1 on its external debt, under the terms of the agreement made with the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico, was announced on June 30 by Thomas Cochran of J. P. Morgan & Co., Mr. Cochran acting in behalf of Thomas W. Lamont, Chairman of the committee, who sailed for Europe

on Saturday last, June 28. Following Mr. Cochran's announcement a message by President Obregon making known the temporary suspension of the agreement entered into with the International Committee was made public, the suspension, it was indicated, being due to the failure to secure for American bankers a new loan, responsibility therefore being placed by President Obregon with the American Association of Oil Producers in Mexico, who, it was alleged, failed to accord its co-operation in the matter. Mr. Cochran's statement follows:

The International Committee of Bankers on Mexico regrets to be obliged to state that it has not yet received remittances from the Mexican Government sufficient to meet the cash warrants maturing during the first six month period of 1924. This being the case, no disbursement will be made on such warrants until further notice.

Regarding the above announcement the New York "Journal of Commerce" on July 1 said:

No further disbursements on warrants of the various bond issues involved in the debt agreement therefore will be made until further notice. Unofficially bankers interested in Mexico's finances expressed the opinion that the suspension of payments made necessary by the recent revolution would be only temporary. The committee, they said, would not declare Mexico in default at this time.

The formation of a new joint commission for the settlement of the debt question, which was reported to be probable yesterday, is not under consideration, it was said unofficially. Inasmuch as the Mexican Government has made every effort to fulfill the agreement, a spokesman for the bankers' international committee said that it is only fair to show some indulgence at this time.

As to President Obregon's message we quote the following from the New York "Times" of July 2:

President Obregon yesterday announced the temporary suspension of Mexico's debt agreement with the International Committee of Bankers. In an 1,800-word message sent here, entitled "Bulletin for the Press," he told of his decree and gave in detail the Mexican Government's reasons for failing to pay the interest due on June 30 on its reorganized debt of \$700,000,000. He also revealed for the first time that American bankers had refused a new loan to Mexico.

Obregon's message was addressed to A. Mascarenas, Financial Agent of the Republic of Mexico in New York, 7 Dey St. In it he accused his former Finance Minister, Adolfo de la Huerta, of misrepresenting to Obregon the attitude of American bankers with regard to a loan; and told of Mexico's effort, even after it had learned of the alleged misrepresentation, to comply with the terms of the agreement; and of being forced finally to declare the agreement in suspension because of the alleged obstructive tactics of American oil men in Mexico when plans for a relief loan were well under way.

Negotiations for a relief loan were reported from Mexico City two weeks ago to be near a head. At the same time, the expulsion from Mexico of Herbert A. C. Cummins, British Charge d'Archives, was announced, and soon after the negotiations collapsed. Inasmuch as British bankers occupy a position of equal importance with American bankers in the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico, there had been speculation as to whether the British-Mexican dispute might not have brought all discussions to an early ending. According to President Obregon, the reason lay with petroleum interests. He made no mention of the British Government's note of protest or of its possible effect on loan prospects.

Why Government Defaulted.

The Obregon message is a literal translation into English of a decree signed by Alvaro Obregon and addressed to the inhabitants of Mexico. It specifies seventeen reasons in explanation of the Mexican Government's default in transmitting interest payments to New York in time to take care of the first half-year interest disbursement of 1924. The first five specifications review the efforts of the Government of Mexico to arrive at an agreement with the international committee headed by Thomas W. Lamont. The amount contracted was 30,000,000 pesos, or \$15,000,000, to be paid under the agreement during 1923, the first year, this amount to increase by 5,000,000 pesos, or \$2,500,000 annually from 1924 to 1928, inclusive. "Be it known, sixthly," the decree stated, "that during the negotiations of New York I repeatedly insisted with Mr. de la Huerta on the necessity to conclude, previously or simultaneously to the ratification of the agreement, the contract of a loan intended for the execution of irrigation works and for the establishment of the Banco Unico de Emision (Banking Institution Emission) with a view to guarantee through the general economical improvement created by so beneficial investments the exact fulfillment of the obligations derived from the aforesaid agreement. Seventhly, that owing to the repeated and emphatic affirmations of Mr. de la Huerta of having "secured" the obtaining of said loan, I did not try any longer to improve the conditions agreed on for the resumption of the debt service, because with the help of such a loan I considered them within the financial possibilities of the Government."

The President sets forth that it has been the high intention of himself and his Government to live up to the last word of the agreement "even at the risk of the greatest sacrifices, inasmuch as the affirmations of Mr. de la Huerta relative to the above-mentioned loan came out at the end to be false."

Strict economy reducing the Mexican Government to "penury" was enforced in order to keep the agreement going, he further stated, and finally the moneys set aside for the debt service were used up through the interjection of a situation over which the Government had no control. This lay in the Mexican rebellion started by de la Huerta, later quashed by Obregon, but at great cost. Then, at great danger to himself and his regime, the President said, his Government embarked again on a policy of strict economy "by the balancing of the budget" and by reducing the civil personnel and suppressing many expenditures.

Failed to Pay Civil Employees.

The addition, the agreement was carried out to the extent of failing to pay civil employees, these sums accumulating in the Government's account for its debt service, while "on one side the amount owed to a great number of officials and Federal employees and members of the national army reaches up to over two months' salary and on the other side a considerable number of bills due to merchants and industrials and bankers remain unpaid in this market."

But these efforts failed to meet the situation, he said, and he asked "the cooperation of the International Committee of Bankers in the form of a loan at short maturity, to be guaranteed with the product of taxes revised on all production, and some other fiscal revenues. The amount of said loan

should not sensibly go beyond that of the amounts due of the foreign debt corresponding to the present year."

"This loan, wisely managed, would in an effective way carry out the theoretical equilibrium of budgets, allowing to give the new taxes created the foreplanned application, making sure the present and future fulfillment of the New York agreement."

In answer to this suggestion President Obregon explained, Mr. Lamont, as Chairman of the International Committee of Bankers, "in order to be able to appreciate the soundness of the guarantee offered by this Government, inquired of the American Association of Oil Producers in Mexico about the prospects offered by the oil industry in our country, and, as a consequence of the report rendered by said association through its President, Guy Stevens, framing conditions for the prosperous development of the oil industry in Mexico that evinced a sheer ignorance of our legislation and political conditions, said committee totally ignoring the copious cablegraphic correspondence exchanged with the Treasury Department in which it had arrived even to a tacit agreement of terms for the loan, refused at last its cooperation, unexpectedly answering the Government's request in a sense in opposition to the interests involved in the New York agreement."

For these reasons, he continued, it is necessary that the Government in order to conserve its assets announce that the agreement is "temporarily suspended."

"Said suspension," he continued, "shall cease at the restoration of the equilibrium of the Federal Public Treasury by applying either the funds intended for the service of the foreign debt or the proceeds of a loan to be contracted to that effect."

According to the Finance Minister, it is stated Mexico hopes by the end of 1924 to have enough money on hand to pay the full year's interest on its reorganized securities. The International Committee, it is believed, would favor an extension in time, and it seemed likely yesterday that a committee would be appointed by the two parties to the contract to discuss such an extension.

Guy Stevens, President of the American Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico, had no comment to make on the report rendered by that organization to the International Committee, which was said by Obregon to have precluded the possibility of a new loan. This loan, it was understood at the time, was to have been paid out of export taxes, which have declined as a result of the decline in Mexican oil production.

Mexican oil production in 1922 amounted to 180,000,000 barrels, according to published statements. The 1923 production was 136,000,000 barrels, and a further reduction has been reported so far in 1924. This decline has been the result of curtailed operations, made necessary by compliance with the constitutional law of Mexico, which claimed for Mexico the subsoil rights, and also stipulated that all employes of the oil companies should share in the profits.

As a result of these provisions, virtually all producers restricted their drilling to the reserves mapped out in 1917, when the new Constitution was adopted, and with the running out of these wells many companies have abandoned Mexico to develop the Venezuelan fields.

The bankers' survey revealed this situation, and the question was raised as to how long production in sufficient quantity to amortize a loan would continue. For one or two years, the bankers believed, such receipts could be depended on, but for five or more years it was doubtful if oil production and shipments would afford a sufficient security to justify another advance.

In its issue of July 3 the "Times" said:

Alberto Mascarenas, financial agent of the Mexican Government, issued a statement yesterday denying that there was any connection between the recent expulsion of Herbert A. C. Cummins, British Charge d'Archives, and the temporary suspension of Mexico's debt agreement. Mr. Mascarenas said:

"There is no connection whatever between the Cummins incident and the finances of the Mexican Government. Incidentally the departure of Mr. Cummins from Mexico will hasten rather than retard the resumption of diplomatic relations with Great Britain.

"It has been stated that the failure of the present negotiations for a loan is due in part to a continuing decline in the oil production of foreign companies operating in Mexico and to the gradual abandonment by these companies of their operations there in favor of operations in other countries. This is contrary to the facts.

"The official figures of oil production for 1923 were 144,340,833 barrels, and for the first three months of 1924, 38,554,712 barrels, which is at the rate of about 155,000,900 barrels for the year. In this connection it must be remembered that the first two months of 1924 were the very height of the de la Huerta rebellion, which in some districts prevented production.

"All the established oil-producing companies are continuing normal operations and in many instances are filing applications for new drilling permits, are drilling new wells and have recently brought in new wells of substantial yield. In view of the constant increase of oil consumption in the United States, the low cost of production in Mexico and of transportation to the United States, and the fact that only a very small fraction of the oil area in Mexico has been developed, oil production in Mexico is bound to increase continuously and in large proportions."

The New York "Journal of Commerce" of the 3d inst. said:

Commenting unofficially on President Obregon's decree suspending the Mexican debt agreement, Wall Street bankers yesterday said that various industries other than petroleum producers had been approached as possible lenders to the Mexican Government. Owing to existing political conditions in Mexico they had been no more desirous of advancing capital than the oil interests.

Guy Stevens, President of the American Association of Oil Producers in Mexico, whom the decree accused of showing "sheer ignorance of our (Mexican) legislation and political conditions", declined to comment on the Obregon decree.

A banker qualified to discuss the subject said that a settlement had been reached on the basis of \$1,200 par value of bonds to \$280 provided in the agreement.

China to Devote Chinese Boxer Indemnity Payments to Educational and Cultural Purposes.

In acknowledging receipt of advices from the State Department at Washington relative to the enactment of legislation providing for the remission to China of the balance of the Boxer indemnity, Dr. Sao-Ke Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister, in a letter to Secretary of State Hughes says that his Government "proposes to devote the funds thus made available by the generosity of the American Government to educational and cultural purposes, paying especial attention

to scientific requirements." Secretary Hughes in his advices to Minister Sze said:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of an Act of Congress, approved May 21 1924, whereby the President is authorized, in his discretion, to remit to China the balance of the Boxer indemnity, such remission to begin as from Oct. 1 1917, and to be at such times and in such manner as the President shall deem just, the intent of Congress, as stated in the preamble of the Act, being further to develop the educational and other cultural activities of China.

In replying, Dr. Sze had the following to say:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of June 14 1924 in which you are good enough to convey to me the welcome information that the President has approved the joint resolution passed by the American Congress to provide for the remission of further payments of the annual installments of the Chinese indemnity. I hasten to express to you the thanks of the Government and people of China for this signal proof of American friendship for China. The Chinese nation will ever hold this generous action on the part of the United States in grateful remembrance.

The first remission by the American Government in 1908 enabled the Chinese Government to devote the annual payments of the indemnity thus set free to educational purposes. The results of the experiment have convinced the Chinese Government of the wisdom of the step taken in this direction. It is the purpose of the Chinese Government to continue the policy with the further payments remitted by the present Act of the American Government, with such modifications as experience and the demands of the times may dictate.

As the demand for scientific education has in recent years been increasingly urgent in China, my Government now proposes to devote the funds thus made available by the generosity of the American Government to educational and cultural purposes, paying especial attention to scientific requirements. Moreover, it is the intention of my Government to entrust the administration of the funds to a board which shall be composed of Chinese and American citizens as members, and also to avail itself of the services of experts in working out the details along the lines indicated.

Upon the formulation of some definite plan I shall take pleasure in laying it before you for your consideration.

The communications were made public by the State Department on June 27. Reference to the action of Congress was made in our issue of May 24 page 2514.

Two Danish Banks Suspend Payment.

The "Daily Financial America" announced the following from Washington June 30:

Two Danish banks recently suspended payments on account of heavy losses, the Department of Commerce announced to-day. One of the houses, D. B. Adler & Co., sustained losses estimated at 4,000,000 crowns. Total liabilities of the bank stand at 24,000,000 crowns. The other bank was a minor Provincial one.

Offering of Kingdom of Hungary Bonds in United States and Abroad.

James Speyer announced on June 30 that Speyer & Co. in association with the Equitable Trust Co. had formed a syndicate to offer in the United States \$7,500,000 of the State Loan of the Kingdom of Hungary, 1924, 7½% sinking fund, gold bonds. Public offering of the bonds was made on July 2 by Speyer & Co., the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Hayden, Stone & Co. and Hambleton & Co., at 87½% and accrued interest, to yield about 8.85%. These bonds and £7,902,700 Sterling bonds, offered simultaneously in London by Baring Brothers & Co., Ltd., N. M. Rothschild & Sons and J. Henry Schroeder & Co., are part of an international loan to be issued also in Czechoslovakia, Holland, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary and other countries, in various currencies, for amounts sufficient to yield to the Government in the aggregate an effective sum not exceeding the equivalent of 250,000,000 Hungarian gold crowns, or about \$50,650,000. Outside of the United States and London it was stated that other portions of the loan would be offered in:

Italy—By Banca d'Italia, Rome.
Switzerland—By Union Financiere de Geneve, Geneva; Swiss Bank Corporation, Basle.
Czechoslovakia—By Ceska Prumyslova a Hospodarska Banka, Prague.
Holland—By Messrs. Hope & Co., Amsterdam.
Sweden—By Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Stockholm, &c.

On the 2d inst. Speyer & Co. issued a statement saying:

The Hungarian loan has been very well received and a large number of individual investors from New York and other States have sent in their applications. No definite figures are so far available. In London the £7,900,000 offered there have been largely over-subscribed.

On the 3d inst. Speyer & Co. and the Equitable Trust Co. announced that the whole amount offered here (\$7,500,000) had been subscribed for. Speyer & Co. made the following statement:

£7,900,000, Great Britain's share of the Hungarian State Loan, has been twice oversubscribed in London, and we are glad that the issue of the American part, of \$7,500,000, has been successful here.

It seems clear that if the people of the United States want to maintain the financial leadership and increase the prestige which has come to them during the war period, they must take part in the larger financial transactions during the period of peace reconstruction, whenever this can be done without undue risk. Aside from the general advantages which the United States may expect from the rehabilitation of the principal European countries, experience has shown that there are also certain economic and commercial—if not political—advantages which come to the country which lends money and assistance to those that need them.

As regards the Hungarian loan, the income from the security pledged, viz., customs, tobacco monopoly, &c., is over two and one-half times the

annual requirements for interest and sinking fund of the loan. We should also remember that an American citizen, Jeremiah Smith, Jr., of Boston, as Commissioner-General of the League of Nations, has supervision of the Hungarian Government budget, of the expenditure of the proceeds of the loan, &c.

The people of this country evidently also realized that Hungary is a rich agricultural State, self-sustaining as regards food, and that it used to sell its Government loans on a 5% basis, while this last loan nets over 8 3/4% to the investor at its present price.

Considering all these factors, it is not surprising that the American offering has been favorably received by our people.

The bonds were offered in London at 88. The subscription books in London were closed on the 2d inst., having been open but two hours, it is said. The bonds will be dated Aug. 1 1924 and will become due Feb. 1 1944. They will not, it is stated, be subject to redemption before Feb. 1 1934, except for the sinking fund, and will be redeemable at any time on and after that date at the option of the Government, with the consent of the trustees, as a whole (but not in part except for sinking fund), upon not less than six months' notice, at par and accrued interest. The cumulative annual sinking fund, beginning Feb. 2 1925, will, it is stated, be sufficient to redeem the entire issue at or before maturity, and will be applied to redemption of bonds through purchase in the market, if obtainable at less than par and accrued interest, or if not so obtainable, through annual drawings by lot at par and accrued interest. Interest will be payable Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 and principal and interest will be payable in New York at the office of Speyer & Co., in United States gold coin of present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Hungarian taxes, present or future. The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Payment for the bonds allotted is to be made in New York funds on or about Aug. 1 1924 at the office of Speyer & Co., this city, against delivery of temporary certificates exchangeable for definitive bonds when ready. Guarantees, it is stated, have been established for the protection of the bondholders. The following, it is announced, is a summary taken from a statement which has been approved by Jeremiah Smith Jr., Commissioner-General of the League of Nations for Hungary, and by Baron Frederick de Koranyi, Hungarian Minister of Finance:

The loan is issued pursuant to the Geneva Protocols, dated March 14 1924, approved by the Council of the League of Nations and ratified by the Hungarian Government, for the purpose of effecting the financial and economic reconstruction of Hungary in accordance with the plan of the Council of the League. This plan provides for the stabilization of the Hungarian currency and the balancing of the budget on a permanent basis through taxation by June 30 1926. The execution of this plan is under the supervision of the Commissioner-General appointed by the Council of the League and responsible to it. Hon. Jeremiah Smith Jr., of Boston, has been appointed to this office. The proceeds of the loan will be placed under the control of the Commissioner-General, and will be used to cover the excess of expenditures over revenues during this period of reconstruction.

The loan will be secured by a first charge on the gross revenues from the customs, the sugar tax, and the tobacco monopoly, and the net revenue from the salt monopoly. The receipts from these revenues for the first four months of 1924 were at the rate of about 80,000,000 gold crowns (about \$16,208,000) per annum, or over two and one-half times the annual requirements for interest and sinking fund payments on the loan, amounting to about \$6,280,600. The loan will be additionally secured, if required by the Commissioner-General (or by the trustees for the bondholders when no Commissioner-General is functioning), by a first charge on any other revenues (except those of the State railways) and assets of the Government. The security for this loan will extend to any loan which the Government may issue to redeem on or after Feb. 1 1934 the then outstanding balance of any issue forming part of this loan, but no other lien on the above revenues and assets may be created ranking in priority to or *pari passu* with the lien of this loan.

By agreements with the United States, Great Britain, and other nations interested, the obligations for relief bonds have been subordinated to the lien of this loan, and all charges for reparations imposed under the Treaty of Peace have likewise been subordinated by the Reparation Commission.

The revenues pledged will be paid as collected into a special account, controlled by the Commissioner-General, and when no Commissioner-General is functioning, by the trustees for the bondholders appointed by the Council of the League of Nations. Out of these funds there will be transferred to the trustees, in accordance with the terms of the loan, on the first of each month, one-twelfth of the annual requirements for interest and sinking fund.

A reserve fund in cash sufficient to cover one-half of the annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the loan is to be kept on deposit with the trustees to meet any deficiency in the service of the loan. Any amount drawn from this fund is to be forthwith made good by the Hungarian Government.

Control by the Commissioner-General will continue until the Council determines that financial stability is assured, but such control may be re-established at any time while any part of the loan is outstanding, if the balance of the budget or the security for the loan is endangered.

It is also stated:

Great Britain, France, Italy and the neighboring States of Rumania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, in a Protocol signed March 14 1924, joined with Hungary in solemn declaration to respect the political and economic independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Hungary, and the guarantees established for the protection of the bondholders.

The bonds were offered when, as and if issued and received, and subject to approval of counsel. Reference to the loan was made in these columns last week, page 3148, and the Hungarian reconstruction plans were the subject of items in our issues of April 19, page 1851, and May 10, page 2250.

Offering of Bonds in New York of City of Trondhjem (Norway).

An issue of \$2,500,000 City of Trondhjem (Norway) 20-year 6 1/2% sinking fund external loan gold bonds was offered on July 2 by White, Weld & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., and Blair & Co. at 96 and accrued interest to yield 6.85%. The proceeds of the loan, it is stated, are to be used principally for the reduction of floating indebtedness incurred for the construction of a bridge across the River Nidely, extensions to the waterworks system and for schools and other buildings. The total debt of the city, will not, therefore, it is added, be materially increased by this issue. The bonds will bear date July 1 1924, will become due July 1 1944, and will be redeemable, at the option of the city, on any interest date, as a whole only (except through operation of the sinking fund) at 100 and accrued interest, after 60 days' notice. The bonds are in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, and are registerable as to principal only. Interest will be payable Jan. 1 and July 1, and principal and interest will be payable in time of war as well as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder, at the principal office of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, fiscal agent for the loan, in United States gold coin, without deduction for any Norwegian taxes, present or future. The sinking fund, which, it is stated, is sufficient to retire the entire issue at or before maturity, will commence Oct. 1 1928, operating semi-annually, and will be sufficient to retire not less than one-sixteenth of total issue each year through purchase in the market at not exceeding 100 or through call by lot at 100. From the offering circular, we take the following information obtained from the Burgomaster of Trondhjem and other official sources:

The City of Trondhjem, the former capital of Norway, founded in the year 997, is the third largest city and one of the leading commercial centres of the Kingdom. The population of Trondhjem is in excess of 56,000.

The City of Trondhjem has always enjoyed high credit. Prior to the war its total funded debt consisted of four internal loans issued between 1895 and 1914 bearing interest rates ranging between 3 1/2% and 4 1/2%. Since 1914 the city has issued two internal loans, one bearing interest at 5%, and the other at a rate varying with the current official discount rate.

At the present time, the outstanding kroner bonds of the city sell in Norway on approximately the same yield basis as those of Christiania and Bergen. There is no record of any default ever having occurred on the debt of the City of Trondhjem.

The debt of the City of Trondhjem, as of June 30 1923 (latest official figures available) amounted to 57,255,214 kroner (\$15,344,397). The total assets of the city are estimated at 106,667,734 kroner (\$28,586,953), of which salable assets, including revenue-producing gas and electric plants and tramways, comprise 88,017,566 kroner (\$23,588,708). Total taxable property values, including both real and personal property, are estimated at 225,580,500 kroner (\$60,455,574).

The city budget has been balanced in each of the five past fiscal years ending June 30. The total annual income of the city's population is estimated at \$9,921,036 kroner (\$24,098,838), and the taxable income for the year ended June 30 1924 at 60,351,648 kroner (\$16,184,242).

Attention is called to the fact that all conversions of kroner into dollars have been made at par of exchange (\$0.268). The current rate of exchange is approximately \$0.134. The bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and accepted by the offering houses, subject to the approval of their counsel and of Norwegian counsel. It is expected that temporary bonds will be ready for delivery about July 21 1924.

Offering of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

On June 30 an issue of \$1,500,000 5% bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks was offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., of New York, the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles, the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco, and the Security Co. of Los Angeles. The bonds were offered at 101 1/2 and interest, to yield over 4.80% to the redeemable date (1934) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. They are dated March 1 1924, will become due March 1 1954, and are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date on or after March 1 1934. They are coupon bonds, fully registerable and interchangeable, and are in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (March 1 and Sept. 1) are payable in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Salt Lake City. Issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, the bonds are exempt from Federal, State municipal and local taxation. They are acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. These bonds are the obligations of the bank of issue, viz:

\$500,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco, operating in California and Nevada. John S. Drum, President, also President of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco.

\$500,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City, operating in Utah and Idaho. Heber J. Grant, President, also President of the Utah State National Bank, Salt Lake City.

\$500,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Los Angeles, operating in California and Arizona. J. F. Sartori, President, also President of the Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

The Joint Stock Land Banks are owned or controlled by the stockholders of the following Pacific Coast banks and trust companies, having total resources of more than \$500,000,000:

Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.
The First National Bank, Los Angeles.
Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.
The First National Bank, Portland.
Walker Brothers, bankers, Salt Lake City.
The National Copper Bank, Salt Lake City.
The Utah State National Bank, Salt Lake City.
Deseret National Bank, Salt Lake City.
Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco.

From the offering circular we take the following, credited to official sources:

The Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks were organized for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the Pacific Slope, by providing capital for the development of its agricultural resources, creating a standard form of investment based upon farm mortgages and equalizing rates of interest upon farm loans.

Each of these Joint Stock Land Banks has a paid-in capital of \$250,000 and a surplus of \$25,000, and is a member of the Association of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks, a voluntary association organized for the purpose of co-ordination and the establishment of uniform practices of the banks so affiliated.

The officers and directors of the banks are, for the most part, officers of the allied banks and trust companies, which are among the strongest financial institutions of the Pacific Slope. Among the executives of each bank there are men thoroughly familiar with the farm loan business in the States in which the bank operates.

As of May 31 1924 the Bank of Los Angeles reports \$3,220,000 of bonds outstanding; the Bank at San Francisco, \$3,148,000, and the Bank at Salt Lake City, \$2,200,000.

Statement of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks.
(As officially reported May 31 1924.)

	San Francisco.	Salt Lake.	Los Angeles.
Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	83,713	73,418	33,935
Total amount loaned.....	\$3,318,700 00	\$2,390,100 00	\$3,481,900 00
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$7,945,373 00	\$6,041,300 00	\$7,795,690 00
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$91.91	\$82.30	\$229.72
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$39.64	\$32.54	\$102.60
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	41.77%	39.50%	44.66%

An earlier offering this year of \$1,500,000 bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks was noted in our issue of March 1, page 957, and on June 21, page 3033, we referred to an offering of \$1,000,000 bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Portland, Ore.

Offering of Bonds of Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank.

At 101½ and accrued interest, to yield 4.80% to 1934 and 5% thereafter, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. (bond department) of Cleveland and the Ohio National Bank of Columbus, O., offered on July 2 \$750,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank, formerly the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cleveland. The bonds are dated June 1 1924, will become due June 1 1954 and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on June 1 1934 or any interest date thereafter. The bonds, coupon and fully registered and interchangeable, are in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest (June 1 and December 1) are payable at the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, O., or at the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank of Columbus, O. The bonds are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, excepting only inheritance taxes, and are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and may be accepted as security for postal savings and certain deposits of Government funds. John H. Kafft, Vice-President and Managing Director of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank, in a letter to the houses offering the bonds, says in a letter under date of June 26:

Loans of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank represent only 37.36% of the total value of the security as appraised by Government appraiser, and based upon the confidential reports of correspondent banks and local representatives, these loans represent 32.67% of the total value of the mortgaged security. The average size of the loan per farm of this bank is \$4 968 87. The average value per farm is \$13,320 62.

Bank and Management.

The Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank was originally chartered Feb. 23 1922 as the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, under the Federal Farm Loan Act, to make loans on farm lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan. By amendment of its charter effective Jan. 1 1924, the name of the bank was changed to the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank and the location of its principal office from Cleveland to Columbus, this being prompted by a desire to have the bank located in the centre of the most desirable agricultural section of Ohio. The policy and management of the bank remains the same, its board of directors consisting of men who have been

identified with banking, farming and farm financing in the territory in which the bank operates.

The names of the officers were given in our issue of Feb. 23 1924, page 861, and in these columns Jan. 5, page 33, we referred to the change in the name of the bank.

Offering of 1,000 Shares of Capital Stock of Denver Joint Stock Land Bank.

Westcott, Kearn & Parrott of New York offered on July 2 at \$120 and accrued dividend, to yield 6.67%, 1,000 shares of capital stock of the Denver Joint Stock Land Bank of Denver, Colo. The stock is in shares of \$100. Dividends are payable quarterly on Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1. The present dividend rate is 8% per annum. Dividends are free from present normal Federal income taxes. C. L. Beatty, in a letter dated July 1 to Westcott, Kearn & Parrott, says in part:

The Denver Joint Stock Land Bank of Denver, Colo., was organized on April 18 1922 under Charter No. 38, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 17 1916 known as the Federal Farm Loan Act.

Mr. C. L. Beatty and his associates subscribed the original capital of \$250,000, which was fully paid in. In December 1923 the capital was increased by \$170,000, making a total of \$420,000 paid-in capital as of Dec. 31 1923. The outstanding loans totaled \$5,830,700 on May 31 1924. These loans are secured by absolute first mortgages on improved agricultural property in the best sections of Colorado and Wyoming, the farms covered having a total appraised value of \$16,659,014.

Other information contained in Mr. Beatty's letter is summarized as follows:

The paid-in capital of the bank is loaned on first mortgages at 6% interest. The bank can issue bonds up to fifteen times its capital and paid-in surplus. These bonds are secured by absolute first mortgages which are deposited with the Federal Registrar in the district, a representative of the Federal Farm Loan Board. The bank earns 6% on the proceeds of its capital stock so invested, plus the difference between the 6% received on mortgages and the coupon rate of the bonds. This difference cannot exceed 1%. The maximum gross earnings are, therefore, 21% on the capital stock, from which the only important charges to be deducted are salaries and taxes. At the present time the actual net earnings on the stock are at the rate of approximately 14.3% per annum, as compared with the present annual dividend of 8%.

Rigid limitations are placed upon the operation of the bank by the Federal Farm Loan Act and by the regulations of the Federal Farm Loan Board, so that loans made the basis of issuance of Farm Loan bonds maybe made only on property actually under or capable of cultivation, at not to exceed 50% of the land value and 20% of the permanent insured improvements. Such loans must not exceed \$100 per acre and no single loan may exceed 15% of the paid-in capital, nor may it exceed \$50,000. In the case of this bank, loans average 35½% of the appraised value, are less than \$20 per acre, and no single loan can exceed 12% of the bank's paid-in capital.

While the bank's charter authorizes it to operate throughout the States of Colorado and Wyoming, its policy has been to confine its investments in farm mortgages to the purely agricultural districts of the two States; Wyoming standing fourth in the average production per acre of wheat, rye, barley and hay; and Colorado producing eight times as much wealth from its farms and ranches as from its mines.

Joint Stock Land bank stock is unusual in the security of principal and assurance of income based on the principal assets permitted by law: Cash, U. S. Government securities and first mortgages on farms, appraised, inspected and duly approved. The amortization of the farm loans continually increases the equity, which already is over 185% of the amount of the loans, behind the Land Bank bonds, and furnishes a continuity of business and earnings that provides an extremely high factor of safety and stability of earnings for the stock. The Denver Joint Stock Land Bank loans in the most prosperous farming sections, and the management is favorably known throughout its territory.

The following is the bank's statement of conditions as of May 31 1924:

<i>Assets.</i>	
Mortgage loans.....	\$5,830,700 00
Accrued interest on mortgage loans.....	104,041 63
Farm loans bonds owned.....	87,000 00
Accrued interest on farm loan bonds owned.....	848 13
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,626 85
Cash on hand and in banks.....	220,360 13
Certificates, notes and warrants.....	30,595 65
Other assets.....	3,966 22
	\$6,280,138 61
<i>Liabilities.</i>	
Capital stock.....	\$420,000 00
Reserve.....	2,700 00
Reserve for taxes, &c.....	1,147 20
Undivided profits.....	48,067 82
Farm loan bonds authorized and issued.....	5,600,000 00
Accrued interest on farm loan bonds.....	53,124 82
Amortization payments on principal.....	123,978 65
Matured interest on farm loan bonds (not presented).....	12,097 50
Amortization installments paid in advance.....	17,529 99
Accounts payable.....	1,492 63
	\$6,280,138 61

An offering of bonds of the Denver Joint Stock Land Bank was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 3153.

National Live Stock Producers' Association Organized in Chicago.

Chicago advices, May 19, to the New York "Evening Post" said:

The National Live Stock Producers' Association has been organized to furnish credit to feeders of live stock in Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. It is an Illinois corporation with \$40,000 capital and is to be known as the Producers' Live Stock Credit Corp

It is organized largely by C. B. Denman, President of the Producers' Live Stock Commission Association, and L. O. Grieser, Secretary of the St. Louis Live Stock Producers' Association. Arrangements have been made with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank at St. Louis to discount loans to cattle feeders at 5 1/2%. Stockers and feeders are to be bought through the Producers' Association who will assist in securing loans on live stock which is mortgaged to the credit corporation.

Minnesota Rural Credit Loans.

St. Paul advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 17 said:

Minnesota Rural Credits Bureau in eight months of operation has loaned to within \$9,000,000 of its statutory limit of \$40,000,000 bonds outstanding. Notice has been given that no new applications will be approved and that many loans already authorized must be reduced. Applications filed total \$55,000,000 and limit of bonds was reached with recent \$10,000,000 issue.

Magnitude of Operations of Federal Land Banks and of the Joint Stock Land Banks.

In our reference of June 21 to the sale of a new issue of \$35,000,000 Federal Land Bank bonds (page 3032) we noted that we were publishing on another page statements as of April 30 1924 showing the magnitude of the operations of the twelve Federal Land Banks and the consolidated statement of the Joint Stock Land Banks, of which latter there appear to be 69 in operation. As showing the assistance extended to the agricultural classes by these two great loan agencies, it should be noted that on the date given the Land Banks had \$866,152,240 of Farm Loan bonds outstanding and the Joint Stock Land Banks \$378,181,200, or \$1,244,333,440 together. The two statements are as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL LAND BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 30 1924.

Assets—	
Net mortgage loans	*\$861,004,633 98
Interest accrued but not yet due on mortgage loans	13,887,086 45
U. S. Government bonds and securities	44,637,215 96
Interest accrued but not yet due on bonds and securities	307,491 00
Other interest accrued but not yet due	8,965 16
Cash on hand and in banks	16,139,688 80
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	1,797,532 68
Accounts receivable	803,411 39
Installments matured (in process of collection)	1,443,953 79
Banking houses	1,716,338 78
Furniture and fixtures	244,504 74
Other assets	2,899,046 17
Total assets	\$944,889,848 90
Liabilities—	
Capital stock:	
United States Government	\$1,985,500 00
National Farm Loan associations	43,928,527 50
Borrowers through agents	282,385 00
Individual subscribers	2,030 00
Total capital stock	\$46,198,442 50
Reserve (from earnings)	4,792,000 00
Surplus (from earnings)	300,000 00
Farm Loan bonds outstanding	\$866,152,240 00
Interest accrued but not yet due on Farm Loan bonds	15,562,064 21
U. S. Government deposits	1,000,000 00
Notes and accounts payable	1,751,074 90
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	607,609 76
Amortization installments paid in advance	1,240,943 97
Reserved for Farm Loan bond coupons outstanding	1,739,371 04
Reserved for dividends unpaid	497,007 62
Other liabilities	1,297,102 53
Undivided profits	3,751,992 37
Total liabilities	\$944,889,848 90
Memoranda—	
Net earnings to April 30 1924	\$20,120,228 30
Less—Dividends paid	\$8,888,601 99
Carried to suspense account	852,276 49
Other charges	1,535,357 45
	11,276,235 93
Carried to surplus account	\$300,000 00
Carried to reserve account	4,792,000 00
Undivided profits	3,751,992 37
Total reserve and undivided profits	8,843,992 37
Capital stock originally subscribed by U. S. Government	\$8,892,130 00
Amount of Government stock retired	6,906,630 00
Capital stock held by U. S. Government	1,985,500 00

* Unpledged mortgages (gross), \$14,508,809 44.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 30 1924.

Assets—	
Net mortgage loans	\$411,980,043 08
Interest accrued but not yet due on mortgage loans	7,898,402 89
U. S. Government bonds and securities	9,272,585 20
Other interest accrued but not yet due on bonds and securities	63,829 60
Cash on hand and in banks	80,183 58
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	10,810,535 30
Accounts receivable	3,130,086 78
Installments matured (in process of collection)	935,369 50
Banking houses	976,059 59
Furniture and fixtures	880,463 30
Other assets	180,945 47
Total assets	\$448,310,529 18
Liabilities—	
Capital stock paid in	\$34,562,485 00
Surplus paid in	1,214,926 31
Reserve (from earnings)	2,177,193 15
Surplus (from earnings)	586,879 38
Farm Loan bonds outstanding	378,181,200 00
Interest accrued but not yet due on Farm Loan bonds	7,812,364 29
Other interest accrued but not yet due	54,801 30
Notes and accounts payable	19,067,133 60
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	849,527 53
Amortization installments paid in advance	1,251,491 70
Reserved for Farm Loan bond coupons outstanding	758,713 50
Other liabilities	477,748 21
Undivided profits	1,316,065 21
Total liabilities	\$448,310,529 18

The Federal Farm Loan Bureau has also given out the following statement showing the total of loans closed for the benefit of farmers since the day of their organization. The statement segregates the loans by States and we reproduce it here:

STATEMENT SHOWING LOANS CLOSED, SEGREGATED BY STATES BY FEDERAL AND JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS FROM ORGANIZATION TO APRIL 30 1924.

State.	Loans Closed by Federal Land Banks.		Loans Closed by Joint Stock Land Banks.		Total Loans Closed by Federal and Joint Stock Land Banks.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Maine	2,002	\$5,658,750	---	---	2,002	\$5,658,750
New Hampshire	424	955,675	---	---	424	955,675
Vermont	829	2,271,200	---	---	829	2,271,200
Massachusetts	1,267	3,488,305	---	---	1,267	3,488,305
Rhode Island	104	314,250	---	---	104	314,250
Connecticut	1,116	3,733,350	---	---	1,116	3,733,350
New York	4,432	16,596,740	523	3,388,600	4,955	17,985,340
New Jersey	875	3,441,950	126	737,900	1,001	4,179,850
Virginia	8,860	24,763,133	472	3,414,300	9,332	28,177,433
Maryland	814	3,172,800	103	699,900	917	3,872,700
Delaware	78	276,000	---	---	78	276,000
Pennsylvania	3,871	10,514,500	498	2,354,400	4,369	12,868,900
West Virginia	2,397	4,852,950	1,364	4,870,700	3,761	9,723,650
North Carolina	8,426	16,993,450	3,440	13,370,900	11,866	30,364,350
South Carolina	5,736	16,403,070	1,079	5,645,400	6,815	22,048,470
Georgia	8,083	19,309,710	342	1,831,100	8,425	21,140,810
Florida	3,291	6,008,569	---	---	3,291	6,008,569
Tennessee	8,068	21,051,800	677	3,074,800	8,745	24,126,600
Kentucky	6,102	20,378,100	1,694	10,913,000	7,796	31,291,100
Indiana	8,533	31,304,500	5,232	31,368,684	13,765	62,673,184
Ohio	4,058	16,558,900	3,439	18,695,250	7,547	35,253,250
Alabama	15,374	28,962,270	220	1,911,100	15,594	30,873,370
Louisiana	9,106	20,902,565	30	556,000	9,136	21,458,565
Mississippi	20,340	37,813,820	276	4,539,500	20,616	42,353,320
Illinois	5,008	22,650,805	5,588	47,886,895	10,596	70,537,700
Missouri	7,789	25,015,460	2,697	22,967,610	10,486	47,983,070
Arkansas	13,275	22,517,110	707	7,376,000	13,982	29,893,110
North Dakota	10,141	39,325,500	774	4,584,600	10,915	43,910,100
Minnesota	8,555	36,297,200	3,926	35,319,950	12,481	71,617,150
Wisconsin	6,385	24,132,900	967	4,810,550	7,352	28,943,450
Michigan	7,244	18,151,300	436	2,385,500	7,680	20,536,800
Iowa	6,829	50,650,350	6,069	78,009,145	12,898	128,659,495
Nebraska	7,420	37,458,490	2,243	22,860,390	9,663	60,318,880
South Dakota	4,606	21,138,550	1,446	12,288,820	6,052	33,427,370
Wyoming	2,154	6,184,300	442	3,495,400	2,596	9,680,300
Kansas	8,968	37,022,200	3,414	23,867,300	12,382	61,489,500
Oklahoma	6,485	17,368,800	972	5,766,050	7,457	23,134,850
Colorado	7,516	21,318,300	74	627,800	7,590	21,946,100
New Mexico	4,745	9,741,500	---	---	4,745	9,741,500
Texas	35,297	103,659,891	4,089	35,765,723	39,386	139,425,614
California	6,595	23,156,300	1,033	13,569,750	7,628	36,726,050
Utah	4,671	14,926,900	128	656,300	4,799	15,583,200
Nevada	191	723,300	18	340,700	209	1,064,000
Arizona	1,288	5,029,400	186	1,348,500	1,474	6,377,900
Idaho	6,910	24,549,295	330	1,733,800	7,240	26,283,095
Montana	7,487	21,668,090	345	2,068,900	7,832	23,736,990
Oregon	6,454	21,492,380	674	8,127,900	7,128	29,620,280
Washington	10,992	30,050,920	158	1,795,700	11,150	31,846,620
Porto Rico	1,026	2,801,200	---	---	1,026	2,801,200
Total	312,157	\$951,356,498	56,301	\$445,024,817	368,458	\$396,381,315

The above totals represent gross loans closed from organization of system to date. The difference between these totals and the amounts shown on the consolidated statements of condition opposite "net mortgage loans" represents loans paid in full by borrowers and payments by borrowers on account of principal.

Loans Extended by Agricultural Credit Corporation— Further Installments of Capital Subscriptions Called for Reopening of Banks.

Loans aggregating \$4,363,000 were made to 273 Northwest banks by the Agricultural Credit Corporation up to June 21, according to the first official statement, covering the first three months of its operations, made public on June 25. The following regarding the report is taken from the Minneapolis "Journal" of June 26:

Officers expressed the belief that emergency relief, which the corporation was organized to furnish, largely will have been met by harvest time. The board of directors authorized a call for another 20% of the stock. Salient features of the official report submitted to the corporation's directors were:

Up to June 14, actual advances had been made to 190 banks, eight in Minnesota, with loans aggregating \$149,800; 25 in Montana, loans amounting to \$780,000; 97 in North Dakota, \$807,000; 54 in South Dakota, \$865,000 and six special cases, \$109,800, a total of \$2,711,600. The total bank loans to June 21 aggregated \$3,156,000 to 215 banks, with pending commitment of \$1,207,000 to 58 banks.

The corporation made a commitment of \$100,000 of stock to the Northwest Dairy Loan Association at Minot and will take similar action if dairy loan associations are formed at Grand Forks and Mandan as contemplated. Applications from farmers for loans to pay tax delinquencies number 235, aggregating \$109,000; of these 203 have been approved, aggregating \$94,000, with 48 applications from Minnesota; 14 in North Dakota; 39 in Montana and two in South Dakota.

Dairy committees working with the dairy loan division of the corporation, to which \$1,000,000 had been appropriated, number 165, and probably will call for 3,000 to 5,000 cattle.

The corporation is prepared to assist farmers to purchase binder twine if necessary, through local banks, local elevators or on the club plan, considering each case separately. Seed advances amount to \$50,000. Bank stock and other investments have been made amounting to \$106,000.

The total of all loans and investments to June 14 was \$2,893,000. Total deposits in banks added were \$30,735,000, with \$4,295,000 in Minnesota; \$4,828,000 in Montana; \$10,659,000 in North Dakota, and \$10,953,000 in South Dakota.

"After three months of operation and experience in this undertaking," the report to the directors said, "we are convinced that by aiding the farmers banks we are rendering the most direct kind of aid possible to the greatest number of persons dependent on agriculture."

C. T. Jaffray, Chairman of the corporation's board, said he believed the benefits to farmers had been widespread, since 90% of the deposits in small town banks belong to farmers.

"We have kept banks functioning and this aids the farmer, who is deserving, to keep his deposits functioning," he said. "Too much emphasis has been placed on the farmer who is so involved that he is beyond redemption in comparison with the thrifty farmer. We have aided these farmers as the

burden of our first duty. Purchase of livestock has been taken up as rapidly as possible. The difficulty has been to get the livestock and to get deserving farmers to further involve themselves. I feel the northwest States are diversifying as rapidly as possible and safely. This cannot be brought about quickly. The grain farmer must change gradually as conditions warrant."

Reference to the \$10,000,000 corporation formed early in the year, with headquarters in Minneapolis, to relieve the financial emergency in the Northwest wheat growing territory was made in these columns Feb. 16, page 738; Mar. 1, page 957; Mar. 8, page 1087; Mar. 22, page 1336, and Apr. 12, page 1732. As was stated in our item Mar. 8, two separate organizations were formed, the Agricultural Securities Corporation, which it was said would issue the debentures, and the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the operating company. In our issue of Mar. 22 we referred to the report that the New York banks had been called upon for the first installment on their subscription to the \$10,000,000 capital of the Agricultural Credit Corporation; as was made known by us Feb. 16 (page 738), New York and the East pledged \$5,000,000; Chicago \$2,000,000; Minneapolis and St. Paul \$1,000,000; Detroit and Cleveland \$700,000 each and Pittsburgh \$600,000. In announcing the call for the second installment of capital subscriptions, press dispatches from Washington, May 30, said:

Treasury officials were advised to-day that the Agricultural Credit Corporation, which was organized at the instance of the President to aid in relieving the stringent credit situation in the Northwest, has made a second call on its capital subscriptions. The call is for \$2,000,000, making a total of \$4,000,000 paid in from a total authorized capital of \$10,000,000.

With this second \$2,000,000 available, Treasury officials believe the loaning powers of the corporation probably will be able to meet all current calls upon it. It already has approved loans of \$1,135,000 for the purpose of reopening eleven closed banks. Two of them have actually started business again, and advices received here were to the effect that the others would reopen as quickly as the necessary papers are completed.

In addition to the loans made for reopening banks, the corporation has agreed to loan \$1,172,000 to sixty-four other financial institutions in the agricultural districts.

Secretary Mellon was told by officials of the corporation that they are making loans for the benefit of the farmers by taking up tax warrants at a 6% rate against the 12% rate which would be charged under tax penalty clauses. Loans for seed purposes also have been made in considerable amounts.

It was announced on March 30 that the first bank to reopen in the Northwest through the aid of the Agricultural Credit Corporation was the State Bank of Wales in Cavalier County, North Dakota. It had deposits of \$200,000 and capital of \$25,000. The press dispatches from Minneapolis stated that the bank had arranged through the Credit Corporation to convert some of its slow moving assets into cash, thus building up its reserves.

According to the Minneapolis "Journal" of May 15, the First National Bank of Tower City, N. D., closed since Nov. 1 1923, when it suspended because of depleted reserves and "frozen" assets, reopened May 15 through assistance given by the new Agricultural Credit Corporation. The "Journal" added:

Opening of this bank marked the first readjustment of affairs of a national banking house through aid of the Minneapolis corporation.

Three banks, two of them State institutions, had been closed at Tower City and for more than a month the community has been without banking service.

Tower City, which serves a large and prosperous community in the Red River valley, is in Cass County. It has a population of 447. The reorganized bank is capitalized at \$25,000; A. M. Voorhees is President and W. A. Smith Cashier. Funds were loaned direct to the stockholders by the new corporation and the institution now is on a firm and sound basis, according to officers at the credit corporation.

Another to Be Reopened Soon.

Another national bank in eastern North Dakota also is about to be reopened.

The same paper May 20 said:

The First State bank of Calvin, Cavalier County, N. D., reopened for business to-day. The institution was closed last fall because of depleted reserves. The bank has a capital of \$15,000 and surplus of \$16,000. D. J. Porter is President and Archie Sillers Cashier. The reopening was accomplished through aid extended by the Agricultural Credit Corporation. This was the third bank reopened with the assistance of the Minneapolis corporation.

At the same time it was announced that the Empire Trust Bank of Lewistown, Mont., would reopen the following week, as a result of the reorganization work of the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Regarding the reopening of this and other banks, Minneapolis advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 9 said:

Agricultural Credit Corporation reports opening of the Central Bank & Trust Co. of Lewistown, Montana, to replace the Empire State Bank that closed prior to Jan. 1. State Bank of Hannah, North Dakota, one of the largest North Dakota banks that had been closed, is now reopened. The First National of Lewistown will be reopened shortly and representatives of the Commercial National Bank of Miles City, which closed in February with deposits of \$1,600,000, are in Minneapolis and have nearly completed arrangements with the Agricultural Credit Corporation to reopen.

The banks above named differ from many others that the Agricultural Credit Corporation has helped to set on their feet only in that they were conspicuous in the bad news at the time they closed. Lewistown, for example, is the center of the Judith Basin in Montana, normally a very fertile

agricultural area, and the financial troubles in Lewistown for that reason had worse effect sentimentally than the closing of banks in some other towns.

According to Secretary G. H. Richards of the Minnesota Bankers' Association capital of all the closed banks in Minnesota was only 5.6% of the total banking capital; the surplus of the closed banks only 3.7%, as much as that of the banks that remained open; and the deposits of the closed banks only 3.6%, as much as the deposits of the functioning banks.

Optimism is increasing. In Minneapolis financial circles it is felt there may even yet be minor troubles affecting small banks, but that the worst is not only over but the definite trend is upward to normal.

The reopening of the State Bank of Hannah, N. D., closed last fall because of depleted reserves, was announced by the Agricultural Credit Corporation on June 3. It was the third bank in Cavalier County to be reopened through the corporation. The bank's deposits approximated, it was said, \$300,000.

Why Northwest Was Overbanked—Ease in Obtaining Charters and Guaranty Deposit Laws Are Held Responsible.

The following Minneapolis advices appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 20:

For the first time since banking and agricultural troubles in the Northwest began to assume serious importance it is possible to present some comparisons that reflect the causes. Perhaps no economic disturbance in the country's history ever was subject to greater comment, more general misunderstanding or lack of presentation of essential facts. In a territory where national and State systems operate there is no central source from which definite information may be drawn as to the true import of what has happened.

Wide emphasis has been put upon the situation in legislative halls and elsewhere by those advocating remedial legislation for agriculture and whose statements have been true in themselves, but alarming when wholly unqualified. With these extreme statements there has been no accompaniment of such comparison as would make possible an understanding of why the things told of came about or just how serious they are. It is possible now to show some comparisons that make the picture clearer, as covering the relationship of 512 banks that were closed in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana over the three and a half year period since the adverse trend began. The figures cannot be final, as some banks have closed in addition to the number above stated, while to date 67 banks that were closed have reopened.

The 512 under consideration were located as follows:

	State Banks.	National.	Total.
Minnesota	67	6	73
Montana	98	24	122
South Dakota	107	16	123
North Dakota	181	13	194
	453	59	512

In these four States prior to the beginning of the down trend there were 3,366 banks, as shown below:

	State Banks.	National.	Total.
Minnesota	1,156	276	1,432
North Dakota	714	162	876
South Dakota	524	124	648
Montana	281	129	410
	2,675	691	3,366

Percentages of closings of national and State banks were:

	National Per Cent. of Banks Closed.	State Per Cent. of Banks Closed.
Minnesota	2.17	5.3
North Dakota	8.5	25.3
South Dakota	13.	20.0
Montana	19.	35.

Why They Failed.

Numerous reasons for these percentage differences suggest themselves. Membership in the Reserve System does not of itself account for the better showing of the national, although that is a consideration. The presence in these States of a number of banks far in excess of the per capita elsewhere in the United States, the small capital requirements and the ease with which charters were granted are outstanding reasons for the failures, some of which, in time, would probably in any event have occurred, even had agricultural conditions and general business remained normal. Guaranty of deposit laws in two States undoubtedly was a contributing influence. Comparisons with States elsewhere in the Union have been made that were startling. As against Rhode Island with 12,710 people for every bank, New York State with 9,920, the Eastern States as a whole with 6,660 and the Southern States with 4,089, Montana had a bank for every 1,370, South Dakota one for every 921 and North Dakota one for every 768 persons.

Necessarily, in territory sparsely settled, agricultural in character, with no cities of size and no industrial centres, there would need to be more banks per capita than in the congested Eastern States for provision of equal facility of access, but by no possible argument could there be sound reason presented for the great number in these Northwest States. If two or even three times the relative number be assumed to have been needed to meet different conditions of population and service required, there still appears a startling difference.

How easy it has been to enter the country banking business in these Northwest States may be inferred from the comparisons as to number of banks of small capitalization that existed at the beginning of 1919, some of which have closed, some have increased capital or nationalized and many of which have weathered the storm.

Relative Capitalization.

This table shows the relative capitalization:

	Total Banks.	Total Under \$20,000 Cap.	Total Under \$10,000 Cap.
Montana	410	133	32.5%
North Dakota	876	568	65.5
South Dakota	658	402	62
Minnesota	1,431	788	55
	3,366	1,891	56
			1,213
			33

Montana did not run under \$10,000 in capitalization except in a few instances not sufficiently numerous to be of importance. South Dakota, on the contrary, had 45 banks capitalized at only \$5,000, and a number at \$6,000, \$7,500 and \$8,000.

North Dakota passed a bank deposit guaranty law in 1917. South Dakota followed several years later. Minnesota's legislature almost passed a similar

measure in 1923. Modified somewhat to suit the view of various legislators, these measures are in substance the same. North Dakota provides a commission consisting of the Governor, State examiner and three appointed by the Governor from the ranks of banks affected, to administer the fund. Every bank was required to set aside one-twentieth of 1% of its average deposits annually, until 1% had been accumulated. By this device there could be no failure of banks to pay depositors in full, it was contended. The move was heralded far and wide as marking an advance step in legislation. The necessity of limiting the number of banks or requiring larger capitalization seems not to have been considered. Results were that people came to look upon one bank as being just as good as another since all deposits were guaranteed, and the qualities of experience and capability became of secondary importance. To-day the total fund, if collectible, in the Dakotas would not pay interest on the amounts involved.

The situation has been bettering rapidly, especially since the Agricultural Relief Corporation got under way. In addition to the banks that have been reopened and others in process of reorganizing, relief has been given to banks in need and it is believed here that from now on the number of reopened banks will increase in localities where conditions warrant the corporation in giving help. The most notable reopening was that in Lewistown, Mont.

The storm that blew so hard has abated. The Northwest has learned a hard lesson in finance and will profit by it.

Formation at Minot, N. D., of Dairy Loan Association.

Regarding the formation, at Minot, N. D., of the Northwestern Mutual Dairy Loan Association, the Minneapolis "Journal" of May 17 said:

The Northwestern Mutual Dairy Loan Association, backed by a \$100,000 fund from the new \$10,000,000 Agricultural Credit Corporation, became a reality to-day and will begin to function immediately to relieve agriculturists in certain wheat-growing sections.

The entire membership of the Minot Association of Commerce has begun a campaign to raise \$100,000 from city residents and farmers to match the fund made available by the credit corporation, which has headquarters in Minneapolis.

The \$200,000 is to be used in stocking farms with cattle as a means of stimulating diversified agricultural activities. The association will buy high-grade dairy cows and sell them to farmers on easy terms.

Speakers described the organization of the association as an epoch in North Dakota and already other sections are making plans for similar organizations. Mandan, N. D., is expected to take the step within a few weeks.

C. T. Jaffray, Chairman of the credit corporation, and M. O. Grangaard, Vice-President of the corporation in charge of North Dakota activities, attended the session and encouraged the organizers. Mr. Jaffray, speaking to the 150 business men who assembled here, said the corporation would make available an amount equal to the fund raised by the association.

The association is modeled after a Montana Mutual Dairy Loan Association which has been in operation since October 1922, and since that time has sold 1,000 cows to farmers without any delinquency in payment.

Business men who subscribe stock will pay \$5 a month for each \$1,000 of stock.

The association is capitalized under Montana laws at \$3,000,000.

The money will be used to buy cattle as fast as there is a demand.

The farmer who takes cattle himself becomes a stock owner in the association and will pay back monthly for five years \$3 12 a month for each \$100 in dairy cows that he receives.

Only farmers who have shelter and feed and dairy experience may become borrowers.

Mr. Jaffray said the corporation would donate \$3,000 to pay the expenses of field men.

C. W. Fowler, General Manager of the Montana association, will be General Manager of this association also. He said the Agricultural Credit Corporation would leave its dividends in the association. Because of the territory difference, he forecast this new association should sell ten times as many cows as Montana in the same length of time.

Benjamin Marsh Says Congress "Did Nothing for Agriculture and as Much for Labor"—Failure of Farm Relief Measures.

Criticising the record of the session of Congress which adjourned on June 7, declaring that "it did nothing for agriculture, and as much for labor," Benjamin Marsh, of the Farmers' National Council, according to Washington advices June 8 to the New York "Herald-Tribune," said:

The session of Congress which closed Saturday can be commended only for having failed to do all the bad things President Coolidge asked it to do.

It did nothing for agriculture and as much for labor, but it defied Coolidge, Mellon and the rest of Wall Street on some features of the revenue bill.

A few men blocked the most vicious measures, such as the McNary-Haugen bill and Ford's Muscle Shoals grab.

It never touched the railroad problem, but was consistent on the immigration issue.

It showed up graft, but failed to end the special privileges which create graft and make honesty in government unattainable—or most difficult.

The real verdict on Congress and Coolidge will be rendered Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The failure of the proposed farm relief measures was noted in our item reporting the adjournment of Congress, given in our issue of June 14, page 2902. The previous week, page 2768, we announced the rejection by the House on June 3 of the McNary-Haugen bill, proposing to create an agricultural export corporation. Regarding the efforts in the closing days of the session to put through farm relief legislation, a dispatch from Washington June 4 to the New York "Times" said:

An eleventh-hour attempt on the part of Republican leaders and members of the Farm Bloc in Congress to devise a plan for the relief of farmers failed to-day as a result of the refusal of President Coolidge to agree to the terms of a compromise bill submitted for his approval. Accordingly all hope is given up of enacting any legislation at this time to relieve the economic distress in the agricultural regions.

Following the overwhelming defeat of the McNary-Haugen bill in the House yesterday they had hoped to save something from the wreck by per-

suading the President to give his endorsement to a measure, drawn by direction of Mr. Longworth, vesting the War Finance Corporation with authority to buy surplus supplies of wheat, flour, live stock and the products of live stock and dispose of such surplus in foreign markets.

After a conference this afternoon with Secretary Wallace, Secretary Hoover and other officials, the President sent word to the House leaders that he could not see his way clear to approve the substitute bill. It is understood that he came to the conclusion that the bill proposed would not afford the relief to farmers that is asked by their spokesmen.

The question of passing the bill empowering the War Finance Corporation to dispose of surplus agricultural products abroad, with a view to stabilizing prices in the domestic market, was presented to President Coolidge by Representatives Longworth, Tincher and Sanders, all members of the steering committee.

In the New York "Commercial," Representative Longworth was quoted June 4 as having said:

Since the defeat of the McNary-Haugen bill in the House, in consultation with many members of the House and with official representatives of many of the large farm organizations, I have been attempting to arrive at some satisfactory measure for the relief of the agricultural situation. We have also discussed the matter with the President.

The large majority recorded against the McNary-Haugen bill made it evident that any legislative proposition embodying the basic principles of this bill could not be passed. While fully realizing the condition of agriculture, and with the most earnest desire to bring relief as far as legislatively possible, we have so far been unable to work out a plan which would command the necessary support.

It was stated in advices from Washington, June 6, to the New York "Journal of Commerce" that:

On the eve of adjournment of Congress members of the Farm Bloc were making desperate efforts to get enactment of farm relief legislation at this session. They have centred on the Bursum bill, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to pay an export bounty of 35 cents a bushel on wheat and wheat products.

The bill had been favorably reported by both the Senate and House Agriculture committees and at the close of the session was on the House calendar.

Senator Norbeck (Republican), South Dakota, led the fight in the Senate, and declared he would make every effort to get the Bursum bill through the Senate, and he had been assured there were sufficient votes pledged in the House to pass it. The bill, he explained, was designed as emergency legislation to relieve wheat growers who face bankruptcy, and the bill would expire on Dec. 5 1925. The "Journal of Commerce" added:

He [Senator Norbeck] estimated an appropriation of \$15,000,000 would be required and believed the bill would not meet objection by those who opposed other farm relief measures on the ground that too large an appropriation was involved.

The Secretary of Agriculture would be directed, by the terms of the bill, to establish the necessary rules and regulations and to co-operate with the farmers' co-operative associations in securing the benefits of world market values with the least possible expense to the farmer. The Act would remain in force until Dec. 5 1925.

