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The Financial Situation.

Indications point to improving trade, though the signs are not yet very pronounced or very general. The textile trades are certainly getting into better shape. The statement hardly seems to comport with the Census figures of cotton consumption issued the present week and showing 389,860 bales (of lint and linters) consumed in June the present year, against 590,970 bales in June last year. There is nothing suggestive of activity in such figures as these. And yet the drastic nature of the decline lies obviously at the bottom of the improvement. Curtailment has been carried to such extremes that the markets are now absolutely bare of goods. Neither wholesalers, retailers or jobbers are carrying stocks of goods of any consequence. But the ever-present needs of a population of 110,000,000 are sure to make themselves felt sooner or later, and this is the stage apparently which has now been reached.

Where of course there has been overproduction and stocks are heavy or burdensome, as in the case of petroleum and its products, the situation is different. In such instances accumulated stocks must first be worked off, and that can only be done by restricting the output for a time. But in most industries restriction has been under way for at least four or five months, that is since the early part of March. Accordingly, consumption has overtaken production and is fast eating up accumulated supplies, and there is no way of replenishing these supplies except by resuming the normal processes of production. There is reason to think that something like this has been going on in the copper trade, as well as in the textile trades, while in the case of the iron and steel industry curtailment has been on such a prodigious scale that it would seem recovery there cannot be much longer delayed.

Of course there are still some uncertain factors in the situation which may serve to upset all calculations. Foremost among these is the prospect of the Dawes plan for the rehabilitation not alone of Germany but, it may truthfully be said, for the rehabilitation of the whole of Europe, for the nations of Europe, it would seem, will have to stand or fall together in that regard. And as far as the United States is concerned, our export trade will be more or less dependent upon the outcome. The problem is now being discussed in the Inter-Allied Conference, which has been in progress in London the present week, and candor compels the statement that some of the developments have been such as to furnish real occasion for misgivings as to whether the Dawes scheme is not to meet the same fate as all antecedent efforts of the same kind because of the recalcitrant attitude of France. As against this, however, there is a favoring factor of large importance. We have reference to the circumstance that there has been a tremendous rise during the last five or six weeks in the prices of agricultural products. Wheat has risen 30 cents or more a bushel, corn 40 cents and hogs are ruling at the best figures since last October. The result has been to add greatly to the purchasing power of the agricultural classes. One estimate is that it has added 1,000 million dollars to the wealth of the farmers. This cannot fail to contribute powerfully to the revival of trade, even if the deliberations of the Inter-Allied Conference should end in another fiasco.

The foreign trade of the United States for the fiscal year ending with June shows a considerable increase as to exports of merchandise for the past twelve months in comparison with both preceding fiscal years, while merchandise imports are reduced in value as compared with the preceding year, but run almost 1,000 million dollars above those of two years ago. The June statement, however, shows merchandise exports of only \$307,000,000, as against \$334,949,901 for May and comparing with \$319,956,953 in June 1923. The value of merchandise imports was \$277,000,000; for the preceding month the imports were \$302,999,517, and for June 1923, \$320,233,799. Both imports and exports in June were smaller than for the preceding month; also, they were reduced as compared with the corresponding month a year ago—in fact, June exports were smaller in value than for any month in nearly two years, excepting only the months of February and July 1923, and the same is true of imports, the exceptions in the latter case being October 1922 and August 1923. During the past twelve months imports have been smaller in value than for the corre-

sponding month of the preceding year in nine months out of twelve, but exports have shown increases each month excepting only March of this year, when there was a reduction of but 0.5%, and last month, when the loss was 4.1%.

The increase in the value of merchandise exports for the past fiscal year has amounted to 9.0%, but a considerable part of this is due to the larger exports during that period of raw cotton and the higher price at which that commodity has sold. This situation has existed throughout nearly the entire year—at least since September last, and continued during June. The export value of cotton for the month just closed has not been officially announced, but cotton exports in June this year were 230,979 bales and in June 1923 214,851 bales. The value of cotton exports last month will exceed \$34,600,000, whereas for June 1923 it was \$31,091,860. Total merchandise exports during June this year are \$12,956,000 less than in June 1923; omitting raw, there is a decrease for June this year of \$15,332,000.

For the twelve months ending with June, merchandise exports were \$4,311,625,797, as compared with \$3,956,733,373, and \$3,771,156,489 for the two preceding fiscal years, 1923-22 and 1922-21, respectively. During the same period merchandise imports were as follows: 1924-23, \$3,557,147,532; 1923-22, \$3,780,958,965, and 1922-21, \$2,608,079,008. The excess of exports over imports for the latest fiscal year is \$754,478,265, and compares with \$175,774,408 for the preceding fiscal year and \$1,163,077,481 for the fiscal year of 1922-21. As noted above, the movement of cotton abroad was very heavy during the past year and prices were somewhat higher during the latest year. With June last estimated, the value of cotton exports for the fiscal year just ended was \$904,200,000—for the preceding fiscal year cotton exports amounted to \$658,982,855, an increase for the year just closed of \$245,218,000.

Gold imports for June were valued at \$25,181,117 and exports only \$268,015, the former the smallest of any month since June 1923, and the latter the smallest of any month for a number of years, possibly many years. For the twelve months of the fiscal year, gold imports were \$417,025,638, which contrasts with \$284,089,550 in the preceding fiscal year and exports \$10,206,941, compared with \$49,021,975 for the fiscal year 1923-22. There is no record for a year of exports less than \$13,500,000 back to 1870. Silver imports and exports show little change except a steady increase in the exports; imports last month were \$4,870,389 and exports \$8,648,499. For the twelve months of the fiscal year imports were valued at \$79,939,985, which contrasts with \$64,947,025 for the preceding fiscal year, and exports \$98,785,586, against 55,906,956 for the preceding fiscal year.

The Inter-Allied Conference began its sessions in the British Foreign Office in London on Wednesday, July 16. Prime Minister MacDonald presided, made the address of welcome and was elected permanent chairman. Ambassador Kellogg replied for the United States. Great prominence was given to the part that it was expected the United States would take in the proceedings. At the first session three committees were appointed that were expected to do most of the important work of the Conference. A spirit of optimism as to the outcome was said to have prevailed in London, but both Paris and Berlin

were reported as being quite pessimistic from the start. Premier Mussolini of Italy was the only head of an important Allied Power who did not attend the Conference. The Paris and London dispatches on Thursday and yesterday emphasized the point that the first big question to be decided at the Conference is an international loan to Germany. Owen D. Young was quoted in a Paris and Berlin paper as outlining conditions on which America would participate in the loan in a large way. The Paris cablegrams last evening relative to the Conference were not encouraging. There were rather distinct indications of a break between France and Great Britain on the most important features of the Dawes plan.

Premier Herriot of France received a vote of confidence in the Senate on the evening on July 11. The vote was 246 to 18 and was given to enable him to go to the London Conference with the support of the Upper House. According to the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," before receiving the vote "Premier Herriot agreed to accept the Nationalist theme that the five, ten and fifteen-year delays for the evacuation of the Rhine bridgeheads had not yet, almost five years after the Treaty of Versailles went into effect, begun to run." The correspondent explained that "M. Millerand, when he was Premier three years ago, first enunciated the doctrine that until Germany began to currently fulfill her treaty obligations, the periods fixed for the Rhineland evacuation had not begun. Premier Poincare made this point one of the foundations of his foreign policy." Continuing, he suggested that "Premier Herriot's acceptance of this position is especially significant now, because the Germans demand that in return for accepting the Dawes plan, they shall obtain definite assurances as to the Rhineland occupation, and it is their view that in next January, when the treaty shall have been in effect for five years, that Cologne should be evacuated. While Premier MacDonald of Great Britain has made no statement on this point, other leaders in the British Labor Party have said that the British should withdraw." Attention was drawn to the fact that "M. Poincare, who issued such a long warning to Premier Herriot last night, voted for him to-night with the understanding that he would be held in strict accounting for his work in London."

Prior to receiving the vote of confidence in the Senate, Premier Herriot made a speech in which he outlined some of the difficulties with which he was confronted in going to the London Conference and made a plea for co-operation and a minimum of party politics. In his account of the speech the New York "Times" correspondent said that, "confronting the Senate frankly with the knowledge that a majority of its members really were against him, Premier Herriot said he regretted that the debate preliminary to the London Conference had gone so far. He protested against being tied with chains, but said that he would try to bear some of them. Admitting the serious divergence between the British and French views, he said that the good-will of Premier MacDonald, which he was trying to match, was the best factor in the situation. He asked the Senate to forget the bitter dispute which arose over the Chequers meeting, and to pay attention only to the most recent statement of the two Premiers. Premier Herriot urged the necessity of putting the experts' plan into force at once and said that General

Dawes and his colleagues had recommended co-operation between the Allies and Germany, and that he and Premier MacDonald were going to try to permit the minimum of politics to enter into their negotiations. His statement that he would protect the Commission on Reparations brought a number of interruptions from those who had observed that Premier MacDonald, in his speech last night in the House of Commons, showed that he had not accepted the French view." That the Premier's chief political opponents did not intend to give him whole-hearted support was shown by the fact that "M. Poincare dryly remarked that while what M. Herriot said was interesting the agreement he would bring back from London would be more important. The former Premier asked the Senate to permit Premier Herriot to go to London and to reserve its judgment for fruits in his labors. In fact, before the end of the debate M. Poincare was defending Premier Herriot."

The Inter-Allied Conference was looked forward to in London with considerable optimism, according to a dispatch July 13 from the representative at that centre of the New York "Herald-Tribune." He said that "the MacDonald Government takes an optimistic view of the prospects of an agreement on the basis of the experts' report." He admitted that "there nevertheless remains a feeling of deep concern, largely because the political position of the Herriot Government is none too secure, and the French Premier consequently must consider the Poincare opposition in connection with every step he takes at the London gathering." Still he maintained that "the chances of reaching a settlement with Germany are considered excellent, but if the negotiations this week should break down Allied diplomacy would suffer a severe blow." Much importance was attached to the attitude of the United States representatives and the part that they would take in the proceedings. With respect to these questions the correspondent observed that "from an American point of view one of the most interesting features of the gathering lies in the fact that an American representative will not only sit in on the discussions but take a more important part in them than have 'American observers' at previous international gatherings."

It was assumed that the attitude of the leaders of political groups opposed to Prime Minister MacDonald, as disclosed in the debate in the House of Commons that was to take place last Monday, would show the support or lack of opposition on which he could count as he went into the Inter-Allied Conference two days later. It was known that the "whole question of the Dawes report, the Inter-Allied Conference and the Prime Minister's visit to Paris would be discussed." It was understood that former Prime Ministers Asquith and Baldwin would speak for their respective parties, and also that "other speakers were expected to include Mr. Lloyd George."

The debate, which had been postponed from the previous Thursday at the request of Prime Minister MacDonald, took place last Monday with rather more favorable results than might have been expected. In his account of the proceedings the New York "Times" correspondent said that "in the House of Commons to-day there was what is called a full dress debate upon the Inter-Allied Conference." Continuing he added: "Chief among features of this debate was the question of what part America would play in the matter. The discussion was opened by

former Premier Herbert Asquith, leader of the Liberal Party, who began by saying that no party in this country wished to hamper the Labor Prime Minister in his negotiations in the 'Council Chamber of the World.' Former Premier Stanley Baldwin, speaking for the Conservatives, conveyed assurances that if Premier MacDonald succeeded in effecting a settlement there would be no envy of his success. Austen Chamberlain at the close of the debate said that every party in the House should seek to secure wherever possible association with the United States in such ways and under such conditions as might be possible to the American people." The New York "Herald-Tribune" correspondent, in giving an outline of Prime Minister MacDonald's reply, quoted him as asserting that "I shall do my level best to carry out the aims I am out to secure. These are: first, to secure a complete unity between France and ourselves, not to be gained at this Conference, but to be begun at this Conference, and secondly, that France, we ourselves and the rest of our Allies shall give security to the investors in the £40,000,000 loan to Germany." The correspondent also declared that, "as a result of this debate, Premier MacDonald will go into Wednesday's Conference assured of the united backing of all the British parties, but, whereas to-day Herbert Asquith's speech was friendly and bantering, Stanley Baldwin was unusually recriminatory for that mild-mannered and easy-going leader." Continuing to outline his position and that of the British Government, "the British Premier emphatically asserted that there would be no program of sanctions, but only a general declaration of united interest in case of default. He agreed with Asquith that so far as the question of security for France was concerned there could only be a general pooling of interests and a bi-lateral pact in which Germany would be an equal partner." Commenting upon the matter of security he suggested that "as the French military authority remarked, the problem of French security is the problem of European peace." The correspondent noted that "the Prime Minister, admitting that France regarded the Treaty of Versailles as 'something akin to the Ark of the Covenant,' said significantly: 'While we must give France every security under the Treaty of Versailles, we must be exceedingly careful that France doesn't extend the legal provisions of the treaty.'"

The representatives of the various Allied Governments at the Conference began to arrive in London on Monday. Most of them reached there on Tuesday. Premier Mussolini of Italy did not come, but was represented by a large delegation. It became known definitely on the latter day that while Ambassador Kellogg will be the only accredited representative of the United States, "throughout the deliberations Colonel James A. Logan Jr., who has followed the complexities of the reparations problem from the beginning, will sit beside the Ambassador as his official adviser. Four other Americans, two from the Embassy and two of Colonel Logan's assistants, will be included in the Conference Secretariat." London also learned that "the only other American who is likely to participate is Owen D. Young, who was a member of the Dawes Committee on the German budget and currency problem and was the General's chief aid in drawing up the experts' proposals." The Associated Press correspond-

ent added that "it is expected that Mr. Young will be asked to take a most important administrative post under the experts' scheme—that of General Agent of Reparations, who will receive all reparations payments from Germany through the new bank of issue and transfer them to the Allies according to the Transfer Committee's recommendations."

The Paris "Matin" announced on Tuesday that "Owen D. Young has accepted an offer of the position of Agent General of Reparations under the Dawes plan." The New York "Times" representative cabled that "as such he will head the transfer commission which will receive all reparations payments made by Germany and deposit them to the account of the Allies." He even added that "in this capacity he may be invited to sit in the Reparations Commission as the American member to act as arbitrator and safeguard the interests of investors in the proposed £40,000,000 loan to Germany, if the proposals of Premiers MacDonald and Herriot are adopted by the London Conference." According to an Associated Press dispatch from London the next afternoon, "Owen D. Young, member of the Dawes Committee of Experts, declared on that day that neither the position of Agent General of Reparations nor any other post under the Dawes plan had been offered to him. Therefore, he said, the question of his acceptance does not arise." The correspondent admitted that "it is generally assumed in British and American circles that if the London Conference is successful and the Dawes plan is put into effect Mr. Young will be asked to take one of the most important posts, probably that of Chairman of the Transfer Committee, otherwise known as Agent General of Reparations." He said "the appointment would be made by the Reparations Commission, but officials consider it absurd to assert that such an appointment has been made before the London Conference has started its deliberations."

The Conference began its sessions in the British Foreign Office Wednesday morning, July 16. The Associated Press correspondent at that centre cabled that "the Conference is recognized by the press as the most important gathering of Allied statesmen and diplomatists since the signing of the Versailles Treaty." He added that "since this treaty, there have been fourteen conferences, each aiming at a settlement of European problems, and hope is expressed earnestly that the fifteenth will finally bring order out of chaos." Continuing he said that "it is believed the labors of the Conference will end satisfactorily in about a fortnight. The hope is based mainly on two circumstances, that the concrete issue before the Conference is the Dawes scheme and that the United States will participate in the deliberations."

In outlining the proceedings at the first session the correspondent stated that "Premier MacDonald, in opening the Conference, made especial reference to the presence of the two Americans, who, although not full delegates, indicated by their presence, he said, the good-will of the United States and its co-operation in the effort to give effectiveness to the Dawes plan." He said that "Ambassador Kellogg, in reply, declared the Americans were present in the same spirit of co-operation and helpfulness as the Allied delegates, the American Government and people believing that, to make the Dawes plan effective

would be the first notable step toward European stabilization." Much prominence was given by American correspondents in their cable dispatches the day before to the big part that undoubtedly the Americans would play throughout the Conference. In his account of the first session on Wednesday, the Associated Press representative also said that "the British Prime Minister, in his address, characterized the Dawes report as an instrument for breaking new ground in the reparations problem because it provided means for the reconstruction of Germany and, at the same time, means for the Allies to obtain compensation for the war damages. He urged the Conference to devote itself wholly to the task of making the Dawes plan effective, and recommended that the delegates follow the business-like methods of the men who had compiled the experts' report." Continuing the correspondent said: "During the opening session, which lasted two hours, responses were made to the British Premier's address of welcome by Premier Herriot of France, Premier Theunis of Belgium, Minister of Finance De Stefani of Italy and Baron Hayashi of Japan, in addition to Ambassador Kellogg. The American representatives sat at the horseshoe table to the left of the British delegation. After Premier MacDonald had been chosen Chairman of the Conference and committees appointed to work out the agenda, the Conference adjourned until tomorrow."

Apparently after adjournment further prominence was given to the attitude of the American representatives. The Associated Press correspondent cabled that "after the conclusion of the session, a member of the French delegation reiterated the satisfaction M. Herriot had already expressed concerning the tenor and spirit of the remarks of the American spokesman. Discussing Mr. Kellogg's speech, this member of the French delegation said there could be no minimizing of the fact that, as the Conference opened, the English and French points of view were widely divergent on such fundamental questions as the extent to which Germany would participate in the Conference; the powers of the Reparations Commission, and the manner in which the sanctions would be applied in the event Germany defaulted her obligations under the Dawes scheme. Tremendous as these issues were in the opinion of this French spokesman, their solution, he said, would be easier now that both England and France were assured of the full co-operation of the American Ambassador to Great Britain. He thought the most hopeful aspect of the first session was the genuine enthusiasm with which both the French and British Prime Ministers had received Ambassador Kellogg's speech." At the first session "three committees were appointed by the Conference—the first to investigate the best method of guaranteeing security for the proposed loan to Germany and finding penalties in case of German default; the second to investigate the best method of establishing the fiscal and economic unity of Germany, and the third to inquire into distribution and utilization of payments in kind from Germany." The New York "Herald-Tribune" correspondent said that "easily the most important of these committees is the first, and if the Conference should fail it will be because of inability to reach an agreement as to whether the Reparations Commission or, as suggested by the British, some other body, shall have the power to declare Germany in default."

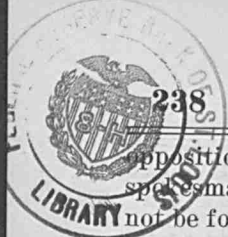
Much has been said in cable messages from the leading European capitals, and in this country, as to the importance of putting the Dawes plan into effect. On July 16 the London correspondent of the Associated Press cabled that "the Reparations Commission to-day laid down what should, in its opinion, constitute 'the putting into operation of the Dawes plan.' These conditions, five in number, were adopted unanimously at a long day and night session. They are: 1. Voting by the Reichstag in a form approved by the Reparations Commission of laws necessary to the working of the plan and promulgation of these laws. 2. Installation with a view to their normal working of all the executive and controlling bodies provided in the plan. 3. Definitive Constitution in conformity with the provisions of the respective laws of the German bank and of the German Railway Co. 4. Deposit with the trustee of certificates representing railway bonds and such similar certificates for industrial debentures as may result from the report of the organization committee. 5. Conclusion of contracts assuring the subscription of a loan of 800,000,000 gold marks as soon as the plan has been brought into operation, and all the conditions contained in the experts' report have been fulfilled."

No surprise was caused when "French representatives at the Inter-Allied Conference announced to-day [Thursday] their determination to insist that subscription by bankers of the loan to Germany be made a condition precedent to putting the Dawes reparations plan formally into effect." The Associated Press correspondent said that "they declared the economic unity of Germany could not be restored until the proposed loan was underwritten." He added that "the statement was made before the French officials entered a meeting of the committee formed by the Conference to deal with the authority of the Reparations Commission in respect to the action to be taken in the event of possible default of Germany in the execution of the Dawes scheme." Continuing his account of this development in the conference situation the correspondent said: "The French spokesman said his delegation regarded the flotation of the £40,000,000 loan to Germany as the only basis on which the Dawes plan could be launched. His colleagues, he said, would not necessarily insist that the funds actually be subscribed, but they regarded it as fundamental that the bankers should have taken up the shares before France could recognize that the Dawes plan had begun to operate. When asked whether he thought British and American bankers, upon whom main dependence to underwrite the loan is being placed, would agree to France's proposal, he said he thought there would be no difficulty in convincing the financiers of the reasonableness of the French position. France's viewpoint, he insisted, is absolutely justified by the decision reached by the Reparations Commission at its last meeting in Paris, when it was decided that assurances that the loan would be subscribed must be among the conditions determining the actual starting of the Dawes plan."

In an interview in the Paris "Matin" on Thursday, Owen D. Young "laid down what he considers to be the three governing conditions for participation of American capital in the loans necessary to put the Dawes plan in operation. They are: First, accord with Germany. The American people will

not lend if force is the only guarantee and will require that Germany accept the contract. Second, certainty that Germany will not be troubled by unforeseen or unjustified exterior intervention; in other words, there must be a guarantee of tranquillity. Third, assurance that the German revenues designed to repay the loans will not be diverted from that purpose and seized by a foreign Power." The Berlin "Zeitung am Mittag" printed an interview with "a Dawes expert," who was believed to be Mr. Young, in which he was quoted as outlining the American position in part as follows: "The United States Government wishes the promptest possible carrying out of the Dawes report in the form set forth with quite sufficient clearness by the experts. The United States Government cannot accept anything not expressing the authentic spirit of the Dawes report and cannot accept any positive adherence to the Versailles Treaty or its organs in the carrying out of the Dawes report. The experts adhere to their standpoint that their report needs no interpretation. Everything necessary to carrying it out is already written in the report. We have not said that German economic unity must be restored when Germany has carried out the Dawes report. What we did say positively was that Germany's economic unity was to be restored as soon as Germany took steps toward carrying out the plan and we called the restoration of German economic unity a pre-requisite of our plan. Every word in the report can be interpreted in only one way. According to our viewpoint, Germany will have taken the steps toward carrying out the report when she has balanced her budget, enacted the necessary Reichstag laws and issued the necessary railway and industrial bonds. We explicitly stated in the report that during the first two years Germany would suffer economically and financially several great 'Dawes crises,' and it is not until after these that the bonds are to be negotiated. One thing is quite clear: the Dawes plan does not begin to live and function until the first loan has been raised, and this loan can be raised only if German economic unity is assured."

While a plenary session of the Conference was not held on either Thursday or Friday, it was claimed in the London cable dispatches that substantial progress was made by the committees in their work. The New York "Herald-Tribune" correspondent said that, "despite reports of friction, it can be stated authoritatively on behalf of both the French and the British that the negotiations thus far have been marked by complete harmony." Statements appearing in an Associated Press cable message from Paris last evening did not tend to substantiate the latter assertion. It was claimed in that dispatch that "France will not yield her opposition to the British proposal by which the Agent General of Reparations Payment and trustee for the foreign bondholders of the loan to Germany would be vested with large preliminary powers in determining whether there is default by Germany in fulfilling her obligations under the Dawes plan." The position of the French and British was further outlined in part as follows: "The French declare the British proposal would invest the Agent General and Trustee with too great powers in determining when the sanctions should be applied. The British observers say their proposal would preclude independent action on the part of France. The French proposal in this respect, the British insist, is too vague. While outspoken in his



opposition to the British proposal, the French spokesman did not indicate a middle ground might not be found upon which to base a complete accord."

In discussing the Conference situation, the London correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" said last evening that "American influence, which seems destined to be a leading factor in the Inter-Allied Conference, further made itself manifest when it became known that the United States Government had approved the proposal that an American citizen be selected to act on the Reparations Commission if it were agreed that that body should decide whether Germany defaults, and also the proposal that an American be chosen Agent General for Reparations Payments. This participation of Americans, coupled with the attitude of the American representatives on the different committees to which the detailed work of the Conference has been assigned, may in the long run be responsible for the smoothing out of many differences that existed when the Conference met. The best Europe had hoped for was that one American might act as both, with possibly an alternate to act when the activities of the two jobs clashed."

It has been easy to see from reading Berlin cable dispatches that the present Ministry in Germany has been encountering special difficulties in dealing with its political opponents. Cabling on July 14 the Berlin correspondent of "The Sun" declared that "Germany's political horizon is overcast with clouds of domestic dissension daily threatening to burst into a storm of an unusually turbulent Cabinet crisis. Pilot Marx is finding it ever harder to keep the ship of State, tossed by violent winds of Nationalist and Socialist controversy, on a straight course pointed by the compass of international reconciliation." Continuing, he said that, "to his other troubles, moreover, has now been added mutiny in the crew, led by his first mate, Foreign Minister Stresemann. Stresemann and the People's Party, of which he is chief, threaten sabotage on the Dawes report unless the Chancellor bows to the demands of Admiral von Tirpitz's gang as regards both foreign and home policies." Outlining the situation in greater detail, the correspondent said: "The foreign policy urged by the Nationalists is simple enough. They want a date for the evacuation of the Ruhr and the three bridgehead cities occupied five years ago as a measure of sanction definitely fixed before the Reichstag votes on the Dawes plan and demand further that all German political prisoners be released forthwith. Internally the Nationalist aims are more complicated. They demand participation in the Government on the basis of an anti-Socialist bourgeois coalition, the eviction of Socialists from the administration of Prussia, the permanent scrapping of the eight-hour working day and a high protective tariff for German agriculture."

Statements appearing in cable dispatches from the German capital relative to the attitude of the German Government toward the London Conference, and as to what it was believed would result from that gathering, for Europe in general and Germany in particular, have been rather contradictory. In a cablegram on July 14 it was asserted that "the German Government plans to follow up Chancellor Marx's statement of Saturday with definite action on the Dawes bills which would disarm the widespread suspicion abroad concerning Germany's real inten-

tions with regard to the adoption of the plan." It was pointed out that "the Chancellor in his statement said that Germany's attitude toward the Dawes settlement was one of frank and honorable understanding and that she was working for the restoration of Germany as well as all Europe." The following day the representative in Berlin of the New York "Herald-Tribune" cabled that "America alone can save the London Conference and bring about a settlement under the Dawes plan, is the opinion expressed in official circles to-day to the New York 'Herald-Tribune' correspondent. As the prospects for the London Conference are seen here, there is scant hope that the meeting will lead to anything constructive." He added that "the only hope is that America will insist on an absolute fulfillment of the spirit and letter of the Dawes report, both of which Germany believes have been seriously violated in the compromise program reached by Premiers Herriot and MacDonald in Paris." Still another day later the correspondent of "The Sun" asserted that "gloom enshrouds Wilhelmstrasse as the Allied Governments go into action to-day in Downing Street. Germany has abandoned hope of any positive results beneficial to her cause growing out of the London Conference." He explained that "her political pessimism is based, first, on Prime Minister MacDonald's failure to invite the participation of the German Government and, secondly, on the cautiously circumscribed character of America's collaboration. This second consideration, indeed, assumes primary importance when it is linked with reports from London stressing the unwillingness of international bankers to commit themselves to the loan provisions of the Dawes report." Continuing to outline the situation as he saw it, the correspondent said: "The Berlin press expresses the conviction that neither English nor American capital can be expected to advance Germany millions envisaged by the experts until France has promised to take her hands off the Reich and keep them off. This Premier Herriot, in the German view, shows marked reluctance to do, and nobody here believes that his attitude will be altered materially through the present Allied deliberations. The Germans hold that until the French Government fixes a definite time for the evacuation of the Ruhr and the restoration of the Rhenish railroads to the Reich the Dawes plan cannot be carried out, regardless of what Berlin may do, for the simple reason that the necessary foreign loans will not be forthcoming. The Marx Cabinet would like to go to London and lay this thesis before the Conference, but it has not been invited as yet and fears that it will never be." In a special cable dispatch Wednesday evening from Berlin to the New York "Times" it was stated that "if Germany gets nothing out of the London Conference the German Nationalists will demand the resignation of Chancellor Marx, according to well-founded rumors circulating here to-day. He will be succeeded as Chancellor, rumor has it, by Herr Wallraff of the Nationalist Party, now President of the Reichstag." According to the dispatch also, "it is further said that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Stresemann, will not fall with Marx, but will be retained in the new Government to be formed. This sounds plausible in view of the fact that Stresemann and the Right wing of the German People's Party, to which he belongs, have often shown a distinct leaning toward the Nationalists."

In a cablegram Thursday evening the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" gave the following version of Germany's attitude toward the most vital domestic and foreign questions then pending: "The German Government has decided upon the tactical maneuvers which it thinks will establish its sincerity toward the Dawes report and at the same time avoid putting a noose around its neck in case the London Conference results in Berlin receiving a mutilated version of the original document or an interpretation of it which does not harmonize with its own. A Government committee finished work on the Gold Note Bank Law some days ago and it is now before the Reparations Commission, and conceivably the Railroad and Industrial Obligations laws will go before the Reparations Commission soon. If the Commission approves the bills it is possible Germany will be forced to call the Reichstag together to vote on them before the London negotiations are ended or before she has had a chance to confer with the Allies. If Germany refuses to vote the bills before the whole situation is clear she will be accused of sabotage. If she votes them she will be tied. The Government therefore has concluded to send in the bills and force them through with a rider, declaring that they do not go into force unless the concessions to Germany contained in the experts' report are granted. Just exactly what this rider will mean is not entirely clear and it may mean more than Chancellor Marx's interpretations."

Word came from Berlin on July 15 that "the bill for the establishment of the new Gold Note Bank has been completed and submitted to the Reparations Commission." The dispatch also stated that "the newspapers report the essential points of the bill have been approved by Sir Robert Kindersley, a member of the organization committee of the bank of issue under the Dawes plan." The plan for the new institution was further outlined as follows: "The new bank will be conducted on lines similar to those governing the Reichsbank. The directorate will be composed exclusively of Germans, but the activities will be supervised by a general council of fourteen. Seven members of the council will be Germans and the remainder will be appointed by the United States, Great Britain, Italy, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland as creditors of the new bank. President Schacht of the Reichsbank has been designated as President of the general council. The new bank will be completely independent of the German Government and will issue a so-called Reichsmarknoten at the face value of ten marks and upwards."

The second conference of the Little Entente proved to be of short duration. It was held in Prague and "adjourned to-day [July 12], barely 24 hours after it was convened." Following the adjournment, "a communique was issued stating that the three Foreign Ministers, Ninchitch of Jugoslavia, Duca of Rumania and Benes of Czechoslovakia, discussed all items on the schedule, namely reparations and inter-Allied indebtedness, and laid down a joint course of action. The necessity for further co-operation and closer permanent relations was emphasized. The conference touched lightly upon various points to be raised at the next meeting of the League of Nations, expressing its satisfaction over the complete agreement prevailing in regard to all these issues." The

New York "Times" correspondent suggested that, "for any one following the movements of the Little Entente this statement can easily be understood by reading what is said between the lines. It was anticipated that the meeting would express complete agreement on all issues raised because issues on which there was vital disagreement, especially that of Bessarabia, were not even touched upon." He added that "to-day's bulletin virtually admits that the chief mission of the Little Entente, namely defense against Hungary, having been fulfilled nothing remained but an exchange of mutual assurances of friendship and high esteem, and that the Little Entente's principal activity in the future will be joint participation at the London Conference on reparations and at the next League meeting. It is understood that in these instances Poland also will align herself with the somewhat passive combination of the Little Entente. In some quarters the negative outcome of the conference was anticipated. The general view prevailing, however, was that more definite results would be reached even at the risk of an open rupture of the alliance."

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 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. The open market discount rate in London remains at close to the levels of a week ago, namely 3¼@3¾% for short bills, against 3¼@3½%, and 3-9-16@3½% for three months, against 3½@3 11-16%. Call money advanced to 2⅞%, but closed unchanged at 2¼%.

The Bank of England continues to add to its gold holdings, and this week reported an increase of £1,794, while reserve expanded £1,069,000, as a result of further curtailment in note circulation of £1,067,000. In the proportion of reserve to liabilities, an advance to 18.30% has occurred from 17.17% last week, 13.31% the week prior to that and 17⅝% a year ago. Public deposits increased £1,811,000, but "other" deposits were again reduced, £3,428,000. Loans on Government securities decreased £2,870,000, but loans on other securities expanded £230,000. The bank's stock of gold stands at £128,271,111, as against £127,637,077 in 1923 and £127,402,158 a year earlier. Reserve amounts to £21,818,000, which compares with £21,600,727 last year and £21,595,293 in 1922. Loans stand at £70,180,000, against £71,582,498 and £76,215,636 one and two years ago, respectively, while note circulation is £126,202,000, in comparison with £125,786,350 in the corresponding week of 1923 and £124,256,265 a year earlier. Despite continued reports of a probable rise in the official discount rate of the Bank of England, no change was made from the prevailing figure of 4%. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £737,337,000, as against £776,272,000 a week ago and £707,730,000 last year. We append herewith comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England returns over a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1924. July 16.	1923. July 18.	1922. July 19.	1921. July 20.	1920. July 21.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	126,202,000	125,786,350	124,256,265	127,717,740	124,098,825
Public deposits.....	11,739,000	11,094,361	22,174,832	16,936,444	16,559,418
Other deposits.....	107,448,000	111,639,476	104,466,978	149,286,333	119,593,941
Government securities.....	45,187,000	47,528,731	46,739,853	82,718,078	56,588,361
Other securities.....	70,180,000	71,582,498	76,215,636	82,275,311	80,081,396
Reserve notes & coin.....	21,818,000	21,600,727	21,595,293	19,099,719	17,355,258
Coin and bullion.....	128,271,111	127,637,077	127,402,158	128,367,459	123,004,073
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	18.30%	17⅝%	17%	11.49%	12.74%
Bank rate.....	4%	4%	3%	5½%	7%

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a contraction of 69,117,000 francs in note circulation. This follows an expansion of 109,331,000 francs in that item last week and an increase of 450,986,000 francs recorded the preceding week. The total of notes in circulation, therefore, now stands at 40,155,862,000 francs, contrasting with 37,233,696,920 francs at the corresponding date last year and with 36,369,763,590 francs in 1922. Just prior to the outbreak of the war in 1914 the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. During the week a further small increase of 80,675 francs occurred in the gold item. The Bank's gold holdings are thus brought up to 5,543,364,350 francs, comparing with 5,537,843,894 francs at this time last year and with 5,529,780,064 francs the year previous. Of the foregoing 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. Silver showed an increase of 118,000 francs for the week. On the other hand, decreases in the various other items were registered as follows: Bills discounted, 148,707,000 francs; advances, 63,093,000 francs; Treasury deposits, 953,000 francs; general deposits, 18,490,000 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 17 1924.	July 19 1923.	July 20 1922.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	80,675	3,679,043,450	3,673,498,967	3,581,413,008
Abroad.....No change		1,864,320,900	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	80,675	5,543,364,350	5,537,843,894	5,529,780,064
Silver.....Inc.	118,000	299,988,000	293,864,635	285,238,743
Bills discounted.....Dec.	148,707,000	4,715,314,000	2,451,919,942	2,081,931,835
Advances.....Dec.	63,093,000	2,709,892,000	2,138,545,778	2,218,926,768
Note circulation.....Dec.	69,117,000	40,155,862,000	37,233,696,920	36,369,763,590
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	953,000	14,282,000	13,432,554	42,853,644
General deposits.....Dec.	18,490,000	2,181,752,000	2,074,112,264	2,379,916,499

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement as of July 7 showed slightly less spectacular changes than was the case a week ago. There was a further expansion in note circulation amounting to 8,209,867,000,000,000,000 marks, while deposits increased 37,360,972,000,000,000,000 marks. Holdings of Rentenbank notes increased 24,418,379,000,000,000,000 marks, other assets, 64,846,426,000,000,000,000 marks, and other liabilities 327,295,000,000,000,000 marks. There were declines in holdings of Treasury and loan association notes of 39,000,000,000,000,000,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks, 21,822,554,000,000,000,000 marks, Rentenmark bills and checks 5,085,658,000,000,000,000 marks, advances 7,131,900,000,000,000,000 marks, and investments 147,129,000,000,000,000 marks. Rentenmark discounts and advances were reduced 10,069,660,000,000,000,000 marks. Liabilities resulting from discounted bills payable in Berlin fell 9,100,000,000,000,000,000 marks. Rentenbank loans remain unchanged. Gold holdings of the German institution indicate an increase of 4,176,000 marks, to 466,363,000 marks, of which 34,497,000 marks is deposited abroad. Silver coin reserve has expanded 929,389,000 marks. Outstanding note circulation has reached the gigantic total of 1,134,520,440,761,000,000,000 marks, which compares with 20,241,782,000,000 marks last year and 172,737,000,000 marks in 1922.

The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve banks, issued at the close of business on Thursday, showed further additions to the gold holdings and further contraction in rediscounting. In the case

of the System, gold reserves increased \$17,000,000. Rediscounts of Government secured paper increased \$2,600,000, but "other bills" fell \$8,000,000, while bill buying in the open market was reduced \$21,000,000. Total bills discounted declined \$5,400,000, to \$305,243,000, which compares with \$805,829,000 a year ago. Deposits gained \$65,000,000. On the other hand, there was a contraction in earning assets of \$10,400,000, while the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation decreased \$42,300,000. At New York a still larger addition to gold holdings was shown, viz. \$33,600,000. Rediscounting of Government secured paper increased \$8,300,000. "Other bills," however, showed a decline of \$1,400,000, and open market purchases fell off \$14,300,000. Total bills discounted are now only \$40,691,000, in comparison with \$185,821,000 last year. Earning assets were reduced \$5,400,000, while here also deposits expanded materially—more than \$42,400,000. A contraction of \$6,000,000 occurred in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation. Member banks' reserve accounts registered important gains both locally and nationally, \$41,500,000 and \$49,300,000, respectively. As the unusually heavy accessions to deposits largely counterbalanced gain in gold reserves, reserve ratios remained without essential change. For the combined statement the ratio advanced .1%, to 82.6%, and at New York .3%, to 84.2%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was featured by a large loss in surplus reserves, due mainly to heavy expansion in deposits and a coincident reduction in reserves of member banks with the Reserve bank. There was an increase in loans of \$17,248,000. Net demand deposits rose no less than \$70,160,000, to \$4,351,703,000. This total is exclusive of \$14,972,000 in Government deposits, a decline in the latter item of \$6,231,000 for the week. Time deposits showed a gain of \$13,699,000, to \$501,391,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank increased \$4,609,000, to \$48,687,000, but this is not counted as reserve. The reserve of State banks and trust companies in own vaults increased \$231,000, and that kept in other depositories \$701,000. As already noted, member banks suffered a reduction of their reserves in the Reserve Bank in amount of \$11,844,000, a factor which combined with the heavy additions to deposits operated to reduce surplus reserve in the sum of \$20,498,140, to \$28,643,210. The above figures for surplus 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 \$48,687,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

For still another week the financial district of this city has had a 2% call money market. There was no change, either, in time money rates from 2¾ to 3½%. It has become quite unnecessary to recount from week to week the principal causes of the continued cheap money at this and other important financial centres in the United States. They became well known some time since. The attitude of the United States Treasury toward the money market was clearly shown by the suspension, effective July 15, of the sale of its savings certificates. The reason, of course, was that money can be obtained at lower rates. On the other hand, although there was said

to have been some expectation of a further reduction in the rediscount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, no change was made by the Governors at their meeting last Wednesday. The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas reduced its rate from 4½ to 4%. Some foreign financing is under way in this market. More is likely to follow. Prominent New York banking institutions are said to have agreed to purchase \$20,000,000 5% Argentine Government Treasury bills to refund a loan for a like amount recently advanced by American investors. The French representatives at the Inter-Allied Conference in London are demanding that first of all arrangements be made for the £40,000,000 gold loan provided for in the Dawes rehabilitation plan. Prime Minister MacDonald was quoted as pointing out before the Conference began, that this was one of the big questions before the Conference that would have to be taken up at an early stage in the proceedings. If the arrangements are made it will mean that the United States will be called upon to take a large portion. Bankers are quite willing to agree with President Simmons of the New York Stock Exchange that there is little probability in the near future of there being a lack of capital for American enterprise because of the large sums of money invested in foreign securities.

Referring to specific rates for money, loans on call this week remained stationary with 2% the only rate named on each business day; that is, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, this having been the high, the low and the renewal rate during the entire period. A week ago the range was 2@2½%. In the outside market loans were negotiated as low as 1½%. For time money the market has been as dull as ever, and no large individual loans have been recorded in any maturity. Fixed-date funds continue in ample supply, with bidders few and far between. The former differential between regular mixed collateral and all-industrials is no longer observed.

Mercantile paper rates have not been changed from 3½@3¾% for four to six months' names of choice character, with 4% asked for names not so well known. New England mill paper, and the shorter choice names, are passing at 3½%. As was the case last week, exceptionally choice names are said to have been dealt in as low as 3¼%. A fair inquiry has been noted, chiefly from out-of-town institutions, but offerings have been light.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have been quiet, but this has been due mainly to lack of offerings. Both country and country banks have been in the market as buyers and the inquiry throughout has been in excess of the supply. The undertone has been steady with quotations unchanged. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 1½%. 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 and 60 days, 2¼% bid and 2⅛% asked for bills running 90 and 120 days, 2⅝% bid and 2⅜% asked for bills running 150 and 2¾% bid and 2½% asked for bills running 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	2½@2	2½@2	2½@2
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	2½ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	2½ bid		

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas this week (July 15) reduced its rediscount rate from 4½ to 4% on all classes of paper of all maturities effective immediately. Further reference to the change is made in another item in this issue. 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
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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial Agricul. & Lites'k Paper. n.e.s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Lites'k Paper.	Agricul. and Lites'k 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	4
Chicago.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
St. Louis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Minneapolis.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

Strength and increased activity featured dealings in sterling, so much so that the week under review witnessed higher price levels and a larger volume of transactions than has been recorded in quite some time. The result was to further advance quotations about 2 cents in the pound, and this carried demand bills up to 4 38½, a new high on the current upswing. In the early part of the week brisk buying developed which subsequently proved to be partly because of the movement of funds to London, initiated in the persistent belief that the Bank of England will shortly raise its discount rate, and partly the result of buying to meet tourists' requirements. Later on fears concerning the outcome of the inter-Allied conference now going on in London caused a setback and rates receded to 4 35¾. Toward the close of the week prices rallied somewhat and the quotation for demand moved back to 4 37⅛. A general feeling of uneasiness, however, was manifest, and several of the larger houses who had been active on the buying side either withdrew completely from the market or turned sellers. Profit-taking sales were also in evidence, which aided in depressing values. A feature of the week was the notable absence of offerings of commercial bills of the type that usually make their appearance at about this time of the year.

Opinion as to the degree of success likely to crown the efforts of the Allied Premiers in this latest international conference on the troublous reparations question is much divided. An undercurrent of optimism still obtains, but no attempt is made to minimize the many serious obstacles still to be overcome by the conferees before agreement satisfactory to all can be reached. Bankers here were inclined to look for continued firmness in sterling values, basing their belief on the fact that British bankers are steadily withdrawing their deposits from New York because of the prevailing ease in money here. It is reported that British interests have been simultaneously buying spot sterling in round amounts and selling sterling futures at a discount for any month up to October, and that the differential in London for balances as compared with the money market in New York has made possible a substantial profit on all such transactions, notwithstanding the fact that the futures were sold at a discount. Locally, call money is being

quoted at 2%, while recently money in London has gone as high as 3½%. Should the Bank of England actually raise its discount rate, this would lead to an even greater disparity, but there are some who point out that the improvement which has taken place in sterling values of late may do away with the necessity for any advance in the Bank's discount rate.

Regarding quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm and higher; demand bills were advanced to 4 36 15-16@4 37¾, cable transfers to 4 37 3-16@4 37¾, and sixty days to 4 34 7-16@4 34¾; a fairly active inquiry, chiefly of foreign origin, was recorded. On Monday increased strength developed on brisk buying, and there was a further advance to 4 37 13-16@4 38½ for demand, 4 38 1-16@4 38¾ for cable transfers and 4 35 5-16@4 36 for sixty days. What was regarded as the usual "natural reaction" made its appearance on Tuesday and demand declined to 4 35¾@4 37, cable transfers to 4 36@4 37¼, and sixty days to 4 33¼@4 34½; profit-taking sales figured in the dealings. On Wednesday, after opening weakness, the market steadied and gains were made which brought the day's range to 4 35¾@4 37½ for demand, 4 36 1/8@4 37 11-16 for cable transfers and 4 33¾@4 35 for sixty days; trading was less active than on the day preceding. Irregular movements featured Thursday's trading, and rates first touched a new high, then receded slightly; the day's range was 4 35 15-16@4 37¾ for demand, 4 36 3-16@4 37¾ for cable transfers and 4 33 7-16@4 34¾ for sixty days. On Friday the undertone was easier and demand bills ranged between 4 36 9-16@4 37 3-16, cable transfers to 4 36 13-16@4 37 7-16 and sixty days to 4 34 1-16@4 34 11-16. Closing quotations were 4 34½ for sixty days, 4 37½ for demand and 4 37¾ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 37, sixty days at 4 33 9-16, ninety days at 4 33½, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 34 13-16, and seven-day grain bills at 4 36½. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 37.

The gold movement continues of relatively small proportions, arrivals being restricted to one consignment valued at £943,757, on the Majestic from England.

In the Continental exchanges also a greater degree of activity was shown and some of the major European currencies registered good gains in price levels. This is especially applicable to franc exchange, which covered a wide range of fluctuations and changed hands in large amounts. French francs opened at 5.13½, shot up to 5.27¼, then sagged off to 5.06, with the close at 5.10. A steady inquiry throughout incidental to tourists' requirements acted as a stabilizing influence, although as against this, prices were swayed by the alternately "good" and "bad" reports of the proceedings of the Inter-Allied Conference on reparations. Fears over the outcome at one time drove franc quotations down about 15 points. Nevertheless, francs may be said to have given a good account of themselves, and the close was steady. Antwerp francs moved in sympathy. Reichsmarks were not affected by the prevailing unsettlement in Europe's political affairs and the same is true of Austrian kronen; both of these currencies ruled unchanged. Italian lire shared in the general strength and moved up to 4.34¼, though on narrow, featureless trading. Greek currency and the exchanges of the minor Central European coun-

tries were steady, though not materially higher. Speculative interests appear for the time being to be confining their attention to sterling and francs, while the remainder of the market is in neglect. Even in the currencies named, dealings were more or less sporadic in character and active only by fits and starts, with most of the inquiry incidental to the meeting of tourist requirements. One of the reasons advanced for the improvement in lire quotations was the gradual subsidence of the excitement over the Matteotti case. Dealers who are purposely holding aloof from the market are watching very closely the march of events in London, and the general feeling seems to be that while acceptance of the Dawes plan by all the interested parties would mean widespread improvement in financial and economic conditions, its rejection would undoubtedly be most unfortunate.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 85.90, against 85.55 a week ago. In New York, sight bills on the French centre finished at 5.10, against 5.10½; cable transfers at 5.11, against 5.11½; commercial sight at 5.09, against 5.09½, and sixty days at 5.04, against 5.04½ last week. Antwerp francs closed at 4.57 for checks and 4.58 for cable transfers, as compared with 4.53½ and 5.54½ the previous week. Closing rates on Berlin marks were 0.00000000024 (unchanged), while Austrian kronen continue to be quoted at 0.0014½, without change. Lire finished at 4.29½ for bankers' sight bills and 4.30½ for cable remittances, against 4.27½ and 4.28½ last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96½, against 2.95; on Bucharest at 0.45½, against 0.43; on Poland (zloty) at 19¼ (unchanged), and Finmarks at 2.51½, against 2.50¾ the preceding week. Greek exchange finished at 1.67½ for checks and 1.68 for cable transfers, against 1.71¾ and 1.72¼ a week earlier.

As to the neutral exchanges, formerly so-called, trading was intermittently active, with the bulk of the trading in Swiss francs and Amsterdam guilders. Both of these currencies were dealt in to a considerable extent, chiefly by reason of the shifting of balances from New York and the possibility that a reparations settlement will be arrived at shortly. The Swiss franc moved up to as high as 18.45 for awhile, a gain of 24 points. The Scandinavian exchanges remained steady, as also did Spanish pesetas.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 37.89, against 37.75; cable transfers at 37.93, against 37.79; commercial sight bills at 37.84, against 37.70, and commercial sixty days at 37.68, against 37.64 last week. Final quotations on Swiss francs were 18.19 for bankers' sight bills and 18.21 for cable transfers. This compares with 18.21 and 18.23 the week before. Copenhagen checks closed at 16.01 and cable transfers at 16.05, against 16.00 and 16.04. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.56 and cable transfers at 26.60, against 26.56½ and 26.60½, respectively, while checks on Norway finished at 13.37 for checks and 13.41 for cable transfers, against 13.38 and 13.40 last week. Spanish pesetas finished at 13.24½ for checks and 13.26½ for cable transfers, against 13.23 and 13.27 the week before.

As to South American quotations, the market was dull and weak, with Argentine currency a shade firmer, but Brazilian milreis were heavy as a result of the political chaos prevailing in Sao Paulo, declining to 9.50 for checks at one time. Argentine

checks finished at 32 7-16 and cable remittances at 32 9-16, against 32.47 and 32.57 a week ago, while for Brazil the close was 9.89 for checks and 9.94 for cable transfers, as compared with 9.90 and 9.95 last week. Chilean exchange was easier and finished at 10 1/4, against 10.30, while Peru closed at 4 12, comparing with 4 10 the week preceding.

Far Eastern rates were as follows: Hong Kong, 53@53 3/4, against 52 3/8@52 5/8; Shanghai, 72 1/2@72 3/4, against 72@72 1/2; Yokohama, 41 3/4@42, against 41 3/4@42; Manila, 49 1/2@49 3/4 (unchanged); Singapore, 50 1/2@50 3/4, against 50 1/2@50 3/4; Bombay, 30 7/8@31 1/8, against 30 7/8@31 1/4, and Calcutta, 31 1/8@31 5/8, against 31 1/4@31 3/8.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JULY 12 1924, TO JULY 18 1924, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	July 12.	July 14.	July 15.	July 16.	July 17.	July 18.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0456	.0461	.0456	.0457	.0454	.0455
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007282	.007209	.007245	.007220	.007229	.007223
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029480	.029529	.029508	.029528	.029583	.029579
Denmark, krone.....	.1610	.1612	.1610	.1614	.1621	.1606
England, pound sterling	4.3733	4.3851	4.3697	4.3738	4.3700	4.3683
Finland, markka.....	.025047	.025086	.025075	.025106	.025083	.025091
France, franc.....	.0517	.0523	.0517	.0517	.0511	.0508
Germany, reichsmark	a	a	a	a	a	a
Greece, drachma.....	.017168	.017089	.017045	.017048	.017042	.016904
Holland, guilder.....	.3777	.3781	.3782	.3783	.3787	.3788
Hungary, krone.....	.000012	.000012	.000012	.000012	.000012	.000012
Italy, lira.....	.0431	.0433	.0431	.0431	.0431	.0430
Norway, krone.....	.1343	.1346	.1347	.1346	.1344	.1341
Poland, zloty.....	.1924	.1925	.1922	.1922	.1922	.1922
Portugal, escudo.....	.0274	.0276	.0277	.0278	.0275	.0283
Rumania, lei.....	.004409	.004487	.004589	.004616	.004532	.004496
Spain, peseta.....	.1332	.1336	.1330	.1330	.1326	.1326
Sweden, krona.....	.2661	.2662	.2662	.2659	.2660	.2660
Switzerland, franc.....	.1824	.1847	.1826	.1823	.1819	.1820
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.011806	.011873	.011845	.011815	.011819	.011848
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael.....	.7325	.7283	.7258	.7288	.6292	.7267
Hankow tael.....	.7347	.7314	.7295	.7314	.7317	.7283
Shanghai tael.....	.7175	.7186	.7190	.7184	.7186	.7159
Tientsin tael.....	.7408	.7358	.7325	.7354	.7358	.7342
Hongkong dollar.....	.5237	.5240	.5239	.5202	.5226	.5258
Mexican dollar.....	.5138	.5161	.5165	.5144	.5156	.5144
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5200	.5183	.5175	.5133	.5158	.5133
Yuan dollar.....	.5208	.5267	.5267	.5242	.5258	.5246
India, rupee.....	.3103	.3110	.3112	.3117	.3134	.3133
Japan, yen.....	.4157	.4156	.4149	.4133	.4120	.4104
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.5058	.5056	.5047	.5047	.5059	.5066
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	.992250	.993042	.993073	.993021	.991377	.992002
Cuba, peso.....	.999500	.999531	.999563	.999375	.999500	.999375
Mexico, peso.....	.485938	.485625	.485208	.485781	.485781	.486406
Newfoundland, dollar	.990000	.991250	.991000	.991094	.989188	.989563
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.7414	.7423	.7420	.7410	.7391	.7376
Brazil, milreus.....	.0942	.0914	.0921	.0939	.0969	.0973
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1021	.1021	.1018	.1015	.1004	.1004
Uruguay, peso.....	.7711	.7735	.7714	.7699	.7671	.7607

a German reichsmarks have been as follows: July 12, .0000000000000238; July 14, .0000000000000239; July 15, .0000000000000240; July 16, .0000000000000240; July 17, .0000000000000240; July 18, .0000000000000239.

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$4,229,533 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended July 17. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,923,033, while the shipments have reached \$693,500, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending July 17.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,923,033	\$693,500	Gain 4,229,533

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

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

Saturday, July 12.	Monday, July 14.	Tuesday, July 15.	Wednesday, July 16.	Thursday, July 17.	Friday, July 18.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 63,000,000	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 54,000,000	\$ 61,000,000	\$ 77,000,000	\$ 75,000,000	Cr. 415,000,000

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 18 1924.			July 19 1923.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 128,271,111	£	£ 128,271,111	£ 127,637,077	£	£ 127,637,077
France a..	147,160,597	11,960,000	159,120,597	146,939,959	11,720,000	158,659,959
Germany	23,318,150	1,174,900	24,493,050	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	101,373,000	26,315,000	127,688,000	101,031,000	26,574,000	127,605,000
Italy	35,420,000	3,416,000	38,836,000	35,515,000	3,028,000	38,543,000
Netherlands	44,300,000	\$35,000	45,135,000	48,483,000	870,000	49,353,000
Nat. Belg.	10,819,000	2,676,000	13,495,000	10,757,000	2,509,000	13,266,000
Switzerl'd.	20,223,000	3,967,000	24,190,000	20,986,000	4,094,000	25,080,000
Sweden	13,850,000	—	13,850,000	15,168,000	—	15,168,000
Denmark	11,642,000	975,000	12,617,000	12,674,000	178,000	12,852,000
Norway	8,182,000	—	8,182,000	8,115,000	—	8,115,000

Total week 546,558,858 51,318,900 597,877,758 570,901,236 52,448,400 623,349,636
Prev. week 546,225,037 51,386,650 597,611,687 571,881,472 52,601,400 624,482,872
a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,573,977 held abroad. b No recent figures.

The Cloud Over Italy—Mussolini and Fascist Policy.

Premier Mussolini is absent from the London conference on the Dawes reparations plan because, as the "Giornale d'Italia" ironically remarks, he knows that "when the cat's away the mice will play." It is no petty disturbance of small politics that keeps the Italian Premier from attending the most important international conference that has been held since 1919. For nearly two months Italy has been in violent political turmoil, and although the Mussolini regime is still in power its foundations have been rudely shaken, and the prestige of the Government has been greatly dimmed both at home and abroad.

It is only a little less than two months ago that Signor Mussolini, addressing the 372 Deputies of the Government majority in the new Italian Chamber, used language such as has been rarely heard in Europe since the high prerogative days of James I and Oliver Cromwell. "Italy is just beginning her very last Parliamentary experiment," he declared. "If it succeeds, all right; if it fails, Parliament will be suppressed, or its place taken by other vehicles of government." It was the harsh language of a dictator, who, virtually unknown outside of Italy three years before and with no important influence at that time even there, had by force and violence effected a revolution and made himself the undisputed head of the State. Writers who have seen in his autocratic rule only the success of a strong man raised to power at a moment of political flux have dwelt upon the so-called reforms that have been inaugurated, and there can be no doubt that in certain respects Italy has been better governed than it had been immediately before Mussolini and his Fascist following seized control. What was accomplished in that direction, however, was at the heavy cost of a virtual suspension of the Constitution, a widespread suppression of civil rights, a censorship of the press, and a policy of terrorism where active opponents were to be dealt with. The ultimatum delivered to Parliament on May 27, accordingly, was not an isolated assertion of dictatorial power, notwithstanding its startling import, but rather a logical culmination of a policy which for nearly two years had held

in suspense many of the civil and political rights of the Italian people, while boasting of the achievement as a national good.

To anyone who imagines that autocratic government can ever be a permanent remedy for the mistakes or ineptitudes of democracy, or that violent reaction is not sure to come no matter how firmly seated the dictator may appear to be, the events that have lately been taking place in Italy, and the situation which obtains there at the present moment, afford food for reflection. Following a repetition on June 6 of the warning given on May 27, the country was startled on June 12 by a report that Signor Matteotti, a prominent Socialist Deputy who had violently attacked the Government at the opening of the session and was scheduled to speak again, had mysteriously disappeared. Before long it was known that he had been kidnaped by the Fascisti and murdered. Accumulating evidence of complicity in the crime on the part of officials close to Mussolini, together with ugly (though apparently baseless) hints at Mussolini's own knowledge of the affair, shook Italy from the mountains to the Mediterranean, while the unprecedented action of the British Labor Party in formally protesting against the outrage, and of the French Chamber of Deputies in voting its sympathy for the Italian Parliament, threatened to give to the incident a serious international character just as the plans for the London conference were being discussed.

Mussolini at first seemed disposed to bow to the storm, and for a few days there were persistent rumors that the Government would fall. The killing of Matteotti was denounced by the Premier, a number of prominent Fascists were arrested, the resignation of an Under-Secretary of State was tendered and accepted, and it was intimated that the Fascist forces, which had assembled at Rome, ostensibly to welcome the ruler of Abyssinia, but in reality, it was widely believed, for quite other purposes, were to be transformed into a regular State police under strict Government control. By June 24, however, Mussolini had resumed his former manner. In a defiant speech to the Senate he denied that the Fascist movement could be held responsible for the Matteotti affair, and declared that while the Government would exert itself to punish the guilty parties, politically it would "stand pat." The Senate, dominated by Fascist influence, voted confidence in the Government, but a general strike of workers throughout the country, and the refusal of the Opposition Deputies to participate further in the work of Parliament because of their dissatisfaction with certain unimportant changes made in the Cabinet, were impressive demonstrations of the temper of the public. Now, with popular demonstrations of hostility prevented only by an overwhelming display of military force, Mussolini is "sitting on the lid" and the London conference must go on without him.

Such a glaring crime as the kidnaping and murder of Matteotti would have been sufficient to cause any Government to tremble, but the fundamental reasons for the universal outburst of hatred and revenge in Italy lie deeper than this provocative incident. They have been admirably stated by Professor Ferrero, the distinguished Italian historian, in an address delivered before the Matteotti outrage occurred and lately published in part by the New York "World." All personal Governments, declares Professor Ferrero, "are weak, and their weakness is the

greater in proportion as their legitimacy is the more doubtful and open to challenge." Mussolini, with all his apparent success, "has no clear and legitimate credentials"; "he secured power by force and by the ferocious persecution of his adversaries"; "rightly or wrongly, he is violently opposed and hated by great multitudes who are inaccessible to the flatteries and blandishments of leaders," and he has "no firm and solid support either in a prosperous State or in a strong bureaucracy or in legality, no firm support either in parties or doctrines or alliances." For this reason he has been compelled to rely upon the extremists among his followers, whose wishes he must fulfill if he himself is not to be displaced, with the result that instead of achieving a great revolution such as his enthusiastic admirers have affected to see, he has reinstated in Italy the old monarchical conditions that existed generally in Europe before the war, and which it was one of the missions of the war to destroy. "With the collapse of the old monarchical system in 1918," Professor Ferrero points out, "Europe to-day no longer has any choice between a regime of force and true democratic government, the government of the people itself through universal suffrage and the organization of parties." Only as the people see in their leaders the trusted agents of their own delegated authority, at the same time that the leaders themselves recognize the authority of the people as the only sanction for their own acts, can the reign of force, "force with all its horrors and all its weaknesses," be warded off.

The hard experience through which Italy is passing, and the dangerous state of public opinion which convulses the country, have their lessons for other Governments and peoples even though elsewhere the iron hand of autocracy is not so heavily laid on. The prodigious growth in recent years of political and administrative machinery in all countries, including our own, the steady encroachment of government upon the sphere of private life, and the increasing interference of government with business of every form have not only immensely swelled the number of Government officials, but have also distinctly strengthened among certain classes of officials and boards the apparent feeling that they, and not the people, are the State, and that the demands of administrative or executive authority must be complied with whether the people suffer or not. Even the courts have shown a marked tendency to yield to the demands of executive officials who possessed no power to make laws and very little to interpret them, and the responsibility of legislators to their constituents and the country has been affected by the same pressure. It is against this trend to centralization of autocratic authority in the hands of a few persons that democracy has ever to contend, and the experience of Italy under Mussolini, costly as it has been for the political welfare of the Italian people, is one which may well be pondered everywhere.

James H. Beck on the Constitution of the United States.

The importance of the subject to-day has led the Solicitor-General to bring out a new volume with the above title, published by Doran, which supersedes the much smaller book on the same subject of a year or more ago. Other treatises on the Constitution have recently been written, but this one, because of the standing of its author and its method and contents, has exceptional interest. Its twenty-

four chapters may be gathered in three parts; those which deal with the conditions in which the Constitution was created; those which discuss its basic principles and immediate history, and those which treat of the situation to-day.

We must limit ourselves to the first group, and the interesting details of the birth of the Constitution, simply saying that the interest increases as the book proceeds, and becomes of absorbing importance in the closing chapters.

Naturally, the opening question is: What is the Constitution between friends? Shall the living be held in perpetual subjection to the opinions and beliefs of the dead? This was immediately discussed in the assembled Congress; and it was recognized that a decent respect for the experience and settled convictions of the past was an obvious duty, and that, while subjugation to the opinions and beliefs of the dead is a form of intellectual slavery, the living are under a very sacred compact to transmit the heritage of the past to the unborn.

The American Constitution establishes as a great ideal a system of fundamental principles tested and sanctioned by long experience; and creates a form of government that, resting on these principles, shall promote public security and the common weal.

The men assembled for the task were almost all English bred, and of an exceptionally high order, both of character and intelligence. They were to have been 72 in number but, when they gathered in Independence Hall in Philadelphia May 25 1787, only 55 constituted the largest attendance, and but 39 remained to finish the work. The term Constitution chosen to characterize their new creation was originally employed in England to set forth the true boundary between conflicting jurisdictions, and was first applied to a scheme of civil government in 1607, in one of the Virginia charters. It was ready to their hand to be used as the charter of a newly created State, holding it in perpetual subjection to a higher law, testifying to the eternal verities of liberty and justice. Its formulation in 1787, its historic evolution and its fundamental philosophy are the elements of Mr. Beck's tale. It followed upon the Declaration of Independence, made July 4 1776, and the adoption of the Articles of Confederation in March 1781, and the end of the war and the treaty with England in November 1782. The spirit of disaffection was widely prevalent in the Federated States and extravagant demands were made for political change.

The names of some of the men who assembled for the new and critical task are well known. It is not so well known, however, how young in years most of these men were, and how exceptionally competent they were for the work both in intelligence and in character. They were merchants, financiers, farmers, doctors, educators, soldiers; at least 31 were lawyers, and many had been executive officers of the Commonwealths. Of the original 55 members 39 had been members of the earlier Congress and 8 had helped to frame State Constitutions; 24 were college graduates, 3 were professors of law in universities, and one was President of Columbia University. A few enjoyed world-wide fame; Franklin was universally honored as scientist, philosopher and diplomat, and Washington, as one of the noblest leaders of men. The average age was little above 40; Madison, sometimes called the Father of the Constitution, was 36; Randolph, who presented the Virginia plan and

opened the discussion, was only 34; Pinckney, who submitted the first concrete draft of the Constitution, was only 29; and Alexander Hamilton was only 30. Dayton of New Jersey was the youngest, and was 27.

They were "gentlemen of substance and honor." They differed at times heatedly, but could debate through the four months of a hot summer without losing their temper unduly; and, with a fine self-effacement, they exhibited "the spirit of representative government at its best in avoiding the cowardice of time-servers and the low cunning of demagogues." They were no mere theorists; they met to provide remedies for evils which they fully understood, and to organize a Government that would stand. Their principle as delegates and representatives was "not to act *with* their constituents, but *for* them."

A century and a half of unexampled history has approved their work. A new form of government was established without a drop of blood or a tear from any eye, after two years of deliberative waiting attended with distrust and some disorder. The temper of the times was rampant; anarchy threatened; credit was gone; business was paralyzed, and lawlessness was defiant. In the face of an alarming spirit of assertive disunity the task of uniting thirteen jealous and discordant States, demoralized by an exhausting war, seemed impossible. The Constitution they achieved is the oldest comprehensive Western form of government now existing in the world. Dr. Francis Lieber estimated that in the first 16 years of the 19th century 350 Constitutions were made; and in the States of the Union 103 new Constitutions were promulgated in the first century of our national history. Excepting the first 10 amendments, which were virtually a part of the original charter, only nine others have been adopted in more than 130 years. Mr. Beck may well add: "What other form of government has better stood the test of time?"

Turning to the closing chapter, "The Revolt Against Authority," the author recognizes the world-wide nature of the dangers that confront us, by adopting the category of the plagues which now afflict humanity to which the late Pope Benedict several years ago called attention in an address to the College of Cardinals. The first was the unprecedented challenge to authority. The second, an equally unprecedented hatred between man and man. The third was the abnormal aversion to work. The fourth, the excessive thirst for pleasure as the great aim of life. The fifth, a gross materialism which denies the reality of the spiritual in human life.

Mr. Beck passes these in separate review, explaining and emphasizing their significance for America. The present weariness and lassitude of the human spirit as the result of the disillusion and disappointment, which as the aftermath of the war may have been exaggerated, could not have been the cause of the evils, for they were all in existence before. In truth, the war itself may have been one of the symptoms. There were undoubtedly many contributing causes to the turbid tide of world-wide revolution against authority. In this age of individualistic democracy the average man repudiates obligation to obey any law which he regards as an excess of authority, and is readily arrayed against any law which affects his selfish interests. To-day we emphasize our rights, and say little of our duties.

Values are accepted which are false. The salvation of society, which has been the work of the minority, is shifted to institutions and excessive organization which submerges the individual. Mass morality takes the place of personal morality, and the perfection of "the machine" sinks the personal virtues in the consent of the group.

Our author appreciates that the recognition of the evil is the assurance of the remedy, for man has never yet found himself in a blind alley of negation. He tells the story of the Constitution and its makers that he may show the strength that lies in the example of the men and in the principles embodied in their work. Both are to be revered and understood. The men had the vision that awakens life and strove mightily to secure the happiness of a people who "keep the law."

Democracy is an institution which is tempered by wise and worthy leadership, and in the case of America by Constitutional limitations upon the power of the masses. Its basic principle with us is representative government, and that must depend upon the ability of the American people to produce adequate leadership, which the late distinguished French political philosopher, M. Fagnat, declared of universal application.

Mr. Beck rejoices that the inextinguishable spark of the Divine which is in the human soul has not been extinguished. Men have never risen to greater heights of self-sacrifice or shown greater fidelity even unto death than in our time. The noble vision of the men who wrote the Constitution remains an ideal, and with this conviction he has written their story. The real problem is the adaptation of democracy to the changed conditions of society. The bearing of the Constitution upon this cannot be more convincingly stated than in Washington's Farewell Address:

"Toward the preservation of your Government and the permanence of your present happy state, it is requisite, not only that you steadily discountenance irregular opposition to its acknowledged authority, but that you also resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect, in the forms of the Constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus to undermine what cannot be overthrown." . . . "It is of infinite moment that you should properly estimate the immense value of your national Union to your collective and individual happiness."

The attack which Washington feared has again and again been made. The danger, on the authority of the Solicitor-General, was never in our history so grave as it is to-day. Unless it is faced by the awakening of the American people to the necessity of defending their most priceless heritage there is manifest danger that within the lives of those now living the form will survive the substance of the faith. The basic principles will be forgotten and the priceless heritage lost.

Memorials and Schools—With Restrictions.

A cynic, contemplating the crumbling stones in an ancient churchyard, remarked: "Why, even George Washington will be forgotten. It may take fifty thousand years, but it will come to pass!" The unnumbered dead and the unnamed dust are not cheerful things to linger over in a world of rush and resolve. Oblivion may be the final goal of all endeavor,

but the "now is eternal" and the present will ever live. And to this "present" we may bend every energy without too much thought upon the transition of all things earthly. Because the "history of mankind" is but a moment of time in the geology of the ages does not warrant us in a careless forgetfulness of the great and good who yet live in our ideals and institutions. Therefore, no criticism can attach to memorials to those who have occupied lofty places in the public esteem or who have set in motion great influences that live after them. Nevertheless, a people may be wise and even discreet in the physical monuments in the shape of schools and foundations they erect in memory of great men, that they do not perpetuate principles that in the end will serve to limit the freedom of thought rather than widen it.

We have read recently that a school is to be erected in Valdosta, Ga., "as a monument to Woodrow Wilson." It is to be a \$2,500,000 institution to be conducted upon peculiar lines, and in itself is a most commendable testimonial to the veneration in which Mr. Wilson, so recently dead, is held by his friends and former associates. Yet the mere fact, though devoid of any grounds for criticism, may serve, we think without offense, for some reflections upon the common methods observed in this class of benevolences. The published prospectus of the school contains the following: "The subjects which will be taught will be those in which Mr. Wilson was most interested: Government, history, economics, international relations and cognate subjects as a backbone, with such other subjects as are necessary to make a well-rounded education, but always with the subjects broadly classed as the 'humanities' taking the forefront." And further we read that: "Faculty members will be chosen, after their scholarly qualifications have been considered, for their knowledge of and agreement with the principles of Woodrow Wilson and their ability to impart this knowledge to the students under their direction. For the most part they are to be selected from among personal friends of Mr. Wilson. Many of the trustees were close associates of the late President."

We repeat that the tribute is a worthy one and reflects only credit on the men whose names appear among the founders. But may we not ask, and the question would remain were the purpose to perpetuate the principles of Henry Cabot Lodge or of any other noted controversialist of to-day, can an educational institution properly function when founded in such a cause and handicapped by such limitations? And could not the memorial serve without the limitations? Must not division of opinion immediately creep into the instruction? And must not the "principles" stand, if at all, in the judgment of the future, on their merits? We have as a guide in answering the question what is known as a "Community Trust," or a sort of super-trust to the ordinary commercial and financial trust companies of to-day. It has been found by experience that specific bequests for public benefits, wherein rigid limitations have been placed upon the use of funds, have sometimes found themselves unable to operate. Either the need and opportunity has passed or the continued use is barred by conditions. For this reason trustees have been given liberty to change the use or its operation to fit the circumstances that may arise. In this way, it is believed, a perpetuity of good may better be accomplished. If we apply this to education we are at once confronted with the

truth that this means of uplift is not now well defined and must change with our changing civilization. And for this reason we deem it not inapt to question all bequests of this character that attempt in advance to outline the progress of thought and the course of instruction.

Coming at a time when it is proposed to create a Governmental Department of Education and Public Welfare, the question rises to one of grave civic importance. A school exerts an influence far beyond its doors. Not only is it supposed to mould the mind of youth at the impressionable stage, but its impress upon the community immediately around it widens by diffusion to the entire country—according, of course, to its importance. It is perhaps true that we have not now any "system" of public education. This is one of the arguments advanced in behalf of a Department of Education. But can we ever have a system until we know the constituents of education? And can any rigid system ever develop in a country devoted to the freedom of thought? The very Department must always remain in doubt while we have liberty in the espousals of the principles of representative republican government. We are quick to suppress the public teaching of Socialism and Communism. And what shall we say of the promulgation of political principles that may be divisional even inside of party lines?

As long as schools and universities are independent of Governmental influence and are free from the bias of any given set of political principles their influences will meet in the forum of public opinion, there to reach a final solution. It may be admitted that this is not a bar to a foundation to perpetuate any given set of principles, but we submit that the functioning of such a university from the educational standpoint will be fraught with difficulties. Education in the proper sense is not an advocate but a judge. It is independent of the divisional principles that concern the form and province of government under our Constitutional provisions. The public welfare is of more importance than perpetuation of the memory of any citizen. Instruction in civics must hold up the record of all the honored and heroic dead for what it is worth to the world at and in the era which follows. Fame is inconstant and erratic. The great of "Plutarch's Lives" are praised or damned in to-day. We are not yet in accord as to the principles advocated by Hamilton and Jefferson, though a short period has elapsed, comparatively, since they lived and wrought. And it would be a strange commentary upon the breadth and independence of political thought were a school founded to-day to perpetuate exclusively the teachings of either.

Recurring to the matter of memorials—it is a great advance that institutions now take the place of monuments, although these persist yet in marked degree. But there is still room for forethought in erecting these institutions that they subserve a broad and continuing service. To dot the land with memorial agencies, erected out of huge sums of money gathered from the generosity of the people, agencies not in keeping with educational liberty and so circumscribed by specific bequests as to soon fail of the original intent, is not in keeping with the "simple life" and cannot attest the high level of the general advance. The public welfare is not a creature of one mind nor a product of one set of principles, however worthy these may be. It would be narrow and cynical to object to any form of testimonial that is

erected merely in memory of great men or great virtues. Yet even here good taste, simplicity of living and the leveling processes of time, require that devotion be tempered by modesty. And when, in any case, purpose is declared, let it be of the most catholic character, that the work may broadcast itself to every section of the country, every class of the people. After all, the influence of the greatest life lives not in the marble or bronze, not in the "foundation" for research or scholarship, but in the better living of the masses, energized and given perpetuity in the ideas and ideals of the generations that follow. "Dust thou art, to dust returneth" was not spoken of the spirit that spreads like light in the souls of men.

The Conquering of Mount Everest.

Will the scientific knowledge to be gained by climbing to the summit of the highest peak in the Himalayan Mountains ever pay for the loss of the two brave explorers who lately suffered death on its heights? Sir Francis Younghusband, a former President of the Royal Geographical Society, writes eloquently of the benefits to arise from conquering this high mountain, as follows: "Compelled by her to exercise the highest in him and give only of his best, he (man) will have found himself responding gladly to her call. Higher courage, more splendid daring, firmer will and sharper wit he will have had to display, and as his spirit heightens in him, he will feel the glow of that joy which high achievement always gives. And he will love her for it." . . . "This is the reward which Everest can confer. By making him be his best, she will have made man know the joy which being his best brings, and its thrill will hearten him in every other high endeavor. What he did on Mount Everest he will strive to do in every other sphere, and as man has just reported when, after fighting blizzards and smothering snow and numbing cold, he was thrown back only a thousand feet from the summit and half a mile away, the struggle is 'worth it—worth it every time.'"

The appeal is fascinating. Then we read of an aviator who has just crossed the continent in a dawn-to-dusk flight. Again we are thrilled. He would be callous who is not proud of the accomplishment. But in this age there is danger that such records of achievement will be allowed to overshadow the humbler and less spectacular efforts by man for the benefit of his kind. Father Damien went to Molokai to live among the lepers that he might help them and died there a martyr to his courage and sacrifice. Thousands are giving up joy and content in scientific service to promote the health of mankind. And the comparison suggests the truth that until man perfects the talents that he has he is not fulfilling his mission. The use of science in "preparedness" for war is everywhere recognized as a perversion of man's powers. The "turmoil" of to-day is largely due to man's eagerness to dominate, and to attain in a single generation all that is visioned of what we term "progress." Economics teaches us that development must be inharmonious that is not even and temperate. Ethics declares that restrictions put upon the freedom of commerce thwart the mutual benefit to be derived from all trade. Civics proclaims that the art of governing well is in conflict with the art of governing too much.

The wind in the treetops is not more inconstant than man's acclaim of the victor. The cry "the King

is dead—long live the King," is heard, in spirit, even in republics. Our heroes do not always do us honor—to-day a movie star, to-morrow a baseball player. Prowess without purpose is waste. Achievement without benefit commensurate to the risk and in keeping with need is hollow. The plowman who "homeward plods his weary way" at nightfall may not thrill the world as does the Senator pleading for "farm relief," but he may be more worthy of worship. Our politics is being corrupted by the revamped cry of "monopoly"—when all men working in free effort will as inevitably destroy unwarranted "control" as the sun will lift the seed out of the soil. A man may ride on the wave of "progressivism" into high office, but the wave will recede, leaving his house upon the sands. No one would take a single star from the sky of good example, but these "patines of bright gold" are far away, and the day comes when man must work.

The Mount Everest of spiritual achievement is not hard to climb, no life need be lost on the way, and the benefits to be attained will make some life nobler and some heart happier—for though we may "look up to the hills" for inspiration, we live in the valleys, where our friends and neighbors toil and reap in the common way. This may be a preachment—but let it be just that. We are undertaking to derive a wholesome general lesson from an item of world news. The driving force of life has become almost unbearable. Unless we can find satisfaction in simple tasks and their just returns, unless we can find our heroes in the lower walks and follow them in humility and constancy, we shall never dissipate the confusion that surrounds us. It is of no use to contrast wealth and idleness with poverty and work while envy and covetousness take us up into the mountain and show us the promised land. More and more, men become their own heroes who perceive the higher law that limits achievement to frugal and faithful living.

The prizes of life glisten and glow, and it is a drab thing to be an unknown. But how many millions there are in unremembered graves who, in life, were workers for some good, though small; who were kind and considerate of others, making a constant, inconspicuous sacrifice of self; who did the best they

knew how with effort, mental and physical, fulfilling the law? In the great conservation of nature there seems here an unanswerable argument for immortality. For, though these lives live on in the generations that follow, the cultivation of the soul by each according to talents and opportunity must have somewhere rest and reward, or man is but a leaf in the winds of chance.

Well, you say, how futile to bring these thoughts into a discussion of practical affairs! There is one good reason. Even if this life be all—on a "lone shore" where "loud moans the sea," still it is answerable not to the highest, but to the best. We cannot all be rich, or great, or heroic, but we can be earnest, sincere, industrious, consecrated to the right as we see the right. To be dissatisfied because others are more successful than ourselves breeds in us instability of action and a corrosive feeling of hate. Demagoguery is always pointing to contrasts in the levels of life to arouse enmity and protest. Down here in our every-day affairs and relations springs up that hideous thing we call the "Overthrow."

And so it is necessary in our politics, economics and civics to attain a new viewpoint. Inequality in possession does not hinder but helps the equality of pursuit. Manhood is not measured by wealth or wage. The citizen in a representative Government is sovereign and the high office-holder is servant. Let those who aspire to mount the heights remember that office confers no honor save as it is administered in the interests of the common people; that responsibility demands humility; that leadership in civics and politics is not warrant for the gratification of egotism. Let those who would be rich remember that the only wealth is personal power translated into human helpfulness—and that property, however vast, has no soul and no life until man puts himself into it. While we race for the high prizes that can come to the few only, the many must fail, and failing feel the gnawing of disappointment. A people cannot be happy without contentment. Each giving his best to his task as it unfolds before him, looking upward always but not beating out his life against impassable circumstances, what can prevent harmony and satisfaction? If we cannot put a wise philosophy into conduct of what avail is effort?

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 18 1924.

While wholesale trade shows little change as yet there is a more hopeful feeling. It is believed that after the summer lull has passed there will be something of a revival of business in this country. All eyes are directed on the West with its increasing signs of prosperity. At any rate the fear of short crops has led to a very sharp advance in grain prices. The buying power of that section of the country, which at one time was at a very low stage and reacted unfavorably on American trade in general, has latterly increased. Retail trade, especially in the West, makes the best showing. The West, it is not too much to say, is more hopeful than it has been for several years past. The law of supply and demand is coming to the aid of the farmers. They have no need of quack nostrums in the way of so-called remedial legislation. In characteristic fashion the big Western grain markets are active and rising, thrilled by the great advance from the low prices of some months back of 30 cents a bushel on wheat in this country and 42 cents in Canada and 40 cents on corn. It is declared that the agricultural wealth of the Western grain belt has within 30 days increased something approach-

ing \$1,000,000,000. This may be actual or it may be potential. No. 2 red wheat here has latterly been up to \$1.47½ c.i.f., or 32 cents higher than a year ago. Prices in Chicago and Winnipeg have been rising at the rate of 5 to 6 cents a day. The trading in wheat futures at Chicago has risen to over 69,000,000 bushels in a single day, which is treble the total six weeks ago. In a month and a half July corn has advanced 35 cents a bushel. In 10 days December corn has risen 23c., while the crop shows a possible decrease of 500,000,000 bushels, to 2,515,000,000 bushels, it may add, according to Chicago estimates, about \$500,000,000 to the farmers' actual or potential wealth. Flour has risen sharply, i. e. \$1.20 in 10 days. Hogs are up to the highest prices current since last October. Small wonder that the West is jubilant. The question is whether it will not overdo the matter in uproarious speculation. The trading in grain futures is the largest since May 1923. In a single day the transactions in all the grain pits at the Chicago Board of Trade, i. e. last Wednesday, amounted to more than 110,000,000 bushels. So excited has been the speculation indeed that quotations on the tape have run from 5 to 7 minutes, or even longer, behind the actual transactions, somewhat in emulation of ex-

cited days on the New York Stock Exchange, when quotations have now and then on very active days in the past, been 10 or 15 minutes behind the trading. To-day there was a healthy reaction at Chicago of some 3 to 4 cents in the wheat and corn markets, owing partly to rains in the West and Canadian Northwest.

Much of the excitement of late has been due to an estimate that the Canadian wheat crop was 32% smaller than that of last year and the world's crop 10% less than then. In company with this flurry in grain there has been more active trading in cotton futures at a rise for the week of 130 to 178 points. This was traceable to hot weather in Texas and Oklahoma coincident with prolonged rains in the Atlantic section of the cotton belt. The weather is now better in the eastern cotton region and it is denied that there has been any serious damage to the Texas crop. It is believed that the crop there can stand a week or 10 days more of hot dry weather, for cotton is notoriously a sun plant. Meanwhile the tendency is to increase the estimates of the crop to about 12,500,000 bales, as against 10,100,000 last year. There is no doubt, however, that stocks of cotton in this country are down to a low stage and badly need replenishing. Coffee has been active, excited and rapidly rising, owing to the fears of shutting off of supplies of Brazilian coffee from this country by the revolt in Brazil. There has been an advance during the past week in coffee futures of 75 to 125 points. There is no great fear of a prolonged revolt and prices for distant deliveries have lagged behind July. Of course there is always a chance that the Government of Brazil may hear much the same remark that was addressed to Louis XVI: "This is not a revolt; it is a revolution." The drift of crude and refined petroleum prices and gasoline has been distinctly downward. Textile trades show some signs at least of returning life after a prolonged period of depression. Fall River's transactions in print cloths have been the largest for many weeks past. The wool market at Boston has been more active at some advance in prices. Here, although quotations are steady enough, there seems to be little business. Some of the silk mills are resuming full time and now and then, by the way, something similar is noticed in the cotton manufacturing field, although most cotton mills are still running on part time. Commodity prices in general have advanced, according to one computation, for the first time in 20 weeks. That is to say there has been an excess of advances over declines, though it is largely confined to food prices. It is pointed out, however, that the very marked reduction in the output of goods is beginning to have some effect, as might naturally be expected. There is at least a possibility that the pendulum has swung to the opposite extreme; that from over-production it has swung to something like underproduction. At any rate, it seems clear enough that supplies of merchandise have been allowed to fall to a low level in the hope of still cheaper prices. Certainly in accordance with the law of supply and demand the country's industries are in better shape than they were a while back. Meanwhile building looms up as one of the most active of all the industries, though it is not uniformly so. Prices of lumber and brick have declined, an evidence of a somewhat less urgent demand in parts of the country. The iron and steel trade shows no great change. If anything, pig iron has been somewhat firmer. But steel has further declined in some departments. Soft coal is lower. The stock market has been somewhat irregular at times, but to-day the commercial community was gratified to see a very general advance. Even among the most conservative there is a growing impression that the tide is not very far from the turning point, if it has not yet been reached. Wall Street, too, is not oblivious of the increase in buying power of the West within the last few months, nor of the prospective improvement in the political conditions of Europe, though in some quarters this seems to have been underestimated. Indeed pessimism has to all appearances been carried rather too far in this country. Conservatism is always commendable, but it may be carried at times beyond reasonable limits and defeat its own object. The dulness of trade in this country for some little time past has perhaps rightly been ascribed very largely to a state of mind. Confidence was lacking. As confidence returns there will naturally be a revival of business.

Meanwhile further steps are being taken towards putting the Dawes plan into effect with the United States taking a more active part than it has in the past. It is regrettable to notice, however, that France refuses to let America decide the question, which after all may not arise, of whether Ger-

many is in default or not on its payments when the time comes to make them. It has been proposed to name an American to act as Agent General and decide this knotty question. The French are quoted as declaring that the British proposal to this effect would invest the Agent General with too great powers in determining when sanctions, or, in other words, coercive measures, must be applied. But the discussion is under way and we may hope that the ancient phrase will be verified "in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom." As regards the impending contest for the Presidency of the United States, which as usual largely occupies the minds of the world of business every four years the average business man seems to be putting it to himself in some such fashion as this in thinking of the candidate of the two great parties. "Whichever wins there will be a safe man in the White House." Meanwhile, though proverbially "betting is no argument," it certainly has a touch of human interest and the betting, whatever may be the actual outcome next November, is 2½ to 1 on the candidate of the Republican Party, Calvin Coolidge. This is partly because the opposing party seems to be hopelessly divided on questions of creed, prohibition and foreign relations.

Meanwhile general trade gets potential help from cheap money which in turn makes a quicker market for bonds and conservative stocks which has recently been a noteworthy feature. Thereby industry gets funds; it can go ahead with needed improvements, with an extension of markets. Easy money helps railroads, the messengers of business, improves highways, builds bridges, extends power and light facilities, promotes human activities in mills, factories and mines, on farms, on a vast terrain of trade. Cheap money, in other words, is a kind of power house; it sends currents of new life and strength far and wide. This force is in operation now. Its effects on actual daily business while not yet very clear, will sooner or later become very marked.

It does no harm to restate fundamental principles from time to time. Sir Ernest Benn, the British economist, points out that to American initiative and enterprise and the freedom of the individual to rise by his own efforts are due the vast developments in American industry and the high standards of living of this country. He adds that the notion that wealth is made at the expense of others has its roots in the fundamental error that wealth is a fixed quantity; that there is only a limited amount of it. So far, he adds, from wealth being acquired at the expense of others, the truth is that wealth can only be made on the condition that the bulk of it is distributed to others as the process goes along. It only exists on condition that it confers benefits on others as well as on its owners. The idea that wealth is made at the expense of others is essentially a political notion and its wide acceptance may be attributed to the way we have of giving to politics an exaggerated importance. It might be added that captains of industry is no idle term. Great industrialists are leaders of vast armies of industry who profit and must profit, as a matter of course, from their leadership. It is a fact beyond controversy that labor takes a very large percentage of the returns from any big industry. The annual reports of any railroad company, mill, factory or mine makes that plain. Labor should keep this in mind and remember that it is in no fanciful sense in partnership with capital.

At Fall River the six weeks' strike of operatives at the Flint mills has been amicably adjusted and operations were resumed Monday. At Lowell, Mass., following a shutdown varying from 10 days to two weeks, the Massachusetts cotton mills, Appleton, Tremont and Suffolk mills and the Merrimack Manufacturing Co. have resumed work, the former on a curtailed basis, namely three days a week for the Massachusetts and Appleton. The Tremont and Suffolk and the Merrimack are operating four days weekly. At Clinton, Mass., the Lancaster mills closed down on July 16 the greater part of their looms for two weeks' vacation, at the end of which time they will resume for a week's run with present intentions of running only one week unless conditions improve noticeably. At Lawrence, Mass., following a complete shutdown for two weeks, the Everett mills resumed operations on Monday on practically the same basis as before. At Holyoke, Mass., on July 15 the Lyman mills, cotton goods manufacturers, employing 1,100 hands, resumed operations after a 10 days' shutdown. For the present the mills will operate on a schedule of three days a week. At Webster, Mass., the Stevens linen mills have started on a 34-hour-a-week basis. The plant had been closed for three

weeks on account of poor business. At Manchester, N. H., a shutdown for one week began last Monday of the entire Coolidge mill and all but the lower weaving room in Mill No. 11. It is understood that the company will close mills individually at different times rather than close all the mills simultaneously for a given length of time. At Biddeford, Me., the Pepperill mills have resumed full time after a long period of half time. At Rockville, Conn., the Hockanum Mills Co., after being closed 11 days, resumed operations in its three mills on Monday. At Norwich, Conn., the Thames Textile Co. will employ night and day working forces temporarily while stocking up with its new products. The weavers and other employees are now being hired for immediate production to meet orders already in hand. At Augusta, Ga., all of the 13 mills there are closed down with the exception of four, which are running from two to three days per week. Curtailment in that section is still at its highest level. The situation has shown no improvement during the last three or four weeks. At Durham, N. C., operations were resumed by all plants of the Durham Hosiery Mills, Inc., last Monday following a suspension of work for over two weeks, affecting mills in Durham, High Point, Goldsboro, Carrboro and Mebane, N. C. At Highland Park, N. C., a chain of mills has resumed work. At Martinsburg, W. Va., on July 16 six plants of the Interwoven Mills, Inc., resumed operations under a reduced wage scale. The average cut was 10%. The plants, located at Martinsburg, Berkeley Springs and Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Hagerstown, Md., and Chambersburg and Carlisle, Pa., were shut down on June 29 last because of dulness of trade.

At Youngstown, Ohio, on July 11 wages of sheet and tin workers were cut 10c a hundred pounds for the next two months under the bi-monthly settlement reached on July 11. The current rate is \$370 a hundred pounds. Last year at this time it was the same. The garment strike will practically end to-day, it was believed; 75% of the 50,000 workers, it is estimated, will return. The union shop is to be maintained. Washington wired today that employment in manufacturing industries in the United States in June had decreased 3.8%, while payroll totals decreased 6.7%, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Labor Department announces. Per capita earnings in the 52 industries surveyed covering 2,524,657 employees, decreased 3%.

Wholesale prices throughout the United States showed a general decrease in June, the Department of Labor states. The figures are based on a survey of 404 commodities and the decreases apply particularly to building materials, farm products and metals, with smaller decreases shown in other commodities, except cloth and clothing. Increases in wholesale prices of butter, eggs and flour were offset by decreases in fresh meats and sugar, resulting in a slight general decrease in the entire group. The index number for all commodities for June was 144.6, against 146.9 for the preceding month. Chicago wired that fall catalogues of Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery Ward & Co. will show a downward tendency in line with lower prices of manufacturers. Articles showing principal reductions include automobile tires and iron and steel goods. None of the reductions are large. They do not represent any narrowing in the margin of profit, but merely passing on of lower commodity prices to the consumer. Sears, Roebuck's new catalogue will have 1,076 pages, weigh three pounds and list over 35,000 articles. Freight traffic for the first five months of the current year was 8% below that for the same period of last year, according to compilations made by the Bureau of Railway Economics.

With flames sweeping over thousands of acres of forest lands in western Montana and northern Idaho and high winds fanning them beyond all established control, forest service crews feared the worst forest fire situation in years.

On July 16 eastern Washington, northern Idaho and California were continuing their battle against forest fires, but rains in western Washington and Oregon had nearly ended the fire menace there. Fires in northern Idaho and north-eastern Washington last night had burned over several thousand acres of timberland and had destroyed the surface workings of four mines, a number of ranch houses and much property of lumber companies, including several hundred feet of timber. Latterly rains have occurred and have checked the fires.

In the main the weather here this week has been clear and cool or not too warm. On Thursday evening, following a brief thunderstorm, it became cooler. To-day it has been clear, cool and almost autumnal. It was 70 to 80 yesterday,

but the temperature fell over night. To-day it was 61 at 8 a. m., after being down to 54 on Thursday. It has been cooler of late at the West. Cleveland and Chicago were down to 58, Cincinnati to 54, Milwaukee and Minneapolis to 52, Pittsburgh to 54 and Portland, Me., to 56.

Further Recession in Wholesale Prices in June.

A further recession in the general level of wholesale prices is shown for June by information gathered in representative markets by the United States Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, sank to 144.6 for June, compared with 146.9 for May and 153.5 for June 1923. The Bureau's advices under date of July 15 also state:

Decreases in building materials, farm products, and metals were chiefly responsible for the drop in the general price level, although all other groups except cloths and clothing likewise showed a decrease. Among building materials there were substantial reductions in lumber, structural steel, plate glass, and certain paint materials. In farm products there were decreases in live stock and poultry, cotton and cotton seed, hay, hides, tobacco, and wool. Other important commodities showing price decreases were pig iron, steel billets, steel plates, copper, lead, tin, coke, crude petroleum, leather rubber, and wood pulp. In the food group increases in butter, eggs and flour were offset by decreases in fresh meats and sugar, resulting in a slight net decrease in the group level.

Of the 404 commodities or price series for which comparable date for May and June were collected, decreases were shown in 137 instances and increases in 103 instances. In 174 instances no change in price as reported.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, BY GROUPS OF COMMODITIES.

(To show more minutely the fluctuations in the course of wholesale prices, all index numbers are here published to the fourth significant figure.)
(1913 equals 100.)

Group—	June 1923.	May 1924.	June 1924.
Farm products.....	137.6	136.4	134.0
Foods.....	142.0	136.6	135.6
Cloths and clothing.....	197.7	186.8	187.2
Fuel and lighting.....	186.1	177.3	174.7
Metals and metal products.....	147.9	134.5	132.2
Building materials.....	194.2	180.3	172.7
Chemicals and drugs.....	131.4	127.3	126.6
House furnishing foods.....	186.9	172.5	171.8
Miscellaneous.....	122.5	112.4	111.1
All commodities.....	153.5	146.9	144.6

Comparing prices in June with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index number, it is seen that the general level has declined almost 6%. In all groups prices averaged lower than in June 1923, ranging from 2½% in the case of farm products to 10½% in the case of metals and metal products and 11% in the case of building materials.

Increase in Retail Food Prices from May 15 to June 15.

The United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics had the following to say July 11 regarding the changes in the retail cost of food in 24 of the 51 cities included in the Bureau's report:

During the month from May 15 1924 to June 15 1924 all of the 24 cities showed increases as follows: Columbus, Denver, Fall River, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle, 2%; Baltimore, Boston, Bridgeport, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Louisville, Manchester, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Richmond, Rochester and Scranton, 1%, and Butte, New Haven, Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., and St. Louis, less than 5-10 of 1%.

For the year period June 15 1923 to June 15 1924 18 of the 24 cities showed decreases as follows: Manchester, Richmond and Scranton, 4%; Bridgeport, 3%; Baltimore, Denver, Fall River, New Haven, Philadelphia and Portland, Me., 2%; Boston, Butte, Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and Rochester, 1%, and Kansas City, Louisville and St. Paul, less than 5-10 of 1%. The following six cities showed increases: Columbus, 3%; Seattle, 2%; Milwaukee and San Francisco, 1%, and St. Louis and Salt Lake City, less than 5-10 of 1%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the retail cost of food on June 15 1924 was 49% higher in Baltimore and Richmond; 46% in Milwaukee and Philadelphia; 44% in Boston, St. Louis and Scranton; 42% in New Haven; 41% in Fall River and San Francisco; 40% in Manchester; 39% in Kansas City; 38% in Los Angeles and Seattle; 34% in Louisville; 32% in Denver; 30% in Portland, Ore., and 25% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Portland, Me., Rochester and St. Paul in 1913, hence no comparison for the 11-year period can be given for these cities.

Further Decline in Wages and Employment in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Further curtailment in the operations of manufacturing establishments in Pennsylvania and New Jersey is indicated by a continued recession in both employment and wages at reporting plants, says a statement made public July 15 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Continuing it says:

In Pennsylvania employment declined 4.2% from May to June and per capita earnings fell off 5.1%, indicating a probable curtailment of 9% in operations. Reports from New Jersey establishments, however, indicate an employment decline of only 2.8% and a loss in per capita earnings of 0.4%.

Although most of the industries experienced a reduction in working forces, the most noticeable losses occurred in metal manufacturing and textile products plants. Iron blast furnaces, forging and rolling mills all reported significant reductions in both employment and wages. Shipyards and automobile factories in Pennsylvania also reported considerable losses in both these items. Among the textile products plants woolen and worsted mills and carpet and rug mills showed the most striking losses, although practically all the industries in this group, as in the metal group, reported fewer employees in June than in May.

Building material industries also reported losses in both States, as did most of the chemical and miscellaneous industries. Very few increases in employment were reported, the most striking being a gain of 25% at

reporting lumber mills in Pennsylvania. The principal changes in employment and wages of reporting industries in the two States is shown in the accompanying tables:

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Table with 5 columns: Group and Industry, Number of Plants Reporting, Increase (+) or Decrease (-) June 1924 over May, 1924, Total Employment, Average Wages. Rows include All Industries (39), Metal manufactures, Automobiles, bodies and parts, etc.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN NEW JERSEY.

Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Table with 5 columns: Group and Industry, Number of Plants Reporting, Increase (+) or Decrease (-) June 1924 over May, 1924, Total Employment, Average Wages. Rows include All Industries (38), Metal manufactures, Automobiles, bodies and parts, etc.

sion, in which there is little manufacturing, showed an increase of 3.5% in employment and of 2% in payroll totals.

Comparison of Employment in May 1924 and April 1924.

Comparing May and April reports from identical establishments, increases in employment are shown for May in 10 of the 52 industries, and increases in payroll totals in 9 industries.

The industries showing the largest gains were seasonal ones, such as ice cream, which gained 7.8% in employment and 6% in payroll totals; sugar refining, which gained 7.2 in employment and 9% in payroll totals, and brick, which gained 3.6% in employment and 6.7% in payroll totals.

The fertilizer industry dropped over one-third of its employees, payroll totals being reduced in proportion, while the women's clothing industry decreased 11% in employment and 18% in payroll totals.

The stone, clay and glass group of industries was the only one of the 12 groups which did not show a decrease in employment in May, and the increase in this group was 0.2% only.

The tobacco and food groups showed increased payroll totals of 1.9 and 1%, respectively, while the other 10 groups showed decreases ranging from 11.6% in stamped ware to 0.1% in the stone, clay and glass group.

For convenient reference the latest figures available relating to all employees, excluding executives and officials, on Class I railroads, drawn from the Inter-State Commerce Commission reports, are given at the foot of the first and second tables.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS DURING ONE WEEK EACH IN APRIL AND MAY 1924.

Large table with 7 columns: Industry, Es-tab-lish-ments, No. on Pay Roll (April 1924, May 1924), % of Change, Amount of Pay Roll (April 1924, May 1924), % of Change. Rows include Food and kindred products, Slaughtering & meat packing, Confectionery, etc.

Continued Decline in Employment and Pay-Rolls in Selected Industries in the United States in May.

Employment in manufacturing industries in the United States decreased 4.2% in May, while payroll totals decreased 5.1%, and per capita earnings decreased 1%, according to preliminary and unweighted figures presented on June 18 by the United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on reports from 8,569 establishments in 52 industries covering 2,604,259 employees, whose total earnings during one week in May were \$68,078,862.

The greatest decreases in employment and in payroll totals in May were shown in the East North Central geographical division. These decreases were 5.7% and 7.5%, respectively. The Middle Atlantic division followed with a decrease of 4.3% in employment and of 4.4% in payroll totals;

FULL AND PART TIME AND FULL AND PART CAPACITY OPERATION IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN MAY 1924.

Table with columns: Industry, Establishm'ts Reporting (Total No., % Idle), % of Estab. Operating (Full Time, Part Time), Ave. % of Full-Time Oper. in Estab. Oper'g, % of Estab. Operating (Full Capacity, Part Capacity), Ave. % of Full-capacity Oper. in Estab. Oper'g.

5,975 3 62 361 90 36 61 77
a Less than one-half of 1%.

Wage Changes

Wage-rate increases were reported by 77 establishments in 16 industries during the month ending May 15 and wage-rate decreases by 48 establishments in 16 industries.

The increases in rates were most numerous in the banking, mill work and newspaper printing industries, while more than one-third of the decreases were reported by sawmill establishments.

WAGE ADJUSTMENTS OCCURRING BETWEEN APRIL 15 & MAY 15 1924.

Table with columns: Industry, Establishm'ts (Total No., No. report-increases), Amt. of Increase (Range, Average), Employees Affected (Total No., % of Employees).

a Industries for which no wage changes were reported are omitted from this table. b One establishment decreased the rates of 52 of its 53 employees 8%.

Index of Employment in Manufacturing Industries. Index numbers for each of the 52 industries studied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for May 1924 appear in the following table in comparison with April 1924 and with May 1923, together with a general index for the combined 12 groups of industries.

INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, MAY 1924, AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1924 AND MAY 1923. [Monthly average, 1923-1900]

Table with columns: Industry, 1923 (May, April), 1924 (May, April). Lists various manufacturing industries and their employment indices.

The following table shows the general index of employment in manufacturing industries from June 1914 to May 1924, based on figures published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

GENERAL INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, JUNE 1914 TO MAY 1924. [Monthly average, 1923-100.]

Table with columns: Month, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924. Shows monthly employment index from January to December.

Good Building Record in June—F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of Construction Activity.

In view of the declining tendency in construction activity and in general business, June building operations held up at a remarkably high rate, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation.

these 36 States during the first half of this year has amounted to \$2,323,816,900, a record figure, being a 10% increase over the first half of last year. However, the increase has not been general throughout the country. For instance, New York City has registered an increase of 83%, while the territory outside of New York City has shown a general decline of 1%. The New York and Southeastern Districts have shown substantial increases; New England's increase has been moderate; the Middle Atlantic States have just equaled last year's record; and the Pittsburgh, Central Western and Northwestern districts have shown substantial declines. All the important classes of construction except industrial plants have participated in the increase in construction volume. Industrial construction has declined considerably. Recapitulating the six months' record, the important groups were represented as follows: Residential buildings, \$1,108,376,900, or 48% of the total; public works and utilities, \$340,565,000, or 15%; commercial buildings, \$312,609,600, or 13%; educational buildings, \$192,656,200, or a little over 8%; and industrial buildings, \$175,701,500, a little under 8%. Since the peak was passed a number of deferred projects have come into the market, which has held the volume of new contracts up to high levels. The amount of deferred work is now considerably less than it has been for some time. It seems scarcely probable that there is enough of it to bring about any considerable revival before the end of the year, such as occurred in the latter months of 1923, says the Dodge report, which proceeds as follows:

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

June building contracts in New York State and Northern New Jersey amounted to \$91,519,500. This was a decrease of 17% from the previous month and an increase of 8% over June of last year. Last month's total included: \$48,063,100, or 53%, for residential buildings; \$12,521,000, or 14%, for commercial buildings; \$8,640,500, or 9%, for public works and utilities; \$7,851,500, or 9%, for educational buildings, and \$3,758,700, or 4%, for industrial buildings.

Total construction started in this district during the first half of this year has amounted to \$754,129,100, an increase of 56% over the first half of last year, a remarkable record.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$83,482,200. It is unusual for contemplated work to be reported in less volume than contracts awarded. Contemplated new work reported during the first half of this year has amounted to \$992,311,100, compared with \$754,129,100 for work actually started. The excess of contemplated work over contracts awarded is unusually small, indicating that most of the deferred projects have already come into the open market.

New England.

Contracts awarded in New England in June amounted to \$34,138,300, a decrease of 13% from the previous month and an increase of 12% over the previous June. Included in last month's record were: \$15,027,600, or 44%, for residential buildings; \$5,468,800, or 16%, for commercial buildings; \$4,254,900, or 12%, for educational buildings; \$3,283,400, or 10%, for public works and utilities; and \$3,249,500, or 9%, for industrial buildings.

New England's construction record for the first half of this year has shown a total of building contracts amounting to \$177,804,600, an increase of 5% over the first half of 1923.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$38,477,700, bringing the total of contemplated work reported in the first half of the year up to \$245,823,500. The margin of the above figure over total contracts awarded is less than normal.

Middle Atlantic States.

Contracts awarded during June in the Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia) amounted to \$40,247,900. The decrease from the previous month was 10%; the increase over June of last year, 69%. Last month's record included: \$16,778,000, or 42%, for residential buildings; \$10,521,200, or 26%, for public works and utilities; \$4,486,900, or 11%, for commercial buildings; \$3,302,300, or 8%, for educational buildings, and \$1,795,400, or 4%, for industrial buildings.

Construction started in this district during the first half of this year has amounted to \$228,398,800, practically the same as the figure for the first half of last year.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$59,654,600, a decrease of 13% from the amount reported in May.

Southeastern States.

Construction started during June in the Southeastern States (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana) amounted to \$56,373,700. The decrease from May was 7% but there was a 19% increase over June of last year. Included in last month's record were: \$24,763,300, or 44%, for residential buildings; \$8,758,800, or 16%, for public works and utilities; \$6,955,500, or 12%, for commercial buildings, \$5,942,000, or 11%, for industrial buildings, and \$5,800,900, or 10%, for educational buildings.

Total contracts awarded in these States during the first half of this year have amounted to \$299,240,400, an increase of 14% over the first half of 1923.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$59,893,100, a decrease of 39% from the amount reported in May.

Pittsburgh District.

June building contracts in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky amounted to \$51,797,500. The decrease from the previous month was 9%; the increase over June of last year, 8%. Included in last month's record were: \$18,456,500, or 36%, for public works and utilities; \$16,645,500, or 32%, for residential buildings; \$4,221,100, or 8%, for commercial buildings; \$3,323,000, or 6%, for hospitals and institutions, and \$2,776,200, or 5%, for educational buildings.

Total construction started in these States during the first half of this year has amounted to \$278,562,400, a decline of 12% from the first half of this year has amounted to \$278,562,400, a decline of 12% from the first half of 1923.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$44,831,900, a lower figure than that for contracts awarded. The record of contemplated work reported during the first six months is low in comparison with work actually started, indicating only a small amount of work deferred.

The Central West.

Contracts awarded during June in the Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska) amounted to \$102,395,500. This was the only district which showed an increase over May, the increase being 7%. However, there was a decline of 15% from June 1923. Included in last month's record were: \$35,246,800, or 34%, for residential buildings; \$22,436,200, or 22%, for commercial buildings; \$19,564,300, or 19%, for public works and utilities; \$9,680,200, or 9%, for educational buildings, and \$7,359,000, or 7%, for industrial buildings.