As we have already indicated, all efforts to enact farm legislation were without success.

Fifteen Indictments Pending Against Former Governor of Indiana Dropped.

On June 27 Judge James A. Collins in the Marion County Criminal Court, Indianapolis, at the request of Clarence W. Nichols, special prosecutor, dismissed fifteen indictments which were still pending against Warren T. McCray, former Governor of Indiana, according to a press dispatch from Indianapolis on June 27, which appeared in the New York "Times" of the following day. As noted in the "Chronicle" of May 17, pages 2400 and 2401, former Governor McCray was convicted on April 29 of using the mails to defraud and is now serving a ten-year sentence in the Federal Prison at Atlanta. The dispatch went on to say that in moving for the dismissal of the indictments Mr. Nichols said that the Federal Court case involved the same elements of crime as those contained in the county indictments, and that by reason of the Federal Court's conviction and punishment "every public purpose has been subserved."

Wright & Coleman, Stock Bokers, Hamilton, Ontario, Assign.

According to a press dispatch from Hamilton, Ont., which appeared in the June 30 issue of "Financial America" of this city, the stock brokerage house of Wright & Coleman of Hamilton has assigned and E. W. Thomas has been named acting official trustee for the firm. Gross assets are estimated at \$372,000 and gross liabilities at \$500,000. The dispatch went on to say that the Canadian Bank of Commerce with a claim of \$400,000 is the largest creditor, but it holds as collateral nearly all the firm assets.

Jules C. Rabiner, the Convicted Broker Whose Parole Was Revoked, Loses Appeal.

Jules C. Rabiner, the convicted broker who was paroled after he had served but ninety days of an indeterminate sentence with a maximum of three years imposed upon him

by Judge John F. McIntyre on Jan. 25 last, and whose parole was subsequently (May 14) revoked, must remain in prison. On July 2 the Appellate Division upheld the decision of Supreme Court Justice McCook, (given on May 19) dismissing a writ of habeas corpus obtained by the defendant to upset an order sending him back to the Penitentiary on Welfare Island and upholding the authority of the Parole Commission to revoke a parole granted a prisoner, with or without cause. In regard to the decision of the Appellate Court in the case, the New York "Times" of July 3 said in part:

The Appellate Division wrote no opinion in the case in which Rabiner asserted that the order remanding him to the penitentiary after he had been paroled was illegal, but in a decision in a similar case a month ago the Court held that a parole was a "matter of grace," and that the Parole Commissioner had authority to revoke it.

When Rabiner was sent back to the penitentiary General Sessions Judge McIntyre said he thought the former broker should stay there two years. Rabiner's firm on the Consolidated Stock Exchange failed for \$800,000 last September. When he was sentenced in January for using securities owned by a customer, Justice McIntyre said: "This man's firm operated bucket shops and they were dens of thievery."

At the time Rabiner was paroled it was stated in behalf of the Municipal Parole Commission that the fact that his firm had failed had not been made known to the Commission.

We last referred to the Rabiner parole case in the "Chronicle" of May 24, page 2518.

Change in Rules of New York Clearing House Association Whereby Interest Rates are no Longer Automatically Dependent on Federal Reserve Rates.

The New York Clearing House Association on July 2 adopted an amendment to its constitution, whereby maximum rates which may be paid on deposits by member banks will no longer be automatically dependent on changes in the Federal Reserve rediscount rate. Announcement of this is made as follows by the Clearing House:

At a meeting of the Clearing House Association held to-day the amendment with relation to interest rates offered at the last meeting was unanimously adopted. It changes Section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution, so that the maximum rates which may be paid on deposits of various kinds, with Clearing House institutions, are no longer automatically dependent upon a change in the Federal Reserve ninety-day discount rate, as has been the case for some time past.

The amendment, while still recognizing that money conditions and interest rates are promptly affected by and closely related to the Federal Reserve discount rate, places a duty upon the Clearing House Committee to meet, upon a change in the ninety-day discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank, and review the then existing rates in order to determine whether new rates under the schedule should be put in force or others established.

It should be remembered in this connection that the rates, when adopted, are maximum rates which may be paid, and in no way establish rates which must be paid.

Stating that this action of the Clearing House will result in greater elasticity in interest rates an item in the New York "Times" of July 3 said:

With commercial paper rates now nearly in line with the Federal Reserve Bank's rediscount rate and growing attention being paid to the rates that banks are paying on deposits of various kinds, the announcement of the Clearing House Association regarding maximum interest payments was received yesterday as an important contribution to an already much discussed situation. The Clearing House agreement unties rates on bank deposits from wholly artificial connection with the Reserve Bank's rediscount rate and in effect provides for greater elasticity. Member institutions are now free to arrive through proper committees at a rate schedule which will be drawn up independent of the rediscount rate and instead will be based, although not arbitrarily, on the rates paid in the open money market.

Enlarging upon this, the same paper also made the following comment in its same issue:

The action was taken as a result of a move among many bankers to make it possible to lower present interest payments. Since Jan. 1 of this year commercial paper rates have declined sharply, faster than the accompanying reductions made in the rediscount rate of the Government institution. As a result, the spread between rates paid by banks and those received by banks has been narrowed by 1/2 of 1% since Jan. 1 and profits were correspondingly pinched.

As a result of competitive bidding up of interest rates by banks seeking new deposits during 1921 and 1922, the association adopted on July 1 1922 a regulation that automatically governed the schedule of maximum interest rates in accordance with the Federal Reserve Bank's rediscount rate. Since Jan. 1 of this year, the decline in open market rates has gone faster than the reduction in the Government bank's official rate, and many banks have found themselves pinched as a result. A few of the more ambitious institutions, which had encouraged depositors to do business with them through the offering of special services and of top interest payments on their accounts, found it necessary to reduce their office forces and effect other economies in order to continue earning profits.

The new regulation, superseding that of July 1 1922, leaves the schedule of maximum rates at exactly the same level as under the old regulation, but provides the machinery for reductions whenever necessary in the following provisions: "It shall be the duty of the Clearing House Committee to hold a meeting as soon as conveniently possible after notice of any change in the said discount rate which, under the foregoing schedule (relating to interest that may be paid on certain kinds of deposits), would affect the said interest rates, and at such meeting to determine if the said interest rates should be changed in accordance with the schedule or if any other change should be made therein. No change in said interest rates shall become operative until after action by the committee and notice thereof from the manager to the members of the association." William J. Gilpin is the Manager of the Clearing House.

The provision for this reduction applies only to the commercial banks which belong to the association and does not apply to the savings banks which recently announced through their association that they intended no change in the regular prevailing rate of 4% per annum on savings accounts.

The following is the text of this week's amendment:

**NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.
Amendment of Article XI of Clearing House Constitution.
(Proposed at meeting of June 26 1924.)**

Substitute the following for the present Section 1, Article XI:
Section 1(a) Subject to action by the Clearing House Committee, as hereinafter provided, when and as the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shall fix, from time to time, its ninety day discount rate for commercial paper, no member of this Association (nor any non-member clearing through a member) shall agree to pay, or shall pay, directly or indirectly, on any credit balance or on any certificate of deposit issued by such member (or any such non-member) interest at an annual rate in excess of the rates indicated in the schedule below:

SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES WHICH MAY BE PAID.

When the New York Federal Reserve Bank 90-day discount rate for commercial papers—	On Certificates of Deposit payable within 30 days from date of issue; and on Certifs. of Deposit payable within 30 days from demand; on Credit Balances payable on demand; and on Credit Balances payable within 30 days from demand.		On Certifs. of Deposit payable on or after 30 days from the date of issue or demand; and on Credit Bal's payable on or aft. 30 days fr. dem'nd.	
	To Banks, Trust Co.'s & Private Bankers.*	To Mutual Savings Banks.	To Others.	To Credit Bal's payable on or aft. 30 days fr. dem'nd.
Less than 2 1/2 %	1 %	1 1/4 %	1 1/4 %	1 1/4 %
2 1/2 % or over, but less than 3 %	1 1/4 %	2 %	1 1/2 %	2 %
3 % " " " "	1 1/2 %	2 1/4 %	1 3/4 %	2 1/4 %
3 1/2 % " " " "	1 3/4 %	2 1/2 %	2 %	2 1/2 %
4 % " " " "	2 %	2 3/4 %	2 1/4 %	2 3/4 %
4 1/2 % " " " "	2 1/4 %	3 %	2 1/2 %	3 %
5 % " " " "	2 1/2 %	3 1/4 %	2 3/4 %	3 1/4 %
5 1/2 % or over.	2 3/4 %	3 %	3 %	3 1/2 %

*But excluding mutual savings banks.

It shall be the duty of the Clearing House Committee to hold a meeting as soon as conveniently possible after notice of any change in the said discount rate which, under the foregoing schedule, would affect the said interest rates, and at such meeting to determine if the said interest rates should be changed in accordance with the schedule or if any other change should be made therein. No change in said interest rates shall become operative until after action by the committee and notice thereof from the Manager to the members of the Association.

The Clearing House Committee may, in its discretion, at any meeting thereof, consider and determine the interest rates payable from time to time on credit balances and-or on certificates of deposit by members of this Association (or by non-members clearing through any member); and nothing in this section contained shall be construed to affect such general authority of said committee.

(b) It is expressly provided, however, that interest not to exceed the rate of 3% per annum may be allowed on credit balances of \$10,000 or less on accounts in respect to which checking privileges are not allowed, but the passbook or other form of receipt must be presented to the bank whenever a withdrawal is made, and the bank retains the right to require the depositor to give notice of an intended withdrawal not less than thirty days before such withdrawal, as provided by the printed regulations of the institution accepted by the depositor at the time the account is opened.

(c) An interest rate properly stipulated in a certificate of deposit with a fixed maturity, or in respect of a credit balance payable on or after a given date, shall not be affected by any change of interest rates occurring subsequent to the creation of such credit balance, or the date of issuance of such certificate of deposit, and prior to maturity.

(d) On all time deposits and on certificates of deposit without fixed maturity, but payable only upon notice of thirty or more days, each member (as well as each such non-member) upon any change of interest rates, shall bring the interest rates within the maximum limits permitted by such change not later than thirty days after the date thereof, and shall immediately give notice of such required change.

(e) This section shall apply only to credit balances of, and-or certificates of deposit issued to, any person or persons, corporation, association or co-partnership residing, organized, located or having its principal place of business in continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and the Dominion of Canada, and this section shall not affect such interest rates as are or may be fixed or regulated by law.

**Resolution of New York State Bankers Association
Calling for Interest Rates Based on Prevailing
Interest on Standard Investments.**

The New York State Bankers Association in convention at Montreal last week, passed the following resolution, according to Montreal advices to the "Wall Street Journal":

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the members of the association that rates of interest paid upon deposits by all the various banks within the State should be based upon prevailing rates of interest on standard investments and that the superintendent of banks, the Federal Reserve Bank and the comptroller of currency be requested to cooperate with a committee to be appointed by the association for the purpose of formulating some equitable plan to bring about such a result.

It is stated that the foregoing applies more particularly to up-State banks, where there is no automatic readjustment, as in the case of the New York Clearing House.

**Reports of Movement Looking to Lowering of Interest
Paid by Savings Banks—Savings Banks Association of State of New York Says
Savings Banks are not Party to
Move.**

A statement regarding reports that a movement was under way by commercial institutions to induce savings banks of this city to lower the rate of interest on deposits has come from the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, which says, under date of June 27, that "there is no such concerted action upon the part of the savings banks, and so far as is known, there is none on the part of any individual bank." As to reports of the movement

to bring about a lowering of interest rates, we quote the following from the New York "Times" of June 27:

A number of banks have initiated a movement to reduce interest rates on savings deposits, it was learned yesterday, but they are encountering stubborn opposition from large mutual savings institutions which have paid 4% consistently for years and are averse to a change.

Most of the commercial banks with savings account departments are bound by an agreement which in effect bases interest rates on deposits on the Federal Reserve Bank's rediscount rate, and they are showing a keener interest in the movement than the simon-pure mutual savings banks. They have been induced by the recent action of the Reserve Bank of New York to lower their disbursements on deposits to 3% on strictly savings accounts that are not active; the rates on accounts subject to demand or time withdrawal vary from 2 to 2½%.

The statement issued by the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York follows:

A suggestion is made in some of the New York dailies that savings banks might be asked by commercial institutions to cut their interest rates because of the prevailing low rate of interest which banks are able to get on their investments. The Savings Banks Association of the State of New York announces that there is no such concerted action upon the part of the savings banks, and so far as it is known, there is none on the part of any individual bank. Most of the savings banks in the Metropolitan District pay 4% interest and generally do not disturb their rate of interest dividend by increasing or decreasing the same. It is thought by most savings bankers that it is better to pay 4% interest steadily than to increase or decrease the interest according to market rates for money, and it is believed that the earnings of the savings banks of the State of New York are such as to permit them to continue the payment of 4% interest for many years to come.

Savings banks under the law of the State of New York are mutual institutions, and savings banks alone are permitted by law to solicit savings accounts. No commercial bank is permitted to use the word "savings" in its name or to use the words "saving" or "savings" in soliciting accounts. The reason for this is that mutual savings banks are under a strict requirement to invest their deposits in a very definite line of high-class securities and to invest them mostly in first mortgages upon real estate. Since mutual savings banks issue no stock they have no dividends to pay to stockholders. The law requires them to accumulate a surplus to protect depositors not alone against any possible loss by depreciation of securities but so as to permit savings banks in good times and in bad times to continue the payment of a reasonable amount of interest. Times like these should impress upon the people generally the wisdom of the action of the State Legislature in making the laws so as to permit savings banks, and savings banks alone, to solicit the savings of the people. If commercial banks segregated their deposits, that is to say took the money which they received in special interest departments and invested them in like manner as savings banks are required to invest them they might be able to continue to pay at all times as large a rate of interest as savings banks usually pay.

The people generally recognize the value of putting their savings in a savings bank and that accounts largely for the great increases in savings bank deposits and for their ability to pay a substantial rate of interest.

Denver Clearing House Banks to Reduce Interest on Savings Accounts from 4 to 3½% Oct. 1.

The following is from the "Rocky Mountain News" of Denver, Colo., June 25.

On and after Oct. 1 1924 the Denver clearing house banks will pay interest on savings accounts semi-annually, under standard savings rules, at the rate of 3½% per annum.

This announcement was made yesterday, and the date was fixed in order that ample notice could be given depositors. Interest from July 1 to Oct. 1 will be credited, as formerly, at the rate of 4%.

For many years the Denver banks have been paying at the rate of 4% per annum on savings accounts, while banks in other cities in the country have been paying a lower rate. For instance, the prevailing rates of interest paid on savings deposits in such cities as Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Chicago is 3%.

For some time past the general trend of money rates, particularly on the most liquid types of investment, have been downward. For example, the United States Government recently put out an issue of six months' Treasury certificates on a 2¾% basis and the banks in New York City, with which the Denver banks carry balances, now only pay 1¾% interest thereon and bank in Chicago and St. Louis have reduced their rate to 2% or less, while the balances required to be maintained with the Federal Reserve Bank yield no interest.

Stock Exchange Bans Loan Figures—Furnishing of Total Money Received Daily to Bankers and Lending Companies Stopped.

The following is from the New York "Times" of June 28:

A "leak" in the Stock and Loan Department of the New York Stock Exchange was closed up yesterday under order of E. H. H. Simmons, the new President of the Exchange, who put a ban on the furnishing of figures to bankers and money brokers of the amount of money received daily by the Exchange for lending purposes and the amount actually lent.

The action came as a surprise to institutions wishing to lend money on call, and it marked the first time in years that bankers or others interested had been met with a refusal when inquiry was made by them of employees of the Stock and Loan Department. In view of the strong competition among lending institutions to place a part of their surplus funds in the market, interest has of late been at high pitch. They said they did not know why the practice had been stopped, as no explanation had been given to them.

"Information of that nature is strictly confidential," Mr. Simmons said after the close of the market to questions that had been referred to him, "and there has been no reason at any time why money lenders should have received such information. The fact that they were getting figures was called to my attention, and the Exchange checked up on it the last few days. When we found out how the information was being obtained we promptly called a halt. That is all there is to it."

According to Mr. Simmons, it has always been the policy of the New York Stock Exchange to keep such information confidential, and yesterday's order, he said, marked merely the enforcement rather than any change of policy. The passing out of such figures, he said, had occurred intermittently over a period of years, but in the last few weeks it had become too general.

For exactly one week in 1916 all details of the amount of money lent each day by each institution were available to the public and were published in all the newspapers as a matter of general information. This followed a de-

cision of one of the committees of the Exchange that this matter was public property. However, complaints were received immediately from the large banking institutions, and as a result of these complaints the policy of the announcement of the amount of money lent each day was discontinued.

The call loan rate has remained steady at 2% ever since June 10 last, that quotation holding for opening, renewal and closing, and during that period there has been reported a large overflow of available money into the so-called outside market, where yesterday a new low figure for the post-war period was reported when transactions were completed at 1¼%. Other evidences of stiff competition among institutions to lend money were furnished in further declines in the rate on bankers' acceptances and for commercial paper.

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Banking Conditions in This District—New High Level of Loans of Member Banks.

During the five weeks' period to June 18, says the July 1 issue of the Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, "total loans and investments of reporting member banks in this district advanced to a new high point since 1920." The following are the bank's comments on banking conditions in this district:

Banking transactions on June 16 included the redemption by the Treasury of two maturing issues of certificates and notes, together with the payment of interest on the public debt, and the collection of the second quarterly installment of income taxes. In addition to these usual transactions, the British Government paid into the Federal Reserve Bank for the account of the Treasury \$69,000,000, representing interest on its debt to this Government.

These large transactions took place with a minimum of disturbance to the money market. Although tax collections were considerably reduced by the new tax law, the excess of Government disbursements over collections here was smaller than usual at tax dates, partly because of the British payment. In consequence, the customary loan by the Reserve Bank to the Treasury was small and was retired within three days.

The loans of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York directly to member banks were practically unchanged during the period occupied by these transactions at a level approximately \$20,000,000 lower than a month previous. Bills bought in the open market, however, increased somewhat and there was a rise also in holdings of government securities so that the total earning assets of this bank on June 18 were somewhat higher than at any time since April.

During the five weeks' period ended June 18, the total loans and investments of reporting member banks in this district advanced to a new high point since 1920. Loans made largely for commercial purposes were smaller, but loans on stocks and bonds increased, and total investments during the first three weeks in June were the highest in recent years. There was also an increase of \$377,000,000 in net demand deposits to a new high point, apparently reflecting in part the increase in loans and investments, the usual increase of deposits at the tax dates, and gold imports.

During the past year the increase in net demand deposits has been particularly marked in this district. It is also notable that the proportion of demand deposits to time deposits is greater in the New York district than for all districts, due to the influence of the figures for the New York City banks, where large balances are maintained for active commercial and financial use.

Loss of Note Rights May Affect Policy of National Banks.

Concern for the future of the national bank system when the issuance of national bank notes is ended under the Treasury policy of refunding bonds carrying the circulation privilege, was manifested in official circles at Washington on June 27, according to special advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from Washington that date, the advices further stating:

Officials were divided as to the effect upon membership in the national system of the withdrawal of the circulation privilege, but were unanimous in the view that the reaction of the national banks to the inauguration of the policy would be significant of future developments.

In some quarters the belief was held that when the privilege of issuing bank notes is taken away many banks will leave the national system and enter State systems. It was argued that the issuance of bank notes was about the only privilege which the national system has left that is not shared with State banks. Secretary Mellon's announcement of the Treasury plan to call the 4% loan of 1924 on Feb. 1, it was thought, means that the Treasury has put the banks on notice that bonds bearing the circulation privilege are to be refunded as rapidly as possible in order that Federal Reserve notes may replace national bank notes in the circulation of the country.

Withdrawal of any considerable number of institutions from the national banking system is foreseen as full of possibilities with respect to the circulation situation. It is pointed out that if national banks leaving that system quit the Federal Reserve System the lessened membership of the latter system will mean a reduction in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation.

Since ultimately there will be no more national bank notes, a contraction in the Federal Reserve notes outstanding, it is thought, would react sharply on the general money situation throughout the country. It is suggested that the gold stocks of the country will provide ample basis for currency issues, but at the same time it is realized that if the hoped-for return movement of gold out of the United States into Europe takes place, there may be a reduction in both classes of notes.

On the other hand, the argument is advanced that the withdrawal of the circulation privilege from the national banks will have virtually no effect upon the strength of the system. Many banks, it was contended, do not take advantage of the privilege now and will feel no loss if it is removed. Officials inclined to this view, however, concede that it is difficult to forecast the outcome of the Treasury refunding program until the national banks themselves have been heard from. It is expected that Mr. Mellon's announcement of the Treasury's intentions will draw from the national banks sufficient expressions of their views to give a line on what may be expected from them when national bank notes become a thing of the past.

Reference to the report of the probable withdrawal of national bank notes from circulation in 1930 was made in these columns last week, page 3155.

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Reduces Rediscount Rate to 4%.

Announcement was made on June 30 by the Federal Reserve Board that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City had reduced its rediscount rate from 4½% to 4% on all classes of paper of all maturities, effective July 1.

Secretary Mellon, in Report of Government Operations for Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1924, Announces Surplus of \$505,366,986.

A surplus in Government receipts over expenditures, amounting to \$505,366,986—\$175,727,362 greater than had been previously estimated—was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on July 2, in a statement as follows, presenting figures for the fiscal year ended June 30 1924:

The figures are now available covering the operations for the fiscal year 1924 just closed, on the basis of daily Treasury statements. The total ordinary receipts were \$4,012,044,701, and total expenditures chargeable against such receipts were \$3,506,677,715, showing a surplus for the year of \$505,366,986. This compares with the surplus estimated in October 1923, when the fiscal year still had eight months to run, of \$329,639,624.

Since the surplus is the difference between the ordinary receipts and the expenditures chargeable against such receipts, it is obvious that either a change in the receipts or the expenditures will work a change in the surplus. In dealing with figures as large as those of the Government, a small percentage change makes a very material change in the surplus. For example, an increase of 3% in receipts and a decrease of 3% in expenditures would add over \$200,000,000 to the surplus, and a similar decrease in receipts and an increase in expenditures would take over \$200,000,000 from the surplus.

Comparing the estimates made in October with the actual results for the fiscal year, receipts were over-estimated \$32,000,000, and expenditures over-estimated \$208,000,000, including \$50,000,000 of foreign debt payments of interest in June made in cash instead of, as expected, in our own securities, and therefore showing up as a receipt with no corresponding expenditure on account of the cancellation of the security so received.

The change in the money market since the first of the calendar year was perhaps the most material factor in bringing about the increase in the actual surplus over the surplus estimated in October. Liberty bonds went above par and were not used in payment of foreign obligations for interest, and railroad securities heretofore acquired by the Government could be refunded at lower interest rates by the railroads and were, therefore, paid off as purchased, and instead of a net cash outgo in the railroad account there was a net cash income, making a difference of some \$120,000,000 over the earlier estimate. The above, with some minor items, gave a net increase of actual over-estimated surplus of \$175,727,362 31.

Customs receipts were \$945,637,503, as compared with \$570,000,000 estimated, and internal revenue receipts, after giving the 25% credit on six months of the 1924 personal income taxes, were \$2,795,157,036, being \$11,572,036 over the estimates.

The gross public debt stood on June 30 1923 at \$22,349,707,365, and on June 30 1924 at \$21,250,812,989, a decrease in debt during the fiscal year of \$1,098,894,375. This reduction was accomplished through the application of a sinking fund and other public debt charges against ordinary receipts aggregating \$457,999,750, a reduction in the general fund balance of \$135,527,639, and use of the entire surplus of \$505,366,986. The annual interest charge on the debt represented by this reduction is equivalent to over \$45,000,000.

The Government begins the fiscal year 1925 with a general fund balance of \$235,411,481, as against \$370,939,121 a year ago. This is the Government's bank account and will be used to meet Governmental expenditures in excess of receipts until the next income tax payment date in September.

Semi-Annual Meeting of Business Organization of Government—President Coolidge on Budget. Says Immediate Need is for Tax Reform.

"While our immediate need is for tax reform as distinguished from tax reduction," said President Coolidge in addressing the seventh regular meeting of the business organization of the Government on June 30, "we must continue this campaign for economy so as to make possible further tax reduction." The President in referring to the "progressive and consistent reduction in expenditures," said, "for the fiscal year ending June 30 1921, the last pre-budget year, our expenditures were \$5,538,000,000 and our receipts \$5,624,000,000. For the succeeding three years, which includes the year which ends to-day, our expenditures were \$3,795,000,000, \$3,697,000,000 and \$3,497,000,000 respectively." "On the other side of the ledger," said the President, "our receipts for 1922 were \$4,109,000,000; 1923, \$4,007,000,000 and 1924 \$3,995,000,000." An analysis of these figures," continued the President, "shows that in the face of a progressive reduction in receipts we have still achieved a substantial surplus at the end of each of the fiscal years—\$314,000,000 for 1922, \$310,000,000 for 1923 and \$498,000,000 for 1924." Pointing out that "to-morrow we commence a new fiscal year," President Coolidge observed that "we will have a smaller revenue by reason of the lessening of the burden of the taxpayer under the new tax law. On the other hand, we will have an increase in our fixed charges. The World War Adjusted Compensation Act alone adds approximately \$132,000,000 to our fixed charges for 1925. . . . The best estimate to-day indicates a surplus of approximately \$25,000,000 for the next fiscal year. This estimate is predicated on an expenditure program, which exclusive of the redemption of the public debt, amounts to \$3,083,000,000." Indicating his

desire "that this expenditure program be reduced by \$83,000,000," President Coolidge said: "I do not contemplate total expenditures for the next fiscal year which will exceed \$3,000,000,000 exclusive of the redemption of the public debt. This will give us a surplus at the end of 1925 of \$108,000,000. This, or a greater surplus," he argued, "should be our aim." "You are now preparing your preliminary estimates for the fiscal year 1926," said the President. "For that fiscal year it will be my purpose to transmit to Congress estimates of appropriations which, excluding the interest on and reduction in the public debt and the postal service, will not exceed a total of \$1,800,000,000. This tentative limitation is in furtherance of my program for a progressive reduction in the cost of government." The President declared "I am for economy. After that I am for more economy. . . . If with increasing business our revenues increase, such increase should not be absorbed in new ways of spending. They should be applied to the lowering of taxes. In that direction lies the public welfare." The President's address, made before the Cabinet members, bureau chiefs and heads of various Government departments, follows:

This is the seventh regular meeting of the business organization of the Government. The first of these meetings was held three years ago. This marks the close of three years of action under the budget system. At the first meeting was commenced an intensive campaign in behalf of the people who pay the taxes in our country. The foes of that campaign were extravagance and inefficiency in the public service. For three years we have waged this intensive campaign. It has been a united effort, and united effort never fails of accomplishment. The people of this nation are beginning to win. In that short space of time we have accomplished the unbelievable. Unco-ordinated procedures of official action have been co-ordinated. Departmental interests have been made subservient to the common interests of the Government as a whole. The business of government has been established on an efficient basis. You have done this, and for doing it you are entitled to the thanks of the American people. This has been and is their fight.

We are often told that we are a rich country, and we are. We are often reminded that we are in the best financial condition of any of the great Powers, and we are. But we must remember that we also have a broader scale of existence and a higher standard of living. We have a freer Government and a more flexible organization of society. Where more is given more is required. A tropical state of savagery almost maintains itself. American civilization is the product of a constant and mighty effort. One of the greatest perils to an extensive republic is the disregard of individual rights. In our own country such rights do not appear to be in immediate danger from direct attack, but they are always in jeopardy through indirect action.

One of the rights which the free man has always guarded with most jealous care is that of enjoying the rewards of his own industry. Realizing that the power to tax is the power to destroy, and that the power to take a certain amount of property or of income is only another way of saying that for a certain proportion of his time a citizen must work for the Government, the authority to impose a tax on the people has been most carefully guarded.

Our own Constitution requires that revenue bills should originate in the House, because that body is supposed to be more representative of the people. These precautions have been taken because of the full realization that any oppression laid upon the people by excessive taxation, any disregard of their right to hold and enjoy the property which they have rightfully acquired, would be fatal to freedom. A Government which lays taxes on the people not required by urgent public necessity and sound public policy is not a protector of liberty, but an instrument of tyranny. It condemns the citizens to servitude. One of the first signs of the breaking down of free Government is a disregard by the taxing power of the right of the people to their own property. It makes little difference whether such a condition is brought about through the will of a dictator, through the power of a military force or through the pressure of an organized minority. The result is the same. Unless the people can enjoy that reasonable security in the possession of their property which is guaranteed by the Constitution, against unreasonable taxation, freedom is at an end. The common man is restrained and hampered in his ability to secure food and clothing and shelter. His wages are decreased, his hours of labor are lengthened. Against the recurring tendency in this direction there must be interposed the constant effort of an informed electorate and of patriotic public servants. The importance of a constant reiteration of these principles cannot be overestimated. They cannot be denied. They must not be ignored.

There is a most urgent necessity for those who are charged with the responsibility of government administration to realize that the people of our country cannot maintain their own high standards, they cannot compete against the lower standards of the best of the world, unless we are free from excessive taxes. With us economy is imperative. It is a full test of our national character. Bound up in it is the true cause, not of the property interests, not of any privilege, but of all the people. It is pre-eminently the source of popular rights. It is always the people who toil that pay. It seems to me, therefore, worthy of our highest endeavor. It is this which gives the real importance to this meeting.

I would not be misunderstood. I am not advocating parsimony. I want to be liberal. Public service is entitled to a suitable reward. But there is a distinct limit to the amount of public service we can profitably employ. We require national defense, but it must be limited. We need public improvements, but they must be gradual. We have to make some capital investments, but they must be certain to give fair returns. Every dollar expended must be made in the light of all our national resources, and all our national needs. It is here that the budget system gets its strength as a method of fiscal administration.

What progress we have made in ordering the national finances is easily shown. A comparison of our receipts and expenditures for the last four years illustrates conclusively what has been accomplished during the three years of the budget system.

For the fiscal year ending June 30 1921, the last pre-budget year, our expenditures were \$5,538,000,000 and our receipts \$5,624,000,000. For the succeeding three years, which includes the year which ends to-day, our expenditures were \$3,795,000,000, \$3,697,000,000 and \$3,497,000,000 respectively. Here we show a progressive and consistent reduction in expenditures. On the other side of the ledger our receipts for 1922 were \$4,109,000,000; 1923, \$4,007,000,000, and 1924, \$3,995,000,000. An analysis of these figures shows that in the face of a progressive reduction in receipts we have still achieved a substantial surplus at the end of each of the fiscal years—\$314,000,000 for 1922, \$310,000,000 for 1923, and \$498,000,000 for 1924.

The amounts which I have stated as being the expenditures, receipts and surplus for the fiscal year 1924, which ends to-day, are only approximate. We will not have the actual figures until the books are finally balanced. The surplus accumulated at the end of each of the last three fiscal years has been applied to the reduction of the public debt, in addition to the reductions required by law under the Sinking Fund and other Acts. Without the aid of this recurring surplus the public debt would be \$1,100,000,000 more than it now stands, and the interest charges would be some \$45,000,000 greater next year than we shall now have to pay.

Along with this reduction in expenditures has gone a progressive reduction of the public debt with its attendant relief from the burden of interest. On June 30 1921 the public debt was \$23,976,000,000. In 1922 it had been reduced more than \$1,000,000,000 to \$22,964,000,000. In 1923 it had been reduced more than \$600,000,000 to \$22,349,000,000. In 1924 it has been reduced again by more than \$1,000,000,000 and stands at an estimated amount of \$21,254,000,000, which is a reduction in three years of \$2,722,000,000, and means a saving of interest of more than \$120,000,000 each year.

This shows that the intensive campaign which was commenced three years ago has been waged unrelentingly. In this campaign we have had the active co-operation and support of the Congress.

The three budgets presented by the Chief Executive to the Congress have carried drastic, progressive reductions in their estimates for funds. Congress has adhered to budget procedure in passing upon these estimates. The appropriations granted have been in harmony with the financial program of the Chief Executive.

When we met six months ago I stated to you that this fight for economy had but one purpose—that its benefits would accrue to the whole people through reduction in taxes. Taxes have now been reduced. While our immediate need is for tax reform, as distinguished from tax reduction, we must continue this campaign for economy so as to make possible further tax reduction.

We owe this to the people of our nation, to the people who must pay with their toil. The relief which has recently been afforded must be only the beginning. So, in all your efforts, in all your sacrifices, you must bear in mind that you are making them for the people of our country. There could be no nobler cause or one showing higher patriotism. Bear in mind always that we are here as the servants of the people and that only as we serve them well and faithfully shall we succeed.

The insistent demand for economy and reduction in expenditures necessarily requires increasing efficiency of administration. I realize that it is making an ever-increasing call upon the administrative ability of responsible officials. But this is a call for real service. It demands a most searching inquiry into the field of your activities so as to remove entirely from them all elements which are not essential and so as to curtail all those which may be reduced without prejudice to the welfare of the nation.

If there is any question as to the authority of heads of departments or establishments to discontinue, or reduce any phase of existing work it is my desire that they report the matter to me. The duty and the opportunity to-day of the Government's administrators is not to enter upon new fields of enterprise. On the other hand, it is their duty and opportunity to carry on approved and necessary activities with the smallest possible expenditure. In the past 20 years the Government's activities have developed and multiplied in a most extraordinary way. Certainly the initiation of new activities should be discouraged unless essential to the well-being of the nation.

We, the administrators of the Government's great business interests, should have at this time only one thought and policy—to perform efficiently the functions devolving upon us under the law. And we should accomplish this with the smallest possible demand upon the Treasury. We have made real progress in this direction. Our responsibility to the taxpayers demands further progress.

To-morrow we commence a new fiscal year. We will have a smaller revenue by reason of the lessening of the burden of the taxpayer under the new tax law. On the other hand, we will have an increase in our fixed charges. The World War Adjusted Compensation Act alone adds approximately \$132,000,000 to our fixed charges for 1925. A real battle faces us, but we are organized for the fight. The best estimate to-day indicates a surplus of approximately \$25,000,000 for the next fiscal year. This estimate is predicated on an expenditure program which, exclusive of the redemption of the public debt, amounts to \$3,083,000,000.

I desire that this expenditure program be reduced by \$83,000,000. I do not contemplate total expenditures for the next fiscal year which will exceed \$3,000,000,000 exclusive of the redemption of the public debt. This will give us a surplus at the end of 1925 of \$108,000,000.

This, or a greater surplus, should be our aim. The people have faith in us. We must preserve this faith. Our efforts and our accomplishments are also serving as inspiration to the other nations of the world. We are setting the example for reduction in the cost of government and for return to ordinary peace-time conditions.

There can be no faltering. Our duty is plain. As we have progressed in these last three years, so we must continue. You, with your intimate knowledge of the details of your work, know where further practical economies can be effected. I desire, however, that you give special attention to the matter of personnel. This is by far the most costly item in our expenditures. We must reduce the Government payroll. I am satisfied that it will lead to greater efficiency. And in this same connection I desire careful scrutiny of travel orders. Our travel expense item is too great. An order for travel should be given only when absolutely necessary. You can effect economy in this item. A further fertile field for economy is the item of printing and binding. I am sometimes startled at the number of Government publications which come to my attention. It cannot be that all are necessary. In this effort for economy and efficiency in the Federal service the co-ordinating agencies created by Executive order have played a most important part.

The necessity and value of co-ordination have been clearly demonstrated. It has brought the departments and establishments into intimate contact. Contradictory plans and conflicting procedures have been supplanted by common plans and harmonious procedures. It is essential that this work go on. I realize the heavy demands upon the members of the several co-ordinating boards. They have also their departmental work to perform. This calls again for a real sacrifice, but for a sacrifice in the interest of the taxpayers. You are now preparing your preliminary estimates for the fiscal year 1926. For that fiscal year it will be my purpose to transmit to Congress estimates of appropriations which, excluding the interest on and reduction in the public debt and the postal service, will not exceed a total of \$1,800,000,000. This tentative limitation is in furtherance of my program for a progressive reduction in the cost of government.

I regret that there are some officials who apparently feel that the estimates transmitted to the Bureau of the Budget are estimates which they are authorized to advocate before the committees of the Congress. Let me say here that under the Budget and Accounting Act the only lawful estimates are those which the Executive transmits to the Congress. It is these estimates that call for your loyal support. Unless such support be given, you are not fulfilling your obligations to your office.

I trust that neither the Chief Executive nor the appropriations committees of the Congress again will have occasion to call your attention to the provi-

sions of the Budget and Accounting Act. This law must be observed not only in its letter but in its spirit.

I herewith serve notice again as Chief Executive that I propose to protect the integrity of my budget. We must have no carelessness in our dealings with public property or the expenditure of public money. Such a condition is characteristic either of an undeveloped people or of a decadent civilization. America is neither. It stands out strong and vigorous and mature. We must have an administration which is marked not by the inexperience of youth or the futility of age, but by the character and ability of maturity. We have had the self-control to put into effect the budget system, to live under it and in accordance with it. It is an accomplishment in the art of self-government of the very highest importance. It means that the American Government is not a spendthrift and that it is not lacking in the force or disposition to organize and administer finances in a scientific way. To maintain this condition puts us constantly on trial. It requires us to demonstrate whether we are weaklings, or whether we have strength of character. It is not too much to say that it is a measure of the power and integrity of the civilization which we represent. I have a firm faith in your ability to maintain this position and in the will of the American people to support you in that determination. In that faith in you and them I propose to persevere. I am for economy. After that I am for more economy. At this time and under present conditions that is my conception of serving all the people.

I will now turn this meeting over to General Lord, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. He is human. He hates to say no. But he is a brave man and he does his duty without fear or favor. This nation is his debtor. He will tell you more in detail of the things which have been accomplished and of the work which lies before you under the financial program which I have outlined to you. But let me leave this final word with you: So far as it is within my power I will not permit increases in expenditures that threaten to prevent further tax reduction or that contemplate such an unthinkable thing as increase in taxes. If with increasing business our revenues increase, such increase should not be absorbed in new ways of spending. They should be applied to the lowering of taxes. In that direction lies the public welfare.

Director of Budget E. M. Lord Says Government Department Estimates Have been Cut \$865,517,155 in Three Years through Budget System.

Director of the Budget E. M. Lord, in enlarging upon the remarks of President Coolidge at the semi-annual business meeting of the Government in Washington on June 30 relative to the nation's finances, stated that in the three years during which the budget system has been in operation, "it has cut out of annual estimates \$865,517,155. If that amazing amount had been left in the estimates as would have been the case in pre-budget days," said General Lord, "the President would have had no warrant for recommending reduction in taxation." In addressing the meeting, General Lord said:

The Chief Executive has announced his expenditure policy for the coming year. This now is our policy. Exclusive of the amount applied to the reduction of the public debt, all expenditures must be kept within \$3,000,000,000. This is identical with the spending program of the current year, which we will very nearly carry out despite legislation and untoward developments that made the task more difficult than was anticipated. To give additional zest to next year's contract we have the Soldiers' Adjusted Compensation Act to absorb. This will add \$132,000,000 to the problem, and should invest the campaign with sufficient importance, dignity and difficulty to command your interest and spur your fighting spirit to the accomplishment of great deeds.

The New York "Times" quoted him as follows:

When the budget law went on the statute books June 10 1921, it was the very general expectation that the new and untried Bureau of the Budget would modestly, quietly and inoffensively busy itself with the estimates for the fiscal year 1923 and permit the program of expenditure for 1922 to pursue its uncontrolled and expensive way. The appropriations for that year had been made or were in the making. The executive departments had outlined a merry little spending program of \$4,363,274,092 at the expense of the long-suffering, inarticulate but none the less exasperated taxpayer. The Chief Executive, however, considered the plight of the taxpayers and, utilizing the Bureau of the Budget, the new agency placed in his hands by Congress, and capitalizing the economy pledge made by the executives in that first extraordinary meeting of the business organization of the Government, instituted a campaign of immediate retrenchment. That intensive drive for economy swept away the cobwebs of conservatism with the accumulated dust of old traditions and hidebound procedures, awakened the sleepers from their sleep, the dreamers from their dreams, reduced actual expenditures \$1,742,738,189 46 below the cost of the preceding year, and once and for all gave the lie to the epithet of "professional spenders" so often theretofore applied to Federal officials. We are making "professional savers."

The next year—1923—the budget campaign for retrenchment was pressed with increased force and intensity, somewhat to the surprise and chagrin of those people in the service who had termed the economy campaign a short-lived fad. The 1923 drive brought expenditures of \$263,033,233 52 below what we took out of the Treasury in 1922. We have been busily harping on the same old economy string this present year. It may be monotonous music to people in the service, but it is sweet harmony to the taxpayer. The figures for this year show a reduction of approximately \$200,000,000 below what we spent last year exact figures not available. We will spend this year, which ends to-day, \$2,000,000,000 less than we took out of the Treasury in 1921, the last fiscal year free from budget control.

In three budget years we have cut the ordinary expenses of Government in half. Go tell it in the highways and byways, proclaim it from the house-tops, broadcast or radiocast it from every sending station, that the Federal Service has not overlooked the plight of the taxpayer, has not been oblivious to his distresses, has not turned a deaf ear to his pleadings, but has labored honestly and earnestly to lighten his burden.

With what I considered justifiable pride I called the attention of a distinguished member of Congress to this extraordinary reduction we had made in the cost of government. I listened breathlessly for his enthusiastic commendation. He said, "That's very good!" And I thought of the story of the schoolboy to whom the teacher gave this problem: "How much are two times thirteen?" The boy said: "Twenty-six." The teacher said: "Very good." The boy said: "Very good. Gee, it's perfect."

It is difficult to appraise adequately what \$2,000,000,000 really mean. We speak of billions to-day with as little thought as we spoke of millions

before the World War. And here is our danger. We talk in billions because we think in billions. In what may prove a hopeless endeavor let me try to visualize what the \$2,000,000,000 saved from Government spending means. Translated into other terms it is equivalent to:

Half of the gold coin and bullion in the United States at the present time.
The entire savings of 12,500,000 depositors in the nation's savings banks for a period of twenty months.

The value of all the passenger automobiles produced throughout the United States in 1922, plus the value of all the motor trucks, plus the value of all the motorcycles.

It exceeds the amount paid in dividends by all the railroads in the United States for five years.

It is nearly three times the balance of our foreign trade (excess of exports over imports) in 1922.

It is more than twice the value of the United States cotton crop of 1922, and nearly two and one-half times the value of the country's wheat crop in 1922. It was worth saving.

I have learned from experience that the most effective method of prevailing upon Federal agencies to conserve public funds is to cut down their estimates. I say this with full appreciation of the cooperation given the Bureau of the Budget in its economy campaign by so many departments and bureaus. Without such cooperation the achievements to which I have referred would not have been possible. I find, however, that Government agencies that exercise the greatest care in the expenditure of appropriated funds, and insist upon getting one hundred cents worth of service and supplies for every dollar spent, refuse to modify their estimates to comply with executive requirements. Because of this the budget pruning-knife is badly worn, though still serviceable. In the three years of its active and, as some of the people in the service term it, ruthless career it has cut out of annual estimates \$865,517,155.65. If that amazing amount had been left in the estimates, as would have been the case in pre-budget days, the President would have had no warrant for recommending reduction in taxation.

A fair presentation of what has been done under the budget law requires acknowledgement of the important contribution made by Congress to the gratifying result. That body, after the enactment of the budget and accounting law, promptly revolutionized its appropriating methods and centralized all appropriating authority in the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. These great committees, and Congress generally, in their consideration and treatment of executive estimates, have followed approved budget methods, and have given the new system the support so essential to its success. That there has been a meeting of minds of the budget authorities and Congress is clearly shown by a comparison of estimates and appropriations. In the estimates for 1922, the last annual estimates free from budget control, the executive agencies asked for \$1,312,925,813.22 more than Congress gave. Estimates for 1923—the first budget year—were \$162,523,008.05 more than the resulting appropriations. For 1924 the estimates exceeded appropriations by only \$7,828,198.07. Again this year Congress practically ratified the budget, the excess of estimates over appropriations being but \$10,038,595.77. In a budget totaling \$3,622,125,959.19 this result is extraordinary—so extraordinary, in fact, that we probably will have difficulty next year in equaling the record. These figures include appropriations for the postal service.

In making this incomplete survey of what we have achieved we are not unmindful of earnest efforts at retrenchment prior to the advent of the Bureau of the Budget—efforts that failed of results commensurate with the endeavor made because of the lack of any agency like the Bureau of the Budget to apply an executive policy of economy and coordination to the many decentralized and almost unrelated Federal agencies.

Indictments Against Albert B. Fall, Harry F. Sinclair and Dohenys Returned by Federal Grand Jury in Washington in Oil Investigation.

The Federal Grand Jury for the District of Columbia, which recently concluded its investigation of the oil lease scandals, returned at Washington on June 30 criminal indictments against Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior; Harry F. Sinclair, President of the Mammoth Oil Co., a resident of New York City; Edward L. Doheny of Los Angeles, President of the Pan-American Oil & Transport Co., and Edward L. Doheny Jr., son of the oil magnate and connected with many of his father's enterprises. Four indictments were returned charging bribery, accepting a bribe and conspiracy to defraud the United States. Three indictments were reported against former Secretary Fall, two charging conspiracy and the third acceptance of a bribe to influence his official decision.

Harry F. Sinclair is indicted with Fall in one of the conspiracy charges, while the Dohenys, father and son, are joined with the former Secretary of the Interior in the other conspiracy charge. Mr. Sinclair leased what is known as the Teapot Dome naval reservation in Wyoming. Mr. Doheny leased the Elk Hills naval oil reserve in California. The first indictment charges the two Dohenys and Mr. Fall with a conspiracy to defraud the United States in obtaining the Elk Hills lease. The second indictment charges Mr. Fall and Mr. Sinclair with a conspiracy to defraud the United States in obtaining the Teapot Dome lease. The third indictment charges the two Dohenys with paying a bribe of \$100,000 to Mr. Fall to influence his decision in the matter of leasing Elk Hills reserve. The fourth indictment charges Mr. Fall with accepting the alleged \$100,000 bribe. In considering the indictments the Grand Jury had before it nearly all of those who testified before the Senate committee. In addition much of the evidence made available by the committee was at the call of the Grand Jurors. The committee, in the majority report prepared by Senator Walsh (Democrat, Montana), found that the law had been "flagrantly" disregarded in the negotiation of the Sinclair and Doheny leases and that President Harding's action

issuing an Executive order transferring the naval reserves to the Interior Department was illegal. Secretary Fall's secret negotiations of the leases was described as in disregard of the statutes.

Regarding the Grand Jury's investigation and the indictments which resulted therefrom, Washington advices to the New York "Times" had the following to say:

The special Grand Jury which returned these indictments began its investigation of the alleged criminal phases of the oil lease transactions on April 30. The indictments were returned to Justice Adolph A. Hoehling in Criminal Court No. 3 of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by Gratz Dunkum, foreman, who was escorted into the courtroom by Major Peyton Gordon, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and former Senator Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia, special counsel appointed by President Coolidge.

The proceedings in court lasted only several minutes. When the indictments were returned there was present in addition to Messrs. Pomerene, Roberts and Gordon, Oliver E. Pagan, the indictment expert of the Department of Justice, all representing the prosecution. The defense was represented by former U. S. District Attorney Henry A. Wise of New York, attorney for ex-Secretary Fall; George P. Hoover, counsel for Mr. Sinclair, and Frank J. Hogan, chief counsel for the Messrs. Doheny.

It is not likely that court action will begin until next fall, and there is every indication that the trials, which will be vigorously fought, will not be over until after the November elections.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia is now in summer recess. Only one Justice is sitting, and he is hearing uncontested matters. It is understood that bail of \$5,000 will be asked in these cases.

Immediately after the indictments were returned Mr. Frank J. Hogan, chief counsel for Edward L. Doheny, issued a statement in which he said that the indictments were not unexpected, but he did characterize the indictment of Edward L. Doheny Jr. as "disgraceful," and "a repudiation of assurances given by Senator Pomerene and Mr. Roberts that young Doheny would not be indicted."

The four indictments cover about 72 typewritten pages and embrace more than 21,000 words.

It does not appear that the grand jury, which has now been discharged, found anything criminal in the action by Mr. Sinclair in employing Mr. Fall, or in the supposed gift or loan to Mr. Fall by Mr. Sinclair of \$25,000, concerning which testimony was given before the Senate committee.

The first indictment deals with alleged violations of Section 37 of the Penal Code, which is aimed at conspiracies against the Government, and carries a penalty of not more than two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000. This indictment covers fifteen typewritten pages and begins with the "order of withdrawal of Sept. 2 1912, signed by William Howard Taft, then President of the United States—referring to the withdrawal of the reserve known as Elk Hills."

Alleges "Craft and Deceit."

This indictment also contains various executive and departmental orders relative to this oil reserve, including that of the late President Harding, permitting the leasing of such reserve and the transferring of the power to make the leases to the Secretary of the Interior. The period of the leasing of this reserve, extending from July 1 1921 to Dec. 11 1922, and is mentioned as the duration of the alleged conspiracy by the two Dohenys and former Secretary Fall to defraud the Government. It is alleged in the indictment that competitive bidding for the lease was ignored and that in a "crafty, deceitful, secret and surreptitious" manner this reserve was leased to Mr. Doheny by Mr. Fall; that false representations were made to other bidders for the reserve, and that Mr. Fall made statements to Mr. Doheny's competitors that he, Mr. Fall, was not contemplating leasing the reserve.

"Instead of keeping his mind and judgment free from partiality and bias in favor of said Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. (Doheny concern)," the indictment reads, "the said Albert B. Fall was accepting from Edward L. Doheny large sums of money as gifts and loans whereby the United States was to be deprived of the benefits of competitive bidding and of an honest, unbiased, impartial and unprejudiced service from Albert B. Fall."

"On Nov. 30 1921, at the City of Washington, Edward L. Doheny and Edward L. Doheny Jr. did deliver to Albert B. Fall a large sum of money, to wit, \$100,000."

This money is alleged to have been in the little black satchel which is alleged to have been brought to this city by Edward L. Doheny Jr., the same satchel and money which figured in the attempted contempt proceedings against young Doheny when he refused to testify before the Grand Jury on the ground that what he might say might incriminate him.

The indictment then sets out a number of alleged overt acts in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy.

Dohenys Charged with Bribery.

The indictment which charges the two Dohenys with giving bribe of \$100,000 to Mr. Fall to influence the latter's judgment and decision goes over much the same matter as contained the conspiracy indictment against all three of these defendants.

The principal difference in these two indictments is that the latter undertakes to make a separate offense of the alleged bribing of Mr. Fall to execute the lease of the Elk Hill reserve to the Doheny concern without regard to competitive bidding.

The indictment, which mentions Secretary Fall alone, deals with the alleged acceptance of a bribe of \$100,000. It differs from the other two in that it only accuses Mr. Fall of bribe-taking and thus makes a separate offense against him in connection with the Elk Hill lease.

Charges Sinclair with Conspiracy.

The remaining indictment deals solely with the Teapot Dome lease and the alleged conspiracy, whereby it is alleged that former Secretary Fall used much the same tactics he is accused of having used in connection with the making of the Elk Hills lease to Mr. Doheny.

Text of Platform Adopted at Democratic National Convention.

Long hours of spirited debate, extending into early Sunday morning, June 29, ensued on the floor of the Democratic National Convention in this city on two of the planks—the League of Nations and Ku Klux Klan—before the adoption of the platform was brought about, the controversy on the disputed issues on the floor followed a like prolonged period during which the opposing factions struggled in committee to reconcile their views on the two planks. At a brief session

of the convention in Madison Square Garden, on Saturday morning last, Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, and formerly Chairman of the National Committee, told of the labors of the Resolutions Committee, and its sub-committees in drafting the platform, and the differences of opinion which existed on the two questions; in the case of the League of Nations he said, it had been decided to present a majority and minority report; on the Klan plank, he stated, the discussion—both "heated" and "acrimonious" he indicated—had been continued all night in committee on Friday, June 28, until 6 a. m. Saturday morning, with the issue still in contest, and so, with a view to further conference, he asked that that, the fifth session of the convention (which had opened on June 24), be adjourned until 3 p. m. The adjournment was voted and, accordingly, the morning session on June 28, scheduled for 9:30 A. m., but which did not start until about 10:30 a. m., was brought to a close at 11:30 a. m. The afternoon session of June 28 brought under way at 4 p. m., continued until nearly 2 a. m. Sunday (June 29), the presentation of the arguments on the Klan plank having consumed the greater part of the long session. The platform, as accepted at this session, carries the majority plank on the League of Nations, calling for the submission to a referendum vote of the question as to whether the United States shall become "a member of the League of Nations upon such reservations or amendments to the Covenant of the League as the President and the Senate of the United States may agree." A substitute plank on the League offered to the convention as a minority report from the Platform Committee by Newton D. Baker, formerly Secretary of War, was rejected by a vote of 742½ in opposition, to 353½ in favor of its adoption. The substitute platform plank follows:

International Co-Operation.

The most important problem facing the nations of the world to-day is how to recover from the last war and remove the menace of future wars.

The only hope for world peace and for economic recovery lies in the organized efforts of sovereign nations co-operating to remove the causes of war and to substitute law and order for violence. Only thus can we outlaw war, stop preparations for war and keep out of war.

Under Democratic leadership a practical plan was devised which fifty-four nations are now operating and which has for its fundamental purpose the free co-operation of all nations in the works of peace.

The leaders of the Republican Party opposed that plan by gross misrepresentations. They subordinated the peace of the world and the welfare of this nation to doubtful party advantage. They have not carried out their promise of a substitute. The Government of the United States, which has always taken the lead, has for the past four years, for the first time in its history, fallen behind in efforts for international peace and justice.

This Republican Administration made one limited effort to reduce the instruments of war, but none to reduce the causes of war. It has not only failed to aid, but has delayed political and economic reconstruction in Europe. By shirking responsibility it has impaired our self-respect at home and injured our prestige abroad. It has reduced this great nation to the role of impotent "observer." It has found it necessary to use the League of Nations, and yet seems constrained to sneer at and misrepresent it. Their policy of isolation is as revolting in its spiritual aspects as it is harmful in its material consequences.

The Republican Party has no foreign policy.

We approve the proposal so repeatedly trifled with by the Republican Party, that the United States directly adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice established under the auspices of the League of Nations. This proposal, while sound and desirable, is, however, but a fragment of the complete plan which is necessary if we are to abolish war and have economic recovery and stability.

It would better comport with the dignity and interest of this great nation to face the question of international co-operation frankly and manfully.

There is no substitute for the League of Nations as an agency working for peace. The League of Nations never meant, and the Democratic Party never favored, any "foreign entanglements," any meddling in the domestic affairs of others, any impairment of sovereignty.

The Democratic Party favors membership in that co-operative agency upon conditions which will make it clear that we are not committed to use force, and such further conditions as the President with the approval of the Senate may deem appropriate to make our co-operation effective in fact and consistent with our constitutional practice.

Under a Democratic Administration the Government will endeavor to lift this great question above partisanship and to reflect the best opinion of those who place the welfare of the nation above partisanship. It will pursue a course which safeguards American interests and conforms to American traditions, aspirations and ideals. It will co-operate with civilization to banish war.

The Democratic Party has a foreign policy.

The plank presented by Mr. Baker was sponsored also, it is said, by John G. Cornwell, former Governor of West Virginia; G. P. Fishbone of Washington, J. P. Pope of Idaho; Henry W. Dooley of Porto Rico; R. B. Stevens of New Hampshire; Thomas F. Bayard of Delaware; and Edgar A. Brown of South Carolina. Alfred Lucking of Michigan, who opened the debate on the League, stated that one report "provides for the carrying of this question to the American people, men and women, the majority report," and that "the other one provides that we shall plunge this question into the party political contest of this year, commingled and confused with forty or fifty other questions, so that when we get through with the election this fall, we will know no more about the sense and desires of the American people with

regard to the League of Nations than we did after the election of 1920." Mr. Lucking added:

You know we are busy explaining all the while that the seven millions majority for Mr. Harding did not mean a rejection of the League; but the great mass of people took it to be such because it was injected into the campaign by the candidates and by the platform. That is exactly what the minority report of Mr. Baker desires to do this year, and that is the only difference between the two platforms in substance. Both reports declare for the League of Nations. We declare that in order to get in, it is necessary, wise and desirable that the question shall be lifted out of party politics and submitted to the people themselves as a whole.

Ladies and gentlemen, I want to say to you that the committee debated this for hours and for days, and I want to call your attention to the fact that the great majority of the delegates, representing especially the great and important States of this Union, felt it was wiser and better to lift this question from party politics and leave it to the people themselves to vote upon and then declared that they would be guided by that mandate from the people. The curse of the whole thing has been, with regard to the League of Nations, that it was plunged into party politics. That is what caused all our trouble. Our foreign policy should be free from local and domestic issues and from domestic politics. We should be as nearly as possible a unit in our foreign policy.

Mr. Baker, in appealing for the substitute plank, said in part:

The majority would have the Democratic Party declare its confidence in the ideals of world peace, the League of Nations and the World's Court of Justice as together constituting the supreme effort of the statesmanship and religious conviction of our time to organize the world for peace. And so they do.

And then the majority goes on: "Further, the Democratic Party declares that it will be the purpose of the next Administration to do all in its power to secure for our country the moral leadership in the family of nations which, in the providence of God, has been so clearly marked out for us." And so, in the providence of God, it has been, and so, my fellow-Democrats, we should seek to recover it. I agree with them so far.

And now, after having said that there is no substitute for the League of Nations, that the world will be a wreck unless war is prevented, that the only path to peace is the League of Nations, no other is possible of any kind—after having said all of these things there is not one syllable in this that proposes that we shall go into the League of Nations until after a fanciful, illegal, unconstitutional, revolutionary, referendum shall have been called, operated either by postal cards or through the Census Bureau or in some other way, for there is neither constitutional basis for a statute nor a statute which provides for a national referendum.

And now, my brethren, what will the Republicans say about this? I am still on that subdivision of my remarks dealing with getting votes. What will the Republicans say about this? Let me run a Republican newspaper for you for about five minutes. To-morrow morning, should you adopt that, there will be the headline in the principal Republican papers, two inches high, clear across the page: "The Democratic Convention Repudiates Woodrow Wilson."

I cannot claim that I loved Woodrow Wilson any better than you, because I know that I look into the faces of men and women who loved him totally; but I knew him better because of the closeness of my association with him, and I can imagine him looking over my shoulder here and reading that proposal, and you can imagine the fine contempt upon his face when he is asked to give his consent to this proposition, because this is what it amounts to: The Democratic Party says to the people of the United States, "We can no longer be trusted. We are going to bless this proposal, we are going to lift it out of the contamination of political contact with us; we are going to turn it loose; we are not going to be for it, except academically and theoretically; but as a militant party we are not going to fight for it."

Now if there is a man or woman in this audience, not only who ever knew Woodrow Wilson, but if there is a man or woman in this audience who ever saw him, they will know from the length of his face and the set of his chin that that was not the kind of leadership that Woodrow Wilson gave to a great political party.

Following the balloting on the League of Nations discussion of the Klan issue was begun a minority report proposing an amendment to that of the majority, sought to declare specifically against the Klan and would have pledged the Democratic Party to oppose any effort on the part of the Klan "to interfere with the religious liberty or political freedom of any citizen;" this was rejected, the majority plank being carried in the platform adopted. Early accounts had it that the minority report lost by one vote, 542, 320 votes being cast in opposition as compared with 541, 320 in support of it. The New York "Times" of June 30 said:

Confusion over the returns of the vote on the proposed anti-Klan amendment to the majority report of the Committee on Resolutions was not cleared up yesterday.