Total building contracts in this district in the first half of the year have amounted to \$535,867,400, a 7% decrease from the first half of 1923.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$137,796,600, a decrease of 11% from the amount reported in May. There was 40% less work reported in the pre-contract stage in the first six months of this year than in the corresponding period of 1923.

The Northwest.

June building contracts in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Northern Michigan amounted to \$11,048,700. This was a 5% drop from May and a 33% drop from June of last year. The following were the more important items in the June record: \$4,918,300, or 45%, for residential buildings; \$2,559,700, or 23%, for public works and utilities; \$1,140,500, or 10%, for educational buildings, and \$820,500, or 7%, for industrial buildings.

Construction started in this district during the first half of 1924 has amounted to \$49,814,200, a decrease of 35% from the corresponding period of last year.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$10,247,100, less than the amount of work started. The small volume of contemplated new work reported since the first of the year indicates a very small volume of construction in abeyance.

New York City Building Construction on a Lower Basis.

June building contracts in the five boroughs of New York City amounted to \$50,443,900, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. The decrease from May was 10%, and the increase over June of last year was less than 1%. During the first half of this year construction started in New York City has reached a total of more than half a billion dollars, \$514,789,500 being the exact figure. This, it is averred, is more than one-sixth of the total construction volume of the entire country for the period, and represents an increase of 83% over the first half of the last year.

Although all classes of construction participated in the June decline, residential buildings continue as a very large per cent of the total, 60% in June, or \$30,099,200. Commercial structures in June amounted to \$8,996,700, or 18%; educational buildings, \$3,565,000, or 7%; social and recreational projects, \$2,831,000, or 6%, and industrial buildings, \$1,206,000, or 2%. While commitments to date indicate a healthy rate of construction activity for months to come, says the Dodge report, nevertheless the comparatively low figures recorded in May and June indicate a considerably lowered rate of contract-letting during the remainder of the year. In view of the large construction volume of the past nine months, a substantial revival in the fall, such as occurred last year, seems considerably less probable in 1924.

Building Permits Still Increasing, S. W. Straus & Co. Find.

According to the National Monthly Building Survey, prepared by S. W. Straus & Co., prospective building operations throughout the entire country continue to increase in volume as the season advances, notwithstanding an unmistakable slowing down in many sections. During the first six months of this year 328 cities and towns reported plans filed and building permits issued amounting to \$1,966,082,235, a gain of 8% over the corresponding period of 1923. Official records in the same cities and towns revealed June building plans and permits amounting to \$299,682,315, a gain of 10% over June last year. The survey continues as follows:

Inasmuch as these records constitute the only official figures in existence giving a dependable indication of future building tendencies, they may be accepted as proof that prospective building operations in the United States as a whole have attained unprecedented volume.

Analysis of the reports indicates a tendency toward less active conditions in a large number of places and that the saturation point in building seems to have been reached in many sections. Nevertheless, the onward sweep of the building movement in the large cities has more than overbalanced the recessions alluded to.

Twenty-five Principal Building Cities.

The twenty-five cities which led in plans filed and permits issued during the half year ended June 30, showed a gain of 11% over 1923.

In June these same cities gained 19% over the same month last year and 18% over June 1922.

It is of interest to note that these 25 cities reported prospective building operations amounting to 67% of the total amount reported by 328 cities and towns for the first six months of the year.

Among the cities showing large gains for the half year period were: New York, \$133,451,325, Detroit, \$22,193,000, Rochester, \$8,981,192, Boston,

The Texas Co. announced a price revision of mid-continent crude oil on July 16, resulting in a reduction of 25 cents a barrel in top grade. Other prices were unchanged.

The Texas Co.'s new price schedule follows: Below 30 degrees, \$1 25 a barrel; 30 to 32.9 degrees, \$1 45; 33 to 35.9 degrees, \$1 75; 36 and above \$2. Under the old schedule 39 and above was \$2 25.

On July 17 the Texas Co. announced a reduction of 25 cents a barrel on North and Central Texas crude oil of 36 degrees gravity and above, bringing the price to \$2.

The Prairie Oil & Gas Co. announced on July 17 that it would hereafter pay \$1 75 per barrel for top-gravity mid-continent crude—now classified as 33 gravity and above—a reduction of 50 cents per barrel for the highest grades of crude. The company also stated that it had made a change in its prorating order which became effective on July 1. The new price schedule follows: Below 30 degrees gravity, \$1 25 a barrel; 30 to and including 32.9 gravity, \$1 45; and 33 degrees and above, \$1 75.

The change in prorating, according to the official announcement, was made in order to relieve producers from loss by drainage. The new arrangement provides for more liberal purchases from producers, the company to pay half the purchase price now and the other half any time within a year; the producer to pay for 50% of the oil run into storage at the rate of 3 cents per barrel per month.

The Gulf Oil Co. has reduced price of top grade of mid-continent crude 50 cents, and lower grades 25 cents, to meet Sinclair prices; and of Mexia, Powell and Currie crude, 15 cents per barrel.

The Ohio Oil Co. reduced price of Lima, Indiana, Illinois, Princeton, Plymouth, Waterloo and Wooster crude oil 10 cents a barrel on July 17, and on July 18 the company reduced prices of Elk Basin, Grass Creek, light, Big Muddy Rock Creek, Mule Creek, Lance Creek crude oil 25 cents a barrel, and Sunburst Montana crude 7 cents a barrel.

The Humble Oil & Refining Co. has cut Mexia and Powell 25 cents a barrel to \$1 50, and Currie crude 50 cents to \$1 50. Gulf Oil has not followed the Humble cut in coastal crude.

The Texas Co., on July 18, again cut the price of mid-continent crude 25c. per barrel, making the top grade—33 and above—\$1 75 per barrel. This price conforms with the schedule of the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. and Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co.

A press dispatch from Denver on July 18 said that the Midwest Refining Co. will probably reduce the price of Salt Creek crude oil 25c. a barrel on July 21, making the new price \$1 35 a barrel. This reduction will mean that Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. will pay \$1 75 a barrel for government royalty oil instead of \$2 a barrel as heretofore.

Reports from Toronto on July 17 stated that Canadian crude oil had been reduced 10c. a barrel, making the price of petrolia crude \$2 48 a barrel and Oil Springs crude \$2 55 a barrel.

The Humble Oil & Refining Co.'s new posted prices announced, late on July 18, follow:

Powell, \$1 50; Mexia, \$1 50; Currie, \$1 50; Gulf Coast grade "A," \$1 50; Gulf Coast grade "B," \$1 30; Ranger, below 30 gravity, \$1 00; Ranger, 30 to 32.9 gravity, \$1 20; Ranger, 33 to 35.9 gravity, \$1 40; Ranger, 36 to 38.9 gravity, \$1 60; Ranger, 39 gravity and above, \$1 75; Wichita and Archer County crude, 33 gravity and above, \$1 50.

Texas Co. followed Prairie in mid-continent cut and reduced Mexia, Powell and Gulf Coast crudes 25c. and Currie 50c., following Humble Oil.

Gasoline prices in New York and New England declined early in the week, the retail price in Albany, N. Y. dropping 4c. to 18c. a gallon on July 12, due to a cut by independent distributors. The new price is in keeping with that which has obtained in nearby cities for a week.

Gasoline prices dropped 1c. to 17c. a gallon retail in Schenectady.

On July 12 the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced gasoline 1c. a gallon throughout its territory, making the tank-wagon price in New Jersey 18½c. Kerosene has been reduced 1c. a gallon in New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and North Carolina, and ½c. in South Carolina.

Diesel engine oil has been cut 15c. a barrel to \$2 10.

The Gulf Refining Co. and the Texas Co. (N. Y. "Times" July 13, Sec. 2, p. 7) met these reductions of 1c. a gallon in gasoline and ½ to 1c. in kerosene by Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

The Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky has reduced gasoline in Louisville 3c. a gallon, making price to dealers 16c. and at service stations 18c., including road tax of 3c.

A reduction of one cent a gallon in gasoline prices in Pennsylvania and Delaware was announced July 14 by the Atlantic Refining Co. The cut brings the price at filling stations to 22c. a gallon, while tank wagon price is 19c. This is the first price change made since Feb. 9, when the price was increased one cent to 23c. a gallon. The Gulf Refining, Texas and Transcontinental Oil companies met the cut.

The retail price of gasoline dropped to 16c. at suburban filling station near Albany, N. Y., on July 13, but generally the price remained at 18c.

Independent gasoline sold at 12c. a gallon in the price war in Rochester, N. Y.

The Standard Oil of New York reduced the price of gasoline one cent to 19c. tank wagon basis on July 15. New service station price is 21½c. per gallon in New England and 22c. per gallon in New York.

Gulf Refining Co., Beacon Oil, Sinclair Consolidated and Texas Co. have followed the reduction.

Reports from Louisville state that the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky reduced gasoline 2c. a gallon in Savannah, Ga., July 16. New price to dealers is 18c. a gallon and at service stations 20c., including road tax of 3c. and inspection tax of ½c.

Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, followed by other distributors, has reduced gasoline in Shreveport one cent a gallon to 15½c. from tank wagons and 19½c. at filling stations.

A dispatch from Tulsa says that the Sun Co. reduced tank wagon and service station quotations in Tulsa 3c., making new prices 13c. tank wagon and 18c. service station. The refined market is showing additional weakness in view of further crude reductions, which are anticipated daily.

The Standard Oil Co. of Indiana on July 17 announced a reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline for its entire territory, effective July 18. The company said the action was made possible by a reduction in the price of crude oil recently made by the companies furnishing crude petroleum. The Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co. reduced gasoline one cent in its entire territory, making Chicago tank wagon price 17c. Filling station price remains 19c. at Chicago.

The gasoline price war in Rochester which brought gasoline down to 12c. a gallon ended July 18 in an agreement to charge 17c. for the independent brand and 21c. for Standard Oil Co.'s product.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has reduced export price of naphtha one cent a gallon at the port of New York.

Increase Noted in Crude Oil Production.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended July 12 was 1,992,850, as compared with 1,968,550 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 24,300 barrels. This was, however, 245,900 barrels per day less than the output during the corresponding week of 1923. The current daily average production east of the Rocky Mountains was 1,372,650 barrels, as compared with 1,349,050 barrels the preceding week, an increase of 23,600 barrels. California production was 620,200 barrels, as compared with 619,500 barrels; Santa Fe Springs is reported at 58,500 barrels, against 58,000 barrels; Long Beach 157,000 barrels, against 169,300 barrels; Huntington Beach 44,500 barrels, no change; Torrance 58,000 barrels, no change, and Dominquez 11,500 barrels, against 11,000 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks ended July 12, July 5, June 28 1924 and July 14 1923:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.				
In Barrels—	July 12 '24.	July 5 '24.	June 28 '24.	July 14 '23.
Oklahoma.....	478,300	476,950	472,750	503,850
Kansas.....	77,700	76,500	76,200	84,650
North Texas.....	79,050	78,850	78,050	75,550
Central Texas.....	168,650	169,350	171,450	175,250
North Louisiana.....	55,950	54,100	56,700	62,500
Arkansas.....	148,650	149,950	152,800	122,500
Gulf Coast.....	126,500	115,650	106,550	102,150
Eastern.....	108,000	107,500	107,000	113,000
Wyoming and Montana.....	129,850	120,200	127,650	131,300
California.....	620,200	619,500	626,700	868,000
Total.....	1,992,850	1,968,550	1,975,850	2,238,750

Changes in Automobile Prices and Models.

The Peerless Motor Car Co. has announced price increases on three body styles and the addition of three new models to the six-cylinder line. The three body styles whose prices are advanced are the 2-passenger roadster \$2,335, an increase

of \$150; the 5-passenger touring \$2,285, an increase of \$100, and the 5-passenger sedan \$2,995, an increase of \$120. The new prices are effective Monday, July 21. There is no change in the prices of Peerless eight-cylinder cars. The three new body styles just announced are the 7-passenger touring car \$2,485; the 5-passenger coupe \$2,950, and the 7-passenger sedan \$3,295. The 7-passenger touring car and 7-passenger sedan are on 133-inch wheel base. All the other Peerless six-body styles are on 126-in. wheel base. Substantial increases in manufacturing costs due to the many improvements and refinements which have been incorporated in the Peerless six, since it was introduced to the public several months ago, made necessary the adjustment in prices, according to D. A. Burke, President and general manager. Hydraulic four-wheel brakes and balloon tires have been added as standard equipment.

Steel and Iron Operations Remain Practically the Same But Orders for Steel Increase.

In its regular weekly iron and steel market review the "Iron Age" of July 17 observes that a slight gain in orders has taken place though operations are little changed and prices of some products tend downward. A summary of the "Age" report follows:

The encouraging feature of the steel market is a moderate increase in orders taken by the mills. Production is on no larger scale than before the shutdowns—at Chicago and in northern Ohio it is slightly less—and where prices have changed they have declined.

The larger amount of new business is due to needs accumulated while rolling mills were idle at the beginning of the month, and does not signify increased consumption. In some sections, in fact, consumption is less. The metal-working industries in the Cleveland district, for example, are now operating at about 35% of capacity, as compared with 50% late in June.

In no measurable degree has the situation in respect to railroad, structural or automobile demand shown a turn, except for a number of releases received by automobile parts makers on long-standing orders and the preparations of several car builders to begin production on new models.

New buying is better in sheets and bars than in most other products. But the sheet market is weaker, and bars are commonly sold at 2.20c., Chicago, with some sales there at 2.15c.

In line with the lower price of sheets, business in sheet bars has been done at \$38 in the Central West, though the last contract price was \$40.

Cold-finished steel bars and shafting have declined \$2 a ton, and the 2.75c. price on hot-rolled flats has practically disappeared.

A reduction of \$5 a ton is announced on woven-wire fence, but at the same time the cash discount has been shortened. Barbed wire and staples have been reduced to a \$3.60 basis.

Over against these lower tendencies, there has been an advance in scrap for the past month, with larger buying of heavy melting steel this week at Youngstown. Since the scrap market at times has led in pointing to a turn, this development has been called favorable.

Midsummer building construction is fairly active, but with no new trend, awards of the past week requiring upward of 30,000 tons of steel, while inquiries on new work total about 22,000 tons, including 8,300 tons for a power station in Philadelphia. In the holiday week the awards were 12,000 tons and in the previous week 31,000 tons.

Structural steel bookings in June were 12% above those of May, a third over those of June of last year and for the first half of this year 1,050,000 tons, or only 65,000 tons under the record made in the first half of 1923.

The pig iron market is showing greater firmness in some districts, notably at Ironton, Ohio, where 50c. higher is asked, but Bessemer iron has declined 50c. at Pittsburgh. In the immediate Chicago district, \$19.50 to \$20. furnace, is still held, but Chicago iron is being sold in the St. Louis district at \$18. furnace.

A domestic maker of ferromanganese is offering to sell at \$105. seaboard, or \$2.50 below the price made for some time by both foreign and domestic producers.

Recent shading of prices of Lake Superior ores is attributed at Cleveland to small mining companies and not to leading producers. A pending inquiry for 200,000 tons from a furnace company may test the strength of the market.

The recent order of the Imperial Government Railways of Japan for 10,000 tons of 60 and 75-lb. rails is understood to have gone to a European mill at \$34.56 per ton, c.i.f. Japan, much below the American bid, though nearly all previous contracts came to this country. Japanese inquiry for light gauge black sheets is active, following heavy purchasing here at considerable concessions, but domestic mills are not now willing to duplicate the low prices.

Inquiry for line pipe for South American and other foreign oil fields is active. The Standard Oil Co. has bought 85 miles of 6-in. pipe for the Dutch East Indies, and there is pending business for Venezuela.

In domestic orders an interesting item is the Pan-American Petroleum Co.'s purchase of 140 miles of 10-in. pipe for a line from Bakersfield, Calif. to its refinery.

European dullness has become rather pronounced and British pig iron prices are weak. Ruhr plants are operating at barely a 30% rate. Galvanized sheets alone are strong and an inquiry for a large tonnage has appeared from South America.

The "Iron Age" composite price table follows:

Composite Price July 15 1924, Finished Steel, 2.589c. Per Lb.	
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.....	10-year pre-war average, 1.689c.
Composite Price July 15 1924, Pig Iron, \$19.29 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.....	10-year pre-war average, 15.72

Underlying conditions in iron and steel appear to be approaching the final stages in the recent process of readjustment, declares the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland on July 17. This is making for a better outlook for some

revival of market activity in the near future. Developments this week point to such raw material markets as pig iron, scrap, and coke as being near or at the termination of the long price declines and the return to more stabilized business. Some fair buying is appearing in these materials. In finished steel, buyers are moving more cautiously and while they are releasing some tonnage, the situation still shows an absence of the confidence which is essential to liberal activity. The change in week-to-week bookings of the mills continues slight, adds the "Review" giving further details which are appended.

Operations show a shade of betterment. Two blast furnaces have gone in blast in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys but this is partly offset by the cessation of another furnace at Chicago. A Cleveland steel works has added two open hearth furnaces to its active list which is largely due to the company's release of suspended automobile steel orders. Steel making operations at Pittsburgh are put at 40 to 50%. Sheet and tin mill wages are 3% lower for July and August as a result of the bi-monthly examination of manufacturers' sales sheets. The strike of tin mill workers against the 20% wage reduction by an independent mill at McKeesport is of a local character.

Finished steel prices are shifting with the tendency gradually lower. Makers of wire products, beginning this week, are quoting a \$1 per ton reduction and on cold-finished bars a \$2 reduction. Plates remain a weak spot. After the slump of a week ago, building steel contracts show some recovery. The Philadelphia territory has come to the front with the largest week in its history in structural steel negotiations. These aggregating 55,000 tons. Oil country demands are keeping in good volume. Buoyancy in the iron and steel scrap market has become more pronounced. Advances of 50 cents to \$1 a ton are reported in practically all selling territories. The pig iron market appears either definitely turning or to have reached a bottom point after practically an unbroke decline for 12 months. Chicago furnaces have advanced prices \$1 above the recent minimum. On all sides producers are holding more firmly and are inclined to try out some advances.

Indian pig iron is assuming greater importance as a competitor along the Atlantic Coast. Sales of this iron are running about 10,000 tons monthly, largely in New York, Philadelphia and New England territory.

The composite this week on 14 representative iron and steel products is \$39.89. This compares with \$39.91 last week and \$40.13 the preceding week.

No Change of Note in the Coal Markets.

The "Coal Trade Journal," which has removed from 20 Vesey Street to its new offices at 4 West 40th Street, in its weekly market review issued July 16, says:

What little change the second week in July brought to the bituminous markets of the country has been for the better. No great amount of tangible evidence of increased activity was noted, but it was rumored that a number of important contracts already have been placed by industrials in the East Atlantic States. It is certain that for several weeks past the keenest interest has been displayed by large industrials and public utilities, which would indicate that their opinion is that a general stiffening of prices is imminent. This feeling is becoming more general throughout the country and it can only mean that a replenishment of stocks is not far off. When this movement occurs it will be accompanied by a rise in prices; that is certain.

There are indications that many of the industrial plants that have been working only part time will shortly resume operations on a full time schedule which will relieve to some extent the overbalanced stocks of buckwheat, but the anthracite market generally is dull and anthracite operators are finding it difficult to find a place for the production of prepared sizes. Anticipation of fall business will, it is hoped, relieve this situation before the month is closed. There was no anthracite mined on the Fourth and few mines resumed operations on the following day. In fact, it is rumored that some of the independents will go on part time for a few weeks.

Tidewater business at Hampton Roads continued to recover during the first week of July, when 363,257 tons of bituminous coal were dumped. Betterment of foreign demand was the primary cause of this improvement, and showed an increase of 18,871 tons or 24% in exports. New England dumpings decreased slightly to 172,806 tons.

Movement of bituminous across the lakes increased somewhat in the week ended July 6 despite the holidays. The Ore and Coal Exchange report 756,072 net tons were dumped; 713,012 tons were cargo coal and 43,060 tons vessel fuel. This is an increase of 46,703 tons over the preceding week.

The July 17th Weekly Review issued by the "Coal Age," of New York makes the following observations on the condition of the coal markets:

Clutching at any straw within reach, the coal industry rejoices that the long-drawn-out convention of the Democrats has finally come to an end and heaves a sigh of relief that the choice of a candidate fell to one not likely to indulge in rampages for regulation if his campaign for election should prove successful. Whether this is the herald of the early approach of the long hoped-for upturn in business or not it marks the passing of what in some quarters has been regarded as one of the obstacles in the path of business resumption. What the others may be, other than the usual hesitant attitude while waiting to see which way the political wind will blow, doesn't seem to be clear. At any rate, caution continues to dominate the coal business in the leading markets of the country, consumers showing a reluctance to buy except for immediate needs or when distress coal may be picked up at a sacrifice.

Since twenty-six operations in the Kanawha field last week posted a scale of wages cutting tonnage rates to the same level as the 1917 rate and placing day wages somewhat above the basis of that scale six companies have resumed production. One of the most encouraging developments of recent weeks is the announcement that six textile plants are about to reopen—three in Massachusetts and a like number in Connecticut.

"Coal Age" index of spot prices of bituminous coal sticks uncomfortably close to the unprofitable low level of recent weeks, the figure for July 14 having receded to 162, the corresponding price for which is \$1.96. This is a decline of 2 points from the index figure of the preceding week, 164, which represented a price of \$1.99 per net ton.

The holiday week end played havoc with traffic at Hampton Roads, dumpings of coal for all accounts during the week ended July 10 totaling 236,520 net tons, a slump of more than 165,000 tons from the previous week, when 401,935 net tons was dumped. Coal dumped at Lake Erie ports during the week ended July 12, according to the Ore & Coal Exchange, was as follows: Cargo, 731,438 net tons; fuel, 48,062 tons. The totals for the preceding week were 712,277 net tons of cargo coal and 40,966 tons of fuel coal.

The customary summer quiet characterizes practically all branches of the anthracite trade. Demand, as usual, is best for stove coal, being sufficient to take care of the output. Egg and chestnut also are moving well, though dependent in a degree on the call for the more popular stove. Pea, however, is causing some difficulty, many of the larger companies stocking it. Steam sizes are in weak demand. Independents' prices hold fairly firm on stove, but occasional concessions are made to move the less active sizes. A number of the smaller independent operations, it is reported, have not resumed production since the holiday because of the falling off in demand.

Holiday Lessens Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Production.

Independence Day and an extra holiday at many mines on July 5 brought about heavy reductions in production, according to the weekly report of the United States Geological Survey.

The observance of the Independence Day holiday at the soft coal mines was practically universal, and many of them were not operated on July 5. The total output dropped to 5,755,000 net tons, a decrease of 1,616,000 tons, or 22%. Excepting only 1922, when the union mines were closed by the strike, this is the lowest record of production in Fourth of July week during the eight years for which weekly statistics are available. The average daily production for the five working days declined to 1,151,000 tons and continues to run along parallel to and below the lines for 1921.

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

	1924		1923	
	Calendar Year to Date.	Week. to Date.	Calendar Year to Date.	Week. to Date.
June 21	7,202,000	218,845,000	10,422,000	260,353,000
Daily average	1,200,000	1,490,000	1,737,000	1,771,000
June 28	7,371,000	226,216,000	10,458,000	270,811,000
Daily average	1,228,000	1,480,000	1,743,000	1,770,000
July 5-b	5,755,000	231,971,000	8,742,000	279,553,000
Daily average	1,151,000	1,469,000	1,748,000	1,770,000

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

Production of soft coal during the first 158 working days of the calendar year 1924 was 231,971,000 tons. In the six preceding years it was as follows:

Years of Activity.	Years of Depression.
1918	224,720,000 net tons
1920	205,361,000 net tons
1923	196,706,000 net tons

ANTHRACITE.

As was to be anticipated, the mining of anthracite ceased on the Fourth of July, and reports of cars loaded by the railroads indicate that many mines did not resume work on the following day. As a result the production of anthracite fell off sharply to 1,296,000 net tons, a decrease of 622,000 tons, or more than 32%. This was the smallest output on record for such week, except that in 1922, when the mines were closed by the general strike of that year.

Cumulative production during 1924 to date stands at 46,921,000 tons, a decrease of 11% as compared with 1923.

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

Week Ended—	1924		1923	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year to Date.
June 21	1,823,000	43,707,000	2,042,000	49,287,000
June 28	1,918,000	45,625,000	2,105,000	51,392,000
July 5	1,296,000	46,921,000	1,580,000	52,749,000

BEEHIVE COKE.

The observance of July 4 as a holiday was reflected by a sharp decline in the production of beehive coke, which fell to 95,000 net tons in the week ended July 5. That this decrease of 35,000 tons was not due entirely to the shutdown on the holiday is shown by the fact that the average daily output for the five working days was 2,000 tons less than the average in the week before. The principal decrease occurred in Pennsylvania and Ohio, with less important losses in West Virginia, Washington and Utah.

In the Connellsville region, according to the Connellsville "Courier," the output declined to 54,240 tons.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended—			1923	1923
	July 5 1924.a	June 28 1924.b	July 7 1923.	Date.	Date.c
Pennsylvania and Ohio	63,000	85,000	306,000	4,855,000	8,350,000
West Virginia	5,000	6,000	23,000	325,000	611,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Ga.	13,000	18,000	19,000	530,000	616,000
Virginia	6,000	6,000	15,000	216,000	432,000
Colorado & New Mexico	5,000	5,000	8,000	142,000	220,000
Washington and Utah	3,000	5,000	5,000	109,000	149,000
United States total	95,000	125,000	376,000	6,177,000	10,378,000
Daily average	19,000	21,000	75,000	38,000	64,000

a Subject to revision. b Revised from last report. c Less one day's 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 July 5 stood at 6,177,000 net tons. Figures for similar periods in earlier years are as follows:

1920	11,044,000 net tons	1922	3,296,000 net tons
1921	3,624,000 net tons	1923	10,378,000 net tons

Possibility That Compilation of Copper Production Figures May Be Discontinued—Producers Call Plan Unfair—This Week's Figures of Surplus Copper.

In an item under the above head on July 15 the New York "Evening Post" intimated that compilation of monthly figures of copper production may be discontinued. As a matter of fact, the statements which have been coming out in the recent past were not supposed to be given publicity; they were intended only for the information of members of the American Bureau of Metal Statistics (by which the compilations are made), but through some unauthorized source have been divulged. The following is what the "Post" had to say in the matter on the 15th:

"Co-operative effort among copper producing companies has struck a snag which may permanently be effective, it became known to-day when inquiries were made concerning the delayed statistics covering the June

operations of American refineries. These figures, incidentally were compiled for the benefit only of contributing producers although they had been made known from month to month in approximate totals showing the trend of surplus stocks and the amount of production and deliveries.

In fact, much the same method was pursued in their compilation as a decade ago when the Copper Producers' Association was in existence, but this organization yielded to pressure of some of its members who then were of the opinion that the world at large and consumers in particular were securing too strong an insight in their business in return for which they were willing to furnish nothing of value to the producing interests.

Unfair Say Producers.

"It is not fair to the producers that the consumers, our customers, should be in possession of such full knowledge of our business," declared one of the former in discussing the situation to-day with the "Evening Post," "and for this reason there is strong likelihood that further monthly statistics of the refineries will not be compiled.

"It is simply a repetition of conditions existing up to the commencement of the war in 1914 which furnished the excuse for disbanding. If the manufacturers would meet us half way with an idea of their own position on stocks of copper and their requirements it would be another story, but to do this they are not inclined."

Wall Street had heard it was to the refusal of Calumet & Hecla Copper Corp. to further furnish figures to the common contribution each month that these statistics no longer may be compiled. Through friends in Boston the "Evening Post" made inquiry as to the truth of this statement of R. L. Agassiz, President of the company and prominent in the copper industry, to which came back this reply: "Mr. Agassiz has nothing to say on the matter except that the American Bureau of Metal Statistics (compiler of the monthly figures) is not supposed to make public its findings, as its figures are confidential."

Substantially Correct.

From another producer, prominent in the industry, it was learned that the references to the possibility of ceasing to get monthly figures as heretofore were "substantially correct."

The meagre figures bearing on mine production of copper in the United States thus far have indicated little effort to curtail production, although some of the larger mines have cut down below their capacity possibilities. The current price of the metal marks the mean level for many months and has been chiefly attributed to the offerings by one or two custom smelters which bring in vast quantities of crude copper from abroad and put it on the market at whatever it will bring. At the moment a let-up has developed and the price has stiffened fractionally from the low, but demand has failed to materially improve, according to statements of producers.

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The day after the publication of the above, the "Post" (on July 16) printed the following regarding the belated copper figures:

The delayed copper figures indicating a 3,000,000-pound decrease in surplus stocks last month were somewhat of a surprise, not only to Wall Street, but among producers, some of whom a week ago had anticipated another gain in this item. There also had been a feeling that possibly further figures of the monthly movement of copper might cease, at least until such time as improvement for the producers had occurred.

Figures as follows were published by the New York "Times" July 17:

Surplus stocks of copper were reduced again during June, according to unofficial figures published yesterday. The stocks of refined metal carried by North and South American refiners on June 30, according to the figures were 222,000,000 pounds, or 3,000,000 pounds less than reported at the end of May. On Jan. 1 1924 surplus stocks were placed at more than 300,000,000 pounds. On July 1 1923 the surplus was down to 197,500,000 pounds.

The production of refined copper in June was estimated at 205,000,000 pounds, while shipments were 208,000,000 pounds, this being the sixth consecutive month of the current year in which shipments were more than 205,000,000 pounds. May shipments were 222,000,000 pounds and production 226,000,000 pounds, against shipments of 234,000,000 pounds and production of 216,000,000 pounds in April. For the first six months of 1924 shipments were estimated at 1,390,000,000 pounds, or a monthly average of 233,000,000 pounds, the total for the six months' period being the largest of any similar period in the history of the industry. Shipments in the first half of 1923 averaged 195,000,000 pounds monthly. Production for the first six months of this year totaled 1,302,000,000 pounds, thus accounting for a reduction of 88,000,000 pounds in surplus stocks since Jan. 1.

Despite this reduction in surplus stocks copper metal continues to be quoted at only a shade above the low levels for the current year to date. The price was 12½ to 12⅓ cents a pound yesterday, and while buying was reported to be more active than in the recent past, no appreciable gain in the quotation has been recorded. Due to the large inquiries coming into the market in the past few days, producers report a firmer tone, and if present conditions continue for any length of time, a better price is expected soon. Export prices yesterday were a shade weaker, but improved foreign conditions are expected to cause a general revival in the demand for copper from Germany and other foreign countries.

Large Falling off in Loading of Railroad Revenue Tonnage on Account of Holiday.

Loading of revenue freight for the week which ended on July 5 totaled 759,942 cars, according to reports filed on July 17 by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. Due to the observance of the Fourth of July, this was a decrease of 148,413 cars under the preceding week, although the average daily loading for the week which ended on July 5 was virtually the same as that for the preceding week. Compared with the corresponding week last year, the total for the week of July 5 was a decrease of 90,140 cars but was an increase of 52,917 cars over the corresponding week in 1922, when freight traffic was greatly reduced because of the coal miners' strike. The statement proceeds as follows:

Owing to the holiday, reductions compared with the week before were reported in the loading of all commodities.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 34,778 cars, a decrease of 3,630 under the week before but an increase of 3,705 cars over the same week last year.

Live stock loading totaled 24,841 cars, a decrease of 3,005 cars under the preceding week but an increase of 164 cars over the same week last year.

Coal loading amounted to 111,458 cars, a decrease of 33,301 cars under the preceding week and a decrease of 43,828 cars under last year.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight totaled 207,208 cars, 32,832 cars under the week before and 2,383 cars below the same week last year.

Miscellaneous freight loading amounted to 275,154 cars. This was a decrease of 48,442 cars under the week before and a decrease of 12,734 cars under last year.

Forest products loading totaled 50,964 cars, 16,576 cars less than the week before and 3,220 cars under last year, but 6,786 cars above the same week in 1922.

Ore loading amounted to 48,482 cars. Compared with the week before this was a decrease of 10,356 cars and a decrease of 24,767 cars under last year.

Coke loading totaled 6,697 cars, a decrease of 271 cars under the preceding week and 7,074 cars under the corresponding week in 1922.

Compared by districts, decreases under the week before in the total loading of all commodities were reported in all districts due to the holiday.

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

Table with 4 columns: Year, 1924, 1923, 1922. Rows include 4 weeks of January, 4 weeks of February, 5 weeks of March, 4 weeks of April, 5 weeks of May, 4 weeks of June, and Week ended July 5.

Decrease in Postal Savings Deposits in June.

A decrease of \$417,000 in postal savings deposits during June is indicated in the following statement made public the current week by the Postmaster-General.

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

Summary table showing Balance on deposit May 31, Decrease during June, Balance on deposit June 30, and Total.

Large table showing Depositors' Balance, Inc. (+), and Dec. (-) for various Post Offices across the country, including New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc.

Flint Glass Workers' Union Authorized to Accept Wage Cut if Necessary at Convention.

The American Flint Glass Workers Union held its annual convention this week in Atlantic City. One of the features of the sessions was action taken on July 10, when by a resolution unanimously adopted, delegates empowered their conferees to accept if necessary a reduction of wages from union employers in order to meet the reported disastrous competition and provided that the workmen be compensated for the loss out of the fund of the national organization.

Strike Averted in Paper Box Trade of New York—New Agreement Adopted.

After an all-day conference with the Division of Mediation and Arbitration of the New York State Department of Labor, the strike of 2,500 paper box workers scheduled for July 10 was averted through the signing of an agreement on July 9 with the union that will operate until Sept. 30 1926.

Firestone Apsley Rubber Plant Curtails.

Boston dispatches July 11 stated that notices had been posted at the Firestone Apsley rubber plant at Hudson, announcing a shutdown of three weeks beginning with the closing of the mill room on July 16.

Potters to Seek Increased Wages.

Propositions embodying a moderate increase in wages in the general ware pottery trade were adopted at the closing session of the annual convention of the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters at Atlantic City on July 13.

Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc., Taken Over by Employees.

Sixteen employees of the Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc., manufacturers of paints, varnishes, brushes, artists' materials, &c., have taken over the ownership and management of the business, which now is in its 170th year.

There is nothing radical in the change. It is in no way a donation to the employees, nor is it a manifestation of socialism in any form.

Due to the new policy of advertising and the modern methods of advertising adopted by the younger generation, a statement by the company said, its sales have doubled in the past five years, at an annual increase of about 25%.

United States District Court Rules Union's By-Law Requiring Outside Contractor to Pay Highest Prevailing Wage Rate is Unfair Discrimination.

An opinion given by Federal Judge E. S. Thomas and made public at the Clerk of Court's office at New Haven, Conn., on July 14, rules that the union by-law which requires an outside contractor to pay the highest prevailing wage constitutes

unfair discrimination. He refuses to dismiss the injunction brought by J. I. Hass, Inc., of New Jersey against the local union of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, and others. Hass contracted to build structures for the Conde Nast Company at Greenwich in December 1923, and offered to pay the wages prevalent in Greenwich, which were \$9 for eight hours and a five-and-a-half-day week. Walking delegates of the union are said to have insisted on the New Jersey scale of \$10 for eight hours and the five-day week, and threatened to expel from the union any local help who went to work for Hass at the Greenwich rate. The concern procured an injunction which the Court declines to dismiss.

Wages of Sheet and Tin Workers in Youngstown Reduced.

Wages of sheet and tin workers were cut 10 cents a hundred pounds for the next two months under the bi-monthly settlement reached at Youngstown, O., on July 11. The current rate is \$3 70 a hundred pounds. Last year at this time it was the same.

Strike of Tin Workers Against Wage Reduction.

One thousand employees of the McKeesport Tin Plate Co., at Port Vue, Pa., on July 11, did not appear for work. The men comprise the entire force of the Hot Mill Department. Other departments can work only as long as the stock of ready material lasts, a company official said. It is supposed that the walkout resulted from a 20% wage reduction and a half-time working schedule put into effect four weeks ago. The company official stated that the changes were due to the collapse of the tin market, the stock rooms of the company being filled with tin. He added that no overtures to the men would be made but if they returned of their own accord the mills would be kept running as long as possible.

Coronado Coal Company Denied Claim to Damages Against Labor Union by Circuit Court of Appeals.

The famous Coronado Coal case, which has been the subject of litigation for the past ten years, was brought to a close at St. Louis recently with a decision of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals denying the claim of the Coronado Coal Co. to recover damages from the United Mine Workers of America for alleged destruction of property by strikers in the Arkansas field in 1914. The decision affirms the ruling of Federal Judge John C. Pollock, and follows the dictum of the United States Supreme Court. The opinion was written by Judge William S. Kenyon and concurred in by Judges Walter H. H. Sanborn and Robert E. Lewis. The case had been remanded by the Supreme Court in 1922 for a new trial after a lower court had given judgment to the Coronado company for \$200,000 damages, which would be trebled under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Chief Justice Taft held, in an opinion, that labor organizations, although unincorporated, may be prosecuted under the Sherman Act and may be held liable for damages as the result of strikes. He ruled, however, that in this case there was no evidence that officials of the organization had approved or ratified the acts complained of. The Chief Justice also held that the mere interference with the mining of coal or a manufacturing process did not constitute interference with inter-State commerce.

Open Shop Established in Kanawha Coal Field of West Virginia.

Mines in the Kanawha coal field of West Virginia will resume operations under a modification of the 1917 wage scale, and in which the union will receive no recognition, D. C. Kennedy, Secretary of the Kanawha Operators' Association, announced at Charleston on July 7. The new scale calls for 1917 tonnage rates and slightly higher pay in day rates. The mines had operated under a union agreement up to March 31 last. Since that date the operators have been negotiating with union representatives, but all efforts to reach an agreement failed, the union forces holding out for the Jacksonville scale and the operators contending that they could not compete in the market on that basis. Since the 1922 strike, it is stated in the newspapers, only a part of the Kanawha mines operated on a union basis, and while the Kanawha Operators' Association had no part in the negotiations with the union, Mr. Kennedy represented some of the union mines. The operators, Mr. Kennedy said, would grant "local autonomy" to their miners, but would not deal

with international representatives of the United Mine Workers. Twenty-six companies, operating 45 mines, posted the new scale on July 7, Mr. Kennedy announced. Six of the companies resumed operations at once, he added.

Brockton Shoe Trade Seeks 10% Wage Cut.

The Brockton Shoe Manufacturers' Association has requested the local unions of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union to accept a flat 10% reduction in wages. The manufacturers claim that this will enable them to meet outside competition.

Wages Reduced by Interwoven Mills—Operations Resumed.

Six plants of the Interwoven Mills, Inc., resumed operations on July 16 under a reduced wage scale. The average cut was 10%. The plants, located at Martinsburg, Berkeley Springs and Harpers Ferry, W. Va.; Hagerstown, Md., and Chambersburg and Carlisle, Pa., were shut down on June 29 because of a slack market.

Reo Motor Car Company Resuming With 4,000 Men Monday.

Nearly 4,000 employees of the Reo Motor Car Co., laid off two weeks ago, have been ordered to return to work Monday, placing the force again at 5,000, it was announced yesterday.

United States District Court Enjoins 51 Unions from Interfering with Western Union Co.

Judge James H. Wilkerson on July 16 at Chicago issued in the Federal Court a temporary injunction restraining the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 134, headed by Michael J. Boyle, and about 50 other unions from interfering with the inter-State commerce conducted by the Western Union Telegraph Co. The other unions involved included bricklayers, masons, plumbers and other building tradesmen who struck on the construction of the Illinois Merchants Trust Bldg. when the telegraph company employed non-union labor for the installation of call boxes and ticker wires. The company charged that its business had been damaged to the extent of \$4,000 a month, inasmuch as the Postal Telegraph Co., protected by a previous injunction against the electrical workers' union, was able to install wires and boxes in loop buildings, thus depriving the plaintiff of much business. The written decision handed down by Judge Wilkerson declared:

Broadly speaking, any American citizen has the right to quit work whenever he chooses, unless in quitting work he is furthering a criminal conspiracy. The crime in this case is in going to work with an understanding which is part of the conspiracy and later quitting work in furtherance of that conspiracy.

In deciding that the electrical workers' strike was an interference with inter-State commerce, Judge Wilkerson quoted the decision of Chief Justice Taft in the Coronado Coal Co.'s case against the United Mine Workers. The defense claimed that the right to quit work when he chooses belongs inalienably to every American citizen and that it would be an act of oppression for the Federal Government to interfere with the right of choosing employment. "The facts stated in the bill and supporting affidavits, in my opinion, show an interference with inter-State commerce," said the Judge. "The plaintiff here is a public utility. A large part of its business is the transmission of messages. It is required to serve the public without discrimination." The injunction specifically forbids interference with Western Union business either by strike or intimidation and will make possible resumption of the corporation's installation work. Attorney William L. Bourland, acting for the telegraph company, drew up the decree of injunction at Judge Wilkerson's request. Attorneys for the union were Hope Thompson and Timothy J. Fell, who denied that their clients' action could be construed as an interference with inter-State commerce.

New Labor Agreement Signed in the Women's Wear Trades of New York.

An agreement based on the recommendations of the special commission appointed recently by Governor Smith to arbitrate the differences between employers and employes was signed on July 16 in the women's wear manufacturing trades of New York. The agreement is characterized as one of the most important ever entered into by a union and employers' organizations in the women's wear industry. By the sign-

ing of the agreement differences which have existed between various factions in the industry have been adjusted and complete unionization of the industry is declared to be recognized as a necessity by both sides. Provision is made in the new agreement that all future disputes shall be arbitrated by a trial board.

The general strike which went into effect throughout the industry last week has practically been terminated now at least in so far as the union shops which signed the new agreement are concerned, and the majority of shops have resumed operations. The new agreement is between the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Joint Board of the Cloak, Skirt, Dress and Reefer Makers' Union of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; the American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association, sub-manufacturers; Merchants' Ladies' Garment Association, jobbers, and the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association, inside manufacturers. The agreement provides that the cloak and suit makers "agree that all of its members who produce all or part of their garments on their own premises will maintain union shops" and will deal only with the manufacturers who conduct union shops. Some of the salient features of the agreement were brought out in the New York "Times" which said:

"No member of the association," says the agreement, "shall employ or continue employing a manufacturer whose name is not included in the latest corrected list of 'union shops' furnished by the union." A clause prevents an association member from giving work or an order to a manufacturer before ascertaining whether he is in contractual relations with the union. Under another provision the association can impose a fine for a first offense on the part of a member dealing with a manufacturer not under contract with the union and expel him for a second offense. Other provisions authorize the association to investigate the books of members to determine whether they are dealing with manufacturers not under contract with the union, and for a prohibition on purchases by a member from a manufacturer whose workers are on strike or against whom the union has called a strike.

"There shall be no strike or lockout in the shop of any manufacturer dealing with the members of the association during the period of the agreement," says the agreement, "nor shall there be any individual shop lockout, stoppage or strike pending the determination of any complaint or grievance."

Other provisions follow: "The association shall cooperate with the union in establishing and maintaining an unemployment insurance fund for the benefit of the members of the union. The fund shall be made up by contributions from the manufacturers and the union or individual members of the union; the contribution of the employers to the unemployment insurance fund shall be equal to 2% of the weekly payroll and that of the workers to 1% of their weekly wages. The fund shall be administered jointly under proper rules and provisions to be agreed upon by the parties.

"An appropriate label shall be adopted by the Joint Board of Sanitary Control to designate that the garments carrying the same have been manufactured under proper sanitary surroundings. The Joint Board of Sanitary Control shall furnish such labels at cost to manufacturers conducting union shops. Each member of the association obligates himself to handle or deal in no garments that do not bear this label. Any dispute as to the form or manner of use of such label shall be determined by the impartial Chairman.

"Pending the time that the sanitary label is prescribed in jurisdictions outside of the New York market, this commission will lay down the rules under which the jobber may deal in garments purchased in such outside jurisdictions, provided such garments can be shown as having been manufactured or produced in shops having contractual relations with the union."

An Impartial Chairman.

In case the employers and union fail to agree on any disputes that come up, it is provided that "the question or dispute shall be referred to a trial board, consisting of one member from each organization party hereto and a permanent umpire to be known as the 'impartial Chairman' in the industry. Such impartial Chairman shall be selected by the parties hereto in conjunction with the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Protective Association and the American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association within two weeks from the date of the execution of this agreement. Should the said parties fail to agree upon a choice of such impartial Chairman within the said period of two weeks, the Advisory Commission appointed by the Governor of the State of New York and consisting of Messrs. George Gordon Battle, Herbert Lehman, Arthur D. Wolf, Lindsay Rogers and Bernard Shientag, shall, upon the request of either party hereto, appoint such impartial Chairman."

"In order to secure a more equitable distribution of the work and to afford to all workers in the industry an equal opportunity of labor, the Advisory Commission appointed by the Governor, as above mentioned, shall immediately designate a group of experts working under the direction of the said commission, who shall make a thorough study of the industry and of all the problems confronting the various interests involved," the agreement provides. "Such experts shall submit their report to the commission on or before Jan. 1 1925, and the commission shall thereupon take up the said report and make definite recommendations on these and other problems involved."

The union obligates itself to enter into no contract benefiting manufacturers not members of the association, and both sides of the industry "recognize the necessity of unionizing the entire industry in the metropolitan district." One year from July 16 is named as the date of termination of the agreement.

"It means for the industry," said Morris Hillquit, counsel for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, "that the present disputes between the various factions have been, temporarily at least, adjusted. The favorable result is due largely to the advisory commission appointed by Governor Smith, who have given their time and interest to the problems in the spirit of broad sympathy and with a profound understanding of the problems laid before them."

"The Merchants' Ladies' Garment Association (jobbers) are pleased with the final outcome of this controversy," said Samuel Blumberg, its counsel. "While it was necessary that some concessions be made, undoubtedly the agreement will result in bringing about a speedier and more practical stabilization of the conditions in the industry."

Wool Growers Hit by Fewer Clothing Sales.

The present low price of raw wool cannot continue in the face of reduced wool supplies, unless a radical change takes place in the consumption of woollen clothing by the American public, declares the United States Department of Agriculture in a statement made public July 17. The statement further says:

American wool growers are receiving 20 cents a pound less for their wool now than a year ago, despite low world stocks, decreased imports during the past ten months and a decrease in the number of sheep in the principal wool-producing countries of the world.

Curtailed buying of woollen goods and clothing because of high prices, backward seasons, high rents, changes in style of women's wear, two-pants suits and increased use of silk and cotton goods has been advanced by the trade as the reason why the prices of raw wool are under those of a year ago, despite the American import tariff on wool.

The price of raw wool in Boston is approximately 18 cents a pound lower than the London price plus import duty, resulting in decreased imports and the re-exporting of large quantities of foreign wools imported into the United States and held in bond. Total imports of wool into the United States during the ten months ended April 30 1924 were 200,000,000 pounds as compared with 438,000,000 pounds imported during the corresponding ten months of the previous year.

All branches of the textile and clothing trade regard clothing prices as too high, but each feels that economies can best be effected by the others. Retailers feel that any reductions must take place in the manufacturers' selling price. The clothing manufacturer contends that the present wage scale makes it impossible to effect economies in production costs. Some of the clothing manufacturers and wholesale dealers feel that more efficient organization in the retail trade would bring about lower clothing prices.

The value of the raw wool that enters into a suit of clothes is a comparatively small factor in the price of clothing. The average all-wool suit takes about five pounds of wool, so that the difference between a low-priced and a high-priced suit is not so much the quantity of wool used as it is the manufacture of the cloth, quality of linings and findings and the labor used in making the cloth and the suit.

Last year a considerable quantity of wool was used in women's sweaters and knit wear. This year there has been a change in style from wool to silk. Artificial silk, of which more than 35,000,000 pounds was produced in the United States last year as compared with about 1,500,000 pounds in 1913, is given as another factor responsible for decreased consumption of wool. Estimated consumption of raw silk last year was approximately 49,000,000 pounds as compared with 28,000,000 in 1913.

The fact that 70% of all automobiles are said to be sold on time payments is regarded by many interests in the trade as evidence that their owners must economize in other directions in order to meet monthly payments. Yet, it is pointed out, the average automobile owner appears to be as well dressed as those who do not own cars.

High rents or the forced purchase of houses at high prices on the installment plan are other factors cited that may affect clothing purchases. Purchases of phonographs, radio sets and numerous personal and household articles, including vacuum cleaners, washing machines and the like, all mean for the man of fixed income either reduced savings or a readjustment in expenditures for other articles.

Census Report on Cotton Consumed and on Hand in June, also Active Spindles, and Exports and Imports—Sharp Falling Off in Consumption.

Under date of July 14 1924 the Census Bureau issued its report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of June 1924 and 1923 and the eleven months ending with June. Cotton consumed amounted to 350,277 bales of lint and 39,583 bales of linters in June 1924, compared with 542,026 bales of lint and 48,944 of linters in June 1923 and 413,649 of lint and 42,481 of linters in May 1924, the Bureau announced. It will be seen that the decrease from June 1923 in the total of lint and linters combined was 201,110 bales, or 34.0%. The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign bales, which are in equivalent 500-lb. bales.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
Bureau of the Census.
Preliminary Report.

Washington, D. C., 10 a. m., July 14 1924.

Cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles, and imports and exports of cotton for the month of June 1923 and 1924, with statistics of cotton consumed, imported and exported for the eleven months ending June 30.

(The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign cotton, which is in equivalent 500-pound bales.)

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

(Linters Not Included.)

Locality.	Year	Cotton Consumed During (Bales)—		Cotton on Hand June 30 (Bales).		Cotton Spindles Active During June. (Number)
		June.	Eleven Months Ending June 30.	In Consuming Establishments.	In Public Storage and at Compresses.	
United States.....	1924	*350,277	*5,341,440	*950,625	*882,204	29,216,486
	1923	542,026	6,203,438	1,347,468	1,227,184	34,855,520
Cotton-growing States.	1924	247,478	3,619,957	490,867	749,269	15,582,725
	1923	351,181	3,939,486	707,850	935,636	16,021,970
New England States....	1924	84,360	1,445,604	401,120	77,884	12,097,292
	1923	163,031	1,919,298	560,361	181,848	17,085,516
All other States.....	1924	18,439	275,879	58,638	55,051	1,536,469
	1923	27,814	344,654	79,257	109,700	1,748,034

* Includes 13,894 Egyptian, 7,061 other foreign, 2,979 American-Egyptian and 206 Sea-Island consumed, 58,956 Egyptian, 33,803 other foreign, 11,028 American-Egyptian and 2,616 Sea-Island in consuming estimate, and 14,697 Egyptian, 19,821 other foreign, 6,545 American-Egyptian and 1,949 Sea-Island in public storage. Eleven months consumption, 211,065 Egyptian, 97,165 other foreign, 31,778 American-Egyptian and 4,600 Sea-Island.

Linters not included above were 39,583 bales consumed during June in 1924 and 48,944 bales in 1923; 110,778 bales on hand in consuming establishments on June 30 1924, and 144,726 bales in 1923; and 69,742 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1924, and 42,224 bales in 1923. Linters consumed during eleven months ending June 30 amounted to 491,036 bales in 1924 and 600,176 bales in 1923.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.

Country of Production.	Imports of Foreign Cotton (500-Lb. Bales).			
	June.		11 Months Ending June 30.	
	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Egypt.....	7,566	6,580	162,026	325,406
Peru.....	470	430	19,434	20,594
China.....	2,505	3,479	42,891	49,537
Mexico.....	249	26,872	45,666
British India.....	3,086	2,568	32,889	21,017
All other.....	14	61	1,578	1,378
Total.....	13,641	13,367	285,690	463,598

Country to Which Exported.	Exporters of Domestic Cotton and Linters—Running Bales (See Note for Linters).			
	June.		11 Months Ended June 30.	
	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
United Kingdom.....	41,203	33,477	1,643,619	1,275,225
France.....	25,573	33,620	701,571	623,344
Italy.....	24,768	27,248	527,985	481,011
Germany.....	57,214	49,777	1,237,969	852,140
Other Europe.....	75,081	15,980	729,487	611,353
Japan.....	2,193	41,205	543,889	610,006
All Other.....	4,947	13,544	175,947	239,479
Total.....	230,979	214,851	5,560,467	4,692,558

Note.—Figures include 13,381 bales of linters exported during June in 1924 and 1,902 bales in 1923 and 107,238 bales for the 11 months ended June 30 in 1924 and 37,777 bales in 1923. The distribution for June 1924 follows: United Kingdom, 1,701; Netherlands, 136; France, 1,013; Germany, 9,704; Belgium, 26; Italy, 592; Canada, 201; Mexico, 8.

WORLD STATISTICS.

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1922, as compiled from information secured through the domestic and foreign staff of the Department of Commerce is 18,261,000 bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1923 was approximately 20,950,000 bales of 478 pounds lint. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 157,000,000.

Tobacco Men Plan War on British Concern—300,000 Southern Growers Resent Attack on Marketing Associations by Imperial Company of London.

The following is from the New York "Herald-Tribune" of July 13:

Open warfare between 300,000 Southern tobacco farmers, members of co-operative marketing associations, on the one side, and the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain, on the other, is believed to be imminent, it was said yesterday, following the failure of a recent peace move by the farmers.

The mission which went to England recently to have the dominant British company call off its boycott of the co-operatives and drop its antagonism has just reported the failure of negotiations and plans are said to be in preparation now for a counter-offensive in behalf of the American growers.

Duplex Attack Planned.

A double-barreled attack is in prospect. The farmers plan first to demand an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission of the alleged unfair methods of the British company and propose then to conclude negotiations with the consumers' co-operative societies of England, so as to carry the war into the other camp and compete with the Imperial in its own markets.

Charges of boycotting, intimidation of farmers and other unfair methods have been made against the Imperial almost since the beginning of the co-operative movement among the tobacco growers of Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana almost two years ago. The co-operatives were formed to aid the grower in getting a larger return for his crop and to do away with excessive profits of middlemen and commission agents.

But, although American tobacco and cigarette manufacturers bought extensively from the co-operative associations, the Imperial, which depends on the American crop for almost all of its tobacco leaf, is said to have consistently refused to deal with them.

Conference Held in London.

The situation became so serious during the last year that the co-operative associations decided to send representatives to meet with the Imperial's executive board in London and to seek some way of establishing a friendly business relation. Among the American representatives were Judge Robert W. Bingham of Louisville; Oliver J. Sands, banker, of Richmond, and Aaron Sapiro, general counsel to the co-operatives.

These met in London with H. W. Gunn, A. F. Faulkner, Sir Gilbert Wills and other members of the Imperial's executive board and there, according to their report, proposed that the Imperial drop its fight on the co-operatives and purchase from them in the same proportion in which it purchases from non-members.

The farmers' representatives presented a lengthy brief which, in addition to including letters from President Coolidge, Secretary Hoover and other high officials telling of their interest in the movement, presented affidavits and reports of the coercive acts against the co-operative farmers with which the British concern is charged. One of these alleged that the agents of the Imperial were fostering the widespread extension of tobacco growing in Georgia so as to break down the grip of the co-operatives on the market, although supplies of raw leaf were more than enough to meet all requirements.

Farm Loan Report Offered.

The brief offered a letter from G. R. Hefley, Secretary of the Farm Loan Board, to Senator Carter Glass, quoting a report to his department as follows:

"The development of the tobacco industry in southern Georgia has during the past two years assumed considerable proportions. It is estimated that between 30,000 and 40,000 acres will be planted in tobacco this coming year. The Imperial Tobacco Co. is fostering this production in co-operation with local banks and supply houses.

"This company maintains a considerable number of demonstrators, who sign up the farmers, under contract, to plant a certain acreage in tobacco, the demonstrator to advise the farmer in the culture, handling and marketing and to furnish detail plans for the construction of necessary barns.

"Attention is particularly called to the fact that the demonstrators referred to are in every possible way working along lines intended to prejudice farmers against affiliating with the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Associations."

It also was alleged in this brief that buyers for the Imperial would go to tobacco auction floors and pay abnormally high prices for the crops of non-member farmers, although more than enough tobacco could have been supplied by the co-operative associations at a lower price. The buyers sought

particularly, the brief contended, to pay high prices to a tenant farmer who was a non-member when the owner of the land was a member of the co-operative.

Parley Fails in Purpose.

Affidavits were submitted in support of all of these charges, according to the commission's report, but to no purpose and the conference ended without result. The affidavits now are to be used in the forthcoming action against the Imperial before the Federal Trade Commission as the basis for charges of discrimination and unfair competition.

Before leaving London, however, the representatives of the co-operative association met the leaders of the great consumers' co-operatives in England, which have membership of several millions and distribute many millions of dollars worth of commodities, such as groceries, clothing and the like, annually.

The American mission's report sets forth that a proposal was made to the British retail co-operatives to have 60,000,000 pounds of American tobacco supplied by the American farmers' organizations for manufacture in England, then to be sold by the British co-operatives under their own brand in competition with the brands of cigarettes and tobaccos controlled by the Imperial.

This proposal was submitted tentatively and is still the subject of negotiations. The farmers' representatives agreed to allow two cents on each pound of tobacco for an extensive advertising campaign to popularize the new co-operative brands.

Negotiations also are in progress with a large British independent manufacturer to handle the manufacture of tobacco supplied by the co-operatives. When preliminary parleys are completed, it is expected that a committee of the English co-operatives will come to this country to complete the deal.

The report of the mission deals also with negotiations which were had in France, Italy, Austria and Czechoslovakia, where tobacco is a government monopoly. They were uniformly successful in establishing friendly relations between the co-operatives and these governments, the report declared, and an increasing volume of business with these countries is anticipated.

Polish Tobacco Contract—President Standard Commercial Co. Says American Growers of Leaf Will Benefit.

In its issue of June 30 the "Wall Street Journal" published the following:

"I have closed a contract through Italian banking interests whereby with them we shall have the exclusive privilege of supplying for 20 years 60% of the leaf tobacco required by the Polish tobacco monopoly, backed by the Polish Government," said Ery Kehaya, President of the Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., returning from abroad.

"American growers of leaf tobacco will profit through establishment of a new market for American tobacco. Poland's population of about 30,000,000 will require 60,000,000 to 70,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco each year. Eventually 30% of these quantities should be American leaf tobacco, as I believe our farmers can compete successfully in providing this supply. The Banca Commerciale Italiana enabled Poland to borrow \$20,000,000 on 20-year bonds, guaranteed by the Italian Government and quickly subscribed for by Italian citizens. Under this 20-year contract, some 35,000,000 to 45,000,000 pounds of tobacco will be supplied through us each year, of which 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds will come from America. The total contract will involve from 700,000,000 to 900,000,000 pounds.

"Poland is making rapid strides and will become governmentally, industrially and economically a most prosperous country."

Loans to Raleigh Members of Cotton and Tobacco Co-operative Associations.

Raleigh advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 13 said:

Loans to the farmers of North Carolina, members of the cotton and tobacco co-operative associations, will soon pass \$1,000,000 through the newly formed agency of the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation. More than \$600,000 has been loaned to the farmers of eastern North Carolina, thus enabling the members of the associations to pay cash for their fertilizer and labor.

Virginia farmers are also taking advantage of the opportunity to secure money and pay cash for their supplies, according to W. E. Gardner of Danville, Vice-President of the Virginia Agricultural Credit Corporation. The Virginia corporation has only been organized about a month, but already has loaned thousands of dollars to farmers in that State.

New England Tobacco—Connecticut and Massachusetts Report Gains in Crop.

A 6% increase over last year in Massachusetts tobacco and a 5% gain in Connecticut are indicated by reports from growers to the New England Crop Reporting Service, made public on July 14 at Wakefield, Mass. In Massachusetts, Havana shows considerable gain while broadleaf drops off and the shade total is in doubt. Connecticut shows a slight gain in Havana, a big gain in broadleaf and considerable drop in shade.

Transactions in Grain Futures During June on Chicago Board of Trade and Other Contract Markets.

Revised figures showing the daily volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago during the month of June 1924, together with monthly totals for all of the "contract markets" except the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, as reported by the Grain Futures Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, were made public on July 10 by J. W. T. Duvel, Grain Exchange Supervisor at Chicago. The figures listed represent the sales, or only one side of the transaction, there being an equal number of purchases. They are as follows:

EXPRESSED IN THOUSAND BUSHELS, I.e. (000) OMITTED.

Date June, 1924—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Flax.	Total.
1			SUN DAY				
2	27,968	8,524	1,528	677			38,697
3	21,850	8,057	1,481	733			32,121
4	21,052	9,980	3,463	322			34,817
5	18,396	7,784	5,327	804			32,311
6	19,302	4,667	1,952	490			26,411
7	9,529	7,950	2,027	329			19,835
8			SUN DAY				
9	9,236	13,107	1,622	1,304			25,269
10	39,181	20,065	5,523	1,875			66,644
11	45,130	15,895	4,705	3,350			69,080
12	30,089	10,046	1,927	2,224			44,266
13	34,500	11,932	1,468	2,332			50,232
14	22,641	5,636	1,161	1,181			30,619
15			SUN DAY				
16	44,552	15,875	2,580	2,982			65,989
17	32,630	12,720	2,060	1,896			49,306
18	48,807	32,950	5,506	3,540			90,803
19	51,471	19,012	4,204	1,918			76,605
20	30,716	12,974	1,755	1,030			46,475
21	21,696	10,331	2,185	750			34,962
22			SUN DAY				
23	29,901	18,366	1,977	1,777			52,021
24	26,729	23,774	2,478	1,034			54,015
25	22,074	19,065	7,712	1,050			58,705
26	40,070	31,851	9,005	3,361			84,287
27	37,123	27,050	4,656	7,330			76,159
28	17,625	12,269	2,917	2,045			34,756
29			SUN DAY				
30	31,779	25,292	5,947	3,241			66,259
Total Chicago Board of Trade	734,527	394,376	84,166	47,575			1,260,644
Chicago Open Board	26,229	10,315	860				37,404
Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce	41,211		3,844	13,417	209	352	59,033
Kansas City Board of Trade	28,709	16,555	194				45,458
Duluth Board of Trade	9,144			14,026		614	23,784
St. Louis Merchants Exchange	8,863	3,232					12,095
Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce	1,372	1,842	371	389			3,974
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce					579		579
Los Angeles Grain Exchange					96		96
Total all markets	850,055	426,320	89,435	75,407	884	966	1,443,067

* Durum wheat.

During the month of June the volume of trading on the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago exceeded the volume for the month of May to the extent of 130% in wheat; 48% in corn; 124% in oats; 221% in rye, and 97% in all grain futures. The increase for June over May for all futures on the Chicago Open Board was 66%; Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, 125%; Kansas City Board of Trade, 87%; Duluth Board of Trade, 94%; St. Louis Merchants Exchange, 105%; Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, 79%; San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, 161%; Los Angeles Grain Exchange, 1100%. For all markets combined the increase was 98%.

Volume of Wheat Trading July 16 1924 Largest Reported Since May 1 1923.

J. W. T. Duvel, Grain Exchange Supervisor at Chicago of the United States Department of Agriculture, made the following announcement under date of July 16:

The volume of wheat trading yesterday—69,138,000 bushels—is the largest reported since May 1 1923, when it was 70,375,000 bushels. Yesterday's wheat trading has been exceeded only twenty times since Jan. 1 1921. The largest single day's trading in wheat during this entire period of more than three and one-half years was 90,134,000 bushels on March 9 1922.

Increase of Over a Billion Dollars in Value of Grain Crops.

Associated Press dispatches from Chicago yesterday (July 18) said:

Upwards of a billion dollars has been added to the speculative values of the 1924 grain crops of America and the Canadian Northwest in recent weeks as a result of the 30 cents a bushel increase in wheat prices in the United States and the 42 cents a bushel jump in Canada, which have pushed crop prices to new records for this year.

July wheat, which sold at \$1 03 3/4 on June 9, touched \$1 30 1/2 yesterday, gaining 4 1/2 cents for the day, while Winnipeg was up to \$1 40 1/2, an advance of 4 1/2 cents. All cereal futures except September corn were quoted here yesterday at new high prices for the crop.

Speculative trading on the Board of Trade on Wednesday reported its highest since May 1 1923, with an aggregate of more than 110,000,000 bushels of all grains, of which 69,000,000 bushels were wheat for future delivery. Six weeks ago trading was around 20,000,000 bushels a day.

July corn has advanced from 78 cents to \$1 13 in about six weeks and cash No. 2 yellow corn brought \$1 16 1/4 here yesterday, the highest in several years. Oats sold at 61 cents and are up 10 cents of late, and rye brought 87 cents, a gain of 20 cents a bushel in the same time.

December corn, representing the new crop which will be harvested this fall, sold at 71 1/4 cents on June 9 and was 94 1/2 cents at the finish yesterday, which on the prospective crop of 2,515,000,000 bushels for the country, was considered by grain men theoretically to have added over \$500,000,000 to the farmers' bank accounts.

With the advance in wheat, prices of wheat flour have taken an ascent. Prices were lifted 20 cents a barrel yesterday to \$8 for best known brands of Minneapolis patents, making a gain of \$1 20 per barrel since June 9, and rye flour is up 75 cents at \$1 for the same period.

The poor prospect for the corn crop, with the promise of a yield of 2,515,000,000 bushels on July 1, the smallest with two exceptions in twenty years, is considered responsible for the high prices prevailing for the grain. Hogs have also shared in the upward movement and touched \$8 10 yesterday, the highest price since last October and nearly \$1 increase lately.

All of the speculative grain markets are regarded by grain men as somewhat strained, and extremely rapid price changes are expected.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on July 16, made public by the Federal Reserve Board and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows a further reduction of \$10,500,000 in aggregate holdings of earning assets. Holdings of discounted bills declined by \$5,500,000 and of acceptances purchased in open market by \$21,100,000, while Government security holdings increased by \$16,100,000 Federal Reserve note circulation declined by \$42,300,000, while cash reserves increased by \$21,100,000 and deposit liabilities by \$65,100,000.

An increase of \$6,900,000 in holdings of discounted bills is reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and nominal increases by the Federal Reserve banks of Philadelphia, Minneapolis and Dallas. The eight remaining banks report a total reduction of \$15,400,000, the San Francisco Bank showing the largest decline, of \$7,200,000, Chicago a decline of \$2,800,000, and Richmond a decline of \$2,300,000. Paper secured by U. S. Government obligations increased by \$2,600,000 to \$97,200,000. Of this amount, \$81,400,000 was secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds, \$14,900,000 by Treasury notes and \$1,000,000 by certificates of indebtedness. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Smaller holdings of acceptances purchased in open market are shown by all Federal Reserve banks except Philadelphia, which reports an increase of \$100,000. The New York and Boston Reserve banks report declines of \$14,300,000 and \$4,600,000, respectively, in this item. All Reserve banks participated in the increase of \$16,100,000 in holdings of Government securities except Richmond, which shows no change for the week. Of the total increase in Government security holdings, \$14,800,000 was in Treasury notes and \$1,400,000 in certificates of indebtedness. Holdings of U. S. bonds declined by \$100,000.

With the exception of the Kansas City Bank, which shows an increase of \$200,000, all Federal Reserve banks report a smaller volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation, the principal decreases being as follows: Chicago \$7,800,000, Cleveland \$7,600,000, San Francisco \$6,500,000, New York \$6,000,000, Philadelphia \$4,700,000 and Boston \$4,500,000. Gold reserves increased by \$17,100,000 during the week. Reserves other than gold by \$4,000,000 and non-reserve cash by \$2,700,000.

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 300 and 301. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending July 16 1924 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	+\$21,100,000	+\$83,000,000
Gold reserves	+17,100,000	+60,800,000
Total earning assets	—10,500,000	—276,400,000
Bills discounted, total	—5,500,000	—500,600,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	+2,600,000	—311,100,000
Other bills discounted	—8,100,000	—189,500,000
Bills bought in open market	—21,100,000	—145,700,000
U. S. Government securities, total	+16,100,000	+368,600,000
Bonds	—100,000	—4,300,000
Treasury notes	+14,800,000	+277,900,000
Certificates of indebtedness	+1,400,000	+95,000,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	—42,300,000	—404,300,000
Total deposits	+65,100,000	+201,500,000
Members' reserve deposits	+48,400,000	+201,600,000
Government deposits	+15,300,000	+100,000
Other deposits	+1,400,000	—200,000

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

Increases of \$48,000,000 in loans and discounts and of \$27,000,000 in net demand deposits, as against reductions of \$49,000,000 each in investments and accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on July 9 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 secured by stocks and bonds show a decline of \$8,000,000, while "All other," largely commercial, loans and discounts show an increase of \$56,000,000. All classes of investments show reductions for the week, United States bonds by \$4,000,000, United States Treasury notes \$30,000,000, United States certificates of indebtedness by \$5,000,000, and corporate securities by \$10,000,000.

Member banks in New York City report a decrease of \$38,000,000 in loans on corporate stocks and bonds as against increases of \$1,000,000 in loans on United States

Government securities and of \$40,000,000 in "All other" loans and discounts. Their holdings of United States securities declined by \$17,000,000, while their holdings of corporate securities increased by \$2,000,000. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Net demand deposits increased by \$27,000,000, the increase of \$20,000,000 reported for banks in the New York district, of \$13,000,000 for banks in the Cleveland district, and of \$10,000,000 and \$9,000,000, respectively, for banks in the St. Louis and Philadelphia districts, being partly offset by a decrease of \$30,000,000 in the Chicago district. Time deposits increased by \$19,000,000, of which \$11,000,000 is shown for banks in the San Francisco district. Government deposits declined by \$12,000,000. The New York City banks report an increase of \$5,000,000 in time deposits as against a reduction of \$4,000,000 in Government deposits.

Reserve balances of all reporting banks increased by \$17,000,000, the larger increase of \$30,000,000 reported for the New York City banks was offset in part by decreases in some of the other cities. Cash in vault increased by \$7,000,000, a decrease of \$2,000,000 under this head being shown for the New York City members.

Borrowings of all reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks were reduced from \$133,000,000 to \$84,000,000, and like borrowings of the New York City banks were reduced from \$38,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 301—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 (—)	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	+48,000,000	+345,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	—2,000,000	—27,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	—6,000,000	+288,000,000
All other.....	+56,000,000	+84,000,000
Investments, total.....	—49,000,000	+213,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	—4,000,000	+141,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	—30,000,000	—309,000,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	—5,000,000	+9,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	—10,000,000	+372,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. Banks.....	+17,000,000	+114,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+7,000,000	—8,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+27,000,000	+741,000,000
Time deposits.....	+19,000,000	+470,000,000
Government deposits.....	—12,000,000	—63,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed'l Res'v'e banks.....	—49,000,000	—481,000,000

Canada Likely to Displace United States as a Gold Producer, According to Louis D. Huntoon.

Canada, by 1926, will displace the United States as second among the gold producing countries of the world, in the opinion of Louis D. Huntoon, New York mining engineer, and a former professor of mining and metallurgy in Yale University. Canada is now third, Africa ranking first. Mr. Huntoon, after a prolonged study of the Dominion's gold districts, reports his conclusions in the official journal of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. Canada's output, he says, is increasing rapidly, while in the United States since 1915 there has been a rapid decline. For the last eleven years the United States has produced 18.7% of the world's production, the last year's total, now estimated at \$51,000,000, being about 50% of that for 1915. "During those eleven years," says Professor Huntoon, "the Dominion of Canada has produced 4.5% of the total production of the world; in 1922 the production increased to 8.1%." This rapid increase in the gold production of Canada, and rapid development of new gold deposits which as yet have not been equipped with mills of sufficient capacity to handle the ore developed, will have an important bearing on the world's production. Professor Huntoon proceeds as follows:

In view of the producing mines, areas being developed, areas being explored, and favorable areas to be explored, it is my opinion that within the next five years the production of the Dominion will exceed the present production of the United States.

These new gold mines promise permanency. They are lode or vein deposits; they have been developed to a depth of 2,500 feet; the gold content has not decreased with depth; and there is every indication that they will continue to great depth. The permanency of the deposits with depth is based, not only on the present depth and values, but also on petrographic analyses of ores from many of the producing mines and non-producing areas.

Saying that an analysis of the world's production of gold shows a steady annual decrease since 1915, Mr. Huntoon asserts that John Maynard Keynes, the English economist, is in error in holding that a quarter of a century has passed since the discovery of an important gold deposit. Within the last ten years, he points out, two very important gold producing areas have been developed in Ontario, in the Porcupine area the annual production of the Hollinger Mine for the last four years surpassing that of the Homestake Mine of South Dakota. The largest annual producer of gold in the United States is the Homestake, which in 1922 produced \$6,285,317 in comparison with the Hollinger, which produced \$12,274,115. The annual production of

the Homestake for several years past will average slightly in excess of \$6,000,000.

Africa for many years has held first place in gold production. Since 1912 its annual production has been slightly over \$200,000,000, equivalent to 49.7% of the world's production. Its annual production since 1912 has remained fairly constant. Last year's production is estimated at approximately \$209,000,000. In a forecast for 1924 Mr. Huntoon estimates that the production of the United States will remain stationary at \$51,000,000, while that of Canada will rise to \$30,000,000. Canada's production last year was \$25,294,076. "The production of Canada," continues Mr. Huntoon, "would last year have surpassed that of 1923 if there had been sufficient hydro-electric power to have operated the mills at full capacity. During 1923 new mills have been erected and old mills have greatly increased their capacity. The indications are that in 1926 the Canadian production will surpass that of the United States and give Canada second place among the countries of the world producing gold." Ontario surpassed California in 1922 and the production for 1924, Mr. Huntoon thinks, will probably be more than double that of California. His forecast gives the Hollinger \$14,000,000 in 1924 and the Homestake \$6,500,000.

The Hollinger during 67 years has to its credit a total production of \$182,999,140, equivalent to an annual average production of \$3,898,598. The Hollinger made its first shipment in 1911, since which it has produced a total of \$70,085,094, equivalent to an average annual production of \$5,391,161. "The annual production of Ontario," according to Mr. Huntoon "surpasses that of any individual State in the United States. The present annual production of the Hollinger Mine is practically double that of the largest mine in the United States. The future possibilities of the pre-Cambrian shield of Canada are beyond comprehension; this area is of tremendous extent, and the larger part of it is unexplored and inaccessible other than by canoe and portage." Among the provinces, British Columbia ranks first in gold production, the Canadian Yukon second and Ontario third. Very little gold has been produced in Quebec. Manitoba's maximum production was \$39,814 in 1918. No production has been reported from Saskatchewan. Little of the pre-Cambrian formation is indicated in Alberta.-- Professor Huntoon adds:

Few appreciate the importance of the recent gold discoveries in Ontario, the present output from the Province and the exploration and development work which are in progress in both Ontario and Quebec in search of and opening up new deposits. These recently discovered gold fields of Ontario can be reached by Pullman car within less than 24 hours' ride from Toronto or Montreal.

The deposits occur in the geological formation known as the pre-Cambrian. This formation forms a shield around Hudson Bay extending from the coast of Greenland and covering the whole or parts of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Wisconsin, and the Northwest Territories. It extends south in Minnesota, in which the Lake Superior iron ore deposits occur.

With favorable geological conditions, valuable gold and mineral deposits are likely to be developed in any of the provinces containing pre-Cambrian formation. The future possibilities of Canada with this tremendous area of pre-Cambrian formation are most favorable.

The official journal of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers shares Mr. Huntoon's criticism of Keynes's statement that "a quarter of a century has passed since the discovery of an important gold deposit," saying:

This is typical of the harmful ignorance of professor economists in respect to natural resources in general and mining in particular. It is not so long ago that Professor Irving Fisher, when holding up the gold bogey, said that there were unlimited deposits of low-grade gold ore only waiting another new process similar to cyaniding to flood the world with gold.

In Dr. Keynes's case the error is perhaps the more flagrant because of the marvelous development of the Porcupine gold area in Ontario, one of the provinces of the British Empire, of which he certainly should have knowledge, and being a British subject, should feel a just pride.

Features of Hungarian Government Financing—New Bond Issue, Central Bank, Etc.

A circular enlarging upon the information heretofore given regarding the issue of Kingdom of Hungary bonds recently put out has been issued by Speyer & Co. and the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, who jointly headed the syndicate which offered the \$7,500,000 portion of the loan placed in this country and referred to in these columns July 5, page 26. The circular also deals with the financial and economic reconstruction of Hungary, the newly established Central Bank, etc., and we give it in full herewith:

\$7,500,000 STATE LOAN OF THE KINGDOM OF HUNGARY 1924 7½% SINKING FUND GOLD BONDS, DUE FEB. 1 1944.

The Kingdom of Hungary, as constituted under the terms of the Treaty of Trianon signed June 4 1920, occupies an area of about 36,000 square miles and its present population is estimated at more than 8,000,000. In area it is approximately three times as large as Belgium or Holland, and

nearly 10% larger than Austria. The population is greater than that of any of these countries.

Hungary is self-supporting as to food supply and is rich in natural resources. The greater part of the population is engaged in agriculture. The chief crops are wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn and sugar beet. In 1923 the exports of Hungary included about 95,000 metric tons of wheat and rye, about 50,000 tons of oats, 185,000 tons of wheat and rye flour, over 45,000 tons of sugar, and considerable quantities of live stock, poultry and meat.

The country is nearly self-sufficient in the supply of coal. The industries include flour milling, distilling, vegetable canning and the manufacture of meat products, sugar, textiles, agricultural implements, machinery and electrical appliances.

The total foreign trade (as officially reported, in gold crowns—value 20.26 cents) amounted in 1923 to about \$218,000,000, the value of imports being about \$117,000,000 and that of exports about \$101,000,000. During the last four years, there has been a very marked increase in exports (from about \$40,000,000 in 1920 to more than \$100,000,000 in 1923), while imports have remained more or less stable. For the first quarter of 1924, the adverse trade balance (about \$5,500,000) was less than one-half of the amount for the corresponding period in 1923.

The country is served by 5,327 miles of railway, of which 1,877 are owned by the State.

Budapest, the capital and principal city, is one of the most important points for traffic on the Danube; it is the center of rail and inland water transportation and the leading flour milling city in Europe. The present population is estimated at about 1,200,000.

Plan for Financial and Economic Reconstruction.

The wastage and disorganization caused by the war and post-war developments and the disruption of normal trade relations as a result of changed boundaries within the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, seriously disturbed the economic life of the country and its finances. The budget became unbalanced; the currency was inflated and the value of the paper crown depreciated. Following upon the successful solution of the Austrian problem, which had presented far greater difficulties, the League of Nations undertook to plan for the financial and economic reconstruction of Hungary.

The plan is incorporated in two protocols signed at Geneva March 14 1924, approved by the Council of the League of Nations and ratified by the Hungarian Government and may be summarized as follows:

- I. The stoppage of inflation with a view to the stabilization of the Hungarian crown, this being assisted by
- II. An independent bank of issue enjoying the monopoly of note issue;
- III. The balance of the budget by June 30 1926, so that thereafter current expenses will be met by taxation without recourse to either inflation or loans;
- IV. A reconstruction loan secured by specific Hungarian revenues, to cover the deficit till June 1926, so that inflation may be stopped without waiting till the budget is balanced (which could probably never be achieved while inflation was still in progress);
- V. A control through a Commissioner-General appointed by, and solely responsible to, the Council of the League, for the purpose of insuring the due execution of the whole programme.

Hon. Jeremiah Smith Jr. of Boston was appointed Commissioner-General and assumed his duties in May 1924.

Independent Bank of Issue.

In conformity with the plan, inflation of the currency through issue of unsecured bank notes for Government account was stopped and the Government gave up the right to issue notes. The new Central Bank was opened in June 1924 with a capital of 30,000,000 Hungarian gold crowns. The bank has the sole right to issue notes. It is independent of State control and the Government may not borrow from it. The statutes of the bank provide against any risk of inflation.

The Loan.

The bonds offered in New York and £7,902,700 sterling bonds offered simultaneously in London by Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., Ltd., N. M. Rothschild & Sons and J. Henry Schroder & Co., are part of an international loan 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.

Purpose: 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 the period of reconstruction, except for the amount required to redeem the Budapest Harbour Co. bonds referred to below.

Security: The loan is the direct obligation of the Government of Hungary and is secured by a general bond of the Government under which the Chairman of the Financial Committee of the League of Nations is appointed trustee for the bondholders, to be succeeded later by three trustees to be appointed by the Council of the League.

The loan will be specifically 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 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 and assets of the Government, except the revenues of the State railways. 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.

The outstanding bonds issued in 1923 by the Budapest Harbour Co., to a nominal total of 15,000,000 French francs, which are secured by a first charge on the customs and sugar duties to be received in the new Port of Budapest, will be redeemed from the proceeds of the loan.

Subordination of Relief Bonds and Reparation Charges: With reference to the lien of this loan, Sir Arthur Salter, director of the Department of Finance and Economics of the League of Nations, states:

"All the revenues (both those immediately assigned and those which may be assigned if necessary) will be clear of all prior liens both in respect of reparation and relief bonds, so that the reconstruction loan has a clear prior charge on all the revenues of Hungary (except those of the railways)."

The relief bonds amounted to about \$2,500,000, the United States holding by far the larger part. By agreement with the United States, the payment of the debt to it for relief amounting with accrued interest to about \$1,940,000 is spread over 62 years, and the interest rate is fixed at 3% for the first ten years and 3½% thereafter.

The arrangement with reference to reparation payments, may be summarized as follows: The total demands covering reparation and also restitution, costs of armies of occupation, armistice obligations, etc., are limited for a period of twenty years to an annual average of 10 million gold crowns (about \$2,000,000). During the actual reconstruction period, there are to be no reparation payments with the exception of certain limited coal deliveries which were already being made and for which provision was already included in the budget. In the years immediately after the recon-

struction period the payments due are to be substantially less than the average; the amounts for 1927 and 1928 are 5,000,000 gold crowns or about \$1,000,000 per year.

At any time during the currency of the loan, a Commissioner-General is to be in office if budget equilibrium is in danger, and while he is in office no reparation payments can be made except with his assent, i. e., except when he judges that they are possible without preventing the execution of his primary work, the establishment of budget equilibrium and maintenance of the security of the loan.

General: Sir Arthur Salter's statement to the British Institute of International Affairs (May 22 1924) includes the following:

"The loan will not be guaranteed by a number of external Governments as the Austrian one was. The Financial Committee consider that that was not required."

"For Austria Government guarantees were necessary because by September 1922, Austria's financial position (combined with her dependence upon imported food and raw materials) was such as to present a real risk of social disorder developing to a point at which it would destroy the value of any securities she could offer. Moreover, the efficacy of League control was untried and unknown; and the recuperative power of a country when given the support of currency reform was equally a matter of conjecture."

"The position of Hungary today is very different. Her budget is by no means in so desperate a condition. Her natural resources (particularly her self-sufficiency in food) afford a more solid basis; her agricultural population does not present the risks feared for the industrial population of Austria."

"Above all, perhaps, we have the proved results of the Austrian experience: the astonishing increase both in the value of the assigned revenues and the general economic and financial recovery that have resulted from stabilization and control."

Revenues Pledged.

For the fiscal year ended June 30 1923, the receipts from the revenues which are pledged for the loan (including export duties amounting to about \$1,200,000, most of which were subsequently abolished) were about 68,900,000 gold crowns or about \$13,900,000. The Financial Committee of the League of Nations in its calculations in reference to the loan took as a conservative estimate for the yield for the next year a figure of approximately \$10,000,000.

The receipts 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 about two and one-half times the annual requirements for interest and sinking fund payments on the loan amounting to about \$6,280,600. The annual requirements for the service of the loan are less than one dollar per capita.

Control of Revenues.

The revenues pledged will be paid, as collected, into a special account in the Central Bank, 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.

Reserve 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.

Functions of the Commissioner-General.

The execution of the plan is under the supervision of a Commissioner-General appointed by the Council of the League and responsible to it. In order to insure financial rehabilitation, the plan provides for semi-annual reconstruction budgets embodying in detail a program of budget reform for the three years 1924-26. The Government is obliged to furnish the Commissioner-General throughout the period of his control, any information he may require as to all items of revenue and expenditure and as to the entire administrative system connected with the State finances. If the progress of reform should fall behind the program prescribed for the semi-annual periods or contemplated monthly estimates, he may object to any item of expense or require the Government to increase existing taxation or impose new taxes. In order to enforce his demands, he is authorized to withhold payment from the proceeds of the loan or from the revenues pledged, which funds, as stated above, are subject to his control.

Control by the Commissioner-General will continue until the council determines that financial stability is assured, but such control may be reestablished by the council 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.

Foreign Relations.

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. These nations also obligated themselves, if any differences should arise, to appeal to the Council of the League of Nations in accordance with the regulations of the Covenant of the League and to abide by the decisions of the council.

The following statement by Hon. Jeremiah Smith Jr., Commissioner-General, was cabled from Budapest:

"The news that a part of the Reconstruction Loan is being placed in the United States was received here with great satisfaction. Naturally, I was very much pleased that there was American participation in this piece of constructive work, which is one of the steps necessary to the re-establishment of normal economic conditions in Central Europe."

"The Reconstruction Plan was prepared by some of the ablest financiers of Europe, acting in collaboration with the Hungarian Government. The League was fortunate enough to secure the collaboration of such men as A. Janssen, Director of the National Bank of Belgium; J. Parmentier, French Representative on the Dawes Committee; Sir Otto E. Niemeyer, Controller of British Finance; G. Bianchini, President of the Italian Bankers Association; C. E. ter Meulen, of Hope & Co., Amsterdam; Sir Henry Strakosch, Financial Advisor to the South African Government, and others of similar standing. It would have been impossible to secure the services of these men by the payment of any amount of money, but they willingly gave their services to the cause of European reconstruction."

"After examination of Hungarian finances, they signed a report ending as follows: 'We believe that this financial scheme affords Hungary the required basis for her economic development and that her resources will enable her to become a permanently self-supporting State.' The eminent financiers who made that declaration and the thoroughness with which they investigated the problem make it almost superfluous for me to express approval of their opinions. I can say, however, that two months' experience in Hungary leads me to share their conclusions as to the success of the Reconstruction Plan."

Nicaragua Pays Off Last of Local Debt—Takes Up Last of Treasury Bills Given to Brown Bros. & Co. and Seligman & Co. in the Year 1920.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" July 14: Government of Nicaragua has finished paying off its debt to Brown Bros. & Co. and Seligman & Co., and as a result, the Pacific Railroad of Nicaragua,

of which these houses held control as collateral, has again become the exclusive property of the republic.

This marks termination of a contract signed in 1920 whereby Niagaragua undertook to pay back \$1,750,000 to Brown Brothers & Co. and Seligman & Co., who held 51% of the stock of the railroad against advances previously made by them for the purpose of reforming Niagaragua's currency. On the signing of the contract Niagaragua paid \$300,000 in cash and gave treasury bills for the remaining \$1,450,000, the last of which were taken up on July 5 last.

On reversion of control of the Pacific Railroad of Nicaragua, the following new board of directors has been organized: Toribio Tijerino, President; Virgilio Lacayo, Vice-President; Earl Bailie, Secretary and Treasurer; Lisandro Medina, Manuel Zavala, Timoteo Seydel Vaca, Damaso Rivas, Jeremiah Jenks and Joseph K. Choate.

Nicaragua now has only one foreign loan outstanding, the so-called Ethelburga loan of London. This was placed in 1909 for an initial amount of £1,250,000, which by sinking fund operation has since been reduced to about £900,000, equivalent to about \$4,000,000.

Argentina's Loan will be Refunded—Government Completes Plan to Replace \$20,000,000 at Lower Interest.

The following is from the New York "Times" of July 16:

The Government of Argentine has completed plans for refunding its recent loan of \$20,000,000 advanced by American investors through Blair & Co., Inc., and the Chase Securities Corp., it was learned yesterday. The bankers have agreed to purchase \$20,000,000 of Treasury bills, bearing 5% coupons and running for six months. The issue to be refunded consists of \$20,000,000 of six months 5½% maturing next Aug. 25. The new notes will be dated next Aug. 25, will come due on Feb. 25 1925, and it was assumed that they would be placed on the market next month.

The Argentine Government set forth its financing arrangements through a formal decree, the total involved being \$30,000,000, of which one-third consists of 5½%, which have already been placed in the American market. The decree stated in effect as follows:

"The operation proposed by Blair & Co. and Chase Securities Corp. of New York is hereby accepted, those bankers undertaking to make advances to the Government as follows:

"Ten million dollars against delivery of Treasury bills at par, bearing interest at 5½% a year, payable at the end of each half-year, and a commission of one-half of 1%. Bills shall be dated June 16 1924 and canceled June 16 1925.

"Twenty million dollars against delivery of Treasury bills at par, bearing interest of 5% a year, for a term of six months, with three-eighths of 1% commission. Bills dated Aug. 25 1924 and canceled Feb. 25 1925, shall be issued in denominations of \$5,000 and \$1,000, and shall be repaid at maturity, with corresponding interest, by the Argentine National Government at the offices of Chase National Bank or Blair & Co., New York, at the option of the holders.

"The Argentine Ambassador at Washington is hereby authorized to sign the requisite agreement. Expenses shall be for account of the bankers, the Government being liable only for commission and interest as stipulated."

Argentina in the last year has remodeled its external debt, following a policy that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has applied in this country. This has consisted of raising money through the offering of short-term issues at lower coupon rates to replace in part higher interest-bearing securities of long maturity.

Luncheon to General Vasquez of Dominican Republic by Dominican-American Chamber of Commerce.

General Horacio Vasquez, President-elect of the Dominican Republic, and his party, consisting of Senores Alfredo Ricort, J. C. Ariza and Frederico Alvarez, were the guests of honor on June 27 at a luncheon given by the Dominican-American Chamber of Commerce. General Vasquez and his party came to New York from Washington, where the new Dominican President met President Coolidge. They left New York on June 28 for San Domingo. Those present at the luncheon included:

L. I. Sharp, President of the Chamber, and Ernest Bull of the Bull Insular Line; J. H. Craig of the Clyde Steamship Co.; Joseph Cullman, Jr., of the Tropical Tobacco Co.; Joseph P. Grace, F. E. Wheeler and H. R. A. Grieser, of W. R. Grace & Co.; H. T. S. Green, President of the International Banking Corporation; Thomas Howell and H. W. Wilmot, of the West India Sugar Finance Corporation; Hugh and James Kelly and James C. Scraff, of Ingenio Porvenir; W. W. Lancaster, of Shearman & Sterling; Guy Lippitt, E. F. McManus, of Messrs. Lawrence Turnure & Co.; C. G. Thavenot and F. W. Miller, of the Columbus Steamship Co.; L. A. Moricca, of the Texas Co.; T. B. O'Connell, of the Royal Bank of Canada; S. Mallet-Prevost, President of Pan-American Society of United States; E. W. Pulliam, receiver of Customs of the Dominican Republic; Frederick Schall, of Wm. Schall & Co.; Judge O. Schoenrich, Judge Veeder, C. H. Wamzer, of the West India Oil Co.; and William C. Gregg, of the Gregg Co., Ltd., and R. F. Crary, of the International Banking Corporation; Chas. Hosmer American Consul, San Domingo City.

Rebellion in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A Federal military uprising in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, has been causing more or less uneasiness in the past two weeks. Casualties numbering several thousand have been reported unofficially as a result of conflict between the insurrectionary forces and the Federal troops, but a censorship of all reports coming out of the country has made difficult an accurate summary of the situation. The outbreak started early in July in Sao Paulo and appears to have been confined to that State. The Federal Government has issued communiques from day to day indicating that little ground had been lost and that an end to the rebellion soon might be expected. Two official cablegrams received on July 14 in this city from Felix Pacheco, Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs at Rio de Janeiro, were given out by

Helio Lobo, Brazilian Consul-General, at his office at 17 State Street. Both said the Federals made gains. J. Muniz, Deputy Consul-General here, said:

A strict censorship has been established by the Government, so news is being fabricated and the cables from Buenos Aires misrepresent the situation. We have had calls every few minutes all day from people who are alarmed at the misinformation which is being published and which is not substantiated by the facts. One report, for instance, placed the rebel forces at 34,000 and the Government troops at 24,000. As a matter of fact, there are but 40,000 soldiers in the entire Brazilian army.

The revolt is confined entirely to Sao Paulo and the rebels do not number more than 2,000 in all. The Federal troops have been loath to bombard the city with artillery because of the danger to innocent persons and the property damage which would ensue from the effect of the fire. We look to see conditions improve rapidly. There is no general disorder in the country. There has been no considerable death list as a result of the fighting, and persons having relatives in Brazil need not feel alarmed.

Among the explanations of the uprising given is one to the effect that it represents an effort by certain political elements in Sao Paulo State to secede from the Brazilian Federation, declaring its independence and inviting other States to join it in establishing a new Government, with the City of Sao Paulo as the capital. Dr. Carlos Ocampos, who was inaugurated Governor of Sao Paulo State two months ago, is reported to be politically opposed to President Bernardes. Official statements from the Brazilian Federal Government, however, represent the Sao Paulo State Government as taking steps to suppress the insurrection. According to a message received by the Brazilian Embassy, the Governors of all the Brazilian States have pledged the support of their armed forces against the revolutionaries.

The revolution broke out in Sao Paulo on July 4, when the revolutionists took possession of the city. The coup d'etat is reported to have reached its climax on July 5 and was completed by noon. The revolutionists gained control of all the Federal buildings after considerable fighting. The Federal Government at Rio de Janeiro immediately dispatched war vessels to Santos, which is the port for Sao Paulo, together with troops to suppress the movement.

Public opinion throughout Brazil has been aroused by the Sao Paulo military movement, according to cable advices received by Dillon, Read & Co. from Samaio Vidal, Minister of Finance of the United States of Brazil. It appears that the same military elements which incited the trouble of July 1920 are responsible for the present situation in Sao Paulo. The advices state that there has been no repercussion of the movement in other parts of the country and the situation will soon be normal again. The cable received by the bankers read as follows:

Revolutionary movement trouble in Sao Paulo has no repercussion in other parts of the country. Some bad military element as in military movement in July 5 1920 aroused treacherous revolt in Federal soldiers' headquarters in Sao Paulo. As these soldiers were well equipped and also rendered useless police of State Government, Sao Paulo remains in a critical situation for the moment. Federal Government has already concentrated numerous and powerful forces in Sao Paulo, attacking rebel's position. Complete control has been delayed only to avoid heavy material loss in city. Federal Government has complete support of army and navy forces and all States in Federation. Public opinion of whole country is indignant against the attack on Sao Paulo. The situation will be normal soon.

The situation did not appear to improve as the week drew to a close. It was announced yesterday that two steamships of the Munson Lines had canceled their regular calls at the port of Santos, partly because of the Sao Paulo rebellion. The Southern Cross, which sails to-day for South American ports, will skip its stop at the coffee port and go direct from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires. Its schedule called for a visit to Santos on Aug. 2. The Pan-American northbound, which was scheduled to load a cargo of coffee at Santos on July 21, has been ordered to avoid the port and go from Montevideo direct to Rio. With respect to this phase of the situation, the New York "Evening Post" yesterday said:

Conditions are judged to be somewhat dangerous at the Brazilian port, according to the import division of the American Trading Co., with offices at 25 Broad Street.

On a shipment of general merchandise transhipped from Rio to Santos the company's agents at that port were unable to obtain insurance while the cargo rested in the Government customs warehouses. After cabled communications insurance was arranged here at a premium about fifteen times the normal rate.

Gradually the revolution in Sao Paulo is choking the flow of commerce through Santos, according to American shipping and import firms with important interests in the Brazilian State. However, a shortage of freight cars already was causing a congestion before the revolution began. This has affected inbound shipments at Santos more than exports.

Coffee shipments this season will be delayed, according to one firm, although the total tonnage will not be lessened.

At the Munson Line offices it was said ordinary commercial communication with Santos has been interrupted for seven days.

The Brazilian Government, it became known on July 17, has canceled the authorization granted to The Associated Press and The United Press Association of America to carry on their business in the Brazilian Republic. They are accused

of disseminating false information regarding the Sao Paulo revolt and the national political situation. Dispatches from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro on July 16 said the press associations had been stopped from sending or receiving messages and it was assumed they were adjudged to be giving out news unfavorable to the Government.

Further Extension Sought of Agreement Arranged for Protection of Holders of Russian Bonds in Default.

The protective committee formed several years ago to look after the interests of holders of Imperial Russian Government five-year 5½% bonds of the loan of 1916, long in default, issued a notice July 14 to holders of these bonds and certificates of deposit of the bonds, announcing that it is essential that the protective agreement for the loan be extended for another period of eighteen months from July 26 1924. The committee consists of Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank of New York, Chairman; Thomas Cochran, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Harold Stanley, President of the Guaranty Company, of New York; Lloyd W. Smith of Harris, Forbes & Co.; Charles S. Sargent Jr., of Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Frederic W. Allen of Lee, Higginson & Co., and Albert H. Wiggin, ex-officio, Vice-Chairman of Foreign Securities Committee of Investment Bankers Association of America. William H. Hoffman of 55 Wall Street is Secretary of the committee. In its formal notice the protective committee says:

This committee filed with the Department of State in Washington on June 26 1922 the claim of holders of the above certificates of deposit issued under the protective agreement dated Jan. 26 1920, to be held by it until the proper opportunity occurs for the Government of the United States to lend its assistance, or for other action on the part of the committee.

It is believed that the rights of holders of these certificates can be safeguarded to the best advantage through the Department of State and this committee. In order that this committee may have full authority to continue to act and to take such steps as may be necessary for the protection of the interests of certificate holders, it is essential that the protective agreement for the above loan be extended for another period of eighteen months from July 26 1924.

Our Government, as a condition to formally recognizing a Government in Russia, will in all probability insist that provision be made by the Russian Government for the payment of these claims. This policy was confirmed in substance by the President in his message to Congress Dec. 6 1923, and by the Department of State in Secretary Hughes's announcement of Dec. 18 1923.

The Soviet Government now in power in Russia has been recognized de jure by Great Britain, Italy, Norway and several other European countries. At the present time there is sitting in London a joint Anglo-Soviet conference which is discussing, among other things, the settlement of debts from the Russian Government to nationals of Great Britain. The reports of this conference are being carefully followed and possibly it indicates a change on the part of the Soviet Government in its previously announced policy of repudiation.

The formal consent to the extension of the protective agreement has been mailed to all depositors, who have been requested to sign and return it without delay to the Secretary of the committee.

In view of the fact that the committee can act only on behalf of those who deposit, it has been decided to extend the opportunity to those who have not deposited to make such deposit now under the terms of the original agreement as extended to July 26 1924. Holders who do not file their claims, either through the committee or directly in their own behalf, with the Department of State, may be prejudiced by their failure to do so, and to file proofs of claims individually will subject the holders to unnecessary expense and inconvenience.

Deposits may be made by sending bonds at once to one of the depositories, either the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, New York City, or the Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court Street, Boston, Mass. Coupon No. 6, dated Dec. 1 1919, and all subsequent coupons should be attached to the bonds.

As the committee has heretofore announced, the members are serving without compensation and the total expenses of the committee to date are nominal. All inquiries to the committee should be addressed to the Secretary.

Russia's Overtures for Loan—Conferences in London Relative to Pre-War Debts.

A cablegram to the New York "News Bureau" from "Central News," London, July 16, said:

Leonid Krassin stated to the Moscow correspondent of the "Daily Express" that Soviet Russia will not surrender its monopoly of foreign trade. He declared that persons who are endeavoring to obtain information for former owners of private property will be sentenced for economic espionage.

Krassin further asserts that the Russians only agreed to discuss the readjustment of debts on the preliminary condition that a loan be granted by Great Britain.

The "Express" correspondent says that representatives of the British Government made it clear that it would not guarantee a loan, although it was not in sympathy with efforts to raise a loan privately.

With regard to the conferences which have been held in London between a committee representing English holders of Russian bonds and Russian Soviet delegates, a copyright cablegram from Moscow July 9 to the New York "Times" had the following to say:

The hope of a satisfactory issue of the Anglo-Russian negotiations in London recently expressed in statements by Rakovsky and Litvonoff has now given place to a feeling of marked pessimism. In a well-informed Foreign Office quarter it is declared that the majority of the Soviet delegation is likely to be back in Moscow before the end of the month, although some members will remain to discuss affairs in Central Asia, where out-

standing problems may be settled despite the failure to agree over debts, compensation and credits.

It is also reported that a good measure of understanding has been reached on the subject of the revision of the old treaties between Great Britain and Russia.

The protracted character of the negotiations and the uncompromising attitude of the British creditors and the City generally are ascribed here to the influence of the great London banks, because it is said that they are reluctant to hand over to the Soviet Government the deposits made in England under the Imperial regime, amounting to between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000, of which since the revolution they have enjoyed the use without paying interest. Although the Bolsheviks assert that British recognition and legal test cases establish the right of the Soviet Government to this money, of which the influential Baring group alone hold £2,000,000, the London bankers, it is charged, are determined to retain it as long as possible and have, therefore, sabotaged the conference from the outset.

A reference to the conference was made in these columns May 24, page 2510. One of the various accounts which have since appeared regarding it is the following from London June 28, copyright by the New York "Tribune," Inc.:

There is a belief in well-informed quarters here that negotiations between the committee of Russian bondholders and the Russian Soviet delegates have reached a deadlock.

Although officials maintain silence on the progress of the discussions, it is said that on Friday the committee representing the two groups of English holders of the Russian bonds flatly refused to agree to the Russian offer to redeem at face value the bonds purchased before the Russian revolution and since returned by the holders, but to pay only a certain percentage for the bonds purchased since 1917.

Inasmuch as the Anglo-Russian conference has been delayed nearly a month to permit the bondholders to come to terms with the Russians, the prospect appears small for a successful outcome of the meeting.

Likewise from a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from London July 2 we take the following:

While hard things are being said here of Communism, harder things are being written of the Communists themselves. The London "Times," after reviewing the fruitless efforts of the Soviet delegation to obtain a loan in London, observes editorially:

"It is quite incomprehensible that any one in this country should dream of giving the Bolsheviks financial assistance in the dilemma into which their own destructive policy has brought them. The banks have declared their attitude, and they cannot depart from it without disturbing that basis of credit on which all their great business rests. They cannot lend money to people who repudiate debts.

"The Governments, in their turn, have to take account of this very important fact. There would be unbending opposition to any attempt to allocate any portion of the money provided by the British taxpayer for the purpose of providing credits to bolster up the Soviet system in Russia.

"While the conference in London has been dragging on, the Communist reaction has been checking the first faint signs of natural evolution toward normal conditions in Russia, where cruel arrests and expulsions are once more the order of the day. What purpose then, can this exhausted and discredited conference now possibly serve? It has become completely unintelligible."

The following outline of the Soviet viewpoint respecting a loan, was contained in an Inter-Ocean Press Cablegram from Moscow July 6, published in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The inconsistency of persecuting private capital within Russia and at the same time trying to get foreign capital to co-operate in the huge task of reconstructing the country economically, presents an unusual contrast. This contradiction is the chief argument of the British press, which is hostile to the Anglo-Russian conference in London and which is opposed to any loan being made to the Soviet Government under the present circumstances.

With the object of gaining the Russian viewpoint the Inter-Ocean Press sought an interview with the economist Rosenblatt, whose articles in the "Economiceskaya Zhizn" have created for him a merited reputation. The opinions of Krassin might also be of interest, but, owing to his reconciliation with the extreme Left in the last congress of the party and his election to the Central Committee, it was thought that he could hardly speak with the same freedom that Rosenblatt enjoys.

Industry Ninety-Five Per Cent Nationalized.

"The secret of the new anti-Soviet crusade of the foreign counter-revolutionary press," declared Rosenblatt, "lies in the falsification of terminology. Our fight is legitimate and is directed against parasitic capital, not productive capital. You know that 96% of Russian industry is nationalized. At first the State found that it had no other commercial apparatus than the 'co-operatives,' small in number and incapable of dominating commerce. There was no intermediary between the State producer and the consumer. With the introduction of the 'new economic policy,' private capital came to fill this gap. It was a parasitic element but it knew how to take excellent advantage of the situation. In 1923 Russian private capital realized a profit of 400 million gold rubles by exercising this intermediary function."

"Which proves," the interviewer interrupted him, "that it worked better than the 'co-operatives,' since a good many of these come out with a deficit."

"For the moment, yes, you are right. But our mission is to place the co-operatives in a position to perform their commercial function with the same efficiency. Economically, this gain of private capital is a loss for the State. Politically a parasitic class was being created, the 'nepp-men,' or newly rich, whose prosperous condition was incomprehensible to the proletariat. We prefer, until we perfect our commercial apparatus, to lose in direct commerce rather than that this new class should enrich itself at our expense.

Question of Currency.

"But there is still another very essential point. To give private commerce a free hand was equivalent to abandoning the ruble, stabilized with such great efforts, to its fate. If the merchants raised their prices the first result would be an increase in wages with consequently an unbalanced budget and more inflation and monetary depreciation. We had to prevent this. Our latest interventionist policy responds to this purpose. Only the other day the State Bank intervened in Rostoff and forced a reduction of prices.

"With foreign capital it is altogether different. Russia needs productive capital and we are interested in seeing this capital do good work in Russia. In this, too, they have tried to exploit the falsification of terminology against us. The first capital that came to Russia after the revolution was speculation capital. As long as we were without a commercial apparatus we might need it. It is not so now. Our economic policy is necessarily protective; our aim is the reconstruction of Russia.

"If the capitalists thought Soviet Russia was going to offer them a market in which to place, in times of crisis, all the merchandise that other countries rejected they were mistaken."

This evident allusion to Rosenthal was a shot at the German consortium of Otis Wolff.

"What we need from abroad is credit for production and reconstruction. We already produce industrially from 60 to 70% as much as before the war. We need capital for exploitation which will permit us to extend the industrialization of the country and money to build railroads and organized industry on a basis that will enable the unlimited exploitation of the riches which Russia contains. Such capital will have every guarantee. As long as no world revolution arises we need the capitalist world."

An earlier Inter-Ocean Press cablegram (from Moscow, June 26) published in the same paper, stated in part:

Russia needs money and needs it urgently. From high official circles expressions were gathered by Inter-Ocean Press and may be summarized in the following statement:

"If the London conference gives us the loan which we desire, so much the better. If not, Russia is strong enough to raise herself by her own resources. It will take us longer, from ten to twenty years perhaps, but we will eventually triumph."

The importance of obtaining credit or moral support in London as well as negotiating credits in other more desirable markets is frankly recognized; all the great projects in preparation are at a standstill for lack of money.

The big question is how a pro-loan policy can be conciliated with the newly triumphant internal radicalism. How can the bankers of London and other sources of foreign capital be induced to invest money in Russia while Russian private capital and commerce, which became flourishing in consequence of the introduction of Lenin's new economic policy, have the last few months been the object of such severe persecution.

Bankers Want Guarantees.