There was no question that the resolution had been beaten by a majority, officially announced at one and variously estimated at from four to seven. The only thing on which there was a unanimous opinion was that the official announcement of the vote, 541 3-20 for the manemndnet and 542 2-30 against it, was wrong.

The confusion resulted from the great number of changes in the vote and from a succession of challenges of the vote of a number of delegations. In view of the excitement and confusion, amounting at times to disorder, there was little criticism of the tally clerks.

No light on the exact vote could be obtained from Charles A. Great-house, Secretary of the Convention, or from Burt New, Executive Secretary of the National Committee. A. R. Canfield, Chief Tally Clerk, was said to be the only person who might be able to furnish an exact corrected tabulation of the vote, but Mr. Canfield, who is stopping at the Hotel Seville, could not be found.

The totals of the vote actually cast by States and Territories, and as verified on recapitulation yesterday, however, show that 546.15 votes were cast against singling out the Klan by name and that 541.85 votes were cast in favor of it. This actually increases the majority of 4.35 instead of the single vote as given in the official announcement.

The minority report had been presented by fourteen of the members of the Platform Committee; it read as follows:

We condemn political secret societies as opposed to the exercise of free Government and contrary to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution of the United States.

We pledge the Democratic Party to oppose any effort on the part of the Ku Klux Klan or any organization to interfere with the religious liberty or political freedom of any citizen, or to limit the civic rights of any citizen or body of citizens because of religion, birthplace or racial origin.

The Majority plank adopted follows:

Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Press.

The Democratic Party reaffirms its adherence and devotion to those cardinal principles contained in the Constitution and the precepts upon which our Government is founded, that Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances; that the Church and the State shall be and remain separate, and that no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States.

These principles we pledge ourselves ever to defend and maintain. We insist at all times upon obedience to the orderly processes of the law and deplore and condemn any effort to arouse religious or racial dissension.

The debate on the Klan, lead by William Jennings Bryan, who opposed the minority report, declared its plank was not necessary, saying in part:

There is not a State in the Union where anybody whose rights are denied can not go and find redress; not a State in the Union; and the Democratic Party in its platform, the part of it on which we all agree, in words as strong as can be written, with emphasis as great as can be employed, puts all the strength of party back of every right, and especially back of the right of religious liberty for which we stand, as well as those who call us cowards, because we do not take three words with which they seek to conjure.

It is not necessary, I repeat, first because the laws protect every one. Second, it is not necessary to protect any church. I, my friends, have such confidence in the Catholic Church, which was for over a thousand years my mother Church as well as yours. It was the Catholic Church that took religion from its founder and preserved it, the only custodian, for over a thousand years. And when they did it for the Catholic, they did it for me and for every Protestant.

The minority, the fourteen members of our committee, who could not join with us in a report that would leave out these three magic and mystic words, have raised the Ku Klux Klan to a higher altitude than the Ku Klux themselves ever raised their fiery cross. Mr. Colby tells you that this is a transient organization; that it will soon die. If that be true, then, really, my friends, the motto of the minority ought to be, "Hurry up if you would see George, he is nearly gone."

My friends, one objection that I have to making this issue the paramount issue of this campaign is that I am not willing to lift up the dying embers and start a prairie fire and carry this Klan into every Congressional district of the United States.

My third objection is that we have no moral right to let them divert us from as great a mission as our party ever had.

I would rather have the anathemas of these misguided Democrats than have to answer on Judgment Day for a duty disregarded and a trust deserted. Anybody can fight the Ku Klux Klan, but only the Democratic Party can stand between the common people and their oppressors in this land.

Then, I am not willing to bring discord into my party. The Democratic Party is united on all the economic issues. We have never been so united since I have known politics, and nobody has had more reason than I to regret discord. Now, when we are all united and all stand with a dauntless courage and enthusiasm never excelled, these people tell us that we must turn aside from these things and divide our party with a religious issue and cease to be a great political party. Why, they tell us that if we do not do so and so, the Democratic party is going to lose a large number.

My friends, if the Democratic Party will lose a considerable number because it insists on being what it has been, how many will it lose if it tries to be what it has never been. The Democratic Party has never been a religious organization. The Democratic Party has never taken the side of one church against the other. The Democratic Party must remain true. It cannot surrender its right to exist and the mission that was given to it in the days of Jefferson, that it remained true to in the days of Jackson and to which it was still loyal in the days of Woodrow Wilson.

But, my friends, I have left for the last what I regard as the greatest argument. If the Democratic Party is diverted from its duty some other party will take up its task.

But no party that takes up a noble task will find its leaders in the gallery to-day.

I repeat, that if our party is turned aside from its transcendent duty as champion of the rights of the masses, another party can take our place. Even if our party were destroyed, another party would grow up to do its work.

And now I want to tell you my last and strongest objection, and let the galleries scoff if they dare: I say I am not willing to divide the Christian Church when we ought to stand together to fight the battles of religion in this land.

Andrew C. Erwin, delegate from Georgia, one of those who appealed for the support of the minority report, had the following to say in part:

To my mind the Ku Klux Klan issue is the most vital one which the Democratic Party has to determine. You have two courses you may follow. You can, by adopting the report of the majority, evade the issue, which would, in effect, give your approval to the activities of this organization. Follow this course and you may prepare for an ignominious defeat at the polls in November. Meet the issue squarely, as the people of this country expect you to meet it, and a glorious victory will be yours . . .

As has been so ably pointed out by the distinguished speakers who have addressed you, the Constitution of the United States guarantees every person in America the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. It insures the equal protection to all citizens regardless of race or religion.

The Constitution of every State in the Union preserves to each individual the right of freedom of conscience.

The Ku Klux Klan makes a direct attack on these vital principles of our fundamental law. Its insidious activities have spread discord and distrust throughout this land of peace and harmony. However worthy the motives of its adherents may be, it constitutes the most destructive element in America to-day.

The time has passed to temporize with these misguided people. They have challenged every citizen who cherishes and respects the Constitution. I, for one, am ready to accept that challenge. I am a Protestant; I adhere to the tenets of that faith; but it would ill become me to deny to others that for which my ancestors fought.

I come from a State that was founded as a haven for the oppressed, where all men might be free to breathe the air of religious liberty. I say that those Georgians who do not take a stand against this hooded menace, which prowls in the darkness, that dares not show its face, is not worthy of his ancestry, and I call upon you, my fellow Georgians in this convention, to vote for the minority report of the committee.

We are giving herewith Mr. Cummings statement of last Saturday morning, to which we refer further above:

Mr. Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Convention:—I realize that you are impatient for a report of the Committee on Resolutions. I think a word of explanation is due to this great convention. I will, in a few moments, if you will bear with me, tell you something about the deliberations which have been going on in that committee. I would greatly appreciate your close attention to what I am about to say, because in a very large measure it may affect the destinies of our party.

The Committee on Resolutions is made up, as you know, of one representative from each State and Territory. Last Tuesday, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, that committee met for the purpose of organization. In accordance with the custom of our party, the Chairman and a secretary were elected. We then proceeded to hold public hearings. These hearings lasted for many hours and almost all night on Tuesday, and were continued on Wednesday.

A subcommittee was then appointed for the purpose of assembling data and preparing the draft of the platform. That subcommittee has been in almost continuous session until a very recent time, when it reported to the full committee. Let me say, my friends, that I have never seen a subcommittee that worked together in greater or more perfect harmony. There was a desire upon the part of every one to draft a platform which should be commensurate with the great opportunity which lies before the Democratic Party in this campaign. The subcommittee itself appointed still further committees among its own membership, and we have carefully drafted in great part, and almost to the point of completion, a platform which will be submitted to this convention in a very few hours.

I undertake to say that when we complete that platform you will realize the amount of labor and power that has gone into it, the amount of concentrated service that has been devoted to it. I think you will be proud of that platform, and I think you will regard it as a winning platform. Now, my friends, you may have some difficulty in hearing me; I am very tired. My voice is very much worn. Since last Tuesday at 5 o'clock to the present moment I have really not had more than six hours of sleep. I did not get out of the committee meeting last night until 6 o'clock in the morning; the night before that it was 6:30 o'clock in the morning. I want you to understand, and the reason I am referring to this is so that you may understand that there has been no delay upon the part of the committee or the subcommittee which could by any possibility have been avoided.

We have had an unusually large number of important questions to deal with. I think I am justified in saying to you that we have dealt with all of these questions except two, in a manner which has won the unanimous support not only of the subcommittee but of the entire committee of fifty-four. When we come to report this platform to you, it will be a majority report on every plank in the platform, unanimously made except in two instances. In those two instances there has been a difference of opinion. I would not be frank with you if I did not tell you what those two instances are. There was a difference of opinion as to the phraseology to be employed in connection with the plank on the League of Nations. That debate, though prolonged, was entirely amiable, and the majority report will carry with it the signatures of a large majority of the Committee on Resolutions. A minority report will be presented. I understand, by a minority headed by Mr. Baker of Ohio. But, my friends, the difficulties that I have referred to thus far, and the account which I have endeavored thus plainly to give to you, is but a part of the story. There remained one plank in the platform with which we had to deal. I regret to say that great differences of opinion arose. The subcommittee considered this matter for hours at a time, seeking to find some formula that would be satisfactory to every group of the party. The subcommittee itself was unable to agree unanimously, and last night the full committee went into session and discussed this particular plank, dealing with the question of religious freedom. Now, my friends, please bear with me for a moment. We went into that discussion last night, and that discussion continued all night long until we adjourned this morning about 6 o'clock. The discussion went on from hour to hour, and I regret to say that as the time went on the discussion became more heated, the discussion became somewhat acrimonious, and when we realized that if a committee of fifty-four chosen representatives from each State and Territory would exhibit feelings of that character, we began to wonder what would happen if the full convention should be thrown into a similar debate. In other words, we began to think about the Democratic Party. We began to think of its future, we began to recall its history. We turned our minds back to that glorious heritage which has come down to us from Jefferson to Wilson. We thought of all that might be involved in this contest, and then we drew closer together, friends about the council table, to see if we could not devise some way to meet this problem so that America might have the benefit of the service of a United Democratic Party.

And so, my friends, after mature deliberation, and knowing how disappointing our suggestion might be to this convention, we concluded that we ought to have upon that particular subject—and it is the only one that is not complete—an opportunity for further conference.

And, my friends, let me add this—and I say this with all solemnity—in all my experience in service to the Democratic Party, in all the years that I have known political affairs and political events, I have never witnessed such a scene as took place this morning in the committee room at 6 o'clock. When we had completed our deliberations and had begun to feel once more welling into our hearts the spirit of fraternity and were about to disperse, one of our members rose and recited the Lord's Prayer.

And we all united in it and then at the close Mr. Bryan lifted up his voice in an invocation for guidance and for Divine help in this hour of stress. I do not know that I ought to say these things, but they did occur, and so I have come to report to you exactly what happened in that committee.

And so as a result of that deliberation and at the unanimous request of the Committee on Resolutions, I stand here, as I said before, at the unanimous request of the Committee on Resolutions, not a dissenting voice, to ask this great convention in the interest of the Democratic Party to recess to-day until 3 o'clock, and I so move.

In the platform adopted, the Democratic Party pays "profound homage to the memory of Woodrow Wilson" and affirms its abiding faith in his ideals of government and pledges itself to "take up the standard which he bore and to strive for the full triumph of the principles of Democracy, to which he dedicated his life." It denounces the Republican tariff laws and declares the Democratic Party position "to be

in favor of a tax on commodities entering the custom houses that will promote effective competition, protect against monopoly and at the same time produce a fair revenue to support the Government." On the subject of taxation it says "we hold that all taxes are unnecessarily high, and pledge ourselves to further reductions." In behalf of the farmer it pledges itself:

(a) To adopt an international policy of such co-operation, by direct official instead of indirect and evasive unofficial means, as will re-establish the farmer's export market by restoring the industrial balance in Europe and the normal flow of international trade with the settlement of Europe's economic problems.

(b) To adjust the tariff so that the farmer and all other classes can buy again in a competitive manufacturers' market.

(c) To readjust and lower rail and water rates, which will make our markets, both for the buyer and the seller, national and international instead of regional and local.

(d) To bring about the early completion of internal waterway systems for transportation, and to develop our water powers for cheaper fertilizer and use on our farms.

(e) To stimulate by every proper governmental activity the progress of the co-operative marketing movement and the establishment of an export marketing corporation or commission in order that the exportable surplus may not establish the price of the whole crop.

(f) To secure for the farmer credits suitable for his needs.

(g) By the establishment of these policies and others naturally supplementary thereto, to reduce the margin between what the producer receives for his products and the consumer has to pay for his supplies, to the end that we secure an equality for agriculture.

The full text of the platform follows:

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PLATFORM.

We, the representatives of the Democratic Party, in national convention assembled, pay our profound homage to the memory of Woodrow Wilson. Our hearts are filled with gratitude that American Democracy should have produced this man, whose spirit and influence will live on through the ages; and that it was our privilege to have cooperated with him in the advancement of ideals of government which will serve as an example and inspiration for this and future generations. We affirm our abiding faith in those ideals, and pledge ourselves to take up the standard which he bore and to strive for the full triumph of the principles of democracy to which he dedicated his life.

Democratic Privileges.

The Democratic Party believes in equal rights to all and special privilege to none. The Republican Party holds that special privileges are essential to national prosperity. It believes that national prosperity must originate with the special interests and seep down through the channels of trade to the less favored industries, to the wage earners and small salaried employees. It has accordingly enthroned privilege and nurtured selfishness.

The Republican Party is concerned chiefly with material things; the Democratic Party is concerned chiefly with human rights. The masses, burdened by discriminating laws and unjust administration, are demanding relief. The favored special interests, represented by the Republican Party, contented with their unjust privileges, are demanding that no change be made. The Democratic Party stands for remedial legislation and progress. The Republican Party stands still.

Comparison of Parties.

We urge the American people to compare the record of eight unsullied years of Democratic administration with that of the Republican administration. In the former there was no corruption. Party pledges were faithfully fulfilled and a Democratic Congress enacted an extraordinary number of constructive and remedial laws.

The economic life of the nation was quickened. Tariff taxes were reduced. A Federal Trade Commission was created. A Federal farm loan system was established. Child labor legislation was enacted. A good roads bill was passed. Eight-hour laws were adopted. A Secretary of Labor was given a seat in the Cabinet of the President.

The Clayton amendment to the Sherman Anti-Trust Act was passed, freeing American labor and taking it from the category of commodities. By the Smith-Lever bill improvement of agricultural conditions was effected. A corrupt practices Act was adopted. A well-considered Warehouse Act was passed. Federal employment bureaus were created, farm loan banks were organized and the Federal Reserve System was established.

Privilege was uprooted. A corrupt lobby was driven from the national capital. A higher sense of individual and national duty was aroused. American enjoyed an unprecedented period of social and material progress.

During the time which intervened between the inauguration of a Democratic administration on March 4 1913 and our entrance into the World War, we placed upon the statute books of our country more effective, constructive and remedial legislation than the Republican Party had placed there in a generation.

During the great struggle which followed we had a leadership that carried America to greater heights of honor and power and glory than she had ever known before in her entire history.

Transition from this period of exalted Democratic leadership to the sordid record of the last three and a half years makes the nation ashamed. It marks the contrast between a high conception of public service and an avid purpose to distribute spoils.

Republican Inefficiency and Corruption.

Never before in our history has the Government been so tainted by corruption and never has an administration so utterly failed. The nation has been appalled by the revelations of political depravity which have characterized the conduct of public affairs.

We arraign the Republican Party for attempting to limit inquiry into official delinquencies and to impede, if not to frustrate, the investigations to which in the beginning the Republican Party and leaders assented, but which later they regarded with dismay.

These investigations sent the former Secretary of the Interior to Three Rivers in disgrace and dishonor. These investigations revealed the incapacity and indifference to public obligation of the Secretary of the Navy, compelling him, by force of public opinion, to quit the Cabinet. These investigations confirmed the general impression as to the unfitness of the Attorney-General by exposing an official situation and personal contacts which shocked the conscience of the nation and compelled his dismissal from the Cabinet.

These investigations disclosed the appalling conditions of the "Veterans" Bureau, with its fraud upon the Government, and its cruel neglect of the sick and disabled soldiers of the World War. These investigations revealed the criminal and fraudulent nature of the oil leases, which caused the Con-

gress, despite the indifference of the Executive, to direct recovery of the public domain and the prosecution of the criminal.

Such are the exigencies of partisan politics that Republican leaders are teaching the strange doctrine that public censure should be directed against those who expose crime rather than against criminals who have committed the offenses. If only three Cabinet officers out of ten are disgraced the country is asked to marvel at how many are free from taint.

Long boastful that it was the only party "fit to govern," the Republican Party has proved its inability to govern even itself. It is at war with itself. As an agency of government it has ceased to function. This nation cannot afford to entrust its welfare to a political organization that cannot master itself, or to an Executive whose policies have been rejected by his own party. To retain in power an Administration of this character would inevitably result in four years more of continued disorder, internal dissension and governmental inefficiency.

Issues.

The dominant issues of the campaign are created by existing conditions. Dishonesty, discrimination, extravagance and inefficiency exist in Government. The burdens of taxation have become unbearable. Distress and bankruptcy in agriculture, the basic industry of our country, is affecting the happiness and prosperity of the whole people. The high cost of living is causing hardship and unrest.

The slowing down of industry is adding to the general distress. The tariff, the destruction of our foreign markets and the high cost of transportation are taking the profit out of agriculture, mining and other raw material industries. Large standing armies and the cost of preparing for war still cast their burdens upon humanity. These conditions the existing Republican Administration has proved itself unwilling or unable to redress. The Democratic Party pledges itself to the following program:

Honest Government.

We pledge the Democratic Party to drive from public places all who make barter of our national honor, its resources or the administration of its laws; to punish those guilty of these offenses.

To put none but the honest in public office; to practice economy in the expenditure of public money; to reverence and respect the rights of all under the Constitution.

To condemn and destroy Government by the spy and the blackmailer, as by this Republican Administration was both encouraged and practiced.

Tariff and Taxation.

The Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act is the most unjust, unscientific and dishonest tariff tax measure ever enacted in our history. It is class legislation, which defrauds all the people for the benefit of a few; it heavily increases the cost of living, penalizes agriculture, corrupts the Government, fosters paternalism, and, in the long run, does not benefit the very interests for which it was enacted.

We denounce the Republican tariff laws, which are written in great part in aid of monopolies, and thus prevent that reasonable exchange of commodities which would enable foreign countries to buy our surplus agricultural and manufactured products, with resultant benefit to the toilers and producers of America. Trade interchange, on the basis of reciprocal advantages to the countries participating, is a time-honored doctrine of Democratic faith. We declare our party's position to be in favor of a tax on commodities entering the custom houses that will promote effective competition, protect against monopoly and at the same time produce a fair revenue to support the Government.

The greatest contributing factor in the increase and unbalancing of prices is unscientific taxation. After having increased taxation and the cost of living by two billion dollars, under the Fordney-McCumber tariff, all that the Republican Party could suggest in the way of relief was a cut of \$300,000,000 in direct taxes; and that was to be given principally to those with the largest incomes.

Although there was no evidence of a lack of capital for investment to meet the present requirements of all legitimate industrial enterprises, and although the farmers and general consumers were bearing the brunt of tariff favors already granted to special interests, the Administration was unable to devise any plan except one to grant further aid to the few.

Fortunately this plan of the Administration failed, and under Democratic leadership, aided by progressive Republicans, a more equitable one was adopted, which reduced direct taxes by about four and fifty million dollars.

The issue between the President and the Democratic Party is not one of tax reduction or of the conservation of capital. It is an issue of the relative burden of taxation and of the distribution of capital as affected by the taxation of income. The President still stands on the so-called Mellon plan, which his party has just refused to endorse or mention in its platform.

The income tax was intended as a tax upon wealth. It was not intended to take from the poor any of the necessities of life. We hold that the fairest tax with which to raise revenues for the Federal Government is the income tax.

We favor a graduated tax upon incomes, so adjusted as to lay the burdens of Government upon the taxpayers in proportion to the benefits they enjoy and their ability to pay.

We oppose the so-called nuisance taxes, sales taxes, and all other forms of taxation that unfairly shift to the consumer the burdens of taxation.

We refer to the Democratic revenue measure passed by the last Congress, as distinguished from the Mellon tax plan, as an illustration of the policy of the Democratic Party. We first made a flat reduction of 25% upon the tax of all incomes payable this year, and then we so changed the proposed Mellon plan as to eliminate taxes upon the poor, reducing them upon moderate incomes and, in a lesser degree, upon the incomes of multimillionaires. We hold that all taxes are unnecessarily high, and pledge ourselves to further reductions.

We denounce the Mellon tax plan as a device to relieve multimillionaires at the expense of other taxpayers, and we accept the issue of taxation tendered by President Coolidge.

Agriculture.

During the four years of Republican Government the economic condition of the American farmer has changed from comfort to bankruptcy, with all its attendant miseries. The chief causes of this are:

(a) The Republican policy of isolation in international affairs has prevented Europe from getting back to its normal balance, and, by leaving unsolved the economic problems abroad, has driven the European city population from industrial activities to the soil in large numbers in order to earn the mere necessities of life. This has deprived the American farmer of his normal export trade.

(b) The Republican policy of a prohibitive tariff, exemplified in the Fordney-McCumber law, which has forced the American farmer, with his export market debilitated, to buy manufactured goods at sustained high domestic levels, thereby making him the victim of the profiteer.

(c) The Republican policy of high transportation rates, both rail and water, which has made it impossible for the farmer to ship his produce to market at even a living profit.

To offset these policies and their disastrous results, and to restore the farmer again to economic equality with other industrialists, we pledge ourselves:

(a) To adopt an international policy of such co-operation, by direct official instead of indirect and evasive unofficial means, as will re-establish the farmers' export market by restoring the industrial balance in Europe and the normal flow of international trade with the settlement of Europe's economic problems.

(b) To adjust the tariff so that the farmer and all other classes can buy again in a competitive manufacturers' market.

(c) To readjust and lower rail and water rates, which will make our markets, both for the buyer and the seller, national and international instead of regional and local.

(d) To bring about the early completion of internal waterway systems for transportation, and to develop our water powers for cheaper fertilizer and use on our farms.

(e) To stimulate by every proper governmental activity the progress of the co-operative marketing movement and the establishment of an export marketing corporation or commission in order that the exportable surplus may not establish the price of the whole crop.

(f) To secure for the farmer credits suitable for his needs.

(g) By the establishment of these policies and others naturally supplementary thereto, to reduce the margin between what the producer receives for his products and the consumer has to pay for his supplies, to the end that we secure an equality for agriculture.

Railroads.

The sponsors for the Esch-Cummings Transportation Act of 1920, at the time of its presentation to Congress, stated that it had for its purpose the reduction of the cost of transportation, the improvement of service, the bettering of labor conditions, the promotion of peaceful co-operation between employer and employee, and, at the same time, the assurance of a fair and just return to the railroads upon their investment.

We are in accord with these announced purposes, but contend that the Act has failed to accomplish them. It has failed to reduce the cost of transportation. The promised improvement in service has not been realized. The labor provisions of the Act have proven unsatisfactory in settling differences between employer and employees. The so-called recapture clause has worked to the advantage of the strong and has been of no benefit to the weak.

The pronouncement in the Act for the development of both rail and water transportation has proved futile. Water transportation upon our inland waterways has not been encouraged, and limitation of our coastwise trade is threatened by the administration of the Act. It has unnecessarily interfered with the power of the States to regulate purely intra-State transportation. It must, therefore, be so rewritten that the high purposes which the public welfare demands may be accomplished.

Railroad freight rates should be so readjusted as to give the bulky, basic, low-priced raw commodities, such as agricultural products, coal and ores, the lowest rates, placing the higher rates upon more valuable and less bulky manufactured products.

Muscle Shoals and Fertilizers.

We reaffirm and pledge the fulfillment of the policy, with reference to Muscle Shoals, as declared and passed by the Democratic majority of the Sixty-fourth Congress in the National Defense Act of 1916, "for the production of nitrates or other products needed for munitions of war and useful in the manufacture of fertilizers."

We hold that the production of cheaper and higher grade fertilizers is essential to agricultural prosperity. We demand prompt action by Congress for the operation of Muscle Shoals plants to maximum capacity in the production, distribution and sale of commercial fertilizers to the farmers of the country, and we oppose any legislation that limits the production of fertilizers at Muscle Shoals by limiting the amount of power to be used in their manufacture.

Republican Contraction of Credit and Currency.

We denounce the recent cruel and unjust contraction of legitimate and necessary credit and currency, which was directly due to the so-called deflationary policy of the Republican Party as declared in its national platform of June 1920, and in the speech of acceptance of its candidate for the Presidency.

Within eighteen months after the election of 1920 this policy resulted in withdrawing bank loans and discounts by over five billions of dollars and in contracting our currency by over fifteen hundred millions of dollars. This contraction bankrupted hundreds of thousands of farmers and stock growers in America and resulted in widespread industrial depression and unemployment.

We demand that the Federal Reserve System be so administered as to give stability to industry, commerce and finance, as was intended by the Democratic Party, which gave the Federal Reserve System to the nation.

Reclamation.

The Democratic Party was foremost in urging reclamation for the immediate arid and semi-arid lands of the West. These lands are located in the public-land States and, therefore, it is the duty of the Government to utilize their resources by reclamation.

Homestead entrymen under reclamation projects have suffered from the extravagant inefficiencies and mistakes of the Federal Government.

The Republican Act of 1924, recommended by the Fact-Finding Commission and added as an amendment to the second deficiency appropriation bill at the last session of Congress, was eliminated from that bill by the Republican conferees in the report they presented to Congress one hour before adjournment. The Democratic Party pledges itself actively, efficiently and economically to carry on the reclamation projects and to make equitable adjustment for the mistakes the Government has made.

Conservation.

We pledge recovery of the navy's oil reserves and all other parts of the public domain which have been fraudulently or illegally leased or otherwise wrongfully transferred to the control of private interests; vigorous prosecution of all public officials, private citizens and corporations that participated in these transactions; revision of the Water Power Act, the General Leasing Act and all other legislation relating to the public domain that may be essential to its conservation and honest and efficient use on behalf of the people of the country.

We believe that the nation should retain title to its water power and we favor the expeditious creation and development of our water power. We favor strict public control and conservation of all the nation's natural resources, such as coal, iron, oil and timber, and their use in such manner as may be to the best interest of our citizens.

The conservation of migratory birds, the establishment of game preserves and the protection and conservation of wild life are of importance to agriculturists as well as sportsmen.

Our disappearing natural resource of timber calls for a national policy of reforestation.

Improved Highways.

Improved roads are of vital importance, not only to commerce and industry but also to agriculture and rural life. We call attention to the record of the Democratic Party in this matter and favor a continuance of Federal aid under existing Federal and State agencies.

Deep Waterways.

We favor and will promote deep waterways from the Great Lakes to the Gulf and to the Atlantic Ocean.

Flood Control and Water Transportation.

We favor a policy for the fostering and building of inland waterways and the removal of discrimination against water transportation. Flood control and the lowering of flood levels is essential to the safety of life and property, the productivity of our lands, the navigability of our streams and the reclaiming of our wet and overflowed lands and the creation of hydro-electric power.

We favor the expeditious construction of flood relief works on the Mississippi and Colorado rivers and also such reclamation and irrigation projects upon the Colorado River as may be found to be feasible and practicable.

We favor liberal appropriations for prompt co-ordinated surveys by the United States to determine the possibilities of general navigation improvements and water power development on navigable streams and their tributaries, to secure reliable information as to the most economical navigation improvement, in combination with the most efficient and complete development of water power.

We favor suspension of the granting of Federal water power licenses by the Federal Water Power Commission until Congress has received reports from the Water Power Commission with regard to applications for such licenses.

Mining.

Mining is one of the basic industries of this country. We produce more coal, iron, copper and silver than any other country. The value of our mineral production is second only to agriculture. Mining has suffered like agriculture, and from the same causes. It is the duty of our Government to foster this industry and to remove the restrictions that destroy its prosperity.

Regulations of Corporations Controlling Necessities of Life.

We pledge the Democratic Party to regulate by governmental agencies the anthracite coal industry and all other corporations controlling the necessities of life, where public welfare has been subordinated to private interests.

Fraudulent Stock Sales.

We favor the immediate passage of such legislation as may be necessary to enable the States efficiently to enforce their laws relating to the gradual financial strangling of innocent investors, workers and consumers, caused by the indiscriminate promotion, refinancing and reorganizing of corporations on an inflated and over-capitalized basis, resulting already in the undermining and collapse of many railroads, public service and industrial corporations, manifesting itself in unemployment, irreparable loss and waste, and which constitute a serious menace to the stability of our economic system.

Private Monopolies.

The Federal Trade Commission has submitted to the Republican Administration numerous reports showing the existence of monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade, and has recommended proceedings against these violators of the law.

The few prosecutions which have resulted from this abundant evidence furnished by this agency created by the Democratic Party, while proving the indifference of the Administration to the violations of law by trusts and monopolies and its friendship for them, nevertheless demonstrate the value of the Federal Trade Commission.

We declare that a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable, and pledge the Democratic Party to vigorous enforcement of existing laws against monopoly and illegal combinations and to the enactment of such further measures as may be necessary.

Merchant Marine.

The Democratic Party condemns the vacillating policy of the Republican Administration in its failure to develop an American flag shipping policy. There has been a marked decrease in the volume of American commerce carried in American vessels as compared to the record under a Democratic Administration.

We oppose as illogical and unsound all efforts to overcome by subsidies the handicaps to American shipping and commerce imposed by Republican policies.

We condemn the practice of certain American railroads in favoring foreign ships, and pledge ourselves to correct such discriminations. We declare for an American-owned merchant marine, American built, and manned by American crews, which is essential for naval security in war, and is a protection to the American farmer and manufacturer against excessive ocean freight charges on products of farm and factory.

We declare the Government should own and operate such ships as will insure the accomplishment of these purposes and to continue such operation as long as it may be necessary without obstructing the development and growth of a privately owned American flag shipping.

Education.

We believe with Thomas Jefferson and other founders of the Republic that ignorance is the enemy of freedom, and that each State, being responsible for the intellectual and moral qualifications of its citizens and for the expenditure of the moneys collected by taxation for the support of its schools, shall use its sovereign right in all matters pertaining to education.

The Federal Government should offer to the States such counsel, advice and aid as may be made available through the Federal agencies for the general improvement of our schools in view of our national needs.

Civil Service.

We denounce the action of the Republican Administration in its violations of the principles of civil service by its partisan removals and manipulation of the eligible lists in the Post Office Department and other Governmental departments; by its packing the Civil Service Commission so that that commission became the servile instrument of the Administration in its wish to deny to the ex-service men their preferential rights under the law and the evasion of the requirements of the law with reference to appointments in the Department.

We pledge the Democratic Party faithfully to comply with the spirit as well as the regulation of civil service; to extend its provisions to internal revenue officers and to other employees of the Government not in executive positions, and to secure to ex-service men preference in such appointments.

Postal Employees.

We declare in favor of adequate salaries to provide decent living conditions for postal employees.

Popular Elections.

We pledge the Democratic Party to a policy which will prevent members of either House who fail of re-election from participating in the subsequent sessions of Congress. This can be accomplished by fixing the days for convening the Congress immediately after the biennial national election; and to this end we favor granting the right to the people of the several States to vote on proposed constitutional amendments.

Probation.

We favor the extension of the probation principle to the courts of the United States.

Aviation.

We favor a sustained development of aviation, both by the Government and commercially.

Labor and Child Welfare.

Labor is not a commodity. It is human. We favor collective bargaining and laws regulating hours of labor and conditions under which labor is performed.

We favor the enactment of legislation providing that the product of convict labor shipped from one State to another shall be subject to the laws of the latter State, exactly as though they had been produced therein.

In order to mitigate unemployment attending business depression, we urge the enactment of legislation authorizing that the construction and repair of public works be initiated in periods of acute unemployment.

We pledge the party to cooperate with the State Governments for the welfare, education and protection of child life and all necessary safeguards against exhaustive, debilitating employment conditions for women.

Without the votes of Democratic members of the Congress the Child Labor amendment would not have been submitted for ratification.

Activities of Women.

We welcome the women of the nation to their rightful place by the side of men in the control of the Government, whose burdens they have always shared.

The Democratic Party congratulates them upon the essential part which they have taken in the progress of our country, and the zeal with which they are using their political power to aid the enactment of beneficent laws and the exaction of fidelity in the public service.

Veterans of Wars.

We favor generous appropriations, honest management and sympathetic care and assistance in the hospitalization, rehabilitation and compensation of veterans of all wars and their dependents. The humanizing of the Veterans' Bureau is imperatively required.

Campaign Contributions.

The nation now knows that the predatory interests have, by supplying Republican campaign funds, systematically purchased legislative favors and administrative immunity. The practice must stop; our nation must return to honesty and decency in politics.

Elections are public affairs conducted for the sole purpose of ascertaining the will of the sovereign voters. Therefore, we demand that national elections shall hereafter be kept free from the poison of excessive private contributions.

To this end, we favor reasonable means of publicity, at public expense, so that candidates, properly before the people for Federal offices, may present their claims at a minimum of cost. Such publicity should precede the primary and the election.

We favor the prohibition of individual contributions, direct and indirect, to the campaign funds of Congressmen, Senators or Presidential candidates, beyond a reasonable sum to be fixed in the law, for both individual contributions and total expenditures, with requirements for full publicity.

We advocate a complete revision of the Corrupt Practices Act to prevent Newberryism and the election evils disclosed by recent investigations.

Narcotics.

Recognizing in narcotic addiction, especially the spreading of heroin addiction among the youth, a grave peril to America and to the human race, we pledge ourselves vigorously to take against it all legitimate and proper measures for education, for control and for suppression at home and abroad.

Law Enforcement.

The Republican Administration has failed to enforce the prohibition law, is guilty of trafficking in liquor permits and has become the protector of violators of this law.

The Democratic Party pledges itself to respect and enforce the Constitution and all laws.

Rights of the States.

We demand that the States of the Union shall be preserved in all their vigor and power. They constitute a bulwark against the centralizing and destructive tendencies of the Republican Party.

We condemn the efforts of the Republican Party to nationalize the functions and duties of the States.

We oppose the extension of bureaucracy, the creation of unnecessary bureaus and Federal agencies, and the multiplication of offices and office-holders.

We demand a revival of the spirit of local self-government essential to the preservation of the free institutions of our Republic.

Asiatic Immigration.

We pledge ourselves to maintain our established position in favor of the exclusion of Asiatic immigration.

Philippine Independence.

The Filipino people have succeeded in maintaining a stable Government and have thus fulfilled the only condition laid down by Congress as a prerequisite to the granting of independence. We declare that it is now our liberty and our duty to keep our promise to these people by granting them immediately the independence which they so honorably covet.

Alaska.

The maladministration of affairs in Alaska is a matter of concern to all our people.

Under the Republican Administration in Alaska development has ceased and the fishing industry has been seriously impaired.

We pledge ourselves to correct the evils which have grown up in the development of that rich domain.

An adequate form of local self-government for Alaska must be provided, and to that end we favor the establishment of a full territorial form of Government for that territory, similar to that enjoyed by all the territories except Alaska during the last century of American history.

Territory of Hawaii.

We believe in a policy for continuing the improvements of the National Park, the harbors and breakwaters, and the Federal roads of the Territory of Hawaii.

Virgin Islands.

We recommend legislation for the welfare of the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands.

Armenia and the Lausanne Treaty.

We condemn the Lausanne Treaty. It barter legitimate American rights and betrays Armenia for the Chester oil concession.

We favor the protection of American rights in Turkey and the fulfillment of President Wilson's arbitral award respecting Armenia.

Republic of Greece.

We welcome to the sisterhood of Republics the ancient land of Greece, which gave to our party its priceless name. We extend to her Government and people our cordial good wishes.

The Latin-American Republics.

From the day of their birth friendly relations have existed between the Latin-American republics and the United States. That friendship grows stronger as our relations become more intimate. The Democratic Party sends to these republics its cordial greetings. God has made us neighbors—justice shall keep us friends.

War.

War is a relic of barbarism, and it is justifiable only as a measure of defense.

In the event of war in which the man power of the nation is drafted, all other resources should likewise be drafted. This will tend to discourage war by depriving it of its profits.

Disarmament, War Referendum, and National Defense.

We demand a strict and sweeping reduction of armaments by land and sea, so that there shall be no competitive military program or naval building. Until agreements to this end have been made we advocate an army and navy adequate for our national safety.

Our Government should secure a joint agreement with all nations for world disarmament and also for a referendum of war, except in case of actual or threatened attack.

Those who must furnish the blood and bear the burdens imposed by war should, whenever possible, be consulted before this supreme sacrifice is required of them.

Foreign Relations.

The Democratic Party pledges all its energies to the outlawing of the whole war system. We refuse to believe that the wholesale slaughter of human beings on the battlefield is any more necessary to man's highest development than is killing by individuals.

The only hope for world peace and for economic recovery lies in the organized efforts of sovereign nations co-operating to remove the causes of war and to substitute law and order for violence.

Under Democratic leadership a practical plan was devised under which 54 nations are now operating and which has for its fundamental purpose the free co-operation of all nations in the work of peace.

The Government of the United States for the last four years has had no foreign policy, and consequently it has delayed the restoration of the political and economic agencies of the world. It has impaired our self-respect at home and injured our prestige abroad. It has curtailed our foreign markets and ruined our agricultural prices.

It is of supreme importance to civilization and to mankind that America be placed and kept on the right side of the greatest moral question of all time, and, therefore, the Democratic Party renews its declaration of confidence in the ideals of world peace, the League of Nations and the World Court of Justice as together constituting the supreme effort of the statesmanship and religious conviction of our time to organize the world for peace.

Further, the Democratic Party declares that it will be the purpose of the next Administration to do all in its power to secure for our country that moral leadership in the family of nations which, in the providence of God, has been so clearly marked out for it.

There is no substitute for the League of Nations as an agency working for peace; therefore, we believe that, in the interest of permanent peace, and in the lifting of the great burdens of war from the backs of the people, and in order to establish a permanent foreign policy on these supreme questions, not subject to change with change of party Administrations, it is desirable, wise and necessary to lift this question out of party politics, and to that end to take the sense of the American people at a referendum election, advisory to the Government, to be held officially under Act of Congress, free from all other questions and candidacies, after ample time for full consideration and discussion throughout the country, upon the question, in substance, as follows:

"Shall the United States become a member of the League of Nations upon such reservations or amendments to the Covenant of the League as the President and the Senate of the United States may agree upon."

Immediately upon an affirmative vote we will carry out such mandate.

Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Press.

The Democratic Party reaffirms its adherence and devotion to those cardinal principles contained in the Constitution and the precepts upon which our Government is founded, that Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances; that the Church and the State shall be and remain separate, and that no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States. These principles we pledge ourselves ever to defend and maintain. We insist at all times upon obedience to the orderly processes of the law and deplore and condemn any effort to arouse religious or racial dissension.

Affirming our faith in these principles, we submit our cause to the people.

Gaston B. Means and Elmer Jarnecke Sentenced to Atlanta Penitentiary for Conspiracy to Violate Prohibition Laws.

Gaston B. Means, former agent of the Department of Justice, and who figured conspicuously in the recent Senate investigation of that department during the incumbency of office of Harry M. Daugherty as Attorney-General, was sentenced on July 2 to two years in the Atlanta Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$10,000, by Judge C. E. Wolverson, in the Federal District Court in New York, for conspiracy to violate the national prohibition laws. At the same time Means' secretary and aide, Elmer W. Jarnecke, was sentenced to Atlanta for two years and to pay a fine of \$5,000.

Judge Wolverton gave Means the limit for his offense. Asked if he had anything to say in his own behalf, Means answered in the negative, while Jarnecke shook his head. In pronouncing sentence Judge Wolverton said he considered Means the more guilty of the two and that he would impose the maximum sentence. Hiram C. Todd, Special Deputy Attorney-General, who conducted the Government's case, asked that the maximum sentence be imposed on Means. "In passing sentence on these defendants," Mr. Todd said, "in my judgment the maximum sentence not only as to imprisonment but as to fine should be imposed on Means for the reason that it is apparent that he received and kept a large amount of money which was obtained for liquor withdrawal permits."

Means and Jarnecke were convicted on July 1. The former was called the star witness before the Brookhart committee of the Senate, which during the recent session of Congress conducted an investigation of the Department of Justice. During Means's appearance before the committee on several occasions sensational charges of graft and corruption in connection with law enforcement were placed in the record. The specific charge against the defendants was that they received from Charles W. Johnson, a witness for the Government, \$15,000 by check and \$5,000 in cash, in return for which they promised to withdraw from the Sam Thompson Distillery at Brownsville, Pa., a quantity of whisky belonging to John W. Hubbard, a steel manufacturer of Trenton, N. J. The whisky was to be consigned to the Finch warehouse in Pittsburgh and was to be diverted en route. Johnson testified that he received neither the whisky nor the money he had paid. Hubbard told the jury that he had complained to Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon about the transaction. Government witnesses testified Means and Jarnecke professed the Department of Justice was back of them in the enterprise. In the absence of Thomas B. Felder, who is ill, Fred J. Coxe summed up for the defense. He attacked the Government's witnesses as a group of self-confessed criminals. He said further:

If any conspiracy exists, it is among the Government's witnesses. Means and Jarnecke are victims of persecution by the Government resulting from the activities of Means in assisting the Brookhart committee of the Senate in its investigation of the Department of Justice and former Attorney-General Harry M. Daugherty. These defendants never would have been indicted had they not aided in uncovering the plot of men of wealth with political influence to violate the prohibition laws. Their indictment is the direct result of their interference with the bootlegging activities of men high in the political and financial worlds.

In summing up for the Government, Hiram C. Todd, special Assistant Attorney-General, characterized Means as a fictionist and said Jarnecke was his "man Friday." He charged that Underwood was a fictitious character, pointing out that neither Means nor Jarnecke knew where Underwood lived. Mr. Todd went on:

Means testified President Harding wrote Jess Smith a letter. It was a forgery. The testimony by Means that he collected \$400,000 which he turned over to Jess Smith was a vile slander told about a dead man. It is bad enough to slander living men who can come forward to defend themselves, but it is cowardly to slander the dead. Means never collected this money for Jess Smith and Jess Smith never told him the day before Smith shot himself, that the money was for improper purposes and that he wanted Means or Jarnecke to return some of it to those who were demanding their money back.

The whole story is a vile slander on a dead man who cannot repudiate it. Means has the effrontery to come here and give the tale that President Harding wrote a letter to Jess Smith authorizing Smith and the mysterious Mr. Underwood to make a nation-wide investigation of prohibition. This letter was a forgery and Means was a Jekyll-Hyde. He was Underwood and Underwood was Means.

The Government has tried very hard to get hold of the letter. If there was a letter which spurious Sergeants-at-Arms of the Senate used to get Means's records back from the Brookhart committee, that letter also was a forgery. The Government has tried to find out who forged Senator Brookhart's name to the order calling for the records. Means himself did away with these missing papers.

The whole story told by Means of the investigation ordered by President Harding was fanciful and made up to create a false issue in this trial. W. T. Underwood was a man without a home, without friends other than the defendants, a fictitious being. Another fictitious character was Sidney Thompson, mentioned by Means as a co-worker in the investigation. I have a theory that Jarnecke was Sidney Thompson and that Means was W. T. Underwood, and when Jarnecke handed Means the money which he had collected from people who wanted liquor released, Means was Mr. Hyde as on other occasions he was Dr. Jekyll.

The world is losing a great fictionist by keeping Means so busy with investigations. Let him have some leisure so he may write. As his first great work, we suggest a book entitled "The Adventures of Gaston Means Among the Bootleggers; or, Conspiring With the Rum Runners," by the old man himself, Means.

Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, testified briefly on June 26 as a witness at the trial of Gaston B. Means and Elmer Jarnecks before Federal Judge Wolverton in this city. Thomas B. Felder, defense counsel, who called Secretary Mellon, tried hard to show that Mr. Mellon knew whisky had been released from the distillery on forged permits, but rulings by Judge Wolverton prevented the

witness from answering questions along that line. Two of these questions were whether the Secretary knew that 2,950 cases of whisky at one time and 42,000 gallons of liquor at another had been released on forged permits to a man named Goodman. The objections to these questions by Hiram C. Todd, Federal prosecutor, were sustained after considerable argument. Mr. Mellon was asked if it wasn't a fact that forged permits in the bootleg deals had been found in the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh as collateral security for loans to Goodman. "At the time of the Wheeler investigation committee at Washington," replied Mr. Mellon, "I made inquiries of the banks in Pittsburgh and received the information that they had no whisky permits as collateral for loans as far back as 1915." "Isn't it a fact that these forged permits used by Goodman for the 2,950 cases of liquor were located in the Mellon Bank?" Felder asked. "No, not to my knowledge," was the answer.

Captain H. L. Scaife, formerly of the Department of Justice, sent a letter on June 26 from Washington to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, taking exception to certain statements made by the latter in his testimony in the Means trial in New York. Captain Scaife's letter follows:

You are quoted in an Associated Press dispatch this afternoon as having stated that I had asked you to assign me to investigate prohibition affairs and also as denying statements which I made in a memorandum of a conference which I had with you in regard to corruption which I alleged existed in the enforcement of prohibition.

In 1922 I determined to force to a public issue the graft and corruption which existed in Washington, and in April of that year I resigned from the Department of Justice as a protest and laid before Congress the facts in regard to the failure to prosecute war graft cases. On Aug. 15 of the same year I wrote you a letter calling attention to the corruption then existing in connection with the enforcement of prohibition laws.

It is not true that I ever at any time asked you to assign me to investigate prohibition affairs, but before exposing the conditions in your department and your connection with the liquor business, I offered to help and assist you if you desired these conditions to be remedied, as my correspondence with you will show. For my pains in the matter, agents of your departments were placed on my trail and made futile efforts to find something with which they might discredit me. Although you have gone so far as to deny this in writing, the facts have been proved.

Eventually, notwithstanding the official whitewashing in notorious cases and the official statements then being given out that millionaire bootleggers were in the past, on Dec. 8 1922, President Harding delivered his message to Congress calling attention to widespread violations, official corruption, individual demoralization and the rending of the moral fibre of the Republic through contempt for the law.

In refutation of the claim that your Old Overholt distillery went into liquidation before you became Secretary of the Treasury, I wish to call attention to Pro-Mimeograph 3005 of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, showing that on Sept. 5 1922, A. Overholt Co. was designated by the Treasury Department as a concentration internal revenue bonded warehouse.

Your reported statements were made under circumstances which afford you protection and immunity, but in view of the high official position you occupy, I protest against your denying statements which you and I know to be correct.

Conclusion of Hearings by Senate Committee Investigating Department of Justice.

After a lapse of nearly ten days following the adjournment of Congress, the Senate committee investigating the Department of Justice during the incumbency of office of Harry M. Daugherty resumed its hearings on June 16. The session on that day was the first of a series to be held in order to permit officials of the Department (who were suggested recently by Attorney-General Stone, Mr. Daugherty's successor) to be heard. At the sessions held early that week by the Senate committee several subjects were discussed that had been brought up and considered at previous hearings of the committee, such as pardon cases and the enforcement of prohibition laws and the activities of the late Jess W. Smith. The witness on June 16 was Assistant Attorney-General Augustus A. Seymour. Senator Wheeler, the committees, "prosecutor," accorded Mr. Seymour every courtesy and the widest latitude in explaining the course taken by the Department in the handling of various cases which have figured in the investigation. Mr. Seymour stated that it was a fact that Jess W. Smith was much in evidence about the Department in the Daugherty administration, and added that on five occasions Mr. Smith called on him. On one visit, Mr. Smith, he said, wanted him to waive objection to certain appointments to be recommended to President Harding, but he refused to do so. Another time Mr. Smith saw Mr. Seymour with reference to certain pardons awaiting the action of the Department. There were 20 pardons pending at the time, and of these Mr. Seymour approved three and disapproved 17. Mr. Smith, the witness said, asked for a different decision on some of these pardons, but his request was refused. On another occasion Mr. Smith went to Mr. Seymour to get certain papers for Mr. Daugherty. The witness said he knew Mr. Daugherty got them because they were acted on a day or

two later. "Mr. Smith," said Mr. Seymour, "was very proud of his official closeness to Mr. Daugherty—even more proud than of his intimate friendship with him. But Mr. Smith never gave me any orders." Mr. Seymour discussed a score of anti-trust cases which it had been alleged Mr. Daugherty failed to prosecute. He gave considerable time to explaining the "yellow pine" case which Huston Thompson, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, testified the Commission had submitted to the Department of Justice for action. The Trade Commission contended that a case had been established involving price-fixing, but the Department, Mr. Thompson declared, took no action. Mr. Seymour insisted that the Department had handled the case properly, and that the evidence was not nearly as strong as the Trade Commission said it was. The Government, he added, had interviewed every member of the Southern Pine Association, and every one of them had made an affidavit that the members had never even discussed a price-fixing agreement.

As the chief official of the Department of Justice charged with enforcement of prohibition, Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney-General, submitted a defense of the law's administration on June 17 before the Senate Daugherty Investigating Committee. Many times in the prolonged hearings, witnesses have made charges against the enforcement regime and Mrs. Willebrandt went into details of these accusations at length, introducing at one point a letter from Attorney-General Stone, which said that much of the testimony dealt with "half truths and impressions." "The point I am making," Mrs. Willebrandt said, "is that many witnesses have given you testimony against the Department of Justice when in fact their real grievance lay against another branch of the Government." Taking issue with Senator Wheeler, who insisted that the main trouble with prohibition enforcement was a shifting of responsibility on the part of officials, Mrs. Willebrandt contended that political control over agents was the most serious factor. Insisting that the Department of Justice had been doing all in its power to punish law violators, Mrs. Willebrandt asserted that during the closing days of the Wilson Administration—from election day, 1920, until March 4 1921—"things ran wide open," with regard to liquor withdrawal permits and other phrases of prohibition enforcement. With reference to the executive clemency obtained by Phil Grossman of Chicago, Mrs. Willebrandt said there was "no doubt but that the corrupt local political ring out in Chicago kept him out of jail."

Officials of the Department of Justice continued the defense of their Administration before the Senate Committee on June 18 with the Old Hickory Powder Co. case at Nashville, Tenn., assuming a position of prominence. John W. H. Crim, former Assistant Attorney-General, was recalled, while Henry W. Anderson, head of the war transactions section of the Department, and his assistants, also were examined on the subject. George W. Storek, an accountant for the Department of Justice, who was assigned to a preliminary investigation of the case, declared he had reported to Mr. Crim that the Government should recover between \$5,000,000 and \$20,000,000 from the duPont Engineering Co., if it obtained evidence which he said was in existence. Later he said he found his confidential report in the possession of attorneys for the duPonts. Mr. Crim flatly denied that he had furnished or caused to be furnished to the duPonts the Storek report, as did Mr. Anderson.

The final hearing in the investigation was held on June 19, with a few minor officials confirming the evidence given by Colonel H. W. Anderson and J. W. G. Crim, Assistant Attorney-General, regarding the anti-trust cases. When Senator Wheeler adjourned hearings of the Committee, he announced that he expected a decision in the Mal Daugherty case from the Supreme Court of the United States in the October term and that he believed the Committee would be ready to proceed with the inquiry of the Daugherty finances when it reconvened in December. He also expressed confidence that the Supreme Court of the United States would uphold the Government's contention in the case against Daugherty.

Resolution of Democratic National Convention in Memory of the late President Warren G. Harding.

At Monday's session (June 30) of the Democratic National Convention, a resolution in memory of the late President Warren G. Harding was offered by William Jennings Bryan, and adopted by a rising vote. The resolution said:

In political campaigns the American people are divided into two opposing parties. After the election they are as one man in allegiance to the Government and in loyalty to the nation's Executive.

As Democrats we stand uncovered beside the grave of Warren G. Harding, late President of the United States; vie with his most devoted friends in expression of regret at his untimely death, and share the sorrow that it has brought into his home.

Letter of Howard Elliott to Magnus Johnson Refuting Allegations against New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad and the Northern Pacific.

Howard Elliott, Chairman of the Northern Pacific Ry., has taken occasion to reply at length to an article by Senator Magnus Johnson in the New York "World" in which the Senator alleges that there was an increase of \$86,000,000 in the debt of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. from 1916 to 1921, "though there was a decrease in miles of road operated." Mr. Elliott presents figures to show that the "increase was about \$51,000,000, and not \$86,000,000," and says that during the same period "there was spent for additions and betterments to the property, such as 170.86 miles of track, the 840 units of equipment, the better bridges, better roundhouses, better shops, all making better working conditions for the employees, \$50,946,000, or practically the same as the increase in debt." Mr. Elliott also takes up the case of the Northern Pacific to further enforce his remarks. We give herewith Mr. Elliott's reply in full:

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.
Office of the Chairman.

Howard Elliott
Chairman. 34 Nassau Street
New York City
June 13 1924.

Hon. Magnus Johnson, Kimball, Minn.

My Dear Senator Johnson:—On April 14 last I had the pleasure of a short talk with you in your office at Washington, and later sent you some literature about railroads.

I wish I was so situated that I could drop in on you and have a further talk, but that is out of the question, so I am writing this letter.

In the New York "World" of May 20, there is an article by you which says:

"In looking over the history of railroads briefly, we find them, without exception, grossly over-capitalized. In many cases the outstanding bonds and stocks exceed by several times the actual investment in the roads. Take the New York New Haven & Hartford, for instance: That road between 1916 and 1921 decreased its mileage and but slightly increased its equipment. It is doubtful whether the road was worth as much in 1921 as in 1916. Yet the funded debt increased from \$214,000,000 in 1916 to \$301,000,000 in 1921. There was, in other words, an increase of \$86,000,000 in debt, though there was a decrease in miles of road operated. "The story of other railroads is pretty much the same. The Erie, the Boston & Maine, the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, and all of the rest of them, have done pretty much what the New Haven did."

I was Chief Executive Officer of the New Haven road for four years* from 1913 to 1917, and under orders from the doctors I gave up that year. I have been a director of the New Haven ever since and I know a good deal about it, so I take the liberty of giving you the actual facts.

Between 1916 and 1921 the miles of first track operated decreased 1.14 miles (due in part to remeasurements and in part to small abandonments) but the miles of all tracks—first, second, third, fourth, sidings and yards, increased 172 miles. In other words, the New Haven added 170.86 miles of track for the purpose of increasing capacity and giving better service to the people.

In this same period, there were added 840 units of equipment of all classes—locomotives, passenger-train cars, freight-train cars, most of which were of much better and stronger type than any before used; for example, 136 more steel passenger-train cars, 24 more steel underframe passenger-train cars, 1,501 steel freight-train cars were added in this period.

The tractive power of locomotives was increased from 31,496,300 pounds in 1916 to 35,968,600 pounds in 1921. This is an increase of 14.2% in the power of the engines that the New Haven has to give the New England people better freight and passenger train service.

In 1916 the New Haven furnished to the people of New England 3,219,000,000 ton-miles of freight service, and 1,668,000,000 passenger-miles of passenger service. In 1923, they furnished to the public 3,944,000,000 ton-miles of freight service and 1,915,000,000 passenger-miles of passenger service.

If you had examined the annual report of the New Haven company for the year ending Dec. 31 1917, on page 20 you would have seen that the debt of the New Haven road, including the New England Navigation Co., was \$257,636,882 50, of which loans and bills payable were \$43,340,000. You would have seen on page 25 that during the year 1918, when the property was in the hands of the Director-General, the Government changed these loans and bills payable into one-year 6% notes, aggregating \$43,964,000. Taking into account these short-term notes which in December 1916 were \$43,340,000, and later converted into long-term debt, and short-term notes out on Dec. 31 1921 of \$8,155,000, the increase in debt is as follows:

Your statement.....	\$86,000,000
Less short-term notes as of Dec. 31 1916, converted into funded debt and not taken into account by you.....	43,340,000
True increase in funded debt.....	\$42,660,000
Add short-term notes as of Dec. 31 1921.....	8,155,000
Total increase in debt.....	\$50,815,000

The increase was about \$51,000,000 and not \$86,000,000. During that same time there was spent for additions and betterments to the property, such as 170.86 miles of track, the 840 units of equipment, the better bridges, better roundhouses, better shops, all making better working conditions for the employees, \$50,946,000, or practically the same as the increase in debt.

I believe that you are a fair-minded man and want the real truth about any matters that you are considering and I think if you will read this letter carefully and also the report of the New Haven road which I am sending under separate cover, you will find that:

1. In the period named by you there were added 170.86 miles of track.
2. There were added 840 units of equipment of a more modern type.
3. There was an increase in the debt of \$50,815,000, instead of \$86,000,000.
4. There was spent for additions to the property \$50,946,000, which

made of it a much better transportation machine, so that it was able—
 5. To furnish the people in New England in 1923 725,000,000 or 22½% more ton miles of freight transportation and 247,000,000 or 14.7% more passenger miles of transportation than were furnished in 1916, and both kinds of transportation were of a better quality in 1923 than they were in 1921.

6. That the investment of this money and the making of a better transportation machine enabled the New Haven to furnish the enlarged transportation with 105,056,000 man hours of labor in 1923, as compared with 113,083,000 man hours of labor in 1916. In other words, the New Haven has been able to give the public more service for a lesser expenditure of man power in 1923 than was given in 1916, although economic conditions are such that it has not been able to get a fair return on the value of its property and the new money put in.

Whatever may have been the criticisms of the New Haven prior to 1913, when attacks were made on it (many of them unjust), the road since then has shown a record for honesty and sincerity and a desire to serve the public that cannot be equaled anywhere. Its efficiency to-day in providing the transportation at a minimum of expense is not excelled by any road in the East.

When it comes to value, the only impartial agency that we have for valuing the railroads is the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The tentative valuation of the physical property of the New Haven system, based on prices normal as of 1914 as found by the Inter-State Commerce Commission brought up to Dec. 31 1923 by capital expenditures for additions and betterments from valuation date is only about \$21,000,000 less than the total net outstanding obligations in the hands of the public on the same date. The company claims that the physical valuation should be increased over \$100,000,000. Nor does this include anything for the company's investment in the Boston & Maine, New York Ontario & Western, the Rutland, the electric trolley lines or the steamship properties, which represent very large sums.

I hope very much, therefore, if you have any misapprehension about the New Haven, this letter and the annual report sent you will help you.

In your printed letter you spoke of the Northern Pacific among other roads as having done pretty much as the New Haven has, implying, apparently, that you think there has been some improper financing and inflation.

I happened to have prepared recently a statement about the Northern Pacific for another purpose, and I am sending you a copy of it under separate cover. On page 3 are given figures covering the change in debt for a 10½-year period, from June 30 1913 to Dec. 31 1923, and the figures are as follows:

During the period of 10½ years N. P. debt, exclusive of bonds issued account C. B. & Q., has increased.....	\$24,070,600 00
Debt issued account refunding 4% bonds issued for C. B. & Q., maturing July 1 1921, has increased.....	8,048,400 00
Total debt increased.....	32,119,000 00
Cash and securities have increased.....	10,420,073 75
There has been put into the property for additions, betterments and equipment for 10½ years.....	98,390,450 41

From this you will see that the owners of the Northern Pacific have added to the railroad facilities serving the States, Minnesota to Oregon, inclusive, in this 10½-year period, at a cost of \$98,390,450 41, with an increase in debt of only \$24,070,600, leaving \$74,319,850 added investment, for which no securities have been issued, and upon which no interest or dividends are being earned or paid.