Zinovieff, whose influence in Russian politics during recent months would be difficult to exaggerate, tried to give a satisfactory answer to this in an interview to-day:

"The London bankers want us to guarantee them the eternal inviolability of the capital they invest in Russia. But, after the Russian revolution, does not such a demand sound ridiculous. Under the Czar they, of course, gave money to Russia with all sorts of guarantees, and what good did it do them?"

"There is no country that offers foreign capital such great safety for investment as Russia. Over all the other countries still hangs the menace of a revolution. We have had ours already and the Soviet Government is the most stable in the world."

To the outside observer it would seem that Zinovieff's arguments, which have met with such great success among the Russian radicals, will not likely meet with the same success in London. There seems to be only one means by which Russia could obtain the loan so necessary to continue the process of Russia's reconstruction and that is by returning to the state of affairs created by Lenin in 1921.

In a speech at the annual convention of the Communist Party in Moscow May 25, M. Zinovieff, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Third International, made an exhaustive review of Russia's internal position and the existing international situation. The Associated Press account of what he had to say, published in the New York "Journal of Commerce," follows:

He made many significant references to the Soviet policy respecting Anglo-Russian negotiations, private trading, the new economic policy, payment of international loans, the granting of concessions to foreigners and the numerical strength of the Communist Party.

Might Pay Part of Debt.

M. Zinovieff indicated that under certain conditions Russia was willing to pay part of her international obligations, provided she was given a loan of half a billion gold rubles at 6%.

"Among the loans recently obtained by foreign countries, Japan's was the most favorable," he said. "She received half a billion gold rubles from the United States at 7%. Russia would agree to a similar loan if the interest were lower. The Soviet Republic possesses greater commercial and political stability than Japan because Japan has suffered from recent earthquakes. It must be borne in mind that while we refuse to pay the old Czarist debts we shall observe fully our obligations regarding our own debts."

Discussing Soviet Russia's policy on concessions, Zinovieff said that the concession field should be greatly narrowed and that the granting of rights in the Baku and Grosny oil fields could not now be entertained.

"The most advantageous concessions for us," he went on, "are those out of which both parties derive equal advantages such, for instance, as the Sinclair concession. But this kind of concession demands great capital, and foreign concessionaires do not readily respond with large capital. We are obliged, therefore, to give concessions to companies in which private capital and the Soviet State jointly participate."

"On these lines we have already granted 55 concessions, including 6,500,000 acres of forest for development by Russian, Dutch, Norwegian, German and British mixed companies."

Exploitation by Foreigners.

While Zinovieff urged that the Soviet should sharply limit the number of concessions to foreigners and show the world an example of Russia's own ability to develop and exploit its own natural resources, he surprised his hearers by telling them that the State already had under consideration nearly 1,000 projects which were to be exploited by foreign firms.

Turning to private trading and the new economic policy, M. Zinovieff admitted that in the matter of Russia's trade investment private capital controlled 64%, while the State and co-operative organizations controlled only 36%.

"It is our aim to reverse these figures," he added. "I am sure it can be accomplished, but it would be a mistake to go to extremities."

Will Not Abolish Private Trading.

"It is not true that we intend to abolish free private trading and the new economic policy. Our real object is to limit the activities of private capital by giving Government support to State and co-operative organizations. We must watch with greater vigilance the bourgeois elements, which possess a greater vitality and which are growing in towns, as well as in villages. We have thrown the bourgeoisie from the fifth story, but it has risen to its feet."

Zinovieff dwelt lengthily on the achievements of Soviet Russia in its internal affairs, and especially on what he termed the solution of the problem of nationalities. Foreign minorities, he said, had been given the fullest rights in accordance with their legitimate ambitions for national consciousness and development, adding: "We are proud to say that such matters as

the Armenian question, the solution of which has baffled the world for generations, has been solved by Soviet Russia. The same is true of Georgia and Ukraine."

Speaking of Russia's relations with Germany, Zinovieff asserted that German capitalists were making their habitual mistake in postponing settlement of the recent Berlin raid episode. Germany must realize that Russia was not going to yield on this question and Germany would be the only one to suffer by a cessation of commercial relations, as Germany needed Russia and its trade more than Russia needed Germany.

The same advices stated:

M. Zinovieff in his address before the Communist convention said that the laboring masses in Germany and France had recently registered a million votes for communism, and the aim was to secure in New York and London a similar firm footing to that which had been obtained in Berlin and Paris.

Soviet Preparing Claims of Russian Citizens Who Suffered Through Foreign Intervention.

Moscow advices June 20, published in the New York "Evening Post" stated:

The Council of the People's Commissars has established a special governmental commission attached to the Foreign Office to examine and audit the claims of Russian citizens who suffered individually through property damage or otherwise by reason of foreign intervention between 1918 and 1921.

The Government in February approved the formation of a public committee to collect all such claims, and the newly formed commission will examine these claims with a view to presenting bills for damages to the foreign Governments. The total runs into billions of dollars.

Regarding the British claims against the Soviet, a cablegram from London July 8 to the New York "News Bureau" from the "Central News" said:

At a meeting of representatives of British companies that were operating in Russia previous to revolution in that country offer that has been made by Soviet to pay £10,000,000 in cash was considered inadequate. Total British claims amount to £180,000,000, including nationalized properties. It was suggested that owners accept in full settlement £115,000,000, payable £20,000,000 now and the balance to be met in installments during 10 years.

State-Run Industry In Trouble In Russia— "Denationalization" Officially Advised, on the Ground of Inadequate Working Capital.

A copyright cablegram from Berlin was published as follows in the New York "Evening Post" of June 30:

There is no relaxation in the Russian money crisis. The State Bank has reported to the Supreme Council of Industry that it is impossible to devise any method of helping manufacturers to provide working capital. At the same time, it refuses to resume currency inflation. Finance Commissary Sokolnikoff reports that in July and September the budget of State finances balanced, but he adds that if a new collapse is to be avoided, large-scale industry must be denationalized.

Thus far, although numerous concerns have been released from public operation, these are all of small dimensions. At present only 7.2% of all Russian industrial concerns are run by the State, but these employ 82.4% of all industrial workmen in Russia. Enterprises run by private firms amount to 89.8% of the total of Russian industries, but employ only 13.2% of the workmen. The remaining 3% of Russian concerns, employing four-tenths of 1% of the Russian workers are run by the co-operatives.

The condition of the Russian textile and iron industries is reported to be slightly improved.

Soviet Policy Kills Business—Hundreds of Private Traders, Discouraged, Are Now Liquidating.

Under date of June 17 the New York "Evening Post" printed the following from Moscow:

Reports from many provincial centres say hundreds of private traders, wholesale and retail business houses, are suspending operations owing to the Government's determination to support only State and co-operative enterprises.

At Vitebsk some forty firms have closed and at Vladimir twenty-five traders have ceased business. Fifteen per cent of the entire number of independent commercial firms at Karoslav are liquidating, while at Irkutsk private trading has ceased altogether. Similar reports have been received from Tiflis and other Caucasian centres.

Merchant Marine for Russia Sought—Trotzky Demands It as Aid to Red Navy and Essential to Trade Monopoly.

Associated Press advices as follows from Moscow, July 10, appeared in the New York "Times":

Minister of War Leon Trotzky, Commissar Leonid Krassin and other Soviet officials at a great public gathering to-night urged Russia to create her own mercantile marine in order to take care of the country's growing exports, avoid dependence on foreign-owned vessels, strengthen the Red navy in time of war and secure lower freight charges.

The meeting was held in Moscow's big Conservatory of Music, under the Chairmanship of Krassin. Trotzky received a tumultuous reception, the applause lasting several minutes. He declared that Russia is a real naval power, 39,000 of the 53,000 kilometers of her frontiers consisting of coast line.

"My desire is to see Russia build up her own ocean tonnage," he said, "is prompted by the existence of a monopoly in foreign trade which this nation holds. This is faced by another monopoly in the form of foreign maritime transport. The time may come when Russia will be threatened with a coalition of the owners of foreign vessels against Russia's monopoly of foreign trade."

"As this monopoly is one of the bulwarks of the Soviet State, I am sure the Government will not depart from its avowed policy of controlling the country's overseas trade."

Trotzky stressed the importance of a mercantile marine in connection with Russia's naval forces in time of war. The Red navy, he concluded, possessed splendid human fighting material unequalled in any other country in the world.

M. Smyrnoff, Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs, who is also a member of the Special Commission to investigate the question of a Russian mercantile marine, admitted that Russia's present maritime tonnage represented only 8.5% of her actual needs.

Issuance of Savings Certificates by Japanese Government—Other Financial Measures.

As was noted in our issue of last week (p. 144) the issuance of savings certificates in small denominations is planned by the Japanese Government. Further information regarding this and other financial measures has come to us in the following translation of a cablegram received from the Ministry of Finance by T. Wikawa, Acting Financial Commissioner in this city:

(1) The supplementary budget for the current fiscal year passed the House of Representatives on July 9 without amendment.

(2) The Restoration Savings Certificates Bill which was introduced to the House on July 5, passed it on July 12. The outline of the said bill is as follows:

(a) The Government shall let the Hypothec Bank of Japan issue Restoration Savings Certificates in denominations of 10 yen and 5 yen to the total amount of 200,000,000 yen within five years.

(b) The proceeds therefrom shall be deposited in the Deposit Section of the Finance Department to be financed by the latter for the purpose of restoration of the devastated area and promotion of local industrial development.

(3) The bill relative to the import duties on luxuries which was introduced on July 6, passed the House on July 11 with amendments. The bill provides for a duty of 100% on more than 120 articles listed as luxuries with a view of correcting a luxurious tendency of the nation, as one of the measures toward turning the balance of trade in her favor.

(4) The bill relative to transferring the Bank of Chosen from the supervision of the Governor-General of Chosen to that of the Department of Finance of the Japanese Government was introduced to the House on July 9 and passed it on July 11 with amendment.

Offering of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Others.

An issue of the \$1,250,000 Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, maturing July 15 1921, offered on a 3.50% basis by Goldman, Sachs & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, A. G. Becker & Co., Lehman Bros. and F. S. Moseley & Co. has been sold. They are dated July 15 1924, and were offered the same day.

Offering of Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

An offering of \$1,000,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, was announced July-7 by The Union Trust Co., The United Security Co., The Herrick Co. and Otis & Co. of Cleveland. The offering was made at 101½ and accrued interest to yield 4.80% to July 1 1924, and 5% thereafter. The bonds are dated July 1 1924, will mature July 1 1954 and are redeemable at the option of the bank at par and accrued interest on July 1 1934 and on any interest date thereafter. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, and fully registered bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 are all interchangeable except \$500 coupon bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) are payable at the Union Trust Co., Cleveland and the First National Bank, New York. An offering of \$1,000,000 Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, dated March 1, was referred to in our issue of April 12, page 1732.

Offering of Bonds of Central Illinois Joint Stock Land Bank.

Donoghue, Krumsick & Co., Inc., of Chicago offered on July 16 5% bonds of the Central Illinois Joint Stock Land Bank of Greenville, Ill., to the amount of \$500,000. The bonds bear date Jan. 1 1924, become due Jan. 1 1954, and are optional Jan. 1 1934. They were offered at 101½ to yield 4.80% to 1934 and 5% to maturity. They are coupon bonds fully registered and interchangeable, and are in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the Central Illinois Joint Stock Land Bank. The bank loans on farm land in Illinois and Indiana, four-fifths of the loan having been made in the south central portion of Illinois. The average loan, it is stated, is \$4,056 55; the amount loaned per acre is \$33 01. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act and are exempt from Federal, State and local taxation.

\$1,000,000 Bonds of Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank Sold.

Martin & Co. of Philadelphia and Brooke, Stokes & Co. of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, announced on July 10 that they had sold \$1,000,000 5% farm loan bonds

of the Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank, at 102 and accrued interest, to yield 4.75% to 1934, the earliest redeemable date, and 5% thereafter to maturity. The bonds are dated June 1 1924, and will mature June 1 1954. They will be redeemable at the option of the bank at par and accrued interest on June 1 1934, or on any interest date thereafter. Coupon bonds are in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$10,000 and registered bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000. Interest (June 1 and Dec. 1) is payable at the offices of the bank; arrangements have also been made for the payment of coupons at the office of Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia. The following loan statistics of the bank as of May 31 1924 (including loans then in force but taken over in June) are made public:

Amount of loans	\$2,282,400
Average amount loaned per acre	42.20
Ratio of loans to valuation	31.9%
Loans in default	None

Pennsylvania-Maryland Joint Stock Land Bank Sold to Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank.

A Harrisburg dispatch July 3 in the Philadelphia "Record" stated:

Sale of the assets of the Pennsylvania-Maryland Joint Stock Land Bank, with headquarters in Harrisburg, to the Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank, of Philadelphia, was announced to-day by Fred Rasmussen, President of the local institution. The assets consist principally of approximately \$1,500,000 in mortgages, largely covering farms in central Pennsylvania.

Offering of Bonds of First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago.

At 100 and interest, the bond department of the First-Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago offered on July 10 an issue of \$1,500,000 4½% farm loan bonds of the First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago. These bonds, coupon and fully registerable and interchangeable, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000, bear date Oct. 1 1923, will become due Oct. 1 1953 and will be redeemable at par and interest on Oct. 1 1933 or any interest date thereafter. Principal and semi-annual interest, Apr. 1 and Oct. 1, are payable at the First-Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago or the First National Bank, New York City. The announcement says:

These bonds are direct obligations of the First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago and are secured by approved first mortgages upon improved farms in the corn belt district of the States of Illinois and Iowa, not exceeding 50% of the appraised values of the farm lands and 20% of the appraised insured improvements thereon. The bonds are also protected by the paid-in capital stock of the bank of \$1,450,000, which carries double liability. The First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank is affiliated with the First Trust & Savings Bank and the First National Bank of Chicago.

An offering of \$500,000 bonds (due May 1 1953) of the First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank was noted in these columns June 21, page 3033, and the following week, June 28, page 3154, we reported an offering of \$1,000,000 bonds of the First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank, also maturing May 1 1953.

Offering of Bonds of Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank.

The bond department of the Ohio National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, announced on July 3 an offering of 5% farm loan bonds of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank of Columbus, Ohio, at 101½ and accrued interest, to yield 4.80% to 1934 and 5% thereafter. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated July 1 1924, will become due July 1 1954, and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on Feb. 1 1934 or on any interest date thereafter. They are coupon and fully registered bonds, interchangeable, in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1) are payable at the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, or the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank. An offering of bonds of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank, dated June 1 1924, was referred to in these columns July 5, page 28.

Offering of \$500,000 Bonds of Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank.

An issue of \$500,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank was offered on July 2 by the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago at 101½ and interest, to yield 4.80%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1923, become due Oct. 1 1963, and are redeemable at 100 and accrued interest on Oct. 1 1933 or any interest date thereafter. They are coupon and fully registered bonds, interchangeable, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (Apr. 1 and Oct. 1) are payable at the bank of issue, or coupon may be presented for payment at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., in Boston, New York or Chicago.

Offering of Bonds of First Joint Stock Land Bank of New Orleans.

An offering of \$1,000,000 5% bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of New Orleans was announced on July 2 by the Canal-Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Banks, the Interstate Trust & Banking Co., the Marine Bank & Trust Co., Mortgage & Securities Co., Gulf Finance & Securities Co., Moore, Hyams & Co., Watson, Williams & Co., and Sutherland, Barry & Co. The bonds were offered at a price to yield about 4.85% to the redeemable date 1933 and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated June 1 1923, become due June 1 1943, and will be redeemable at par and interest on any interest date on or after June 1 1933. Principal and interest (June 1 and Dec. 1) are payable at the First Joint Stock Land Bank, New Orleans, or through the bank's fiscal agency, in New York City. The bonds are in coupon form, fully registerable and interchangeable, and are in denominations of \$1,000. This bond issue, it is stated, is the only funded obligation of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of New Orleans. This bank operates in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, and restricts its loans to selected sections of the territory in which it operates. The average amount loaned per acre, it is said, is \$20 26, which is but 34.52% of the appraised value of the property. The present issue is the same as that offered in June of last year by Harris, Forbes & Co., William R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and referred to in our issue of June 23 1923, page 2835.

W. E. Barkley of Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank Becomes President of Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank.

The following is from the Lincoln, Neb., "State Journal" of July 11:

W. E. Barkley, President of the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank, has been made Vice-President and General Manager of the Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank. This means that the two institutions will be operated in harmony and that much of the work of the Fremont bank will be carried on after this week in Lincoln. The object of the change is to cut down overhead expenses by transferring two officials from Fremont to Lincoln and installing them in the Lincoln bank, nearly all of the other office expenses of the Fremont bank can be eliminated.

The change was decided upon Thursday afternoon, at a meeting of the Fremont stockholders. President Dan V. Stephens, who had returned from the New York convention that morning, explained that the pressure of other activities had made it impossible to continue to give the bank the attention it deserved. He said that he persuaded Mr. Barkley to take over the management under conditions that would conserve the interests of the stockholders and give the bank more influential place in the land bank system. The institution is in excellent condition, he said, and several offers have been received from well-known bank organizations. He had preferred to turn it over to Mr. Barkley to insure against its removal from the State. The change was ratified by the stockholders. E. C. Wiggenhorn, head of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Ashland, was made President, E. C. Barkes of the Fremont Land Bank was made Treasurer, and W. S. Balduff, also of Fremont, was made Cashier. These men will be brought to Lincoln and will do their work in the branch office to be established here, in the rooms of the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank. The headquarters will remain in Fremont.

The Fremont bank is one of the younger members of the Federal Farm Loan System. It was organized five years ago. The capital is now \$617,300, and its resources are \$9,688,000.

Offering of San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

Hayden, Stone & Co. offered on July 17 an issue of \$1,000,000 San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank (Texas and Oklahoma) 5% Farm Loan bonds, at 101 and accrued interest to yield 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ % to 1933 and 5% thereafter. The bonds are the direct obligations of the San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank of San Antonio, Texas, chartered on Sept. 15 1919. The bank confines its operations almost exclusively to the Black and Grand Prairie sections of Texas and Oklahoma. The bonds are tax exempt and are legal investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and are acceptable at par as security for Postal Savings funds. They are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act and are dated Nov. 1 1923; become due Nov. 1 1953 and are redeemable at 100 and accrued interest on Nov. 1 1933, or any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds and fully registered bonds, interchangeable, in denominations of \$10,000 and \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1), are payable at the National Park Bank, New York City, or at the San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank, San Antonio, Tex. The bank has a paid-in capital stock of \$467,000 paying dividends of 8% per annum and carrying double liability. The following loan statistics as of June 30 1924 were contained in a letter to Hayden, Stone & Co. from William P. Lupe, President of the bank, under date of July 16:

Acres of real estate security.....	742,315
Total loans closed.....	\$7,613,000
Appraised value of land.....	\$16,714,800
Appraised value of improvements.....	1,314,900
	\$18,029,500
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$24.29
Average amount loaned per acre.....	10.25
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	42.22%
Percentage of loans in Texas.....	94%
Percentage of loans in Oklahoma.....	6%

A recent offering of \$1,200,000 of bonds of the San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank was referred to by us May 24, page 2517; June 21, page 3033, and June 28, page 3154.

Offering of Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

Brooke, Stokes & Co., of Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, announced on July 15 the offering of a \$500,000 issue of 5% farm loan bonds of the Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank of Washington, D. C. The bonds are dated June 1 1924, will mature June 1 1954, and are not redeemable before June 1 1934. They were offered at 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ and accrued interest, to yield 4.80% to June 1 1934 and 5% thereafter. The bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500. Coupons are payable at the Riggs National Bank, Washington. The Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank operates in the States of Virginia and Maryland. Two previous offerings the current year of bonds of the bank were noted in these columns Jan. 12, page 146, and March 29, page 1477. It is stated that bonds outstanding, including this issue, total \$2,000,000, averaging \$26 34 an acre.

Offering of Bonds of Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank.

Kidder, Peabody & Co. offered on July 16 an issue of \$3,000,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank of Kansas City, Mo., at 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ and interest, to yield 4.80% to 1934 and 5% thereafter. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated May 1 1924, will become due May 1 1964, and are redeemable at the option of the bank at par and accrued interest on May 1 1934, or on any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, fully registerable. Principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) are payable at the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, Kansas City, Mo., or coupons may be collected at the office of Chase National Bank, New York City, or First National Bank, Chicago. The bonds are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation except estate and inheritance taxes. The Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank was organized Jan. 8 1918 to make loans on improved farms in Kansas and Missouri. The bank started with a capital of \$250,000. Its capital is at present \$2,129,335 and its surplus and undivided profits \$377,044 99. It is one of a group of banks of which the Guy Huston Co. is fiscal agent. This group comprises the Chicago, Des Moines, Southern Minnesota, Kansas City and Dallas banks, with assets of \$150,000,000. The following balance sheet is furnished of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank as of July 5 1924 (after giving effect to the sale of the present block of bonds).

Assets—	
Mortgage loans (secured by first mortgage on 1,011,000 acres of farm lands having an appraised value exceeding \$75,000,000).....	\$30,658,800 00
Accrued interest on mortgage loans.....	687,385 50
U. S. Government bonds.....	1,272,879 68
Accounts receivable.....	263,207 75
Furniture and fixtures.....	28,914 57
Farm loan bonds owned.....	9,100 00
Banking house.....	590,000 00
Other assets.....	116,516 99
Cash (due from banks).....	877,507 39
	\$34,504,311 88
Liabilities—	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$2,129,325 00
Reserves and undivided profits.....	377,044 99
Amortization payments on principal.....	819,180 15
Due borrowers.....	146,737 97
Accrued interest on farm loan bonds.....	258,349 99
Coupons due not presented.....	33,255 00
Farm loan bonds outstanding.....	30,702,000 00
Other liabilities.....	38,408 78
	\$34,504,311 88

The offering circular says:

On the basis of actual sales of land on which the above mortgages have been issued, the average sale price per acre has been about \$80, whereas, the average amount loaned per acre has been \$30 25, or less than 38% of the actual sale price. The Governmental appraised value for loaning purposes averages \$74 28 per acre.

The following regarding the loan statistics July 5 1924 is likewise taken from the offering circular:

Number of loans.....	3,875
Number of acres.....	1,011,000
Actual sales value of farms.....	\$80,900,000 00
Appraisal for loaning purposes.....	75,100,000 00
Total amount of mortgage loans now held.....	30,658,800 00
Actual sales value per farm.....	20,877 50
Average appraised value per farm.....	19,380 00
Average loan per farm.....	7,896 00
Percentage of loans to appraised value.....	40.7%
Percentage of loans to sales value.....	38.0%

Offering of Bonds of Dayton Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank.

Bonds to the amount of \$400,000 of the Dayton-Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank of Charleston, W. Va., were offered on July 16 at 101½ and accrued interest, to yield 4.80% to 1934 and 5% thereafter, by the bond department of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, Brooke, Stokes & Co. and Hambleton & Co. These bonds are the direct obligations of the Dayton-Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank of Charleston, W. Va., a consolidated bank of what was formerly the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Dayton and the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank of Charleston, W. Va., and are collectively secured by either first mortgages on farm lands in Ohio and West Virginia or U. S. Government bonds or certificates of indebtedness. Issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, the bonds bear 5%, are dated July 1 1924, become due July 1 1954, and are optional after July 1 1934. They are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, are in coupon form and may be fully registered. Principal and semi-annual interest (July and January 1) are payable at the Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, or the Dayton-Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank of Charleston, W. Va. J. B. Madison of Charleston, W. Va., Secretary-Treasurer of the bank, is the active officer and manager of the Dayton-Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank.

Formation of Grain Marketing Company Through Merger of Five Grain Concerns.

In furtherance of the plans announced a month ago, whereby it was proposed that several large grain concerns and 5,000 co-operative elevators would come under producer control, it was stated on the 15th inst. that a charter had been granted for the organization of the Grain Marketing Co., to be formed under the Illinois Co-operative Marketing Act, in conformity with the Capper-Volstead Act. The company will take over the operation of the following big grain houses:

Armour Grain Co. of Chicago; Rosenbaum Grain Corporation of Chicago; Rosenbaum Brothers of Chicago; J. C. Shaffer Grain Co. of Chicago; Davis, Noland & Merrill Grain Co. of Kansas City.

The Bartlett-Frazier Co. of Chicago may, according to the Chicago "Post" of July 15, enter the arrangement later, but owing to legal technicalities does not appear in the original papers.

The plans had previously been referred to in these columns June 28, page 3154. According to a statement made on July 16 by John W. Coverdale, Secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the first job of the newly organized co-operative grain marketing company will be to deal with the proposed plan of taking over the facilities of the Armour Grain Marketing Co., Rosenbaum Grain Co., Rosenbaum Brothers, J. C. Shaffer & Co., and Davis-Noland-Merrill Grain Co. of Kansas City. The Farm Bureau statement lists the following men as having been invited, elected and having accepted places on the temporary board of directors of the grain marketing company:

O. E. Bradfute, Ohio, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation; W. J. Brown, Minnesota, President of the American Wheat Growers, Inc.; Harry L. Keefe, Nebraska, President of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc.; Fred A. Mudge, Peru, Ill., President of the Illinois Farmers Elevator Association; J. M. Dyer, Spencer, Iowa, President of the Iowa Farmers Elevator Association; Millard Meyers, Illinois farmers elevator; J. F. Reed, Minnesota, Vice-President of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Oscar Ashworth, Mattoon, Ill., Illinois grain farmer; Gray Silver, West Virginia and Illinois grain farmer; J. W. Coverdale, Iowa grain farmer.

The statement of the Farm Bureau also said:

The new board of directors will meet Friday. They will work out by-laws, contracts, &c., and the board of directors' permanent management will be announced.

Headquarters of the new company will be at 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago. Upon completion of the final arrangements, the company will begin business with a \$4,000,000 paid-in working capital. This capital will be supplied through the grain marketing companies that are taken over by the new co-operative.

The articles of incorporation were filed in accordance with the Illinois Co-operative Marketing Act of 1923, which was sponsored by the Farm Bureau, and which is in harmony with the National Co-operative Act—the Capper-Volstead Act, which was the farmers' greatest legislative victory of 1922.

The articles of incorporation show a \$26,000,000 capital stock, divided as follows:

- One million shares of common stock at \$1 a share.
- One million Class A preferred stock at \$25 a share.
- Five hundred thousand shares of Class B preferred stock at \$50 a share.

It is understood that the Class B stock will be sold for immediate financing purposes. It is also understood the earnings of the new company over and above operating and interest expense, plus the income of Class A stock will be used in retiring Class B stock.

The preferred stock in the co-operative will bear a dividend of 8%. Patronage dividends will be given to members of the association. The company will operate according to rules and customs of various exchanges.

Members of the association, according to the Co-operative Marketing Act, must be bona fide producers and will be required to purchase one share

of common stock, par value \$1, and one share of Class A preferred stock, par value \$25. The articles of incorporation provide that the Grain Marketing Co. can handle grain of non-members who will, of course, not share in the patronage dividend.

In conference between various farm groups during the past two weeks it has been pointed out that in the organizing of this company and taking over the facilities of these grain marketing companies there will be tremendous economies effected through the doing away with duplicating machinery.

Farmers now have an opportunity to take over such marketing machinery as fast as the volume of business provides sufficient income. The newly organized Grain Marketing Company with its board of directors constitutes an official body to act for the farmers in negotiating with the grain marketing companies for the taking over of their properties.

Regarding the financing of the new company, Associated Press dispatches from Chicago July 15 said:

Under the financial plan for the merger 1,000,000 shares of common stock of \$1 par value, 1,000,000 shares of "A" preferred of \$25 par value and 500,000 shares of "B" preferred of \$50 par value will be issued. The "A" preferred will be sold only to farmers, who will be given an opportunity to buy an equal number of shares of common stock, the common stock not to be disposed of in any other manner.

The "B" preferred stock is to be redeemed as rapidly as the "A" preferred is sold, so that eventually farmers will be the only stockholders in the company, as stock is to be sold only to farmers, producers and grain growers.

The two classes of preferred stock to be issued each will bear 8% dividends and will be identical as to assets and other features, but the "B" preferred is not to be offered to the public. Part of it, according to the plan, is to be used in paying for the elevators and intangible assets of the selling companies and the balance is to remain in the treasury to be used as working capital.

The same advices said:

Besides large elevator space in Chicago, the merged concern will also control space in Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, Winona, Minn., Fort Worth, Tex., and points in the East, including Toledo, Fairport, Ohio, Erie, Pa., Buffalo, N. Y., and some export points, including Galveston, Texas City, Tex., Norfolk and Depot Harbor, Georgian Bay.

Among results anticipated by those involved, according to the announcement to-day, are: Absolute ownership by farmers of their own marketing agency, control of ample credit for any transactions the company may undertake, participation in economies resulting from the taking over of the concerns, adoption in a practical way of the principle of co-operation and participation in the earnings of the company, both in investment dividends and patronage dividends.

"Always in the past the trouble has been the farmer didn't know much about marketing his product because he didn't have any experience in this line," John J. Stream, Vice-President of the John C. Shaffer Grain Co., said in discussing the project. "The same was true about the elevator men. They did not have the experience to be good farmers. This plan avoids the rock on which so many other co-operative marketing projects have been wrecked. A way has been provided for producers, or their representatives, to gain the knowledge they need, because at the start they will have the help of experienced men who know about trading in grain and about running elevators, and tremendous blunders will be averted."

Approval of the proposals by the American Farm Bureau Federation was formally announced by the latter on July 11 as follows, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce":

Whereas, This committee has been in session several days making a further study of the proposal of certain grain merchandising interests looking to the taking over of these interests in the creation of a national co-operative grain sales agency:

Now it be Resolved, That we favor the principle and undertaking involved in the said proposal, to the end that a farmer-owned and operated co-operative marketing organization be set up, provided that all legal and business details can be satisfactorily worked out and agreed upon, it being understood that we continue our deliberations, and our conferences with representatives of the various producing interests of the country.

The following is from the New York "Times" of July 16:

Grain trade authorities here did not care to be quoted by name in connection with the announcement that the deal for the taking over by national farm organizations of the grain marketing business of the five large corporations had been concluded at Chicago. Much doubt, however, was expressed for the success of the big co-operative marketing plan, when it was recalled that the operation of the country elevators by the corporations in question for the last four or five years had been at a loss, and that some of the large terminal elevators had "failed to pay."

Bernard M. Baruch, whose suggestion a year ago that the farmers' organizations should buy out the business of the Armour Grain Corporation and through its facilities accomplish what it is now planned that the facilities of five such corporations shall do, recently sailed for Europe. About a month ago, when the proposal for the deal was announced, he pointed out that he had nothing to do with drawing it up and that there were certain details lacking which caused him to wonder what the farmer would "get out of it."

Yesterday it was pointed out that the concerns mentioned had found the grain marketing business unprofitable and for that reason, as well as for the sake of experiment, had shown themselves willing to retire in favor of the farmers. Curiosity was evinced over the nature of the financing to be done as an immediate result of the deal, and as to whether "any real money was going to pass" in connection with the transfer of the properties.

It was also feared that the issuance of stock to the amount of \$26,000,000 might prove a costly lesson to the farmers who subscribed for it in the event the co-operative plan failed to succeed.

It was conceded by several well-posted factors in the trade that an advantage might accrue through the elimination of competition in the marketing business, under the merging of forces announced. It was further stated that under the Capper-Volstead Act farmers' organizations are immune from the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust law and that whatever the result of the deal they need not expect Federal interference with the business.

New York Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of Moneyed Capital Tax Law—Text of Decision.

A decision upholding the constitutionality of the New York State Moneyed Capital Tax Law of 1923, but restricting its application, was handed down on July 15 by Justice Proskauer of the New York Supreme Court. Further below we give the full text of the decision. The law is designed to

tax moneyed capital coming into competition with the business of national banks; of the dozen cases before the Court to test its validity the assessments were declared void in all but one case—that of Dallas B. Pratt, of Maitland, Coppel & Co., as to which the Court said:

Pratt owns moneyed capital in competition with national banks. His firm enjoys the use of deposits aggregating nearly \$5,500,000. The capital is largely put out in loans identical in character with those appropriate to a national bank. Between his firm and the national banks there is actual rivalry. He cannot escape taxation merely because it is not possible with mathematical precision to ascertain what portion of the moneyed capital is applicable to competitive and what to non-competitive business. The balance sheet of his firm must be analyzed to ascertain as exactly as may be the amount of competitive capital.

The total assets of the firm were \$6,726,419; its total liabilities were \$6,214,796. From each of these amounts must be deducted the amount of the deposits—\$5,496,550. From the assets must further be deducted the amount of tax-exempt securities, \$503,000, and under the stipulation (that the amount of indebtedness applicable to each item in the balance sheet is 92.39% of such item) there must further be deducted from the liabilities side that percentage of \$503,000, or \$464,721.

There should also be deducted from the assets the value of the Stock Exchange seat, \$93,000. A Stock Exchange seat is not capital competitive with the business of a national bank. It does not represent the investment of reserve funds. It confers a right to earn commissions for transacting business forbidden to national banks. It is wholly unrelated to the business of a bank. Deducting this \$93,000 from the assets requires a corresponding deduction of 92.39% of that amount from the liabilities. The resultant computation leaves assets of \$633,869 and liabilities of \$167,602. The amount of competitive capital of the firm thus taxable is \$466,267. Relator's share of this is 32% and the assessment will be reduced and confirmed against the relator for this amount, \$149,205. There is no showing by the relator that any of the accounts receivable or loans are mere incidents to brokerage transactions, and I have therefore made no deductions for this reason.

The assessments in the other cases before me must all be voided.

The Court in its ruling respecting Peabody, Houghteling & Co., one of the latter cases, said:

Peabody, Houghteling & Co. are engaged in the business of buying and selling complete issues of corporate bonds secured by real estate mortgage. This is not any part of the business of a national bank.

No national bank could, or would, engage in their fundamental activities. As an incident to their business, they make advances to customers on securities purchased for their account. These brokers not only do not compete with national banks but actually supply them with a very substantial portion of their business. The advances made by brokers are not such loans as banks would make to customers, nor are they made directly as loans. They constitute the device by which the broker increases his own earnings of commissions.

The cases passed upon by the Court along with those of Mr. Pratt and Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., were Temple T. Berdan, Arthur F. Broderick, H. Eugene Exton, Jay F. Carlisle, J. Philip Benkart, the Bankers' Commercial Security Co., Inc., the Equitable Pledge Society, Inc., James Talcott, Inc., the Bankers Loan & Investment Co. and Charles W. Bonner.

Referring to the decision in the "moneyed capital" tax cases, ex-Senator Martin Saxe, of counsel in the Bonner test case, according to the "Wall Street Journal" stated:

The practical effect of the opinion is to limit the operation of the moneyed capital tax to the private bankers; that is, to the dozen or so of large banking houses in New York City, and perhaps a hundred small bankers who deal mostly with the foreign population.

Last year the Tax Department assessed every kind of business that the assessor could think of in any way lending money. The twelve test cases cover practically all such varieties of business. It was to be expected that pawnbrokers, factors, building and loan companies, lenders on chattel mortgages, would be held not subject to the tax, as no one would think of these businesses as really competing with the banks.

The doubtful cases were those of stock brokers, floor traders, and bond and investment houses, all of which are held to be outside the scope of the new law.

Investments of individuals, in corporate bonds and notes, are likewise held not competitive with the banking business and so are exempt from the tax. Likewise the occasional investor in short time notes is held not to compete with the banks.

In the Pratt case, which was an assessment against a partner in the banking house of Maitland, Coppel & Co., the law was held to apply and the assessment in general sustained, with a deduction for tax-exempt securities and for the value of a Stock Exchange seat held to be non-taxable.

In view of these cases the law seems to have been limited to private bankers (and perhaps some note brokers) and if this opinion is sustained, the city will not receive much revenue from this new tax.

The New York "Times" of the 17th inst. said:

Lawyers representing private banking firms said yesterday they had not yet decided whether to appeal the decision handed down yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Proskauer, upholding the State law of 1923 by which moneyed capital in competition with national banks shall be taxed 1%.

The national banks found themselves in much the same position as the private bankers, executives declaring that as the law was aimed at them, the declaration of its validity left them open to similar taxation measures, although they occupied the background in the twelve test cases considered.

The following is the text of the decision as published in the New York "Law Journal" of July 16:

In 1922 the Court of Appeals held invalid the then existing statute purporting to tax stock of national banks because it violated the prohibition of Section 5219 of the Revised Statutes against taxation of national bank shares at a greater rate than that imposed on other moneyed capital (People ex rel. Hanover National Bank vs. Goldfogle, 234 N. Y., 345). The Legislature thereupon enacted Section 897 of the Laws of 1923, providing that "moneyed capital coming into competition with the business of national banks, . . . except bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in the hands of individual citizens not employed or engaged in the banking or investment business and representing merely personal investments not made in competition with such business, shall be assessed at its actual value against the owners or holders thereof . . ."

By other provisions the rate is fixed at 1% and the income of such competing moneyed capital relieved from income tax. The proponents of this legislation also secured the passage by Congress of an amendment to Section 5219 limiting "moneyed capital" as follows: ". . . coming into competition with the business of national banks, . . . provided that bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in the hands of individual citizens not employed or engaged in the banking or investment business and representing merely personal investments not made in competition with such business, shall not be deemed moneyed capital within the meaning of this section."

The object of the legislation was to permit the State effectively to tax national bank shares at 1%.

The relators in this and eleven other proceedings challenge the constitutionality of the statute and its construction by the taxing authorities.

Conceding that it meets the requirements of Section 5219, they urge that the statute is too vague to be enforced without invalid delegation of legislative power to the tax commissioners; is based on unreasonable classification, and is, therefore, violative of Article 24 of the State Constitution, Article 1, Section 6, of the State Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution.

Referring to Article 24 of the State Constitution, requiring in tax statutes specification of rate, property and purpose, Earl, J., wrote in Matter of McPherson (104 N. Y., 306, 319): "But we do not think that the policy embodied in the section had any reference to special taxes which may be collected in a variety of ways under general laws, such as auction duties, excise duties, taxes on business or particular trades, avocations or special classes of property. It has been held in several States where constitutional provision required that property taxes should be equal and uniform that such provisions had reference only to general, annual recurring taxes upon property generally, and not to special taxes upon privileges or special or limited kinds of property. . . . It was said by Finch, J., in People vs. Fire Association of Philadelphia (92 N. Y., 311) that the tax covered by the constitutional provision is one general in its provisions and co-extensive with the State. It is thus seen that there are cases where the language of this section of the constitution must be restricted by construction, and we think this is one of them."

To hold this amendment to the general tax law violative of Article 24 would be contrary to this unquestioned authority and lay a precedent for invalidating many tax statutes in force and unquestioned for years.

Violation of the due process clause is first predicated on the difficulty of defining moneyed capital coming into competition with national banks and the consequent claim that application of the phrase cannot validly be left to taxing authorities. The course to be followed by tax commissioners will be hereafter discussed. On the constitutional point it suffices to say that the statute is capable of application by tax commissioners subject to judicial review. The claim that a tax statute improperly delegates legislative power is frequently made, rarely, if ever, upheld. Our court of last resort has recognized fully that, in the administration of the complex affairs of a great financial and industrial State, effectuation in detail of legislative intent must necessarily be committed to executive agencies.

In Village of Saratoga Springs vs. Saratoga G. & C., Co. (191 N. Y., 123, 138) Cullen, Ch. J., writes: ". . . while powers inherently and exclusively legislative cannot be delegated, there is a large field in which the Legislature, to quote Chief Justice Marshall's words, 'may certainly delegate to others powers which the Legislature may rightfully exercise itself.'"

The power here delegated is solely ministerial. In the facts in each case the Commissioners are to determine whether property is moneyed capital and whether it does compete with the business of national banks. This duty may differ in degree, but it does not differ in kind from many other functions entrusted to taxing authorities. The definitions requisite are difficult. But difficulty of definition does not transmute the ministerial function of the Tax Commissioners into a legislative one. Tax legislation equally difficult of application may be found in the franchise and corporation tax provisions of the Tax Law (Secs. 181, 182 and 184) and in numerous provisions of the Income and Excess Profit Tax laws.

It is also urged that the "business of national banks" is fixed by Federal statute subject to amendment or repeal by Congress and that the Tax Commissioners are therefore compelled possibly to re-legislate annually in accordance with the action of Congress. Description of this duty as legislative is fallacious. To find what constitutes the business of national banks from year to year is to draw a conclusion of fact based partly on a Federal statute as evidence. A declared legislative intent is to be applied to possibly shifting conditions, one of which may be the change of a Federal statute. That this does not constitute improper delegation of power is demonstrated in the opinion of Finch, J., in People vs. Fire Assn. of Philadelphia (92 N. Y., 311, 317): "But it is argued that this act offends . . . by leaving the amount of the tax or fine to the legislative discretion of another State. . . . That is certain which can be rendered certain, and the Act fixes the tax by reference to an extrinsic fact which determines its amount in excess of a fixed and established rate. Because that extrinsic fact is the legislation of another State it does not follow that the legislative discretion of such other State is in any manner substituted for our own. . . . But if when our statute was passed there had been in existence a law of Pennsylvania imposing upon New York companies a license fee of 3%, and because of that fact our Legislature had enacted that all Pennsylvania companies should pay a license fee of 3%, would that law have been a delegation of legislative authority to the State of Pennsylvania? Most clearly not, although the fact of the foreign law lay at the foundation of our legislative judgment and discretion. And if within a month the foreign law changed the impost to 4%, and our own Legislature, again ascertaining the fact, and because of it should change our tax to 4%, would that be Pennsylvania legislation and not our own? And what would be certainly constitutional if done serially by several and separate acts does it become unconstitutional when the same precise and identical result, founded upon exactly the same legislative discretion, is accomplished by one? If so, a grave constitutional question is made to turn upon the bare form instead of the substance of legislative action. It seems to us that the whole difficulty arises from a failure to regard the foreign law, relatively to our own legislation, as simply and purely an extrinsic and contingent fact. Such fact, like any other, may justly influence and even occasion legislative action without at all changing its nature, destroying its discretion or abridging its duties or its judgment. Most laws are made to meet future facts."

For similar legislation cf. 1 Cooley on Taxation (4th ed., Sec. 79, n. 85), 8 Fletcher (Cyc. Corps, Sec. 5759), People ex rel. Standard Oil Co. vs. Law (237 N. Y., 142, 146), People ex rel. Barcalo Mfg. Co. vs. Knapp (227 N. Y., construing Laws 1917, 64, 71, Chap. 726, Sec. 209), Field vs. Clark (143 U. S., 649, 692), and Tariff Act of Sept. 21 1922 (42 Stat., 941, 946).

Unreasonable classification is claimed, based on the contention that moneyed capital not in competition with national banks cannot validly be favored as against competing moneyed capital. Analysis of cited authorities on this subject is futile. The principles are simple; their application difficult. It is unquestioned and unquestionable that the Legislature may impose a license tax upon occupations. There would be basis in fact for such a tax on business in competition with national banks. Here the Legis-

lature has used this very factual difference as one of the criteria of classification in the imposition of a property tax. The test is reasonableness.

Judge Vann, in *People ex rel. Farrington vs. Mensching* (187 N. Y., 8, 18) writes:

"While the Legislature has wide latitude in classification, its power in that regard is not without limitation, for the classification must have some basis, reasonable or unreasonable, other than mere accident, whim or caprice. There must be some support of taste, policy, difference of situation or the like, some reason for it, even if it is a poor one. While the State can tax some occupations and omit others, can it tax only such members of a calling as have blue eyes or black hair? We have said that it could tax horses and leave sheep untaxed, but it does not follow that it could tax white horses and omit all others, or tax the sale of certificates printed on white paper and not those on yellow or brown. While one class may be made of horses and another of sheep, or even a class made of race horses, owing to the use made of them, without a shock to common sense, a classification limited to white horses would be so arbitrary as to amount to tyranny because there would be no semblance of reason for it."

The competitive use of moneyed capital is not a whimsical nor irrational criterion of classification. Accurate description of property fairly requires statement of its use. Few property taxes have been imposed on this basis. So far as briefs and research indicate, however, they have all been sustained. In *McHenry vs. Alford* (168 U. S., 651, 666) the court sustained the validity of a law providing for higher taxation of the lands of the Northern Pacific R.R. (a Federal corporation) than that of other lands in the State. This was a property tax because under *Railroad Co. vs. Peniston* (85 U. S., 5, 35) a State could not tax the operation of a Federal corporation. Mr. Justice Peckham writes: "While we agree that property of the same kind and under the same condition and used for the same purpose cannot be divided into different classes for purposes of taxation and taxed by a different rule simply because it belongs to different owners, yet, where the situation and the possible use and the present condition of the ownership of lands are wholly different, such as they are in this case, from ordinary ownership, a classification is not arbitrary nor unreasonable which places such lands outside the class of lands owned in the ordinary way by individuals."

Similarly, no distinction in taxation could be made between moneyed capital of identical kind used in the same way by different owners. But a distinction can be made based upon actual difference in use of moneyed capital described in statute for effectuation of a proper legislative purpose. In *Knisely vs. Cotter* (196 Pa. St., 614, 630) *Mitchell, J.*, considering a tax discriminating between wholesale and retail dealers, writes: "Even regarding it as a tax based upon property directly, it could be sustained as a classification according to the use and purposes for which the property is held."

In *Citizens Telephone Co. vs. Fuller* (229 U. S., 322, 326) certain cooperative telephone lines were exempted from taxation while ordinary telephone lines were taxed. The attack on the statute was on the ground that "the business is not taxed. . . . It is the property used in the business, and it is all of like kind and used for like purposes, and each dollar's worth should be treated alike."

Mr. Justice McKenna writes: "This being the insistence of appellant, that is, that the tax is on property simply, appellant makes the property, dollar for dollar, the only basis of comparison between the taxed companies and the exempt companies."

After reviewing the authorities relating to the State's right to discriminate under the police power he continues (at pp. 329 and 331): ". . . in taxation there is a broader power of classification than in some other exercises of legislation. . . . Granting the power of classification we must grant government the right to select the differences upon which the classification shall be based, and they need not be great or conspicuous. The State is not bound by any rigid equality. . . . The use of the untaxed property, as pointed out by the District Court, is 'predominantly private, while the use of the taxed property is correspondingly public, the exempt property is used for the personal convenience of the owners, while the taxed property represents commercial investment for profit making purposes.'"

While in the cited cases the difference in use may be more marked than in the case at bar, none the less the Supreme Court here clearly recognizes the propriety of including the use of property as a reasonable differentiating element.

As stated in 1 *Cooley on Taxation* (4th ed., p. 717): "Difference in the use of property as well as inherent differences in the kind of property may be the basis of classification."

The statute relating to convict-made goods condemned in *People ex rel. Phillips vs. Raynes* (136 App. Div., 417, aff'd 198 N. Y., 539), cited by relators, turned not upon the use of property, but upon the accident of its origin.

A legislative purpose to relieve from taxation the investment of individuals representing the savings of thrift and industry, while subjecting to taxation similar capital employed in a definite business enterprise competing with the business of a national bank, cannot be condemned as arbitrary.

The failure of the statute to appropriate for the refunds of income tax contemplated by Sec. 27 is claimed to be a violation of Sec. 21, Article 3, of the State constitution. Assuming, without deciding, the validity of this contention, such omission would at most invalidate the provision for refund. It is clearly severable from the essential provisions of the statute.

Relators claim that the statute does not apply to the year 1923. It provided a penalty for failure to file a statement by June 1. It became a law on June 1. The requirement that reports be filed on June 1 was for the assistance of the Tax Commissioners. It was not essential to the preservation of due process of law. The delay in enactment of the law might constitute a defense to an action for the penalty. It cannot postpone operation of the whole Act in the face of the enacting clause, which provided that it should take effect immediately. The statute is part of the general tax law. It provided that assessment rolls were to be made up as of Aug. 1. The third Tuesday of August was made the grievance day. Abundant opportunity was thus afforded to the relators to assert their rights after the statute became effective. That the taxable status was fixed as of a time antedating the date on which the law became effective does not indicate intent to postpone the operation of the law. As Mr. Justice Field said in *Locke vs. New Orleans* (4 Wallace, 172, 173): "In the first place the Act was not subject to the imputation of being retrospective. It did not operate upon the past, or deprive the party of any vested rights. It simply authorized the imposition of a tax according to a previous assessment" (*People vs. Spring Valley Hydraulic Co.*, 92 N. Y., 383; 2 *Cooley on Taxation*, 4th ed., p. 1157).

The statute must be construed with its purpose and its judicial history in mind. Its adoption of the words of the Federal statute, the discussion attendant upon its enactment and that of the Federal amendment in 1923, and the fair intendment of its language indicate an unquestioned purpose to impose no broader tax than that required by the Federal statute to validate the taxation of national bank shares.

The construction of the Federal statute, therefore, is a potent guide in the construction of the State statute.

In *Mercantile Bank vs. New York* (121 U. S., 138, 155), Mr. Justice Matthews writes: "The main purpose, therefore, of Congress in fixing

limits to State taxation on investments in the shares of national banks was to render it impossible for the State, in levying such a tax, to create and foster an unequal and unfriendly competition, by favoring institutions or individuals carrying on a similar business and operations and investments of a like character. The language of the Act of Congress is to be read in the light of this policy."

Though the statute then did not contain the 1923 amendment limiting the words "moneyed capital" to that engaged in competition with the business of national banks, Mr. Justice Matthews (at page 156) continues: "The business of banking, as defined by law and custom, consists in the issue of notes payable on demand, intended to circulate as money where the banks are banks of issue; in receiving deposits payable on demand; in discounting commercial paper; making loans of money on collateral security; buying and selling bills of exchange; negotiating loans, and dealing in negotiable securities issued by the Government, State and national, and municipal and other corporations. These are the operations in which the capital invested in national banks is employed, and it is the nature of that employment which constitutes it in the eye of this statute 'moneyed capital.' Corporations and individuals carrying on these operations do come into competition with the business of national banks, and capital in the hands of individuals thus employed is what is intended to be described by the Act of Congress."

Interpreting this language in *First Nat. Bank vs. Chapman* (173 U. S., 205, 214), Mr. Justice Peckham writes: "The result seems to be that the term 'moneyed capital' as used in the Federal statute does not include capital which does not come into competition with the business of national banks, and that exemptions from taxation, however large, . . . for reasons of public policy and not as an unfriendly discrimination against investments in national bank shares, cannot be regarded as forbidden by the Federal statute."

In 1921 the Supreme Court in *Merchants National Bank vs. Richmond* (256 U. S., 635, 639) held invalid an ordinance of the city of Richmond purporting to tax national bank shares because it failed to tax competing moneyed capital. The State courts made no finding of fact as to whether a large amount of definite classes of moneyed capital did or did not compete with the business of national banks and attempted to limit the Federal statute to the prevention of State discrimination in favor of State banking associations against national banking associations. Mr. Justice Pitney wrote: "By repeated decisions of this Court, dealing with the restriction here imposed, it has become established that while the words 'moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens' do not include shares of stock corporations that do not enter into competition with the national banks, they do include something besides shares in banking corporations and others that enter into direct competition with those banks. They include not only moneys invested in private banking, properly so called, but investments of individuals in securities that represent money at interest and other evidences of indebtedness such as normally enter into the business of banking."

This language must be read in connection with prior decisions and subsequent Congressional action. The case holds merely that on the facts there presented there was untaxed capital engaged in competition with national banks. It does not question the established rules that the determination of what constitutes capital engaged in competition with a national bank is a question of fact and that the capital to be taxed is that which substantially and actually competes with the business of a national bank.

It is argued by one of the relators that the language of this opinion imposes on respondents the duty to assess every bond, note or other evidence of indebtedness; that the failure so to do, pursuant to a fixed purpose, constituted an arbitrary discrimination in the imposition of the levy, and that therefore this levy (as distinguished from the statute itself) must be held void. The commissioners somewhat inconsistently urge that they were justified in deliberately omitting the assessment of such property in the hands of ordinary individuals and investors, but may assess it in the hands of individuals engaged in any business approximating, however remotely, a banking business. Both contentions are unwarranted.

The debate in 1923, when the phrase qualifying "moneyed capital" was added to the Federal statute, is illuminating. Congressman Wingo, after the conference between Senate and House committees, stated: "However, we all agree that in view of the uncertainty and the differences of opinion that have been created by this Richmond decision, it is wise to restate the law. . . . We take the position that it is easy to override the contention of the Richmond case by restating the old rule, with such additional language as will show that it is the intention of Congress in the new statute to follow the rule laid down in the old line of decisions" (Congressional Record, V. 64, p. 4802, 4803, 67th Congress, Part V, Feb. 27 1923).

Senator Kellogg then stated: "My object in introducing the original bill, which said that the rate should not be higher than that on all moneyed capital engaged in banking, was to get away from the provisions of State laws that made the basis of taxing national banks the individual credits in the hands of the citizen. The House has attempted to get by that by providing that these investments in the hands of individuals shall not be deemed moneyed capital engaged in banking. I think myself it is rather a cumbersome provision, but we cannot get anything else, and I think it is better to accept it than to get no law at all." (Congressional Record, V. 64, p. 4959, March 1 1923).

Reading the amendment in the light of this discussion it seems clear that Congress intended to continue and emphasize the rule that the restrictive provisions of the Federal statute did not apply to moneyed capital, in the hands of individuals, which in no substantial sense actually competes with the business of national banks.