Not only that, but this railroad, in common with all others in the Northwest, is furnishing service to the people of that part of our country, as shown by the figures on page 5 of the statement sent you, at a rate of return on the property as follows:

1916.....6.713% 1918.....4.601% 1920.....1.471% 1922.....3.534%
1917.....5.944% 1919.....2.720% 1921.....1.992% 1923.....2.985%

You will see from this table that the railroad owner is suffering as well as the farmer. The reason is the same—everything the railroad has to buy in order to create transportation costs very much more than it did, but when it comes to selling the transportation the price or rate is too low, and the same troubles affect the farmer.

We want, of course, to help the farmer all we can, but we cannot help him, and the Government cannot help him, by crippling the railroads so that they cannot grow as the country grows and give service.

When it comes to valuation of the Northern Pacific, the same impartial authority, namely the Commerce Commission, will, we believe, show that the value of the property devoted to the public use will equal the par of all securities issued against it. That valuation has not yet been completed, but we are furnishing to the Commerce Commission all data required, and the indications are that the figures will come out as above. We think the value is much in excess of the par of all securities in the hands of the public upon which interest or dividends are being paid.

On the general subject of valuation of all the railroads, the following simple statement is illuminating:

*400,000 miles of track at only \$25,000 a mile (a very low estimate). The Department of Agriculture estimates that the average cost of a mile of improved highway to-day—which has no rails, ties, tunnels, trestles, and relatively infrequent bridges—is about \$36,000.....	\$10,000,000,000
*69,000 locomotives at only \$20,000 each. The 6,000 or more locomotives bought in the last two years have cost an average of about \$60,000 each, and some have cost as much as \$75,000 or \$100,000.....	1,380,000,000
*2,400,000 freight cars at only \$1,000 each. The average cost of a freight car to-day is about \$2,500. Many recently put in service cost \$3,000, and refrigerator cars \$3,500 each.....	2,400,000,000
*57,000 passenger train cars at only \$10,000 each. All-steel passenger train cars now cost from \$30,000 to \$35,000 each.....	570,000,000
Material and supplies. Railroads have to keep on hand millions of tons of coal, rails, ties, spikes and all other material required in maintenance and operation.....	500,000,000
Working capital.....	500,000,000
50,000 stations and terminals, yards, signals, roundhouses, shops, machinery, water supply, power plants, elevators, docks, coal pits, and all other items, including administration; in over 1,000 cities and towns, stations and terminal facilities cost over a million dollars apiece. These facilities in a few of our larger cities would alone account for over a billion dollars.....	7,000,000,000
The above property is believed to be worth fully \$10,000,000,000, and could not be duplicated for anywhere near that amount to-day.	
This totals.....	\$22,350,000,000

* These are Inter-State Commerce Commission figures in round numbers.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission found the tentative value of the railroads on Dec. 31 1919 to be \$18,900,000,000. This valuation was based on costs and prices up to 1914, and therefore includes no war-time inflation of values. The subsequent investment of approximately \$1,84,683,000 (1923 estimated) brings the Inter-State Commerce Commission

valuation for rate-making purposes as of the end of 1923 up to \$20,884,683,000.

Fair recognition of railroad property values is essential for adequate earning power and credit for further expansion in the interest of all the people.

Life and fire insurance companies and savings banks and eleemosynary institutions hold a very large amount of railroad bonds. An adequate and expanding railroad system is absolutely necessary to the future growth of the country. The railroads represent on any fair basis of value at least one-twelfth of the national wealth. To destroy that amount of the nation's property, all or in part, by adverse legislation is an economic injustice.

You know very well, as a business man, that you cannot go on indefinitely piling up debts on a farm or a railroad without a collapse.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the last New Haven annual report, of the letter about the Northern Pacific, above mentioned, and of some remarks that I am to make at Trinity College on June 15, because you may be interested in some comments I make there about the need of helping out the farmer.

I believe you mean to be just in your consideration of the serious economic problems now confronting this country and particularly the Northwest. I hope, therefore, you will not take it amiss that I am writing you this letter and sending you these papers, which I do simply for the purpose of giving you accurate information and trying to help out in a very difficult situation.

With kind regards, please believe me
 Very truly yours,

HOWARD ELLIOTT.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange denied on July 1 a petition presented by some of the members requesting that to-day (Saturday, July 5) be declared a holiday. The Board of Managers of both the New York Cotton Exchange and the New York Produce Exchange voted to close to-day, the members thus having a recess from Thursday afternoon, July 3, until Monday morning next.

Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported for transfer this week, that of Samuel Einstein to Owen F. Roberts for a consideration stated at \$76,000, and that of Roy A. Floyd-Jones to Eustace de Cordova, consideration \$76,000. The third that of William Kempton Johnston to John R. Coffin was for a nominal consideration. Last previous sale was at \$82,000.

In addition to Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., whose departure for Europe on Saturday last, June 28, was referred to by us a week ago (page 3163), George Whitney of the same firm has also taken a trip abroad. W. C. Potter, President, and Albert Breton, Vice-President, of the Guaranty Trust Co. are also said to have gone abroad. Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co., leaves to-day (July 5) for London. He is to address the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, to be held in London.

The condensed statement of condition of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as of June 30 1924, issued July 1, shows deposits of \$531,495,382, as compared with \$463,201,654 at the time of the last published statement, March 20 1924. The company's total resources are \$650,427,127, as compared with \$567,994,777 on March 20. Surplus and undivided profits total \$18,763,492.

The special meeting of stockholders of the Empire Trust Co. of this city, which had been scheduled for June 27 to vote on the proposed merger with the Hudson Trust Co., has been postponed until July 7. Reference to the merger agreement was made in these columns June 14, page 2915, and June 21, page 3045.

The Bank of America of this city announces the promotion of Alex H. Nyland from Assistant Manager to Manager of its Bush Terminal office at 934 Third Ave., Brooklyn. Clifford W. Ludlow, formerly an auditor of the Battery Park office of the bank, has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Bush Terminal office. Mr. Nyland has been identified with banking in the borough for twenty years. In 1904 he was connected with the old Union Bank of Brooklyn and later with the North Side Bank. In 1920 he became Assistant Manager of the Fulton St. (Brooklyn) office of the Bank of America. In the following year he assumed the position of Assistant Manager of the Bush Terminal office, from which position he has now risen to the managership.

Announcement is also made by the Bank of America of the appointment of Wellington Elmer to the position of Assistant Manager of the Foreign Department.

In our reference last week (page 3163) to the death of Robert D. Foote of Norristown, N. J., we referred to Mr. Foote as having been President of the *National Bank of*

Morristown; this should have read the National Iron Bank of Morristown.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Traders National Bank of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., on May 26 the action of the directors in selling the assets of the institution to the new National Bank of Rochester was ratified. The latter was formed in May last by the union of the Traders National Bank of Rochester and the National Bank of Commerce.

Harry E. Paisley, Treasurer of the Reading Co., was elected a director of the Market Street National Bank of Philadelphia on June 25.

C. F. Brown has become Assistant Cashier of the Tradesmen's National Bank of Philadelphia, succeeding William G. Jolly, who recently resigned to become Vice-President of the Milton Trust Co., Milton, Pa.

The Bond Club of Cleveland, consisting of 150 members, will have its annual field day on Friday July 11 1924, at the Kirtland Country Club. They will have as their guests for the day the Bond Club of Detroit. A number of interesting athletic contests are on the schedule, the principal event of which will be a golf match between teams of picked men each from the Bond Club of Cleveland and the Bond Club of Detroit, who will play for the Otis cup.

Following the discovery of the disappearance of its Cashier, Henry D. Setzer, the First Trust & Savings Bank of East Moline, Ill. was closed as a precautionary measure pending an examination of its assets by State bank examiners, according to a special dispatch from Rock Island, Ill. on July 1 to the Chicago "Tribune." The missing Cashier left two notes, it is said, one to the Assistant Cashier and one to his wife, in which he spoke of losses, through unwise loans, amounting to \$50,000 and said that he intended "ending it all in the river." Efforts to find the body of Setzer by dragging the Mississippi river had been unsuccessful, the dispatch stated. The closed bank, according to its March 31 statement, had a capital of \$50,000 with surplus of \$12,500 and deposits of \$496,772.

According to a special press dispatch from Drumright, Okla., on June 25 to the "Oklahoman" of Oklahoma City, the First National Bank and the Guaranty State Bank of that place have consolidated under the title of the First National Bank of Drumright. The new institution has a capital of \$50,000 with surplus of \$10,000 and deposits of approximately \$750,000. C. E. Kahle is President; W. R. Barney (former President of the Guaranty State Bank) and E. E. O'Brien, Vice Presidents; P. M. Skouby, Cashier and Chester Gates and E. D. Campbell, Assistant Cashiers.

The officers of the Farmers National Bank of Oklahoma City have elected John Fields as Vice President, according to an announcement made on June 14. Mr. Fields assumed his duties on June 16, when the Farmers National Bank moved into its new quarters on Grand and Robinson avenues. Mr. Fields formerly was editor of the "Oklahoma Farmer," which recently was sold.

An investigation of the affairs of the Sioux Falls Trust & Savings Bank, Sioux Falls, S. D., by a special Minnehaha County Grand Jury resulted in indictments being returned on June 27 against three former officers of the institution and two other persons on alleged charges growing out of the failure of the bank on Jan. 14 last. F. H. Johnson, the bank's President, was indicted on sixteen counts; Don B. Johnson, Vice President, on nine counts; Ted H. Johnson, Assistant Cashier, on four counts; George Berry of Sioux Falls, a real estate agent and son-in-law of F. H. Johnson, on one count, and J. C. Cozad, a farmer of Bennett County, S. D., on three counts. A press dispatch with regard to the matter, printed in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 28, said in part:

The grand jury in its report charged that the bank was insolvent for more than a year, and that with knowledge of its insolvency officers continued to receive deposits; that officers made excessive loans to themselves, to directors and to companies in which they were interested; that funds of the banks were embezzled and misapplied, and that after the officers knew that the bank must close they removed "good paper" and took assets of the bank in loans, giving themselves and their friends preference.

The failed bank had combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$500,000 and deposits of more than \$5,000,000. Reference was made to its affairs in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 26 last, page 399.

According to a special dispatch from Great Falls, Mont., on June 20 to the Helena "Montana Record-Herald," H. M.

Emerson, the receiver of the failed West Side State Bank of Great Falls, was on June 23 to begin the payment of a dividend of 35% to the depositors of the institution. \$23,717, it was said, was available for the purpose. The failure of the West Side State Bank on Dec. 21 1923 was reported in these columns in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 5 1924.

According to the Montana "Record" (Helena) of June 25, a new bank has been incorporated by the State Banking Department to take over the affairs of the defunct Security State Bank of Havre, Mont. The new bank will be known as the Hill County State Bank and will be capitalized at \$60,000. Under an agreement between the creditors of the Security State Bank and the officers of the new institution, the latter, it is understood, will assume 50% of the liabilities of the old bank and the remaining 50% will be handled by a board of three trustees. The directors of the new bank, practically all of whom were connected with the old Security State Bank, are: George Bourne, E. T. Broadwater, H. W. Stringfellow, B. F. Hillsbeck, G. J. Bonine, T. J. Troy, Max P. Kuhr and Sidney Hirschberg of Havre and Carrol B. McCulloh of Great Falls.

The stockholders of the Tower Gover Bank of St. Louis voted on June 17 to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$200,000 to \$400,000. This will be effective through a 50% stock dividend and subscription at par for the remaining \$100,000 of new stock which is being offered only to existing stockholders. The enlarged capital became effective July 1.

The Bankers' Trust Co. of Louisville, Ky., recently formed, opened on July 1. The new company is under the same management as the Bankers' Mortgage Co. and occupies the same offices. The Bankers' Trust Co. has a capital of \$250,000 and a surplus of \$25,000. The incorporators are W. L. Kennett, Nat Hoening, J. J. Donahue, Paul Compton, Ernest Woodward, S. D. Camper, C. Robert Peter and Joseph M. Emmart. Mr. Kennett is Chairman of the Board of Directors; Mr. Compton, President; Mr. Camper, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Mr. Woodward, Secretary. These officers hold similar positions with the Bankers' Mortgage Co.

J. Billisoly Hudgins, Vice-President of the Guaranty Title & Trust Corp. of Norfolk has been appointed Cashier of the Citizens Bank of Norfolk, effective July 15. Mr. Hudgins will succeed Davis W. Jordan, who became Vice-President three months ago. Norman Bell was made President, succeeding the late Tench F. Tilghman. Mr. Jordan had since served as Cashier and Vice-President.

The Atlanta Commercial Bank of Atlanta, located on Marietta Street and Bankhead Avenue, plans to increase the capital, now \$50,000, to \$100,000, the proposed increase, which was authorized by the stockholders on April 23 1924, is to become effective July 1924. The selling price of the new stock (par \$100) is \$140 per share.

On June 24 the stockholders of the Alabama Bank & Trust Co. of Cullman, Ala., unanimously approved a proposed merger of the institution with the Tennessee Valley Bank, which operates a chain of sixteen banks in northern Alabama and whose headquarters are at Decatur, Ala. The merger, it is understood, will be consummated shortly.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Improvement in price of some of the copper, steel, motor and oil shares was the noteworthy feature of the stock market this week. Brisk upturns took place in some of the industrial shares, notably General Electric and Motor issues. Railroad shares also generally enjoyed further gains and specialties were well in the foreground. In the short session on Saturday the market maintained the firm upward trend of the preceding day. The feature of the trading was the sudden burst of strength in the copper shares, many of which advanced one or more points in the course of the day's activities. In the railroad group Nickel Plate led the upswing with a two-point advance to 95. Price movements were again toward higher levels on Monday, gains of one to four points being recorded by several of the more active leaders. Pronounced weakness developed in Daniel Boone Woolen, which receded 7 points to 17, and established a new low record for this stock. In the last hours it recovered to 20. American Can was in active demand at increasing prices, and closed the day 3½ above

its morning low. United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry was conspicuous for its vigorous forward movement, and registered an advance of 3 points to 97½. F. W. Woolworth was particularly strong in the closing hour, making a brisk gain of 8 points to 120. The market continued its upward swing on Tuesday, numerous advances of one to three points being recorded during the session. Colorado Fuel & Iron was in the foreground, going forward two points to 48, and United States Rubber 1st pref. was notable for its increase of over three points to 80. The trend of prices was slightly downward on Wednesday, though declines and advances occurred simultaneously in various parts of the list. American Water Works & Electric common was especially strong, advancing 6¾ points to 91½. Railroad issues were the feature on Thursday, Southern Ry. leading the upswing in that group to 65, and recording the highest price in the history of the company. Northern Pacific was also in demand at advancing prices, closing 2¾ points above its morning low. American Water Works & Electric com. moved against the trend, advancing 3¾ points to 95¾, but later receding to 93¾. General Motors improved materially, and United States Rubber 1st pref. made a gain of 1¼ from Wednesday's low. The final tone was strong.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was quiet. Prices as a rule held fairly well though changes were very small. Dubilier Condenser & Radio, after early loss from 39¼ to 38¾, moved up to 40⅞ and closed to-day at 40. Durant Motors advanced from 13½ to 16 and reacted finally to 14⅞. Glen Alden Coal declined from 98½ to 97. Hudson & Manhattan com. improved from 20 to 21¾. National Tea sold up from 190 to 230, the close to-day being at 220½. Public utility issues were less conspicuous than in preceding weeks. Amer. Gas & Elec. com. eased off from 70½ to 69, but finished to-day at 69⅞. Appalachian Power com. weakened from 81 to 79. Commonwealth Power Corp. com. sold down from 93 to 90 and recovered finally to 92. Standard Oil issues while quiet without special feature, were generally higher. Buckeye Pipe Line advanced from 61 to 63 and sold finally at 62. Humble Oil after gain of a point to 38 fell to 36. Illinois Pipe Line improved from 129 to 130½. Magnolia Petroleum sold up from 126 to 129 and sold finally at 128. Northern Pipe Line advanced from 81 to 84½. Ohio Oil after a gain of two points to 62 sold at 61. Prairie Oil & Gas moved up from 208½ to 214, reacted to 209½ and closed to-day at 211. Standard Oil (Ind.) after early loss from 56½ to 55⅞ advanced to 57⅞, reacting finally to 56⅞. Standard Oil (Ky.) rose from 105 to 108½. Standard Oil (Ohio) gained six points to 290, reacted to 285 and ends the week at 287½. Vacuum Oil improved from 61⅞ to 64½ and closed to-day at 62¾.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 67.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 18 1924:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 11th inst. amounted to £126,383,985, as compared with £126,357,625 on the previous Wednesday. India has taken a moderate proportion of the substantial supplies of gold available this week. Gold to the value of \$880,000 has arrived in New York from London. The United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of May 1924 were as follows:

	Imports.	Exports.
Netherlands	£20,512	£32,400
Belgium	—	4,865
France	300	120,745
Spain and Canaries	—	59,235
Egypt	—	31,975
West Africa	120,663	3,514
United States of America	6,065	4,028,433
Central America and West Indies	2,191	—
Various South American countries	3,830	—
Rhodesia	214,194	—
Transvaal	2,952,726	—
British India	—	1,889,115
Straits Settlements	—	6,406
Other countries	46,864	102,209
Total	£3,367,345	£6,278,897

CURRENCY.

According to the "Times" of the 6th inst., the Polish Treasury offices have received orders to exchange bank notes against silver and copper to an unlimited extent. This order would appear to be inspired by a desire to stimulate confidence in the currency system.

SILVER.

The market has remained quiet and business has been on a small scale. Purchases have been made to cover bear sales, but at any advance in prices there seemed a tendency on the part of buyers to withhold support until to-day, when inquiry from the Continent carried the quotations to 35d. and 34¾d. for cash and forward delivery, respectively. China has figured both as buyer and seller and the undertone of the market remains good.

Reuter reported on June 12 from Bombay that the monsoon had broken. We are advised from Bombay by the mail of the 30th ult. as follows: "There was very large business doing in the Bombay silver market during the week. Speculators were operating freely. Banks also bought and sold. As the monsoon is now approaching and the offtake is likely to decrease, the bazaar is not expected to buy much silver in America or London during June. The stock of silver in Bombay is about 7,000 bars and the up-country demand for the metal is about 150 bars per day."

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

In Lacs of Rupees—	May 22.	May 31.	June 7.
Notes in circulation	17814	17451	17443
Silver coin and bullion in India	7629	7666	7658
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Gold coin and bullion out of India	2232	2232	2232
Securities (Indian Government)	5753	5753	5753
Securities (British Government)	1400	1400	1400
Bills of exchange	800	400	400

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending June 7. The stock in Shanghai on the 16th inst. consisted of about 36,200,000 ounces in sycee, \$39,500,000 and 1,980 silver bars, as compared with about 37,000,000 ounces in sycee, \$37,500,000 and 2,300 silver bars on the 7th inst.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per oz. std.—		Bar Gold per oz. fine.
	Cash.	Two Mos.	
June 12	34 11-16d.	34 ½d.	95s. 9d.
June 13	34 ½d.	34 11-16d.	95s. 8d.
June 14	34 13-16d.	34 ½d.	95s. 8d.
June 15	34 ½d.	34 ½d.	95s. 5d.
June 16	34 ½d.	34 ½d.	95s. 6d.
June 17	34 ½d.	34 ½d.	95s. 6d.
June 18	35d.	34 ½d.	95s. 6d.
Average	34.854d.	34.697d.	95s. 6.8d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively ¼d. and ¼d. above 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.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week ending July 4.	June 28.	June 30.	July 1.	July 2.	July 3.	July 4.
Silver, per oz.	34 ½	34 ½	34 ½	34 ½	34 ½	34 ½
Gold, per fine ounce	95s. 2d.	95s. 5d.	95s. 6d.	95s. 4d.	95s. 4s.	95s. 4s.
Consols, 2½ per cents.	56 ¾	56 ¾	56 ¾	56 ¾	56 ¾	56 ¾
British, 5 per cents.	101	101	101	101	101	101
British, 4½ per cents.	97 ½	97 ½	97 ½	97 ½	97 ½	HOLI-
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	52.65	52.20	52.30	52.30	52.50	DAY ;
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	67.80	67.60	67.95	67.90	67.90	

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign	65¼	65¼	65¼	66¼	66¼
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COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a moderate increase as 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, July 5), aggregate bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will register an increase of 2.5% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$8,189,660,697, against \$7,988,661,264 for the same week in 1923. At this centre there is a gain of 5.9%. On Tuesday, July 1, New York City bank clearings reached a new high figure, the total for that day being \$1,443,000,000. The previous high record was on Jan. 3 1921, when the total was \$1,423,063,788. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending July 5.	1924.	1923.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,064,000,000	\$3,839,000,000	+5.9
Chicago	549,834,070	526,924,789	+4.3
Philadelphia	377,000,000	401,000,000	-6.0
Boston	305,000,000	320,000,000	-4.7
Kansas City	89,799,575	98,302,597	-8.7
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	125,000,000	126,700,000	-1.3
Los Angeles	94,737,000	107,000,000	-11.5
Pittsburgh	112,718,468	124,177,225	-9.2
Detroit	115,013,702	104,630,023	+9.9
Cleveland	76,315,131	69,453,697	+9.9
Baltimore	86,181,590	83,474,447	+3.2
New Orleans	40,133,917	46,157,807	-13.1
Twelve cities, five days	\$6,035,733,453	\$5,846,870,585	+3.2
Other cities, five days	788,983,795	810,347,135	-2.6
Total all cities, five days	\$6,824,717,248	\$6,657,217,720	+2.5
All cities, one day	1,364,943,449	1,331,443,544	+2.5
Total all cities for week	\$8,189,660,697	\$7,988,661,264	+2.5

a Will not report clearings.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended June 28. For that week there is a decrease of 0.4%, the 1924 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,758,394,451 and the 1923 aggregate \$7,790,885,077. Outside of New York City the falling off is 1.7%, the bank exchanges at this city having recorded a gain of 18.5%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears, that in the New York Reserve District (in-

cluding this city) there is an increase of 0.5%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 4.0% and in the Richmond Reserve District of 1.7%. In the Boston Reserve District there is a loss of 7.6%, in the Cleveland Reserve District of 9.7% and in the Chicago Reserve District of 3.0%. The Atlanta Reserve District shows an improvement of 1.4%, the Chicago Reserve District of 2.4% and the Dallas Reserve District of 18.2%. The Minneapolis Reserve District has a decrease of 10.9%, the Kansas City Reserve District of 9.4% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 1.2%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending June 28 1924.	1924.	1923.	Inc. or Dec.	1922.	1921.
Federal Reserve Districts.					
(1st) Boston.....11 cities	\$ 390,560,241	\$ 422,688,706	-7.6	\$ 356,093,098	\$ 317,047,974
(2nd) New York.....10 "	4,516,124,171	4,493,078,969	+0.5	4,833,368,065	4,466,465,522
(3rd) Philadelphia.....10 "	545,141,450	526,979,367	+4.0	473,995,287	458,886,496
(4th) Cleveland.....8 "	343,252,471	350,188,306	-8.7	320,078,446	283,612,312
(5th) Richmond.....6 "	169,801,480	167,002,225	+1.7	150,952,098	121,374,041
(6th) Atlanta.....12 "	150,024,095	147,892,448	+1.4	129,736,361	123,719,065
(7th) Chicago.....20 "	821,217,825	801,825,864	+2.4	767,926,778	643,202,507
(8th) St. Louis.....7 "	56,334,733	58,101,992	-3.0	52,697,091	44,384,190
(9th) Minneapolis.....7 "	99,361,246	111,526,331	-10.9	98,648,838	99,666,806
(10th) Kansas City.....12 "	203,429,990	224,464,763	-9.4	220,550,124	221,640,781
(11th) Dallas.....5 "	50,545,714	42,755,380	+18.2	38,665,880	40,867,600
(12th) San Francisco.....16 "	409,501,035	414,362,736	-1.2	345,685,883	304,408,897
Grand total.....124 cities	7,758,394,451	7,790,885,077	-0.4	7,788,397,949	7,125,095,583
Outside New York City.....	3,309,132,786	3,366,648,573	-1.7	3,011,442,875	2,712,249,173
Canada.....29 cities	290,006,878	290,013,521	-0.01	282,607,191	316,945,436

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Clearings at—	Week Ending June 28.				
	1924.	1923.	Inc. or Dec.	1922.	1921.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	\$ 622,309	\$ 852,184	-27.0	\$ 910,825	\$ 692,985
Maine—Bangor.....	2,545,968	2,700,000	-5.7	3,263,324	2,550,000
Portland.....	347,000,000	379,000,000	-8.4	314,000,000	273,882,140
Mass.—Boston.....	1,629,837	1,913,011	-14.8	1,887,058	1,282,836
Fall River.....	1,174,326	1,349,808	-13.0	1,137,834	1,222,197
Holyoke.....	1,006,609	1,261,638	-20.2	1,617,398	1,215,959
Lynn.....	5,259,713	4,933,587	+6.6	4,204,148	6,232,679
New Bedford.....	3,625,000	3,393,872	+6.8	3,812,170	3,847,699
Springfield.....	11,455,072	10,746,830	+6.6	9,823,144	9,244,675
Worcester.....	1,607,217	6,154,976	-2.2	6,103,897	5,465,398
Conn.—Hartford.....	10,224,200	10,382,800	-1.5	9,333,300	11,511,400
New Haven.....					
R. I.—Providence.....					
Total (11 cities)	390,560,241	422,688,706	-7.6	356,093,098	317,047,974
Second Federal Reserve District—New York	\$ 5,177,262	\$ 4,368,364	+18.5	\$ 4,478,013	\$ 2,414,782
N. Y.—Albany.....	788,300	968,100	-18.6	799,200	734,200
Binghamton.....	d40,042,214	43,784,861	-8.5	34,535,891	31,683,636
Buffalo.....	757,308	789,493	-4.1	894,482	898,265
Elmira.....	c1,001,669	1,167,696	+0.6	1,776,955,074	4,412,846,410
Jamestown.....	4,449,261,665	4,424,238,504	+5.1	3,885,626	10,604,813
New York.....	10,325,000	9,825,682	+20.2	4,031,567	4,815,545
Rochester.....	5,457,534	4,540,468	+2.2	2,441,595	2,081,957
Syracuse.....	c2,906,938	2,912,834	-0.2	346,617	382,914
Conn.—Stamford.....	406,281	484,967	-16.2		
N. J.—Montclair.....					
Total (10 cities)	1,516,124,171	1,493,078,969	+0.5	4,833,368,065	4,466,465,522
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia	\$ 1,380,523	\$ 1,625,757	-14.7	\$ 997,967	\$ 1,022,684
Pa.—Allentown.....	3,604,891	5,404,834	-33.3	3,600,197	3,524,538
Bethlehem.....	1,130,353	1,332,530	-15.2	921,952	958,485
Chester.....	2,245,066	2,792,139	-19.6	2,574,723	2,410,855
Lancaster.....	521,000,000	498,000,000	+4.6	451,000,000	435,761,368
Philadelphia.....	2,982,355	2,999,372	-0.6	3,073,098	3,097,378
Reading.....	5,807,411	6,214,119	-6.5	4,127,426	4,645,942
Seranton.....	d3,885,826	2,652,190	+46.5	2,571,750	2,403,131
Wilkes-Barre.....	1,538,717	1,388,330	+10.8	1,099,249	1,358,790
York.....	4,560,308	4,670,096	-0.2	4,028,925	3,703,315
N. J.—Trenton.....					
Del.—Wilmington.....					
Total (10 cities)	548,141,450	526,979,367	+4.0	473,995,287	458,886,496
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland	\$ d7,033,000	\$ 7,859,000	-10.5	\$ 5,397,000	\$ 6,070,000
Ohio—Akron.....	3,874,216	4,796,197	-19.2	3,980,484	3,324,592
Canton.....	60,350,144	65,314,789	-7.6	58,542,655	52,467,688
Cincinnati.....	95,375,216	108,328,599	-12.0	84,177,710	74,557,621
Cleveland.....	11,816,500	13,686,700	-13.7	13,105,600	12,423,900
Columbus.....	a	a	a	a	a
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mansfield.....	d1,508,090	1,862,508	-19.0	1,173,895	1,198,354
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	d3,639,799	4,059,143	-10.3	2,701,102	3,580,157
Pa.—Erie.....	159,655,506	174,281,370	-8.4	151,000,000	130,000,000
Pittsburgh.....					
Total (8 cities)	343,252,471	380,188,306	-9.7	320,078,446	283,612,312
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond	\$ 1,917,716	\$ 2,011,502	-4.1	\$ 1,592,262	\$ 1,636,747
W. Va.—Hunt'g'n.....	46,202,334	6,380,999	-2.5	6,555,676	5,806,578
Va.—Norfolk.....	d8,024,000	43,380,000	+10.7	41,472,977	36,079,975
Richmond.....	2,479,658	2,458,317	+0.9	2,266,041	2,768,195
S. C.—Charleston.....	89,099,572	91,786,154	-2.9	80,277,746	57,266,293
Md.—Baltimore.....	d22,178,000	21,005,255	+5.6	18,787,396	17,816,253
D. C.—Washington.....					
Total (6 cities)	169,901,480	167,002,225	+1.7	150,952,098	121,374,041
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta	\$ d5,608,010	\$ 5,796,561	-3.3	\$ 4,220,085	\$ 4,265,063
Tenn.—Chatt'g'n.....	2,496,776	2,932,158	-14.8	2,464,323	2,901,023
Knoxville.....	16,351,285	18,186,457	-10.1	15,492,069	14,241,905
Nashville.....	42,375,310	42,131,473	+0.6	34,128,052	36,449,874
Ga.—Atlanta.....	1,138,804	1,385,628	-17.8	1,026,568	941,812
Augusta.....	1,419,268	1,100,627	+28.9	1,388,578	*1,200,000
Macon.....					
Fla.—Jackson'le.....	13,169,174	10,776,727	+22.2	8,502,722	7,378,600
Ala.—Birmingham.....	21,274,331	19,876,257	+7.0	18,812,243	14,960,180
Mobile.....	1,515,381	1,717,026	-11.7	1,736,735	1,500,000
Miss.—Jackson.....	1,132,000	1,025,000	+10.4	593,802	650,000
Vicksburg.....	188,048	256,071	-26.6	227,153	214,128
La.—New Orleans.....	43,355,708	42,708,463	+1.5	41,144,021	39,016,478
Total (12 cities)	150,024,095	147,892,448	+1.4	129,736,361	123,719,065

Clearings at—	Week Ending June 28.				
	1924.	1923.	Inc. or Dec.	1922.	1921.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago	\$ 187,098	\$ 181,910	+2.8	\$ 176,701	\$ 124,483
Mich.—Adrian.....	622,273	827,173	-24.8	658,870	574,861
Ann Arbor.....	137,853,008	130,451,244	+5.7	138,767,431	78,250,375
Detroit.....	6,118,855	5,891,946	+3.9	5,634,397	5,043,489
Grand Rapids.....	1,735,000	2,518,000	-31.1	1,796,000	1,653,000
Lansing.....	2,202,014	2,125,937	+3.6	2,049,706	2,155,037
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	17,407,000	19,872,000	-12.4	13,682,000	14,586,000
Indianapolis.....	1,897,600	2,435,700	-22.1	2,124,200	1,550,000
South Bend.....	4,630,438	6,647,758	-30.3		
Terre Haute.....	33,962,921	34,363,689	-1.2	27,254,725	26,408,711
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	2,136,609	1,349,530	+58.3	2,078,794	1,987,934
Iowa—Ced. Rap.....	8,665,337	10,586,714	-18.1	5,892,132	5,738,132
Des Moines.....	5,312,255	5,664,009	-6.2	5,310,493	5,928,327
Sioux City.....	1,223,803	1,169,175	+4.7	1,189,000	1,210,795
Waterloo.....	1,141,495	1,390,356	-17.9	1,096,356	1,249,091
Ill.—Bloomi'ng'n.....	586,731,882	566,129,103	+3.6	548,808,001	486,263,952
Chicago.....	a	a	a	a	a
Decatur.....	1,156,900	1,228,632	-5.8	1,060,498	1,108,909
Peoria.....	4,113,807	4,198,739	-8.6	3,885,796	3,905,441
Rockford.....	1,908,985	2,149,710	-8.4	1,670,488	2,000,000
Springfield.....	2,150,543	2,344,559	-8.3	1,536,572	1,700,000
Total (20 cities)	821,217,825	801,825,864	+2.4	767,926,778	643,202,507
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis	\$ 4,870,667	\$ 4,788,194	+1.7	\$ 4,931,302	\$ 3,972,912
Ind.—Evansville.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mo.—St. Louis.....	26,822,957	27,751,374	-3.3	24,805,076	21,323,622
Ky.—Louisville.....	296,990	346,276	-14.2	302,272	316,115
Owensboro.....	13,776,769	14,473,960	-4.8	14,107,829	10,547,146
Tenn.—Memphis.....	9,023,998	9,387,947	-3.9	7,029,824	6,869,066
Ark.—LittleRock.....	1,279,181	1,077,324	+17.4	2,64,097	2,72,517
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	1,264,171	1,076,917	+17.4	1,256,691	1,082,812
Quincy.....					
Total (7 cities)	56,334,733	58,101,992	-3.0	52,697,091	44,384,190
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis	\$ d6,638,876	\$ 7,811,972	-15.0	\$ 5,914,086	\$ 5,937,821
Minn.—Duluth.....	62,141,469	64,646,163	-3.9	58,264,070	57,877,094
Minneapolis.....	25,620,481	33,274,207	-23.0	28,312,572	29,166,446
St. Paul.....	1,226,732	1,729,817	-29.1	1,587,049	1,752,612
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	1,014,050	1,080,807	-6.2	1,055,441	1,120,329
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	399,477	380,702	+4.9	500,144	691,359
Mont.—Billings.....	2,320,161	2,602,663	-10.9	2,985,471	3,121,145
Helena.....					
Total (7 cities)	99,361,246	111,526,331	-10.9	98,648,838	99,666,806
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City	\$ d527,803	\$ 426,738	+80.7	\$ 270,857	\$ 447,767
Neb.—Fremont.....	413,897	426,738	-3.0	479,571	480,541
Hastings.....	3,289,027	3,640,669	-9.7	3,507,877	2,562,764
Lincoln.....	3,256,204	38,038,099	-10.8	38,295,534	33,419,093
Omaha.....	3,064,403	3,499,411	-7.0	2,340,596	2,253,461

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 102.—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, St. Louis City, and totals for weeks and since Aug. 1.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, June 28 1924, follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, N'port News, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, and totals for weeks and since Jan. 1.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading. The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, June 28 1924, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, and totals for week 1924 and week 1923.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1923 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns for Week and Since for each grain type. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Colon., Other Countries, and totals for 1924 and 1923.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, June 27, and since July 1 1923 and 1922, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns for 1923-24, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1922-23. Sub-sub-columns for Week and Since for each year. Rows include North Amer., Russ. & Dan., Argentina, Australia, India, Other countr., and Total.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday June 28, was as follows:

Table with columns: GRAIN STOCKS, United States—, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include Galveston, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, Slough City, St. Louis, Kansas City, Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Lakes, On Canal and River, and totals for June 28 1924, June 21 1924, and June 30 1923.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 214,000 bushels; Boston, 76,000; Baltimore, 4,000; Buffalo, 349,000; Duluth, 13,000; Chicago, 21,000; On Lakes, 351,000; total, 1,780,000 bushels, against 172,000 bushels in 1923. Barley, New York, 107,000 bushels, Buffalo afloat, 90,000; Duluth, 13,000; Chicago, 26,000; On Lakes, 166,000; total, 402,000 bushels, against 590,000 bushels in 1923. Wheat, New York, 1,227,000 bushels; Boston, 120,000; Duluth, 16,000; Toledo, 82,000; Toledo afloat, 103,000; Chicago, 535,000; On Lakes, 76,000; total, 5,068,000 bushels, against 1,641,000 bushels in 1923.

Table with columns: Canadian—, Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian. Rows include totals for June 28 1924, June 21 1924, and June 30 1923.

Table with columns: Summary—, American, Canadian. Rows include totals for June 28 1924, June 21 1924, and June 30 1923.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include 25 Int. Elec. Protection Co., 4 N. Y. Consolidated R.R., 100 South American Gold & Platinum, 100 Pioneer Oil Corp., 100 Smuggler Leasing Co., \$10,000 Detroit Southern Ry. Co., 306 Degnon Realty & Terminal Impt. Co., 462 1/2 Tubes Realty & Term., 300 Cape Cod Construc. Co., 375 N. Y. & N. J. Const. Co., 135 Degnon Realty & Term. Impt. Co., \$50,000 Boston Cape Cod & N. Y. Canal Co., 150 Boston Cape Cod & N. Y. Canal Co., common.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include 7 National Shawmut Bank, 3 Commonwealth-Atlantic Nat. Bk., 2 First National Bank, 1 Second National Bank, 14 Everett Mills, 12 Hamilton Manufacturing Co., 60 The United Equities Corp., 4 N. Y. Consolidated R.R., 215 Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., 10 Mariners Harbor Nat. Bank, 24 Saguenay Pulp & Power Co., 80 Saguenay Pulp & Power Co., 10 Corbin Coal & Coke Co., 200 Mayfair Oil Co., \$250 The Freundschaft Society of New York, \$500 North Shore Country Club, \$25,000 South Carolina 6s, 150 Boston Cape Cod & N. Y. Canal Co., common.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include 12 East Middlesex St. Ry. Co., 5 Converse Rubber Shoe Co., 25 American Gas Co., 15 Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. Co., 20 State Street Exchange.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include 50 Ipswich Mills, 4 Ludlow Mfg. Associates, 3 Washington Building Trust, 5 Dennison Mfg. Co., 5 Lowell Electric Light Corp., 60 Fall River Elec. Lt. Co., 1 Bayrister Hall Trust, 5 Heywood-Wakefield Co., 5 Walter M. Lowney Co., 5 American Glue Co., 1-10 American Mfg. Co., 50 Collyer Insulated Wire Co., 5 Boston Insurance Co., 4 Lowell Electric Light Corp., 30 Reed-Prentice Co.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include 10 General Gas & Elec. Co., 2 Mine Hill & Schuylkill Hav. RR., 11 Germantown Passenger Ry. Co., 61 Reading Traction Co., 28 Phila. & Grays Ferry Pass. Ry., 20 Lykens Valley Ry., 13 Fleischmann Vienna Model Bakery, 68 Valley Forge Magnesia Co., 9 Hale & Chase, Inc., 2 Mine Hill & Schuylkill Hav. RR., 11 Germantown Passenger Ry. Co., 61 Reading Traction Co., 28 Phila. & Grays Ferry Pass. Ry., 20 Lykens Valley Ry., 13 Fleischmann Vienna Model Bakery, 68 Valley Forge Magnesia Co.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include 12500-100000 Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp., 5 Union National Bank, 20 Philadelphia National Bank, 5 Tioga Trust Co., 25 Tioga Trust Co., 10 Northeastern Title & Trust Co., 5 Commonw'th Title, Ins. & Tr. Co., 5 Chestnut Hill Title & Trust Co., 14 Colonial Trust Co., 30 Peoples Bank & Trust Co., 20 Pier Realty & Holding Co., 20 Union Transfer Co., \$1,000 Phila. Bristol & Trenton St. Ry., \$5,000 Middle States Coal & Iron Mines Co., \$1,000 Wilkes-Barre & Hazleton Ry. Co., \$1,000 St. Louis Transit Co., \$200 Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp., \$44,500 Sham-o-Kin Silk Corp.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

June 24—The Brownsville National Bank of New York, N. Y.—\$250,000
Correspondent: Col. Sydney Grant, 189 Montague Street, New York, N. Y.

June 27—The First National Bank of Monroeton, Pa.—25,000
Correspondent: Fred C. Shiner, Monroeton, Pa.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

June 24—1255—The American National Bank of Sallisaw, Okla.—\$30,000
Conversion of The Security State Bank, Sallisaw, Okla., President, L. J. Peery Wheeler; Cashier, H. E. McDonald.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

June 25—9583—The Anaconda National Bank, Anaconda, Mont.—\$100,000
Effective May 31 1924. Lq. Agent: Board of Directors of the liquidating bank. Succeeded by the National Bank of Anaconda, Mont., No. 12542.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Miscellaneous (Concluded) such as National Grocer, New York Mortgage, etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Railroads (Steam) and Public Utilities.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies and their stock details.

Weekly Returns 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 June 28. 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 showing weekly returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies. Columns include: Week Ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-tables for Members of Federal Reserve Bank and Grand Aggr. Comparison.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total June 28, \$21,203,000; actual totals June 28, \$21,203,000; June 21, \$21,204,000; June 14, \$17,681,000; June 7, \$17,681,000; average for week June 28, \$331,000,000; June 21, \$325,426,000; June 14, \$327,044,000; June 7, \$335,925,000; May 31, \$377,474,000. Actual totals June 28, \$350,764,000; June 21, \$332,608,000; June 14, \$343,511,000; June 7, \$322,272,000; May 31, \$406,701,000.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$118,416,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$12,940,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$83,189,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$136,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$56,457,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$17,849,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$2,293,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$8,277,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$136,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$13,510,000. c Deposits in foreign branches not included. z As of May 22.

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 showing Reserve Position of Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies. Columns include: Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, Trust companies, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserves, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Includes sub-tables for Averages and Grand Totals.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. a This is the reserve required on the 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: June 28, \$13,194,420; June 21, \$12,954,030; June 14, \$12,575,520; June 7, \$12,615,750.

Actual Figures. Table with columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies, and dates from June 7 to June 28.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies...

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Table with columns: Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank, Total deposits, Deposits eliminating amounts, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, RESERVE (State Banks, Trust Companies), Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on June 28 was \$78,564,100.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Rows list weeks from Mar. 1 to June 28.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c., Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits. Rows include Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank, State Banks, and various institutions.

a United States deposits deducted, \$120,000. Bills payable, redscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$437,000. Excess reserve, \$302,970 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: June 25 1924, Changes from previous week, June 18 1924, June 11 1924. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investments, etc.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending June 28, 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: Week ending June 28 1924, June 21 1924, June 14 1924. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & invest'ns, 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 July 2 1924 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns: July 2 1924, June 25 1924, July 3 1923. Rows include Resources (Gold with Federal Reserve agent, Gold held exclusively agst. F.R. notes, etc.), Total gold reserves, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, U.S. Government securities, Total earning assets, Total resources, Liabilities (Fed. Res. notes in actual circulation, etc.), Total liabilities.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Contributions by the late Charles P. Steinmetz, Thomas A. Edison, Elihu Thomson and W. D'A. Ryan make up the first four sections of a 35-page booklet just issued by the General Electric Co. entitled "The Splendor of Well Lighted Streets." The remainder of the booklet is devoted to outlining some General Electric resources at the service of the public for the lighting of its cities.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 3, 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 for the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 2 1924.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from July 2, 1924, to July 3, 1923. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Bills, Total U.S. Govt. securities, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes, Deposits, Total deposits, etc.).

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 2 1924.

Table with 13 columns representing different Federal Reserve Banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) and rows for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, July 4 1924.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 45. The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending July 3, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroads, Industrial & Miscel., and others with their respective prices and ranges.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending July 4, Stocks No. Shares, Railroad &c. Bonds, State, Municipal & Foreign Bds., United States Bonds. Includes daily and total figures.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending July 4, 1924, 1923, Jan. 1 to July 4, 1924, 1923. Includes figures for Stocks-No. shares, Bonds, Government bonds, State and foreign bonds, RR. & miscel. bonds, and Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges. Columns: Week ending July 4 1924, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales). Includes daily and total figures.

* In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 5,760; Monday, 6,302; Tuesday, 12,765; Wednesday, 20,708.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.

Table showing daily record of U.S. bond prices. Columns: June 25, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 4. Lists various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, and Treasury bonds.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 68 1st 3 1/8s, 11 1st 4 1/8s, 35 2d 4 1/8s.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfs. of Indebtedness, &c.—See page 68.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange ruled quiet but steady with only minor changes. In the Continental exchanges extreme dullness prevailed.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 30 1/2 @ 4 31 1/2 for sixty days, 4 32 1/2 @ 4 33 1/2 for cheques and 4 32 1/2 @ 4 33 1/2 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5.01 1/2 @ 5.06 1/2 for long and 5.07 @ 5.12 for short.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—Sixty Days. Checks. Cables.

High for the week—4 31 1/2, 4 33 1/2, 4 33 1/2. Low for the week—4 29 1/2, 4 31 1/2, 4 31 1/2.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$10 per \$1,000 discount.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 46.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 67.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Table showing daily transactions at the New York Curb Market. Columns: Week ending July 4, Stocks (No. Shares), Bonds (Par Value). Includes figures for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, organized by industry (e.g., Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous) and categorized by stock type (Stock, Exchange, Closed, Independence, Day). Includes columns for daily sales, weekly sales, and price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices z Ex-dividend b Ex rights

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stock categories.

Main table listing stocks with columns for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE', 'PER SHARE', and 'PER SHARE'. Includes stock names and their respective price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex 300% n stock. * Ex-dividend / Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday to Friday), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell., General Cigar, etc.), PER SHARE (Range Since Jan 1 1924), PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1923).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales this day. x Ex-dividend. k Par value changed from \$100 to \$50 and prices on that basis beginning June 3. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding

Table with columns for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.', 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1924'. It lists various stocks and their prices over time.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending July 3, Interest Period, Price Thursday July 3, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and detailed bond listings including U. S. Government, Foreign Government, and various corporate bonds.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. \$5=5. #Due Jan. #Due April. #Due May. #Due June. #Due July. #Due Aug. #Due Oct. #Due Nov. #Due Dec. #Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bid/Ask/High/Low/No. Includes sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange and Illinois Central (Concluded).

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other financial details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due March. c Due April. d Due May. e Due June. f Due July. g Due Aug. h Due Oct. i Due Dec. j Option sale

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include bond descriptions, interest rates, prices, and ranges. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

*No price Friday; a to b bid and asked. c Due Jan. d Due Feb. e Due June. f Due July. g Due Aug. h Due Oct. i Due Nov. j Due Dec. k Option sale.

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 5

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

Table of quotations for various securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, and Sugar Stocks.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Apr. c Due Mar. d Due May. e Due June. f Due July. g Due Aug. h Due Oct. i Due Dec. j Option sale.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Stocks Boston Stock Exchange (Railroads, Miscellaneous); Range Since Jan. 1 1924. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols like *z150, 731, *z89, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day Ex-rights b Ex-div and rights c Ex-div. Ex-stock div. a Assessment paid e Price on new basis.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Boston Stock Exchange June 28 to July 3, both inclusive (Friday, July 4, being Independence Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Bonds, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like AtI Gulf & W I S S L 5s 1959, Chic June Ry & U S Y 4s 40 5s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange June 28 to July 3, both inclusive (Friday, July 4, being Independence Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Wholesale, pref., 100, Arundel Sand & Gravel, 100, Baltimore Brick, 100, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange June 28 to July 3, both inclusive (Friday, July 4, being Independence Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, Amer Elec Pow Co, pf., 100, American Gas of N J, 100, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Philia Co (Pitts), pf 5% .50, Preferred (cum 6%) .50, Philia Electric of Pa., 25, etc.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange June 28 to July 3, both inclusive (Friday, July 4, being Independence Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like First National Bank, Nat'l Bank of Commerce, State National Bank, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange June 28 to July 3, both inclusive (Friday, July 4, being Independence Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Pub Serv, pref., 100, American Shipbuilding, 100, Armour & Co (Del), pf, 100, etc.

* No par value.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes stocks like Reo Motor, Standard Gas & Elec Co., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes Gillette Safety Razor, Glendon Chemical, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange June 28 to July 3, both inclusive (Friday, July 4, being Independence Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes Am Vitriol Prod, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Reo Motor, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from June 28 to July 3 (Friday, July 4, Independence Day), inclusive:

Table with columns: Week ending July 3, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acme Packing, Adirondack Pr & L com, etc.

Table with columns: Rights—Borden Co., Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Other Oil Stocks. Includes Anglo-American Oil, Buckeye Pipe Line, etc.

*No par value.

Table of stock prices for 'Other Oil Stocks' and 'Mining Stocks'. Columns include stock name, par value, last sale price, weekly sales, and price ranges for various dates.

Table of 'Bonds (Concluded)' and 'Foreign Government and Municipalities'. Columns include bond name, maturity date, last sale price, weekly sales, and price ranges.

* No par value. k Correction. 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. z Ex-stock dividend.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including their names, assets, and other financial details.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing realty and surety companies in New York City, including their names and financial information.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including maturity dates and interest rates.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Contributions by the late Charles P. Steinmetz, Thomas A. Edison, Elihu Thomson and W. D.A. Ryan make up the first four sections of a 35-page booklet...

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we complete our summary for the earnings for the third week of June. The table covers 16 roads and shows 7.05% decrease from the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Third Week of June, 1924, 1923, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for various roads like Georgia & Florida, Minneapolis & St. Louis, etc.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

Table with 5 columns: Canadian Pacific Ry, Missouri-Kansas-Texas System, St. Louis-San Francisco System, etc. Sub-headers include Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Gross Available for Interest, and Net Income.

Main table of railroad earnings with 7 columns: Railroad Name, Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, and various other metrics. Lists roads such as Colorado & Southern, Fort Worth & Denver City, etc.

The representation of the company on the boards of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., and the Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij remains unaltered.

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 118, p. 3208.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 5 columns: Assets (Property, Debtors, Dividends, Investments, Fixed dep., Cash), Liabilities (Capital, Reserve, Creditors, Unclaimed dividends, Prof. dividend, 2d Pref. div., Profit balance), and Totals.

Total investments taken at market price or under on Dec. 31, include \$200,436 National War bonds, \$3,317 British securities, \$228,203 Colonial Government railway and municipal stocks, etc.

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...

New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Refuses Clerks' Wage Demands.—A request of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks on the N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. for a wage increase...

Long Island RR. Commuters to Fight Higher Rates.—Band together as "Association of Long Island Commuters" to formulate plans for campaign against rate increases.

Increases on Lumber Freight Rates Temporarily Suspended.—I. S. C. Commission suspended until Oct. 28 operation of certain schedules of the Illinois Central and St. Louis-San Francisco railroads...

Suspend New Grain Rates for a Month.—Proposed new schedules to revise the rates on grain and grain products from points in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin, to Texas...

Attorney-General Stone Wants Better Inspection of Locomotives Used in Inter-State Commerce.—New York "Times" June 28, p. 12.

Chamber of Commerce of United States Finds Transportation Act Upheld.—Result of referendum to 641 local organizations in 47 States show 23,214 votes for and 4,191 votes against the special committee's recommendations.

Detroit United Ry. Employees Renew Wage and Working Agreement Through Their Union.—Union seeks to halt appeal of Street Ry. Commission to Supreme Court...

Railroads Paid \$3,000,000 as Excess Earnings in 1923.—Practically all from one line—Duluth Missabe & Northern—which paid \$2,142,000. Bessemer & Lake Erie paid \$442,000.

Authorized Statistics.—The Car Service Division of the American Railway Association reports:

New Equipment.—Class I railroads installed 11,364 freight cars and 153 locomotives during May. Of the new equipment box cars totaled 3,521; coal cars totaled 3,141 and refrigerator cars 2,391.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 28.—(a) The working of the Pennsylvania Plan, p. 3126. (b) Course of electric railway earnings in 1923, p. 3129. (c) Loading of revenue freight declining, p. 3142.

American Electric Power Co.—New Directors, &c.—Nine new directors were elected June 27 at a reorganization meeting of the board. They are: Sidney Z. Mitchell, Chairman of the board and President of the Electric Bond & Share Co.; George Breed, Chairman of the American Gas & Electric Co.; George M. Tidd, President of the latter company; Frank B. Ball, Vice-President and Secretary of the American Gas & Electric Co.; F. W. Drager, Treasurer of the same company; H. S. Reynolds, Vice-President of the Appalachian Power Co.; C. N. Mason, President of the New River Power Co.; C. P. Hamilton, President of the General Electric Securities Corp.; and W. Graham Clayton, Chief Engineer of the American Electric Power Co.

Six of the former directors who continue upon the board are: Van Horn Ely, Walter H. Lippincott, E. Clarence Miller and Charles L. S. Tingley, Philadelphia; Thomas W. Wilson, Wilmington, Del., and Alexander C. Robinson, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Tidd has been elected 1st Vice-President, succeeding John Gribbel. Mr. Ely remains as President, and other officers also continue under the new ownership.

Approximately 95% of the Common stock of the American Electric Power Co. was deposited under the offer of the American Gas & Electric Co. and the Appalachian Power Co. (see V. 118, p. 2823). The Bank of North America & Trust Co. has been notified to pay \$62.50 for any additional stock which might be turned in, although the time limit of the offer expired on June 27.—V. 118, p. 3194.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Acquisition.—See California Southern RR. below.—V. 118, p. 3075, 2946.

Atlantic City & Shore RR.—Strike Broken.—A. J. Purinton, Vice-President and Superintendent, declared on June 28 that the strike of motormen and conductors, which started on June 21, has ended so far as the company is concerned, and that cars are now being operated on regular schedule with new men.—V. 118, p. 3195.

Beaver Meade & Englewood RR.—Securities.—The I-S. C. Commission on June 26 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$240,000 of common stock, par \$100, and \$320,000 first mtge. 7% bonds, to be disposed of at par in connection with the construction of an extension to its railroad.—V. 118, p. 662.

Belt Line Ry. Corp.—Abandons Lines.—The corporation has abandoned the following portions of its line: On 1st Ave. from 23d St. to 59th St., on 23d St. from 1st Ave. to Ave. A, on Ave. A from 23d St. to 17th St., N. Y. City.—V. 117, p. 1662.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Improvement Plan Approved.—

The Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities has issued an order approving the plan submitted by the trustees of the Boston Elevated Ry. providing for the operation of rapid transit passenger trains on the Shawmut Branch section of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. from Welles Ave., Dorchester, to Mattapan, Mass., without interference with the transportation of freight over the railroad. The plan is part of the establishment of a new rapid transit extension of the Boston Elevated Ry., which will carry the trains operating through the Harvard Square subway, over the tracks of the New Haven road in Dorchester and Milton. The entire project will cost approximately \$5,000,000, it is understood.

Tenders.—Treasurer Henry L. Wilson, 108 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass., will until July 9 receive bids for the sale to the company of 2d Pref. stock to an amount sufficient to absorb \$90,379.—V. 118, p. 3075.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Wage Agreement.

The directors on July 1 signed a wage agreement with representatives of the employees continuing the present scale a year. The wage scales will be renewed from Aug. 1 and apply to all motormen and conductors on surface lines and all trainmen on elevated and subway lines. The directors also authorized the officers of the company to enter into agreements with other employees of the corporation so that all employees shall be treated alike.—V. 118, p. 3075, 2946.

Brunswick (Ga.) & Interurban Ry.—To Be Dismantled.

At a recent special election at Brunswick, Ga., the required number of votes were not polled to authorize the city to enter into a contract with the company for a lease of the property under which the city was to take over and operate the line for a period of years with the privilege of buying the railway. As a result of the voting, the railway has discontinued operations. It is said that the owners will proceed as soon as possible to dismantle and junk the property.—V. 115, p. 1320.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Notes Sold.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and The National City Co. have sold, at 99 3/4 and interest, \$3,500,000 One-Year 6% Gold Notes. Dated June 16 1924. Due June 15 1925. Interest payable J. & D. 15 in Chicago and New York without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Redeemable at any time upon 15 days' notice at par and interest.

Data from Letter of President Britton I. Budd, Chicago, June 19.

Company.—Owns and operates the electric railroad running from Evans-ton, Ill., along the shore of Lake Michigan to Milwaukee, Wis., with a branch to Area, Ill., the 84.54 miles of line being nearly all of double track construction. Through lease and traffic agreements, the company operates into the loop district of Chicago and south to 63d St., and renders a complete interurban service to the "North Shore" residential district and manufacturing centres, including merchandise dispatch service and through all-steel dining, parlor and observation train service, carrying passengers to and from the heart of the business district of Chicago to its centrally located terminal in Milwaukee, Wis.

Table showing stock and bond holdings: Prior Lien 7% Cumulative stock \$1,112,200, Preferred 6% Non-Cumulative stock \$1,112,200, Common stock 5,000,000, First Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds, due 1936 4,060,000, Secured Sinking Fund Gold Notes, due 1926 to 1936 2,715,400, 6% Equip. Trust and Real Estate Mtges., due 1924 to 1935 1,690,475, One-Year 6% Gold Notes (this issue) 3,500,000, Five-Year Non-Interest-bearing unsecured notes, due 1928- 2,684,208.

x Does not include \$325,000 sold by the company on the deferred payment plan. y Includes \$261,575 due up to and including June 15 1925.

Earnings Twelve Months Ended April 30.

Table showing revenue and expenses: Gross revenue, including other income \$5,349,757, Operating expenses, incl. maintenance and taxes 4,094,968.

Net earnings before depreciation \$1,254,790, Annual requirements of interest-bearing funded debt to be presently outstanding, including this note issue, amount to \$699,704.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1924 (After This Financing).

Table comparing assets and liabilities: Assets include Plant, property & equip. \$24,167,050, Advances to subsidiaries 2,734,958, Cash 353,949, Special cash deposits 577,852, Receivables 272,105, Subscriptions to 7% prior lien stock 323,488, Materials and supplies 390,040, Def'd assets & unadj. deb. 469,430. Liabilities include Prior lien 7% cum. stock \$1,112,200, Pref. 6% non-cum. stock 1,112,200, Common stock 5,000,000, Secured debt 8,465,875, Other funded debt 6,184,208, Accounts payable 340,634, Accr. int., divs. & rents pay. 156,112, Deferred liabilities 41,543, Depreciation reserve 2,005,799, Other reserves, &c. 638,712, Corporate surplus 343,788.

Total (each side) \$29,288,872.

Buffalo & Erie Ry.—Incorporated.—

This company has been incorporated in New York to operate street surface line in New York and Pennsylvania. Capitalization consists of 7,005 shares of Preferred stock, par \$100, and 30,000 Common shares of no par. Morton G. Bogue, John A. McNaughton and Samuel B. Howard are among the incorporators. The incorporation of this company is in accordance with the plan of reorganization of the Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Co. See V. 118, p. 1770.

Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Co.—Reorganization.—

See Buffalo & Erie Ry. above and compare V. 118, p. 1770, 2823.

California Railway & Power Co.—H. M. Bylesby & Co.

Offers \$65 per Share for Prior Preference Stock—Option Until Sept. 1 Sought.—

H. M. Bylesby & Co., it is understood, have made an offer of \$65 a share for the Prior Preference stock of the California Ry. & Power Co., which owns all the capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of the Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. The offer, according to available information, is made in a letter addressed to California Railway & Power stockholders, which is quoted in part as follows:

"The above company (California Railway & Power Co.) owns certain equity shares of the Market Street Ry. and of the Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. The properties of these two subsidiary companies are probably not marketable at a figure in excess of \$40,000,000, which amount would be only sufficient to take up the bonded indebtedness, leaving nothing for the stock equity owned by the California Railway & Power Co."

"It is our opinion that the Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. may be operated profitably if combined with properties adjacent to it, such as, for instance, certain Bylesby properties. The resulting combination has possibilities not possessed by either of the respective properties now separately operated. In this connection we are interested in purchasing a certain number of shares of the Prior Preference stock of the California Railway & Power Co., in order eventually to obtain a controlling interest in the Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. We are willing to purchase, at a price not to exceed \$65 a share, 50% of your holdings of this stock, provided that an option until Sept. 1 1924 on your remaining shares may be obtained."

"We believe that this will prove a profitable opportunity for you to dispose of your stock, leaving you with available funds for an investment in an income-producing security. As you have received no dividends on your Prior Preference stock for the past eight years, and as there is now no outlook of your receiving any dividends for many years, we believe that you should avail yourself of this opportunity to liquidate your holdings."

The California Railway & Power Co. is a holding company controlled through stock ownership by the United Railways Investment Co. Its authorized capital stock includes \$5,000,000 Prior Preference stock, of which

ment of \$1,002,500. For the purpose of this proceeding \$150,000 may be allowed for working capital, including materials and supplies. We will, therefore, authorize a capitalization of not exceeding \$1,150,000, of which \$400,000 will be common capital stock and \$750,000 first mortgage bonds.

Michigan Electric Ry.—Report.—

Calendar Years— 1923. 1922. Gross earnings \$2,720,142 \$2,736,180 Operating expenses and taxes 2,200,408 2,123,668 Gross income \$519,734 \$612,512 Interest and other fixed charges 408,542 Net income \$111,192 \$612,512

Note.—The company has been operating since Dec. 1 1923 only, it having purchased the property of the Michigan United Rys. Co. at foreclosure sale. The earnings shown for 1922 and 1923 are after giving effect to the reorganization of the property and the purchase of equipment formerly operated under lease.—V. 117, p. 2653.

Milford-Attleborough & Woonsocket Street Ry.—

Judge Wait in the Mass. Supreme Court has appointed Clark V. Wood of Springfield as receiver. The trustees of the New England Investment & Security Co. of Springfield petitioned the Massachusetts Supreme Court for the appointment of a receiver for this company, which operates a 30-mile road through towns of Blackstone, Bellingham, Mendon, Hopdale, Milford, Franklin, Wrentham and Plainville. The petitioners declared they own all of the \$315,000 stock of the company; \$46,000 of the \$300,000 5% bonds maturing Oct. 1 1924; and notes of the company on which they say there is a balance of \$40,000 due. They also allege that the company owes several creditors \$19,198; that it is unable to pay this or to meet its fixed charges from earnings. They further allege company will be unable to pay the principal or the interest of the bonds Oct. 1 next, or to borrow money anywhere to do so.—V. 113, p. 293.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—Equip. Notes Offered.—

White, Weld & Co., New York, are offering at 101 3/4 and int., to yield over 4% to March 1 1925 (the earliest redemption date), or about 5 3/4% to maturity, March 1 1930, \$4,750,000 6% Secured Gold Notes. These notes represent indebtedness purchased from U. S. RR. Administration.

Dated March 1 1924. Due March 1 1930. Authorized and outstanding, \$4,750,000. Int. (M. & S.) payable in New York, Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice on any int. date on or after March 1 1925 at par and int. Denom. \$1,000 c. Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee. These notes are secured by pledge of \$6,100,000 Prior Lien Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "C," due 1932, having a present market value in excess of \$6,100,000, or more than 125% of this issue. The collateral which is currently selling on the New York Stock Exchange at approximately 101 is therefore pledged at less than 80.

Acquisition Approved.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 27 issued a certificate authorizing the acquisition and operation by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. Co. of the lines of railroad and other properties of the Boonville Railroad Bridge Co. and of the Missouri Kansas & Texas Terminal Co. of St. Louis.—V. 118, p. 3078, 2175.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Hearing July 28.—

The Inter-State Commerce Commission will hold a hearing at New Orleans July 28 before Director of Finance Mahaffie on the application of the company for authority to acquire control of the New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. by purchase of its capital stock, and to issue all or any part of \$18,000,000 Missouri Pacific RR., New Orleans Texas & Mexico RR. Collateral Trust 7% 15-year gold notes.—V. 118, p. 3197, 2949.

Montreal Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.—Asks Co-operation of Shareholders—Against Offer of \$15 Per Share for Stock.—

President A. E. Beauvais in a 16-page document dealing exhaustively with the situation affecting the company, seeks the co-operation of the shareholders with the present administration in the face of the new developments. After dealing with the affairs of the company and its subsidiaries he says in part: The new directors have reasonable grounds for believing that, within a period of a few months, all the company's current liabilities will be liquidated, and that the company will have about \$450,000 cash in its treasury. In fact, the new directors anticipated that the company will then have realizable assets in excess of \$3,400,000 over and above all its current liabilities. You may reasonably expect, therefore, that within a short period of time the company will have cash and realizable assets equivalent in value to at least \$25 per share for every share of the company now issued and outstanding. The above estimate does not include any prospective profit from the development of the water powers held by Montreal Hydro-Electric Co., Ltd., nor a single dollar of the amount which the new directors may recover by means of the actions (in court) which are now pending. If these pending are successful, the shares of the company should increase to approximately \$40 each in value. The defendants in these pending actions and their associates, by obtaining control of a majority of the issued shares of the company, can prevent you, as shareholders, from realizing the full value of your shares. If they can obtain such control, undoubtedly all these pending actions will be suspended indefinitely or completely withdrawn, without any corresponding compensation to you; you will be precluded from enforcing payment of their personal liabilities, and your shares, excluding the prospective value of Montreal Hydro-Electric Co., will then have a realizable value of only about \$25 per share. The price which is now being offered for your shares by those who were associated with your old board of directors and their new associates, who thus seek to profit by the temporary difficulties in which the company was placed by its former directors, is, we understand, only \$15 per share, payable not in cash but in a proportionate part of the Preferred and Common shares of a new company which they are organizing for the purpose, among others, of acquiring the properties now or formerly owned and controlled by the company. Your present board of directors cannot recommend you to accept any such exchange for your shares. (Compare V. 118, p. 3198.)

Defence Filed in Suit.—

Declaring that all the transactions attacked by the Montreal Tramways & Power Corp., Ltd., as having resulted in a loss to the shareholders of \$4,000,000, were carried out by the directors with the utmost good faith, and that these transactions were in the interest of the company, is the outstanding clause of the defence filed June 25 by the Imperial Trust Co., Ltd., and other defendants in the suit now pending before the Superior Court at Montreal. The defendants also reserve the right to take action against the plaintiffs for libel.—V. 118, p. 3198, 3078.

Muscatine Burlington & Southern RR.—Abandonment

Operation of the road was abandoned on June 12 1924, when it was found impossible to dispose of the property through public sale on July 7 1923 and June 6 1924. See also V. 118, p. 2573.

New York Central RR.—Outlook—Earnings, &c.—

Vice-Pres. A. H. Harris says in substance: "I look for better business in the autumn. Our freight business is now about 20% off from last year but our passenger business is up to what it was last year. Our earnings for the first five months of this year have been below 1923 but they are ahead of a similar period for 1920, 1921 and 1922. We don't expect our earnings for 1924 to be as large as 1923 because that was a peak year, but we expect them to be larger than in 1920-21 and 1922. "We welcome the Van Sweringens with open arms into the railroad community. They are bringing new blood and new life into the industry and are carrying on a constructive program and preventing stagnation. The consolidation of Nickel Plate, Erie and Pere Marquette into one system will be a great constructive step in the railroad industry."—V. 118, p. 3198.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—To Expand.—

The company on June 30 made the following announcement of new appointments:

In consequence of the large expenditures made by the New Haven during the past few years in the enlargement of its facilities and the improvement of its services, its capacity has become such that it can handle a greater volume of business than at any previous time in its history. In support of this policy it now contemplates an expansion of its traffic or commercial organization with a view of further building up its New England business, including the development of foreign traffic through Boston, Providence and other ports served by its rails and those of its connections, all of which will contribute to the promotion of a prosperous New England, in which it has such a vital interest.

The following appointments are made effective July 1: G. M. Wood, Freight Traffic Manager; and F. C. Coley, Passenger Traffic Manager, with headquarters at New Haven, Conn.; Richard Hackett, Western Freight Traffic Manager (effective July 15), headquarters, Chicago, Ill.; F. P. Kinney, General Freight Agent; H. L. Sheffield, Assistant General Freight Agent; W. P. Read, General Passenger Agent, and R. L. Price, Assistant General Passenger Agent, with headquarters at New Haven, Conn.—V. 118, p. 2305.

New York & Queens County Ry.—Fares.—

The fare increase to six cents recently authorized by the Transit Commission went into effect midnight June 29. Mayor Hylan has directed Corporation Counsel Nicholson to institute injunction proceedings immediately to restrain the company from collecting the increased fare.—See V. 118, p. 3198.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Tentative Valuation.—

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$237,472,089 on the property of the company as of June 30 1916.—V. 118, p. 3198.

North American Light & Power Corp.—Notes Offered.—

E. H. Rollins & Sons, H. M. Byllesby & Co., Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., and Janney & Co., are offering at 100 and interest \$6,300,000 30-Year 7% Sinking Fund Secured Gold Notes.

Dated July 1 1924. Due July 1 1954. Redeemable on any interest date on 60 days' notice, at 105 and interest to Jan. 1 1945, and thereafter at par and interest plus a premium of 1/2% for each year or remaining fraction of unexpired term. Interest payable to J. J. in Chicago or New York without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c*. National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, trustee Corporation agrees to reimburse the holders of these notes, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Penn. 4 mill tax, the Conn. 4 mill 4ax, the Maryland 4 1/2 mill tax, the District of Columbia 5 mill tax, and for the Massachusetts income tax not exceeding 6% per annum.

Data from Letter of Pres. Clement Studebaker Jr., Chicago, June 30.

Company.—Organized in Delaware. Controls the Illinois Power & Light Corp. and its subsidiaries, including Kansas Power & Light Co. and Iowa Power & Light Co., and the Missouri Power & Light Co., which serve a population of about 1,250,000 in over 350 municipalities in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio and Oklahoma. North American Light & Power Company will control all the stock of the North American Light & Power Corporation.

The territory served includes the cities of Decatur, Danville, Bloomington, Belleville, Galesburg, Champaign, Jacksonville, Cairo, Granite City, La Salle, Centralia, Ottawa and Urbana, Ill.; Des Moines and Oskaloosa, Iowa; Jefferson City, Moberly, Mexico, Kirksville and Boonville, Mo.; Topeka, Atchison and Wichita, Kan.; Washington Court House, Ohio; and Ardmore and Durant, Okla.

The electric property includes electric generating stations with an aggregate capacity of 273,500 h. p., 1,658 miles of high tension transmission lines and 2,560 miles of distributing lines serving 222,969 customers. The gas properties include artificial gas plants with an aggregate daily capacity of 21,450,000 cu. ft. and 911 miles of gas mains serving 86,206 customers. The railway properties consist of 540 miles of trunk line electric railroad connecting central Illinois with St. Louis and city railways with an aggregate of 248 miles of track. During the year 1923 the sales of electricity of the system amounted to 450,000,000 k. w. h., an increase of over 100% since 1916.

Capitalization:

30-Year 7% Sinking Fund Secured Gold Notes— \$7,500,000 \$6,300,000 Preferred Stock, 7% Cumulative— 5,000,000 5,000,000 Common Stock, shares of nominal or \$5 par value 200,000 shs. 200,000 shs.

The companies controlled by North American Light & Power Corp. have \$88,537,303 funded debt and \$20,441,900 preferred stocks outstanding with the public.

Purpose.—To refund various securities heretofore issued in the acquisition of the control of the Illinois Power & Light Corp. and the Missouri Power & Light Co. and for working capital.

Consolidated Statement for Twelve Months Ended December 31 1923.

Gross earnings \$30,336,609 Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes 20,471,289 Net earnings before depreciation 9,865,320 Interest and amortization of debt discount and expense 4,832,138 Preferred stock divs. of sub. cos. and allowance for minority common stock interest 1,567,681 Depreciation and sinking fund requirements in accordance with subsidiary companies' mortgages 1,390,678 Balance available \$2,074,823

Annual interest on \$6,300,000 30-Year 7% Sinking Fund Secured Gold Notes (this issue) 441,000

Balance—

Secured by deposit with the trustee of (a) over 90% of the Common stock of the Illinois Traction Co. of Maine (which owns 97 1/2 % of the entire Common Stock of the Illinois Power & Light Corp., and

through its subsidiaries, controls the remaining 2 1/2 %), thereby pledging voting control, which control must, under the terms of the trust indenture, at all times be pledged with the trustee; and (b) the entire Common Stock of the Missouri Power & Light Co. now outstanding, which may only be released at a price approved by the bankers, in no event less than an amount sufficient to redeem one-fifth of the notes then outstanding.

In the event that the corporation dissolves the Illinois Traction Co., the Common stock of the Illinois Power & Light Corp. now owned by the traction company will be pledged with the trustee as security to this issue in lieu of the traction company common stock.

Sinking Fund.—The trust indenture provides for equal semi-annual payments of \$265,000 (plus the semi-annual interest on any of the \$1,200,000 additional notes which may have been previously issued), to the trustee beginning Jan. 1 1925. This sum is to be applied, first, to the payment of interest on all outstanding notes of this issue, and the balance to the retirement of notes by purchase in the open market or by call which will retire the entire issue before maturity, even at the call prices.

Management.—The management of the corporation and its subsidiaries is in the hands of able and experienced men who have been conspicuously successful in the conduct of public utilities for many years. The offices and directors include, among others: Clement Studebaker Jr., Pres.; William A. Baehr, V.-Pres.; P. C. Dings, Treas.; Scott Brown, Sec.; George T. Buckingham, Henry L. Hanley, George M. Studebaker and representatives of the banking interests.

Northern Central Ry.—To Purchase Bonds.—

The \$500,000 5% bonds of the Sodus Bay & Southern RR., due July 1, will be purchased at par at maturity by the Northern Central Ry. at office of The Pennsylvania RR. in Philadelphia, or 85 Cedar St., New York, N. Y. The Northern Central Ry. as a purchaser thereof will hold the bonds as being operated as part of the Ontario RR. (the property of which company is rights accruing to the bonds under the mortgage securing the said bonds, as fully in all respects as if the said bonds were held by the owners thereof.—V. 118, p. 1392, 795.

Pennsylvania-New Jersey Ry.—Abandonments Sought.

The company has applied to the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission for authority to abandon service from Trenton, N. J., to Newtown, Pa., and from Trenton, N. J., to Lambertville, N. J. The company states that neither line is able to meet operating expenses and provide interest on the bonded debt. The company also asks permission to suspend the Mill Street line of the Morrisville-Trenton division, although it asks for the privilege of

continuing service between Trenton and Morrisville, with the Mill Street line excluded. In Oct. 1923 the corporation abandoned its Bristol-Doyles-town line. A bus line is now being operated between these towns by an independent concern.—V. 117, p. 2543.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co., National City Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., Reilly, Brock & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co. are offering at 98 and int., to yield about 5.65%, \$19,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5½% gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated July 1 1924. Due July 1 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., in New York, Boston and Chicago. Denom. c* \$1,000 and \$500 and r* \$1,000 and authorized multiples. Callable, all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. prior to July 1 1930, the premium thereafter decreasing 1% each 6 years to maturity. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna. 4 mills tax refunded. Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.

Security.—These 1st & Ref. 5½% Series "A" bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on the company's Lovellville power plant having a present installed generating capacity of 80,000 h.p., a first lien on all of the high tension transmission lines and a large part of the distributing systems, and also, subject only to \$1,739,000 outstanding divisional bonds by a lien on all the remainder of the system.

Improvement and Sinking Fund.—Annual improvement and sinking fund at rate of 1% per annum of total 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds issued, of all series then outstanding except bonds retired through issuance of other bonds or securities, to be used, at the company's option, for additions and improvements which could otherwise be made the basis for the issuance of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds, or for retirement of underlying bonds, or for retirement of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds.

\$2,700,000 Debentures Offered.—The same bankers are offering at 97½ and int., to yield over 6¼%, \$2,700,000 15-year 6% gold debentures.

Dated July 1 1924. Due July 1 1939. Callable, all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. during the first 3 years, the premium thereafter decreasing 1% each 3 years to maturity. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna. 4 mills tax refunded. National City Bank, New York, trustee.

Indenture under which these debentures are issued will provide that so long as any of these debentures are outstanding the company will not create any further mortgage or pledge of its property, other than the issuance of additional bonds under its 1st & Ref. Mtge., without equally securing this issue.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.

Underlying divisional 5% bonds, due 1931 (closed mortgages).....	\$1,739,000
1st & Ref. Mtge. 5½% bonds, Series A, due July 1 1954.....	19,000,000
15-Year 6% Gold Debentures, due July 1 1939.....	2,700,000
Preferred stock, 8% cumulative.....	2,851,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative.....	1,450,000
Common stock.....	6,000,000

Data from Letter of Vice-President H. A. Clarke, Dated June 28.

Company.—Owns properties which supply electric power and light, within a territory of about 600 sq. miles, in Pennsylvania and Ohio, midway between Pittsburgh and Cleveland, including the city of Youngstown, O., serving a population in excess of 300,000. Company also owns certain electric railway lines directly or through subsidiary companies.

Earnings for the 12 Months Ended May 31 1924.

Gross earnings.....	\$5,675,171
Net, after operating expenses and taxes.....	2,706,140
Annual interest charges on 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds and underlying bonds.....	1,131,950
Annual interest charges on 15-year gold debentures.....	162,000
Balance.....	\$1,412,190

The growth of the electric light and power business of the properties now owned by the company is indicated by an increase in output from 99,989,498 k.w.h. in 1915 to 313,564,983 k.w.h. for 1923, or more than 223% in the last eight years.

Franchises.—Practically all the franchises in Pennsylvania are without limit of time. In Ohio the franchises, because of a statutory limitation, expire on various dates from 1937 to 1950. As the company is subject to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission, no difficulty is anticipated in obtaining extensions of franchises and a substantial part of the company's output is delivered over private rights of way.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these \$19,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5½% gold bonds and \$2,700,000 15-Year 6% Gold Debentures will provide funds for: Retirement of all of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7½% S. F. bonds, due Nov. 1 1940 now outstanding; retirement of all of the 3-Year 6% Secured Notes, due June 1 1926, and retirement of all of the 10-Year 8% Bond Secured Notes, due Nov. 1 1930.

Properties.—Company and its subsidiaries own a modern electric light and power system with 3 power plants of a total 98,183 h.p. present installed generating capacity, transmission lines and distribution systems. The electric railway lines comprise 61.94 miles, single track equivalent. Of this mileage 49.35 miles is interurban, of which approximately 40 miles are on private right of way. There are 254 miles of new high voltage electric power transmission lines and extensive distribution lines in Youngstown, Girard and Struthers, O., Sharpsville, Farrell, Elwood City and Sharon, Pa., and vicinity. Stone & Webster, Inc., who have examined the properties, have reported a value which is materially in excess of the total funded debt represented by these 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds, all underlying bonds, and the 15-Year Gold Debentures junior to this issue.

The percentage of gross earnings from electric light and power and miscellaneous business is more than 88%, while the electric railway is less than 12%, most of the latter coming from high speed interurban lines on private right of way.—V. 118, p. 3198.

Portsmouth (O.) Public Service Co.—Sale.

See Virginian Power Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 118, p. 3198.

Prescott & Northwestern RR.—Extension.

The time within which to begin construction of an extension of a line of railroad in Nevada County, Ark., has been extended by the I.-S. C. Commission from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1925.—V. 118, p. 908.

Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.—Over 75% of General Mortgage Bonds Have Accepted Plan.—The corporation announces that the holders of over \$25,000,000, or more than 75% of Gen. Mtge. 5% Bonds outstanding in the hands of the public, have accepted the offer of exchange for First & Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds, 5½% series due 1949, of Public Service Electric & Gas Co. The company states:

This, the company states, shows the wide approval which the exchange offer contained in the plan of readjustment has already received. The consummation of the plan, however, is dependent upon the acceptance of the exchange offer by the General Mortgage bondholders with substantial unanimity. It is essential, therefore, in the interest of all, that those who have not yet deposited their bonds should do so immediately.

A notice of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Drexel & Co., issued to the holders of the Gen. Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, says:

We beg to advise that we are authorized to receive further deposits of Gen. Mtge. 5% Bonds of Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, until the close of business on Aug. 1 1924. The First & Ref. Mtge. 5½% Bonds of the Public Service Electric & Gas Co., offered in exchange for the present Gen. Mtge. 5% bonds, not only will afford an increase of ½ of 1% in annual income return, but also, in our opinion, will be better secured intrinsically. As the plan must become operative to give the holders of the 5% bonds the benefits of the offer of exchange, it is important that all such bonds be deposited promptly.—V. 118, p. 3198.

Rapid Transit in New York City.—New Board of Transportation.

John H. Delaney (Chairman), Daniel L. Ryan and William A. De Ford have been appointed to the Board of Transportation, which will supervise municipal transit affairs.

On and after July 1 1924 the offices of the Transit Commission will be at 270 Madison Ave., between 39th and 40th Sts. Under the new law all work relating to the construction of rapid transit railroads will be taken over by the new Board of Transportation, to be appointed by the Mayor of New York.

The Board of Transportation will take over the engineering staff and related bureaus of the Transit Commission, and will occupy the present offices of the Transit Commission at 49 Lafayette St., Manhattan.

The Transit Commission will continue its statutory functions of regulating service, facilities, &c., of transportation lines in New York City, the elimination of grade crossings, and the development of its plan of readjustment, as well as the administration of the rapid transit operating contracts between the City of New York and the rapid transit companies. (New telephone, Caledonia 1600.)—V. 118, p. 3079, 1521.

Roanoke Traction & Light Co.—Bonds Called.

Various First Mtge. Coll. Trust 5% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1908, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and interest at the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.—V. 117, p. 88.

Rutland RR.—Equipment Trusts Offered.—Remick, Hodges & Co., New York; Merrill, Oldham & Co., and R. L. Day & Co., Boston, are offering on a 5% basis, \$825,000 Equipment Trust 5% Gold Certificates. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated June 1 1924. Due June 1 1925-1939. Principal and dividends (J. & D.) payable at Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 c*.

These certificates are to be issued in part payment for standard railway equipment consisting of 300 40-ton steel underframe box cars and 200 40-ton steel underframe auto box cars to be constructed at a cost in excess of \$1,100,000. The face amount of the certificates will, therefore, represent only 75% of the actual cost of the equipment.

The issuance of these certificates has been authorized by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.—V. 118, p. 2950.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Annual Report.—The pamphlet report for the year 1923, containing the remarks of Chairman Edwin Gould and President Daniel Upthegrove, has just been issued. The income account for the year 1923 was published in the "Chronicle" of May 3 last, p. 2174. The balance sheet and other tables will be given another week.—V. 118, p. 2706.

Sherman Shreveport & Southern RR.—Successor Co.—See Louisiana Ry. & Navigation Co. of Texas above.—V. 116, p. 1893.

South Side Elevated RR. (Chicago).—Bonds Retired.

The \$8,000,000 First Mtge. 4½% bonds, due July 1 1924, were retired at maturity. The bonds were retired by the proceeds of \$6,500,000 First & Ref. Mtge. 6½% gold bonds, due in 1944, and the sale of stock, and cash from the treasury of the new company, the Chicago Rapid Transit Co. (recently organized to merge all the elevated roads in Chicago). See "Chicago Elevated Railways Collateral Trust" in V. 118, p. 906.—V. 115, p. 1533.

Southern Pacific Co.—Applies to I.-S. C. Commission for Authority to Acquire El Paso & Southwestern RR.

The company proposes to pay \$57,400,000 in its own stock and bonds at par value for the El Paso & Southwestern RR. properties and subsidiary companies, according to the petition filed with the I.-S. C. Commission. It has agreed to give 280,000 shares of Common stock of \$100 par value, and \$29,400,000 of 5% Collateral Trust bonds.

These securities are to be given in exchange for all of the stock of the Southwestern transportation system and all of the interests connected with and owned by the El Paso & Southwestern Co., but do not include the stock of the El Paso & Southwestern Co. or the holding company itself. In other words, the Southern Pacific will take over all the operating subsidiary companies but not the stock of the parent company.

The El Paso & Southwestern guarantees that it owns all of the Common stock of the transportation system, and that the total funded debt outstanding in the hands of the public is not in excess of \$9,100,000.

The following is a condensed statement of the reasons upon which the company relies to show that the public interest will be served by the proposed joint operation:

1. The lines of the Southern Pacific, the Southwestern System and the Chicago & Rock Island System unite to form one of three fiercely competing routes between Chicago and the Missouri River on the one hand, and southern California on the other. The Union Pacific and its eastern connections and the Santa Fe system constitute the other two competitors for traffic between the Middle West and southern California. The union of the Southern Pacific and Southwestern and El Paso systems will result in direct physical connection between the Southern Pacific and the lines of the Chicago & Rock Island, its essential eastern connection, will reduce the number of operating companies comprising the through route, will increase the competitive strength thereof, will bring about a better co-ordination of service between the constituent lines, will simplify their relations to the public in the conduct of business and in the settlement of claims, and will simplify their relations to the public authorities.

2. The proposed union will insure the preservation of existing routes and channels of trade and commerce in harmony with the policy of the Transportation Act.

3. Through the direct operation of the El Paso & Southwestern system by the Southern Pacific great operating economies will be effected and greater unification of standards and practices will be made possible.

4. Unified control applied for will result in the substitution of one-line hauls for two-line hauls in respect to considerable traffic, and hence in increased efficiency and economy of operation.

5. The relief sought is in harmony with the policy and purposes of the Transportation Act and is consistent both with the Commission's tentative consolidation plan and with the accompanying report of Professor Ripley.

6. The addition to the Southern Pacific system of the lines of the El Paso & Southwestern between El Paso and Tucson, in connection with certain new construction, which the Commission has to-day been asked to authorize, will obviate the necessity that the Southern Pacific would otherwise be under of constructing an extensive second track, thus saving unnecessary duplication of tracks and avoiding an increase of capital charges.

Mr. Kruttschnitt said that the following extract from the joint application of the Southern Pacific and El Paso & Southwestern would explain the connection between this application and the application contemporaneously filed by the Arizona Eastern RR. for a certificate of convenience and necessity to authorize certain new construction in Arizona:

"The Arizona Eastern RR., all of the capital stock of which is owned by the Southern, has contemporaneously filed with this Commission an application for authority to construct a line of railroad from Picacho, on the main line of the Southern west of Tucson, to a connection with the operated lines of the said Arizona Eastern at Chandler, Ariz., with a branch to Florence, Ariz., and also a new line of railroad from or near Hassayampa, Ariz., a point on the operated lines of the said Arizona Eastern, to a point at or near Dome, Ariz., on the Southern's main line just east of Yuma. The construction of said proposed line, together with control of the lines of the Southwestern system, if authorized herein, will give the Southern a second line of track between El Paso and Yuma, except between Picacho and Tucson, a distance of 45 miles, with more favorable grades and curves than on the existing main line of the Southern between said points, and will place Phoenix and Tucson, the two principal cities in Arizona, and the Salt River Valley district, including therein adjacent and proposed irrigation projects, constituting the chief agricultural section of Arizona, on the Southern's main line and will afford access to other regions in the State now without railroad communication, and will shorten the haul of important mining, agricultural and commercial sections already served. The Southern

each, which in turn will drive two G-E synchronous motors of 10,000 h.p., direct connected to the propeller shafts.

The completed vessel will cost about \$5,000,000 and will operate between San Francisco and Honolulu. Accommodations will be provided for 600 first-class passengers and 250 members of the crew. Two years will be required before this first large electrically propelled passenger vessel will be complete.—V. 118, p. 3202.

Cudahy Packing Co.—Must Open Books.—See Swift & Co. below.—V. 118, p. 1274.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—New Issue.—

According to a London cable the company is offering holders of Deferred stock additional registered Deferred shares of £2 10s. each at the price of £10 each, at the rate of one such additional registered Deferred share for every 25 Deferred shares already held. Shareholders who are not entitled to apply for new shares because of holding less than 25 Deferred shares may apply for a cash payment at rate of 1s. 6d. for every share now held. The holders of more than 25 Deferred shares may apply for one of the new for every 25 held, and for cash payment at the rate of 1s. 6d. for every share held in excess of 25 or any multiple thereof. New Deferred shares will rank, pari passu, with the existing issue, except that they will not participate in dividends for the year ended June 1924.—V. 118, p. 3202.

(The) De Laval Separator Co.—Tenders.—

The New York Trust Co., trustee, will until July 22 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold notes, due March 1 1931, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$150,000 and at a price not exceeding 103¼ and interest.—V. 115, p. 187.

Diado Electric Power Co. of Japan.—New Financing.—

It is reported that offering of bonds in connection with the prospective loan of \$30,000,000 to be covered by a first mortgage on the properties of this Japanese company will be made next week. The initial offering, it is said, will be for not more than \$15,000,000, proceeds of which will be used to buy equipment for the Japanese hydro-electric company.

Dwight Mfg. Co., Boston.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the payment of a dividend at this time. On Jan. 2 last a semi-annual dividend of 2% was paid, while from July 1921 to July 1923 incl. semi-annual dividends of 3% were paid.—V. 117, p. 2894.

Eastern Coke Co.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until July 10 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 14-Year Sinking Fund bonds, dated Feb. 1 1917, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$256,268.—V. 116, p. 182.

Eastern New Jersey Power Co.—Definitive Bonds.—

The American Exchange National Bank is prepared to deliver definitive 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, series 1949, dated Jan. 1 1924, in exchange for interim receipts. (For offering of bonds, see V. 118, p. 1017.)—V. 118, p. 2955.

Elder Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, and 1922. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit, General expenses, Net profit, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Depreciation, Shrinkage, Provision for bad debts, Losses on contracts, Surplus, and Bal. for res. & surplus.

Elgin National Watch Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 8 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '23, 1922-23, 1921-22, and 1920-21. Rows include Earn. from oper. after deduct. depr. charges, Earns. from investments, Total earnings, Res. for Fed. &oth. taxes, Dividends, and Bal. for res. & surplus.

Fairbanks Co.—Earnings 4 Mos. Ended April 30.—

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, 1924, and 1923. Rows include Gross sales, Less allowances, Cost of sales, Gross profit on sale, Prof. repair shop op., Total gross profit, Selling & gen'l exp., Balance, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Net loss, Oper. def. begin. yr., Miscell. adjust. debit, Operating deficit, Surplus arising from apprc. of prop. to appraisal value, and Deficit.

x Includes sales of discontinued lines.—V. 118, p. 2185.

Fajardo Sugar Co.—Extra Dividend of 1¼%.—

An extra dividend of 1¼% has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2¼%, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 19. An extra of 2¼% was paid on May 1 last.—V. 118, p. 1670.

Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp.—Merger.—

See Omnibus Corp. below.—V. 118, p. 3203.

Fifth Avenue Coach Co.—Merger.—

See Omnibus Corp. below.—V. 118, p. 3084.

Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Co.—Extra Dividend, &c.—

The company on July 1 paid the following dividends to holders of record June 20: Quarterly of 1¼% on the Pref. stock, quarterly of 20 cents per share and extra of 20 cents per share on the Common stock.—V. 118, p. 1526.

General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.—Contracts.—

A new power station is to be constructed by the New York Edison Co. with an ultimate capacity of 700,000 k. w., it is announced by the General Electric Co., with whom the order for the first two turbine-generators has been placed. These turbine-generators have a rated capacity of 60,000 k. w. at unity power factor, 25 cycles, 11,400 volts, three phase, to run at 1,500 revolutions per minute. These machines will operate at 350 lbs. steam pressure, 700 degrees Fahrenheit maximum temperature. They will be equipped with direct connected exciters and will exceed by 10,000 kilowatts capacity the present largest single unit machines now operating. The machines are scheduled for delivery during the spring of 1926.—V. 118, p. 3084.

General Leather Co.—Merger.—

See Reynolds Spring Co. below.—V. 118, p. 2709.

General Motors Corp.—Exchange of Common Shares.—

Under the terms of the amendment approved by the stockholders on June 16 (V. 118, p. 3084) the holders of the present outstanding Common stock of no par value will be entitled to exchange their present Common

shares for shares of the new Common stock and to receive one share of the new Common stock for each 4 shares of the present Common stock surrendered to the corporation.

Treasurer M. L. Prensky also states: "On account of the large number of certificates involved, the time required to have the new certificates prepared, as well as the amount of work involved in exchanging the senior securities, it has been decided to defer the exchange of Common stock certificates until on or after Sept. 15 1924, of which due notice will be given. In the meantime the present stock will be quoted and dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange, as in the past, and no Common stock certificates should be surrendered for exchange until further notice.

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President of General Motors Corp., announces that E. G. Biechler has been appointed General Manager of Delco-Light Co., Dayton, O., succeeding R. H. Grant, who was recently appointed Vice-President and General Sales Manager of Chevrolet Motor Co., Detroit. O. L. Harrison, who since Jan. 1 has been acting General Manager, has been appointed General Manager of the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co., Dayton, O. These appointments are effective July 1.

C. W. Matheson, formerly Vice-President of Dodge Brothers, has joined General Motors as an assistant to Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President.—V. 118, p. 3203.

General Railway Signal Co.—Receives Contract.—

The Southern Ry. awards \$600,000 contract for the installation of automatic train-control to the above company. Two complete locomotive divisions will be equipped for operation under the protection of a system technically known as the "intermittent inductive control." One division is located on the lines west, between Cincinnati, O., and Somerset, Ky., and consists of 80 miles of double track and 77 miles of single track; the other is located on the lines east between Spencer, No. Car., and Greenville, So. Car., and consists of 153 miles of double track. Automatic train-control on these two divisions is required by reason of an order issued by the I.-S. C. Commission under date of June 13 1922, which requires each of 49 railroads to equip one complete locomotive division by Jan. 1 1925. See also V. 118, p. 3204.

Gilliland Oil Co.—Balance Sheet May 31 1924.—

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Leaseholds, Cash, Accts. & notes receivable, Stock of crude oil & gas'ne, Warehouse mat'ls & suppl, Deferred charges, Deficit, Capital stock, Bonds issued, Purchase money obligns., Accounts payable, Notes payable, Due on sink. fund account, Wages & accrued tax, Contingent liabilities, and Deferred liabilities.

x Represented by 32,366 shares of 6% Pref. stock at \$100 par, and 600,000 shares of Common stock no par value.—V. 118, p. 2831.

Ginter Co. of Boston.—Stock Sold.—Merrill, Lynch & Co. have sold privately a block of Common stock at \$24½ per share. It is understood that this block is a part of the stock formerly held by officials of the company. Previously only an issue of \$1,617,270 Pref. stock was held by the general public.

It is expected that the Common stock will be listed in due course on the New York or Boston Stock Exchanges. There will be no change in the management.

Data from Letter of Pres. Augustus F. Goodwin, Boston, June 25.—

Company.—Operates a chain of 300 grocery stores located in Boston, suburban Boston, central and eastern Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, and 8 large restaurants in Boston proper. Company has a large administration and distribution warehouse, a bakeshop, candy factory, manufacturing and auxiliary plants.

The business was originally founded in 1895. In 1901, when the present corporation acquired the business, it operated but three stores with total assets of about \$15,000, as compared with total net assets as of Dec. 31 1923 amounting to over \$2,600,000.

Capitalization as of Dec. 31 1923—

Table with columns for Authoriz'd. and Outstanding. Rows include Preferred stock, par value \$10, Common stock, no par value, and Total.

The company has no bonds, mortgages or floating debt outstanding.

Dividends.—Company has paid dividends at the rate of 8% per annum on its Preferred stock without interruption since incorporation in 1901.

Sales and Profits (After Depreciation), Years Ended December 31.

Table with columns for Net Sales, x Net Profits, y Net Profits, Net Sales, x Net Profits, y Net Profits. Rows include 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923.

x Before Federal taxes. y After Federal taxes at present rates. Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1923 (Incl. Sub. Co.)

Gisholt Machine Co., Madison, Wis.—Acquisition.—

See Millholland Machine Co. in last week's issue, p. 3206.—V. 115, p. 2911.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.).—To Move Offices.—

This company, which operates stores throughout the United States, has leased from the 455 Seventh Ave., Inc., two entire floors containing 40,000 square feet, in the 16-story building now under construction at 445-459 Seventh Ave., 163-167 West 34th St., and 160-166 West 35th St., N. Y. City, for a long term of years at an aggregate rental, it is said, of \$1,250,000. The company will use this new location for its executive offices and buying headquarters.—V. 118, p. 2957.

Harrisburg Light & Power Co.—Bonds Paid.—

The \$710,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds due July 1 were paid off at par and int. at office of the Commonwealth Trust Co.—V. 118, p. 1526.

Haverhill Gas Light Co.—To Change Par.—

The stockholders will vote July 25 on changing the par value of the authorized \$982,800 capital stock from \$50 to \$25 per share.—V. 118, p. 2445.

Heyden Chemical Co. of America, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years— 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit on sales, Administrative expense, Selling expense, Net profit on sales, Miscellaneous credits, Interest paid, Discounts allowed, Inventory adjustments, Net income from operations.

Net income from operations—V. 116, p. 1768.

Holly Sugar Corp.—1 3/4% Back Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 3/4% on account of back dividends and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred stock, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15.

Holtwood Power Co.—Bonds Sold.—Chase & Co., Boston; Joseph W. Gross & Co., Philadelphia, and Minsh, Monell & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at 99 and int., to yield over 6%, \$2,750,000 First Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A," 6%. Due Sept. 1 1954.

Interest payable M. & S. in New York without deduction for Penn. 4 mills tax or any Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Redeemable all or part on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 107 and int. up to Sept. 1 1929, the premium decreasing 1/4 of 1% for each year between that date and Sept. 1 1952; thereafter at 101 and int. to date of maturity. New York Trust Co., trustee.

Data from Letter of J. E. Aldred, Chairman Pennsylvania Water & Power Co., and proposed Chairman of this Company.

Company.—To be incorporated in Pennsylvania. Will acquire and complete the construction of a modern steam electric power plant now being constructed on the Susquehanna River at Holtwood, Pa., adjacent to the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.'s 150,000 h. p. hydro-electric development, the largest water power plant in the United States in operation east of the Mississippi, excepting those at Niagara Falls.

It is contemplated that the bulk of the output of the Holtwood Power Co. will be distributed over the already existing lines of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. in the important and rapidly growing industrial region of Northeastern Maryland and Southeastern Pennsylvania, which includes the cities of Baltimore, Md.; Lancaster, York and Coatesville, Pa., and vicinity.

Contract.—Under the terms of a 50-year contract, the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. will agree that it will furnish the Holtwood Power Co. with sufficient earnings or compensation to provide for all its operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation or renewal and replacement reserve (in accordance with Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania standards) and taxes, together with interest and sinking fund requirements on the above First Mortgage bonds and substantial earnings on the capital stock.

Table with 2 columns: Capitalization and Authorized. Outstanding. Rows include First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A" 6%, and Capital stock.

* All owned by the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. (except directors' qualifying shares).

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on the entire plant of the company (including after-acquired property), and additionally secured by pledge of the above-mentioned contract of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.

Stinking Fund.—\$50,000 annually, beginning Sept. 1 1928, to be used to retire bonds of this series by purchase in the open market at or below the call price or by calling bonds by lot for this purpose.

Table titled 'Earnings of Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. for Calendar Years' with columns for Year, Gross Earns., Net aft. Taxes., Bond Int., and Balance.

The Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. has a total capitalization of \$23,647,300. In no year since 1911, when the company began commercial operations, has it failed to show substantial increases in both gross and net earnings.

Holyoke Water Power Co.—Stock Increase, &c.—

The stockholders have voted to increase the capital stock to \$3,000,000, as permitted by a recent enabling statute, and authorized the issuance of 6,000 shares of stock at \$100 a share to the stockholders of record June 26.

Indian Refining Co.—Annual Report (Incl. Subsidiaries) for the Calendar Year 1923 and Results for 1st Quarter of 1924.

Table with 5 columns for Income Account for Calendar Years (1923, 1922, 1921, 1920). Rows include Net loss from oper., Deduct—interest paid, Deprec., deplet., &c., Pref. divs., Common dividends, Balance, deficit, Profit & loss deficit, Gross profit, Depreciation, Central Refining Co. Preferred dividends, Surplus for period.

x Central Refining Co. to Dec. 31 1923. y Includes taxes, \$285,000; inventory shrinkage, \$281,431; Central Refining Co. (loss), \$60,250; dry holes, leases, &c., written off, \$339,536.—V. 118, p. 317.

Indiana Bell Telephone Co.—Suit for Receiver.—

A dispatch from Indianapolis states that Attorney-General U. S. Lesh has filed suit in the Marion County (O.) Superior Court for a receiver for this company and is asking that its franchise rights be forfeited.—V. 118, p. 3204.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Outlook.—

Harry Bronner, a director, said in substance: "From present indicators I expect earnings of the company for 1924 to be better than last year. The company will safely earn its fixed charges and depreciation, amounting to a little more than \$7,000,000. It will not, however, be able to resume dividends this year."—V. 118, p. 2820.

Jersey Central Power & Light Corp.—Merger of Gas Cos.

A. E. Fitkin & Co. have purchased four gas properties serving communities along the Atlantic Coast section of New Jersey, and a gas property in Pennsylvania. The new acquisitions, which comprise the Coast Gas Co., Shore Gas Co., Lakewood Gas Co. and City Gas Light Co. in New Jersey, and the Kennett (Pa.) Gas Co., will become a part of the Jersey Central Power & Light Co., which recently acquired the Consolidated Gas Co. of New Jersey.

In connection with the purchases the Fitkin interests have sold to a group of bankers, including E. H. Rollins & Sons, Blyth, Witter & Co., Eastman,

Dillon & Co., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., and the Federal Securities Corp., an issue of \$1,250,000 6 1/2% Secured Gold Notes of the Jersey Central Power & Light Corp. (See offering in V. 118, p. 3085.)

A. E. Fitkin said that the Coast Gas, Shore Gas and Lakewood Gas companies would be consolidated into one operating company and that physical connection would be made with the Consolidated Gas Co. of New Jersey at Asbury Park. The tie-in would result in many economies and operating advantages, he said.—V. 118, p. 3085, 2957.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Table with 3 columns: First 24 Weeks of—, 1924, 1923. Row: Sales. Values: \$6,322,561 and \$5,686,821.

Joplin Water Works Co.—Bonds Paid.—

The \$346,000 1st Sinking Fund Gold 6% bonds due July 1 are being paid off at the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.—V. 109, p. 177.

Kentucky Utilities Co.—Bond Offering.—

The offering of \$4,500,000 6% 1st Mtge. bonds by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., is being made on a 6.30% basis, instead of 6.50% as reported.—V. 118, p. 3205.

Keystone Power Corp.—Coupon Paying Agent.—

The American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., has been appointed coupon paying agent for the above corporation's 10-year 7% Conv. Gold debentures. See offering in V. 118, p. 558.

Laconia (N. H.) Car Co.—Suit to Stop 1st Pref. Dividend.

H. C. Wainwright & Co. write the "Boston News Bureau" as follows: "We note that you stated H. C. Wainwright & Co. are owners of 50 shares of Laconia Car Co. Preferred stock and are a party to a suit to prevent the directors from paying \$350 dividend.

"We beg to inform you that the 50 shares belong to one of our clients, that H. C. Wainwright & Co. is not a party to any suit and that our name has been used without our permission. Our client informs us that he also is not a party to any suit."

The "Boston News Bureau" of July 3 says: "When the suit of Robert Wainwright and the other members of the firm of H. C. Wainwright & Co. against the Laconia Car Co. came before Judge Wait in the Supreme Court, counsel for plaintiffs, Thomas W. Morris, admitted that a mistake had been made in including the name of H. C. Wainwright & Co. as plaintiffs and filed a motion to dismiss such of the plaintiffs as are members of that firm.

"Counsel for the defendants, Frank L. Favinger, told Judge Wait that the allegations in the bill were based on a set of facts which really were not facts and that he intended to file a demurrer.

"Judge Wait denied a motion for an injunction asked for by the plaintiffs to enjoin the First National Bank from paying \$35,000 as dividends declared by directors of the Laconia Car Co., and he continued the case for one week, when he will pass upon the motion to strike out the names of the members of the firm of H. C. Wainwright & Co. He will also pass on the demurrer which is to be filed by the defendants."—V. 118, p. 3205.

Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc.—Defers Preferred Div.—

The directors have decided to defer payment of the 1 3/4% quarterly preferred dividend which would ordinarily be paid July 1.

President Edwin Farnham Greene says in part: "The directors have decided to omit the Preferred dividend due July 1, although this dividend and the one already paid on April 1 will have been earned during the first six months of the year.

"The income of Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc., is derived from its engineering and management business and its investments in mill stocks. The business of the engineering and management corporations has resulted, so far, in an increase in earnings over the same period last year. The investments of Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc., are dependent upon the textile industry, which is passing through a severe depression and the dividends from some textile investments are curtailed.

"The principal investments of Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc., are in the following mill properties: New England Southern Mills; Pacific Mills; Lancaster Mills; Winnsboro Mills Corporation; Roxbury Carpet Co. All of these mills are paying the customary dividends this year upon such stocks as we own excepting the New England Southern Mills. During the past year Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc., made a large investment in the underlying stocks of the New England Southern Mills in order to acquire new properties which strengthened and diversified its product. The operations of the New England Southern Mills have resulted in earnings in excess of the preferred stock dividends during the first quarter of the year, demonstrating the basic earning power of these properties under adverse business conditions nevertheless it was deemed wise by the directors to omit the payment of its Preferred dividends, which are cumulative, in order to conserve cash for working capital."—V. 118, p. 914.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Changes in Personnel.—

W. B. Rhett has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer and director of the company. G. T. Minnigerode has been elected Secretary and H. H. Stout, Treasurer.

H. C. Berkeley, W. W. Drewry, G. T. Minnigerode and H. H. Stout have been elected directors, filling the place of W. B. Rhett and vacancies on the board which have been open for some time.—V. 118, p. 1400.

Luzerne County Gas & Electric Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—

Stroud & Co. and Bioren & Co. are offering at 99 and int., to yield 7.09%, \$3,000,000 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund Conv. Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1924. Due July 1 1944. Int. payable J. & J. at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2% Penn. 4-mills tax, Conn. 4-mills tax, Maryland securities tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills per ann., and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on income derived from the bonds, refunded, Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e*. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and int.

Data From Letter of President Morris W. Stroud, Phila., July 1.

Company.—Incorp. in Pennsylvania. Owns electric and gas properties supplying without competition territory in the Wyoming anthracite coal district to the north, south and west of Wilkes-Barre; also gas properties supplying Hazleton and surrounding territory in the Lehigh anthracite fields. These properties are serving 21,369 customers with electricity and 6,276 customers with gas. The growth of the territory served has been rapid and constant, having reached a population estimated at 205,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide in part the necessary funds for the satisfaction of the indentures under which are issued \$2,686,000 of the present outstanding bonds of the company. In connection with this present financing, it is proposed that the company will be merged into a new corporation which, in addition to the present system of the company, will own a site for a new electric generating station and will immediately erect a modern plant thereon. The new station will be constructed to house generating equipment of 40,000 k. w., of which the first unit of 20,000 k. w. will be installed forthwith, making the total generating capacity of the company 50,000 k. w. The new site is favorably located and offers ample space and water for future expansion. It is proposed that additional funds for the construction of the station and approximately 12 miles of 66,000-volt transmission lines to connect with the present system will be provided by an issue of \$6,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, 6% Series due 1954, of the new company, which will be presently offered, and which will be secured by a first lien upon the new plant, and by a direct mortgage upon the remaining physical properties.

Table with 3 columns: Earnings Years Ended—, 1923, 1923. Rows: Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Annual int. requirements, Ann. int. on 20-Yr. 7% S. F. Conv. Gold bonds.

Balance \$265,465 Of the above earnings, over 90% is derived from electric light and power business.

Guaranty.—The property is under the direct supervision and management of American Gas Co., which unconditionally guarantees these bonds as to principal and interest by endorsement. The common stock of American Gas Co. as of June 30 1924 had a market value of over \$9,000,000.

In connection with the present financing American Gas Co., owner of the entire Common stock, has agreed to convert over \$1,400,000 notes of the company, representing advances, into an equity position in the form of

Preferred stock. The remaining outstanding preferred stock, amounting to over 4,700 shares, has been sold to customers and employees.

Sinking Fund.—On Jan. 1 1926 and on Jan. 1 of each year thereafter, the company will pay to the trustee, as a sinking fund, the sum of \$30,000. For a period of 60 days after such payments the money shall be used by the trustee to purchase bonds at not exceeding the call price and int., and any money not so used at the end of each period will revert to the company for general corporate purposes, as will be provided in the indenture.

Conversion Privilege.—Bonds are convertible at any time, after July 1 1934, at the option of the holder, into no par value \$7 per share cumulative preferred stock, at the rate of 11 shares of preferred stock for each \$1,000 face value of the bonds, with adjustments for accrued interest and dividends, as will be provided in the indenture.

Capitalization of New Merged Company upon Completion of Present Financing.

Table showing capitalization of new merged company upon completion of present financing, listing items like Common stock, Pref. stock, 20-Year 7% S. F. Conv. Gold bonds, etc.

Maher Collieries Co., Cleveland, O.—Bonds Called.—Certain 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 8 1/4% Serial Gold bonds dated Aug. 1 1923, aggregating \$16,000, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 102 1/2 and int. at the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O.—V. 117, p. 1469.

Mahoning Valley Water Co.—Bonds Called.—Twelve (\$12,000) 1st Mtge. Gold bonds dated Mar. 1 1914 have been called for redemption Sept. 1 at the Dollar Savings & Trust Co., trustee, Youngstown, O., or the First National Bank, Cleveland, O.—V. 118, p. 91.

Maple Leaf Milling Co.—Annual Report.—Table showing financial data for 1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22, and 1920-21, including Total Income, Interest and exchange, Federal taxes, Net earnings, Pref. dividends, Common dividends, etc.

Massey-Harris Co., Ltd.—Report Year Ended Nov. 30 '23. Income from oper., incl. profit from sale of timber lands, but before deducting interest and appropriations, \$1,120,937. Deduct—Int. on borrowings, \$616,087; approp. for deprec. of plants, &c., \$174,708; approp. for possible losses on receivables, \$233,308; approp. for foreign exchange and taxes, \$95,834; approp. for pension and insurance funds, \$23,447.—1,143,385.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—June Sales.—1924—June—1923. Increase. \$13,039,315 \$11,612,004 \$1,427,311 1924—6 Mos.—1923. Increase. \$64,437,020 \$11,288,598 \$52,648,422

(J. L.) Mott Co.—Receivers.—Judge Reilstab, in the U. S. District Court at Trenton on June 28, on petition of the Tottenville Copper Co., Inc., of Staten Island, and with the consent of the defendant company, appointed Charles H. Baker and Robert K. Bowman, receivers. A statement given out by Victor N. Roadstrum, Executive Manager of the company, from its New York offices, stated that the appointment of a receiver was taken at the instance of the directors in order to conserve the assets and protect the creditors. The corporation has quick assets of more than twice its quick liabilities, and, in addition, is the owner of a majority of the capital stock of many affiliated corporations operating successfully in the business of jobbing plumbers' supplies, which will not be at all affected by the receivership of the parent company.

The nature of the business of the parent company and of some of its subsidiaries has changed materially, owing to changing tastes of the users of plumbing supplies during the past several years. This change, as well as the largely increased business of the company, has required and now requires large capital expenditures. The company is not in immediate possession of this required capital. The internal situation in the company appears to make negotiations for these capital requirements impossible except through the intermediary of a receivership. It is the purpose and expectation of the directors that this receivership will be only temporary and that it will result in a reorganization in the near future which will meet all capital requirements. Of a total indebtedness of about \$3,798,000, the sum of \$1,000,000 is owed to various banks, including the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, the Bank of America, Bank of the Manhattan Co., and the Broad Street National Bank of Trenton, N. J. A bonded indebtedness of \$2,000,000 issued against the company's real estate is outstanding. The balance of the company's indebtedness consists of current merchandise obligations widely scattered and in moderate amounts.

Munsingwear, Inc.—Earnings.—The company and its subsidiaries report for the six months ended May 31 1924 net income of \$18,403 after all charges and Federal taxes.—V. 118, p. 439.

(J. W.) Murray Mfg. Co.—Extra Dividend in Stock.—An extra dividend of 2% in Common stock, and the regular quarterly cash dividend of 2% were paid on the Common stock July 1 to holders of record June 20. Like amounts were paid in the previous five quarters.—V. 118, p. 2959.

Nash Motors Co.—New Subsidiary Formed.—The Ajax Motors Co., a subsidiary, has been incorporated in Wisconsin with an authorized capital of \$3,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock and 30,000 shares of Common stock of no par value, to operate the old Mitchell Motors Co. plant at Racine, Wis., which was acquired by the Nash Motors Co. in January last for approximately \$403,000.—V. 118, p. 1673.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production (Lbs.).—Month of—June, May, April, March, February. Copper output (lbs.)—4,651,589 4,505,996 5,472,542 5,875,334 4,452,402

New Dominion Copper Co., Ltd.—Distribution.—Empire Trust Co. has been directed by a judgment of the New York Supreme Court dated June 19 1924, in an action entitled Edward F. Blomeyer, suing in his own behalf, &c., plaintiff, against the New Dominion Copper Co., Ltd., and Empire Trust Co., as trustee, defendants, to distribute pro rata, among the holders of the 10-Year 6% Conv. Income Gold bonds of the Copper company outstanding the net amount of funds in the hands of the trustee, deposited under the sinking fund provision after paying expenses and disbursements.

Upon presentation of such bonds, with coupons maturing Sept. 1 1914 and subsequently to the Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, New York, for stamping, the holder thereof will be paid the amount distributable thereon.

New York Edison Co.—New Power Station.—See General Electric Co. above.—V. 118, p. 92.

New York Transportation Co.—Merger.—See Omnibus Corp. below.—V. 118, p. 3206.

North American Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.—See North American Power & Light Corp. under "Railroads" above.—V. 118, p. 2834.

(Chas. F.) Noble Oil & Gas Co. (Tulsa, Okla.)—

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—(Name recently changed to Noble Oil & Gas Co.)

Balance Sheet for (Chas. F.) Noble Oil & Gas Co. as of Dec. 31, showing Assets and Liabilities with 1923 and 1922 figures.

* Fixed assets include: Leaseholds, plants and equipment, per appraisal by Coats & Burchard Co., March 20 1921, plus additions thereto \$16,183,482, less depreciation, \$2,398,376.—V. 118, p. 2834.

North American Car Co.—Stock Offered.—Wm. H. Colvin & Co., Chicago, are offering at \$26.50 per share 25,000 shares Class "A" stock of no par value.

Free from normal Federal income tax. Tax free in Illinois. Cumul. divs. at the rate of \$2.50 per share per annum, payable Q.-J. Preferred as to assets to the extent of \$30 per share. Callable as a whole or in part upon 30 days' notice at \$35 per share and divs. Transfer agent, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Registrar, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. H. Erigham, Chicago June 25. Company.—Business consists primarily of the ownership, operation and leasing of standard steel tank cars and refrigerator cars. The business was started in 1908 with an initial capital of \$25,000 and has built up its properties largely from earnings. At the present time the company owns and operates 863 all steel standard tank cars and 841 first class refrigerator cars, or a total of 1,704 cars.

Earnings.—Company has earned a profit every year since its inception. For the 5 year period, 1919 to 1923 inclusive, net earnings after all charges, including liberal depreciation and taxes at present rates, available for dividends averaged \$1,092,205, equal to \$4.36 per share on the class "A" stock. For the year 1923 net earnings available for divs. amounted to \$176,788, or \$7.07 per share on the class "A" stock.

Operations for 1924 thus far indicate net earnings for the year, after depreciation and taxes, applicable to class "A" stock, of \$210,000, equal to \$8.40 per share, or over 3 times dividend requirements.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund which becomes operative July 1 1925 will retire this stock at a rate equivalent to over 5% per annum.

Purpose.—To provide the company with additional working capital to insure continued growth and expansion. Common Stock Warrants.—Each share of class "A" stock will carry a warrant which entitles the holder thereof to purchase from the company on or before July 1 1927 one share of Common stock at \$12.50 per share.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Issued. Class "A" stock (no par value) 25,000 shs. 25,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) *100,000 shs. 75,000 shs.

* 25,000 shares are reserved until July 1 1927 against Common stock warrants outstanding.

There is no mortgage on any of the company's plants or real estate and none may be created without the consent of 75% of class "A" stock outstanding. The only funded indebtedness of the company consists of equipment trust obligations secured by liens upon 1,264 of its cars, the revenue from which largely exceeds both principal and interest requirements.

Balance Sheet March 31 1924 (After Giving Effect to Sale of Stock).

Balance Sheet for North American Car Co. as of March 31 1924, showing Assets and Liabilities.

* Represented by class "A" stock, 25,000 shares no par value, and Com. stock, 75,000 shares issued.—V. 116, p. 1905.

North American Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—12 Months ended May 31—1922, 1923. Electric output (kilo-watt hours) 2,229,758,451 1,934,724,213

Electric customers 619,800 553,934 Gross earnings \$77,664,279 \$65,967,354 Operating expenses and taxes 48,809,273 42,483,221

Net income from operation \$28,855,006 \$23,484,133 Other net income 677,624 449,681

Total \$29,532,630 \$23,933,813 Deduct—Interest charges \$9,777,240 \$7,599,733 Preferred dividends of subsidiaries 2,032,520 1,587,531 Minority interest 1,006,709 876,383 Annual div. on total Pref. stock outstanding 1,145,145 1,141,824

Balance \$15,571,015 \$12,728,341 Per share of Common stock outstanding \$5.60 \$5.50

Number of shares of Common outstanding 2,782,916 2,313,454 —V. 118, p. 3206.

Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at 99 1/4 and interest, to yield about 5 3/4%, \$4,500,000 Three-Year 5 1/2% Secured Gold Notes, Series "A."

Dated June 2 1924. Due June 1 1927. Int. payable J. & D. at the office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., in Chicago and New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100¢. Red., all or part, upon 30 days' notice at any time prior to Dec. 1 1926 at 101 and int. and on and after Dec. 1 1926 at 100 and int. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Issuance.—Authorized by the Indiana P. S. Commission. Data from Letter of Pres. Samuel Insull, Chicago, June 27. Company.—Incorporated in Indiana. Owns and operates extensive properties employed principally in the production and sale of electricity and gas for light, heat and power. Company and its associated companies serve directly 34 Indiana communities, 17 with electricity and 24 with gas, having a combined population of over 400,000, and the company wholesales electricity to two additional municipalities, Hammond, Whiting, Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Michigan City and Lafayette are among the principal manufacturing centres served with both electricity and gas. South Bend, Fort Wayne, and the neighboring industrial sections are supplied with gas. The Calumet Power Co. is acquiring a 150-ft. right-of-way and is about to construct a 132,000-volt steel-tower, super-power transmission line extending from the Illinois-Indiana State line south of the Chicago city limits through the steel district immediately south of Lake Michigan to Michigan City, a distance of about 35 miles. The cash investment junior to the 1st Mtge. bonds will be not less than \$500,000. This line and gas an important link in the super-power ring of transmission line being built around the City of Chicago which, when completed, will tie in all of the large generating stations in Chicago and the surrounding territory, making possible considerable operating economies and providing further protection to continuous service.

Security.—Secured by pledge of \$4,500,000 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, 6% Series March 1924 and \$500,000 Calumet Power Co. 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, Series "A," due June 1 1927, the latter being exchangeable at the company's option for an equal face amount of its 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used towards the building of additional facilities, including a new gas plant in Fort Wayne, the largest city served and to partially reimburse the company's treasury for capital expenditures heretofore made.

Capitalization Outstanding in Hands of Public after this Financing.