This question of fact must be determined by actualities. It is not the business of a national bank, either by statute or in fact, to invest or deal in corporate bonds. They invest surplus funds in corporate bonds as a mere incident to the banking business, exactly as they may rent offices in a banking building to others. An individual who invests in corporate securities no more competes with "the business" of a national bank than does the landlord of an adjoining office building. The occasional investor in short time notes possesses property fairly described in the proviso exempting bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in the hands of individual citizens not engaged in the banking or investment business and representing merely personal investments not made in competition with such business. That proviso expresses the original implication of the statute as declared in the *Mercantile Bank* case, to permit the States full freedom to exempt any property from taxation so long as the exemption does not result in real unfair and unfriendly competition with national banks. Thus persons engaged in the business of buying and selling negotiable paper of the kind which national banks are permitted to deal in possess property subject to this tax. Other cases will no doubt disclose other forms of competing business. The test must be whether the business does in fact compete, not whether it is capable of an indirect and highly unsubstantial duplication of an isolated or non-characteristic activity. Abstractly many widely different businesses may be regarded as potentially competitive. If the price of wheat rises too high, substitutes therefor will be used. Yet the dealer in some less desirable grain is not in reality a competitor with the dealer in wheat. Every person who invests his savings at interest is in some remote sense lending money, which as a mere possibility might other-

wise be loaned by a national bank. The very depositor in the national bank itself is lending money to the bank, often at interest, but such persons do not actually compete for business with a national bank.

"Competition means rivalry" (First National Bank vs. Anderson, 192 N. W., Ia., 6, 15). The ruling of the Wisconsin State Tax Commission, interpreting a similar statute of that State and the 1923 Federal amendment, convincingly emphasizes the necessity of this practical point of view. They write:

"The purpose of both enactments was to restore the method of assessing bank stock which had prevailed for a period of fifty years prior to the decision in the Richmond case and exclude private loans and investments from moneyed capital with which banks must be compared. . . . Other individuals and organizations engaged in the securities, investment and loaning business under the laws of this State are sharply differentiated from organizations engaged in banking. None of them are organized as banks or allowed to do a banking business. In so far as they compete with banks at all the competition is incidental and limited and it is believed that none of them can encroach on the main functions of banks or use moneyed capital in competition with them within the meaning of the Federal Statute. . . . Building and loan associations, securities and investment companies, automobile finance organizations, bond brokers and dealers, pawnbrokers and chattel mortgage loan concerns are not required to be assessed as banks."

Applying these tests to the cases to be determined, relator Pratt owns moneyed capital in competition with national banks. His firm enjoys the use of deposits aggregating nearly five and a half million dollars. The capital is largely put out in loans identical in character with those appropriate to a national bank. Between his firm and the national banks there is actual rivalry. He cannot escape taxation merely because it is not possible with mathematical precision to ascertain what portion of the moneyed capital is applicable to competitive and what to non-competitive business. The balance sheet of his firm must be analyzed to ascertain as exactly as may be the amount of competitive capital. Respondents make out a prima facie case for taxation when they show the actual competition and the amount of moneyed capital at the disposal of that competitive business. Certain items are clearly to be eliminated. If there be any ground for eliminating other items, it was primarily and peculiarly within the knowledge of relator and evidence to that effect should have been adduced by him. Certain of the assets are corporate stocks. While a national bank cannot buy and own corporate stock, it does not follow that a competitor, not subject to this prohibition, may not use this form of capital in competition with a national bank. It would defeat the purpose of the statute to permit a competitor to invest his reserves in corporate stocks, actually using them (or the loans made against them) to compete directly with a national bank, and by this indirection evade the mandate of Congress. The total assets of the firm were \$6,726,419.72; its total liabilities were \$6,214,796.70. From each of these amounts must be deducted the amount of the deposits—\$5,496,550.22. From the assets must further be deducted the amount of tax-exempt securities, \$503,000, and under the stipulation (that the amount of indebtedness applicable to each item in the balance sheet is 92.39% of such item) there must further be deducted from the liabilities side that percentage of \$503,000, or \$464,721.70. There should also be deducted from the assets the value of the Stock Exchange seat, \$93,000. A Stock Exchange seat is not capital competitive with the business of a national bank. It does not represent the investment of reserve funds. It confers a right to earn commissions for transacting business forbidden to national banks. It is wholly unrelated to the business of a bank. Deducting this \$93,000 from the assets requires a corresponding deduction of 92.39% of that amount from the liabilities. The resultant computation leaves assets of \$633,869.50 and liabilities of \$167,602.08. The amount of competitive capital of the firm thus taxable is \$466,267.42. Relator's share of this is 32% and the assessment will be reduced and confirmed against the relator for this amount, \$149,205.57. While this is slightly more than the amount stated on page 4 of the city's brief, attention of counsel is called to the fact that there is a mathematical error in the city's computation of 32% of \$482,244.72. There is no showing by the relator that any of the accounts receivable or loans are mere incidents to brokerage transactions, and I have therefore made no deductions for this reason.

The assessments in the other cases before me must all be avoided.

In the Talcott case the relator is a textile factor. It makes no loans. It advances against merchandise and participates in the handling, storage, selling and collection of payment for the merchandise in return for a commission. It operates under time contracts, requiring a continuous account current. It has no recourse to the owner of the merchandise until resort has been first had to the merchandise itself (Newburger-Morris Co. vs. Talcott, 219 N. Y., 505, 511, Gihon vs. Stanton, 9 N. Y., 476, 481). Its business has not the slightest similarity to that of a national bank.

The Equitable Pledge Society, Inc., is a pawnbroker. It has no recourse at all against the person to whom it makes advances. It must look solely to the pledged property for reimbursement (Stephens vs. Simpson, 94 App. Div., 298, Bernstein vs. Weinstein, 104 App. Div., 615). Just as a bank is prohibited from doing a pawnbroking business (Nat. Bank vs. Graham, 100 U. S., 699, 704), so a pawnbroker cannot do a banking business (City of Chicago vs. Hulbert, 8 N. E., Ill., 812, 814). The method by which its business is conducted, the nature of its patronage, the statutory restrictions and privileges governing its transactions so differentiate it from a national bank that a finding of actual rivalry would seem grotesque.

Bankers Commercial Securities Co., Inc., purchases from dealers, who buy from manufacturers, conditional sale contracts, leases and chattel mortgages on automatic piano players, calling for weekly or monthly installments over an average period of thirty months, the payments average about \$12.50 a month on each transaction. This is not the acquisition of evidences of indebtedness which "normally enter into the business of banking" (Merchants Nat. Bank vs. Richmond, 256 U. S., 665).

The Bankers Loan & Investment Co. is a building and loan association. Its object is to "encourage industry, frugality, home owning and the saving of money by its members, the accumulation of savings and the loaning thereof to its members," as authorized by the New York statute. It conducts the conventional business of a building and loan association. It approximates closely to a savings bank, of which Mr. Justice Matthews in Mercantile Bank vs. New York (121 U. S., 138, 161) says: "No one can suppose for a moment that savings banks come into any possible competition with national banks of the United States. They are what their name indicates—banks of deposit for the accumulation of small savings belonging to the industrious and thrifty. To promote their growth and progress is the obvious interest and manifest policy of the State."

The national bank certainly needs no protection against the activities of an association intended to aid small investors by thrift to accumulate from their savings sufficient money to build a home (First National Bank vs. Dawson Co., 213 Pac., 1097).

Peabody, Houghteling & Co. are engaged in the business of buying and selling complete issues of corporate bonds secured by real estate mortgage. This is not any part of the business of a national bank. In Morse on Banks and Banking (5th Ed., Vol. 1, Sec. 59, and note 4) it is stated: "In this country the general rule is that any bank may loan on the security of stocks or bonds of other corporations, but cannot buy and sell them. . . . It is no part of the banking business to engage in traffic in merchandise or financial securities."

And in Section 71-c it is stated: "A bank cannot traffic in merchandise, stocks or securities."

And at Section 77: "It has been held not to be incidental to the banking business nor an implied power pertaining to a bank to buy or sell stocks or bonds."

A bank which lends money at interest on the security of bonds is not the rival of a dealer who purchases bonds merely for the purpose of reselling them to investors.

The other relators are all stock brokers.

Exton is a floor trader who buys and sells on his own account solely. He makes no loans and competes with a national bank no more than if he bought or sold tangible merchandise instead of corporate stocks.

Berdan and Carlisle are members of firms which deal in odd lots, that is, stock in smaller amounts than 100 shares. Benard, Bonner and Broderick are engaged in the conventional business of general stock brokers. The actual business of these relators is to buy and sell securities on commission. No national bank can or would engage in their fundamental activity. As an incident to their business they made advances to their customers on the securities purchased for their account. The mode of transacting this business is thoroughly established and general. The stock broker, trading for his customer, to facilitate the trade advances a certain percentage of the purchase price, the customer putting up a so-called margin to protect the broker. The broker in turn repledges these securities to a national bank or similar institution for an amount smaller than that which the broker advances to the customer, thus giving the national bank an additional margin of security. These brokers not only do not compete with national banks, but actually supply them with a very substantial portion of their business. The advances made by the brokers are not such loans as the banks would make to their customers, nor are they made directly as loans. They constitute the device by which the broker increases his own earning of commissions.

The capital of these relators, therefore, does not compete with the business of a national bank.

Ordered accordingly.

Brokers' Loans Show Increase—Gain \$25,000,000 to \$1,325,000,000 as Result of Broader Stock Market Participation.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of July 14:

For the first time since early part of this year brokers' loans show a gain. The total now is approximately \$1,325,000,000, an increase of \$25,000,000 over the May 19 total of \$1,300,000,000.

This expansion in loans is a reflection of the improved stock market, together with a broader public participation.

In January brokers' loans amounted to \$1,400,000,000. In February they were \$1,380,000,000; March 6, \$1,375,000,000; March 21, \$1,350,000,000; April 16, \$1,320,000,000, and May 19, \$1,300,000,000.

The record high point for such borrowings was \$2,000,000,000, on Feb. 14 1923.

New York Clearing House loans, &c., last week showed a gain of over \$17,000,000, to \$5,058,186,000. The high point for New York Clearing House loans was \$5,486,134,000, in October 1920. Net demand deposits last week touched a new high record of \$4,351,000,000.

Considering the large volume of credit available at present, bankers would welcome further expansion in so-called "Street loans."

Name of "Daily Financial America" To Be Changed to "Wall Street News" Beginning July 21.

Melvin J. Woodworth, who several months ago assumed control of the New York News Bureau Association, publishers of "Daily Financial America," made the following announcement on July 17 regarding the proposed change in the name of that news sheet:

On Monday July 21 the name of "Daily Financial America" will be changed to the "Wall Street News."

My reason for this change is to select a name better descriptive of the character of this newspaper, as it is devoted almost entirely to the presentation of facts and timely comment about banking, investment and business developments centered in the Wall Street community.

The "Wall Street News" will endeavor to furnish its readers with unbiased news of financial and business affairs.

The New York News Bureau Association, publisher of the "Wall Street News," by reason of its extensive wire facilities, correspondents throughout the country and ticker services in nine cities, furnishes news first-hand and up to the minute. The Central News, Ltd., its London affiliation, supplies all important news from the Eastern Hemisphere, gathered by correspondents all over the world. The New York News Bureau, with its subsidiaries, is the world's largest gatherer and distributor of financial and commercial news.

Since acquiring control of the New York News Bureau, with the affiliated Central News of America and Central News of London, I have reorganized the corporation. Expert financial writers have been added to the various departments in New York, as well as in out-of-town offices, and to-day I have the most thoroughly trained and efficient staff of financial news gatherers in the Metropolitan district.

Clear, precise, authentic, news free from propaganda and uninfluenced either by personal or business relations, is the motto of this organization.

MELVIN J. WOODWORTH, President.

Resolution Is Adopted on Death of Ernest Groesbeck.

The Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange recently adopted the following resolution on the death of Ernest Groesbeck:

Ernest Groesbeck became a member of the New York Stock Exchange in 1873, and in fifty-one years of active business he established among his fellow members the highest reputation for character, business integrity and ability. For eighteen consecutive years he served upon the Governing Committee of the Exchange, and rendered services during that period of inestimable value. Prominent among these were his work upon the building committee of 1901, and the leading part he took in meeting the great crisis of 1914. Be it therefore resolved that the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange hereby record their heartfelt sorrow at the loss through Mr. Groesbeck, of one of their oldest and most respected members and do hereby express their feelings of profound gratitude for invaluable services to the Exchange during the many eventful years of his association with us.

Louis C. DeCoppet Appointed Member of Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange.

Louis C. DeCoppet, of Jacquelin & DeCoppet, has been appointed a member of the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank W. Thomas, of A. O. Slaughter & Co.

Consolidated Stock Exchange Suspends H. W. Eisfelder.

Henry W. Eisfelder of 25 Broad Street, this city, a member of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, was suspended on July 16 for refusing to permit the immediate examination of his books by the Bureau of Auditing & Accounting of the Exchange, according to President Thomas B. Maloney.

F. Eugene Nortz and G. B. Kulenlampff Suspended for One Year from New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange.

Dating from July 15, F. Eugene Nortz and G. B. Kulenlampff, of the firm of Nortz & Co., 98 Front Street, this city, have been suspended from the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange for one year, for violation of Sections 103 and 104 of the by-laws of the organization.

Edward M. Fuller and William F. McGee to Testify for State.

Judge Charles Nott in the Court of General Sessions on Thursday of this week (July 17) deferred the execution of sentence on Edward M. Fuller and William F. McGee (former partners in the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co.), self-confessed "bucketeers," and released them in \$10,000 bail each. In June 1923 Judge Nott sentenced the defendants to serve from fifteen months to four years in Sing Sing after they had confessed to the charge of "bucketing" their customers' orders. Before, however, Fuller and McGee pleaded guilty they were held in contempt (and are still being held) of the Federal Court by Judge Goddard for failing to return to the Federal trustee in bankruptcy important documents belonging to the estate of the failed brokerage firm. The sentence imposed by Judge Nott was not to begin until they were purged of contempt by Judge Goddard. The release of the defendants on bail was made at the recommendation of District Attorney Banton, who informed Judge Nott that he did so on the request of United States District Attorney Hayward, who had explained that he needed Fuller and McGee as Government witnesses in the forthcoming trials of William J. Fallon, the lawyer; Charles A. Stoneham, head of the Giants baseball club, and Arnold Rothstein, the gambler, on indictments which grew out of the Fuller bankruptcy investigation.

According to the New York "Evening Post" of yesterday (July 18), Judge Goddard for the time being declined to purge Fuller and McGee of the contempt charge and they were taken back to Governor's Island, where they have been detained for the past fourteen months. We last referred to the Fuller and McGee case in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 18 1923, page 734.

New York State Supreme Court Enjoins Four Brokerage Firms.

Attorney-General Carl Sherman on July 14 obtained from the Supreme Court of this State injunctions under the Martin Act restraining four stock brokerage firms of this city from further buying or selling of shares. Those enjoined are: Charles H. Greenhaus, stock broker, of 68 William Street; George Gibson, doing business as the American Security Transfer Co., at 140 Cedar Street; Allen S. Schang, David B. Goldsmith, Lewis Hughes and Nat Goldman, doing business as Allen S. Schang & Co., at 18 West Forty-first Street, and the Radio Securities & Finance Corporation and Campbell Mason, its general manager, of 42 Broadway.

Frank M. Tomlins, Private Investment Broker, in Bankruptcy.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court on July 17 against Frank Tomlins, a private investment broker of 68 Wall Street and 100 Broadway, this city, by Myron S. Hall & Co., 100 Broadway. It is alleged in the petition that he failed to pay his share of partnership capital and operating losses sustained while he was a member of the firm.

Indictments Returned Against Former Partners in Defunct Brokerage Firm of Channer & Sawyer, Cincinnati.

Eleven indictments for alleged embezzlement of stocks and securities purchased by them for customers, and two indictments for alleged obtaining of money from customers by false pretenses on the plea that it was due for margins on stock purchases, were returned by the Hamilton County (Ohio) Grand Jury on July 3 against Herbert I. Channer, George A. Sawyer and Fred G. McLaughlin, former members of the bankrupt firm of Channer & Sawyer, Cincinnati, according to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of July 4. Channer & Sawyer failed in November of last year.

Federal Farm Loan Board Reduces Rate from 5½ to 5%.

The Federal Farm Loan Board announced on July 16 that it had reduced from 5½ to 5% the rate of interest charged on direct loans to all co-operative marketing associations. The Board members are said to have declared the reduction should aid materially in the financing of this year's crop movement. The Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, which made the loans to the co-operative marketing associations last year, loaned more than \$58,000,000, and this was distributed among approximately 200,000 farmers.

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Reduces Rediscount Rate from 4½% to 4%.

The Federal Reserve Board announced on July 15 that the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas had reduced its rediscount rate from 4½% to 4% on all classes of paper of all maturities, effective immediately.

United States Government Advises League of Nations That It Cannot Give Adherence to League Treaty.

In indicating that the United States Government cannot adhere to the League of Nations's proposed draft of the treaty of mutual assistance which the Fourth Assembly of the League voted should be circulated among all the Governments, a communication addressed to the League says:

Without attempting an analysis of the provisions of the treaty, it is quite apparent that its fundamental principle is to provide guarantees of mutual assistance and to establish the competency of the Council of the League of Nations with respect to the decisions contemplated and, in view of the constitutional organization of this Government and of the fact that the United States is not a member of the League of Nations, this Government would find it impossible to give its adherence.

These advices to the League were contained in a note dispatched June 16 and delivered to the League by Hugh S. Gibson, American Minister at Geneva, and made public at Washington July 10. It was in reply to a communication addressed to the Department last January. The United States Government recites in its answer that:

It appears from the preamble of the treaty that it has been formulated with the desire of establishing the general lines of a scheme of mutual assistance with a view to facilitate the application of Articles X and XVI of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and of a reduction or limitation of national armaments in accordance with Article VIII of the Covenant.

"It would not serve a useful purpose to consider the question of conditional or partial adherence on the part of the Government of the United States," says the note, "when the conditions imposed would of necessity be of such a character as to deprive adherence of any substantial effect." The following is the text of the communication:

The Secretary of State of the United States of America has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication of the Secretary General of the League of Nations, submitting by direction of the Council of the League of Nations, the draft treaty of mutual assistance, proposed by the Third Committee to the Fourth Assembly, and requesting the expression of the views of the Government of the United States.

In reply it may be said that the Government of the United States is most desirous that appropriate agreements should be reached to limit armament and thus to reduce the heavy burdens of expenditure caused by unnecessary and competitive outlays in providing facilities and munitions of war. The desire and purpose of this Government were fully manifested when the great military and naval Powers were invited by the President of the United States to meet in conference in Washington in 1921 for the purpose of considering the limitation of armaments.

While that conference resulted in the conclusion of an important naval treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, for the limitation of capital fighting ships, it was found to be impossible to obtain an agreement for the limitation of the tonnage of auxiliary naval craft, or to make any progress in the direction of limitation of land forces. The Government of the United States, having reduced its own armament, continues to cherish the hope that the desired result in the case of other Powers may be achieved and it notes with keen and sympathetic interest every endeavor to that end. In this spirit the draft treaty submitted has been carefully considered.

It appears from the preamble of the treaty that it has been formulated with the desire "of establishing the general lines of a scheme of mutual assistance with a view to facilitate the application of Articles X and XVI of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and of a reduction or limitation of national armaments in accordance with Article VIII of the Covenant" to the lowest point consistent with national safety and enforcement by common action of international obligations.

The following provisions of the draft may be especially noted:

Article II.—The high contracting parties, jointly and severally, undertake to furnish assistance, in accordance with the provisions of the present treaty, to any one of their number should the latter be the object of a war of aggression, provided that it has conformed to the provisions of the treaty regarding the reduction or limitation of armaments.

Article III. In the event of one of the high contracting parties being of opinion that the armaments of any other high contracting party are in excess of the limits fixed for the latter high contracting party under the provisions of the present treaty, or in the event of it having cause to apprehend an outbreak of hostilities, either on account of the aggressive policy or preparations of any State, party or not to the present treaty, it may inform the Secretary-General of the League of Nations that it is threatened with aggression, and the Secretary-General shall forthwith summon the Council.

The Council, if it is of opinion that there is reasonable ground for thinking that a menace of aggression has arisen, may take all necessary measures to remove such menace and in particular, if the Council thinks right, those indicated in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) of the second paragraph of Article V of the present treaty.

The high contracting parties which have been denounced and those which have stated themselves to be the object of a threat of aggression shall be considered as especially interested and shall therefore be invited to send representatives to the Council in conformity with Articles IV, XV, XVI and XVII of the Covenant. The vote of their representatives shall, however, not be reckoned when calculating unanimity.

Article IV.—In the event of one or more of the high contracting parties becoming engaged in hostilities the Council of the League of Nations shall decide within four days of notification being addressed to the Secretary-General, which of the high contracting parties are the objects of aggression and whether they are entitled to claim the assistance provided under the treaty.

The high contracting parties undertake that they will accept such a decision by the Council of the League of Nations.

The high contracting parties engaged in hostilities shall be regarded as especially interested and shall, therefore, be invited to send representatives to the Council (within the terms of Article IV, XIII, and XVII, of the Covenant), the vote of their representative not being reckoned when calculating unanimity; the same shall apply to States signatory to any partial agreements involved on behalf of either of the two belligerents, unless the remaining members of the Council shall decide otherwise.

To Furnish Mutual Assistance.

Article V.—The high contracting parties undertake to furnish one another mutually with assistance in the case referred to in Article II, of the treaty in the form determined by the Council of the League of Nations as the most effective, and to take all appropriate measures without delay in the order of urgency demanded by the circumstances.

In particular the Council may:

(A) Decide to apply immediately to the aggressor State the economic sanctions contemplated by Article XVI, of the Covenant, the members of the League not signatory to the present treaty not being, however, bound by this decision, except in the case where the State attacked is entitled to avail itself of the articles of the Covenant;

(B) Invoke by name the high contracting parties whose assistance it requires. No high contracting party situated in a continent other than that in which operations will take place shall, in principle, be required to co-operate in military, naval or air operation;

(C) Determine the forces which each State furnishing assistance shall place at its disposal;

(D) Prescribe all necessary measures for securing priority for the communications and transport connected with the operations;

(E) Prepare a plan for financial co-operation among the high contracting parties with a view to providing for the State attacked and for the States furnishing assistance the funds which they require for the operations;

(F) Appoint the Higher Command and establish the object and nature of his duty.

The representatives of States recognized as aggressors under the provisions of Article IV of the treaty shall not take part in the deliberations of the Council specified in this article. The high contracting parties who are required by the Council to furnish assistance in accordance with Sub-Paragraph (B) shall, on the other hand, be considered as especially interested and, as such, shall be invited to send representatives, unless they are already represented, to the deliberations specified in Sub-Paragraphs (C), (D), (E) and (F).

Without attempting an analysis of the provisions of the treaty, it is quite apparent that its fundamental principle is to provide guarantees of mutual assistance and to establish the competency of the Council of the League of Nations with respect to the decisions contemplated, and, in view of the constitutional organization of this Government and of the fact that the United States is not a member of the League of Nations, this Government would find it impossible to give its adherence.

The Government of the United States has not failed to note that under Article XVII of the draft treaty "any State may, with the consent of the Council of the League, notify its conditional or partial adherence to the provisions of this treaty, provided always that such State has reduced or is prepared to reduce its armament in conformity with the provisions of this treaty," but it would not serve a useful purpose to consider the question of a conditional or partial adherence on the part of the Government of the United States when the conditions imposed would of necessity be of such a character as to deprive adherents of any substantial effect.

From Geneva, July 10, we quote the following Associated Press cablegram:

While the United States Government has officially informed the League of Nations that it cannot adhere to the draft of the Treaty of Mutual Assistance which the Fourth Assembly of the League voted should be circulated among all the Governments with the request for expressions of their views, the American communication has stimulated interest in an endeavor to find some suitable agreement for a reduction in armaments.

Interest in such an effort already had been increased by the presentation of the so-called Draft Treaty of Disarmament and Security, drawn up by Americans, which now is officially before the members of the League.

Officials of the League said to-day that they considered the American reply a friendly document.

Discussion of Limitation of Armaments by Council of League of Nations—Disarmament Treaty and Treaty of Mutual Assistance.

Official discussion of control and reduction of armaments suddenly took on an American angle at Geneva, June 17, when the Council of the League of Nations, in private session, according to Associated Press advices, voted to distribute to all the Governments represented in the Council a report on limitation of armaments being prepared by two American experts, Professor J. T. Shotwell of Columbia and General Tasker H. Bliss of the American Peace Mission at the Paris conference. The further accounts as given in the New York "Times" said:

Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League, notified the Council that this report, which he considered a serious and probably exceedingly useful study of the armaments problem, would soon reach President Benes of the League of Nations Council. He proposed its immediate circulation as an official document, and his recommendation was unanimously approved.

Plan League Control in Germany.

The Council in public session took steps which are considered to have as their ultimate goal the taking over of the control of the military situation in Germany from the Inter-Allied Mission.

Following the announcement of Premier Herriot of France that he was determined to utilize the League of Nations in assuring the peace of Europe, the greatest importance was given the public statement made by Henri de Jouvenel, representing France on the Council, when he approved on behalf of his nation a British proposal for an immediate inquiry into the responsibility of the Council for the military control of the Central European States, as outlined in the various treaties.

M. de Jouvenel made it clear that although the Council was officially discussing its military responsibilities toward Bulgaria, Austria and Hungary its action paved the way for similar treatment of Germany.

France, said M. de Jouvenel, deemed the Council's investigation exceedingly opportune, for it was obvious the powers must look forward to the time when the interallied control would pass to the League.

Jurists Named to Study Plan.

On his motion two resolutions were adopted. One of these called for the appointment of a committee of jurists to interpret Paragraph 5, Article 4, of the League Covenant, which declares that any member of the League not represented in the Council shall be invited to send a representative to sit as a member of any Council meeting during the consideration of matters especially affecting its interests.

Several of the States, including Rumania and Czechoslovakia, have already requested the right to be represented when the Council discusses the military control of the former enemy powers, viewing this question of far-reaching importance as involving the future peace of Europe. The Council wishes to move slowly and cautiously, and have expert advice concerning the rights of members under the Covenant.

The second resolution asks the Permanent League Advisory Commission on Armaments to draw up a technical plan for control which the Council could adopt when the proper time arrives. Article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles, which is duplicated in articles in the other peace treaties, declares Germany undertakes to submit to any investigation which the Council of the League of Nations, acting if need be by majority vote, may consider necessary.

Lord Parmoor of Great Britain said his nation deemed the questions involved to be of immediate urgency. He pointed out that the interallied control set up under the treaty was still operative, but matters had advanced so far that Great Britain believed the time had come to examine the situation which would arise when such control was finally abandoned. Great Britain, he added, felt full confidence in the ability of the Council successfully to assume its responsibility to carry out investigations. He remarked that he understood that the other allies favored the investigations suggested.

The impression exists in Geneva that the questions pending between the Allies and Germany will be settled rapidly, such solution being taken to mean without doubt Germany's early entrance into the League. Before leaving Geneva for Berlin, Dr. Heinrich Brauns, the German Labor Minister who came here for the International Labor Bureau meeting, informally discussed the situation with Secretary Drummond.

Mandate and Other Subjects Up.

The question of approving Great Britain's mandate for Mesopotamia was postponed by the Council until the September session. Great Britain drafted her mandatory obligations in the bi-lateral treaty which King Feisel's Parliament recently approved after a bitter struggle, but the Council desires time to study its contents.

The Council asked the Permanent Court of International Justice to give a decision on the Albanian-Yugoslav frontier dispute, referred to the League by the Council of Ambassadors as a matter possibly endangering peace.

The following regarding the several treaties is taken from the "Times" of June 18:

TEN AMERICANS DREW TREATY.

Professor Shotwell Acted on European Invitation—Explains Provisions.

The Draft Treaty of Disarmament and Security, now being considered by the League, was worked out by an American group, consisting of General Tasker H. Bliss, American representative on the Supreme War Council; General James G. Harbord, former Chief of Staff of the American Army; F. P. Keppel, former Assistant Secretary of War; David Hunt Miller, legal adviser to the United States Government at the Paris Peace Conference; Dr. Isalah Bowman, executive head of the technical experts of the American delegation at the Paris Peace Conference; Dr. James T. Shotwell, professor of history at Columbia University, a member of the American delegation at the Paris Peace Conference and a commissioner of the Labor Section of the Treaty; Professor John Bates Clark, former Director of the Division of Economics and History of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Professor Henry S. Pritchett, President of the Carnegie Foundation; Dr. Joseph Chamberlain, professor on international law at Columbia University; and Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, director of the Institute for International Education of the Carnegie Foundation.

Dr. Shotwell, in discussing the treaty last night, said:

"While I was in Europe last autumn, I talked with the representatives of numerous Governments and with other political personages almost equally important. Among those were President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia, M. Hymans of Belgium, various personages in Germany, M. Herriot, now Prime Minister of France; representatives of the Mussolini Government of Italy, as well as Lord Haldane, Lord Thomson and members of the Labor Government of Great Britain.

European Leaders Asked Our Aid.

"All of these gentlemen were desirous that some contribution of American thought might be made to this world problem of disarmament, and were particularly anxious for this because it appeared, and, indeed, was well recognized in Europe, that the draft treaty prepared by the Temporary Mixed Commission of the League of Nations, known as the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance, was not likely to be accepted by the various Governments interested.

"Accordingly, the gentlemen urged me to proceed to obtain some American contribution to this problem, which might at least be suggestive of its solution, and also asked me to keep them informed of any progress in the matter on this side of the water.

"Of course, it was entirely understood that in these discussions I had no right to represent any other opinion than my own and that of those American friends with whom I was associated and with whom the problems had been discussed informally previously.

"Upon returning to America early in 1924, an American group was constituted for the study of the matter, in order to see if we could draw up a draft treaty which would primarily embody the American point of view. This group was entirely non-partisan and unofficial.

"This committee held numerous meetings and the result of these meetings was the draft treaty sent to Europe. The documents sent to Europe consist of the treaty itself and a commentary. Copies were sent to the League

of Nations in response to a cablegram from Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League, which was received here last Tuesday."

Features of the Treaty.

When asked what he considered the most important provision of the proposed treaty, Dr. Shotwell said:

"It is the first attempt of which I am cognizant to prepare a treaty that could actually give us an outlawry of war and one which, at the same time, safeguards the United States, and, in fact, every national sovereignty, in that it does not involve our acting at the behest of any other Power in securing an enforcement.

"It is so conceived as to be open to any nation, whether it be a member of the League of Nations or not, and is perfectly applicable to those outside the League as well as those inside. Those in the League use the machinery of the League a little further than those outside, that is all.

"Another point is that the interpretation and construction and application of the treaty is turned over mainly to the World Court. Enforcement is divided into two parts, economic and military. In the case of military and naval action every State is left free to consult its own interest. Under the economic sanction, the State that is an aggressor simply loses its rights under international law and in the comity of nations, so that it is rendered uncertain as to the fate of its business interests in any other State, and this uncertainty constitutes in a world of credit built upon the certainty of fulfillment of business engagements, the greatest blow to its credit, and, consequently, to its currency, leading inevitably to its ruin in a way now very familiar to Europe.

"In other words, the merchants of an aggressive State would not know whether their bills would be paid, whether their ships would be permitted to land, or whether their commercial contracts would be enforceable.

"Previous to this draft treaty there had never been a satisfactory definition of 'aggression,' but we have defined it by making that State which refuses the summons of the Court an aggressor with the result that any consequent enforcement of the treaty constitutes police action against an aggressor admittedly in the wrong.

"Another very important thing is that, realizing that we have not yet an adequate technical knowledge of the varying needs of defense nor of the scope of the newer inventions in warfare, especially in the field of chemical warfare, great emphasis has been placed upon referring these matters to recurring international conferences upon disarmament, supplied with the necessary machinery for international investigation.

"It is of the utmost importance that such a conference should not be a single incident in the readjustment of post-war armament, but that it should periodically reassemble, reporting to itself, and thus avoid all those serious recriminations as between powers that participate in single conferences and have no further settled means of redressing disputes that have arisen under their first agreements."

TEXT OF THE TREATY.

The text of the treaty is as follows:

Draft Treaty of Disarmament and Security.

The high contracting parties, being desirous of promoting peace and of lessening the danger of war by reduction and limitation of armaments, agree to this treaty.

PART I.—GENERAL MEASURES.

Chapter I.—Outlawry of Aggressive War.

Article 1. The high contracting parties solemnly declare that aggressive war is an international crime. They severally undertake not to be guilty of its commission.

Article 2. A State engaging in war for other than purposes of defense commits the international crime described in Article 1.

Article 3. The Permanent Court of International Justice shall have jurisdiction, on the complaint of any signatory, to make a judgment to the effect that the international crime described in Article I has or has not in any given case been committed.

Chapter II.—Acts of Aggression.

Article 4. The high contracting parties solemnly declare that acts of aggression, even when not resulting in war, and preparations for such acts of aggression, are hereafter to be deemed forbidden by international law.

Article 5. In the absence of a state of war, measures of force by land, by sea or in the air taken by one State against another and not taken for purposes of defense or for the protection of human life shall be deemed to be acts of aggression.

Any signatory which claims that another signatory has violated any of the terms of this treaty shall submit its case to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

A signatory refusing to accept the jurisdiction of the Court in any such case shall be deemed an aggressor within the terms of this treaty.

Failure to accept the jurisdiction of the Court within four days after submission of a claim of violation of this treaty shall be deemed a refusal to accept the jurisdiction.

Article 6. The Court shall also have jurisdiction on the complaint of any signatory to make a judgment to the effect that there has or has not in any given case been committed a violation of international law within the terms of Article 4.

Article 7. The Permanent Advisory Conference hereinafter mentioned shall from time to time consider the further codifying of the principles of international law relating to acts of aggression and preparations for such acts.

In this regard, the conference shall take into account the additional security to the signatories and the progressive disarmament which are by this treaty contemplated.

The recommendations of the conference shall be submitted to the high contracting parties for their adoption, and shall also be transmitted to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Chapter III.—Sanctions.

Article 8. In the event of any H. C. P. having been adjudged an aggressor pursuant to this treaty, all commercial, trade, financial and property interests of the aggressor and of its nationals shall cease to be entitled, either in the territories of the other signatories or on the high seas, to any privileges, protection, rights or immunities accorded by either international law, national law or treaty.

Any H. C. P. may in such case take such other steps toward the severance of trade, financial, commercial and personal intercourse with the aggressor and its nationals as it may deem proper and the H. C. P. may also consult together in this regard.

The period during which any such economic sanction may be continued shall be fixed at any time by the Court at the request of any signatory.

In the matter of measures of force to be taken, each signatory shall consult its own interests and obligations.

Article 9. If any H. C. P. shall be adjudged an aggressor by the Permanent Court of International Justice, such power shall be liable for all costs to all other H. C. P. resulting from its aggression.

Chapter IV.—Decrees of the Permanent Court.

Article 10. The H. C. P. agree to accept the judgment of the Permanent Court of International Justice as to the fulfillment or violation of the contracts of this treaty.

Any question arising under this treaty is ipso facto within the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.

Article 11. If a dispute arising under this treaty shall be submitted to the Permanent Court of International Justice, it is for the Court to decide as to its jurisdiction and also whether or not its decree has been complied with.

PART II.—DISARMAMENT.

Chapter I.—Reduction and Limitation of Armament.

Article 12. The H. C. P. recognizing that excessive armaments constitute a menace of war mutually agree:

(i) To limit or reduce their armaments to the basis necessary for the maintenance of peace and national security.

(ii) To study the ways and means for future reduction of armaments either as between all signatories or as between any two of them.

Chapter II.—Demilitarized Zones.

Article 13. In order to facilitate the security and progressive disarmament contemplated by the present treaty, any H. C. P. may agree with one or more neighboring countries for the establishment of demilitarized zones.

Chapter III.—Permanent Advisory Conference.

Article 14. The H. C. P. will call a permanent advisory conference upon disarmament which shall meet not less than once every three years.

This conference shall, in addition to its functions as described in Article 7, publish periodical reports concerning the actual conditions of the armaments of the signatory States.

The conference shall advise the H. C. P. concerning measures to be taken to insure the carrying out of the principles of the present treaty and it may prepare supplementary treaties for the establishment of demilitarized zones and for the further promotion of disarmament and peace.

Article 15. The Advisory Conference upon Disarmament shall appoint a Permanent Technical Committee.

Article 16. The Permanent Advisory Conference or its Permanent Technical Committee shall give advice on technical questions to the Permanent Court of International Justice at the request of said Court.

Article 17. The expenses of the Permanent Advisory Conference and of its agencies shall be borne by the signatory Powers in the proportions of their respective budgets for defense.

PART III.—INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION.

Chapter I.—Commission of Inquiry.

Article 18. By the terms of Article 8 of the Covenant of the League of Nations:

"The members of the League undertake to interchange full and frank information as to the scale of their armaments, their military, naval and air programs and the condition of such of their industries as are adaptable to warlike purposes."

In order to facilitate the carrying out of the said engagement by the powers party thereto, the signatories hereto agree that there shall be maintained under the direction of the Council of the League of Nations a commission charged with the duty of making the necessary official examinations and reports.

Article 19. The said commission shall proceed under such regulations as the Council of the League shall from time to time approve.

Article 20. Subject to such regulations the members of the commission shall be entitled, when they deem it desirable, to proceed to any point within the territory of any signatory or to send sub-commissions or to authorize one or more of their members so to proceed on behalf of the commission.

Article 21. The signatories hereto will give all necessary facilities to the said commission in the performance of its duties.

Article 22. All reports made to the Council of the League by the said commission shall be communicated to the signatory Powers.

Chapter II.—Opinions of the Council.

Article 23. The Council of the League, taking into account the reports and opinions of the said commission, shall at any time when requested by any signatory hereto, consider summarily whether (a) the armaments of any signatory to this treaty are in excess of those fixed under its provisions, or (b) the military or other preparations of any State are of such a nature as to cause apprehension of aggression or an eventual outbreak of hostilities.

Article 24. If the Council shall upon such request be of the opinion that there is reasonable ground for thinking that a menace of aggression has arisen, the parties to the defensive agreements hereinafter mentioned may put into immediate execution the plan of assistance which they have agreed upon.

Article 25. If the Council shall, upon such request, not be of opinion that a menace of aggression has arisen, a public report to the effect shall be made and in such case no signatory shall be under any obligation to put into execution any plan of assistance to which it is a party, but any signatory, believing itself to be threatened with a menace of aggression, notwithstanding the fact that the Council of the League has not been of such opinion, may forthwith notify the Council to that effect, and such signatory shall thereupon have full liberty of action in military or other preparations for defense, subject, however, to the limitations as to armament which are imposed by any treaty then in force other than this treaty and treaties dependent thereon.

PART IV.—TREATIES OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

Article 26. The H. C. P. may conclude, either as between two of them or as between a larger number, agreements complementary to the present treaty, exclusively for the purpose of their mutual defense and intended solely to facilitate the carrying out of the measures prescribed in this treaty, determining in advance the assistance which they would give to each other in the event of any act of aggression.

Such agreements may, if the H. C. P. interested so desire, be negotiated and concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations.

Article 27. Complementary agreements, as defined in the preceding article, shall, before being registered, be examined by the Council with a view to deciding whether they are in accordance with the principles of this treaty and of the covenant.

In particular, the Council shall consider if the cases of aggression contemplated in these agreements are of a nature to give rise to an obligation to give assistance on the part of the other H. C. P.

The Council may, if necessary, suggest changes in the texts of the agreements submitted to it.

When recognized, the agreements shall be registered in conformity with Article 18 of the Covenant. They shall be regarded as complementary to the present treaty, and shall in no way limit the general obligations of the H. C. P. nor the sanctions contemplated against an aggressor under the terms of this treaty.

They will be open to any other H. C. P. with the consent of the signatory States.

Article 28. In all cases of aggression, for which provision is made in the agreement constituting a defensive group, the H. C. P. which are members of such group may undertake to put into operation automatically the plan of assistance agreed upon between them; and in all other cases of aggression, or menace or danger of aggression, directly aimed at them, they will consult each other before taking action, and will inform the Council of the measures which they are contemplating.

PART V.—PARTIES TO THE TREATY.

Chapter I.—Accession.

Article 29. Any State, member or not of the League of Nations, may adhere to this treaty by depositing an act of adhesion with the Secretary-General of the League, who shall at once inform the other signatories thereof.

Chapter II.—Withdrawal.

Article 30. Any party to this treaty may withdraw therefrom by depositing an act of withdrawal with the Secretary-General of the League of Nations. Such withdrawal shall take effect one year after the deposit thereof and only as to the party withdrawing.

Chapter III.—Ratification.

Article 31. The present treaty shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited as soon as possible with the Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

It shall come into force:

In Europe when it shall have been ratified by five European States, including France, Great Britain and Italy.

In Asia when it shall have been ratified by two Asiatic States, one of which shall be Japan.

In North America when ratified by the United States of America.

In Central America and the West Indies when ratified by one State in the West Indies and two in Central America.

In South America when ratified by four States in South America, one of which shall be either Argentina, Brazil or Chile.

In Africa and Oceania when ratified by two States in Africa and Oceania.

With regard to the H. C. P. which may subsequently ratify the treaty, it will come into force at the date of the deposit of the instrument of ratification.

H. S. Gibson Tells League Commission United States Will Welcome Any Practical Convention for Control of Arms.

The Associated Press, in a cablegram from Geneva, July 7, said:

The American Government is prepared to give appropriate consideration to any proposal, and would welcome any draft convention, for control of the traffic in arms and munitions which it could submit to Congress with good prospect of ratification. This declaration was made by Hugh S. Gibson, American Minister to Switzerland, to-day at the opening session of the League of Nations Commission on Disarmament.

Mr. Gibson explained that he intended to continue the work begun by his predecessor, Joseph C. Grew, at Paris on the same subject, and said he would be glad to clarify further the position of the Washington Government. He remarked that Washington's action would necessarily depend upon the character of the convention it might eventually be asked to ratify.

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the friendly spirit which has been shown at the meetings of the commission," added the Minister, "and its evident willingness to understand our problem."

The main purpose of the present meeting is to consider in detail the draft treaty for international control of such traffic elaborated by the sub-commission at Paris. A second draft convention to be discussed concerns the private manufacture of arms and munitions; it is based on a project submitted by Colonel Carnegie of Canada.

Other questions include an examination of the progress of the work of the Special Commission appointed to investigate the probable effects of chemical discoveries in war time and the possibility of recommending the conclusion of regional accords between countries as a means of attaining a reduction in armaments.

Lord Cecil presided and playfully welcomed the American Minister "in so far as he can be considered one of our colleagues."

League Would Stop Secret Arms Making—Commission in Plan of National Control Also Seeks End of "Corrupt Trade."

An Associated Press cablegram as follows from Geneva, July 12, appeared in the New York "Times":

The League of Nations Commission on the Reduction of Armaments, before adjourning to-day, formulated the principles of an eventual International Convention for National Control of the Private Manufacture of Arms and War Materials in General.

The Commission decided that National Control should seek, firstly, complete suppression of clandestine manufacture, thus supplementing the provisions of the proposed convention for the regulation of international traffic; and secondly, that it should do away with all irregular practices and all attempts at corruption in transactions connected with the acquisition of war material by Governments.

The Commission, however, expressed the view that National Control should not interfere with the rights of Government to purchase necessary war materials either from private manufacturers or national arms factories.

League Costs \$5,000,000 a Year—Sir Herbert Ames, Financial Director, Considers the Restoration of Austria Its Best Accomplishment.

In referring to the arrival in New York on June 21 of Sir Herbert Ames, Financial Director of the League of Nations, and who left almost immediately for his home in Montreal, the New York "Herald-Tribune" of June 22 said:

Sir Herbert said that the cost of running the League for the last year has been between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

"This is not very great," he said, "considering that so many countries contribute to the fund. Germany does not contribute toward the support of the League except when some special work is done for her."

Proud of Austria's Rehabilitation.

The greatest accomplishment of the League, in Sir Herbert's opinion, was the financial restoration of Austria. Hungary and Greece would be given similar aid in the near future, he said.

Permanent Court of International Justice Advocated in Report Presented to Convention of American Bar Association.

A report in which the belief was expressed that a permanent court of international justice would "give precision by judicial decision to conflicts arising from different conceptions of international rights," was presented by the International Law Committee of the American Bar Association at the session of the Association, in Philadelphia, on the 9th inst. The report was submitted by James Brown Scott, Washington, the committee chairman. The report said:

Your committee believes that not the least benefit which a permanent court of international justice would confer upon the nations is to give precision by judicial decision to conflicts arising from different conceptions of international rights and of international duties, thus tending to secure a uniform, universal application of them.

League Sets Budget as Limit for Arms—Nations to Be Warned Not to Exceed Expenditures Already Set for Fiscal Year.

From the New York "Evening Post" of June 14, we take the following Associated Press advices from Geneva the same date:

After several countries, including Japan, had made reservations, the Council of the League of Nations to-day adopted a resolution instructing the Secretary-General to forward to all members of the League the assembly resolution that during the period necessary for the elaboration and adoption of a general scheme for reduction of armaments all the countries should not exceed the annual military expenditures provided for in their budgets for the present fiscal year.

The Council requested all the countries to report what action they pursued taking with regard to this recommendation.

Viscount Ishii, representative of Japan, said he would be happy to transmit the recommendation to his Government, but he felt called upon to point out that the present Japanese budget was abnormal. It had been framed to embody the great reductions necessitated by the earthquake.

"All our expenditures were cut down to a minimum," he said, "and Japan cannot bind herself to any agreement not to increase her present outlay."

William G. McAdoo to Support Davis-Bryan Ticket.

Just before his departure for Europe on the 12th inst., on the Homeric William G. McAdoo, one of the defeated candidates for the nomination of president on the Democratic ticket, indicated his intention of giving the Davis-Bryan ticket his "cordial support" and of taking part in the campaign upon his return in September. The day before he sailed, Mr. McAdoo had a conference with Mr. Davis; at that time, in response to a query from newspaper men as to whether he would support the ticket Mr. McAdoo was quoted as saying:

"I'll deal with that question in a statement that I shall issue before I sail for Europe tomorrow if I can find time to prepare it."

Later in the day Mr. McAdoo committed himself further during his attendance at the Follies at the New Amsterdam Theatre, when Will Rogers, the comedian, brought his presence to the attention of the audience. The incident was referred to as follows in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo were in the audience and when the comedian, with his usual rillery, pointed Mr. McAdoo out, there was an outburst of applause and the Californian was finally brought to his feet and made the following statement:

"I am leaving for Europe with my family tomorrow for a little diversion, but now that the convention is over we must all get together and make sure that we elect a Democrat."

The statement given out by Mr. McAdoo, on the 12th inst., follows:

Mr. Davis and I have been friends for the past twelve years, and I had the pleasure of discussing the political situation with him yesterday. The great body of progressive Democrats that supported me so strongly in the convention has been anxious to know my attitude toward Mr. Davis's candidacy, and my visit was for the purpose of learning from Mr. Davis direct his views on the important issues before the country. I am satisfied that he is in full accord with the progressive program outlined in the Democratic platform.

Mr. Davis's professional connection and association with great banking houses and corporate interests, although concededly ethical in every way, have raised doubts in the minds of many as to his progressivism and as to his complete sympathy with the great reform the Democratic Party must execute if it is to serve the genuine interests of the people. These doubts are not justified because a lawyer's views on economic, political and social questions are no more to be judged by his professional associations than is a physician to be judged by the character of his patients.

Mr. Davis should be judged by his own opinions, not those of his clients, and by the impression of sincerity and ability he creates in the public discussion of the issues. Mr. Davis's high character, integrity and service should satisfy any apprehensions of this sort. I am confident that as President he would faithfully execute the party's progressive mandate. If I did not believe this I could not render aid, because I have always believed that the interests of the people should never be subordinated to a merely slavish partisanship.

There is a deep-seated determination on the part of the progressive forces within the Democratic Party, and those outside of it desiring to co-operate, to force prompt and decisive action on the part of the next Administration for solution of the pressing problems of agriculture, transportation, tariff, taxation and foreign relations which have been so horribly manhandled by the Republican Administration. The influence and power of these progressive forces must not be dissipated by division between various political movements; they must rather be consolidated and used like an irresistible battering ram on that party which offers the best instrumentality for

service to the people. Clearly there is no promise in the Republican Party. Clearly there is promise in the Democratic Party if this progressive influence is wisely and vigorously used within that political organization. The hope of genuine reform and progress is more likely to be realized at this time through the Democratic Party than through any of its opponents.

I shall, therefore, give the Davis-Bryan ticket my cordial support and shall take part in the campaign on my return in September.

On the 11th inst. David Ladd Rockwell, Mr. McAdoo's campaign manager, made public a letter he had sent to Mr. Davis. The letter was as follows:

Hon. John W. Davis, care of Frank L. Polk, 6 East Sixty-eighth Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Davis—Please accept my warmest congratulations upon your nomination. Your record as a citizen, lawyer and public official is so splendid that our party is assured a leadership of the highest order, and when you are elected President one so admirably equipped is bound to make a record that all Americans may well be proud of.

I want to take this occasion to assure you of my enthusiastic support and to wish you the success that I know will be yours.

With my high regards, I am, believe me,

Cordially yours,

DAVID LADD ROCKWELL.

A radiogram thanking Mr. McAdoo for his endorsement was sent as follows to the former by Mr. Davis on the 12th:

Let me thank you for the more than generous statement which you gave out on sailing. I am greatly cheered by the assurance that I shall have the benefit of your aid and counsel in the coming campaign. That it will result in the advancement of Democratic reforms and Democratic ideals I confidently believe. Mrs. Davis joins me in wishing you and Mrs. McAdoo a pleasant voyage and a safe return.

Move to Drop Democratic Two-thirds and Unit Rules.

Associated Press advices from Chicago July 17 said:

Concerted action by members of the Democratic National Committee from a number of Western and Southern States in an endeavor to make both the unit rule and two-thirds majority inoperative in future national conventions has advanced to the stage of formal interchange of views on the subject, a member of the committee revealed.

A committee member from one Western State had prepared a formal declaration on the subject for submission to the proposed meeting of the National Committee at Clarksburg, W. Va., early in August.

Under this resolution the committee would declare both rules contrary to Democratic principles and recommend to the various State bodies that all plans for the convention of 1928 and thereafter be calculated on the basis of majority rule on the nominations and with every delegate free, so far as binding party rules are concerned, to vote his own preference.

More than a fourth of the committee members have given assent to the proposition since the National Convention adjourned a week ago, a leader in the move said to-day. Additional members have been sounded on the question and have promised to assist in bringing the proposed resolution before the full committee.

Thomas B. Love, National Committeeman from Texas; W. W. Howes of South Dakota and Clyde Herring of Iowa are understood to have taken the lead in the move with a primary view of making a recurrence of the situation which developed in the recent convention unlikely if not impossible.

The history of the two-thirds rule was the subject of an item in our issue of a week ago, p. 160.

William Jennings Bryan Indicates Support of John W. Davis—Opposition Previously Expressed Not Personal.

William Jennings Bryan, whose brother, Governor Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska, is the running mate of John W. Davis, the Democratic nominee for President, made a statement in Washington on July 11 in which he expressed the belief that Mr. Davis's "interpretation of our splendid Democratic platform will go far toward overcoming the presumptions raised by his professional connections and make it easy for men like myself to support him." Mr. Bryan concedes that he had opposed the nomination of Mr. Davis, "always explaining," he says, "that the objection was not personal." The following is what he had to say on the 11th inst.:

As soon as the nomination was announced I told newspaper men that I would support the ticket. When my brother was nominated Vice-President, I added, I still intend to support the ticket.

I opposed the nomination of Mr. Davis, always explaining that the objection was not personal; that I entertained the highest opinion of him as a man and regarded him as a man of exceptional ability. I never questioned his own personal attitude on public questions. My only objection was that his professional connections as attorney for big corporations raised a presumption with the masses that would be difficult to overcome. When he was nominated I at once announced my intention to support him, adding that I preferred to make my fight with the Democratic Party and to correct within the party any mistakes the party might make, instead of attempting to correct them by securing defeat of my party and the triumph of another party.

This is the position I took in 1904, when Judge Parker was nominated. Twenty years ago, when the party nominated a candidate to whom I was opposed, I went to the New York delegation and told them that Nebraska would support any candidate for Vice-President whom Judge Parker preferred. I was not willing to embarrass him by aiding in the selection of a running mate who was objectionable to him. I did the same this year.

As soon as Mr. Davis was nominated I told the West Virginia delegation that I would support the candidate whom Mr. Davis preferred, and I would have done so even if it had been necessary to oppose my brother Charley. But, much to my surprise, Mr. Davis favored the nomination of Governor Bryan, not because he was my brother but because he filled the requirements set forth by Mr. Davis, who desired, first, a man from the West; second, a man who was progressive, and, third, a man who was dry.

It just so happened that Governor Bryan is the chief executive of a State near the center of the agricultural section. He is a progressive, and he is dry. Senator Walsh would have met these conditions, but he declined.

Mr. Meredith would also have met them, but he declined. After examining the list of eligibles, which was reduced by these declinations, Mr. Davis expressed himself as favorable to Bryan. His decision would have been the same if Governor Bryan had not been a relative of mine.

I conferred with Mr. Davis yesterday afternoon and found him delightfully frank in his discussion of political questions, and I believe his interpretation of our splendid Democratic platform will go far toward overcoming the presumptions raised by his professional connections and make it easy for men like myself to support him. His speeches can do more than any other kind of literature to convince the people of his progressiveness. His first statement—that there can be no compromise with reaction—is construed as very important.