Class "A" 7% Preferred stock	z\$5,500,000
Class "B" 7% Preferred stock	4,000,000
Common stock	z6,000,000
3-Year 5 1/2% Secured Gold notes (this issue)	4,500,000
1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. 6% bonds, due May 1 1952	x7,000,000
1st Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds, due April 1 1929	y2,455,000
Underlying divisional bonds (mortgages closed)	4,906,000

x Exclusive of bonds to be pledged to secure the present issue of 3-Year 5 1/2% Secured Gold notes. y Of the \$10,000,000 authorized issue, \$9,652,000 have been issued—a total of \$7,197,000 will presently be pledged under the 1st Lien & Ref. mortgage—and the remaining \$348,000 reserved to retire underlying bonds, when issued, must also be pledged under the 1st Lien & Ref. mortgage. z Additional Class "A" Preferred and Common stock of \$1,500,000 and \$1,000,000 par value, respectively, has been sold at par under contract calling for full payment prior to July 1 1924. The Class "B" Preferred is convertible into Class "A" Preferred.

Earnings and Expenses for Calendar Years.

	1922.	1923.
Gross revenue (including other income)	\$6,641,857	\$7,806,742
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	4,332,499	5,273,481
Net earnings before depreciation	\$2,309,358	\$2,533,262

Annual interest on the total funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of present financing requires \$1,010,680.

Control.—The outstanding Common stock of the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. and of the Calumet Power Co. is owned or controlled by the Public Service Investment Co.—V. 118, p. 2834.

Northwestern Lumber Co.—Notes Offered.—Lumbermen's Trust Co. Bank and Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, Ore., are offering at 100 and int. \$450,000 Collateral Trust 6 1/2% Gold Coupon notes.

Dated June 1 1924. Due serially June 1 1925-1929. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c. Int. payable J. & D. at Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee. Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. The trust indenture provides for a sinking fund, the payments of which will be used for the purchase of notes in the open market or for call of notes at 101 and int.

Data From Letter of Thorpe Babcock, Vice-President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in 1882. Is one of the oldest lumber manufacturing concerns in the Pacific Northwest and for the past 42 years has been prominently identified with many of the major timber and lumbering operations on the Pacific Coast. Company's timber holdings consist of some 500 million feet of timber situated in the North River country and the Coast cedar belt.

Purpose.—Company has but recently completed negotiations for the disposal of all its scattered holdings. These combined sales involved approximately 200 million feet of timber, in payment for which sales contracts, notes and logging contracts of these various companies were accepted in an amount aggregating \$739,727. Taking advantage of an exceptional opportunity for the purchase of additional timber, the company concluded negotiations for a loan for such capital expenditures, hypothecating with the trustee for the bankers the notes and contracts of the various companies just mentioned. Company has purchased prior to this financing about 150,000 million feet of timber in one solid block in the North River country adjacent to its present holdings in that territory, and arranged to block up approximately 350 million feet more, which assures them of a 15-year supply of raw material.

Security.—Secured by assignment to the trustee of the following collateral covering timber sales: Notes of the Aloha Lumber Co., Aloha, Wash., \$131,727; sales contract of Schafer Bros. Logging Co., Montesano, Wash., \$40,000; sales contract of Saginaw Timber Co., Aberdeen, Wash., \$252,000; logging contract of Polson Logging Co., Hoquiam, Wash., \$316,000.

In addition, the timber covered by the last three contracts, cruising 159-873,000 feet, is deeded to the trustee.

Ohio Brass Co., Mansfield, Ohio.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the Common stock, no par value, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, both payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. Like amounts were paid on the Common stock on April 15 last.—V. 118, p. 1402.

Ohio Public Service Co.—Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31 1923.

Gross operating revenue (including \$14,684 other income)	\$7,767,930
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	4,771,554
Interest on funded debt and other obligations	913,277
Amortization of bond and note discount	59,035
Balance, surplus	\$2,024,063

—V. 118, p. 2959.

Old Colony Gas Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended May 31—		
	1924.	1923.
Gross sales	\$368,118	\$339,462
Discount	33,388	30,108
Operating expenses	207,075	195,637
Net earnings	\$127,655	\$113,717
Other income	11,985	11,619

Total net	\$139,640	\$125,336
Interest charges	33,641	34,590
Balance	\$105,999	\$90,745

—V. 118, p. 3206.

Omnibus Corporation.—Merger of New York and Chicago Bus Companies—Financial Plan—Extension in Other Cities Contemplated.

The organization of the Omnibus Corp., formed through the consolidation of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp., New York Transportation Co. and Chicago Motor Coach Corp., has been announced by J. & W. Seligman & Co. and G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., managers under the plan dated June 25, for the unification and reorganization of the properties.

The proposed directors of the Omnibus Corp. (see below) and the managers under the plan are convinced that the operations of Fifth Avenue Coach Co. in New York, and Chicago Motor Coach Co. in Chicago, have demonstrated that the motor bus, under the system for its operation developed by them, has reached a stage where it is able with complete success to meet the difficult urban transportation requirements of to-day and that similar operations can be successfully established in many other localities in the United States and Canada. In pursuance of this conviction, the aim of the Omnibus Corp. will be to expand, by investing either directly or through the securities of holding companies or otherwise, in bus lines in places where the demand for them is apparent, and in doing so to follow the policy of co-operating fully with (and supplementing) existing transportation companies.

Heretofore New York Transportation Co. has been manufacturing at its garages its own equipment, and, incidentally, to a limited extent, similar equipment for general sale. It is contemplated that, upon the consummation of the plan, Yellow Coach Manufacturing Co., which is the owner of a modern and fully equipped plant newly constructed for the purpose and producing in quantity an improved type of motor omnibus, will enter into a contract with Fifth Avenue Coach Co. to supply Fifth Avenue Coach Co. with omnibuses on the most favorable terms granted to other buyers and to take over the manufacturing business of New York Transportation Co.

at the fair value of the physical assets taken over, plus the sum of \$250,000 in cash for the good-will of the business. The space now occupied by the manufacturing department will be employed to meet the expanding requirements of the operating department. Certain of the proposed members of the directors of the Omnibus Corp. are interested in Yellow Coach Manufacturing Co.

The purpose of the plan is to unify under a common management the following named corporations now controlling motor bus lines in the cities of New York and Chicago, thereby affording the security holders of those corporations an opportunity of diversifying their interest instead of confining it to one locality alone, and to effect such readjustments in the organization and capitalization of the enterprise as to provide in an adequate manner for the expansion and development of the business.

Corporations the Stocks of Which Are Dealt With by the Plan.—(a) Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. (of Del.), which now owns more than a majority of the stock of New York Transportation Co.

(b) New York Transportation Co. (of N. J.), which owns the entire capital stock of Fifth Avenue Coach Co. and manufactures buses for use and for approximately ten years has been successfully operating bus line on important streets in the City of New York, including Fifth Avenue.

(c) Chicago Motor Coach Corp. (of Del.), which owns the entire outstanding stocks of Chicago Motor Coach Co. (the Chicago operating company), which owns and is successfully operating motor bus lines in Chicago and Cook County, Ill. On Nov. 22 1923 it purchased, and now owns, a minority interest in St. Louis Motor Coach Corp., a corporation which owns the entire capital stock of Peoples Motorbus Co. of St. Louis, operating motor buses in St. Louis, Mo. Negotiations are pending for the sale of the St. Louis company as an entirety, which, if consummated, will yield to the Chicago company a sum substantially in excess of the amount at which this minority holding is carried on the balance sheet.

Capitalization of Existing Corporations.

Name of Company—	Shares Outst'g
Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. (no par value)	368,529
New York Transportation Co. (par value \$10)	235,000
Chicago Motor Coach Corp. 7% Cum. Pref. stock (par \$100)	33,500
Common stock (par \$5)	50,000

The stock of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. is deposited under a voting trust agreement dated Dec. 20 1922, under which Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Charles H. Sabin and Frederick Strauss are voting trustees.

The Common stock of Chicago Motor Coach Corp. is deposited under a voting trust agreement dated May 12 1923, under which John Hertz, Charles A. McCulloch and Edward N. D'Ancona are voting trustees.

Omnibus Corporation.—Control of the unified properties is to be vested in a single corporation, to be known as Omnibus Corp., or by some such suitable name. It is expected that Chicago Motor Coach Corp. will be used as the Omnibus Corp., its certificate of incorporation being appropriately amended.

Directors of New Company.—Upon the consummation of the plan the Omnibus Corp.'s directors will include John Hertz, Charles A. McCulloch, John A. Ritchie, Leonard S. Florsheim, W. Rufus Abbott, Otto W. Lehmann, John Borden, John R. Thompson, William Wrigley Jr. and Edward N. D'Ancona (being the present directors of Chicago Motor Coach Corp.) and also Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Charles H. Sabin, Albert Strauss, Harold E. Foreman, George A. Green, Harvey T. Woodruff, James B. A. Fosburgh, John C. Jay, Emanuel Lascaris and Edmond E. Wise.

The Omnibus Corp. will be vested, either directly or through a new holding company, with the entire capital stock of both classes of the Chicago operating company and with Chicago Motor Coach Corp.'s holdings in stock of New York Transportation Co. Upon the consummation of the plan the stock of New York Transportation Co. stock; the Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. stock so issued and the Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. stock deposited under and participating in the plan will be vested in the Omnibus Corp. and the voting trust of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. stock under the voting trust agreement dated Dec. 20 1922 will be terminated; but the interest of the Omnibus Corp. in the stock of New York Transportation Co., either directly or through the pro rata part of such stock represented by Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. stock vested in it, shall represent at least a majority of the outstanding stock of New York Transportation Co.

Capitalization of the Omnibus Corporation.

Cumulative Pref. stock (par \$100)	Authorized.	Issued.
Common stock (without par value)	y250,000 shs.	106,378 shs.
	1,500,000 shs.	652,195 shs.

x The figures given are based upon the assumption that all of the outstanding stock of New York Transportation Co. and Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. will participate in the plan, and to the extent that they do not, the amount of stock of the Omnibus Corp. to be presently issued under the plan will be correspondingly reduced.

y The Preferred stock will also be issued in sub-shares at the rate of ten sub-shares for each share.

Pref. Stock of Omnibus Corp.—The Pref. stock presently to be issued under the plan will be of Series "A"; will carry divs. at the rate of 8% per annum, payable quarterly, cum. from July 1 1924; will be red. on any div. date at 115 and divs. will be entitled to receive on liquidation, dissolution or winding up, in priority to the Common stock, an amount equal to the redemption price; and will be convertible into Common stock at the rate of three shares of Common stock for each share of Preferred stock.

For convenience in making the exchanges provided for in the plan sub-shares of the Pref. stock, Series "A," will be issued with a par value of \$10 each, i. e., at the rate of ten sub-shares for each Pref. share, except that, whenever the Pref. stock shall be entitled to vote for any purpose, ten sub-shares shall be necessary for one vote, and the sub-shares will be convertible into Pref. stock in amounts aggregating \$100 par value or multiples thereof.

Listing of Stocks.—Application will be made to list the Pref. and Common shares of the Omnibus Corp. on the New York Stock Exchange. The Chicago Stock Exchange has admitted to the list the 106,378 shares.

Stockholders of Existing Corporations.

Stockholders of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp., New York Transportation Co. and Chicago Motor Coach Corp. will receive, for their present holdings, stock of the Omnibus Corporation as follows:

	Omnibus Corp. Stock.	Preferred.*	Common.*
For Each 10 Shares of—			
Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. stock	1 share	1 1/2 shares	1 1/2 shares
New York Transportation Co. stock	3 1-10 shs.	4 65-100 shs.	
For Each Share of Chicago Motor Coach Corp.—			
preferred stock (par \$100)	1 share		6 shares
Common stock			6 shares

* For fractional amounts of Preferred stock in multiples of 1-10 share, sub-shares (1-10th share each) will be issued; for lesser fractional amounts of Preferred stock and fractional amounts of Common stock there will be issued non-dividend bearing scrip exchangeable, in full share amounts, for the respective kinds of stock, with any dividends paid thereon.

Stockholders of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. and New York Transportation Co. may at their option sell their new stocks issuable under the plan to the syndicate for cash, payable when the new stocks are ready for delivery, at a price equal to: \$10 flat for each share of their holdings of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. stock; \$31 flat for each share of their holdings of New York Transportation Co. stock.

Stockholders who desire to exercise this option must, however, deposit their stocks on or before July 18 1924, and at the time of such deposit give notice of such election in writing. Stockholders electing so to sell to the syndicate will not be entitled to subscribe for Common stock of the Omnibus Corp.

Offering of Additional Omnibus Corp. Common Stock to Stockholders of Existing Corporations.—There will be offered to holders of certificates of deposit for stock of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. and of New York Transportation Co., registered on the books of the depository at the close of business on the 10th day after the date of first publication of notice that the plan has been declared operative and who have not elected to sell their new stocks for cash, the right to subscribe, at the price of \$10 per share, for not exceeding 72,878 shares of Omnibus Corp. Common stock, namely, at the rate of one share of Omnibus Corp. Common stock for each ten shares of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. stock and of 3 1-10 shares of Omnibus Corp. Common stock for each ten shares of New York Transportation Co. stock represented by their respective certificates of deposit.

There will also be offered to Common stockholders of Chicago Motor Coach Corp. registered at the close of business on the 10th day after the date of first publication of notice that the plan has been declared operative, the right to subscribe, at the same price, for 100,000 shares of Omnibus Corp. Common stock, namely, at the rate of 20 shares of Omnibus Corp. Common stock for each share of Chicago Motor Coach Corp. Common stock held.

The proceeds of these offerings will go into the treasury of the Omnibus Corp. for its corporate purposes.

Sale and Option on Additional Stock.—40,000 shares of Common stock of the Omnibus Corp. will be sold to certain officers and directors of the Omnibus Corp. and the firms acting as managers under the plan, and options will be granted on an additional 30,000 shares to certain of the executive officers. The price of this stock will be the same as that at which such stock is offered for subscription to stockholders and at which it is underwritten by the syndicate, i. e., \$10 per share. The proceeds of the sale of this stock will go into the treasury of the Omnibus Corp. for its corporate purposes.

Voting Trust.—The Common stock of the Omnibus Corp. issuable to depositors and assenting stockholders or sold under the plan will be deposited under a 5-year voting trust agreement, under which John Hertz, Chairman, Edward N. D'Ancona, Harold E. Foreman, Charles A. McCulloch, Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Charles H. Sabin and Frederick Strauss will be voting trustees.

John Hertz, Chairman of Chicago Motor Coach Corp., and John A. Ritchie, Pres. of that corporation have agreed to serve as Chairman and President, respectively, of the Omnibus Corp.

Underwritten.—A syndicate is to be formed by Guaranty Co. of New York, G. M.-P. Murphy & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co., of which they will be syndicate managers, and in which they and members of the proposed board of the Omnibus Corp. and officers and directors and voting trustees of stock of the existing corporations (or corporations in which they are interested) may participate, (a) to purchase the new stocks which stockholders of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. and New York Transportation Co. elect to sell, and (b) to underwrite the offering to stockholders of Common stock of the Omnibus Corp.

The syndicate will receive from the Omnibus Corp. a commission of 6% upon its maximum cash obligation, out of which it will pay its expenses, including the compensation of the syndicate managers.

Method of Participation in Plan.—Holders of stock of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. and of New York Transportation Co. may participate in the plan by depositing the certificates for their stock with Guaranty Trust Co., depository, New York, on or before July 31.

Stockholders of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. and of New York Transportation Co. who, instead of taking Pref. and Common stock of the Omnibus Corp. elect to sell the same for cash, must, however, so deposit their stock certificates on or before July 18 and at the time of such deposit give notice of such election in writing.

Preferred and Common stockholders of Chicago Motor Coach Corp. should on or before July 31 deliver their proxies, consents and authorizations for the appropriate corporate action to Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1923 (Omnibus Corp.)

[after giving effect to the provisions of the plan, including the net proceeds of financing provided for therein, and on the assumption that all shares of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp. and New York Transportation Co. stock become subject thereto.]

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Real estate, Buildings, Vehicle equipment, Shop, tools, machinery, &c., Cash, U. S. and municipal securities, Accts. & notes rec., less reserve, Accrued interest, Inventories, Advance on motor coach purchase contract, Investment in St. Louis Motor Coach Corp., Franchise rights, &c., Deferred charges. Liabilities include Net worth, Deferred payments, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Deposits on orders for coaches, Dividends payable, Pay-rolls accrued, Taxes accrued, Federal tax accrued, Interest accrued, Reserves—Injuries & damages, Workmen's compensation, Depreciation.

x 11,667 shares Class "A" and 5,834 shares Class "B" stock. y Represented by Pref. stock, Series "A," 8% cumulative and convertible, 106,378 shares of a par value of \$100 each, and 622,195 shares of no par value Common stock. z On coaches purchased under contract, secured by lien, payable during 1924.

Ottawa-Montreal Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., are offering at 100 and int., carrying a bonus of 2 1/2 shares of Common stock of no par value with each \$1,000 bond, \$1,250,000 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

The company has just been organized for the purpose of acquiring the Hawkesbury Electric Light & Power Co., Ltd., and the Western Quebec Power Co., Ltd.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—To Issue Stock.—The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$5,000,000 Common stock at not less than \$92 per share, the proceeds to be used to finance improvements on Mt. Shasta power projects and elsewhere.—V. 118, p. 3206, 3088.

Packard Motor Car Company.—Earnings.—Period Ended May 31 1924—3 Months. Net earnings after all charges (approx.) \$2,325,000 \$4,756,975 —V. 118, p. 3207, 2314.

Park City Mining & Smelting Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1923. 1922. Ore sales \$1,816,086 \$1,216,446 Int., divs. & sundry receipts 40,243 20,024 Total receipts \$1,856,329 \$1,236,470 Deduct—Mine & mill account, ore expense, &c. 966,753 631,669 General expense, taxes and legal expense 121,642 95,055 Dividend 459,900 87,600 Balance, surplus \$308,034 \$422,146 —V. 117, p. 2551.

Passaic Consolidated Water Co.—Bonds.—The New Jersey P. U. Commission has approved the issuance of \$1,505,000 6% mortgage bonds.—V. 118, p. 3088.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Stock Allotment.—The stockholders of record July 14 will be entitled to subscribe at \$112 50 per share for 10% of the amount of stock held. The subscription price of \$112 50 per share will be payable in cash or in New York exchange, or in Baltimore exchange, on or before Aug. 15 at the office of Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.

New Subsidiary Company Financing—Contract, &c.—See Holtwood Power Co. above.—V. 118, p. 2712.

Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg. Corp.—Omits Extra Div.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1% on the Common stock payable July 15 to holders of record July 5. On Jan. 15 and April 15 last, extras of 1% were paid in addition to the usual quarterly dividends of 1%.—V. 118, p. 1784.

(Thos. G.) Plant Co.—Report.—Calendar Years—1923. 1922. 1921. 1920. Net earnings \$211,647 \$187,004 loss \$128,123 loss \$367,128 Dividends paid 164,227 163,632 212,500 325,000 Balance \$47,420 \$23,372 def \$1,500,623 def \$692,128

Balance Sheet December 31. Assets—1923. 1922. Real estate 846,411 859,720 Mach., equip. & leaseholds 623,573 551,982 Cash & receivables 1,389,047 1,567,310 Merch's inventory 2,897,891 3,274,968 Prepaid charges 102,485 — Inv. in other cos., sundry assets, &c 228,406 291,015 Goodwill, pats. &c 1,273,500 1,261,000 Total \$7,361,314 \$7,805,995 x 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 118, p. 2190.

Pusey & Jones Co. (Shipbuilders).—Sale.—At the sale of the company's property conducted by Joseph P. Day, auctioneer, Henry J. Fort, Henry Goldberger, A. Perez & Son, Jacob Goldwater, all of Philadelphia, and Mayor H. J. McNally, of Gloucester City, N. J., submitted a lump bid of \$516,000 for the Gloucester, N. J., shipyard. The bid is said to be for speculation, and if the United States Court should accept the bid, it is the belief that all of the machinery will be sold to junk dealers or others.—V. 118, p. 2835.

Radio Corp. of America.—Exchange of Shares.—Stockholders are requested to at once send in all of their present stock certificates to the transfer agent, Corporation Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, for exchange into the new "A" Common and "A" Preferred stocks. This exchange is undertaken to reduce the large number of outstanding shares of Common and Preferred stock, through correspondingly increasing the book value of the Common stock and the par value of the Preferred stock, thereby reducing the inconvenience and heavy expense incident to disbursing dividends on the present \$5 par value Pref. stock. The basis of exchange will be one share of the new "A" Common for 5 shares of the present Common, and one share of the new "A" Preferred for 10 shares of the present Preferred stock. Fractional certificates will be issued to cover holdings of less than 5 shares of Common or less than 10 shares of Preferred of the present issues representing either small individual holdings or the odd shares resulting from present holdings not in exact multiples of 5 shares of Common or 10 shares of Preferred. Stockholders having fractional certificates should convert their holdings into entire shares of the new stocks either by the purchase of additional fractional or outstanding original shares, followed by the proper exchange, or by the sale of their fractional holdings. The following firms of brokers, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have signified their willingness to advise stockholders in this matter and to execute orders for the purchase or sale of the new fractional shares or outstanding original shares, namely, Jas. B. Colgate & Co., 36 Wall St., N. Y. City; Foster & Adams, 71 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 118, p. 2713.

Repleg Steel Co.—May Buy Pipe Company.—The company is reported to have secured a 60-day option on a large majority of the stock of the Warren Foundry & Pipe Co. of Phillipsburg, N. J., one of the largest pipe producers in the country.—V. 118, p. 2835.

Reynolds Spring Co., Jackson, Mich.—Reduces Div.—Capital Increased.—To Acquire General Leather Co.—A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share was declared on the Common stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 10. In Nov. 1923 and Feb. and May 1924, quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were paid on the Common stock.

The stockholders on June 26 authorized an increase in the authorized Common stock from 200,000 shares (no par) to 500,000 shares (no par value), for the purpose of acquiring the General Leather Co., Pres. Wiley R. Reynolds, in a letter to stockholders, says that 210,548 shares of the no par Reynolds stock will be the full purchase price of the entire Common capital stock of the General Leather Co. No cash will be involved. See also V. 118, p. 2713.

James T. Smith, President of the General Leather Co., has been elected a director of the Reynolds Spring Co.—V. 118, p. 2713.

(Dwight P.) Robinson & Co., Inc.—Contract.—The company has been authorized to design and construct an extension to the Seward plant, built by them in 1920 for the Penn Public Service Corp. near Seward, Pa. This extension will consist of the installation of two new boilers equipped with preheaters and fans, one new stack and new boiler feed pumps. The stoker equipment will be the exact duplicate of that already installed.—V. 118, p. 92.

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.—Report.—Cal. Years—1923. 1922. Oper. revenues \$9,098,199 \$8,108,754 Oper. expenses 5,345,744 4,932,963 Other interest 18,090 8,550 Miscell. deductions 56,665 53,825 Balance \$1,695,254 \$1,256,675 Net income \$3,752,455 \$3,175,791 Non-oper. income 82,801 103,973 Previous surplus 1,567,196 1,316,231 Total surplus \$3,262,450 \$2,572,906 Dividends paid 1,359,457 1,273,351 Surplus charges 47,240 45,965 Surplus credit 7,313 313,606 Total income \$3,835,256 \$3,279,764 Taxes 944,890 826,505 Uncollectible bills 32,340 39,788 Int. on fund. debt. 1,088,017 1,094,419 P. & L. surplus \$1,863,065 \$1,567,196 —V. 118, p. 2315.

(William A.) Rogers, Ltd.—Back Dividend.—The company on July 2 paid to Preferred stockholders of record of June 18 a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% and a dividend 1 1/4% on account of accumulations.—V. 118, p. 2835.

Rome (N. Y.) Gas, Electric Light & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Samuel McCreery & Co., Philadelphia, are offering at 94 1/2 and int. to yield about 5.42%, \$606,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 30-Year 5% Gold bonds, assumed by the Northern New York Utilities, Inc.

Date Dec. 1 1916. Due Dec. 1 1946. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000*. Red. at 102 1/2 and int. on four weeks' notice. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax of 2%. Pennsylvania four-mills tax refunded. Rome Trust Co., Rome, N. Y., trustee.

The Rome Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. was incorporated in New York May 4 1901, succeeding the Rome Gas Light Co. In October 1923 the entire capital stock of the company, consisting of 4,000 shares (par \$100) was purchased by the Northern New York Utilities, Inc., at a price of \$557,000, or \$139 22 per share, and the company merged with the Northern New York Utilities, Inc., which merger was approved by the New York P. S. Commission on April 22 1924.

There are outstanding \$656,000 bonds of this issue, secured by a direct mortgage, subject to only \$400,000 1st Closed Mtge. 5% bonds, upon the maturity of which in June 1931 these bonds will become a first mortgage upon the entire property and franchises of the Rome Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. These bonds are assumed by the Northern New York Utilities, Inc., and are followed by \$8,090,500 bonds, and \$4,938,000 Pref. stock and \$3,200,000 Common stock of the Northern New York Utilities, Inc., and by \$6,950,000 bonds and \$3,000,000 Pref. stock and 370,000 shares (no par value) Common stock of the Power Corp. of New York.

Royal Typewriter Co., Inc.—Annual Pref. Dividend.—The directors have declared an annual dividend of 7% on the Preferred stock, payable July 17 to holders of record July 16.—V. 115, p. 2592.

Salt Creek Producers' Association, Inc.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. Like amounts were paid May 1 last. An extra dividend of 2 1/2% was paid Feb. 1 last, while extra dividends of 2% each were paid May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1923.—V. 118, p. 2052.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—To Increase Capital.—The directors have voted to increase the capital stock from its present 300,000 shares to 500,000 shares of no par value. The stockholders will vote July 14 to ratify the increase.—V. 118, p. 3208.

Reports and Documents.

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1923.

San Francisco, Calif., April 1 1924.

To the Stockholders:

Your Board of Directors submits herewith a statement of the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year 1923.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.

(Including Operations of Mt. Shasta Power Corporation and California Telephone and Light Company.)

	1923.	1922.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(1) Gross operating revenue	39,321,535	38,593,562	727,973	-----
<i>Deduct—</i>				
(2) Operating and Administrative Expenses	15,584,323	15,946,068	-----	361,745
(3) Taxes	4,029,887	3,690,213	339,674	-----
(4) Maintenance	3,442,979	3,117,531	325,448	-----
(5) Uncollectible accounts and casualties	436,221	663,064	-----	226,843
(6) Total deductions	23,493,410	23,416,876	76,534	-----
(7) Net earnings from operation	15,828,125	15,176,686	651,439	-----
(8) Add—Miscellaneous income	650,207	611,043	39,164	-----
(9) Total net income	16,478,332	15,787,729	690,603	-----
(10) Bond and other interest	6,165,817	5,148,614	1,017,203	-----
(11) Balance	10,312,515	10,639,115	-----	326,600
(12) Bond discount and expense	331,464	449,757	-----	118,293
(13) Balance	9,981,051	10,189,358	-----	208,307
(14) Reserve for depreciation	3,224,757	3,602,199	-----	377,442
(15) Surplus	6,756,294	6,587,159	169,135	-----
(16) Dividends paid on preferred stock (6%)	3,103,847	2,574,157	529,690	-----
(17) Balance	3,652,447	4,013,002	-----	360,555
(18) Cash dividends paid on common stock*	2,310,498	1,820,431	490,067	-----
(19) Balance	1,341,949	2,192,571	-----	850,622

* Dividends paid at annual rate of 6% during first three quarters of 1923 and 8% rate during last quarter. Common stock now on 8% cash basis.

Income and Surplus Accounts and Balance Sheet certified by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., appear on a subsequent page.

CUSTOMERS.

A new record of growth was achieved in 1923 through the net addition of 64,624 active meters. While 6,359 of these were on the lines of the California Telephone and Light Company at the date of its acquisition in May 1923, the remaining 58,265 represented, nevertheless, an actual growth entirely unprecedented in the Company's history, exceeding the 1922 record of 46,297 new customers by 11,968, or at the average rate of 1,000 per month.

The total number of customers at the close of 1923 was 710,034. The number of electric customers was 347,955, of

gas customers 343,690, and of water and steam customers 18,389. During the past 16 years the net addition of customers to the Company's distribution system was 527,419, or 289%, as shown by the following summary:

	Number of Customers at Dec. 31			—Net Gain—	
	1907.	1922.	1923.	In 1923.	In 15 Yrs.
Gas Customers	122,304	316,268	343,690	27,422	221,386
Electric Customers	54,772	311,615	347,955	36,340	293,183
Water Customers	5,539	16,985	17,810	825	12,271
Steam Customers	-----	542	579	37	579
Total Customers	182,615	645,410	710,034	64,624	527,419

The above figures are exclusive of 2,455 telephone patrons receiving service from the California Telephone and Light Company.

ANALYSIS OF INCOME ACCOUNT.

(1) GROSS OPERATING REVENUE.

Gross operating revenues amounted to \$39,321,536, thus reaching a new peak and exceeding last year's gross by \$727,973, despite the fact that, dating from February 20 1923, the Company's electric customers were given the benefit of rate reductions aggregating approximately \$2,500,000, while the gas customers also benefited to the extent of \$970,000 from the lower rates effective in 1923, compared with 1922 averages. This increase of \$728,000 in operating revenues in the face of rate reductions aggregating approximately three and a half millions of dollars signifies the addition of practically \$4,200,000 worth of new business, of which slightly less than \$270,000 was received as a result of the acquisition on May 1 1923 of the California Telephone and Light Company.

Emphasizing the substantial industrial development of the territory served by this Company, it is noteworthy that sales of power for manufacturing purposes increased by 43,281,768 kw. hrs., or 18.76%. The steadily expanding field for the utilization of electricity for miscellaneous power, heating and cooking purposes is indicated by an increase of 25,001,649 kw. hrs., or 23.56%. These exceptional increases in sales, as measured by physical output, while not quite sufficient in a few instances to overcome during 1923 the effect of the lower rate schedules on certain branches of service, were yet sufficient in the aggregate to yield a gross revenue almost three-quarters of a million dollars more than in the preceding year. The outlook is favorable for a continuation of this growth and for a complete recovery from these rate reductions.

The following table shows the growth in gross operating revenue derived from each department of the Company's business during the past five years:

GROWTH OF GROSS OPERATING REVENUE, BY DEPARTMENTS.

Year—	Electricity.	Gas.	Street Railway.	Water.	Steam.	Telephone.	Total.	Increase Each Year.
1918	\$12,384,499	\$8,923,484	\$534,068	\$509,273	\$244,193	-----	\$22,595,517	-----
1919	14,474,884	9,933,334	671,105	540,607	318,442	-----	25,938,372	3,342,855
1920	21,577,909	11,161,682	753,028	638,336	351,005	-----	34,431,960	8,543,588
1921	22,502,192	12,570,042	779,009	699,198	389,033	-----	36,939,474	2,457,514
1922	23,774,223	12,861,214	798,430	730,043	429,652	-----	38,593,562	1,654,088
1923	24,066,783	13,240,656	783,075	744,176	418,736	\$68,110	39,321,536	727,974
Gain in 5 Years	\$11,682,284	\$4,317,172	\$249,007	\$234,903	\$174,543	\$68,110	\$16,726,019	\$16,726,019

(2) OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

It is satisfactory to note that this item, which amounted to \$15,584,323, showed the substantial decrease of \$361,745, compared with the previous year. This result was achieved in spite of the larger number of operating employees and the more extensive use of material and supplies naturally associated with furnishing service of 64,624 new customers.

The largest single item of expense was that of wages, which absorbed slightly in excess of 25 cents out of each dollar paid by our customers. The average monthly wage paid to all employees was \$142 84, or very slightly in excess of the 1922 average rate of \$139 32. The total operating payroll aggregated \$9,968,720, the average number of employees being 9,272.

Material and supplies other than oil used in the Company's business for operating purposes, rental of leased properties, current purchased, etc., accounted for 12 1-3 cents of the customers' dollar. The Company's index of the cost of

materials and supplies used in its business showed average prices at the end of 1923 to be 5.3% in excess of the 1922 figure, and 62.6% higher than pre-war levels.

(3) TAXES.

Slightly over 10 cents of each dollar of revenue was absorbed by taxes, which aggregated \$4,029,887, an increase of \$339,674. Almost three-fourths of this amount is payable to the State of California, 7½ cents of every dollar received by the Company for sales of gas and electricity finding its way into the State Treasury. Next to the transcontinental railroads, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is the largest contributor towards maintaining the expense of the State Government. Federal taxes aggregated \$1,061,674, State taxes \$2,805,371 and franchise and ad valorem taxes \$162,842.

(4) MAINTENANCE AND (14) DEPRECIATION.

In the realization that sound business principles, as well as the obligation imposed upon your Company as a public

servant, dictate that the requirements of your Company's 710,000 customers shall be met in the fullest degree, no effort has been spared to achieve a standard of service which is irreproachable. To this end the Company's properties have been consistently maintained on a high plane of efficiency, expenditures for maintenance in 1923 amounting to \$3,442,979, or \$325,449 more than in 1922, while \$3,224,757 was set aside as a reserve for depreciation. This latter amount was calculated in conformity with engineering tables compiled by the State Railroad Commission, based on the probable life of various classes of property.

As indicated by the last column of the appended tabulation of maintenance expenditures and depreciation reserve, the Company's provision for the adequate upkeep of its properties, in relation to the amount of its revenues, has shown remarkably little variation for a number of years:

Year—	Maintenance Expenditures.	Depreciation Reserve.	Total Upkeep Provision.	% of Operating Gross.
1918	\$1,170,841	\$2,700,000	\$3,870,841	17.1%
1919	1,748,483	2,500,000	4,248,483	16.3%
1920	2,740,639	2,788,302	5,528,941	16.0%
1921	3,437,673	3,069,078	6,506,751	17.6%
1922	3,117,530	3,602,199	6,719,729	17.4%
1923	3,442,979	3,224,757	6,667,736	16.9%

Nearly sixty-six million dollars have been expended for maintenance or appropriated for depreciation in the past eighteen years, as indicated by the following table:

Expended for Maintenance	\$29,945,149
Appropriated for Depreciation	36,991,845
Total	\$65,936,994
Average per year	\$3,663,166

(5) UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS AND CASUALTIES RESERVES.

These reserves represent the provision made out of revenues for bad debts and for the unavoidable accidents incident to operation, such as fires, injuries to workmen or to the public, and other contingencies. The amounts so set aside in 1923 aggregated \$436,221, the balance accumulated in these reserves amounting at the close of the year to \$630,412 15, or \$97,126 17 more than at December 31 1922.

(7) NET EARNINGS FROM OPERATION (8) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME (9) TOTAL NET INCOME.

After deducting from operating revenues the expenses enumerated under items (2) to (5) inclusive, there remained a balance of \$15,828,125, in addition to which the Company received \$650,207 of miscellaneous income, composed mainly of profits on sales of gas and electric appliances, income from investments, and rentals from non-operative properties; net income available for interest charges, depreciation and dividends thus amounting to \$16,478,332. This amount was \$690,603 in excess of 1922, the best previous year in the Company's history.

(10) BOND AND OTHER INTEREST (12) DISCOUNT AND EXPENSE.

Bond interest, which absorbed 15.7 cents of each dollar of gross operating revenue, is the return paid to the Company's 41,500 bondholders for the loan of funds secured by mortgages on the property, represented by \$129,600,000 par value of bonds in the hands of the public at December 31

1923. Interest charges during the year aggregated \$6,165,817, these charges being earned slightly more than 2.2-3 times. It is indicative of the sound position of these secured obligations that during none of the past ten years has interest expense been earned less than twice over, the average for the decade being two and one-half times. Due to the very substantial increase in the amount of operative property, such as Pit Plant No. 1 and other income producing additions and extensions, these charges showed an increase of \$1,017,203 over the 1922 figures.

(15) SURPLUS.

After the payment of all fixed charges and deducting a reserve for depreciation of \$3,224,757, to which reference has already been made, there remained a surplus of \$6,756,294 available as a return upon the investment of the 27,000 stockholders who are the actual owners of the property. This was \$169,135 more than the corresponding figure in 1922.

(16) PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS.

Preferred dividends at the established rate of 6% were paid during the year, these dividends in 1923 amounting to \$3,103,847, and being earned 2.2 times.

In the past five years the balance remaining for the payment of preferred stock dividends, as indicated by the following table, has increased by \$3,684,184, while preferred dividends paid in the same time have increased only \$1,613,384, leaving an increased balance of \$2,070,800 available for the common stock.

Year Ended December 31—	Surplus Available for Dividends after Prior Charges and Depreciation.	Preferred Stock Dividends.	Balance.
1918	\$3,071,303	\$1,490,463	\$1,580,840
1919	3,340,353	1,528,961	1,811,392
1920	3,922,061	1,777,933	2,144,128
1921	4,969,230	2,132,283	2,836,947
1922	6,587,159	2,574,156	4,013,003
1923	6,756,294	3,103,847	3,652,447
Increase in 5 years	\$3,684,991	\$1,613,384	\$2,071,607

(18) COMMON STOCK DIVIDENDS.

From the \$3,652,447 remaining after the payment of preferred stock dividends, there were paid to the common stockholders cash dividends aggregating \$2,310,498, these dividends being at the rate of \$1.50 for each of the first three quarters and \$2 per share for the last quarter, the latter rate establishing this stock upon an annual 8% cash basis. A balance of \$1,341,949 remaining after all these disbursements was carried to the Company's surplus account.

CONSERVATION OF ASSETS.

Of the aggregate gross revenue of \$381,624,507 received in the past eighteen years, as shown in the first of the two following tables, \$90,395,524 represents the balance remaining after the payment of interest charges. Of this amount \$33,925,000, or about 37%, was paid out in cash dividends, the remainder being retained in the business as indicated in the second of the tables given below:

CONSERVATION OF ASSETS.

Year.	Gross Revenue, Including Miscellaneous Income.	Maintenance, Operating Expenses and Reserves.	Taxes.	Net Earnings Before Depreciation.	Interest	Balance.
1906	\$8,947,162	\$4,139,233	\$283,886	\$4,524,043	\$2,784,908	\$1,739,135
1907	11,342,140	5,978,967	247,262	5,115,911	2,854,264	2,261,647
1908	12,657,305	6,517,930	274,789	5,864,586	3,021,722	2,842,864
1909	13,491,288	7,211,517	320,059	5,959,712	2,988,521	2,971,191
1910	14,044,596	7,538,461	382,880	6,123,255	3,006,256	3,116,999
1911	14,604,609	7,697,370	516,702	6,390,537	3,254,135	3,136,404
1912	14,651,786	7,808,592	622,969	6,220,225	3,476,073	2,744,147
1913	16,094,514	8,655,044	676,163	6,763,307	3,794,222	2,969,085
1914	17,100,534	8,170,874	743,047	8,186,613	4,071,432	4,115,181
1915	18,778,446	8,356,148	849,445	9,572,853	3,819,676	5,753,177
1916	18,941,427	8,586,318	972,565	9,382,544	3,660,976	5,721,568
1917	20,118,990	10,351,452	1,253,239	8,514,299	3,898,169	4,616,130
1918	22,870,194	11,247,391	1,782,939	9,839,864	3,881,542	5,958,322
1919	26,309,671	14,287,089	1,962,038	10,060,544	4,012,240	6,048,304
1920	34,985,791	20,898,531	2,559,109	11,528,151	4,511,251	7,016,900
1921	37,509,707	21,013,190	3,265,895	13,230,622	4,797,782	8,432,840
1922	39,204,605	19,726,663	3,690,213	15,787,729	5,148,614	10,639,115
1923	39,971,742	19,463,523	4,029,887	16,478,332	6,165,817	10,312,515
	\$381,624,507	\$197,648,293	\$24,433,087	\$159,543,127	\$69,147,603	\$90,395,524

To Retire Bonds	\$16,127,000
Reinvested in Property	21,520,000
For Replacements and Rehabilitation	17,970,000
Cash Dividends	33,925,000
Other Purposes	853,000
Total	\$90,395,000

RESERVES.

Reserves at December 31 1923, after charging off realized losses, stood as follows, compared with December 31 1922:

Description of Reserves.	Dec. 31, 1923.	Dec. 31, 1922.	+ Increase or - Decrease.
For Depreciation	\$15,310,073 53	\$13,049,320 57	+\$2,260,752 96
Insurance and Casualty Funds	510,660 35	341,410 88	+169,249 47
Uncollectible Accounts Reserve	119,751 80	191,875 10	-72,123 30
Reserve for Earnings in Litigation	1,820,134 09	1,820,134 09	-----
Reserve for Northern California Power Company Consolidated Plant Adjustments and Accrued Depreciation	1,651,232 85	1,648,265 73	+2,967 12
	\$19,411,852 62	\$17,051,006 37	+\$2,360,846 25

NOTES ON BALANCE SHEET.

PLANTS AND PROPERTIES.

An active program of construction to meet the ever-growing demands of the service was continued throughout the year, gross expenditures for additional facilities being \$19,980,711, the largest in the history of the Company. In the Pit River region, work was begun upon the boring of a tunnel four miles in length and twenty feet in diameter, with other developments incidental to the construction of the fourth power plant of the Company's program in that locality, to be known as Pit Plant No. 3, with an installed capacity of over 108,000 h. p. The estimated annual output of this single plant will be about 400,000,000 kw. hrs., or approximately equivalent to the entire quantity of electric energy sold annually by the Company ten years ago. Many other items of construction work involving expenditures of considerable magnitude are briefly outlined on page 22 [pamphlet report].

The Company on May 1 1923 enlarged its field of business activities through purchase of the properties of the California Telephone and Light Company, which owned and operated an electric distribution and telephone system serving a territory contiguous to that covered by your Company and yielding an annual gross revenue somewhat in excess of \$350,000. The purchase was effected through an exchange of stock. Reduced to a cash basis, the cost of the properties was approximately \$1,400,000, as compared with an historical cost of the acquired properties of about the same amount, and of a present-day cost largely in excess of the cash cost.

These various expenditures for construction and acquisitions brought the total investment in plants and properties at the close of the year, as shown on the balance sheet, up to \$219,020,176. The value of these properties exceeds this figure by many millions of dollars.

The Plants and Properties Account, at the close of the previous fiscal year, stood at.....	\$200,250,877 54
Gross Expenditures for additions, betterments and improvements during the year 1923, amounted to.....	\$19,980,710 85
Of which there was charged to Operating Expenses through the medium of Depreciation Reserve.....	1,211,412 36
Leaving Balance carried to Plants and Properties Account.....	18,769,298 49

The Total of which at December 31, 1923, stood at..... \$219,020,176 03

In the eighteen years since its organization, at which time it took over extensive properties with a corporate existence dating back to 1853, the Company has increased its plant account by \$146,240,342 31 through construction and the acquisition of additional properties. So rapid has been the development of recent years that upwards of \$79,700,000, or 54.5% of this total, has been added to plant account in the last five years.

Year—	Construction.	Other Properties Acquired.	Total.
1906.....	\$3,860,243 84	\$13,820,125 00	\$17,680,368 84
1907.....	3,674,474 69	47,861 17	3,722,335 86
1908.....	2,099,996 91	-----	2,099,996 91
1909.....	1,746,705 64	90,632 46	1,837,338 10
1910.....	2,879,158 45	593,766 29	3,472,924 74
1911.....	2,248,521 31	4,768,949 31	7,017,470 62
1912.....	7,495,763 69	404,285 15	7,900,048 84
1913.....	7,406,415 80	389,208 36	7,795,624 16
1914.....	2,733,949 35	4,181 50	2,738,130 85
1915.....	2,089,447 17	120,478 44	2,209,925 61
1916.....	3,658,426 33	12,681 31	3,671,107 64
1917.....	2,778,535 82	1,800,055 76	4,578,591 58
1918.....	1,555,578 93	256,719 48	1,812,298 41
1919.....	3,106,667 71	11,631,540 89	14,738,208 60
1920.....	10,600,208 89	1,210 60	10,601,419 49
1921.....	18,040,060 51	333 00	18,040,393 51
1922.....	16,422,278 07	1,132,581 99	17,554,860 06
1923.....	17,690,042 51	1,079,255 98	18,769,298 49
Total.....	\$110,086,475 62	\$36,153,866 69	\$146,240,342 31

CAPITALIZATION.

There were outstanding in the hands of the public at the close of 1923 \$219,522,569 par value of stocks and bonds, ownership of which was vested in approximately 68,500 investors, including 40,000 residents of California. The fact that in the past ten years alone the increase in tangible assets, after writing off \$11,751,859 for abandoned and obsolete units, has exceeded by upwards of \$13,800,000 the total increase in capitalization, affords convincing evidence of the strong and steadily increasing physical equities supporting these securities.

Net Cost of Additions to Plants and Properties, after deduction of all realized depreciation, 1913-1923.....	\$94,714,234
Increase in Net Current Assets.....	16,017,698
Total Increase in Net Tangible Assets.....	\$110,731,932
Increase in par value of Funded Debt.....	49,106,800
Excess of Cost of Added Tangible Assets over increase in par value of Funded Debt.....	\$61,625,132
Increase in par value of Preferred Stock.....	44,299,084
Excess of Cost of Added Tangible Assets over increase in par value or Funded Debt and Preferred Stock.....	\$17,326,048
Increase in par value of Common Stock.....	3,521,585
Excess of Cost of Added Tangible Assets over increase in par value of Total Capitalization, created through re-investment of Surplus and Reserves.....	\$13,804,463

The following table shows in comparative form the strong and improving relationship between net income and interest and dividends, over this ten-year period, notwithstanding the rapid growth of the Company's business and the necessity imposed thereby for the investment of large amounts of new capital:

	1923.	1913.	Increase in Ten Years.
Net Income available for Bond Interest.....	\$16,478,332	\$6,763,307	\$9,715,025
Bond Interest Expense.....	6,165,817	3,794,222	2,371,595
Margin over Bond Interest.....	\$10,312,515	\$2,969,085	\$7,343,430
Per Cent earned on all Bonds outstanding at close of respective years.....	12.7%	8.4%	4.3%
Net Income available for Preferred Stock Dividends, after depreciation.....	\$6,756,294	\$1,260,582	\$5,495,712
Preferred Stock Dividends paid.....	3,103,847	600,000	2,503,847
Margin over Preferred Stock Dividends.....	\$3,652,447	\$660,582	\$2,991,865
Per Cent earned on all Preferred Stock outstanding at close of respective years.....	12.4%	12.6%	*0.2%
Net Income available for Common Stock Dividends, after depreciation.....	\$3,652,447	\$660,582	\$2,991,865
Per Cent earned on all Common Stock outstanding at close of respective years.....	10.3%	2.1%	8.2%
Per Cent earned on Total Capitalization outstanding at close of respective years, before depreciation.....	7.5%	5.5%	2.0%

*Decrease.

FUNDED DEBT.

During the year \$20,000,000 face value of First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds were sold upon favorable terms in order to insure an ample supply of ready cash so that construction work might be carried forward without delay. These bonds, which were sold in two blocks of \$10,000,000 each, were designated as Series "C" and bear interest at the rate of 5½%, compared with a 6% rate on the Series "B" bonds issued in 1921 and a 7% rate on the issue of Series "A" bonds sold in 1920, the lower rate being primarily a reflection of the improved condition of the general financial market for high grade investment issues. In addition, \$742,400 California Telephone and Light Company 6% bonds were assumed in connection with the purchase of that Company's properties, and \$2,850,500 par value of underlying bonds were retired through the operation of sinking funds and the redemption at maturity on July 1 1923 of \$1,380,000 South Yuba Water Company 6% bonds.

CAPITAL STOCK.

During the earlier months of the year the Company sold \$2,543,700 par value of its First Preferred 6% Stock to 3,314 local purchasers, the amount of stock thus disposed of in the past nine and one-half years aggregating \$38,500,000. The cost of selling this stock averaged 88.5 cents per share, including all expenses up to the point of entry on the stock ledger.

Year—	No. of Sales.	Par Value of Stock Sold.	No. of Stockholders Dec. 31.*
1914.....	3,739	\$8,801,300	4,128
1915.....	1,712	3,785,100	7,226
1916.....	617	1,123,100	7,880
1917.....	650	(890,000)	8,141
1918.....	192	War 156,000	8,242
1919.....	52	Period 35,900	8,813
1920.....	3,669	3,634,650	14,020
1921.....	6,399	7,491,550	18,204
1922.....	9,314	10,038,700	25,265
1923.....	3,314	2,543,700	26,294
Total.....	29,658	\$38,500,000	

*Excluding duplications due to same individual holding both common and preferred stocks.

The signal success which has attended the adoption of this policy is the logical result of its recognition of the fundamental principle of the mutuality of interest of the utilities and of the public which they serve. Its demonstrated value as a most effective means of financing is possibly of secondary importance to the fuller understanding of utility matters and the more cordial relationship between the public service corporations and their patrons which have been evoked as a result of "customer-ownership."

The extent to which persons in the most widely divergent financial circumstances have availed themselves of the opportunity to become partners in this enterprise is revealed

by the following table classifying our stockholders with respect to the size of their holdings. Of the 27,013 shareholders, 2,177 or 8.06%, own only one share each and 14,643, or 54.21%, own ten shares or less; while at the other end of the financial scale there are 76 holders of upwards of one thousand shares each.

CLASSIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL HOLDINGS.

Size of Holdings.	No. of Stockholders.	Per Cent of Total.	Accumulative Total.	
			No. of Stockholders	Per Cent.
Stockholders with—				
1 share each	2,177	8.06	2,177	8.06
2 shares each	1,780	6.59	3,957	14.65
3 shares each	1,047	3.88	5,004	18.53
4 shares each	726	2.69	5,730	21.22
5 shares each	2,964	10.97	8,694	32.19
6- 10 shares each	5,949	22.02	14,643	54.21
11- 25 shares each	6,068	22.46	20,711	76.67
26- 50 shares each	3,174	11.75	23,885	88.42
51- 100 shares each	1,746	6.46	25,631	94.88
101- 200 shares each	863	3.20	26,494	98.08
201- 500 shares each	363	1.34	26,857	99.42
501-1,000 shares each	80	.30	26,937	99.72
Over 1,000 shares each	76	.28	27,013	100.00
Total	*27,013	100.00		

*Including 719 owners of both preferred and common stocks.

In addition to the \$2,543,700 Preferred Stock sold to the public, \$539,687 was issued in exchange for an equal amount of the stock of the California Telephone and Light Company, \$253,620 par value of Common Stock being also exchanged for the outstanding Common of that Company on the basis of one share of the Pacific Company's stock for three of the California Telephone and Light Company.

The 2% stock dividend paid in 1923 to common stockholders of record at the close of 1922 called for the issuance of \$693,231 par value Common Stock, and during the year \$13,325 First Preferred was issued in exchange for Original Preferred, only \$24,100 of the latter issue being still outstanding at the close of the year.

The following table shows in comparative form the status of stock outstanding at December 31:

Capital Stock—	December 31 1923.	December 31 1922.	+Increase.— —Decrease.
First Pref. Stock, 6% Cumulative	*\$54,274,984	*\$51,178,273	+\$3,096,711
Original Pref. Stock, 6% Cumul.	24,100	37,100	—13,000
Common Stock	35,630,885	34,684,034	+946,851
Total	\$89,929,969	\$85,899,407	+\$4,030,562

*Includes stock subscribed for, but not fully paid.

SINKING FUNDS.

In conformity with sinking fund provisions contained in a number of its mortgages your Company in 1923 purchased bonds of underlying issues aggregating \$1,470,500, at a cost of \$29,359 47 less than their redemption price at maturity. As in preceding years, all payments into sinking funds during 1923 have been treated as a part of the Company's depreciation reserve and are included in the revenue deductions made for that purpose.

The condition of sinking funds is summarized in the following table:

Character of Sinking Fund Assets—	December 31 1923.	December 31 1922.	Additions During 1923.
Bonds of Company—at par	\$18,484,290 00	\$17,028,290 00	\$1,456,000 00
Cash and Accrued Interest—not yet invested	137,568 25	128,903 37	8,664 88
Total Assets	\$18,621,858 25	\$17,157,193 37	\$1,464,664 88
Net Annual Interest Saving	\$908,026 50	\$821,926 50	\$86,100 00

The \$18,484,290 par value bonds held in Sinking Funds at the close of 1923 were acquired by the following means:

From Revenues	\$16,950,000 00
In Exchange for overlying bonds	493,000 00
From proceeds of sale of Common Stock	1,041,200 00
	\$18,484,290 00

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

The Company for many years has maintained a strong cash position, with a working capital adequate to insure the safe and economical conduct of its business. The following statement reveals a satisfactory position in this respect, current assets amounting to \$27,982,573, including a free cash balance of \$10,234,619, and an additional amount of \$1,152,275 held by the trustees of the First and Refunding Mortgage to be utilized for reimbursing the Company for capital expenditures, actual cash on hand thus amounting to \$11,386,894. Current liabilities, including all accounts payable in the ordinary course of business and interest, dividends and taxes accrued but not due, aggregated \$8,895,347, or somewhat less than one-third of current assets, leaving a net working capital of \$19,087,226. Against these assets there was a contingent liability, representing revenues involved in rate litigation which has been pending for several years, against which a reserve of \$1,820,134 has

been set up. This matter is now before the United States Supreme Court and an early disposition is anticipated.

By taking advantage wherever possible of cash discounts offered for the prompt payment of bills, a saving of \$80,564 was effected.

	Dec 31 1923	Dec 31 1922	Inc (+) or Dec (—)
Current Assets:			
Materials and Supplies	\$4,704,338	\$3,709,041	+\$995,297
Bills and Accounts Receivable (Less Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts)	4,539,883	3,881,792	+658,091
Due on First Preferred Stock Subscriptions	222,420	1,155,696	—933,276
Underlying Bonds bought in advance for Sinking Funds	439,000	541,500	—102,500
General and Refunding 5% Bonds issued against Construction	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Cash	10,234,619	5,300,716	+4,933,903
Interest accrued on Investments	37,455	6,143	+31,312
Other Investments	1,219,461	1,680,344	—460,883
Funds Available for Construction	1,152,275	383,496	+768,779
Advances to Construction Account including Construction Materials and Supplies	4,433,122	6,956,589	—2,523,467
Total Assets	\$27,982,573	\$21,615,317	+\$6,367,256
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$2,323,815	\$1,886,976	+\$436,839
Drafts Outstanding	595,451	592,011	+3,440
Meter and Line Deposits	847,773	699,092	+148,681
Unpaid Coupons	366,033	303,265	+62,768
Interest Accrued, but not due	1,705,871	1,600,106	+105,765
Taxes Accrued, but not due	2,343,255	2,101,636	+241,625
Dividends Declared but not yet paid	712,149	520,208	+191,941
Total Liabilities	\$8,895,347	\$7,703,288	+\$1,192,059
Net Working Assets	\$19,087,226	\$16,912,029	+\$2,175,197

OPERATING DEPARTMENTS.

Matters relating to the operating departments are more fully dealt with in the following abstract of report presented at the annual meeting of stockholders by Mr. F. A. Leach, Jr., First Vice-President and General Manager.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

Following is a brief description of the more important items of new construction completed and placed in operation during the year:

- January 12th—New 6,000,000 cubic foot gas holder was placed in service in Oakland.
- February 5th—Carquinez cable section of Vaca-Claremont No. 2 circuit was charged for the first time at 110 KV's after being re-insulated and new anchor houses at North and South Towers placed in service.
- February 6th—One circuit of 110 K.V. line between Vaca-Dixon and Claremont placed in service.
- March 21st—Oakland gas liquid purification plant placed in operation.
- April 4th—An all day test of wireless communication system between Pit and Vaca-Dixon was made. Experiment satisfactory and now operating on 9,200 meter wave length.
- April 14th—Ground broken on railroad to Pit No. 3 Power Plant.
- April 30th—Site for San Jose office building was purchased at Third Street, near San Fernando.
- May 1st—Acquired by purchase the property of the California Telephone and Light Company, operating electric and telephone properties in Lake, Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino Counties.
- May 18th—Ground broken for construction of new General Office Building in San Francisco.
- June 21st—Sacramento gas liquid purification set placed in operation.
- June 25th—Oakland Office moved to new building 17th and Clay Streets.
- July 24th—Work started on intake portal of Pit No. 3 Tunnel.
- August 1st—Work started on 20,000 ft. tunnel and 125 ft. diversion dam, Pit Plant No. 3.
- September 7th—San Rafael-Petaluma gas transmission line completed.
- September 18th—Liquid purification set at Potrero Plant put into operation.
- September 21st—500,000 cubic foot gas holder at San Rafael placed in operation.
- October 5th—10,000,000 cubic foot gas holder in San Francisco placed in operation.
- October 18th—Liquid purification apparatus at Fresno placed in operation.
- November 16th—The Pit-Vaca No. 2 circuit at 220,000 V. was first paralleled with the system at 11:53 a. m. Circuit was placed into complete operation on November 28th.
- November 18th—60 K.V. line built and connected to system of Truckee River Power Company.
- November 19th—Liquid purification apparatus at San Jose Gas Plant placed in operation.
- December 25th—Eleven miles of railway to Pit Plant No. 3 completed.
- December 31st—Two 600 H. P. boilers at Oakland Gas Plant placed in operation.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

The Company last year ranked second in the United States in its output of hydro-electric energy and fourth in the output of power generated in both hydro-electric and steam electric stations. It now operates 26 hydro-electric plants with a combined capacity of 415,348 horsepower, and 4 steam electric generating plants with an installed capacity of 173,592 horsepower, the aggregate installed capacity of all plants, as detailed in the following table, being 588,940 horsepower:

HYDRO PLANTS.

	H. P.		H. P.
Alta, Placer County	2,681	Halsey, Placer County	16,756
Centerville, Butte County	8,579	Inskip, Tehama County	8,043
Coal Canyon, Butte County	1,340	Kilcar, Shasta County	4,021
Coleman, Shasta County	20,107	Lime Saddle, Butte County	2,681
Colgate, Yuba County	20,878	*Phoenix, Tuolumne County	2,513
Cow Creek, Shasta County	2,011	Pit No. 1, Shasta County	93,834
De Saba, Butte County	17,426	South, Tehama County	5,362
Deer Creek, Nevada County	7,373	Spaulding No. 1, Nevada Co.	5,027
Drum, Placer County	50,268	Spaulding No. 2, Nevada Co.	1,340
Electra, Amador County	26,810	*Spring Gap, Tuolumne Co.	10,054
Folsom, Sacramento County	4,022	*Stanislaus, Tuolumne Co.	45,576
Hat Creek No. 1, Shasta Co.	16,756	Volta, Shasta County	8,378
Hat Creek No. 2, Shasta Co.	16,756	Wise, Placer County	16,756
Total Hydro			415,348

STEAM PLANTS.

	H.P.	H.P.
San Francisco.....	85,791	6,702
Oakland.....	44,906	36,193
	Sacramento	
	*North Beach	
Total Steam.....		173,592
Total Hydro and Steam.....		588,940

* Leased properties.

Electric service is furnished to 288 cities and towns in California with a combined population of 1,740,000. Of these communities 239, with 1,540,000 inhabitants, receive direct service, and the remaining 49 cities and towns, with a total population of 200,000, are being supplied indirectly.

In 1923 the total output of electric energy was 1,724,049,236 kw. hrs., an increase of 115,108,501 kw. hrs., or 7.15%. The volume of business represented by this one year's addition may be judged by the statement that a central station with a total annual output of 115,000,000 kw. hrs., would easily be one of the hundred largest electric companies in the United States.

The system peak during 1923, that is the largest simultaneous demand on the Company's electric facilities, was 306,945 k. w., and occurred in the evening of December 12. The average monthly load was 196,989 k. w., the load factor being .642. In other words, the average load throughout the year was 64.2% of the highest simultaneous load. This condition demonstrates convincingly the economic advantage of the extremely diversified load carried by your Company, which results in a remarkably uniform demand continuing every hour of the day and night throughout the year. In the case of service to a single municipality this uniformity of demand is necessarily lacking, requiring relatively a much larger installation to supply the same average load. It is clearly a measure of economy to keep the capital invested in productive enterprise working as many hours in the year as possible, and your Company, with its highly varied demand for current for almost every conceivable purpose for which electricity may be utilized, is able to meet this requirement in an unusual degree.