I can probably speak more understandingly in regard to Governor Bryan than any one else can, because he has been my most intimate co-laborer in politics for twenty-eight years. He is nearly seven years younger than I am—he is 57 and I am 64. He was 29 when I made my first campaign in 1896, and was at that time a commercial traveller, representing a wholesale house in Omaha. My correspondence became so heavy following the campaign of 1896 I was compelled to put my work in the hands of a secretary. I asked him to take charge of my correspondence. From that time until he was elected Governor two years ago he was my secretary, my political manager, the publisher of my paper when it was organized, and the superintendent of my business affairs.

Charley has acquaintance with public men second to none. He has supported the four amendments to the Constitution and all reform legislation with which I have been connected. He advocated woman suffrage long before I did, my advocacy not having started until it became a national issue.

Besides assisting me in all national matters, he gradually took leadership in municipal affairs in Lincoln, having been elected Mayor of that city in spite of a large Republican majority. He is responsible for the establishment of the municipal coal yard, which saved the people \$150,000 in one winter.

It was his record in municipal affairs that did more than anything else to secure the nomination for Governor, and his record as Governor was a large factor in securing him the nomination for Vice-President.

He is running on his own record—that record will strengthen the ticket as it becomes known. He has reduced expenses, and by his fight on the gasoline monopoly is reducing the expenses, to the people of the State for that product several hundred thousand dollars per month. He has also, by bringing the coal men and the consumers together all over Nebraska, effected a saving of more than a million dollars a year in coal.

He compelled a 33 1-3% reduction in the price of gravel, an act that saved \$7,000 alone in one short piece of road of about ten miles.

He has developed into a very able executive and a very efficient political manager, being especially experienced in the work of organization.

W. J. Bryan Says Democratic Party and La Follette Party Are Strong Enough to Defeat Republican Party.

According to William Jennings Bryan, the character and amount of strength which Robert M. LaFollette gains for the Progressive cause and the character of the speeches made by John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President, will be the determining factors in the coming campaign. In reporting Mr. Bryan to this effect, Associated Press dispatches from St. Louis July 13 also gave the following account of his observations with his arrival in that city on the 12th:

"The Democratic Party and the La Follette Party," said Mr. Bryan, "are, together, amply strong to defeat the Republican Party. The question now is whether Mr. La Follette will draw enough strength from the Democrats to help the Republicans, or enough from the Republicans to help the Democrats, or enough from both parties to be elected himself. That is the problem of the campaign.

"The speeches that Mr. Davis makes will determine the question. He is running on the Democratic platform, which is progressive without question and beyond any former Democratic platform. I believe he will stand squarely on the platform and defend the advanced ground taken on economic questions.

"If he does this he will hold the progressives in the Democratic Party and ought to gain progressive Republicans. All depends on Mr. Davis's speeches. I have confidence that they will be clearly and unequivocally progressive."

Discussing the Democratic standard bearer's professional connection, Mr. Bryan asserted that "if he can convince progressives he has not been corrupted by his associations—that is, if his sympathies are with the people in spite of his associations—his professional relations may even become an advantage to him by proving the strength of his personal convictions."

Mr. Bryan declared he would tour the country in the interest of Mr. Davis and Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska, the Commoner's brother, as Vice-President. His exact plans, he added, were not yet formed.

Mr. Bryan's trip here is to pay a visit to his wife, who has been ill and is staying at the home of Mrs. J. D. Dana, a friend.

Enunciation of Platform by Governor C. W. Bryan, Vice-Presidential Candidate on Democratic Ticket.

The views on national issues of Governor Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska, Vice-Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket, prepared in the nature of a "personal platform" with his renomination as Governor last April were given publicity in Washington on July 13; a day or two previous (July 11) the Governor, with his arrival at Atlantic City from New York, declared that he believed in "applying business principles to Federal, municipal and State Government, and in preventing the larger, richer and more powerful members of society from imposing on the weaker." He was then also quoted as saying:

The outlook for the Democratic Party in the coming Presidential election is extremely good. We have adopted the most progressive platform ever written by a national convention of any party, and it is one which represents the great masses of the people, not a comparatively small number of favored ones. We believe in economical, efficient and fair Government. It is only when the Government fails the people that they become dissatisfied

and there is formed such radical bodies as the I. W. W. We have not failed, for example, the people of Nebraska. They stand by their Government there. They have confidence in it, because they know that they do not have to resort to any other means to obtain relief from any oppressing situation.

There is good ground for this confidence. We have reduced taxes 13%. As Governor I have reduced the number of employees on the payroll of the State from 610 to 272, without any loss of governmental efficiency, and this within six months after I took office.

We have reduced the cost of road building 25%, eliminating collusion in the bidding, and by threatening competition forced the gravel trust to make a 33% cut in prices overnight.

We have reduced the price of coal of all kinds from 3 to 5 dollars a ton by similar methods. I offered and did furnish coal to municipalities and homes at wholesale. I have been selling it, personally, to 158 towns and cities in Nebraska, buying it in carload lots from the mines, and this forced the coal combination to reduce its prices.

Likewise we established gas filling stations operated by the State. We got our pumps going three weeks ago and they had only been going three days when the gasoline trust reduced their price from 23 cents to 17 cents a gallon. This was done in the capital, and I have notified the oil combine that unless the price of gasoline is reduced to 15 cents by the time of my return within the next ten days I will order it put on sale by the State in all sections.

The people saved \$10,000,000 last year by our coal stand and will save \$600,000 a month in gasoline.

I mention these things not because of any pride of achievement but to show how a Government, Federal or otherwise, should operate economically, efficiently and with the thought of the people's welfare continually foremost.

I am not in favor of Federal, State or municipal ownership of anything except natural resources, such as water; but when business combinations, particularly utilities and those supplying vitally necessary products, defy all authority and endeavor to mulct the public, then I think that the Government should sternly repress them, using whatever means may be most efficient.

Regarding a report that Mr. McAdoo was considering the formation of still another party, having become embittered by his failure to secure the Democratic Presidential nomination, Governor Bryan said:

That report is very unfair to Mr. McAdoo. I do not believe it. I did not see him after the convention, but he called me on the telephone and congratulated me and, as I understood it, will heartily support the nominees.

Mr. McAdoo's statement of a week ago indicating his support of the Democratic ticket is referred to in another item in this issue. As to the summarization of Gov. Bryan's previously announced declarations, we quote the following from the Baltimore "Sun" of July 14:

Briefly, Governor Bryan's personal views favor the repeal of the high protective tariff and the Esch-Cummins railroad law, reversal of the deflation policy of the Federal Reserve Board, enactment of agricultural legislation along the lines of the McNary-Haugen bill, defeated in the last session of Congress, Government operation of the coal and oil industries, re-enactment of the excess profit tax, and affiliation with reservations, in a league or association of nations.

Governor Bryan maintained the legislation he advocated was "in the interest of the farmers, the wage earners and the masses of the people," and that consequently it was "in the interest of the country as a whole and will restore prosperity, confidence and happiness to the nation."

Arraigns Republicans.

He declared that the legislation which has been enacted by the national Republican Administration in the last three years and its administration of public affairs "has changed the prosperity of the farmers to adversity and mortgages and has caused unrest and distress not only to the farmers but all those businesses and financial interests of the agricultural section of the entire United States."

"I deplore and denounce the system of the Republican campaign committees which levy contributions for the campaign fund from the great special interests and monopolies of the country," he said, "and then permit them to divide up in the form of tariff duties, permits, immunities, leases and graft in such an appalling and shocking manner that it has startled and humiliated the nation."

Reversal of Deflation Policy.

"I favor the immediate reversal of the deflation policy of the Federal Reserve Bank which was endorsed by the Republican party and which has cut the price of the farmers' product in two, put mortgages on his land and destroyed the prosperity of the unorganized forces of the nation."

"The high protective tariff bill, which has increased the cost of living \$3,500,000,000 a year and destroyed the foreign markets of the farmers without giving any benefits in return to the masses of the people, should be repealed."

"The excess profit tax and the higher surtax schedule of the income taxes that were repealed by this Republican Administration, which has caused the transferring of the taxes from the rich to the poor, should be re-enacted so that wealth would pay its share of the cost of the Government."

Railroad Legislation.

"The Esch-Cummins law should be repealed and the railroad freight rates should be reduced so that the farmers of the country would get an even break with those whose money is invested in railroad stocks and bonds in place of farm land."

"The McNary-Haugen bill, or some other marketing measure that has for its purpose the placing of farm products on a profitable basis, should be enacted into law or the profits of the organized business interests of the country should be reduced until the purchasing power of the farmer's output will pay the cost of operation and leave him a profit on his toil."

Prohibition Enforcement.

"Prohibition is the firmly established and recognized policy of the nation and a conscientious law enforcement policy must be pursued, municipal, State and national."

"The coal industry and the oil industry of the nation are natural monopolies in two of the very important necessities of life and business. They have outgrown the laws of the nation and overawed the Government and bribed national officials. These great industries should be taken over by the Government and operated in the interest of all concerned until means could be found to regulate and prevent further impositions on the public."

"The United States should favor any league or association of nations that would restore and perpetuate peace, but all entangling alliances that would permit foreign nations to draft American boys or control American dollars should be opposed with all our power. The people and not Congress

should have the power to declare war unless the United States was threatened with an invasion by a foreign foe."

Favored Bonus.

Governor Bryan favored the enactment of a soldier bonus as a "recognition of the sacrifice and patriotism" of the veterans of the war.

In State matters Governor Bryan advocated amendment of the Nebraska tax law so that intangible property would pay the same rate as tangible property. He urged enactment of a general law amending the charters of all cities and towns in Nebraska so as to give them authority to establish municipal coal yards, gasoline and oil stations and ice, electric light and water plants. The State Government, he said, should be authorized to buy coal, gasoline and oil and to sell them at wholesale prices to the municipalities.

Water Power Development.

Water power sites, the Governor recommended, should be developed by district government units under State control.

The Democratic nominee declared that an industrial court should not be tolerated in Nebraska, but that there should be a law establishing a non-compulsory arbitration and mediation board to investigate disputes between capital and labor before a lockout or strike is resorted to. Labor's right to collective bargaining should be recognized, he said.

A co-operative marketing law and a State rural credit plan were Governor Bryan's recommendations in regard to agriculture.

Mr. Bryan's term as Governor will expire Jan. 1 and he will serve until that date. He was renominated six days ago but will withdraw as a candidate for renomination.

Senator Wheeler Bolts Democratic National Ticket— Asked to Run as Vice-President on La Follette Ticket.

It was reported last night that Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, who early this week bolted the Democratic national ticket, has been asked to become an independent candidate for Vice-President on the third party ticket with Senator Robert M. La Follette. Senator Wheeler, who was prosecutor of former U. S. Attorney-General Harry M. Daugherty, as a member of the Senate investigating committee, in his announcement on July 16 said:

I have not quit the Democratic Party. I will spend most of the summer campaigning Montana for Senator Walsh and the Democratic State ticket, but I will not support the Democratic national ticket.

The New York "Herald Tribune" in a Washington dispatch July 16 quoted him to the following effect:

I cannot consistently support John W. Davis, but I can consistently support Senator La Follette and I shall do so.

When the Democratic Party goes to Wall Street for its Presidential candidate I cannot go with it. The Democratic Party sold out to New York when it held its convention there. It nominated Mr. Davis for President because its leaders considered that by so doing a big campaign fund could be raised.

In my judgment the Democratic national ticket does not deserve the support of a single progressive Democrat. As to Senator La Follette, there is not a doubt in my mind that he will sweep the Northwest on Election Day, and it will make no difference in the result how many progressive or liberal speeches John W. Davis may make in the campaign. He never will be able to win in the West.

From the New York "Sun" of last night (July 18) we take the following:

La Follette emissaries waited on the Montana Senator this morning coincident with the meeting here [Washington] of the National Committee of the Conference for Progressive Political Action and assured him that not only would he make an acceptable running mate for La Follette but that he was badly wanted to lend his energies and abilities to the campaign.

Wheeler's objection to making the race with La Follette is that he is soon to be tried for an alleged violation of the statutes prohibiting the acceptance of fees by Government officers for work done before the Government departments in Washington. He feels that this trial, which is expected to be acrimonious in the extreme, may prove an embarrassment to La Follette, but La Follette does not think so. This has been the chief reason for Wheeler's previous refusals to run. He was assured to-day that this constituted no bar at all so far as the La Follette backers are concerned.

Decision Expected To-Morrow.

It was pointed out to the Senator that he does not need to retire from his position to make the race, that he already has endorsed La Follette and, therefore, he has nothing whatever to lose by becoming a candidate. He was assured also that the National Committee of the Conference for Progressive Political Action would heartily and enthusiastically endorse his selection as a nominee.

Definite word from Wheeler is not expected before to-morrow, according to the La Follette leaders, as they want to give the national committee time at its sessions to-day to consider all phases of the situation before making an actual endorsement.

Senator Walsh, whom Senator Wheeler indicates will have his support on the State Democratic ticket, in expressing regret on the 17th inst. at the bolting of the latter, said:

I regret it. But Senator Wheeler is a man of earnest purpose and strong convictions and I am sure he has taken the course which he felt called upon to be his duty as a public-spirited citizen. Of course, I do not agree with him.

Mayor Hylan Awaiting Developments before Endorsing John W. Davis.

Mayor John F. Hylan of New York, who is now in San Francisco, the guest of William Randolph Hearst, stated on the 15th inst. that he preferred to wait and see just what the attitude of John W. Davis, the Democratic nominee for President, will be toward "big business and the special interests" before he gives his endorsement to the candidate. A dispatch to the New York "Times" from Sacramento

on the 15th gave the following account of the Mayor's declaration:

"I am a Democrat, but I am a progressive Democrat," said Hylan. "Before I endorse the candidate of the Democratic Party I want to hear what he has to say. In other words, I want to be sure that he will represent a Government of the people and by the people, and not the special interests."

"What do you think of Davis's record?" he was asked.

"Well, he has been a corporation attorney and no doubt represented the big interests at that time, but there has been some indication that he might represent the people equally well if chosen. Therefore I'm going to wait."

Mayor Hylan declined to discuss a third party movement in so far as it may concern him personally.

"If it is demonstrated to the people that both the old parties are leagued with such interests as will not truly represent them, there is no doubt that third party will be in demand and such a movement would gain great momentum," he said.

Mr. Hearst was equally reticent concerning reports of a third party movement. He said he had not been keeping in touch with the political situation while on the trip from New York.

W. R. Hearst Critical of All Three Tickets.

A special dispatch to the New York "Times" from Chicago July 12 said:

William Randolph Hearst may take a middle of the road course with his newspapers in the coming campaign, according to his own intimations today, when with Mayor Hylan of New York he passed through Chicago on the way to Mr. Hearst's California ranch for a vacation.

It has been predicted in various quarters that Mr. Hearst will line up behind Senator LaFollette when the campaign gets under way, and Mayor Hylan has been mentioned as a possible running mate for the Wisconsin Senator.

But Mr. Hearst is not enthusiastic about Mr. LaFollette as a candidate for President.

"Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Davis, both very fine gentlemen, are a little too conservative for us," said the publisher.

"And Mr. LaFollette?" he was asked.

"Well," replied Mr. Hearst, with one of his best smiles, "Mr. LaFollette is a little too radical."

Speaking of his newspapers and their activities in the campaign, Mr. Hearst remarked that "we probably will print the news as it happens and our own policies, and let it go at that."

La Follette Supporters Declare Passion Ruled Democratic Convention.

An attack on the Democratic National Convention as "an unsuccessful attempt to amalgamate sectional and religious prejudices among delegates who were neither willing nor equipped to discuss seriously a single economic issue," was made on July 12 on behalf of the Committee of Forty-eight, which is supporting the La Follette candidacy, according to the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

The statement was signed by Molinda Alexander, secretary of the organization. In part the statement read:

"The Democrats were so preoccupied with extraneous issues that, even if their party truly represented the 'democracy,' their orators love to talk about, they were in no mood to consider domestic economic issues with sanity and wisdom. Passion wracked their deliberations, and passions wrecked their party."

"Hooting, hissing galleries representing the Tammany-riden Northeast heightened the bitterness between the Smith and McAdoo forces on the floor. Western and Southern delegates opposed to Smith were subjected to an opposition so boorish that the various resolutions expressing the convention's gratitude for New York's 'hospitality' could not but sound forced and insincere. Persons holding guest tickets were subjected to discrimination if they did not declare themselves for Smith. Day after day and far into the night the fever of religious and sectional prejudice raged, and suddenly the legal representative of J. P. Morgan emerged as the doctor to heal the exhausted patient."

After deriding the nomination of Governor Bryan and the promises of support made to John W. Davis by William J. Bryan, the statement closed:

"Progressive Democrats and Republicans have no one and no policy for which they can vote conscientiously within their own parties. Elevating loyalty to the principle of progress above mere fealty to party, personalities and platforms, they will turn to the La Follette candidacy and its pledge of economic salvation."

Cordell Hull Predicts "Clean, Efficient and Liberal Government" in Event of Election of Democratic Ticket.

Representative Cordell Hull, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, issued a statement on July 12 in which he referred to John W. Davis, the Democratic Presidential nominee, as "preeminently the man to lead the fight this year against the wholesale corruption and public immorality existing at Washington during the Harding-Coolidge Administrations, and to speedily effect a thorough house-cleaning in our Governmental affairs." Mr. Hull alluded to the New York convention as "unbossed" and stated that it had nominated "an outstanding ticket." "In character, initiative, courage and constructive statesmanship, John W. Davis has not a superior in this generation," said Mr. Hull, who predicted "a clean, efficient and liberal Government" for the people of the United States in the event of the election of the Davis-Bryan ticket. Mr. Hull also said:

It would be idle and futile to consider any other questions or principles without first establishing the Government upon the bedrock of sound public morals and official honesty.

This righteous undertaking would be impossible under a continuation of the present Administration, because the same reactionary leadership which is responsible for the shameful conditions of official graft and corruption dominated the recent Republican Convention and would still be in control of another Republican Administration, and, further, because the present Administration has done nothing, and shown no inclination, to remedy the conditions complained of, therefore there is no ground for belief that it would do any different if continued in power.

I have known John W. Davis intimately for many years. His views and his character are as broad as the continent, and no person more accurately typifies all the sound, liberal and progressive ideas and doctrines best calculated to promote every phase of our business, economic and social affairs than Mr. Davis.

Governor Charles W. Bryan is a thoroughly aggressive and practical Governor of a Western State, who has given his people an exceptionally progressive administration. No more capable or deservedly popular candidate for Vice-President could have been selected.

The ticket of Davis and Bryan will strongly appeal to the intellectual honesty of every lover of good government and every detester of the extremely low standards of public service which as been set by the Republican Administration of the past three and a half years.

Socialist National Convention Adopts Resolution Condemning Ku-Klux Klan.

A resolution condemning the Ku-Klux Klan was adopted in Cleveland on July 8 at the Socialist National Convention. The resolution reads:

We emphatically condemn the Ku-Klux Klan and every other effort to divide the workers on racial or religious lines and to effect political purposes by secret or terroristic methods.

A substitute was offered along the same lines, but omitting specific mention of the Klan, the explanation being that the party was concerned only with economic and not religious issues. A bitter fight ensued over the merits of these two resolutions before the one naming the Klan was adopted; the substitute was rejected by a vote of 19 to 53, the adoption of the above resolution was effected by a vote of 56 to 15.

Samuel Untermyer Says Country Needs Crusader and John W. Davis Is Equipped to Act in That Capacity.

In a statement in defense of John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President of the United States, Samuel Untermyer on July 13 declared that "every branch of our Government is fairly reeking with the taint of special privilege" and that Mr. Davis "has the character, vigor, industry and equipment necessary to clean up these Augean stables. . . . We need a crusader and one who thoroughly knows his job. Mr. Davis has spent many years in the Department of Justice. He knows it from top to bottom. If we were to search the country over from end to end we could find nowhere a man so well equipped." The statement follows:

The opposition to Mr. Davis is based upon confusion and misrepresentation in the public mind that should be promptly set at rest concerning the scope and functions of a lawyer and his duties and responsibilities to his clients and to the public.

Starting with this grave misconception, it is argued that because a lawyer has, among his many other clients, been professionally representing big interests, as expressed in the great trusts, combinations, banks, bankers, public service corporations and other like interests of overshadowing national importance, he is thereby in some way disqualified or handicapped by his environment or habit of thought, or the trend of his views, from effectively and wholeheartedly representing and safeguarding in public life the interests of the nation in the country's contacts and conflicts with those interests.

This criticism of Mr. Davis's candidacy is insisted upon regardless of the admittedly high character of the man, his unblemished public and professional life and of his personal views and his party's emphatic platform on this and the other social and economic issues before the people.

I protest against the implications that are involved in that attitude toward a great and honorable profession that has given to this country the overwhelming majority of its Presidents, statesmen, governors, legislators and administrators, and from whose ranks our entire judiciary is recruited. They are not only false, but grotesquely so.

Such men as Justice Brandeis, until he graced the bench with his presence (to say nothing of my humble self) have consistently, in and out of court, in public addresses and magazine and newspaper articles, in and out of season, for more than a generation, been giving their time and services without pay toward exposing the evils and assailing the abuses of high finance and the big business, trusts, combinations, and the iniquities of the Stock Exchange and have secured a vast amount of important corrective Federal and State legislation.

And yet, during all these years they have represented large corporate and financial interests in a professional capacity. There is nothing incongruous or inconsistent in that position. The fact that the public views and activities of the lawyer are disagreeable to the client is not of the slightest importance to the lawyer who is animated with a desire for public service.

Men of big affairs are neither more nor less selfish than men of small affairs, but the former have as a rule wider vision and theirs is usually a more enlightened selfishness. They buy their legal and other advice in the market best adapted to their needs. If there is a case to be tried, or an opinion or advice is needed that is of importance to the life, liberty, reputation or money interests of any one of them, he selects the best talent obtainable and scours the country to that end, regardless of religion, social, political or personal considerations. He cares nothing about the private or public economic or other views of the man he selects. He will unhesitatingly pass over a friend and employ a man he dislikes if that man best serves his purpose.

So, too, on the other hand, the lawyer does not sell his services or opinions on any subject other than that for which he was employed. Save under special circumstances he may properly, and at times does, act against a man at one time in one case and for him at another time in another case—where the two are in no way connected and where he has not been the recipient of confidences in the one that may give him undue advantages

in the other. An illustration applicable to our present Ambassador to Great Britain is in point. He was counsel for the Government in the Standard Oil dissolution case and he defended the United States Steel Corp. in the suit against it by the Government. There is nothing unusual about this experience.

If these things were not true, I would not have been able to earn a living in Wall Street all these years.

There are men from whom these leaders of big business will gladly buy and pay well for the advice or other legal service, men whom they will barely recognize in the street, so hostile and abhorrent to them are the views and economic questions affecting the financial interests.

When the lawyer enters public life, if he is a man of character with the ordinary professional standards, the Government becomes his sole client against the whole world. The loyalty of his clients in private life, that lies at the foundation of all success in his profession, is thereafter transferred to his new client—his Government. All the learning and experience that he has accumulated is thenceforth unreservedly at the service of the new client. And so the men who have dealt with big affairs in private practice are the best equipped to represent their Government in dealing with those same affairs. Any other conclusion involves the imputation that those who have risen to prominence in our profession through loyalty to their clients in private life will betray the confidence of the Government in public life. They are far more likely to lean backward, and they generally do, unless they keep a watchful eye on themselves.

It is they who best know the weak spots in the armor of those against whom they are arrayed. One of the many troubles with the puny, impotent Government conflicts with the criminal conspiracies in restraint of trade and other crimes of big business has been the absence of that knowledge.

I am, of course, always assuming the incorruptible character of the lawyer who has become the public official in high office. On this score there is, fortunately, unanimity of opinion concerning Mr. Davis. As Solicitor General he has again and again successfully championed the cause of the people against these interests. He has defended them with equal success, as was his right and duty in the private practice of his profession. And he is now called upon, if elected, to again take the people's side.

The same argument holds true as to other activities of his profession. In dealing with the bankers he will represent the side of the Government. He will know far better how to protect those interests than if he had never represented bankers or big business.

It may be said that in the past the bankers have put over some "raw deals" on the Government. If that charge be true it has been made possible, with rare exceptions, rather by the ignorance of confiding public officials who have accepted at par value the representations of these suave, resourceful gentlemen than by corruption or undue influence. The Government needs and is entitled to have in charge of its affairs the same high quality of expert championship to meet these interests on their own ground. That is the kind of service it rarely secures. Here is the opportunity to secure it. Why throw that opportunity away because of senseless, provincial prejudice based upon the want of understanding of the province of a lawyer?

Thoughtful, well-informed men who are familiar with the secret springs that move governmental action must at least realize that the ever-increasing power of big business and of its counterpart, the great financial interests, in our Government has become the most malign and perilous influence in our public life.

Its continuance is a standing menace to the very existence of our institutions and must at all costs be exterminated. No novice or amateur can perform that surgical operation. The man must be thoroughly familiar with the inner workings of that gigantic system. The method by which our Government has been controlled by these interests has become one of the occult sciences. It has made little difference to them which party happened to be in power.

The superficial, half-baked information of our well-meaning public men who have been "pecking" at this huge problem has been truly pitiful. Their equipment is like using a pin to stab an elephant. If there were less stupid, honest Denbys and more men who understood their business in high office there would be less Falls and Dohenys.

I would like to see a man who could put over a job of this kind, or a like job in high finance under the watchful eye of John W. Davis. Imagine what questions he, with his wide experience and keen intelligence, would ask when his Secretary of the Navy placed before him for his signature a paper transferring our oil reserves from the Navy to the Interior Department. He has the character, vigor, industry and equipment necessary to clean up these Augean stables. Every branch of our Government is fairly reeking with the taint of special privilege. This is especially true of the Department of Justice, which has been a veritable football of crooked politics and sunk far below the lowest depths in our history, as I had temerity to say publicly in a speech in Washington almost two years ago.

We need a crusader and one who thoroughly knows his job. Mr. Davis has spent many years of his life in the Department of Justice. He knows it from top to bottom. If we were to search the country over from end to end we could find nowhere a man so well equipped.

I am hoping that we shall soon hear the end of this senseless chatter about judging a lawyer by his clients. You might as well argue that the lawyer who defends a murderer is in sympathy with murder, or that one who would defend a robber, sneak-thief or other criminal is in sympathy with crime; or that a physician who treats a criminal or insane person is tainted by his environment.

Nothing is further from my intention than to imply that the men whom Mr. Davis has been representing are law violators, but it would not be to his discredit if they were. The placing of their liberty in his keeping would be a high tribute to his character and ability. Every man is entitled to his day in court. It is in the interest of the State that every person charged with violation of law should be ably defended.

The defense, by the advocate, of life, liberty, the rights of property and the vindication of reputation is the high prerogative of the men of our profession. In common with other members of the bar, Mr. Davis, in his varied professional career, has doubtless prosecuted and defended men charged with crime, has championed the cause of organized labor and the cause of organized capital against labor, as was his right and duty. The wider the range of his experience in these various affairs of life the better he is qualified for the exalted post to which he aspires. This idle chatter to the contrary is pure demagoguery and an insult to a noble profession.

Real or simulated fear is expressed that questions involving our foreign relations may arise, especially with Great Britain, in which Mr. Davis's former client, J. P. Morgan & Co., may be concerned because of their intimate relations with the Government of Great Britain, and that in such a contingency Mr. Davis, as President, may find himself called upon to act as judge in his former client's cause. On that theory no man of affairs would be eligible to the Presidency, for who knows how soon one of his friends or clients (if he had been a lawyer) or patients (if he had been a physician) or customers (if he had been a merchant) may be concerned in important business with the Government. "Piffle" is a polite epithet to apply to such "arguments."

International Advertising Convention in London— Message from President Coolidge—Opening Speech by Prince of Wales.

A speech by the Prince of Wales and a message from President Coolidge featured the opening session in London on July 14 of the International Advertising Convention, attended by 4,500 delegates from 22 countries. According to the Associated Press 1,800 of the delegates crossed the water from the United States. The next largest delegation was from Scotland, Ireland and Wales, with their representation of almost half a thousand. Last year at Atlantic City there were 3,000 men and women present at the convention. On July 15 Houston, Tex., was unanimously chosen for the 1925 convention. Regarding the speech of the Prince of Wales, which opened the convention, the Associated Press cablegrams said:

The Prince of Wales had a hard time starting his address so loud and insistent were the cheers which greeted him. Eventually he discarded his prepared paper to tell the delegates he had always believed in advertising and he had done much of it himself. Then he said:

"I think it is the very name of the convention which suggests international interests in the subject. When I see so many people in this hall from every part of the earth, I am convinced this aim has been realized. You came together from all over to give and receive information and advice from each other regarding commercialism, which is the greatest problem we have to face to-day.

"I look forward to a new life, new understanding and new commercialism between the United States, the Dominions and other countries to arise from this convention. I think this is the only way we can obtain that peace which is so much needed."

In addition, we quote the following attributed to the Prince in a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times":

Little as I know of the science and the art of advertising, I appreciate that it will mean the elimination of strikes, the reduction of unemployment and the reduction of prices. If you succeed you will go far toward solving the great economic and social problems of to-day.

The message of President Coolidge, read by Lou Holland, President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, said:

I notice that the emblem of the convention bears the single word "truth." Just as this word symbolizes the only real basis of friendly relationship between buyer and seller, so, in a larger sense, it is totally essential in the wider relationship of nations. I am sure that this gathering of business men will lead to a clearer knowledge which will do away with any misunderstanding arising from failure to show the truth.

J. H. Thomas, British Colonial Secretary, who acts as general social ambassador for the Government, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Labor Government, saying that, next to the Prince of Wales, the Labor Government got the most unsought advertising in Great Britain. He praised international advertising as a means of international co-operation, saying: "When the peoples of the world, when all nationalities and all classes understand each other, so much nearer will we be to a time when misunderstanding, friction, jealousies and war will come to an end."

Frank B. Kellogg, American Ambassador to Great Britain, also addressed the gathering; he referred to his gracious welcome at the hands of the English people and suggested that an interchange of convention meetings between the two countries was the best way to bring about an international accord, since it brought the people into greater understanding of each other.

At the session on July 15 three members of the old Conservative Government, Stanley Baldwin, Sir Robert Horne and Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme, submitted advice on the direct effect advertising would have in establishing a new economic life and sound prosperity among the nations of Europe. The following is taken from the Associated Press accounts:

The delegates stood up and cheered former Premier Baldwin when he arose to speak. During his address, which was a sound business man's talk without frills, he told of the knowledge of advertising he had picked up as head of the Board of Trade, as Chancellor of the Exchequer and as Prime Minister.

Mr. Baldwin referred to the need of advertising in the business world at the present day. He said he had twice been "slain by tariffs," one of which was the McKinley tariff; but that at both times he had been able to recuperate with the aid of advertising.

What the world needed to-day, he declared, was good, honest advertising between nations, so that the public, merchants, politicians and Governments would know each other for their honest worth. He saw the possibilities of world peace through the League of Nations and suggested there might be a league of honest advertising to do the same thing with the peace of the commercial world.

The former Premier said his term of office as Chancellor of the Exchequer had convinced him that advertising was a necessary thing to business. Now that he had graduated to be a business director, he was working on this principle. He knew what advertising had done in the United States, and he was out to follow that example and to see what it would do in England.

Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme then described his ideas on the chances for the development of advertising in Europe. He was followed by J. D. Mooney, President of the General Motors Export Co., who spoke on the need for new leaders in the industrial world, who could assume political power and work for the honest betterment of peoples. He saw advertising as a means of developing such leaders, and believed that the economic life of the nations would be benefited by advertising as time went by.

Several of the other speeches are given elsewhere in this issue. Lou Holland was the choice of the board of Club Presidents on July 15 for re-election as President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World for the next year, and his present second in command, Jesse H. Neal also was nominated for re-election as Secretary-Treasurer. These nominations were made without opposition and were confirmed at the convention on the 17th inst.

C. F. Berry on Trust Department Advertising.

"The first principle of advertising is education," said Clinton F. Berry, Advertising Manager, Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich., addressing the Financial Advertisers' Association at the international convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in London on July 16. "You can persuade more effectively after you have informed," said Mr. Berry. "When your prospect for business understands the service you have to offer and its application to his affairs as you understand it, he is already persuaded. To inform is a vital part of all advertising endeavor. It is peculiarly vital in the advertising of the trust department." In part he also said:

Thrift accumulates capital; and much of the advertising of the trust department should be devoted to the stimulation of thrift. There are many ways in which such stimulation may be applied; perhaps the most effective way lies through the savings department which practically every bank and trust company maintains. These savings departments stimulate thrift through the payment of interest upon deposits. But this is far from enough.

Thrift is a matter of habit; and habits are inspired and cultivated. The moderate rate of interest paid upon savings deposits may inspire a few people to thrift; but reflection must convince you that only a few are so inspired. A much more inspiring incentive is the use of the capital after it is saved. Hold up before a man or woman a vision of home ownership; of business proprietorship; of financial freedom; of rest and comfort in old age; or even of vacation, travel or the use of an automobile, and you make thrift more attractive than an offer of 3% or 4% could ever do.

The trust department can afford to spend time, thought and money in advertising insurance trusts. They have already proved that they will be very popular with people as soon as they are understood. It is the task of the financial advertiser to make the people understand them. Educate and reach; here, as always, the reward follows the manager of publicity whose torch is burning brightly.

There are many other varieties of fiduciary service; for trust departments, in the United States at least, are coming to render every service connected with money, or capital in any form. Each has its special advantage; and it is the task of the financial advertiser to represent that advantage in the most attractive way. A few words upon methods and media may be of assistance.

Trust department advertising should have all the general qualities incident to publicity, together with certain other qualities peculiar to its task. It should be instructive and constructive, and, of course, it should never be commonplace or dull. It can employ every medium known to the profession; but some with better effect than others. Two qualities which I have yet to mention should always characterize its campaign.

The first of these is dignity. The men who manage trust departments should command respect; and buffoonery, slang and impudence do not induce respect. These qualities have their place in advertising; but not in the publicity of the trust department.

The final quality is regard for the general welfare. No one is more dependent upon it than we; no one should give it more generous treatment. We can say a cordial word for some feature of our community's development at frequent intervals. We should not miss an opportunity to say it. We should be builders—generous enough to help others to build, without hope of immediate reward for ourselves.

We should do our part in every public undertaking; and publicity has its place in all of them. Our growth is bound up with the growth of capital; and we should lose no chance to promote its accumulation or its productive use. We are the friends of every constructive effort. Let us manifest our friendship. Ours is a worthy task; more helpful, more honorable than most others. Let us manifest an honest pride in what we do. Let our light shine.

Francis H. Sisson's Address on "Advertising As a Creator of Public Standards in Business."

"Advertising as a Creator of Public Standards in Business" was the theme of an address by Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, at the annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in London, on Monday, July 14. Dilating upon the handicap of precedent, Mr. Sisson said:

Advertising has long been hampered in its use by precedent, tradition, conventions, and prejudices, which, under analysis and experience, find little to warrant their existence. Gradually the falsity of their claims is being proved. We in the United States, were told for many years that it was undignified for a bank or fiduciary institution to advertise, and this edict, born of superstition, was accepted without question until finally it was intelligently challenged and it was discovered under analysis that there was no sufficient reason for its support. The inevitable conclusion is that, whatever is of genuine use to human beings, whether it be goods or services, can, with truth and dignity, be advertised and sold, and that it is just as proper to merchandise forms of service as to sell commodities. The next step will be that the use of advertising in merchandising ideas is quite as proper as its use in the sale of goods and services.

Bankers in America have discovered that they too may serve the public effectively through instructive pictures and text urging thrift, suggesting the care of valuables, advising as to the protection of estates, the interests of widows and children, teaching sound ideas of economics and finance and warning against speculative investment. It is certain that the development of a new relation to the public through advertising of this character has led in the banking business to higher ideals and to far broader conception of its opportunity for useful service to the community. Thus to-day, the great

American banks in their advertising are doing much to combat economic fallacies and to instruct the public in the field of sound finance, and there can be no doubt of the usefulness and effectiveness of this propaganda for higher economic and financial standards.

Mr. Sisson also said in part:

This positive reflex action of good advertising upon the advertiser himself which has taken place in banking is also very evident in many other industries and activities. An excellent example of this reaction occurred not long ago in one of the great railroad systems of the country, where the traffic manager protested to the President of the road that it was impossible for his department to live up to the promises made to the public in the road's advertisements and that, in consequence, the advertisements would have to be changed. The President replied emphatically that the advertising would not be altered but that the traffic department would have to readjust its ideas of service and live up to the standards implied in the advertisements.

It is not too much to say that advertisers have generally come to realize the obligations which are carried by their statements to the public in regard to services or products, and this constitutes a continuing stimulus to the maintenance of quality in both. It is recognized that, usually at considerable cost, a very valuable good-will has been acquired by advertising and that any falling away from the standards claimed in published statements of a product's qualities would soon inevitably endanger or destroy this good-will.

For this reason good advertisers exercise the greatest care in the preparation of the text of their advertisements. Probably no copy of any sort is more painstakingly edited or more keenly scrutinized from every angle by the responsible officers in a business concern. Thought is usually given to every word or phrase to estimate its accuracy and its probable effect upon the reader. The writing of advertisements is admittedly a task for experts who must command resources of intelligent imagination and have, as well, a knowledge of the psychology of their public.

To-day, it is the support supplied by advertising which permits many journals to maintain their notably high standards of text, paper, press work, and illustrations as compared with those journals not so liberally aided. Advertising creates a beneficent circle of better magazines and newspapers through more advertising, thus attracting larger circulation and in turn more revenue from advertisements.

It may be said that it is literally true that the advertising pages of our publications would afford the material from which to construct a fairly complete record of the social, material and educational standards of our time, and there is also little doubt that the constant striving for more effective advertising is to a considerable extent reflected in rising standards of service in many activities, as well as in improvement of standards of thought and living among consumers.

National Economic Education Imperative.

Emerson once observed that "if a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door." That would unquestionably be true if the author, or the preacher, or the mouse-trap maker could live and wait long enough for the world to discover the virtue of his product. But both he and the world would profit the sooner if advertising brought them together. And that is somewhat analogous to the situation which exists to-day regarding many businesses and the purchasing public throughout the civilized world.

There are thousands of products of unquestioned merit of which the general public knows little or nothing because the manufacturers of such products are content to practice principles of more or less primitive barter, apparently unconscious of the fact that, by educating the general public to an appreciation of the worth of their products, they would not only profit themselves but would perform a distinctly valuable economic service.

High Quality of Intelligence Behind Advertising.

Evidence of the high quality of intelligence which is behind much of the advertising of the present day is disclosed when examples of good work in this field here exhibited are studied. When illustrations are used, their beauty and appositeness are unmistakable. Artists of recognized ability produce these pictures and the best paper and printing are used. Every year sees an improvement in the quality of advertising and such improvement takes place in any form of activity only when interest and competition are striving keenly and incessantly for higher excellence. The illustrations in automobile advertisements, to take only one example, of many, are notably delightful to the eye, while they skillfully emphasize the convenience of the car, its luxury, or the facility with which it carries its owner to attractive landscapes or to scenes of pleasure. Similar charm is found in the pictures given in the advertising of railways or steamship lines. Their stimulus to travel is often irresistible and broadening experiences follow.

Living standards in thousands of households are undoubtedly being raised daily by the pictures of appetizing fruits, cereals, or other food products, and by illustrations of house furniture, rugs, musical instruments, radio apparatus, or clever labor-saving devices. Illustrations of beautiful dwellings in real estate advertisements stimulate a better taste in architecture. Tree protection is fostered by the tree doctor's attractive landscapes. Pictures of accidents used by insurance companies teach prudence and care in automobiling or in fire prevention. In fact, the education of the public to higher standards of comfort, cleanliness and sanitation and to better ideals of social conduct, to broader conceptions of living through reading or travel, through the theatre or other forms of art, is constantly going on by reason of the practically universal distribution of alluring and artistic advertising.

In America the great public utilities, such as the telephone companies, the gas, electric light and power industries, all find it to their advantage to advertise actively. Largely as a result of this advertising these comfort-promoting conveniences are more universally utilized in the homes of the United States than by those of any other country. In whatever direction we turn we find that advertising is daily stimulating every form of useful activity, broadening the use of better means of living, promoting the care of health, the protection of life and the spread of education. If we could imagine a state of things in which advertising was suppressed it is certain that under such a condition there would be an immediate and startling check to progress.

The Call to Duty.

There lie before advertising and advertising men not only the opportunity for service and profit, but the clear call to duty. There rests upon business and industrial leaders of the world the distinct responsibility to state and explain the facts and principles upon which national and international business progress must be built, through the printed and the spoken word, so clearly that he who runs may read, and that the oft-quoted "man in the street" may understand. A large and constantly increasing reading public seeks eagerly to know, and it is the mission of the publicist to inform and advise them through all the mediums at his command. To fulfill that mission we must call to arms the vision of the builder, the courage of the explorer, the keenness of the trader and the wisdom of the student. They must all be conscripted to this great service and contribute their

part to the common cause; their traits are all the proper attributes of the efficient advertising man of to-day.

The day has long passed, if indeed it ever existed, when advertising, while still not an exact science any more than law or medicine, under proper conditions, can be considered a mere experiment or a speculation. It has long since become a demonstrated economic factor as a business builder and stabilizer as well as a clearly proved educational force. That it may not always, in all hands, operate with 100% efficiency is no more a proof of its failure than an unsuccessful operation on the human body by a horse doctor would be a proof of the failure of surgery. Its call is for skilled men, broad men, men who have thoroughly mastered the tools with which they must work, whose sense of public psychology is sure and true and whose vision of opportunity is as broad as the world.

England's greatest economist, Adam Smith, began his famous treatise on "The Wealth of Nations" with the statement that the prosperity of a nation is measured by the happiness of its people. In facilitating distribution, in stimulating production, in spreading information, in creating higher standards of business and life, advertising is adding to the happiness and prosperity of the people it serves.

If the way could be paved before action by information and understanding, how much fewer would be our sins of economic and political commission and omission. If a new and progressive idea seeking acceptance, or an old and sound idea seeking support, could be presented to the consuming public with the same strength of appeal that a new commodity commands, how much greater chance of prevailing it might enjoy. Even as advertising reached and stirred our souls to sacrifice during the World War, so it may now guide our minds to accurate judgment and rational acts, for the appeal of advertising can be made both to the feelings and the reason, and response and conviction measure the strength of its appeal.

The nations of the world and the people thereof must be taught that they cannot be content "to live and let live"; they must live and help live if they themselves are to enjoy the fullness of life. In our modern world there can be no such thing as isolation. No nation can live unto itself. The body economic consists of many members. Except there be health and co-operation among them all there cannot be complete harmony in that body, nor can it function normally.

Upon us, whose business and profession it is to speed the winged word on its mission of service, lies some of the responsibility to make that word a messenger of peace on earth and good will among men, nay, rather before us rises the opportunity to serve our day by bringing to world consciousness the realization of our interlocked interests, of the brighter prospect for world progress which awaits world understanding and co-operation, of impressing indelibly upon the minds and hearts of men the world over the material as well as the spiritual value of a happiness based upon the basic principles of all the great religions of earth, the love of good, the love of man, truths which know no geographical, racial or political lines, the common heritage, the common ideals of all right-minded men.

Investment Advertising and Customer Ownership Discussed by Frank Le Roy Blanchard of H. L. Doherty & Co.

Two addresses were delivered by Frank Le Roy Blanchard, Director of the Public Relations Department of Henry L. Doherty & Co. of New York at the annual convention in London this week of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. One of these, delivered before the Financial Advertisers' Association, dealt with "Investment Advertising," while that before the Public Utilities Advertising Association, concerned "Customer Ownership in the United States." From the first named we quote in part as follows:

Moral Responsibility of Bankers.

It has always seemed to me that bankers and others who sell securities do not always realize the burden of moral responsibility that their position in the community places upon their shoulders. While they are, in a sense, like merchants who deal in the commodities that are necessary for the maintenance of life, or that contribute to our comfort or happiness, they have, in addition, a very important function to perform. Just as the clergy guide us in spiritual matters so the financiers should give counsel regarding the investing and safeguarding of the money people have saved, through hard work and self-denial, as an insurance against poverty in old age, or as a provision for the future needs of those depending upon them for support.

Now, while we, as bankers or investment brokers, are not their guardians, and therefore are not responsible for any losses people may sustain through errors of judgment in the selection of securities, it is our duty, as men who realize our obligations to the public we serve, to furnish them authentic information from which they can determine what shares they should buy.

We cannot wrap a cloak of exclusiveness about us and cry to them "caveat emptor!" and retain our self-respect. We know that most men and women have had only a common school education and possess little knowledge about investments, but they are eager to learn anything that will be of financial benefit to them. If you can tell them where to put their money to obtain a better rate of interest than the savings banks pay and where their capital will be safe, you will render them a most helpful service and win their confidence.

Public Should Be Told How to Invest Money.

How can the education of the public in financial matters best be accomplished? Is it not through the presentation of the principles that underlie all business, and especially those relating to the investment and safeguarding of money—telling people about the different kinds of securities so that they can distinguish between them; what precautions to take in selecting those best adapted to their purpose, where to secure reliable information about the companies and the stocks or bonds they offer, and where they can be purchased?

When we realize that the American public is swindled out of a billion dollars annually by fake mining, oil, automobile and other companies that promise fabulous returns on a small investment, we get some idea of the task that lies before us. In our advertising we must talk to the public in common, every-day language, avoiding all technical terms and words that only highly-educated people can understand. Brevity, clearness of expression and a strict regard for the truth are qualities that should characterize our copy. It is better to understate than to overstate the attractive features of the securities we offer. Whenever we see the advertisements of a company in which large dividends are promised, and the statement is made that the price for shares will be arbitrarily raised on a certain date, we immediately brand the offering either as wildly speculative or as downright fraudulent.

No reputable banker or broker will deliberately misrepresent or mislead investors. If he is to continue in business, he knows that the most desirable assets he can have is the good-will of the public. Confidence is slow in developing—especially when it relates to persons or institutions to whom people entrust their savings. When a man has once been deceived by the salesman or advertisements of a financial house, he will never again trust the institution or individuals who represent it.

It is estimated that 85% of the population of the United States have an average income of \$2,000, or less, and yet such is the frugality of our people that they are saving in small amounts hundreds of millions of dollars annually. For instance, during the year from June 30 1922 to June 30 1923 there were deposited in our savings banks alone \$1,041,583,000. The total amount of money on deposit in these banks June 30 1923 was \$18,373,062,000.

A considerable portion of these deposits should be available for investment in stocks, bonds or mortgages. It is surprising to learn that thousands of depositors are content to have their money earn 3½ to 4% in savings banks when it would earn 5 and 6% if invested in sound securities. The reason for this, of course, that they either think their money is absolutely safe when in the bank, and, if needed, is readily available; and that when invested in stocks and bonds it is not safe, or their knowledge of the relative values of securities is so limited they will not trust their own judgment in selecting any of them for investment. Some of these depositors have, in days gone by, been persuaded by glib-tongued salesmen to put money into worthless stocks. The amount lost individually may, to a banker, seem small indeed, but to the average wage-earner it is large, because it represents the accumulation of months of toil and self-denial. Fear of again sustaining a loss causes him to disregard all opportunities for investments.

Utilities Now Seeking Small Investor.

It is the small investor the public utility companies are now seeking as buyers of their securities. From the figures I have just quoted you can see that there is enough money on deposit in savings banks alone to do all the refinancing and make all of the extensions of lines and enlargements of plants that growing businesses annually require, namely \$1,000,000,000. What we public utility advertisers must do is to prepare copy of such a character that it will convince the persons to whom this money belongs that it will be to their advantage to become stockholders in our enterprises.

In his address bearing on "Customer Ownership in the United States," Mr. Blanchard said in part:

Let us consider some of the specific advantages of customer ownership from the viewpoint of both the company and the customer.

Advantages of Customer Ownership.

1. It furnishes the company a market for obtaining at a minimum cost a portion of the capital required for improvements and extensions made necessary by increased demands for service.
2. It strengthens the credit position of the company. The more customers owning stock, the better informed the public will become concerning its finances and standing.
3. It stabilizes the market value of shares. It is better to have 10,000 customer-owners than 100 other owners for the reason that while a majority of the 100 stockholders might combine overnight to manipulate the market for their individual advantage, it would be an impossibility for a majority of the 10,000 to do so.
4. It affords customers an opportunity to acquire, for cash or on the installment plan, shares in small amounts in established and prosperous enterprises, and thus encourages thrift, develops a community spirit, and makes for better citizenship by creating a higher regard for the interests of others.
5. It is a source of strength for the company. The more customer owners there are in a community the more impregnable becomes its position as a business institution.
6. It creates good-will and thus contributes largely to the establishment of highly desirable public relations. If the service they receive is satisfactory and the rate they pay is reasonable, customer-owners are constant boosters of the company and its interests. They are its staunch defenders when its management or service is unjustly criticized. They often make suggestions for the improvement of the service and furnish leads for adding new names to the company's list of customers, or for the sales of additional securities to persons who are already shareholders.
7. Customer-owners are so many radiating centres of good-will for the company. They are like the leaven which the woman hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened. If there is need for raising the service rate in a city where customer-owners are numerous, the public will not oppose the company's application to the public utility commission, because it knows from facts in its possession that the company is warranted in taking the step.
8. Another advantage of customer ownership is the influence it has in bringing about the defeat of movements designed to popularize the municipal ownership of public utilities. In a city where a fairly good distribution of the company's securities has been effected, it is almost impossible for agitators to create a popular sentiment in favor of municipal ownership. Customers who have a number of shares hidden away in safe places do not favor the proposition. They have no confidence in the ability of municipal authorities to run successfully a business that requires technical knowledge and experience of a high order. They are confident that under the administration of public office holders the expenses of operation would be so greatly increased by the employment of two men to do one man's work, that in the end rates would have to be increased or the city would have to face an annual deficit.

Progress of Customer Ownership.

Perhaps you would now like to know a few facts regarding the progress of customer ownership in Canada and the United States. One hundred and eighty-five electric light and power companies, supply 10,887,019 customers, have 652,910 shareholders under the customer ownership plan. The number of shares thus owned amounts to 5,047,407. The average cost of selling was \$4.60 per share. The total population in the territory served is 51,414,693.

In 1923 \$750,000,000 were expended for utility construction and extensions. Of this amount, \$250,000,000, or 33.3%, were raised through customer ownership activities.

The American Gas Association reports that in the last eight months of 1923, 187 gas companies and a few combined gas and electric companies sold 1,251,640 shares to 227,170 investors.

In eight years, H. M. Byllesby & Co. of Chicago, one of the leading public utility operating organizations of the United States, sold \$43,000,000 of preferred stock for construction purposes to 81,000 purchasers, 43% of which was derived from customer ownership sales.

Increase of Securities Sales.

To show how rapidly sales to customer owners have progressed, I call your attention to the records made during the four years ending in 1923. In 1920 there were approximately \$35,000,000 of public utility securities

placed in the hands of customers; in 1921, \$80,000,000; in 1922, \$175,000,000, and in 1923, \$250,000,000.

How is a customer ownership campaign carried on? What kind of an organization is required? What forms of advertising have been found most productive? These questions, I am sure, you would like to ask, if given the opportunity. As I know more about the methods of Henry L. Doherty & Co., of which I am Advertising Manager, than about those employed by other public utility owners and managers, I will briefly outline the plans we follow in selling our securities to our customers.

A Typical Customer Ownership Campaign.

Preliminary to the description of a typical customer ownership campaign, I should like to say that Mr. Doherty as far back as 1896 conceived the idea of customer ownership and subsequently employed it to a limited extent in Denver, Colo.; Madison, Wis., and Columbus, Ohio. From Sept. 1 1923 to July 1 of this year securities of the Cities Service Co. and its subsidiaries, having a par value of \$5,000,000, were sold, thus adding about 12,000 customers to the organization's list of stockholders, now the fourth largest in the world. Estimates indicate that our sales in 1925 will total \$10,000,000 and add 20,000 more customer-owners to our lengthening list.

The personnel of a customer ownership department varies in number according to the size and character of the public service organization to which it belongs. Our Customer Ownership Department is composed of a general manager, a sales manager, a campaign manager, a special advance man who gathers information for the advertising department, and who, later, places the advertising locally and secures timely publicity; and three field managers, who, in addition to other duties, instruct and help employees in selling, and report facts on local conditions to their superior, who turns them over to the advertising department. This is a small executive staff when you consider that Henry L. Doherty & Co. manager and finance more than 120 properties—subsidiaries of Cities Service Co.—which have total assets of \$491,000,000.

Methods Employed.

The methods employed by our company in its customer ownership campaigns can best be understood from a description of one of them. For instance, in November 1923 plans were perfected for an intensive ten-day campaign in Denver, Colo., to sell the preferred stock of the Public Service Co. of Colorado, an important subsidiary of the Cities Service Co.

During the week preceding the opening of the campaign several meetings of employees, of whom there are 1,500 on the company's payroll, were held, lasting from 30 to 40 minutes each, for the purpose out outlining the work to be done and for supplying them with necessary information for properly presenting to the company's customers the advantages of the preferred stock as an investment. The employees were also given copies of advertising booklets and folders for home study and distribution among prospects, and a little book containing sales instructions and answers to questions that might be asked.

In speaking of the growth of public utilities, Mr. Blanchard said:

In the United States and Canada the growth of the gas, electric light and power, water and street railway industries during the past decade has been one of the wonders of the industrial age in which we live. When we consider that for five of these years the world was disrupted by a devastating war and millions of men were withdrawn from peaceful pursuits to fight the common enemy, we are astonished at the speed with which the business interests of the several countries most seriously affected adjusted themselves to changed conditions and trade advanced to new levels.