GAS DEPARTMENT.

The year 1923 was the most active in the history of the gas department. The unprecedented growth of gas sales made heavy demands upon existing equipment, and only by the very zealous efforts of this department's entire staff was the Company enabled to supply the demand during the winter peak. The total generating capacity of the eighteen gas plants in service was 68,000,000 cubic feet per day, while the total of all the peak day send-outs was over 64,000,000 cubic feet, this narrow margin of excess capacity calling for the most skillful operation in order to meet the demand. Additional generators now under construction will, when completed, increase the Company's generating capacity to over 91,000,000 cubic feet per diem.

A complete survey of gas meters was made in all territories of the Company. This survey has resulted in the establishment of standardized methods which will not only materially reduce the cost of repairs to meters, but will tend to maintain the highest attainable standard of accuracy in measuring the commodity delivered to consumers, with a consequent betterment of public relations.

The sale of gas in districts served during 1923 was as follows:

Plant—	Territory Served.	Sales in cu. ft.
San Francisco (2 plants).....	18 cities and suburban	6,876,459,000
Oakland.....	9 cities and suburban	4,224,994,100
San Jose.....	2 cities and suburban	542,354,600
Fresno.....	Fresno	598,509,200
San Rafael.....	12 cities and suburban	176,587,900
Santa Rosa.....	2 cities and suburban	175,729,300
Napa.....	Napa	48,004,900
Vallejo.....	Vallejo	118,896,300
Chico.....	Chico and suburban	54,522,800
Grass Valley.....	2 cities and suburban	23,319,300
Sacramento.....	4 cities and suburban	673,984,600
Marysville.....	2 cities and suburban	59,988,200
Colusa.....	Colusa	19,366,300
Oroville.....	Oroville	29,699,300
Red Bluff.....	Red Bluff	15,565,900
Redding.....	Redding	20,098,900
Willows.....	Willows	16,713,700

Total Sales in Cubic Feet 1923.....13,674,794:300

To supply this amount of gas required 3,608 miles of gas mains of various sizes from 2 inches to 36 inches, both high and low pressure, operated at pressures varying from 1-7th of a pound to 70 pounds.

The increase in sales over 1922 was 1,320,945,300 cu. ft., or 10.69% increase, as against an increase of 7.58% for 1922.

SALES ACTIVITIES.

The Company's efforts throughout the year to increase the volume of its sales are reflected in some measure in the large development program necessary to enable its produc-

tion facilities to supply the added demand created by its intensive sales campaign, in addition to the normal growth naturally incident to operating in an unusually progressive territory.

As previously indicated, sales of electricity increased 9.1% during the year, while gas sales increased 10.7%. There has been a marked increase in recent years in sales per consumer through the installation of improved appliances such as ranges, water heaters, and particularly householding devices, as well as the sale of specially designed equipment for industrial installations.

Illustrative of the extent and character of the new business connected to the Company's lines in 1923, primarily as the result of educational and creative sales effort, may be mentioned the following:

	Estimated Annual Revenue.
1,704 Electric ranges and 794 electric water heaters.....	\$135,000
50 Electric industrial heating installations.....	18,000
268 Store and window lighting installations (effected during a single campaign).....	122,000
Electric advertising signs.....	56,000
24 Isolated electric plants closed down and loads connected to Company lines.....	116,000
2,900 Residential basement gas furnaces.....	
1,500 Floor furnaces.....	925,000
5,600 Gas heaters.....	
129 Hotels, restaurants and institutions equipped with gas heating and cooking installations.....	70,000
498 Industrial gas installations.....	210,000

The foregoing installations alone give practical assurance of a permanent additional annual revenue of approximately \$1,600,000, entirely aside from the large increase in business which, as a matter of course, accompanies the accession of many thousands of new customers annually by reason of increase of population.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Your Company realizes that satisfactory public relations are based fundamentally upon satisfactory public service. Good public service involves not only efficient production, but also efficient use. The latter in turn demands educational work on the part of the utility, and the co-operation of the consuming public. Every effort has been made to secure this co-operation.

Candor and frequency in making its announcements to the public and to its own organization are effective aids in cementing sound public relations. In addition to mailing the well-established "Pacific Service Magazine" monthly to its thousands of stockholders, there was inaugurated in December 1923 a publication known as "P. G. & E. Progress," of which a copy is sent regularly to each of the Company's customers. The aims of this publication were set forth by the President in the first issue as follows:

Greetings to Customers and Owners

of Pacific Gas and Electric Company:

With this issue the "P. G. and E. Progress" makes its initial bow to the public and announces its regular appearance in the future.

"The P. G. and E. Progress" will be published by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a routine of Company operation for the mutual benefit of the Company and its many, many thousands of customers and owners.

The aim of the Company has been to win the public good-will by deserving the public good-will.

To this end the Company has intelligently developed the gas and electric industries to meet the prodigious growth of a vast section of the State of California, and in that work "Service to the Public" has been its watchword.

To this end the Company will never hesitate to "speak up" and tell its story in order that the public it serves may know and understand its purposes, its accomplishments and its policies.

The "Progress" is put forth as a natural and logical development of the old and tried policies of the Company.

It will be primarily a journal of fact.

It will record the growth of the State and the territory the Company serves, the growth of the hydro-electric industry, the development plans of the Company—the problems involved in building the Commonwealth of Destiny.

It will present the facts involved in financing and operating the great gas and electric industries, and any and all other facts which may prove useful and serviceable to the public.

In short, the "Progress" pledges itself to be an authoritative source of accurate information for the public.

During the year there was mailed to each customer a return postal card inquiring as to the quality of service rendered, and asking that the Company be advised of any irregularities. This procedure, promoted as it was by a sincere

desire to render the best possible service, was productive of an even closer relationship between the Company and its customers than has existed in the past.

EMPLOYEES AND WELFARE WORK.

With a full recognition of the fact that an able and well disciplined operating force is essential to the successful conduct of any business, and is particularly desirable in an industry dedicated to the public service, the Company is sparing no effort to maintain the highest standard of individual and collective efficiency among its employees, both through the most careful selection by a centralized bureau of applicants for employment, and through a system of promotion based on merit and experience. Selection of employees is primarily dependent upon character, health and reliability. The training of the new employees is designed to equip him for more effective work in the fulfillment of the duties assigned to him, and to enable him to develop the scope as well as the quality of his work. During the year 16,047 applicants were interviewed by representatives of the Personnel Department, of whom 953 were placed in positions with the Company.

All applicants before being placed are required to pass a physical examination. Over ten thousand such examinations were made throughout the entire system in 1923, resulting in the rejection of 471, or 4.7%.

Service records of all members of the organization are accurately kept and, as a mark of distinction, those who have remained in the employ of the Company continuously for a period of 10 years or more receive a silver badge indicating such period of service. By means of impressing a star for each five years of added service and the insertion of a diamond for each ten years of added service, the distinction increases with added years.

At December 31 1923 1,283 of the Company's 10,000 employees were in possession of service badges indicating ten years or more of continuous service.

Under the pension system established in 1916, \$50,092 74 was disbursed to pensioners last year, making a total of \$274,641 57 thus paid in recognition of loyal and enduring service since the pension system was established.

It is a pleasure to express once more our appreciation of the fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation which has characterized the Company's organization throughout the year, and of the effective work performed by all officers and employees.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
W. E. CREED, *President.*

ACCOUNTANTS' CERTIFICATES.

Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., certified public accountants, have made the usual audit of the Company's books and their certified statements covering Balance Sheet at December 31 1923 and Income and Surplus Accounts for the year 1923, follow:

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND
SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.
CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1923.

Gross Revenue.....	\$39,321,535 55
<i>Deduct:</i>	
Maintenance.....	\$3,442,978 84
Operating, Distribution and Administration Expenses.....	16,020,544 35
Taxes.....	4,029,886 90
Depreciation.....	3,224,757 06
	<u>26,718,167 15</u>
	\$12,603,368 40
<i>Add:</i>	
Miscellaneous Income.....	650,206 96
	<u>\$13,253,575 36</u>
<i>Deduct:</i>	
Interest on Bonds Outstanding.....	\$6,551,427 23
Miscellaneous Interest Payable.....	39,281 58
	<u>\$6,590,708 81</u>
<i>Less:</i>	
Interest charged to Construction.....	424,891 56
	<u>\$6,165,817 25</u>
Proportion for year 1923 of Discount and Expenses on Funded Debt.....	331,463 68
	<u>6,497,280 93</u>
Net Income carried down.....	<u>\$6,756,294 43</u>
SURPLUS ACCOUNT.	
Balance January 1 1923.....	\$8,593,388 06
Net Income from above.....	\$6,756,294 43
<i>Add—Miscellaneous Adjustments</i>	29,498 78
	<u>6,785,793 21</u>
	\$15,379,181 27
<i>Deduct—Dividends:</i>	
On Preferred Stocks (6%).....	\$3,103,846 68
On Common Stock:	
6 1/2% paid in Cash.....	\$2,310,498 53
2% paid in Stock.....	693,231 00
	<u>3,003,729 53</u>
	6,107,576 21
Balance to Balance Sheet.....	<u>\$9,271,605 06</u>
<i>Represented by—</i>	
Amount invested in Sinking Funds.....	\$1,077,914 26
Balance Unappropriated.....	8,193,690 80
	<u>\$9,271,605 06</u>

We have audited the books of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and subsidiary companies for the year ending December 31 1923, and certify that in our opinion the above income account and surplus account are fair and correct statements of the operations of the companies for the year.
PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.
San Francisco, Cal., March 31 1924.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1923.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Capital Assets:	Capital Stock of Pacific Gas and Electric Company:
Plants and Properties.....	Common:
Discount and Expenses on Capital Stock Issued.....	Issued.....
Investments.....	Less—Owned by Subsidiary Companies.....
Trustees of Sinking Funds:	
Cash.....	First Preferred.....
Interest accrued on Bonds held in Sinking Funds.....	Original Preferred.....
Cash in Hands of Trustees—For redemption of Gold Notes and Bonds matured.....	Capital Stock of Subsidiary Companies not held by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Unpaid Dividends thereon.....
Current Assets:	
Materials and Supplies on hand and in transit.....	Funded Debt:
Installments receivable from Subscribers to First Preferred Stock.....	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bonds.....
Bills receivable.....	Bonds of Subsidiary Companies.....
Accounts receivable.....	
	Current Liabilities:
Less—Reserve for bad Debts.....	Accounts Payable and Unaudited Bills.....
	Drafts Outstanding.....
Cash.....	Meter and Line Deposits.....
Construction Funds in hands of trustees of First and Refunding Mortgage.....	Unpaid Coupons.....
Interest accrued on Investments.....	Interest accrued but not Due.....
	Taxes accrued but not Due.....
Deferred Charges:	Dividends Declared.....
Discount and expenses on Funded Debt.....	
Unexpired Taxes and Undistributed Suspense Items.....	Reserves:
	For Northern California Power Company
Treasury Bonds, not included in Assets or Liabilities:	Consolidated Plant Adjustments and accrued Depreciation.....
General and Refunding Bonds.....	Depreciation.....
Bonds of Subsidiary Companies.....	Insurance and Casualty Funds.....
	Reserve for amounts charged during 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 to Consumers in excess of rates allowed by City Ordinances.....
	Surplus:
	Invested in Sinking Funds.....
	Balance Unappropriated.....
<u>\$257,000,175 71</u>	<u>\$257,000,175 71</u>

* \$875,000 00 General and Refunding Bonds pledged in San Francisco Rate Cases.
\$33,640,000 00 deposited with Trustee of First and Refunding Mortgage.
a Includes stock subscribed for but not fully paid and issued.

We have audited the books of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and subsidiary companies for the year ending December 31 1923, and certify that in our opinion the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the companies at December 31 1923.

San Francisco, Cal., March 31 1924.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

Separate tables, setting forth the details of equipment and joint facility rents will be found in another part of this [pamphlet] report.

NON-OPERATING INCOME.

The decrease of \$101,074 31 in income from lease of road is due to adjustment of accruals for interest on additions and betterments completed during Federal control.

The increase of \$410,448 01 in dividend income is due in part to the receipt during 1923 from the Indianapolis Union Railway Company of \$200,000 as a dividend for the period May 31 1915 to December 31 1922, and in part to an increase from 3% to 6% in the dividend rate on stock of The Cincinnati Northern Railroad Company.

The decreases in income from funded securities and from unfunded securities and accounts, aggregating \$120,748 80, are principally due to sale of investment securities and decreased bank balances and reserve fund deposits.

The increase of \$831,757 62 in miscellaneous income is largely due to an adjustment made during the year in connection with final settlement with the United States Government for the guaranty period, March-August 1920.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.

There was an increase of \$329,149 38 in interest on funded debt, of which \$160,000 is due to the transfer of the \$4,000,000 demand note held by The New York Central Railroad Company from loans and bills payable to non-negotiable debt to affiliated companies and the balance to net increase in funded debt outstanding as shown elsewhere in this report.

There was a decrease of \$540,052 08 in interest on unfunded debt of which \$160,000 is explained by the statement in the next preceding paragraph, the balance being due to payment during the year of a note for \$3,500,000 held by the Director-General of Railroads and to adjustment of interest in connection with final settlement with him.

NET INCOME BEFORE DIVIDENDS AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS.

The net income of the company was \$11,617,354 33, an increase of \$4,088,517 78.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends declared and charged against net income of the year were as follows:

Preferred stock:			
Date Declared.	Date Payable.	Rate.	Amount.
Mar. 14 1923	April 20 1923	1 1/4 %	\$124,981 25
June 30 1923	July 20 1923	1 1/4 %	124,981 25
Sept. 12 1923	Oct. 20 1923	1 1/4 %	124,981 25
Dec. 12 1923	Jan. 10 1924	1 1/4 %	124,981 25
Total		5 %	\$499,925 00
Common stock:			
Date Declared.	Date Payable.*	Rate.	Amount.
Mar. 14 1923	April 20 1923	1 %	\$470,287 00
June 13 1923	July 20 1923	1 %	470,287 00
Sept. 12 1923	Oct. 20 1923	1 %	470,287 00
Dec. 12 1923	Jan. 19 1924	1 %	470,287 00
Total		4 %	\$1,881,148 00

NET CORPORATE INCOME.

After charges for dividends aggregating \$2,381,073 and other appropriations amounting to \$41,169 02, there remained a surplus of \$9,195,112 31, which was carried to the credit of profit and loss.

PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Increases in the property investment accounts for the year, as shown in detail elsewhere in this report, were as follows:

Road	\$5,151,458 85
Equipment	4,161,073 47
Miscellaneous physical property	39,242 24
Improvements on leased railway property	113,836 99
Total	\$9,465,611 55

* Dividend of 1% paid Jan. 20 1923, was declared in December 1922 and charged against 1922 income.

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1923.

This trust was created by agreement dated June 1 1923, to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company and The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company are parties. Under the trust \$17,340,000 of 5% equipment trust certificates maturing in equal annual installments of \$1,156,000 over a period of fifteen years were issued, representing approximately 75% of the cost of the equipment leased by the Trustee to the railroad companies. The equipment allotted to this company under the trust, estimated to cost \$1,263,877 28, consists of 26 coaches, 5 passenger and baggage cars, 15 baggage cars and 2 dining cars. The certificates are pro-rated among the railroad companies in proportion to the cost of the equipment allotted to each, this company's share being \$930,000.

FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Agreement was reached with the Director-General of Railroads under which the company paid to the United States Railroad Administration \$5,000,000 in full settlement for itself and the Muncie Belt Railway Company, which was included in its contract, of balance due for the Federal control period. The \$5,000,000 payable to the Railroad Administration was distributed between the two companies as follows:

Net amount payable by the C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co.	\$5,004,818 05
Net amount receivable by the Muncie Belt Ry. Co.	4,818 05

The net amount payable by this company, \$5,004,818 05, is the final balance agreed upon in general settlement after

taking into account the various debits and credits arising under the contract and payments theretofore made by each party to the other. The total amount of compensation which accrued in the company's favor for use of its owned and leased lines during the period of Federal control was \$21,855,470 57. Prior to the final settlement there had been paid to the company from time to time on account of compensation and as cash advances \$15,534,500 and the company had paid to the Director-General \$3,000,000 upon open accounts and for additions and betterments. The total amount expended by the Director-General for additions and betterments upon the company's owned and leased lines was \$11,967,529 54, including \$1,694,474 75 representing initial cash payment upon allocated equipment included in an equipment trust.

GUARANTY PERIOD SETTLEMENT.

During the year the Inter-State Commerce Commission determined the amount due to the company by the United States Government for the so-called Guaranty Period, March 1 to August 31 1920, under the provisions of Section 209 of the Transportation Act 1920, to be \$3,434,911 86, of which there had been paid on account prior to 1923 \$470,000, leaving a balance of \$2,964,911 86, which was received during the year in full settlement.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION.

The Board records the appointment of the following:

John K. Graves, Assistant Vice-President, January 1;
 Sidney B. Wight, Assistant to President, November 14;
 William C. Bower, Manager Purchases and Stores, November 14;
 Henry A. Stahl, Assistant General Treasurer, December 1.

Appreciative acknowledgment is made to officers and employees of their loyal and efficient co-operation and service.

For the Board of Directors,

ALFRED H. SMITH, *President.*

[For comparative balance sheet, &c., see "Annual Reports" in "Investment News" columns.]

White Rock Mineral Springs Co.—Warns Stockholders.

R. A. C. Smith, Chairman of the board, declared June 27 that his company had taken steps in what he deemed the interest of the stockholders in the matter of a syndicate. According to advice received at the office of the company, a number of the stockholders had been induced to advance \$20 a share by the White Rock Syndicate, which gave its address as 149 Broadway.

Attention of the officers of the company was directed to the operation of the syndicate by stockholders who had paid in the \$20 a share requested and then applied to the company for further information. This brought to light that the syndicate was sending letters to a list of stockholders which read as follows:

"We are pleased to announce the formation of a syndicate comprised entirely of stockholders of the White Rock Mineral Springs Co. With reference to the details pertaining to each of the stockholders' syndicate privileges we have accordingly authorized a representative to call on you to explain same, and we trust you will extend to him every courtesy in regard to the above."

These letters were followed by visits from salesmen who offered to permit the stockholders to join the syndicate to purchase shares of Common stock provided they would subscribe \$20 for each share they now held. As soon as the plan was disclosed to the officers of the company a telegram of caution was sent to stockholders in all parts of the country.

Mr. Smith said yesterday that the company realized that it was perfectly right and proper for any one to form a syndicate if they deemed it advisable to purchase shares of the White Rock Mineral Springs Co. in the market.—V. 118, p. 3210.

Wills-Sainte Claire, Inc.—Operations Satisfactory.

C. Harold Wills, Pres. & Gen. Mgr., states that the company has operated at a profit since the inception of the new models in January. Mr. Wills further states: "We are closing the plant for two weeks beginning June 28 for the purpose of taking our annual inventory and in order to make some changes in the different departments in the rearrangement and installation of new machinery. As a result of not being stampeded during the early spring months we have no cars stored in warehouses anywhere in the country and only a very small number of cars completed here at the factory, all of which are being held on distributors' orders for delivery. Orders on hand and retail sales indicate that our production for the summer will be but little less than the schedule maintained during the spring months. The company is in a very satisfactory situation from every angle and the future is exceedingly bright."—V. 118, p. 2592.

Wisconsin Telephone Co.—Purchase of Stock.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 21 approved the acquisition by the company of control of the LaFayette County Telephone Co. by purchase of its capital stock. The Wisconsin company proposes to purchase 250 shares of the capital stock of the LaFayette company for \$25 a share, which is the par value. The purchase price will be paid in cash and no additional securities will be issued.—V. 118, p. 2206.

Worcester (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—To Pay Notes.

The \$750,000 5-year 6% Coupon notes, due July 1, were paid at maturity. Payment was made at the Worcester Bank & Trust Co., Worcester, or at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. The company has already sold \$350,000 of Common stock at par and has borrowed of the First National Corp. of Boston \$350,000 1-year notes. The balance of \$50,000 to make up the \$750,000 will be made up from company's cash balance and demand notes at local banks, which will be paid off within a short period, leaving the outstanding notes but \$350,000.—V. 118, p. 3090, 2838.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The American Bond & Mortgage Co. of Chicago and New York, has published a booklet entitled "Our Successful Record" which, it is said, contains a complete list of all of the bond issues of this company for a period of two decades and more. This list gives the name of each issue, the total bond issue, the bonds paid, the balance unpaid, if any, and the appraised valuation. Copies of this booklet will be sent on request.

—Two new vice-presidents have been added to the executive staff of Stephens & Co., Pacific Coast investment house, with the election of F. B. Campbell and R. D. Crippen to these positions. Campbell and Crippen have both been associated with the Stephens organization for about eight years.

—The firm of Degener & Burke has been dissolved. George L. Degener, Edmund L. Munson & Joseph M. Adrian Jr. have formed the firm of Degener & Co. Members of the New York Stock Exchange to transact a bond and stock brokerage business.

—Hill Joiner & Co. of Chicago have opened an office at 111 Broadway, New York City, with John Grimm Jr., Vice-President in charge. This company has also opened an office in the Shawmut Bank Building, Boston, under the management of Carleton D. Morse.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

(The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.")

Friday Night, July 4 1924.

COFFEE on the spot has been firm with a fair demand. No. 7 Rio, old irregular, quoted at 15¼ to 16½c. nominal; new 7s nominally 15¼ to 15½c.; No. 4 Santos at one time was nominally 18¾ to 19¾c. On Thursday some quoted it at 19¼ to 20c. Fair to good Ceuca nominally 20 to 21c.; Medellins, 26 to 26½c.; Bogota, 24¼ to 25c. Some quoted genuine Medellin at as high as 27½c. Mild coffees were very firm and steadily rising. Firm offers on Thursday were scarce and reported very much higher. Santos 4s 19.60c. and 4-5s 18.85c. Futures advanced early in the week 35 to 70 points on a sharp demand from shorts and others and a scarcity of contracts. Strong cables from both Santos and Rio helped. Prices on the Santos terme market advanced 525 reis to 750 reis, the spot position being quoted at 34\$450 reis. The sterling quotation fell 1-16d. to 6 3-32d., with the dollar rate up 100 reis to 9\$100 reis. At Rio July ran up 1,300 reis to 29\$150 reis and September 1,225 reis to 28\$600. Sterling exchange later fell to 6 1-16d., but the dollar rate conformed with the Santos figure gain 150 reis to 9\$100. Switching from December to May was at a 50 points and December to July at 114 to 113 points. Crop movement to July for 1923-24 for Rio was 3,620,000 bags, against 2,669,000 in 1922-23; from Santos 10,325,000, against 6,808,000 in 1922-23, totaling 13,945,000 for both, against 9,477,000 in the previous season.

On the 2d inst. futures were irregular but with something of an upward turn. The trading was light with a holiday in Brazil. Europe and outsiders bought to some extent. Rio was 475 to 625 reis lower, with July 28\$674; September, 27\$975. Exchange on London was 1-32d. lower, 6 1-32d.; the dollar rate 50 reis higher at 9\$150. Santos was 100 reis lower on July at 34\$350; unchanged on August at 33\$925, and 50 reis higher on September at 33\$550. Laneville made the world's visible supply 5,026,000 bags, against 4,367,000 on June 1 and 5,330,000 a year ago. World deliveries were put at 1,462,000 bags, against 1,190,000 in May, 1,415,000 a year ago. Total deliveries for the year were 22,020,000, against 19,092,000 last year and 19,717,000 two years ago. Receipts at Rio during June were 263,000 bags; since July 1 1923, 3,620,000 tons, against 2,669,000 in the same time in 1922-23 and 3,695,000 in 1921-22. Receipts at Santos during June were 847,000 bags; since July 1 1923, 10,325,000 bags, against 6,808,000 in the same time in 1922-23 and 8,188,000 in 1921-22. Total receipts at Rio and Santos combined during June were 1,110,000 bags; since July 1 1923, 13,945,000, against 9,477,000 in the same time last year and 11,883,000 two years ago. Laneville estimates the world's production of coffee as follows: Rio, 3,798,000 bags; Santos, 10,195,000; Victoria, 596,000; Bahia, 275,000; other kinds, 6,888,000, making a total of 21,752,000 bags. G. Duuring & Zoon of Rotterdam put the arrivals in Europe during June at 734,000 bags, of which 384,000 were Brazilian; deliveries \$24,000, of which 493,000 were Brazilian. He puts the stocks in Europe on July 1 at 1,693,000 tons, and estimates the world's visible supply on July 1 at 5,071,000 tons, an increase of 317,000 for the month and compares with 5,340,000 last year.

On Thursday futures made a sudden upward spurt to new "highs." July was at the highest price since 1920. Again cables were strong. They were the motive power. Rio advanced 600 to 750 reis and Santos 375 to 900. Offerings here were small. The demand was sharp. Prices ran up 62 to 90 points. There was a scramble among the shorts to cover in September and December, which led the advance. Bullish private advices from Brazil, a scarcity of offerings here and an oversold condition of the market, together with bullish statistics, combined to electrify the speculation in coffee and push up prices with irresistible force. The rise for the week is 150 points. Stop orders of late have been caught on the short side in large numbers.

Spot (unofficial) ---16c. Sept. ---c. 14.94@15.00 | March ---c. 14.20@14.25
July ---15.65@nom. | December ---14.50@ --- May ---13.90@13.95

SUGAR was about 3½c. and 5.28c. for Cuba duty paid on the 2d inst., with sales rumored of 100,000 bags, Cuba, Philippines and Porto Ricos. The London market was easy and 3 to 7½c. lower. Speculation in futures as a rule was rather small. Some falling off in the demand for refined is emphasized by the shorts. Others think the downward swing has been illogically sharp getting below intrinsic value of the actual sugar. September at one time, for instance, was at a price that represented only 3 5-16c. for the actual raw sugar. Refined was 6.70 to 7c. on the 2d inst. Some think it is significant that Western coast packers have recently been buyers of refined sugars in New York. This

may throw some light on the situation in Central and South America. It was pointed out that although the withdrawals of granulated kept up well and promised to continue to do so during the hot weather the quantity of Cuban raws offered on any bulge was rather large. On the 1st inst. the London market was 1½d. to 3d. lower. Spot granulated was quoted 38s. 10½d. and June 38s. 9d.

Recently England, France and Holland bought at prices ranging from 3.39c. to as high as 3.50c. f.o.b. for cargoes of first half and all July shipment. In addition to these sales for July shipment, there have been many small and ex-warehouse sales in England at heavy premiums. It was striking testimony to the urgent need of prompt sugar there. The export refined market has recently been brisk at rising prices. The world has been buying, especially Spain. Sugar, however, has been sold to most Continental markets and as far east as Constantinople; South American has been rather quiet but some sugar has been purchased for both the east and west coasts.

Cuban sugar statistics cabled from Havana for the week ending June 30 were: Receipts, 24,270 tons, against 28,874 in the previous week, 23,755 in the same week last year, and 94,051 two years ago; exports, 79,327 tons, against 72,684 in the previous week, 42,525 last year, and 166,949 two years ago; stock, 788,141 tons, against 843,198 in the previous week, 590,209 last year and 844,622 two years ago. Centrals grinding numbered 5 against 6 in the previous week, 6 last year and 20 two years ago. Of the exports, U. S. Atlantic ports received 53,606 tons, New Orleans 13,732, Savannah 5,857, Galveston 4,204, and Europe, 1,928. Havana cabled: "Rain wanted in some parts." Receipts at U. S. Atlantic ports for the week ending July 2 were 48,601 tons, against 92,297 the week before, 27,107 last year and 73,263 two years ago; meltings were 81,000, against 86,000 the week before, 36,000 last year and 80,000 two years ago; total stock, 192,025 tons, against 224,424 the week before, 164,417 last year, and 193,015 two years ago. On Thursday prices advanced for futures on pre-holiday covering. The British cables were quiet. Refined was dull at 6.70 to 7c. Some reselling was reported at 6.75c. Cuban raws were offered at 3½c. with buyers holding off and bidding around 3¾c. to 3 7-16c. Prices ended for the week 10 to 16 points lower.

Spot (unofficial) ---3¼c. | September -----3.52c. | March -----3.22@3.23.
July -----3.42@nom. | December -----3.44c. | May -----3.30@nom.

LARD on the spot advanced with a fair demand and grain higher. Prime Western, 11.55 to 11.65c.; refined Continent, 12.25c.; South American, 12.75c.; Brazil, 13.75c. Futures felt the effects to some extent of July liquidation. Many sold July and took September. Packers sold September. Export demand was still small. Stocks are accumulating. Hogs, however, advanced 10c. on June 30 and corn 3c., something that made traders think twice before selling short at all aggressively. On the 1st inst. prices fell off 10 points with deliveries of 7,100,000 lbs. of lard on July contracts, hedge selling by packers and easier prices for grain. Moreover, hogs were 10 to 25c. lower. To cap the climax, lard stocks at Chicago increased nearly 21,000,000 lbs. for the month and are about 30,000,000 larger than at this time last year. The June report of the Department of Agriculture shows that the hog production in the corn belt, which reached its peak point in the spring crop of 1923, has now practically settled back to a normal. A decrease of 8,000,000 pigs in the spring crop in the corn belt is indicated. Des Moines wired: "The Iowa pig crop is 11% smaller than last year; sows for fall farrowing 18% less." Live hogs at Chicago on the 2d inst. were 5 to 10c. higher. More meat was exported from the United States in 1923 than in any other year since 1920. The total value in 1923 was 11% higher than in 1922, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. On Thursday futures were practically unchanged. They ended 5 to 10 points lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	cts. 10.84	10.87	10.80	10.82	10.82	Holi-
September delivery	11.15	11.17	11.07	11.05	11.05	day
October delivery	11.25	11.30	11.20	11.17	11.17	

PORK quiet; mess, \$26 to \$27; nominal; family, \$27 to \$28; short clears, \$20 to \$25. Beef quiet; mess, \$16 to \$17; packet, \$17 to \$18; family, \$19 to \$20; extra India mess, \$31 to \$33 nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2 35; No. 2, \$4; 6 lbs., \$15; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$65 nominal per bbl. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14¼ to 16½c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 11 to 12c. Butter, creamery, lower grades to high scoring, 34½ to 41¾c. Cheese, flats, 19 to 26c. Eggs, fresh gathered trade to extras, 24½ to 32c.

OILS.—Linseed was rather more active early in the week and firmer. A better demand is expected in the near future for distant deliveries. Spot car lots, July-August, 96c.; tanks, 90c.; less than car lots, 99c.; less than 5 barrels,

\$1 01. There is a large movement on old contracts. Available stocks for prompt delivery are reported as not burdensome. Coconut oils, Ceylon, barrels, 9³/₄c. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 9¹/₄c.; edible, 100 barrels, 12¹/₂@12³/₄c. Olive, \$1 20@125. Cod, domestic, 59@60c.; Newfoundland, 61@62c. Lard, prime, 14c.; strained, New York, 12¹/₄c. Spirits of turpentine, 83¹/₂@88c. Rosin, 5.55@7.65c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 14,700 P. crude, S. E. 925 nom. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.75@11.25	September	10.64@10.66	December	8.96@ 8.97
July	10.75@11.00	October	9.90@ 9.92	January	8.98@ 9.03
August	10.70@10.78	November	8.96@ 9.04	February	9.00@ 9.10

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was in better demand for export early in the week and prices were rather steadier. The demand for cased gasoline has also improved, although Far Eastern consumers are not anxious to purchase far ahead. Later in the week, however, the foreign inquiry for gasoline fell off. Advices from Mitchell, So. Dak., on the 1st inst. said that a gasoline war between dealers had started and that a reduction of 5c. a gallon had already been made. Local prices remained steady, however. Tulsa, Okla., on the 1st inst. stated that the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. the leading crude purchasing company in the Mid-Continent field, had decided to purchase only half of the crude oil production on the leases with which it is affiliated and that the other half will be stored at 3c. per barrel a month. The Sinclair Oil Co. took similar action, and other large companies are expected to follow, owing largely to the heavy production in the new fields. Bunker oil has been quiet and easier. Refiners quote \$1 75 per barrel refinery. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Navy specifications, 28.15c.; bulk, per gallon, 14c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 15.25c.; 64-65 deg., 17c.; 66 to 68 deg., 18.50c.; kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 16.90c.; petroleum, tank wagon to store, 14c.; motor gasoline (garages, steel barrels), 20c.

Pennsylvania	\$3 25	Bradford	\$3 75	Bull-Bayou	32-34.9	\$1 50
Corning	1 90	Ragland	1 00	Illinois		2 07
Cabell	1 70	Corsicana, lgt	1 50@2 00	Ocrition		1 65
Somerset, light	1 80	Lima	2 28	Plymouth		1 45
Wyoming	1 95	Indiana	2 08	Mexia	1 50@2 00	
Snackover, 26 deg.	1 20	Princeton	2 07	Calif. 35 & above		1 40
		Canadian	2 63	Gulf Coastal		2 00

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas		Mid-Continent—	
Under 28 Magnolia	\$0 90	39 and over	\$2 25
28-30.9	1 00	33-35.9 deg	1 75
31-32.9	1 10	30-32.9 below	1 45
33-35.9	1 35	Caddo—	
36 and above	1 50	Below 32 deg	1 50
Below 30 Humble	1 25	32-34.9	1 65
33-35.9	1 75	38 and above	1 85
36-38.9	2 00		
39 and above	2 25		

RUBBER was quiet early in the week with prices about unchanged. On the 30th ult. there was some switching of spot to August and September at 18⁵/₈c., while July was switched to these months at a premium of ¹/₄c. Closing prices on that day were 18⁵/₈c. for spot, 18³/₈c. for July, 18¹/₈c. for August and 18¹/₄c. for September. London was quiet and unchanged at 10¹/₄d. Singapore was dull and easier. On the 1st inst. the market advanced slightly on a better demand from manufacturing interests for spot and nearby rubber. Smoked ribbed sheets were quoted at 18³/₈c.; July, 18⁵/₈c.; Aug., 18³/₄c.; Sept., 18⁷/₈c.; Oct.-Dec., 19¹/₈c., and Jan.-Mar., 19⁵/₈c. First latex crepe spot, 19³/₄c.; July, 19⁵/₈c.; Aug., 19³/₄c.; Sept., 19⁷/₈c.; Oct.-Dec., 20¹/₈c., and Jan.-Mar., 20⁵/₈c. On the 2d inst. prices both here and in London advanced. Manufacturers took Aug.-Sept. sheets and some spot. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot-July, 19c.; Aug., 19¹/₄c.; Sept., 19¹/₄c.; Oct.-Dec., 19¹/₂c.; Jan.-Mar., 20c. First latex crepe, spot-July, 20c.; Aug., 20¹/₄c.; Sept., 20¹/₄c.; Oct.-Dec., 20¹/₂c.; Jan.-Mar., 21c. Singapore cabled July 1: "The Rubber Exports Office, Kuala Lumpur, announces that rubber can be exported only from the following ports: Parit, Buntar, Kuaja, Kurau, Port Weld, Lumut, Telok Anson, Utan Melintang, Port Swettenham, Port Dickson, Pangkalen Kempas, Kuantan, Beserah, Sungel Ular, Kuala Pahang, Pekan, Bebar, Merchong, Rompin, Pontian, Engau and Tioman. The ex godown market was quiet." In London on July 2 a fair business was done. Prices were slightly higher. Spot 10¹/₄d. to 10³/₄d.; July, 10¹/₂ to 10⁵/₄d.; July-Sept., 10⁵/₄d. to 10⁷/₄d.; Oct.-Dec., 11 to 11¹/₄d. The c. i. f. market was firm. July-Aug. shipment from Singapore, 10¹/₄d.; Aug.-Sept., 10³/₄d., buyers c. i. f. New York. Singapore cabled on June 2: "A message from the Colonial Office to the Planters' Association to-day discourages the petition recently addressed to Government for revision of the Stevenson plan, saying, 'A plan so deliberately decided upon could not be lightly abandoned.'" Spot, July, 9¹/₂d.; July-Sept., 9⁵/₄d.; Oct.-Dec., 10d.

HIDES have remained quiet as a rule, though city packer have been somewhat more active. Sales are reported of 5,000 to 6,000 branded steers at 10¹/₂c. for the butt brands and 9¹/₂c. for Colorados. Country hides have been quiet. In River Plate section business has been slow. Common dry hides have been dull and weak. In Chicago sales are reported of 60,000 June hides at a decline of ¹/₂c. Two packers are still holding their June production at ¹/₂c. higher. It is reported that there are orders for fully 100,000 more hides should sellers care to accept the new decline. Independent packers were quiet. Some lots are selling down to 9¹/₂c. and others up to 10¹/₄c., the last price paid locally for June all weight native cows and steers. Skins are decidedly quiet. Kipskins were weak on account of the increased production. As to country hides, a good demand

is reported for country buffweights at 7¹/₂c., but practically nothing is available at this level except some of poor quality. Sellers are at 8 to 8¹/₂c. for choice buffs. Offerings of extreme weight country hides are small, with a brisk demand at 9¹/₂ to 10c., the outside for good quality. All weights of country hides were wanted at 7¹/₂ to 8c. as to quality. Recent sales included 5,000 Campana frigorifico steers and 4,000 Anglo steers at \$35, or 12³/₄c. c.&f. Common hides here are nominally as follows: Orinocos, 16c.; Bogotas, 18¹/₂ to 19c.; Tampico, 15³/₄c.; Vera Cruz, 16³/₄ to 17c.; Bolivian, 17¹/₂c.; Peruvian, 17¹/₂c.; Central America, 15 to 15¹/₂c.; Laguayra, 15¹/₂c. In Chicago on July 2 a sharp demand sent big packer hides ¹/₂c. higher. Some 100,000 June hides sold, including heavy native steers, at 12¹/₂c.; butt branded steers, 12c.; Colorado steers, 11c., and extreme light Texas steers and branded cows bringing 9c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been dull and rates have declined. The great rise in grain is believed to account in some degree for this.

CHARTERS included coal from Hampton Roads to Rio, \$3 15, August loading; petroleum from Gulf to north of Hatteras, 24¹/₂c., July; lumber, cargo switch ties from Jacksonville to Perth Amboy, 25c., standard tie basic, July loading; 17,000 standard switch ties from Jacksonville to Perth Amboy and Weehawken, 25c. delivered on open cars, July loading; 20,000 cases oil from Port Arthur to Porto Rico, 30c. case, July-August loading; 23,000 cases oil from Port Arthur to Santo Domingo and Port au Prince, 30c. one port with 1c. additional each extra port used, August loading; coal from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, \$3; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 21s.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, one port, 21s.; two ports, 21s. 6d.; July 20; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio, rate \$3 10; lumber from Gulf to Plate, \$14 50, August.

TOBACCO has been steady and Porto Rico in particular seems likely in the general judgment to sell at somewhat higher prices than have heretofore been expected. At any rate the new crop has sold at higher quotations than most people had anticipated. Business has for the most part, however, drifted to Java and Sumatra tobacco. Other descriptions have been in fair demand. There has been no real activity but the feeling in the trade is somewhat more hopeful. Manufacturers are looking for a better trade this summer.

COAL has been quiet and about steady. Dealers think it would be futile to ease prices in order to gain trade. They believe a steady market will sooner or later attract business. Stocks at Hampton Roads are reported large and prices fairly steady. Anthracite prices are 10c. higher among the large producers, partly to make up for the cut of 50c. on April 1.

COPPER was in better demand early in the week for both domestic and foreign account. England, France and Germany have purchased quite heavily of late, though much of this was reported to be speculative. It was estimated in the forepart of the week that 5,000,000 lbs. changed hands in two days. One inquiry was reported from a wire mill for 2,000,000 lbs. and another for 500,000 tons. Later in the week the market became quieter and easier. The export price declined to 12³/₄c. f.a.s. on the 2d inst., due largely to a fall of about 10s. at London. Stocks increased in June. A further gain in supplies in producers' hands is expected in monthly figures.

TIN early in the week advanced ¹/₄c. on a higher London market. Prices there on the 31st ult. advanced £1 12s. 6d. Business has been quiet however. Deliveries in one were 4,310 tons of which 210 tons were made from Pacific ports. Stocks on June 30th totaled 3,507 tons and the amount landing was 550 tons, a total of 4,067 tons. Of the total imports last month 3,215 tons were shipped from the Straits. For the first half of this year imports have totaled 37,885 tons.

LEAD has been quiet and slightly easier. East St. Louis, 6.70c.; New York, 7c. East St. Louis receipts for the week were 60,250 pigs, against 51,730 in the previous week; receipts since Jan. 1, 1,419,300 pigs, against 1,463,820 in the same time last year. Shipments for the week were 34,670 pigs, against 42,900 in the previous week; since Jan. 1 they were 1,034,700, against 753,340 in the same period last year.

ZINC has been firm but quiet. Zinc ore in the Joplin district is unchanged at \$39 per ton. East St. Louis, 5.80 to 5.85c.; New York, 6.15 to 6.20c. Receipts at East St. Louis for the week were 23,760 slabs, against 40,680 the week before; since Jan. 1, 1,618,360, against 1,716,940 last year. Shipments were 47,880 slabs, against 44,880 in the previous week; since Jan. 1, 1,507,300, against 1,378,440 last year.

STEEL has remained quiet, with prices still sagging, it appears, here and there. Pittsburgh reports a rather more cheerful feeling with a slight increase in business. But, significantly enough, production is still curtailed there, despite some increase in sales of structural material and a very fair business in pipe. Sheets, however, continue quiet. Ship steel has sold rather better, Cleveland reports. The Standard Oil Co. is building two tankers in British yards, however. Prices have been more or less depressed, taking the market as a whole. The general idea seems to be that during the summer months there is not likely to be very much improvement. Yet it is possible that a better state of things may get slowly under way in July or August. July is apt to be the dulllest month of the year.

PIG IRON has been quiet and weak with nominal prices \$20 to \$21 for eastern Pennsylvania and \$19 to \$19.50 for Buffalo. It is said that 200 tons of Virginia iron have sold at \$25 furnace. Foundry business has recently declined sharply. Some furnaces are willing to sell for the fourth

bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 11,930 bales.

For the ten months ending May 30 1924 there were 141,476 bales exported, as against 181,544 bales for the corresponding ten months in 1922-23.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named.

July 4	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont't.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston.....	1,000	1,200	1,000	1,200	700	5,100	33,149
New Orleans....	2,292	1,067	1,123	14,494	2,056	21,032	52,891
Savannah.....	-----	-----	-----	4,300	500	4,800	28,847
Charleston.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	14,242
Mobile.....	-----	-----	-----	600	-----	600	838
Other ports*..	5,500	1,000	500	1,500	250	8,750	31,403
Total 1924..	8,792	3,267	2,623	22,094	3,506	40,282	223,614
Total 1923..	8,270	4,588	4,000	6,434	1,350	25,242	249,874
Total 1922..	20,153	11,167	17,654	22,202	3,053	74,229	549,473

*Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was quiet until July 2, when it burst into the greatest activity seen for many months. The Bureau report on condition of 71.2, a crop of 12,144,000 and an acreage of 40,403,000 acres, caused heavy selling and a decline of 100 to 120 points, the latter on July. Previous to that prices had been steady, mainly owing to a rising tendency of the price for July, in which there was a large short interest among the mills, dry goods merchants, spot cotton merchants, and speculators. There is, for that matter, a good deal of calling still to be done. New crop months had a sagging tendency owing to good weather and generally favorable crop accounts. On Tuesday, it is true, new crop months advanced 30 to 40 points, while July moved up 75 points. There were reports of too much rain in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and the Carolinas and fears of injurious rains in the Rio Grande Valley. Some parts of Texas appeared to need rain. And there were complaints of low temperatures in various parts of the belt. In many cases they were down in the 50's and in rare instances below 50. The general idea was that the crop condition would be estimated by the Government at 68.5 to 69%. The range of exports was 69.3 to 70.3%. The highest crop estimate was 11,900,000 bales and the lowest about 11,100,000. On July 2, the day on which the Government report appeared, prices were at first a little higher on rains and cooler temperatures and preliminary covering of shorts. But the report itself at 1.30 p. m. was literally a bolt from the blue, when it turned out to be 71.2%. This condition was compared with 65.6% a month ago, 69.9 last year and 71.2% in 1922, 69.2% in 1921, the lowest on record for June 25; 70.7 in 1920; 20 in 1919; 85.8 in 1918; 70.3 in 1917; 81.1 in 1916; 80.2 in 1915; 75.6 in 1914, and the ten-year average of 74.8%. The crop was estimated at 12,144,000 bales, against 10,080,000 last year. Moreover, the acreage for the first time in Government records reached 40,403,000 bales, including 15,595,000 in Texas, 3,767,000 in Georgia; 3,672,000 in Oklahoma, 3,256,000 in Mississippi, 3,190,000 in Alabama and 3058,000 in Arkansas. The tendency is to get above 40,000,000 acres. And it is hoped by all conservative interests that the condition in July and August will make it possible to raise a crop of 12,500,000 to 13,000,000 bales. Such a crop is needed to replenish the world's supplies of American cotton and bring conditions back to something like the normal as to stocks, prices and consumption. There has been a long period of trade dislocation in one shape or another and the natural aspiration of forward-looking and conservative people interested in the maintenance of America's supremacy in the world's cotton trade is a return to good-sized crops and reasonable prices. This will be to the best interest of all concerned. The South is hopeful. It is bearish on the outlook. Meanwhile cotton goods are quiet here and in Fall River. Now and then a mill in isolated cases resumes full time, but this is an exception which proves the rule to the effect that curtailment is widely prevalent and increasing rather than diminishing. It is said that some cotton will be shipped back from Bremen to New York, presumably for delivery on July contracts. Some interests in Wall Street, which recently were aggressively bullish, have latterly reversed their position. On Wednesday the unexpectedly favorable report from Washington was greeted with a storm of selling from Wall Street, uptown, the South as well as the West from local interest. It was felt that such a report would have a tendency to make buyers both of raw cotton and cotton goods more cautious than ever. It is recalled that on June 25 1920 the crop was estimated at around 11,500,000 bales, but it turned out to be 13,439,000, according to the Government computation on an acreage of 37,043,000 planted and 35,878,000 picked, the yield being stated at 178.4 lbs. to the acre. This, as already intimated, makes people hopeful for the future of this year. There is a notion among some people that the situation is in some sense analogous to that of four years ago. It is believed that conditions on July 2 were better than on June 25. The weekly report on the weather and the condition of the crop was exceptionally favorable. On the other hand there is the July situation. Trading in July will run for about three weeks. Already the Clearing House Committee of the New York Cotton Exchange has announced that original margins of \$12 a bale will be called on after Monday, July 7. Of course, it is well known, too, that the

200-point rule is suspended on trading in the spot month beginning on the 15th inst., according to custom. And the technical position is inclined to tighten from time to time with everybody bearish, North and South. There is a deep-seated conviction that the crop is going to be larger than for years past. It is encouraged by the latest Government estimate of 12,144,000 bales, the largest in four years. But veterans in the trade do not forget that the crucial months, after all, are July and August. A portion of September has also a certain effect oftentimes on the size of the crop. There is usually a decrease in the condition between June 25 and July 25. Last year it amounted to 2.7%. The ten-year average for July 25 is 71.2, against 74.8 for June 25, a decrease of 3.6%. Sometimes, indeed, there is an improvement in July. There was in 1920, when it amounted to 3.4%. But improvement is rare in July. Of course, too, there is a sharp decline in the condition between June 25 and Aug. 25. Last year it amounted to 6.4%; in 1922 it was 14%; in 1921, 20%. Of course, no such deterioration will necessarily occur this year. There has been no great damage thus far, either by weevil or grasshoppers. But the fact is not blinked that the crop is something like 10 days to two weeks late. In some parts of the belt it is said to be even later. There is no hope of entirely escaping the weevil scourge. The weather, after all, may easily be the deciding factor. With hot dry conditions and occasional showers, the weevil may be kept under. But the kind of weather that awaits the plant is for time to determine. As the case now stands the short account, as already intimated, is large. Manchester is doing a somewhat better business. And for a time, at any rate, if there should be a further squeeze in July, something by no means impossible, new crop months would be for a time at least more or less affected. It is a fact that the carryover of American cotton in the world on Aug. 1 this year is estimated at only 1,600,000 to 2,000,000 bales, against 2,573,000 on Aug. 1 last year, 4,904,000 on the same date in 1922 and 9,194,000 in 1921. People keep these things in the back of their minds while they watch the crop and the weather and the condition of trade. To sum up the statistical and technical position is bullish. The trade and crop news is bearish.

On Thursday prices declined some 20 to 25 points, with the weather in the main good, the cables weak, cotton goods dull and a general feeling of apprehension of lower prices following the memorable Government report on Wednesday. Manchester showed more or less depression. In Liverpool bulls unloaded even if the Continent bought to some extent. In Manchester yarns were weaker. Worth Street was dull and more or less dazed by the condition report of 71.2%, with the big acreage and the implications of a big increase in the crop. Wall Street, New Orleans and the South sold. But on the decline shorts deemed it prudent to cover. They were afraid something might happen in the way of bad weather over the holidays, as the Exchange adjourned until Monday. And of course they had no means of telling what Liverpool might do over Friday and Saturday. The sober second thought recalled the fact that the crop is made in July and August and not in June. Mills bought 25,000 to 30,000 bales of October and December. Liverpool bought. Contracts became rather scarce. Prices ended at a net decline for the day of only 12 to 18 points. July maintained a premium of 470 points. At one time this week it was 500 over October. Final prices show, however, a decline for the week of 55 points on July and 104 to 115 on other months. Spot cotton ended at 29.75c. for middling, a decline for the week of 50 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figures from the July 2 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 July 11, 1924.

Middling fair.....	1.95 on	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	3.03 off
Strict good middling.....	1.57 on	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.30 off
Good middling.....	1.24 on	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.78 off
Strict middling.....	.80 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.70 off
Strict low middling.....	1.30 off	Good middling spotted.....	.41 on
Low middling.....	3.10 off	Strict middling spotted.....	.13 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	4.53 off	Middling spotted.....	1.10 off
*Good ordinary.....	5.90 off	*Strict low middling spotted.....	2.55 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.20 on	*Low middling spotted.....	3.93 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.30 off	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.88 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.80 off	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.48 off
*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.03 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	2.28 off
*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	3.50 off	Good middling "gray".....	.35 off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	4.90 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	.86 off
Good middling "yellow" stained.....	1.50 off	*Middling "gray".....	1.46 off
*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	2.13 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:

June 28 to July 4—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	30.05	30.20	30.90	29.90	29.75	Hol

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 3 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1924	29.75c.	1916	12.95c.	1908	11.40c.	1900	9.91c.
1923	27.25c.	1915	9.60c.	1907	13.50c.	1899	6.12c.
1922	23.75c.	1914	13.25c.	1906	10.80c.	1898	6.25c.
1921	12.00c.	1913	12.35c.	1905	10.80c.	1897	7.44c.
1920	39.75c.	1912	11.95c.	1904	10.85c.	1896	7.88c.
1919	34.35c.	1911	14.70c.	1903	12.75c.	1895	7.19c.
1918	30.70c.	1910	15.50c.	1902	9.31c.	1894	7.31c.
1917	25.65c.	1909	12.60c.	1901	8.88c.	1893	8.00c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table with columns: Week ending, Receipts at Ports (1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22), Stocks at Interior Towns (1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22), Receipts from Plantations (1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22). Rows include months from April to July.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1923 are 6,535,204 bales; in 1922-23 were 5,139,198 bales, and in 1921-22 were 5,261,859 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 20,167 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 12,784 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 7,383 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 8,662 bales and for 1922 they were 14,382 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table titled 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season.' with columns for 1923-24 and 1922-23, subdivided into Week and Season. Rows include Visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,963,000 bales in 1923-24 and 4,149,000 bales in 1922-23; takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 12,463,589 bales in 1923-24 and 14,149,472 bales in 1922-23, of which 7,132,589 bales and 7,963,010 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with columns: July 3 Receipts at, 1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22. Sub-sections include 'For the Week' and 'Since August 1' with sub-columns for Great Britain, Cont'nent, Japan & China, and Total.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 14,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 37,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 130,450 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, July 2, 1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22. Rows include Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Table with columns: Exports (bales), Week, Since Aug. 1, 1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22. Rows include To Liverpool, To Manchester, To Continent and India, To America, Total exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 2 were 1,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 3,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is easy. Merchants are buying very sparingly. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1923-24, 1922-23. Sub-columns for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest, Cot'n Mid. Upl's. Rows include months from April to July.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table listing shipping routes and dates: NEW YORK, To Havre, To Genoa, To Venice, To Antwerp, To Japan, To Barcelona, To Manchester, To Bremen, To Liverpool, To Hamburg, To Rotterdam, To Copenhagen, To Wauna, To Manchester, To Genoa, To Savona, GALVESTON, To Genoa, To Venice, To Liverpool, To Havre, To Antwerp, To Ghent, To Bremen, To Rotterdam, BA—T.MORE, To Liverpool, BOSTON, To Liverpool, NEWPORT NEWS, To France, NORFOLK, To Liverpool, SAVANNAH, To Liverpool, To Murransk, To Bremen, To Hamburg, To Japan, To Genoa.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table with columns: High Density, Stand-ard, High Density, Stand-ard, High Density, Stand-ard. Rows include Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Christiania.

LIVERPOOL NEWS.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with columns: June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4. Rows include Sales of the week, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Total imports, Amount afloat.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table with columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures Market, Market.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table with columns: June 28 to July 4, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Rows include July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 4 1924.

Flour has remained quiet. Buyers refuse to depart from what now seems almost like a time-honored custom of buying merely from hand to mouth. Late last week there was a fair amount of business in some quarters, but it was the exception rather than the rule. Prices in the main have been firm for the reason that cash wheat has been firm. Stocks are not burdensome. That seems to be generally recognized. Meanwhile, however, the foreign demand as well as the home trade is light. Nothing more than small lots are reported sold from time to time. Yet on June 30 there were clearances from New York of 67,213 sacks, mostly for the Near East. Last week the total clearances were 131,018 sacks from New York and 64,000 from Montreal.

Wheat weakened a little last Saturday, but in the fore part of the present week it advanced sharply. On June 30, indeed, it moved up about 2c. at Chicago and 2¼ to 3c. at Winnipeg. Bad reports continue to come from Canada and Russia. Drouth and hot weather were complained of in Russia. Liverpool cabled that press reports from Russia were becoming worse. In the Ukraine the Agriculture Department predicts reduced yields. The American visible supply last week fell off 2,620,000 bushels, against 2,030,000 bushels in the same week last year. This reduces it to 34,716,000 bushels, against 26,313,000 a year ago. At the same time crop news from the American West and Northwest was in the main better. This tended to hold any advance in check. On the other hand, Winnipeg has naturally been strong, braced by the Canadian crop outlook. It may be said, too, that the crop advices from some other countries than Russia have not been entirely satisfactory. In the United Kingdom native supplies are practically exhausted. The British acreage was reduced by winter killing, although it is added that the crop is heading favorably at the present time. In Germany the season is still backward, although the crop is growing well. Scarcity of money hampers trading and native offerings have increased. In Italy drouth has reduced the crop and a provisional official estimate puts the yield this year at only 176,000,000 bushels, against 199,000,000 last year. In Spain the condition is poor and in North Africa the crop is short, owing to drouth. The same is true of Greece. Reverting to the statistics, world's shipments for the week were large, but in spite of this fact the quantity on passage fell off 3,000,000 bushels. Winnipeg prices have been up to the best premiums over Chicago for the season. The United States bonded stock decreased 970,000 bushels. Liverpool has been stronger at times than was expected. Exporters have been in the American market on a fair scale, with daily business at around 500,000 to 600,000 bushels. There has been a fair domestic demand. The strength of corn and oats has helped wheat. Among commission houses speculation has increased. Wheat attracts more attention in the speculative world. On July 1 prices weakened a little under favorable crop accounts from this country and July deliveries of 1,138,000 bushels, though all of this was promptly taken by two houses. Snow put the total winter crop at 535,000,000 bushels, against 509,000,000 bushels in the Government report of June. He estimates the spring wheat yield at 202,000,000 bushels, against 184,000,000 in the last Government report in June. This makes an increase in the two crops over the Washington report a month ago of nearly 44,000,000 bushels. But Winnipeg and the coarse grain markets acted as kind of a brake on any temporary downward turn in wheat. Prices advanced on July 2, with Winnipeg and Buenos Aires both higher. Buenos Aires rose 4½c. Winnipeg advanced 2¼ to 3½c., with offerings small and demand sharp on complaints of hot dry weather in Alberta. At Chicago, with higher cables and fears of black rust, buying was heavy. July wheat acted tight and touched 116¾. At Chicago July at one time was at the same price as September. Deliveries were very small, or only 14,000 bushels. A fair export demand was reported. Receipts were moderate. The weather at the Southwest continued favorable for harvest, and arrivals of new wheat increased. Winnipeg reached the best premium over Chicago on the crop, Winnipeg July selling as high as \$1.25, or about 8½c. over Chicago. At Winnipeg on July 2 there was an active market, with good buying by exporters the feature, which, combined with a dry weather map, carried prices to new high levels. Offerings were large, but well absorbed. At the opening the pit appeared full of buying orders which carried July up to \$1.25. The undertone was called strong, but some believed the market would need new buying to advance prices. Chicago wired that reports from Europe indicate better inquiry for wheat, and said many of the foreign countries would have shorter crops than last year. St. Louis wired that a car of new wheat here from Oklahoma grades No. 1 hard, 75% dark and tests 62 lbs. The Minnesota weekly crop report said progress of corn poor, due to cool weather. Crop very weedy in localities, as cultivation is retarded by heavy rain; condition fairly good, but crop is two weeks late. Sales on the Chicago Board of Trade on the 2d inst. totaled 29,505,000 bushels, against 26,689,000 on June 24. The Washington weekly summary said: "Nights are too cool and lack of opportunity for cultivation prevented progress of corn over considerable areas. Moisture is needed in the West, Central and Southwestern Plains

district and drouth is unabated west of the Rockies." Wheat on passage this week is 56,536,000 bushels, against 59,520,000 last week and 50,472,000 last year. Broomhall cabled: "An official report states that cereal outturn in Russia will be sufficient for home consumption, seeding and moderate exports. Famine threatens some areas, but relief measures are already operating." Winnipeg wired: "Intense heat over prairies and numerous showers for 48 hours enormously improved crop conditions. There are continued reports of cut and wire worms in the fields of Saskatchewan, but otherwise the news is optimistic. In some sections wheat has actually approached the stage of shot blade, so rapid is the forced growth. With rush of grain to Vancouver and the Lakes, the stocks on the prairies are rapidly being depleted, with exporters still in the market. Tonnage is at a premium in both ports." Winnipeg wired later: "Many bad reports are coming in and some indicate the damage will be serious, regardless of whether it rains or not. Immediate relief would not guarantee the crop and every day without precipitation means greater damage. The Saskatchewan crop is too weeks late now." The bi-monthly crop report of the Alberta Government says: "The growth of crop in all parts of the Province has been retarded by cool weather and in many districts grain has been almost at a standstill. The past week, however, has seen the advent of warmer weather, and during the past five days crops have been brought to the stage where more rain is necessary to maintain healthy growth. In some districts the need of moisture is urgent. The southwestern part of the Province has had abundant rain, but the southeastern is still much in need of it. In central and northern districts grain, though greatly retarded by backward weather, is showing fairly healthy growth and has been benefited by warm weather, but is now in need of rain. Most of this territory needs rain within the next week if the grain is to make satisfactory progress." The "Modern Miller" said harvesting of winter wheat is making good progress in the Southwest and crop is being cut as far north as central Illinois and southern Nebraska. East of the Missouri many fields were too wet to work in. Good yields are reported in Oklahoma and Kansas. Spring wheat is making good progress and crop is heading in northerly districts. Condition in Dakotas is materially better than last month. The Kansas weekly crop report said that the week's weather favored rapid ripening of wheat. Harvesting has begun to the Nebraska line in the eastern third and is starting in the extreme southwest counties and by July 7 in the northwest corner of the State. On Thursday prices at first advanced about ½c., then reacted on pre-holiday realizing. The early rise was due to higher prices in Winnipeg, owing to persistent bad weather in the Canadian Northwest. Liverpool was higher, supposedly owing to bad Canadian crop advices. Also, it looked as though the Argentine exports this week would not be over 4,440,000 bushels. It was added hereafter they are likely to decrease. The weather in the American Northwest was good. New wheat is beginning to arrive at several markets. Argentine cables were rather weaker. Some of the coarse grains were easier. There was only a fair cash demand. Sales were estimated from 500,000 to 700,000 bushels, including some durum and new crop winter wheat. Europe is showing more inclination to bid for Gulf wheat. Minneapolis had rumors of black rust. Prices show a rise for the week of about 1c. on July, but on other deliveries at net decline at Chicago of ¼ to ½c. At Winnipeg July wheat closed on Thursday at 123¼c., after selling during the day at 124½c. October ended at 118¾c., after touching 120¼ earlier. December closed at 113¾ after reaching 115¾. A year ago at Winnipeg July was 111½, October 101½ and December 99¼.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.....	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
.....	131	132	131½	133¼	132	Hol.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
.....	114¼	115¾	115¾	116¾	115¾	Hol.
September delivery in elevator.....	115½	116¾	116¾	117	115¾	day.
December delivery in elevator.....	118¾	120	119½	120	118¾	

Indian corn advanced 3 to 3½c. on June 30, with an aggressive demand. December corn reached a new high record. Crop advices have been bad. This was the kernel of the whole affair. The trouble is they are bad from almost every section of the belt. People expect bullish private crop reports and also think that the next Government report, which will appear shortly, can hardly fail to be distinctly bad. Moreover, there is a big speculative business going on. Commission houses are active. They are having good times after a long lull. Shorts are covering. Some of it is on stop orders. As it never rains but it pours, there are such other bull points as small receipts, light country offerings, poor weather forecasts, strong cash markets and a rather remarkably bullish visible supply statement. The decrease in this country last week was no less than 2,225,000 bushels, against an increase of 202,000 bushels in the same week last year, or a difference of 2,427,000 bushels. The total is now only 3,279,000 bushels, against 3,367,000 last year. The stock in Chicago alone fell off last week 1,300,000 bushels. It is hardly necessary to say that it is largely a weather market. But the generality of the trade are deeply imbued with the idea that the crop is going to be small and that the world's demand is likely to be something out of the ordinary. Snow put the condition on July 1 at only 75.6%, or the lowest on that date on record. The previous low was 79.4% for July 1

in 1903. The tentative crop estimate on this condition would be about 2,600,000,000 bushels, against requirements in this country estimated at 400,000,000 bushels larger than this total, to say nothing of a possible demand from Europe. Speculation became very active at times. Corn is the big speculative attraction at the West. Private estimates of 2,529,000,000 bushels to 2,850,000,000, with an average of three reports of 2,633,000,000 bushels, made a sensation, contrasted as they were with the estimate of 3,046,000,000 bushels by the Government last year. Country offerings increased slightly on the advance, but the receipts at Chicago on Tuesday were only 36 cars and there were no deliveries. Sales on the Chicago Board of Trade on July 2 were 22,267,000 bushels, against 23,736,000 on June 24. On the 2d inst. prices at Buenos Aires advanced 2c. July shorts in Chicago tried to cover. Receipts were again small and the country offered little. The "Price Current" said: "Not in years have prospects for the corn crop been so poor and uncertain as at present. The outcome depends on the weather and moisture conditions for the balance of the season. Farmers are not satisfied with the crop outlook and are not selling their old grain. Owing to high prices corn industries have bought Argentine corn within the past week. This corn can be handled at the Atlantic seaboard and the product exported on a somewhat lower basis than by the use of domestic corn." The Kansas weekly crop report said that in the eastern half of Kansas the week was favorable for corn. In the northwest quarter the ground is fast becoming too dry and in the southwest quarter rain is badly needed for corn and other spring planted crops in a large number of places. As a rule fields are clean, except in comparatively few eastern sections, where there has been too much rain of late. The amount on passage this week is 32,153,000 bushels, against 34,960,000 last week and 23,085,000 last year. At the low rates Argentine corn has been worked to the North Atlantic and Pacific and rumors that at least three cargo shipments had been arranged were generally credited. Broomhall of Liverpool said: "The heavy Argentine supplies of corn are influencing values, but a better demand has developed and lower prices for nearby corn are attracting buyers." On Thursday prices, after an early small advance on most months and about 3/4c. on July, turned downward. Pre-holiday liquidation told. The weather was much better than it has been for several weeks, aside from being rather cool. On the other hand, receipts were still small and country offerings did not increase much. The weekly weather report from leading States was in the main unfavorable. The cash demand, however, was slow. Cash prices gave way. It was feared that stocks might increase over the holidays. For the week there was a rise of 3c. on July, 1/4c. on September and 1c. on December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 mixed	cts. 112	Sat. 112 1/2	Mon. 112	Tues. 114	Wed. 110 1/2	Thurs. 110 1/2	Fri. 110 1/2	Hol. 110 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator	cts. 93 3/4	Sat. 96 1/2	Mon. 96	Tues. 97	Wed. 95 1/2	Thurs. 95 1/2	Fri. 95 1/2	Hol. 95 1/2
September delivery in elevator	46 3/4	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4	45 3/4	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
December delivery in elevator	48 1/2	49 1/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	47 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4

Oats were in active demand early in the week and prices moved up 1 to 1 1/2c. by Tuesday. Commission house business was on quite a liberal scale. People take more interest in oats. At times the weather has been better. But in spite of this a new high level of prices has been reached for the season. The demand was so sharp as to sweep everything before it. Shorts covered partly on account of the rising prices of corn. Besides, the receipts were small. There was no pressure to sell from the interior. The weather is watched keenly as the crucial period of the season is near at hand. The visible supply decreased only about one-third as much as in the same week last year. In other words last week the reduction in this country was only 424,000 bushels, against 1,206,000 bushels in the same week last year. But on the other hand the total is now down to only 5,264,000 bushels, against 8,522,000 a year ago. That is to say, the statistical position certainly looks strong. Prices declined later with crop reports more cheerful pointing, apparently, to 1,300,000,000 bushels as the crop, or the same as last year, or an increase of nearly 70,000,000 bushels over the Government's total of last month. But sales of No. 2 white oats in the sample market at 60 1/4c. were the highest of the year. On the 2d inst. 3,363,000 bushels were sold on the Chicago Board of Trade, as compared with 2,478,000 on June 24. The Kansas weekly crop report stated that oats harvest is following that of wheat closely and is now under way north of the Kaw Valley. Threshing will soon begin in the south central counties. Advices from Lincoln, Neb., stated that oats made a wonderful crop in that territory. Deliveries on July contract at Winnipeg were 580,000 bushels. On Thursday prices ended 1 1/2 to 2c. lower. Liquidation, owing to better weather, was a feature. Support was lacking after some increase in recent crop estimates. Cash oats were reported 3 to 4c. lower, with little demand. Chicago feared some increase in stocks over the holidays. At Winnipeg July closed at 43c. after touching 44c. earlier. October wound up on that day at 43 3/4c., though earlier it was 45c. A year ago July oats there were 46 3/4c. and October 40 3/4c. Chicago prices finally showed a decline for the week of 1 to 2 1/4c., the latter on July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	cts. 63	Sat. 63	Mon. 63	Tues. 63	Wed. 63	Thurs. 63	Fri. 63	Hol. 63
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator	cts. 53 3/4	Sat. 54 1/2	Mon. 54 1/2	Tues. 53	Wed. 50 3/4	Thurs. 50 3/4	Fri. 50 3/4	Hol. 50 3/4
September delivery in elevator	46 3/4	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4	45 3/4	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
December delivery in elevator	48 1/2	49 1/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	47 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4

Rye advanced 2 to 2 1/4c. early in the week. It reached a new high for the season. Foreign crop reports continue to be unfavorable. The season is backward in Germany. In Russia the outlook is becoming worse. In the Ukraine the Agricultural Department predicts a smaller crop than that of last year. There has been some export demand. Indeed, at times the inquiry has been on quite a liberal scale. Actual business, however, has been moderate, at least as far as transactions reported are concerned. On June 30 exporters, however, took 100,000 bushels. That may be an earnest of still better business to come. On the other hand the visible supply statement this week was undoubtedly a surprise. To the bulls it was certainly a disappointment. It showed an increase in the United States last week of 359,000 bushels, whereas in the same week last year there was an actual decrease of 1,091,000 bushels. Here is a difference of 1,450,000 bushels. The total is 17,228,000 bushels, against 14,329,000 bushels a year ago. On the 1st inst. there was a rise with a sharp demand in Chicago and at the Northwest. Deliveries were 243,000 bushels, which went to cash houses. About 2,500,000 bushels were sent out to a leading cash house of Duluth. Chicago Board of Trade sales on the 2d inst. were 4,029,000 bushels, against 1,034,000 on June 24. Deliveries on July contracts at Winnipeg were 464,000 bushels on July 3. At Minneapolis 205,000 bushels were delivered on Thursday on July contracts. On Thursday prices closed 1 1/2 to 2 1/4c. lower for the day. There was some export business reported. It was estimated at 200,000 to 300,000 bushels, including a cargo, it was asserted, for Norway. Final prices at Chicago showed July unchanged for the week and other months 3/4 to 1c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator	cts. 80	Sat. 81 3/4	Mon. 81 1/2	Tues. 81 1/2	Wed. 79 1/2	Thurs. 79 1/2	Fri. 79 1/2	Hol. 79 1/2
September delivery in elevator	80 3/4	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	81	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
December delivery in elevator	83 1/2	85 1/2	85	85	83 3/4	82	82	82

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.

Spring patents	\$7 00 @ \$7 50	Rye flour, patents	\$5 00 @ \$5 60
Cleats, first spring	5 50 @ 6 00	Seminola No. 2, lb	4 3/4
Soft winter straights	5 40 @ 5 75	Oats goods	3 40 @ 3 45
Hard winter straights	6 50 @ 7 00	Corn flour	2 80 @ 2 90
Hard winter patents	7 00 @ 7 50	Barley goods	
Hard winter clears	5 25 @ 6 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4	4 00
Fancy Minn. patents	8 20 @ 8 95	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 3 and 4	6 50
City mills	8 35 @ 8 85		

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York:		Oats:	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	132	No. 2 white	63
No. 1 Northern	154	No. 3 white	62
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	131	Rye, New York:	
		No. 2 c.f.	87
Corn:		Chicago, No. 2	
No. 2 mixed	110 1/2	Barley, New York:	
No. 2 yellow	112 1/2	Malting	90 @ 95
		Chicago	73 @ 84

For other tables usually given here, see page 48.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 1.—

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending July 1, is as follows:

The week was characterized by considerable cloudiness and rather frequent local showers and thunderstorms in the central and eastern portions of the country, with heavy rains in much of the South Atlantic area and moderate to locally excessive falls in central and northern districts east of the Plains. The outstanding weather feature of the week, however, was a series of severe local storms occurring from the upper Mississippi Valley eastward, resulting from a barometric depression which moved from the Rocky Mountain area to the upper St. Lawrence Valley from the 25th to the 29th. The storms were especially severe in northern Ohio, where much loss of life and destruction of property occurred on the 28th, when the general storm area was central over the western Lakes.

Moderate to rather low temperatures for the season were the rule throughout the week, with the latter part cool in Northern States, though high day temperatures prevailed in the Southwest, with readings of 100 deg. or higher on most days in parts of the lower Great Plains. For the week, as a whole, the temperature averaged below normal from the Ohio Valley and central Great Plains northward, especially in central-northern districts, where the minus departures were 6 to 8 deg. In the South the averages were near normal, but west of the Rocky Mountains they were again abnormally high. The total rainfall for the week was moderate to locally heavy from the middle Mississippi and Missouri valleys eastward. Very little rain fell in the Southwest, and it was again dry in the more western States.

Night temperatures were rather too low for the best growth of warm-weather crops in Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains, while continued rain in many interior sections, especially in the lower Missouri, upper Mississippi, and parts of the Ohio valleys, delayed the cultivation of row crops. There was considerable damage by high winds, washing and flooding of bottom lands in the interior valley States.

Good growing weather prevailed in the Atlantic Coast area and conditions, on the whole, were favorable, although it was too wet for field work in some localities, especially in central-eastern districts; crops showed general improvement in the South Atlantic area. Rain was needed in some localities of the central Gulf sections, but the weather, on the whole, was favorable and crops mostly did well. In the west Gulf districts only local rains occurred and there was a high percentage of sunshine, which favored threshing and haying, but the progress of most crops was irregular, depending on local rainfall.

The cool, moist weather in central-northern States was very favorable for grass and small grains, but rather unfavorable for corn, while rain was needed in the west-central and southwestern Plains area, especially in southwestern Nebraska, western Kansas, and northwestern Oklahoma. West of the Rocky Mountains there was almost an entire absence of rainfall, and the severe drought is growing steadily worse in all sections. Irrigated crops did fairly well with the prevailing high temperatures, but water was exceptionally short in many districts, while dry-land crops suffered severely.

SMALL GRAINS.—The harvest of winter wheat progressed northward during the week to southern Maryland, extreme northern Kentucky, central Illinois, and extreme southern Nebraska. The weather was very favorable for harvest in the extreme western portion of the Winter Wheat Belt, but was rather unfavorable in many central localities, especially in Missouri, where most fields were ripe, but the ground was too wet for binders; the last couple of days of the week brought improvement in these sections. Wheat continued to make rather satisfactory progress in the northern portions of the belt, although there was some complaint of lodging, while the warm weather favored rapid ripening in the central Plains area. West of the Rocky Mountains it continued too dry for all small grains.

Cool weather and mostly ample rainfall favorably affected spring wheat and satisfactory progress was reported quite generally. Early wheat is heading in North Dakota, while the crop mostly looks well in South Dakota, and is fair to good in Minnesota. Oats made good growth and show improvement in most interior and northern sections of the country, but the crop is uneven, short, and weedy in parts of the Ohio Valley. Rice is well advanced in California and did well in Texas, but more rain is needed for this crop in Louisiana. Flax made good progress in the northern Great Plains, while the preparation for seeding buckwheat advanced in the Appalachian Mountain sections.

CORN.—Because of the prevailing cool weather, corn grew slowly in the northern Great Plains and to the eastward, while cultivation was further hindered by too much rain in the central and eastern portions of the principal producing area. Progress was very good where cultivated in Iowa, but many fields were weedy and the condition of the crop is poor to only fair, while cultivation is badly needed in Missouri where much corn ground is overgrown with grass.

On the whole, growth was very good in Illinois and was fair in southern Indiana, though slow in the north. The early-planted corn made fair growth in Ohio, except on lowlands where it was too wet, and the general condition of the crop is poor to fair. Better weather prevailed in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, the eastern portions of the Plains area, and generally in Atlantic Coast sections. It was too dry in the western portion of the Plains, however, while progress varied greatly in Texas depending on local rains.

COTTON.—The moderately warm weather with local showers favorably affected cotton in nearly all portions of the belt. While there was some interference with cultivation in limited areas in the central and more eastern portions of the belt, conditions, on the whole, were favorable for field work and cultivation made good progress.

Cotton made very good growth in Texas and its general condition is fair, though insects are still active, but with small damage; first bale marketed at Houston on June 28. Progress and condition were very good in Oklahoma, though the plants continued late, with some weevil reported in the southeast. Good to excellent advance was reported from Arkansas where fields are generally clean and cotton shows steady improvement. The dry, warm weather in Louisiana was helpful in combatting the weevil and these conditions also favored fair to very good growth.

Progress of the crop was fair to very good in Mississippi and Alabama, though some local shedding was reported from southeastern Mississippi, and stands are irregular in Alabama with a slight increase in weevil activity. The warm, sunny weather and local showers promoted rapid growth in Georgia where fields are well cultivated, while the hot sunshine and application of poison are holding the weevil in check. Growth was fair to very good in the Carolinas, as a rule, though excessive rains occurred in some sections which were unfavorable. Early plants were beginning to bloom in North Carolina with weevil reported in a few scattered places. The weather was generally favorable for cotton in Tennessee, the more western States, and in Florida, except it was too wet in the western portion of Florida.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Mostly very favorable in west and unfavorable in east. Corn, tobacco, sweet potatoes and minor crops good to excellent growth, but lowlands becoming grassy and considerable damage by heavy to excessive rains, washing and flooding in east-central latter part of week. Growth of cotton very good in west, but too much rain in east and central; much land too wet to cultivate. First blooms reported and weevil appearing in some scattered places.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Showery with excessive rains in sections of central and north, with grass accumulating rapidly, but elsewhere amounts insufficient. Condition and progress of cotton fair; squares forming rapidly in early crop. Weevil rather numerous and increasing to some extent due to showers. Corn vigorous; much of early crop laid by. Tobacco generally excellent; curing begun in some sections. Other crops improved.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Warm, sunny weather with occasional beneficial showers very favorable; in some few places too wet or too dry with minor damage. Growth of cotton continued excellent; mostly well cultivated and forming squares freely in all sections. Hot sun and poisoning holding weevil in check. Progress of corn excellent, but large areas need rain. Threshing wheat and oats not finished; some spring oats yet to harvest. Curing tobacco continues with excellent results.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Growth and condition of cotton very good, except in west where rain unfavorable; weevil inactive and fewer than last year for same period; few complaints of shedding. Cane, corn and peanuts mostly good. Setting sweet potatoes continued. Melons poor in west. Citrus doing well, except rain needed in south. Harvesting tobacco made good progress, but some local damage by budworms.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Favorable for growth of all crops, but showers interfered with cultivation locally and fields grassy in some sections. Growth and condition of corn, truck, fruits and minor crops mostly fair to good; stands of corn irregular. Progress and condition of cotton mostly fair to good; stands irregular; blooming and squaring in south and central portions where weevil also increasing somewhat with moderate to considerable damage locally.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Warm, with mostly light showers, except moderate to heavy rains in southeast. Growth of cotton and corn mostly fair, except early corn needing rains in northwest. Cotton shedding some in southeast. Progress of cane, fruit, gardens, pastures and truck generally good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Needed rains fell towards close of week in extreme south, but insufficient central and drought serious in north, with considerable damage in northwest to corn, fruit and truck. Dry weather and warmth favorable for combating boll weevil. Progress of cotton fair to very good; condition mostly fair to good and blooming in south. More rain needed for rice, pastures, sweet potatoes and minor crops.

Texas.—Houston: Moderate temperature with excessive sunshine and effective rains at one-third of reporting stations. Favorable for threshing and cultivation. Progress of ranges, corn, truck and minor crops ranged from poor to very good depending on local rainfall; condition rather poor to fair. Growth of cotton mostly very good; general condition fair; very good progress in chopping and cultivation. Weevil, fleas and grasshoppers still active locally; damage, as a whole, slight. Some complaints of shedding in extreme south. Amarillo: Range and livestock good.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Very hot early part week; moderate to heavy rains in south and east, but rains needed in north-central and northwest. Harvesting winter wheat and oats progressed rapidly in northern portion under ideal conditions; threshing under way in southern. Growth and condition of corn generally fair to excellent in central and east, but poor to fair in west where rain needed. Progress and condition of cotton generally fair to very good; crop late; some bloom and few weevil reported in southeast. Grasshoppers doing much damage in central and west, especially to cotton.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Growth of cotton very good to excellent; greater portion clean, chopped and well cultivated, but still grassy some localities; improvements continues; blooms and some bolls reported in south and west. Few weevil reported. Condition of cotton poor some localities; fair to very good elsewhere. Progress and condition of corn very good to excellent, except in few southern localities where too dry. Other crops good to excellent.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Favorable generally, but some small droughty areas. Growth of cotton very good and condition fair to very good; fruiting in most advanced fields and first blooms reported. Progress and condition of corn fair to excellent; well cultivated and some laid by; few tassels. Winter wheat fair to very good; nearly all in shock. Tobacco generally doing well. Sweet potatoes poor to very good; late plants scarce.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Warm, with local showers; heavy in north where cultivation delayed; more favorable in central and south. Farmers badly behind, but situation improving slowly. Wheat harvest advanced in south and beginning in north. Growth of corn excellent and condition very good; decided improvement. Growth of tobacco satisfactory; stand fair to good, but acreage somewhat reduced.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, July 4 1924.

With the exception of silks, for which there has been a more active demand, markets for textiles ruled generally quiet during the past week. The popularity of silks is at-

tributed as much to cheapness as to other things. Many low-priced garments of silk or cotton, as well as other mixtures, have held the attention of consumers to the exclusion of fabrics of a more staple character. As a result of the very low relative price on raw silk, merchants look forward to a continued vogue for the made-up articles. Furthermore, it has brought about a condition that makes cotton seem very high, and woolen goods higher than consumers want to pay. In regard to cotton goods, however, the Government July cotton report, issued on Wednesday this week, which placed the condition of the crop as of June 25 at 71.2, compared with 65.6 on May 25, left the cotton goods trade more or less on the anxious seat. The sharp decline in cotton values following the publication of the report again suggested a steady decline in cotton prices at a time when wholesalers should be booking business for the future. Although cotton goods have been selling far under the parity of raw cotton, there is now a fear that any persistent cotton decline will encourage buyers to hold off and cause further weakness and hesitation until the normal influence of the heavy curtailment of production begins to be felt more acutely. Nothing of interest developed in the market for woollens and worsteds, which remained inactive. The Government reports, however, to the effect that the supplies of world's wool are not increasing, gave reason for thought to those in the trade who have been expecting a break in prices for the manufactured product based upon raw material conditions. Buyers have been confining purchases to small lots covering immediate needs in the hope of lower values. In view of the raw wool situation together with the outlook for settlement of several threatening labor disputes, many are now of the opinion that better times are near at hand for the woolen and worsteds trade.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Demand for domestic cotton goods has been less active during the week. Retailers have been more inclined to confine their purchases to small filling-in lots, while wholesalers have been ordering in trifling quantities when doing any business at all. The quietness has been partly attributed to the fact that many buyers left the markets during the early part of the week for vacation purposes, acting on the assumption that little new business would come forward until after the holiday. The Government cotton report, issued during the week, which encouraged hopes for a larger yield this season and which caused a sharp decline in cotton values, likewise dampened the ardor of buyers. The cloth markets also weakened as a consequence of the drop in cotton prices following the publication of the Government report. Many traders, however, rather welcomed the break in cotton, as it gave them the impression that it will eventually assist in getting cloths down to a basis at which buyers will be willing to operate. There has been very little doing in sheetings. Prices are soft and most current quotations can be shaded on firm bids or in second hands. The low end of gingham and chambrays continues depressed, the best business passing being confined to goods for export. Many reports of further curtailment were received during the past few days, and a number of mills will take the occasion of the holiday to shut down three extra days. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7½c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6¾c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 10c., and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 13c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Although the markets for woollens and worsteds failed to develop any activity during the week the feeling was more cheerful during the early part owing to the outlook for a settlement of the clothing workers' strike which would eliminate the only threatening influence overhanging the men's wear division of late. At the present time, however, business is confined to small lots covering immediate needs. On the other hand, there has been freer buying of women's wear fabrics during the week resulting in increased operations at a number of mills. Piece goods factors could no doubt do a large business, but with a strike becoming more apparent again as a settlement of the differences between garment manufacturers and the workers' union becomes unlikely, the immediate future is again clouded.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: A sustained demand for dress linens from retailers all over the country continued to feature the market for linens. The color white was in particular request, and was said to represent about 25% of the total turnover. The remainder was distributed among other high colors which importers reported as moving out of their hands at a very good rate. On account of the phenomenal sale of custom linens the market is turning its attention to next season's style and selling prospects. Leading importers are agreed that the new season will feature novelty effects, such as weaving effects in self colors as well as some contrast combinations of woven yarns and printed effects. A good demand was noted for glass towelings, while huck towels were quiet, as was the household linen section. It is expected, however, that buyers will soon re-enter the market on a more liberal scale. Burlaps were firm during the early part of the week, but became easier during the latter part in sympathy with the downward tendency of the Calcutta market, and the temporary withdrawal of buyers. Light weights are quoted at 5.90c. and heavies at 8.70c.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Rows include Santa Rosa Co. Spec. Rd. & Bridge Dist. No. 3, Seattle, Wash., Sheridan, Wyo. (3 issues), Slab Fork Magisterial District, W. Va., Somerville, N. J., Upper Freehold Twp. S. D. N. J. (March), Webster Co. S. D. No. 31, Yellow Medicine County, Minn. (April).

d Subject to call in and during the earlier year and to mature in the later year. *But may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for May. These additional May issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$114,096,217.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN JUNE.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Rows include Alberta (Prov. of), Alberta Sch. Dist., Barton Twp., Ontario, Biprotest, Man., Cochrane, Ontario, Dartmouth, N. S., Dorval, Que., Dufferin Co., Ontario, Eastview, Ontario, Edmonton, N. B., Greater Winnipeg Water District, Grey R. M., Man., Huntsville, Ontario, Kindersley S. D., Saskatchewan, Kenora, Ontario, Kenora, Ontario, Manitoba (Province of), Moncton, N. B., Montreal Met. Water District, Quebec, New Glasgow, N. S., Ontario Co., Ontario, Peterborough, Ontario, Peterborough Co., Ontario, Quebec, Quebec, St. Jerome, Quebec, St. Joachim de Chateaugua, Quebec, Sandwich, Ontario, Saskatchewan S. D., Saskatchewan Sch. Dist., Saskatchewan S. D., Victoria, B. C., Wentworth Co., Ontario, Westbound R. M., Man., Windsor Roman Cath. Sep. Sch. Board, Ontario.

Total amount of debentures sold during June. \$8,816,952

r Refunding bonds.

NEWS ITEMS.

Avoca Drainage District (Sub Drainage District No. 1), La.—Final Date for Deposit of Bonds Further Extended.—Announcement has been made by the bondholders' protective committee that the time for the deposit of the 5% bonds, dated Aug. 15 1911 and Aug. 15 1914 (interest on which for Aug. 15 1923 and Feb. 15 1924 and principal due Feb. 1 1924 are in default, mentioned in V. 118, pp. 2984 and 3104), has been further extended until and including July 15 1924, after which date no further deposit will be accepted, except upon such terms as may be imposed by the committee. Approximately 80% of the entire issue of bonds has already been deposited, it is stated.

Canada (Government of).—Belief Expressed Here That Proposed \$300,000,000 Government Loan Will Be Floated In Canada.—An extract from the New York "Times" of July 3 said:

"Canada will be able to handle its refunding operations of 1924 without recourse to foreign markets, New York bankers said on July 2. While the House of Commons passed a resolution on Tuesday night (July 1) authorizing an issue of \$300,000,000 of bonds to meet maturing obligations, it is not expected that more than \$110,000,000 of these bonds will be issued this year. The balance will be available for future requirements.

"According to Canadian bankers, the market in the Dominion is under the same influences as that in New York, and current offerings are being absorbed readily. It was thought that a Canadian National Railways issue might be offered here, but the institutional demand for Government bonds has been so strong that it is expected little new capital will have to be drawn from outside countries.

On July 1 Hon. James A. Hobb, Acting Minister of Finance, gave out the following as a list of maturing obligations during the next three years:

On Nov. 1 1924 Victory bonds to the amount of \$107,955,150 will fall due. In addition there are Treasury bills outstanding to the total sum of approximately \$91,000,000. On May 1 1925 a bond issue will be come due in London amounting to \$24,333,000. On July 1 of the same year there will be a maturing obligation of \$80,800,000 and on Dec. 1 \$42,014,000. On the first of April 1926 a loan of \$25,000,000 falls due; in Nov. 1927 \$29,680,000 and in December of the same year \$65,000,000. The total obligations to be met up to the end of 1927 is \$382,184,000.

City of Trondhjen (Norway).—City Loan Offered in U. S.—This week White, Weld & Co., Brown Brothers & Co. and Blair & Co., Inc., all of New York, offered \$2,500,000 6 1/2% Sinking Fund External Loan gold bonds of this city, priced at 96 and accrued interest, to yield 6.85%.

Bonds are coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Dated July 1 1924. Interest payable January 1 and July 1. Principal and interest payable in time of war as well as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder, at the principal office of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, fiscal agent for the loan, in United States gold coin, without deduction for any Norwegian taxes, present or future. Due July 1 1944. Redeemable, at the option of the city, on any interest date, as a whole only (except through operation of the sinking fund) at 100 and accrued interest, after 60 days' notice. Sinking fund, commencing Oct. 1 1928, operating semi-annually, sufficient, it is stated, to retire not less than one-sixteenth of total issue each year through purchase in the market at not exceeding 100 or through call by lot at 100. It is further stated that the sinking fund is sufficient to retire entire issue at or before maturity. Other particulars issued in connection with this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Georgia (State of).—State Legislature Convenes.—The Georgia State Legislature convened in a regular yearly session on June 25.

Hungary (Kingdom of).—Part of State Loan Allotted to United States Offered by Bankers.—Speyer & Co., the Equitable Trust Co., Hayden, Stone & Co. and Hambleton & Co., all of New York, this week offered and quickly sold \$7,500,000 7 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds termed "State Loan of the Kingdom of Hungary 1924," at 87.50 and accrued interest, to yield about 8.85%. Bonds are coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Dated Aug. 1 1924. Interest payable Feb. 1 and Aug. 1. Principal and interest payable in New York at the office of Speyer & Co., in U. S. gold coin of present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Hungarian taxes, present or future. Due Feb. 1 1944. Not subject to redemption before Feb. 1 1934, except for sinking fund. Redeemable at any time on and after that date, at the option of the Government, with the consent of the trustees, as a whole (but not in part except for sinking fund), upon not less than six months' notice, at par and accrued interest. Cumulative annual sinking fund, beginning Feb. 2 1925, sufficient to redeem the entire issue at or before maturity, to be applied to redemption of bonds through purchase in the market, if obtainable at less than par and accrued interest, or, if not so obtainable, through annual drawings by lot at par and accrued interest.

The above bonds and £7,902,700 Sterling bonds offered simultaneously in London by Baring Brothers & Co., Ltd., N. M. Rothschild & Sons and J. Henry Schroder & Co. at 88, an average yield of 8.16% (also quickly taken up,) are part of an International Loan to be issued also in Czechoslovakia, Holland, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary and other countries, in various currencies, for amounts sufficient to yield to the Government in the aggregate an effective sum not exceeding the equivalent of 250,000,000 Hungarian gold crowns, or about \$50,650,000.

For further information on this loan the reader is referred to our department of "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Lorain, Ohio.—City Laid in Ruins by Tornado.—Property Damage Estimated at \$25,000,000.—On Saturday afternoon last a tornado which swept across northern Ohio took many lives and caused a property loss which, it is said, will run over \$30,000,000. Lorain was the hardest hit of a number of municipalities visited by the tornado and her property loss is estimated at \$25,000,000. Sandusky has a property loss estimated at \$1,500,000, Akron \$1,000,000 and Youngstown \$1,000,000. Other municipalities damaged include Cleveland, Mantua, Port Clinton, Alliance, Cedar Point, Vermilion, Elyria, Bay Village and Rocky River. The tornado also visited the cities of Pittsburgh and Erie in Pennsylvania, where it was deflected into the Alleghenies. An early estimate indicated that the property loss in Pittsburgh would probably be small and in Erie the loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Macon, Ga.—City's Bonds Placed on Legal List for Savings Banks in New York.—This week, as a result of a ruling made by the New York State Banking Department, the City of Macon, Ga., bonds were added to the list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks in New York State.

San Antonio, Tex.—Supreme Court Overrules Motion of Contestants for Rehearing in City Bond Election Case.—The Dallas "News" on June 29 had the following to say regarding this matter:

At its final session of the term Saturday (June 28), the Supreme Court overruled motions for rehearings in the cases of H. F. Wendover and E. B. Gares, contesting the San Antonio \$4,350,000 bond election held last December (see V. 118, p. 2680), but this does not end the litigation, because the Court did not pass upon the motions of Wendover and Gares for leave to file petitions for mandamus to require the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals to certify law questions to the higher Court. The mandamus motions go over to the next term, which opens Oct. 6. Not until the litigation is entirely disposed of will the Attorney-General approve the bonds, and without such approval the City of San Antonio will not be authorized to sell them. The motion for rehearing overruled Saturday was on the applications of Wendover and Gares for writs of error from the judgments of the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals, which upheld the validity of the bond election. The Supreme Court on June 12 dismissed the applications for want of jurisdiction and the contestants then asked for a rehearing.

City Attorney Joseph Ryan of San Antonio was present during Saturday's session of the Supreme Court.

Mention of previous steps in the above case was made in V. 118, p. 2342.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABILENE, Taylor County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver have purchased \$150,000 school and \$50,000 street improvement 5% bonds at 98.31.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Ritzville), Wash.—BOND SALE.—According to the "Commercial West" of June 28 Cantrell, Richards & Co. of Spokane recently purchased \$65,000 bonds for Donoghue Road No. 10 at a premium of \$646.50, equal to 100.87.

ALBANY, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lawrence J. Ehrhardt, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 14 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds:

- \$433,000 public improvement bonds, Series B, maturing \$21,650 on June 1 from 1925 to 1944 inclusive.
246,000 public improvement bonds, Series C, maturing \$16,400 on June 1 from 1925 to 1939 inclusive.
87,500 public improvement bonds, Series D, maturing \$8,750 on June 1 from 1925 to 1934 inclusive.
578,000 street improvement bonds for the year 1923, maturing \$95,700 on June 1 from 1925 to 1929 inclusive, and \$19,900 on June 1 from 1930 to 1934 inclusive.
700,000 water supply bonds, maturing \$17,500 on June 1 from 1925 to 1934 inclusive.

Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Chemical National Bank of New York.

The water supply bonds will bear interest at 4%, the other issues will bear interest at 4 1/4%. The City Comptroller will purchase for the city's sinking fund all of the above described bonds not of \$1,000 or \$500 denomination.

ALDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alden), Hardin County, Ia.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased \$6,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

ALSEN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cavalier County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$4,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on Feb. 9—V. 118, p. 577—were not sold.

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Williamston), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Local investors have purchased \$40,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

ANTIGO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Antigo), Langlade County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Continental and Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago has purchased \$100,000 school-building bonds.

ARLINGTON, Gilliam County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—According to the "Commercial West" of June 28, the voters recently authorized the issuance of \$25,000 water supply bonds by a count of 62 to 23.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Ashtabula), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,000 5% Whiting road improvement bonds offered on June 30 have been sold to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit for \$33,601, equal to 101.81, a basis of about 4.625%.

Table listing bond offers for Ashtabula County, Ohio, including names like W. K. Terry & Co., Braun, Bosworth & Co., Title Guar. & Tr. Co., etc., with their respective premiums.

AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Augusta), Bracken County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,000 5% school bonds offered on June 26—V. 118, p. 3104—were purchased by the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at 101.60.

BARBOURSVILLE, Cabell County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas Woodroffe, Village Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 22 for \$23,000 5 1/4% coupon second series street impt. bonds.

BEAUFORT, Carteret County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 6% registerable as to principal only or both prin. and int. street impt. bonds offered on April 24—V. 118, p. 1699—were purchased by Caldwell & Co. at 96.40.

BELLE VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,500 5 1/4% school bonds offered on Jan. 21—V. 118, p. 227—were purchased by the Tanner-Stephens Co. at a premium of \$1, equal to 100.01.

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 301 (P. O. Bellingham), Whatcom County, Wash.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$425,000 school bonds, submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on June 21 (V. 118, p. 2602), failed to carry.

BERLIN, Coos County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. July 7 by W. B. Gendron, City Treasurer, for \$75,000 coupon 4 1/4% public impt. bonds.

BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% school bonds offered on June 16 (V. 118, p. 2987) were purchased by the Bank of Italy at a premium of \$628.

Table listing bond offers for Beverly Hills School District, including Security Co., R. H. Moulton & Co., Stevens, Page & Sterling, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Wm. R. Staats, Bank of Italy.

BEXAR COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. San Antonio), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The J. E. Jarratt Co. has purchased \$15,000 6% school bonds at par.

BIG STONE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59, Williams County, No. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$10,000 5 1/4% building bonds offered on March 29—V. 118, p. 1173—were not sold.

BLAIRSVILLE, Indiana County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 1 the \$25,000 4 1/4% municipal building and paving bonds offered on that day—V. 118, p. 3224—were sold to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh at 103.44.

BLUE ASH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. July 16 by W. F. Kennedy, Clerk Board of Education, for \$35,000 5 1/4% school bonds.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE VILLAGE OF KIEF (P. O. Kief), McHenry and Sheridan Counties, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,500 negotiable coupon funding bonds offered on April 30 (V. 118, p. 2091) were purchased as 6 1/4% by Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at \$15,767.50.

BOSTON, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$2,000,000 has been sold to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston on a 2.14% interest basis.

BRADENTOWN, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—L. L. Hine, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. July 18 for \$20,000 park bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%.

BRANDYWINE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fairland R. R. No. 2), Shelby County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 28 by W. G. Bush, School Trustee, for \$14,000 5% school improvement bonds.

Table listing bond offers for Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Conn., including Harris, Forbes & Co., Bridgeport Trust Co., E. L. Day & Co., etc.

BRIDGEPORT, Morrill County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$33,000 5% refunding bonds at par.

BRONSON, Bourbon County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 5% improvement bonds offered on May 6 (V. 118, p. 2091) were purchased by Branch-Middlekauff, of Wichita.

BRYAN, Brazos County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$15,000 improvement bonds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—RECORD OF BORROWINGS MADE DURING JUNE BY CITY.—During the month of June, this city sold 4% short-term and long-term securities at par to the Commissioner of Finance and accounts for the account of various funds of the city as follows:

Table listing borrowing records for Buffalo, N.Y., including amounts and terms for various funds like playground bonds, certificates of indebtedness, etc.

BUFFALO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Kearney), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$325,000 5% negotiable bonds offered on June 23 (V. 118, p. 2988) were purchased by the Peters Trust Co., Northern Trust Co. and Bosworth, Chanute & Co.

BURLINGTON, Mount Holy County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter W. Marrs, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 15 for the following two issues of 4 3/4% coupon or registered bonds:

\$104,000 temporary improvement. Date May 3 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the National City Bank, New York City. Due \$1,000,000 yearly on July 3 from 1963 to 1965 incl.

BUTLER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 (P. O. Whitewater R. F. D. No. 1), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on June 21 (V. 118, p. 3105) were purchased by the First Trust Co. of Wichita at a discount of \$250.

CALIFORNIA (State of)—BOND SALE.—A syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York and including Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Redmond & Co., Eldredge & Co., Detroit Co. and Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., all of New York, and the Anglo-London-Paris Co., and the Bank of Italy bidding par plus a premium of \$181,500, equal to 106.05—

CAMDEN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ouachita County, Ark.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$125,000 school bonds offered on June 28 (V. 118, p. 2988) were rejected.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Rawlins), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 25 for \$15,000 6% school building bonds.

CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Centralia), Lewis County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased \$40,000 school bonds as 5 1/4%.

CHERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cherryville), Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on June 24 (V. 118, p. 3105) were purchased by Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$1,530.

CLAIBORNE PARISH (P. O. Homer), La.—SUIT FILED AGAINST \$800,000 ROAD BOND ISSUE.—We take the following from the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of June 30, regarding the proposed suit: "A suit to block the issuance of \$800,000 in bonds to build roads in Claiborne Parish, voted at an election April 25, has been filed by a group of Haynesville citizens. The suit was filed in the Third District Court here, a member of the suit, which seeks to annul the election, charges that one member of the Police Jury which called the election had moved from the ward which he represented. Proponents of the road-building program deplore the suit as needlessly delaying the work. They point out that a majority of the jury favored calling the election, disregarding the vote in question."

GENESEE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—CORRECTION IN INTEREST RATE.—The \$75,000 road bonds offered on May 5 (V. 118, p. 2219) were awarded as 5/8 to Braun, Fosworth & Co. of Toledo at 101.12, and not as 5s as stated in V. 118, p. 2245. Date May 1 1924. Due May 1 1926 to 1934 incl.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation \$176,500,615 Total bonded debt 1,399,800 Population 125,668.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds offered on June 26—V. 118, p. 3107—have been sold to Eldredge & Co. of New York at 103.64, a basis of about 4.20%: \$250,000 water extension bonds. Date July 1 1924. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1944.

300,000 sewer disposal system bonds. Date April 1 1924. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$20,000 1925 and \$10,000 1926 to 1953, incl.

The bids received were as follows:

Table of bids for Grand Rapids bonds, listing names like R. L. Day & Co., Seasongood & Mayer, Geo. H. Burr & Co., and various banks with their respective bid amounts.

GRAND RAPIDS, Itasca County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Grand Rapids has purchased \$20,000 refunding bonds as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$600, equal to 103.

GREAT NECK PARK DISTRICT OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% coupon park bonds offered on June 30—V. 118, p. 3107—were purchased by the Bank of Nassau Co. at 107.15—a basis of about 4.37%.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Linton was awarded the following 5% coupon bonds offered on June 26—V. 118, p. 3107—at par plus a premium of \$720, equal to 103.20:

5,000 Thomas Foster et al. road bonds. Denom. \$250. Due \$250 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

GREENVILLE, Washington County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Barry & Co. of New Orleans have purchased \$26,000 5 1/2% direct obligation bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924.

GRIFFITH SCHOOL TOWN (P. O. Griffith), Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 1 the \$58,000 5% school bonds, for which bids were originally called for April 2—V. 118, p. 1575—were sold to Thompson, Kent & Grace, Inc., of Chicago, at par. Date Feb. 15 1924.

GUERNEY COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 15 by B. F. Deselm, Secretary of Board of County Commissioners, for \$109,400 5 1/2% coupon I. C. H. No. 352 road bonds issued under authority of Sec. 6956 of the General Code.

HAGERSTOWN, Washington County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 7 by the Mayor for \$55,000 4 1/2% street construction and improvement coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Syracuse), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 6% funding indebtedness bonds offered on April 8—V. 118, p. 1701—were purchased by the Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo. on June 2 as 5s, at 98. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 11 1924.

HAMLET TOWNSHIP, Renville County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 12 by Earl Johnson, Clerk at the County Auditor's office in Mohall for \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 26 to vote on the question of issuing \$500,000 channel, fire boat and public railway extension bonds.

HARRISON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrison), Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The First Trust Co. of Harrison has been awarded the issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on June 26—V. 118, p. 3107—bidding 102.86 (for \$161,000 bonds), a basis of about 4.42%.

HARFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bel Air), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% public school improvement coupon bonds offered on June 30—V. 118, p. 3226—have been sold to Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date July 1 1924.

HERMON (P. O. Hermon), St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. to-day (July 5) by M. L. Knox, Town Clerk, for \$9,000 town bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924.

HIGHLAND FALLS, Orange County, N. Y.—OTHER BIDDERS.—We are in receipt of the following list of other bids submitted for the purchase of the \$35,000 coupon or registered street impt. bonds sold to Rutter & Co. of New York, as stated in V. 118, p. 3226:

Table of bidders for Highland Falls bonds, listing names like Clark, Williams & Co., Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. with bid amounts.

HILLSBORO, Highland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Aub & Co. of Toledo were awarded \$25,000 5 1/2% village's share street impt. bonds on June 28 for \$25,901, equal to 103.60.

HOPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Sulphur Springs), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$100,000 hospital bonds submitted to the vote of the people at the election held on June 21—V. 118, p. 2605—failed to carry.

HOWARD SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kingman R. F. D. No. 1), Parke County, Ind.—WARRANT OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. N. Burkhardt, School Trustee, until 1 p. m. July 19 for \$5,000 5% school warrants. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1924.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis have been awarded the \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding court house bonds offered on June 27—V. 118, p. 2605—for \$60,516—equal to 100.86. Date July 1 1924.

HUNTINGTON PARK UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids received for the \$750,000 5% school bonds purchased by the Anglo-London-Paris Co., M. H. Lewis & Co., Hunter, Dulin & Co., Banks, Huntley & Co., Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., as stated in V. 118, p. 3227:

Table of bids for Huntington Park Union High School District bonds, listing names like 1st. Nat. Bk., Huntington, City Trust Co., and Fletcher, Amer Co. with bid amounts.

IDAHO (State of)—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids received for the \$567,000 Treasury notes purchased by the Ralph Schneeloch Co. of Portland, as stated in V. 118, p. 3107:

Table of bids for Idaho Treasury notes, listing names like Ralph Schneeloch Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., and Palmer Bond & Mtge. Co. with bid amounts.

JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND AND CERTIFICATE SALE.—The following issues of bonds and certificates offered on July 1—V. 118, p. 3227—have been sold to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York, at 4.35s at 100.35, a basis of about 4.27%:

Table of bids for Jamestown bonds and certificates, listing names like 93,937 10 paving certificates, 18,000 00 bridge bonds, and Joliet Township High School District bonds.

JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Joliet), Will County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago have been awarded the \$250,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on June 25—V. 118, p. 3107—for \$255,735, equal to 102.89—a basis of about 4.295%.

JUNCTION CITY, Geary County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds registered by the State Auditor on May 28—V. 118, p. 3107—were purchased by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City on April 7 at par, less expenses. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1924.

KEYSER, Mineral County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore have purchased \$175,000 coupon water works bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date April 1 1923.

KITTITAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Ellensburg), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 12 by the County Treasurer, for \$12,000 6% school bonds. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

LAKEVIEW, Hall County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$14,000 school bonds.

LAKE WALES, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 10 by J. F. Woods, Town Clerk, for the following 6% bonds:

Table of bonds for Lake Wales, listing \$50,000 refunding bonds, \$55,000 golf course bonds, and \$25,000 park bonds.

LANSOWNE, Delaware County, Pa.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—Frank C. Wieweg, Borough Secretary, furnishes the following information in connection with the sale of the \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds sold to the Lansdowne National Bank of Lansdowne, as reported in V. 118, p. 1576. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1924. Int. M. & S. Due 1954.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 1/2% public improvement bonds offered on June 30—V. 118, p. 3108—have been awarded to Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and P. F. Cusick & Co. of New York at 101.20, a basis of about 4.05%. Due \$50,000 yearly on Jan. 1 1925 to 1929, inclusive.

LAWRENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (P. O. Lawrence), Douglas County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 8 by (Mrs.) C. E. Esterly, Clerk of the Board of Education, for \$100,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924.

TABLE ROCK, Pawnee County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on July 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,500 bonds.

TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 4½% street impt. bonds offered on June 30—V. 118, p. 3111—were purchased by Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York, at 101.53, a basis of about 4.32%. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 1935. The following bids were also received:

Name—	Bid.	Name—	Bid.
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., New York	101.07	First Tr. Co. of Tonawanda	101.258
Union National Corp., N. Y.	100.89	Fidelity Tr. Co. of Buffalo	100.778
		Parson, Son & Co., N. Y.	101.376

TROY, Lincoln County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$36,000 water works bonds.

UHRICHSVILLE, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 1 the \$71,014 60 5½% street improvement assessment bonds offered on July 1—V. 118, p. 2993—have been sold to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at 102.53, a basis of about 4.86%. Date July 1 1924. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$11,014 60 1925 and \$12,000 1926 to 1930, incl.

UPPER ARLINGTON (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5½% special assessment bonds offered on July 1 have been sold as follows to the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank of Columbus:

\$42,000 District No. 4 sewer addition bonds offered on July 1—V. 118, p. 2863—at 101.14, a basis of about 5.27%. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1925 to 1933, incl., except in 1929 when \$5,000 matures and \$5,000 1934.

322,000 certain streets improvement bonds offered on July 1—V. 118, p. 2993—at 100.78, a basis of about 5.34%. Due \$32,000 yearly on Oct. 1 1925 to 1933, incl., excepting the year 1929, when \$33,000 becomes due and \$33,000 1934.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—R. F. Davis, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 10 for \$14,000 5% Chas. Acton et al. highway construction bonds. Denom. \$700. Date July 1 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$700 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934, incl.

WALLINGTON, Bergen County, N. J.—CORRECTION IN AMOUNT OF BONDS SOLD—PRICE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York were awarded \$250,000 5½% coupon or registered school bonds on Jan. 15, and not \$125,000 as was stated in V. 118, p. 3111. The bonds were sold at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1923. Due 1964.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND AND NOTE OFFERING.—Frank S. Watters, City Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. (Central standard time) July 25 for the following bonds and notes:

\$84,400 5½% coupon property share notes issued under authority of Ordinance No. 1523. Date June 2 1924. Int. J. & D. 2. Due June 2 1925. Denom. \$1,000 and \$1,400.

45,000 5% coupon city's share paying bonds issued under authority of Ordinance No. 1537. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1933 inclusive.

4,500 5½% coupon city's share water main construction bonds issued under authority of Ordinance No. 1557. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date April 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1928 incl., and \$500 Oct. 1 1929.

56,000 5% coupon city's share paying bonds issued under authority of Ordinance No. 1558. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1925 to 1927 incl.; \$7,000, 1928; \$6,000, 1929; \$7,000, 1930, and \$6,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.

1,900 5½% coupon city's share sanitary sewer bonds issued under authority of Ordinance No. 1559. Denom. \$1,000 and \$900. Date April 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1925 and \$900, Oct. 1 1926.

137,000 5½% coupon city's share water main construction bonds issued under authority of Ordinance No. 1565. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1925 to 1930 incl.; \$8,000, 1931 to 1934 incl., and \$7,000, 1935 to 1943 incl.

Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$500, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Maryland.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids for the purchase of Series "I" of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District bonds, issued under the authority of Chapter 122 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1918, and amendments at the January Session of the General Assembly of 1924, in the sum of \$500,000, bearing 4½% interest payable semi-annually, and

dated July 1 1924, maturing in fifty years, redeemable in thirty years, will be received by the commission at its office in the Evans Building, Washington, D. C., until 3 p. m. July 11. These bonds, according to notice of offering, carry all the exemptions as to taxes of Maryland municipal bonds. Application has been made to the Public Service Commission of Maryland for approval of this issue. A cert. check for \$5,000 must accompany each bid. Circular furnished upon request and bids must be submitted on information contained therein.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 17 an issue of \$171,000 5½% road improvement bonds was sold to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo for \$179,087 60—equal to 104.72. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1924. Int. A. & O. Due 1 to 9 years.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Master), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 14 to vote on the question of issuing \$7,000 building bonds.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$100,000 has been sold to the First Nat. Bank of Boston on a 2.43% discount basis. Payable in 5 months.

WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP (Chesteron), Porter County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 26 the \$15,000 5½% coupon school bonds for which bids were called until May 24—V. 118, p. 2349—were awarded to the Chesteron Bank of Chesteron at 98.50, a basis of about 5.92%. Date June 26 1924. Due \$3,000 yearly on July 10 from 1926 to 1930, incl.

WEST ELIZABETH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 21 by C. F. Montgomery, Borough Secretary, for \$8,500 4½% impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly 1934 to 1937, incl., and \$1,500, 1938 to 1940, incl. Certified check for \$500 required.

WILSON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilson), Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 school bonds offered on June 27—V. 118, p. 2995—were awarded as 5s at 100.80, a basis of about 4.94%, to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo. Date July 1 1924. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1945 incl., and \$2,000, 1946 to 1953 incl.

WINFIELD, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. July 8 by H. H. Hanlen, City Clerk, for \$33,980 84 5% paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except one bond for \$480 84. Date July 1 1924. Due serially in ten years. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

WINNETT, Fergus County, Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$20,000 6% refunding bonds offered on Feb. 5 (V. 118, p. 338) were not sold. The bonds are still for sale.

WOODSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Woodville), Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4½% coupon bonds offered on July 1—V. 118, p. 3231—were purchased by Harris, Forbes & Co. at 100.48, a basis of about 4.42%:

\$25,000 "Electric Loan" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924. Payable \$2,000 May 1 1926 to 1937, incl., and \$1,000 May 1 1938.

15,000 "Water" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924. Payable \$1,000 May 1 1926 to 1940, incl.

WOOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wooster), Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) July 10 L. A. Woodard, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids for \$53,000 5% coupon building and equipment bonds issued under authority of Sections 7625 to 7628 incl. of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Commission of the district. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1925 to 1934 incl., and \$3,000, 1935. A cert. check drawn upon a solvent bank or trust company, other than the bidder, payable to the order of the Board of Education for 2% of the amount of the bonds bid for, must accompany each bid. The proceedings for the issuance of these bonds have been taken under the direction of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, bond attorneys of Cleveland, Ohio, and their approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without additional cost.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND SALE.—John E. Price & Co. of Seattle have purchased \$35,000 7% road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1924.

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY (P. O. Granite Falls), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$349,726 drainage bonds offered on April 23—V. 118, p. 1824—were purchased by the Minneapolis Trust Co. on April 23 as 5s at a premium of \$6,305, equal to 101.77. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N.). Due 6 to 20 years.


YORK, York County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 15 by E. A. Hall, Mayor, for \$35,000 not exceeding 6% water and sewerage bonds. Due in 20 years. A certified check for \$500 required.

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ALBERTA (Province of).—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$750,000 15-year bonds was awarded, on June 30, to a Toronto syndicate, composed of A. E. Ames & Co., Dominion Securities Corp. and Wood, Gundy & Co., on a bid of 96.88. Other bids included Gairdner, Clarke & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., 96.78; Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Matthews & Co., R. A. Daly & Co., 96.72.

BIPOST, Man.—BOND SALE.—C. H. Burgess & Co. during the month of June purchased \$11,000 6% 20-installment bonds at 102.20.

COCHRANE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Gairdner, Clarke & Co. have purchased \$40,000 5½% 20-installment debentures, guaranteed by the province of Ontario, at 100.783, the money costing 5.40%. Bids were as follows:

Gairdner, Clarke & Co.	100.783	A. E. Ames & Co.	100.09
Bain, Snowball & Co.	100.647	Dyment, Anderson & Co.	100.07
Wood, Gundy & Co.	100.32	Macneil, Graham & Co.	99.37

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that an issue of \$25,000 5% 5-year bonds has been sold to the Nova Scotia Trust Co. at 97, the money costing 5.70%. An issue of \$5,000 5% 20-year debentures was awarded to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. at 97.17, which is equal to a cost basis of 5.23%. Tenders for both issues were as follows:

Nova Scotia Trust Co.	97.00	5 Years.	20 Years.
J. C. Mackintosh & Co.	96.19	95.25	97.17
W. F. Mahon & Co.	96.80	96.19	95.72
Johnston & Ward	96.64	95.42	96.67
Eastern Securities Co.			
H. M. Bradford & Co.			

DORVAL, Que.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 6% 10-year bonds, reports say, has been sold to Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., at 101.13, the money costing 5.85%. Tenders were as follows:

Rene T. Leclerc, Inc.	101.13	Municipal Debentures Corp.	99.79
Wood, Gundy & Co.	101.11	Dominion Securities Corp.	99.635
Credit Anglo Francais, Ltd.	101.03	Versailles, Vidricaire & Bou-	
A. P. B. Williams, Mead & C.	100.77	lais, Ltd.	99.26
A. E. Ames & Co.	100.38	Le Pret Municipal	98.52
L. G. Beaubien & Co.	100.05		

GREATER WINNIPEG WATER DISTRICT, Que.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., First National Bank of New York and McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., has purchased an issue of \$1,040,000 5% 20-year gold water works system bonds at 97.287 New York funds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.), payable in gold at the Bank of Montreal in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg or New York City. Due July 1 1944. The bonds are coupon bonds, registerable as to principal. The legality of the bonds is to be approved by E. G. Long, Esq., K.C. Alternative bids were called for 20 and 3 year bonds. The bids were as follows:

Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., First National Bank of New York, McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd.	97.287	20-Year.	3-Year.
A. E. Ames & Co., Bankers Trust Co., Old Colony Trust Co. and Coffin & Burr	96.29	99.59	99.41
Wood, Gundy & Co. and National City Co.	95.839	99.29	
Harris, Forbes & Co.	96.17	100.10	
Dominion Securities Corp. and Dillon, Read & Co.		99.329	
Bank of Montreal		100.27	

Financial Statement (Greater Winnipeg Water District).

Assessed value for taxation	\$173,835,820
Total debenture debt	17,073,112
Less sinking fund	904,250
Net debenture debt	16,168,862
Population, 246,476.	Area, 52.34 square miles.

HUNTSVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$35,500 5½% 30-installment bonds has been sold to the Dominion Bank at par.

KENORA, Ont.—BOND SALE.—C. H. Burgess & Co. on June 23 purchased the following issues of refunding bonds at 97.34: \$20,000 00 6% public imp. bonds. Date March 1 1924. Due March 1 1944. Int. M. & S. 11,217 94 5½% road construction bonds. Date July 19 1924. Due Dec. 1 1953. Int. J. & D. Denom. \$500.

MANITOBA (Province of).—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,118,000 5% bonds has been sold to Wood, Gundy & Co. Due Aug. 18 1943.

MONTREAL METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, Que.—BASIS—BIDS.—The two issues of 5½% municipal bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., at 102.17, as stated in V. 118, p. 3232, at that price mean a cost basis of 5.23% to the district. The bids were as follows:

	Canada Funds.	U. S. Funds.
Harris, Forbes & Co.; Hanson Bros.; Rene T. Leclerc, Inc.;		
R. A. Daly & Co.; Matthews & Co.	96.819	---
A. E. Ames & Co.; Wood, Gundy & Co.; National City Co.; Greenshields & Co.	96.689	97.03
Dominion Securities Corp.; Dillon, Read & Co.	96.033	97.049
Gairdner, Clarke & Co.; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.;		
C. H. Burgess & Co.	95.637	---
E. H. Rollins & Co.; R. A. Daly & Co.; Wm. R. Compton & Co.		96.9578
National City Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.		95.9066
Union Bank; Sisto & Co.; Brandon, Gordon & Waddell;		
Miller & Co.		95.01

Financial Statement (Greater Winnipeg Water District).

Assessed value for taxation	\$173,835,820
Total debenture debt	17,073,112
Less sinking funds	904,255
Net debenture debt	16,168,857
Population	246,476

ST. JOACHIM DE CHATEAUGUAY, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is stated that an issue of \$18,000 6% 18-year debentures has been sold to Municipal Debentures Corp. at 100.85, the money costing 5.42%. Tenders were as follows: Municipal Debentures Corp.—100.85 | L. G. Beaubien & Co.—99.61 | J. C. Trudeau.—100.20

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURE SALES.—The "Monetary Times" gives the following as a list of debentures reported sold by the Local Government Board from June 6 to 13: Kinley, \$5,000 6½%, 10 years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; La Plaine, \$600 6¼%, 5 years, to Regina P. S. Sinking Fund; McPherson, \$2,700 6½%, 15 years, to Rosetown Sinking Fund.

WENTWORTH COUNTY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Bidding par, Bird, Harris & Co. were awarded an issue of \$547,000 5% 20-year bonds on June 29. Other tenders were received from A. E. Ames & Co., \$98.334; Nesbitt, Thomson Co., \$97.89; Macneil, Graham & Co., \$98.07; Gairdner, Clarke & Co., \$98.09; Bain, Snowball Co., \$97.967; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., \$98.19.

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