According to reports issued by the American Gas Association, there are in America to-day nearly 1,000 companies engaged in the gas industry. The total sales in 1914 were 198,000,000,000 cubic feet and in 1923 they were 370,000,000,000 cubic feet, an increase of nearly 100%.

The customers of gas companies in 1921 aggregated 9,291,000 and the population served was 47,700,000. The gross income of the manufactured gas companies in 1921 was \$379,263,044; in 1922, \$406,000,000, and in 1923, \$429,200,000.

Expansion of the Electrical Industry.

The expansion of the electric light and power industry has been even more remarkable. In the period 1910 to 1920 the amount of electric energy sold increased 358%. The earnings of the companies in 1923 were about \$1,300,000,000. The Cities Service Co., one of the largest public service organizations in the world, in 1923 sold over 990,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, an increase of 500% in nine years.

The street and interurban electric railways also show substantial although not as large proportionate growth. The inroads made upon their passenger traffic by automobiles and bus competition have in many cases cut down revenues. However, in the large centres the difficulty of securing parking space for automobiles is compelling business men to leave their machines at home and to patronize the street cars once more.

Capitalization of Public Utilities.

It is only when we have examined statements showing the capitalization of public utility companies in America that we get a comprehensive idea of their commercial importance. According to figures submitted by experts, the cash investment in existing companies is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Utility Type and Investment Amount. Rows include Electric light and power, Street and interurban railways, Gas, natural and manufactured, Telephone and telegraph, and Total.

This vast aggregation of capital has not been obtained solely from the millionaire class, which, in the minds of many Europeans, includes fully half the population of the United States, but from banks, trust companies and other financial institutions; from business and social associations, trade unions and other organizations having surplus funds to invest; from individual men and women of wealth; and, in a large part, from the frugal wage earners of America.

Although money is money, no matter where it comes from, the organizers and managers of public utility enterprises have recently discovered that it makes all the difference in the world whether it is obtained from a few rich men or from a large number of small investors, and especially from those to whom their service is sold. As the result of their experience they are practically of one opinion, namely that the most helpful and, therefore, the most desirable shareholders are their own customers.

New Capital Always Needed.

The companies are in constant need of new capital for increasing the productive capacity of their plants and for lengthening their service lines. What group of people are in a better position to know the needs and opportunities of public utilities than the men and women customers who are in close contact with their business? The term customer ownership is solely

applied to customers of a local public utility who have purchased its stocks or bonds.

Foreign Holdings of United States Steel Corporation Common Stock Slightly Larger—Holdings of Preferred Show Small Falling Off.

The figures of foreign holdings of the common and preferred shares of the United States Steel Corp. as of June 30 1924 show that the common shares held abroad have increased slightly, while the holdings of preferred have undergone a further trifling reduction. The foreign holdings of common now amount to 203,059 shares, comparing with 201,636 shares March 31 1924, 203,109 shares Dec. 31 1923 and 261,768 shares Dec. 31 1922. The holdings abroad of preferred are practically unchanged from the previous quarter, the total now being 112,191 shares, as against 112,521 shares March 31 1924, 113,155 shares Dec. 31 1923 and 121,308 shares Dec. 31 1922. When contrasted with the period before the war, the shrinkage in these foreign holdings is very striking indeed. Thus the foreign holdings of common which on March 31 1914 aggregated no less than 1,285,636 shares, now amount to only 203,059 shares, as already stated, while the preferred holdings abroad have dwindled away from 312,311 shares on March 31 1914 to the present total of 112,191 shares.

Below we furnish a detailed statement of the foreign holdings at various dates since Dec. 31 1914 to the latest period:

FOREIGN HOLDINGS OF SHARES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION. Table with columns for dates from June 30 1924 to Dec. 31 1914. Rows list countries like Africa, Algeria, Argentina, etc., and include sub-totals for Preferred Stock.

COMMON.			PREFERRED.		
Date—	Shares.	Per Cent.	Date—	Shares.	Per Cent.
Mar. 31 1914	1,285,636	25.29	Mar. 31 1914	312,311	8.67
June 30 1914	1,274,247	25.07	June 30 1914	312,832	8.68
Dec. 31 1914	1,193,064	23.47	Dec. 31 1914	309,457	8.59
Mar. 31 1915	1,130,209	22.23	Mar. 31 1915	308,005	8.55
June 30 1915	957,587	18.84	June 30 1915	303,070	8.41
Sept. 30 1915	826,833	16.27	Sept. 30 1915	297,691	8.26
Dec. 31 1915	696,631	13.70	Dec. 31 1915	274,588	7.52
Mar. 31 1916	634,469	12.48	Mar. 31 1916	262,091	7.27
Sept. 30 1916	537,809	10.58	Sept. 30 1916	171,096	4.75
Dec. 31 1916	502,632	9.89	Dec. 31 1916	156,412	4.34
Mar. 31 1917	494,338	9.72	Mar. 31 1917	151,757	4.21
June 30 1917	481,342	9.45	June 30 1917	142,226	3.94
Sept. 30 1917	477,109	9.39	Sept. 30 1917	140,039	3.89
Dec. 31 1917	484,190	9.52	Dec. 31 1917	140,198	3.89
Mar. 31 1918	485,706	9.56	Mar. 31 1918	140,198	3.89
June 30 1918	491,464	9.66	June 30 1918	149,032	4.13
Sept. 30 1918	495,009	9.73	Sept. 30 1918	147,845	4.10
Dec. 31 1918	491,580	9.68	Dec. 31 1918	148,225	4.11
Mar. 31 1919	493,552	9.71	Mar. 31 1919	149,832	4.16
June 30 1919	465,434	9.15	June 30 1919	146,478	4.07
Sept. 30 1919	394,543	7.76	Sept. 30 1919	143,840	3.99
Dec. 31 1919	368,895	7.26	Dec. 31 1919	138,566	3.84
Mar. 31 1920	348,036	6.84	Mar. 31 1920	127,562	3.54
June 30 1920	342,567	6.74	June 30 1920	124,346	3.46
Sept. 30 1920	328,433	6.36	Sept. 30 1920	118,212	3.28
Dec. 31 1920	292,835	5.76	Dec. 31 1920	111,436	3.09
Mar. 31 1921	289,444	5.69	Mar. 31 1921	106,781	2.96
June 30 1921	288,749	5.68	June 30 1921	105,118	2.91
Sept. 30 1921	285,070	5.60	Sept. 30 1921	103,447	2.87
Dec. 31 1921	280,026	5.50	Dec. 31 1921	128,818	3.58
Mar. 31 1922	280,132	5.51	Mar. 31 1922	128,127	3.55
June 30 1922	275,096	5.41	June 30 1922	123,844	3.43
Sept. 30 1922	270,794	5.32	Sept. 30 1922	123,710	3.43
Dec. 30 1922	261,768	5.15	Dec. 30 1922	121,308	3.36
Mar. 29 1923	239,310	4.70	Mar. 29 1923	119,738	3.32
June 30 1923	207,041	4.07	June 30 1923	117,631	3.27
Sept. 30 1923	210,799	4.14	Sept. 30 1923	118,435	3.29
Dec. 31 1923	203,109	3.99	Dec. 31 1923	113,155	3.14
Mar. 31 1924	201,636	3.96	Mar. 31 1924	112,521	3.12
June 30 1924	203,059	3.99	June 30 1924	112,191	3.11

In the following table is shown the number of shares of the Steel Corporation distributed as between brokers and investors on June 30 1924 and June 30 1923:

Common—	June 30 1924	Ratio.	June 30 1923.	Ratio.
Brokers, domestic and foreign	1,039,725	20.45	1,186,420	23.34
Investors, domestic and foreign	4,043,300	79.55	3,896,605	76.66
<i>Preferred—</i>				
Brokers, domestic and foreign	175,887	4.88	195,141	5.42
Investors, domestic and foreign	3,426,924	95.12	3,407,670	94.58

The following is of interest as it shows the holdings of brokers and investors in New York State:

Common—	June 30 1924.	Ratio.	June 30 1923.	Ratio.
Brokers	896,409	17.63	1,038,571	20.43
Investors	1,296,804	25.51	1,283,939	25.26
<i>Preferred—</i>				
Brokers	148,856	4.13	166,842	4.63
Investors	1,507,697	41.84	1,498,687	41.60

Sinclair Must Answer Six of Ten Questions Put by Senate Oil Committee, District of Columbia Supreme Court Rules.

In the District of Columbia Supreme Court on July 14, Justice Adolph A. Hoehling handed down a ruling to the effect that Harry F. Sinclair is legally bound to reply to six of the questions which he refused to answer when put to him by the Senate Committee on Public Lands and Surveys in its investigation of the oil leases. Justice Hoehling overruled Mr. Sinclair's demurrer and motions to quash the indictment brought against him under Section 102 of the Revised Statutes. Mr. Sinclair has 20 days to appeal to the District Court of Appeals, and then the case will go to the United States Supreme Court, as both sides want a definite precedent established. According to Justice Hoehling, Sinclair was legally bound to answer these questions:

Whether there was an agreement between Mr. Sinclair and Secretary Fall, concerning which John C. Shafer, Chicago publisher, was alleged to have declared that he was to have received some of the area in the Sinclair lease from the Mammoth Oil Co.;

Whether Mr. Sinclair testified correctly on a previous occasion that he had never given or loaned anything to Mr. Fall;

The question pertaining to the testimony of F. G. Bonfils, Denver publisher, relative to Teapot Dome leases;

Whether Mr. Sinclair met Mr. Fall in November and December, 1923, and if so, where and when;

Whether, as the prosecution declared, the Pioneer Oil Co., due to a contract, stopped competing for the Teapot Dome lease;

Whether Mr. Sinclair would be willing to let the committee see the books of the Hyvas Corporation, a Sinclair subsidiary.

With regard to the ruling of Justice Hoehling, the New York "Times" said:

One of the counts of the indictment thrown out by Justice Hoehling was a "blanket" or general count which charged Sinclair with refusing to answer any and all of the ten questions. This count, the Court found, did not charge a violation of any existing law.

Of the other three set aside, one related to a question asked Mr. Sinclair concerning 75,000 shares of stock of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co., which were rumored to have been contributed to the Republican National Committee.

Another related to a question about the alleged transfer of \$100,000 from the National Park Bank of New York to the National Metropolitan Bank here.

The other concerned a question asked Mr. Sinclair about the testimony of G. D. Wahlberg, his private secretary, in connection with the supposed loan of Sinclair stock to Will H. Hays, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Section 102 provides punishment for the offense of refusing to answer questions propounded by any committee of the House or Senate which investigates a subject with the view to enacting laws. The Senate adjudged Sinclair in contempt under this section and certified the case to the Grand Jury.

Mr. Sinclair's attack on the indictment was based not so much on the right of a witness to refuse to incriminate himself as on the alleged illegality of the whole proceeding.

Justice Hoehling, acting without a precedent, decided that the proceedings were legal enough to support an adverse ruling, upon which the defendant, objecting to being ordered to stand trial, might go to a higher court.

The Court reviewed the Kilbourn case of 1881, the Chapman case of 1897 and the Henry case of 1914, all of which concerned evidence identical with Sinclair's case, in which the United States Supreme Court considered the questions of jurisdiction, but did not give guidance to lower Federal courts in the present issue.

Justice Hoehling then followed the general rule in such cases and decided that the authority of Congress to compel Mr. Sinclair to answer should be upheld, excluding, of course, self-incrimination.

The United States Supreme Court will have to pass on the validity of the indictment before Mr. Sinclair can be put on trial. In his opinion Justice Hoehling paved the way for a special appeal to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and from there the case will go to the highest tribunal on appeal.

Following the action of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Sinclair and his counsel, Martin W. Littleton, appeared before United States Commissioner Hitchcock, and gave bail in \$5,000 to guarantee his appearance for trial.

It was stated on July 15 that Harry F. Sinclair would ask the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for a special appeal from the decision sustaining his indictment. The order of Justice Hoehling sustaining the right of Congress to require answers to six of the questions is what is known as an interlocutory order and may not be appealed from as a matter of right. George H. Hoover of counsel for Sinclair expressed confidence in a favorable action by the Court of Appeals on the motion for a special appeal. He declared Justice Hoehling did not attempt to decide the fundamental question of the right of Congress to compel citizens to answer inquiries, but invited a decision of the higher Courts.

Albert B. Fall Pleads Not Guilty to Oil Indictments.

Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary hearing and refused to make any comment, when he was arraigned at El Paso, Tex., on July 15 before United States Commissioner A. J. Schmid on charges growing out of indictments returned by a special Grand Jury in the District of Columbia. The indictments specifically charge Fall with entering into contracts with private oil companies for the draining of Federal oil reserves and also the acceptance of the sum of \$100,000 from E. L. Doheny Jr. and E. L. Doheny Sr. The indictment is in three counts, the first and third relating to the alleged \$100,000 payment. In the first count it is alleged the conspiracy with the Dohenys was furthered by an overt act, the writing of a letter to Doheny, and in the last count the specific payment of the \$100,000 is charged. The second count charges conspiracy with Harry F. Sinclair in regard to the Wyoming or Teapot Dome leases and entering into contracts without bids. Fall previously had notified the Commissioner that he was ill.

Jerome Michael Appointed by Attorney-General Stone to Handle Quartermaster War Frauds.

Jerome Michael of New York has been appointed by Attorney-General Stone as special assistant to the Attorney-General to take charge of the "Quartermaster war frauds" cases in the War Transactions Section, Department of Justice, succeeding C. Frank Reavis, who recently resigned.

Termination of Mail Workers' Strike in Canada.

The strike of mail clerks and carriers which for a short time seriously impaired the postal service in some cities of Eastern Canada was brought to a close on June 29, when the postal service employes in Toronto, who had been out for 11 days, returned to work. This action followed a meeting of the workers at which it was unanimously voted to end the walk-out. According to an agreement signed with the postal authorities, the workers were taken back unconditionally. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, however, promised that their wage grievances would be investigated by a committee of the House of Commons.

Conditions under which postal workers in Toronto and Windsor returned to work were the subject of a reference in the House of Commons shortly after the opening on June 30. Arthur Meighen, opposition leader, drew the attention of the Government to press reports of the settlement and asked what agreement had been made. In reply, Charles Stewart, Acting Postmaster-General, read a memorandum, which stated that the employees resumed duty unconditionally as postal workers, would get no pay for the time they were on strike, but would have an opportunity when the revision for the civil service had been completed, to present their grievances, if any, to the Government. Mr. Stewart's statement reads:

On Sunday afternoon, the striking employees at Toronto and Windsor were permitted to return, each individually on signing under the terms offered by the Government. The statement signed was as follows:

"I agree to resume duty unconditionally as a postal helper on the post office staff."

As soon as the service is normal, arrangements will be made to adjust the staff to the number of positions available.

No payment will be made to the employees for the time they were out on strike.

So that there shall be no misunderstanding, it is desired to state that no special offer was made in regard to a sub-committee, as reported in some of the newspapers. The only offer made by the Government, and which referred to employees actually on duty, was that contained in a letter from the Hon. Mr. Stewart, Acting Postmaster-General, dated June 18 1924, to Mr. Archer, Secretary of the Canadian Federation of Postal Employees, reading as follows:

"When the Civil Service Commission has submitted its report upon the salaries of the entire service, opportunity will be given to the representatives of the employees in the Postal Department, or in other departments of the Government, who have objections, to file against the salary revision proposed by the Government, and to discuss such matters of difference as fully as may be necessary to ensure a thorough understanding, and, it is hoped, a final and satisfactory agreement on the points in dispute."

Mr. Stewart's statement did not touch on the point, but the Canadian papers say the intention, it is understood, is not to pay overtime for handling accumulated mail.

After the second day of the strike, Postmaster Victor Gaudet issued an ultimatum to the strikers in Montreal, which was one of the cities in which the service was most seriously affected by the walkout, announcing that none of the strikers would be reinstated in their positions. Mr. Gaudet, in his statement, said:

So far as the Montreal post office is concerned, we have finished with the strikers. We regard them as having left their employment and we are busy training new men to take their places. This will be speedily accomplished and by the beginning of next week all the services will be back to normal, including the street delivery service. A number of strikers appeared at the main post office to-night when the night shifts went on duty and asked to be reinstated in their positions, but all were refused. All others who have left their employment will be dealt with in the same manner.

I wish to compliment the police on the splendid way they have done their duty. Both the men of the city police and the R. C. M. P. have helped greatly to aid the postal authorities in their task of restoring order in the service.

All the mail posted in the city for delivery in the city has been disposed of to-night and there has been no congestion in this branch. All the mail has been sorted and sent to the respective branch offices for delivery to citizens at the general delivery wickets. There was some delay as regards the mail destined to points outside the city, but this was not of a serious nature.

All railway mail clerks were working to-night. This is the department in which the least trouble has occurred, while the worst has been the letter carriers' branch, where nearly 400 men went on strike out of a total of 420. All these men, however, are being replaced, and we hope to resume delivery by letter-carriers on Monday. In the meantime citizens may obtain their mail at their respective branch offices.

The rumored general walkout of railway mail clerks in Toronto and Quebec city failed to materialize on June 20 and all mail trains leaving those cities that morning were manned, according to a statement issued by the Post Office Department on that day. Charles Stewart, Acting Postmaster General, said that all mail trains throughout the Dominion were now manned and that there was practically no strike in that part of the system. An official communication issued from the Department declared that the strike was "petering out," according to telegraphic advices received.

On June 19 Charles Stewart, Acting Postmaster-General of Canada, issued a statement explaining the negotiations which the Government had carried on with the union and what terms had been offered to prevent the strike. Mr. Stewart said:

We discussed the situation yesterday with the representatives of the postal employees, and the newspapers last night intimated what the results of the discussion were. Before saying anything about that, may I say that before the executive left Toronto there was an order issued apparently for a strike yesterday at five o'clock, which would be effective throughout Canada. The executive, however, after discussions in Toronto, came here to discuss the situation with us yesterday.

We appeared to be reaching an agreement in the neighborhood of five o'clock, but whether the executives were late in forwarding their message to Toronto or not, at all events the Toronto employees went out, all the postal workers in the offices and their assistants, all the mail carriers and their assistants, and the chauffeurs. Of course, when that happened it broke in upon our negotiations. The Government, as was intimated in the press, offered full consideration of the claims of the post office employees; that after the claims of the civil service were all adjusted by the Civil Service Commission we might sit around a table and discuss thoroughly the complaints of the post office employees, as well as the complaints of any other civil servant. In addition to that, we offered that the rates prevailing in the lower grades, against which there was considerable complaint, that is in salaries of \$1,200 and under, should be continued until such time as an adjustment was made. That in brief was the offer of the Government and up to five o'clock we had hoped that it would be accepted by the officials. For further consideration of the offer of the Government they ordered their men to delay the strike for twenty-four hours. That order was not obeyed in Toronto, nor was it obeyed in Montreal. Subsequently, some of the men came back to work, but in Toronto they did not return. That was the situation up to ten o'clock last night, when the officers of the association left here to go to Toronto. As honorable gentlemen well know, the busy hour of the day is about five o'clock in that city, which is, perhaps, the biggest centre that is seriously affected. The mails come in about that time and there is heavy sorting to be done for distribution as well as to get the mails out on the trains. That was all delayed last night. At ten o'clock last night I felt that we could not delay any longer, and as there did not appear to be any hope of getting an adjustment in time to begin work upon the

Toronto mailing, I issued instructions to the Toronto postmaster that if the men did not return by ten o'clock, standard time, this morning, he was to proceed to put on men to take their places. That was done and I had a report at about four o'clock that indicated we had almost in the neighborhood of four hundred employees at work in the post office at Toronto.

Situation Summarized.

So far up to the moment we have not, except in Montreal and in some of the other centres, had to resort to putting men on. The negotiations went on throughout the day in Toronto between the executive and the post office employees there, but at five o'clock the result was that they were not able to persuade the men to return to work.

One of the officers—the representative from Hamilton, I believe—in disagreement resigned, and intimated that he would undertake to try to prevent the men from going out in the City of Hamilton. I have no further word on the situation, except that at the moment the men in Toronto, that is, the regular employees, are out. They are out in London to a considerable degree; they are also out in Windsor, in Belleville, in Brantford, and part of them in Montreal. As to the Western situation, we have word from a number of centres, namely, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, most of the large centres, and there is no indication at the moment of a strike occurring. I am given to understand that there was not complete unanimity of feeling about the matter in these centres. We have no further word from Vancouver or Victoria. They took no action. Of course, word reached them much earlier in the day than it reached the City of Toronto. At Montreal the mails are being moved, and everything was going on to-day except at one postal station in the city, where a little trouble developed this morning. In the Maritime Provinces, with the single exception of Moncton, the offices were operating with full staffs. At any rate, there was no intimation to the department that they intended to go out on strike. What the result will be of the issuance of the order coming at five o'clock to-night I am unable to say, but I wish to re-state what I said the other day in the House when speaking on behalf of the Government:

"While I am a strong sympathizer with labor, while my sympathies are with the workingman, as I think, perhaps, is the case with most of us, it is the Government of Canada that is concerned here, and it must carry on the business of the country. I said to the representatives of the men the other night: 'Gentlemen, my sympathy has been with you up to the point where you declare a strike, after that bear in mind that I will exercise all the ingenuity and energy that I possess to carry on the business of Canada.' That is my feeling in the matter. At the moment we have nearly four hundred new employees at work in the Toronto post office. It is said that, while the light holds out to burn, the sinner may return. At the same time I simply have to say to the men that a settlement cannot be postponed indefinitely. The postal service of Canada must be carried on, the mails must be moved; and, so far as I am able, I am going to take every legitimate means to secure the number of employees necessary to do that. I make no threats. As I say, my sympathy is with the man who has to work in that kind of way for a living. But there is a higher interest to be considered, and that is the interest of the country at large. When that interest is attacked in that kind of manner my sympathy in very large measure ceases. Speaking on behalf of the Government, that is what I propose to do, so far as is possible, in order to keep the mails moving."

Notice of the intention of the postal workers to strike was conveyed to the Government on June 18 in a letter addressed to the Prime Minister by J. E. Archer, Secretary of the Canadian Federation of Postal Employees. The letter was handed in previous to the negotiations with members of the Government. It read:

Ottawa, Ont., June 18 1924.

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister, Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:—Acting on the wishes of the membership of the organizations concerned, as expressed in a Dominion-wide ballot, a general strike in the postal service has been called to commence at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

It is regretted that the late hour at which this decision was arrived at last night, and the necessity for haste in entraining for Ottawa, in response to a call from the Government, made it impossible to convey this information to you sooner.

The necessity for the action is deplored by all our officers and members, who trust that immediate favorable consideration by the Government may yet enable us to assist in averting the move called for by the postal employees.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) J. E. ARCHER,
Secretary, Canadian Federation of Postal Employees.

To this letter Hon. Charles Stewart, Acting Postmaster-General, replied to Mr. Archer as follows:

Ottawa, June 18 1924.

Mr. J. E. Archer:

Dear Sir:—This acknowledges receipt of a copy of your letter of even date addressed to the Right Honorable the Prime Minister advising him that:

"Acting on the wishes of the membership of the organizations concerned, as expressed in a Dominion-wide ballot, a general strike in the postal service has been called to commence at 5 o'clock this afternoon."

After discussion of this matter with the Government, I am authorized to state that we regret the decision arrived at by your committee, and it is a matter of additional regret that your committee have not prior to this date officially indicated to the Government your dissatisfaction with the recent salary revision for postal workers as authorized by the Civil Service Commission and the Government.

Since the receipt of your letter of even date, a sub-committee of the Cabinet has had the opportunity of discussing these matters at some length with your committee, and have heard the views of your committee that further consideration should be given to the claims of the postal employees by the Government.

In connection with this matter the Prime Minister in Parliament yesterday stated as follows:

"We are prepared, when the Civil Service Commission has submitted its report upon the salaries of the entire Civil Service, to consider that report carefully in the light of all the material which we have before us, and to make to Parliament, if we think it advisable so to do, recommendations supplementing those which are contained in the report of the Civil Service Commission. But we do not feel that we are in a position to make any recommendations to Parliament at the present time with respect to the postal employees; and I hope that the employees of the Post Office Department will see that the position which the Government is taking is one which is in the interests of the entire Civil Service of the country, and in the interests of the taxpayers as well."

Offer by Minister.

We also in discussion of this date learned of the dissatisfaction of the postal employees due to the fact that in certain cases the present salary plus 1924 bonus was higher than certain rates proposed by the Civil Service Commission for the same class of employees, and I am authorized to state that in the case of employees whose revised rates, as determined by the Civil Service Commission, are less than the former rate plus 1924-25 bonus, such bonus shall be continued until salary revision for the entire service has been consummated.

I am further authorized to say that in carrying out the plan and action proposed by the Prime Minister in the above-quoted paragraph that the Government policy is that when the Civil Service Commission has submitted its report upon the salaries for the entire Civil Service, that opportunity will be given to the representatives of the employees in the postal department or in other departments of the Government who have objections to file against salary revision proposed by the commission to fully present their views to a sub-committee of the Government and to discuss such matters of differences as fully as may be necessary to ensure a thorough understanding, and, it is hoped, a final and satisfactory agreement on the points in dispute.

I trust that your committee will at once take the necessary action to see that continuous operation of the postal service is maintained.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Refuses Petition for Reduction in Western Grain Rates.

Contending that the financial status of the carriers does not justify lower rates, the Inter-State Commerce Commission on July 17 refused to order a reduction in railroad rates on grain, grain products and hay sought by ten States in the Mississippi-Missouri Valley cereal growing region. At the same time the Commission decided that the reports independently conducted into the level of rates on these same products in all sections of the United States had demonstrated no need for any changes, and proceedings before it bearing upon both issues were dismissed. The Associated Press accounts of the Commission's conclusions stated:

The Commission held the financial status of the carriers did not justify the step, while in general it held that the financial condition of the Western grain farmers was showing a slow improvement, relieving them of the necessity for the reduction.

The States which led in the presentation of the complaint denied to-day—Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Oklahoma, Missouri, Minnesota and Louisiana—obtained in January 1922 the first railroad rate reduction granted after the war for the grain products concerned.

Later, in 1922, a general reduction of 10% in all rates was granted by the Commission, and early in 1923 the same Western States promptly moved before the Commission to obtain a secondary reduction on their own products. After the first hearing the Commission ordered a retrial of the issues and instituted its own investigation into grain rates in all sections of the country.

Clyde M. Reed, Chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities Commission, for the States and farm organizations, contended that the depressed price of grain products required a new lower level of freight rates for all the commodities concerned. He held also that the financial condition of Western railroads would justify the cuts demanded because the valuation of the property used by them in rendering transportation service was less than the Commission had hitherto calculated, and, further, because the expenditures of railroads of the West on maintenance during 1923 were unduly swollen.

From the "Herald-Tribune" dispatch from Washington July 17 we quote the following:

Commissioner Aitchison wrote the majority report, while Commissioner Potter submitted a separate concurring report that met with the approval of Commissioner Cox.

Five Members Dissent.

Commissioners McChord, McNamany, Eastman, Lewis and Campbell dissented. The dissenting members took the position that agricultural freight rates should be reduced, but did not agree as to how it should be done. Commissioner Campbell, for instance, would make up the losses to the roads on agricultural products by increasing rates on other products.

The Commission's decision in the grain rate case is expected to intensify the drive in Congress for the repeal of section 15a, the so-called guaranty section.

Commissioner Aitchison's report was on the investigation ordered by the Commission in October and November 1923, when the Administration was busy on ways to help the farmer. The Kansas Public Utilities Commission at about the same time had made application for reduction in grain and grain product rates. The proposed reduction would have amounted to from 10 to 14% and would have cut the revenues of Western carriers between \$17,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

While other groups were mentioned in the Commission's report, the whole investigation centred around conditions in the Western group. Virtually every farmers' organization, all farm commodity associations and the railroad commissions in the States of the agricultural West presented testimony and arguments before the Commission.

The Commission's investigation of agricultural rates attracted more attention in the last eight months than any other subject that has been before it. Extended hearings were held in various places throughout the country. Agriculture made its supreme drive to get freight rate relief in this particular action. Only a few days ago, when there was talk of reopening the case for further hearings, a vigorous protest was filed.

The Commission's action is its first of importance since Congress adopted the resolution saying that agriculture is the basic industry and telling the Inter-State Commerce Commission to revise freight rates to relieve the farmer, but not in such a way as to injure the carriers. Commissioner Aitchison in his report remarked that agriculture is the basic industry. He held agriculture was not entitled to the reductions asked, that the farmer would benefit little from them and they might prove disastrous to the railroads.

The Commission's findings were summarized so far as the Western group is concerned, as follows:

1. Rates on grain, grain products and hay, generally speaking, are now on a somewhat lower basis compared with pre-war freight rates than are the carload rates on other traffic.

2. Earnings per car, per car-mile and per ton-mile on grain and grain products, compared with other classes of traffic and with all carload traffic, do not show that grain and its products are now contributing more than

their fair share to the revenues of the carriers of this group, considering the values of the traffic, the average hauls, the relative services performed, and the ratio of revenue produced by grain and grain products to total carload revenue compared with former years.

3. There has been an increase in the average loading of grain and its products in recent years, as well as in the average loading of all carload traffic, although not to the same extent in the case of all carload traffic.

Improvement in Condition.

4. There has been slow but progressive improvement in the economic condition of agriculture in the Western group since 1921, though the improvement in grain-raising areas is less than with respect to other classes of agriculture.

5. Present adjustment of rates on grain and its products from the "element of value" standpoint, compared with the other heavy loading commodities moving in volume, is not unfavorable to grain and grain products.

6. Despite a peak year in 1923 from the standpoint of traffic handled, it does not appear that the carriers made a fair return after giving due consideration to the contentions as to abnormal expenditures for maintenance of equipment and to the aggregate valuation.

7. No assurances on the record that there will be such further increases in tonnage or such reductions in operating expenses in the immediate future as to enable the carriers to earn an excess over a fair return. Any further reduction in revenue would increase the shortage in the fair return of carriers in the Western group.

Carriers Need Funds.

8. Large additions to capital must continually be made by carriers in this group for needed additions and betterments, which cannot be done if the credit of carriers is seriously affected by undue impairment of their net revenues from operation.

9. Benefit that would accrue to the average farmer in case of a reduction in rates is small compared with the aggregate disastrous effect on certain of the carriers' revenues and on their credit, and there is serious doubt whether farmers would not in many instances lose from impaired railroad service more than they could possibly gain from a reduction in rates, even if the farmers would get the entire benefit of any reduction made.

A reduction in grain rates would have a bad effect on agriculture in the Southern group, Commissioner Aitchison said. Except for a small territory in the Mountain-Pacific group, reduction in rates was not asked.

"It is not enough," the majority report said, "that present conditions may be ideal; it must appear that something better is attainable."

Suggests Competition.

The majority report suggests that competition at the country markets will help to improve conditions. Variation of prices at the terminal markets it was shown, frequently is as much as 16 cents a bushel, whereas the average freight rate paid from the farm is considerably under that figure. Better prices are obtained by farmers who sell to elevators owned by associations of farmers, the investigators found.

The report cited the Great Western, the M. & St. L., the St. Paul road, the Missouri Pacific, the Rock Island and the Northern Pacific as roads that would be unduly injured by a decrease in the rates on grain, grain products and hay. The proposed reductions would cost the St. Paul road \$2,492,408 annually, the Rock Island \$1,513,204 and the Northern Pacific \$1,225,000. And none of these roads earned 4% in 1923.

Commissioner McChord, while favoring a reduction in the rates on grain, grain products and hay to help agriculture, opposed Commissioner Campbell's suggestion that rates on other commodities be increased to make up the losses to carriers. He said that after the reductions are made the roads could ask an investigation and then be granted relief if shown to be needed.

The Minority Report.

In his minority report Commissioner Eastman said:

"Such a reduction would be of no great material help to the farmers, for the harmful effect of the present freight rates has been much exaggerated; but it would no doubt be of some assistance, and at all events it would clear the air for consideration of issues which have greater pertinence."

Commissioner Lewis took issue with the entire majority report. He said all the usual standards employed in determining just and reasonable rates, transportation conditions, cost of service, value of service, earnings, comparison with other rates and what the traffic will bear show that grain rates are too high, and should be reduced. He insisted that agricultural rates can be pulled down and other rates pushed up to compensate the carriers.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Orders Inquiry into Eastern Freight Rates.

An investigation of the inter-State class freight rates applicable within the territory east of the Mississippi and North of the Ohio was ordered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on July 16. George B. McGinty, Secretary of the Commission, in a statement explanatory of the order said:

At the request of carriers operating within official territory and of many interested shippers, the Commission on its own motion has instituted an investigation of the inter-State class rates applicable within that territory. The scope of the investigation has been made somewhat broader than contemplated by the requests received for the reasons indicated below.

This investigation has been instituted because in many instances the class rates within that part of official territory which is known as trunk line territory, between the latter territory and what are known as central and New England territories, and between central territory and New England territory, are higher for shorter than for longer distances over the same line or route, and applications for authority to continue these departures from the fourth section of the Inter-State Commerce Act have been denied by the Commission; because the relationship to first class of the rates on the lower classes varies greatly in many of the different class-rate scales which are now in effect, and because of other similar reasons. While the class-rate scales within central and New England territories have been fixed by the Commission and are not subject to the same criticism the order of investigation has been made broad enough to cover these class rates, so that it may be possible to make such adjustments in them as may prove desirable in order that they may be properly linked to whatever class rates are prescribed, as the result of the investigation, in other parts of official territory.

The order covers "inter-State class rates and the charges resulting therefrom." This should not, however, be construed as including classification ratings or rules, exceptions to the classification, or minimum carload weights.

While inter-State rates have not been included within the scope of the investigation, the Commission appreciates the desirability of harmony between the inter-State and the intra-State rates, and will seek the advice and help of the State commissions in carrying on the investigation.

The dates and points at which hearings will be held will later be announced. In the meantime the carriers should complete their plans for

the readjustment of the rates in issue and give full publicity to these plans at as early a date as possible, in order that shippers may be fully advised in advance of the hearings as to the carriers' proposals.

The following is the Commission's order:

It appearing that in many instances inter-State class rates between points in trunk line territory, between points in said territory and points in Central and New England territories, and between points in Central territory and points in New England territory are higher for shorter than for longer distances over the same line or route; that the relationship to first class of the rates on the lower classes varies greatly in many of the different class rate scales or adjustments now in effect in official classification territory, particularly in trunk line territory, and that undue prejudice and preference may exist among persons and localities affected thereby;

It further appearing that all applications filed by carriers to continue the aforesaid inter-State class rates which are higher for shorter than for longer distances over the same line or route, all-rail, or partly by rail and partly by water, have been denied by fourth section order No. 8914, fourth section departures in E. T. L. territory, 89 I. C. C., 470.

It further appearing that a general revision of said inter-State class rates to bring them into conformity with Section 4 of the Inter-State Commerce Act is necessary, that representatives of interested shippers and carriers serving said territories have joined in a request for an investigation of said rates by this Commission;

It further appearing that there is a more or less close relationship between said rates and the remaining class rates between points in official classification territory, making it difficult to deal effectively with a portion of said rates without having under consideration the remainder; and,

It further appearing that such an investigation would be in the public interest;

It is ordered, That a proceeding of investigation and inquiry be, and it is hereby, instituted by this Commission into and concerning the class rates applicable on inter-State commerce all rail, and or partly by rail and partly by water, between points in official classification territory, including the charges resulting therefrom, with a view to determining whether said rate and charges are unreasonable, or are unduly prejudicial to or unduly preferential of particular localities, persons, or descriptions of traffic, or are otherwise unlawful, and to making such findings and order or orders as may be proper in the premises.

The order names 538 inter-State rail and water carriers, embracing all the principal lines of New England, the East and the Central section of the country, including the New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania, Grand Trunk, Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, Central of New Jersey, Illinois Central, Norfolk & Western and New Haven lines.

Telegraphers on Six Railroads Get Wages Increase.

Increases aggregating \$8,422 monthly, effective immediately, were granted on July 15 to 1,921 telegraph service employes of six railroads by the United States Railroad Labor Board, according to dispatches from Chicago to the daily papers. The roads affected included the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, 3 cents an hour; Delaware & Hudson, 1 cent an hour, and the New York Ontario & Western RR., 4 cents.

Brotherhoods Suit Against Pennsylvania Railroad for Back Pay Dismissed—Decision that Railroad Labor Board's Decree Are Not Enforceable Is Upheld.

One of the most important decisions with respect to a railroad labor question that has been handed down in many months was given by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on July 14 at Philadelphia, when the court dismissed equity suits brought by System Federation 90 of the Federated Shopcrafts and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks against the Pennsylvania RR. for enforcement of wage increase and working condition decisions of the United States Railroad Labor Board, the suits being dismissed on the ground that the Federal courts have no jurisdiction in such matters. Judge Victor B. Woolley wrote the Circuit Court opinion, which also exonerates the Pennsylvania RR. and its officers, including President Rea, of the charge of criminal conspiracy. An appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States is contemplated, it is said, by the System Federation No. 90, said to represent 60,000 shopcraft employes, and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

The suit of the Shop Crafts Federation was for a claim of \$15,000,000 back pay which, it asserted, was due under a decision of the Railroad Labor Board. The amount was said to be based on the difference between the scale fixed in the national agreement made by the Railroad Administration during the war and the scale paid by the company after the railroads were returned to private ownership. The Appellate Court's action confirmed that of Judge Dickinson, who dismissed the suits in the Federal District Court several months ago on the ground that the courts had no jurisdiction to enforce decisions of the Railroad Labor Board.

Contending that they were not seeking enforcement of the Railroad Labor Board's decision, the organizations asserted they were basing their action on a charge that the company and its officers were in a conspiracy to deprive them of their "civil and statutory rights" as defined in the Transportation Act. The practical effect of the decision favorable to the employes' organizations, however, would be to declare the

Labor Board's decree enforceable, the court's opinion stated. "This is an instance where the machinery which the Congress set up did not work through to final decision, and resulted in no punishment except that of public opinion directed against the company," the opinion read, referring to the announcement by the Labor Board that the company had refused to obey its rulings, which were favorable to the employes.

Nominations for Officers and Directors of Investment Bankers Association of America.

John W. Prentiss, President of the Investment Bankers Association of America, on his return from his summer home "Blighty" at Gloucester, Mass., where a meeting of the Board of Governors of the association has just been concluded, announced on July 17 the official nominations for officers and directors of the association for 1925. The nomination of Thomas N. Dysart of the William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis as the new President to succeed Colonel Prentiss has already been announced. The new officers and directors will be inducted into office at the annual convention of the association to be held in September at Cleveland. Two New York bankers have been added to the Board of Governors of the association, according to the announcement of Colonel Prentiss. They are George Whitney, member of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Pierpont V. Davis, Vice-President of the National City Co. The other nominations follow:

Vice-Presidents: Barrett Wendell Jr., of Lee, Higginson & Co., Chicago, Frederick W. Remick, of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston, formerly a member of the board, J. A. Fraser, of the Dominion Securities Corporation, Toronto, Ray Morris, of Brown Brothers & Co., New York, and Eugene E. Thompson, of Crane, Parris & Co., Washington.

Secretary, Frederick R. Fenton of Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Chicago.

Treasurer, John G. Brogden, of Souther, Brogden & Co., Baltimore.

Board of Governors for 1925: Sigmund Stern, of Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City, who succeeds Mr. Morris, Piny Jewell, of Coffin & Burr, Inc., Boston, who succeeds Mr. Remick.

Board of Governors for 1927: George Whitney, of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, Henry R. Hayes, of Stone & Webster, Inc., New York, H. C. Olcott, of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Pierpont V. Davis, of the National City Co., New York, Max O. Whitine, of Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston, Hugh W. Grove, of the First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, Edgar Friedlander, of Cincinnati, Walter S. Brewster, of Russell, Brewster & Co., Chicago.

Annual Convention of National Association of Mutual Savings Banks—Warren S. Stone Urges Committee of Railroad Workers and Savings Bankers to Pass on Railroad Securities.

At the recent annual convention of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, held at the Hotel Commodore, this city, Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, advocated, according to the New York "Commercial," the formation of a committee composed of railroad workers and savings bankers for the purpose of passing upon railroad securities and through the combination of practical railroad experience to that of banking, placing the stamp of approval upon those securities of railroads which are known to be operated efficiently. Through such a plan, he declared, the railroads will have no difficulty in raising the large sums of capital which they require. Mr. Stone was quoted in the "Commercial" as saying:

The railroad brotherhoods have frequently been accused of favoring Government ownership. They have no illusions of any elysium in that direction. But to many that has seemed the only possible weapon against a financial control which could envision the real problems of labor only as so many figures on a balance sheet. The brotherhood have no quarrel with private ownership, if such ownership can be administered with a genuine trusteeship of the rights of the public, labor and the investor.

Labor Investments Large.

There is a further reason why labor and the savings bank investor should fall into step on the railroad problem, because labor to-day is investing its savings on a very large scale. Throughout the United States there have sprung up in the past three years more than 30 labor banks, with an equal number in process of organization. The resources of these institutions have grown in that time until they approach \$100,000,000. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers owns and operates 10 of these banks.

From the New York "Herald-Tribune" it is learned that abandonment by the Treasury Department of its policy of selling to the public 4½% savings certificates and the substitution therefor of the sale of 4% savings certificates to the savings banks was urged by John M. Wadhams, President of the association. The present method, he said, comes into competition with the banks. The following is taken from the paper just quoted:

Mr. Wadhams said that mutual savings banks controlled more than \$7,000,000,000 deposits, 500,000 savings banks accounts, amounting to more than \$500,000,000, having been opened in the last year. Savings banks, he said, could exert a tremendous influence by adopting a uniform policy, since they constituted one of the principal sources of capital supply in the country.

"Half of the sum," said Mr. Wadhams, "goes largely to finance building and construction. The other half goes into securities, and we can see that this development is along the most desirable lines."

At the annual dinner of the association on June 6 Dwight W. Morrow, of J. P. Morgan & Co., was the chief speaker. According to the "Herald-Tribune," he referred to the troubled political and economic conditions of Europe, and told the bankers it was their work and that of their clients that would eventually put war and its effects further and further into the background and bring about a rehabilitation, and said:

It is the savings of the common people, their sacrifices of doing without something that their children may have a better start in life than they had, that is to save the situation. It is the savings of the millions of depositors of the mutual savings banks that are replacing wasted capital just as it was the savings of the peasants of France after the Franco-Prussian war that helped to finance the railroad development of the American West. It has been the same after all great wars, this simple, prosaic creed of saving, and it is the honest and judicious handling of this trust that is the duty of the officers of the mutual savings banks.

James M. Wilcox, President of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, was elected President of the Association; Edward A. Richards, President of the East New York Savings Bank of Brooklyn, was elected Vice-President of the Association; Milton W. Harrison, trustee of the Bowery Savings Bank, was elected Executive Vice-President, and H. P. Gifford, Treasurer of the Five Cent Savings Bank of Salem, Mass., was elected Treasurer of the association.

Annual Meeting of Group IV of Savings Bank Association of State of New York.

At the annual meeting on June 20 of Group IV of the Savings Bank Association of the State of New York, comprising 42 savings banks in Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester counties, Frederick C. Mills, President of the Union Square Savings Bank, was re-elected Chairman and George B. Dunning, Vice-President of the Irving Savings Bank, was re-elected Secretary of the group. The meeting was held at the Hotel Astor, this city.

American Institute to Hold Exposition of Inventions.

Manufacturers in every American industry will be interested in the Exposition of Inventions to be held Dec. 8 to 13, inclusive, 1924, in the Engineering Societies Building, New York City. The American Institute of the City of New York is handling this display through its Inventors' Section, with behind it an experience of 96 years in fostering and portraying American industrial life. The announcement made by the Exposition Committee says:

A feature of the exposition will be exhibits from the leading American industries showing developments of various machines, utilities and processing methods. In all fields the ingenuity of the inventor and the part he has played in the progress of America will be emphasized.

In this display of American inventions the American Institute will be continuing with a new emphasis almost a century's encouragement of inventors and introduction of their works to the public. Among inventions now used throughout the world that were first displayed to the public at earlier all-American fairs of the Institute are the Morse telegraph, the Hoe lightning printing press, the McCormick reaper, the Howe sewing machine, the Bell telephone, the Colt revolver, the Francis metallic lifeboat, and many others.

The American Institute also established the first permanent exhibit—an idea later adopted in various industries—where "machines, models, specimens and drawings" were displayed to the public. Great annual fairs of the Institute, begun in 1828 and held at such widely known places in their times as Niblo's Garden, Castle Garden, Crystal Palace, Palace Garden, the Academy of Music and Madison Square Garden, in New York City, portrayed year after year the advancements in agriculture, commerce, manufactures, science and the arts until, with the expansion of the country's business in the last quarter century, the idea developed into the more famous world fairs and national and international industrial expositions under various auspices and managements.

Arrangements for the display of working models or actual devices at the Exposition of Inventions can be arranged through a committee of the American Institute at 47 West 34th Street, New York City. All proposed displays are subject to approval by the Institute, it being the desire to show only those things of sound worth.

Second Regional Conference of Trust Companies to Be Held in October at Salt Lake City.

Announcement was made this week by the American Bankers Association that the Second Regional Trust Company Conference of trust companies and banks performing trust services in the eleven Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States, would be held at Salt Lake City on Oct. 7 and 8. The regional conference, affording a connecting link between the national association and the State units in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona and New Mexico, was inaugurated last year at San Francisco, and the results obtained were considered so profitable that it has been decided to hold an annual regional meeting in this district as a means of interchange in advanced fiduciary thought. More than one-half

billion dollars in property, it is said, is already entrusted to banks performing trust functions within the area embraced by the coming conference, and this amount is increasing at the rate of about \$100,000,000 annually. Approximately ten topical discussions and two demonstrations will constitute the program, which will be novel in that there will be no set speeches. The conference will be held under the auspices of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association.

Banking Law Journal Digest.

The Banking Law Journal Co., 71 Murray St., New York City, has brought out a new revised third edition (1924) of the "Banking Law Journal Digest." This new edition contains the digests of some 7,000 court decisions affecting banking and negotiable paper that have been published in the "Banking Law Journal" from the time of its foundation in 1889 down to 1924. The digests are grouped under 150 main headings alphabetically arranged. The book is bound in flexible fabricoid and contains 550 pages.

Baltimore Convention of American Institute of Banking.

Approximately 250 members of the American Institute of Banking left this city last Monday, July 14, via an all Pullman special train from Pennsylvania Station at 7:10 Eastern standard time, over the Pennsylvania RR., to attend the annual convention of the institute held in Baltimore July 15, 16, 17 and 18. Besides New York Chapter delegates, there were delegations from Albany and other up-State cities, also from Boston, Providence and New Haven; and stops were made enroute to pick up members of the institute located in Newark, Passaic, Elizabeth and Philadelphia. The convention closed yesterday and to-day, Saturday, July 19th., the delegates are invited to Washington to be the guests of Washington Chapter of the institute. Many of the members will return from Washington on the 1 a. m. train Sunday morning, July 20th, over the Pennsylvania RR., a number of special cars being operated for their use. It is also the intention of New York Chapter to invite all delegates who are returning by way of New York to stop over and be entertained on Monday, July 21st, the plan being to have the delegates assemble at the chapter rooms and be taken by sightseeing buses around the city and to Coney Island in the evening.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The Colonial Bank of New York will open a branch at the southeast corner of Dyckman Street and Sherman Avenue. The property which the bank has purchased there consists of a two-story building; that part in which the branch will have its quarters will be remodeled. The banking office will include the space now occupied by two stores facing Dyckman Street and three others on Sherman Avenue adjoining. The branch will be opened in approximately two months.

Morton Wollman of the New York Stock Exchange firm of W. J. Wollman & Co., died on July 11 at his home in this city. Mr. Wollman was a member of a pioneer family of Kansas and for many years was identified with the banking and brokerage house which he helped organize in New York. Prior to coming to New York he was successful in the mercantile business in Kansas City.

The Central National Bank of New Rochelle, N. Y., for which a charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency on June 4, began business on July 1. It has a capital of \$100,000 and the stock (par \$100) was disposed of at \$125 a share, thereby establishing a surplus account of \$25,000. The officers of the bank are: George F. Mueller, President; Robert R. Rennie, Vice-President and J. O. Blinn, Jr., Cashier.

The Bronxville Trust Co. is the name of a new trust company which is being formed in Bronxville, Westchester County, with a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of \$100,000. The incorporators include Charles S. Andrews Jr., Paul Appenzellar of Swartwout & Appenzellar; Ellis W. Gladwin, of the Home Life Insurance Co.; Rolland J. Hamilton, counselor-at-law; William Lloyd Kitchel, of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; Arthur W. Lawrence, President of the Lawrence Investing Co., of Bronxville; Dudley B. Lawrence, Vice-President of the

Lawrence Park Realty Co., of Bronxville; Frederick Roy Martin, journalist; Ferris J. Meigs, President of the Santa Clara Lumber Co.; T. Channing Moore, Assemblyman, the International Time Recording Co.; Eugene H. Rosenquest, President of the Bronx Gas & Electric Co.; George N. Schmeidel, contractor, of Tuckahoe; J. Crawford Stevens, President of the Westchester Title & Trust Co., of White Plains; Gardner W. Taylor, Vice-President of the R. T. Jones Lumber Co.; Stevenson E. Ward, President of the National Bank of Commerce. The trust company is expected to start operations about October. The price at which the stock is being disposed of is \$200 per share of \$100.

The First National Bank of Bellmore, L. I., which closed its doors on May 8 last, upon discovery that approximately \$50,000 of its funds had been embezzled by its Cashier, Charles M. Vanderroof, will reopen for business next week, according to an announcement made on Thursday (July 17) by John J. Bedell, the bank's President. Mr. Bedell said that a Federal examiner would remain with the institution and act as Cashier until such time as a new man is chosen to fill the vacancy. Vanderroof, who confessed his guilt, is now serving a sentence of seven and a half years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta. Reference to the affairs of this bank was made in these columns in the "Chronicle" of May 10 and May 17 1924.

J. Harry Boardman, Cashier and a director of the Old Lowell National Bank, Lowell, Mass., was arrested on July 14 for the alleged misappropriation of upwards of \$70,600 of the institution's funds, following the completion of an examination of the bank's books by Federal examiners in the regular course of their duties. The accused—who according to a special dispatch from Lowell on July 14 to the Boston "Herald," was arrested and arraigned before United States Commissioner R. B. Walsh in his own (the Cashier's) home in order to obtain absolute secrecy and thus prevent a "run" on the institution—pleaded "not guilty," waived examination, and was held, pending the action of the Federal Grand Jury in September. His bond was fixed at \$25,000, which was furnished by his wife. The dispatch also stated that the Federal officials were investigating a series of alleged forgeries in connection with the case.

The investigators said that they discovered that certain notes of a very well-known depositor were forged to the admitted total of \$70,600. And it was stated on authority believed to be reliable that the alleged shortage in the accounts may total \$150,000, and possibly exceed that sum.

Still further the dispatch stated that in order to be prepared for any eventualities the officers of the bank had called upon the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for \$1,500,000 in cash, which was received before the arrest of Mr. Boardman was made public, but that this precaution was unnecessary. The bank's President, John L. Robertson, on the afternoon of July 14 issued the following statement with regard to the institution's condition:

This bank is protected by a bond, and, besides, we have a surplus of a quarter of a million dollars. It doesn't affect the bank in the least and there is no occasion for any worry as to its solvency. Our assets are intact and in good shape. We are perfectly safe and solid.

Walter W. Cleworth, for many years Assistant Cashier of the bank, has been appointed Cashier to succeed Mr. Boardman.

The stockholders of the West Philadelphia Bank approved on July 10 the sale of its assets to the newly-created Bank & Trust Co. of West Philadelphia, which represents the entry of the institution to the ranks of the trust companies. The company assumed its new charter on July 12; it has a capital of \$250,000 and a surplus of \$135,000. J. Milton Lutz is President; Harry J. Rittenhouse, Vice-President; E. Raymond Scott, Vice-President and Treasurer, and C. E. Mayo, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary. The stock is in shares of \$50 each.

C. Harry Johnson has been elected a director of the Tenth National Bank of Philadelphia. He succeeds the late John K. Petty.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Old Town National Bank of Baltimore will be held on Aug. 12 for the purpose of approving an increase in the capital stock of the bank from \$500,000 to \$800,000.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Toledo on July 9 Ammi F. Mitchell was elected a Vice-President of the institution and assumed his new duties on the following day. Mr. Mitchell has long been

identified with the financial affairs of Toledo. In May last he resigned as a Vice-President of the enlarged Toledo Trust Co. shortly after that institution had absorbed the Northern National Bank, in which he had held a Vice-Presidency. The semi-annual report of the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co. presented at the monthly meeting showed deposits of \$32,769,721, an increase of about \$4,000,000, it is said, for the fiscal year. A new branch of the institution, its ninth, will be opened, it is understood, in Collingwood Avenue, south of Delaware Avenue, about Sept. 15 next.

The banks in some of the outlying districts of Chicago have announced a change in their banking hours, which among other things it is contended will

- Mean better working hours for employees.
- Help to facilitate their work.
- Render better service to patrons.
- Will give patrons an opportunity to transact business every third evening.

The new hours in the case of banks on West 26th Street and West 22d Street from Western Avenue west to the city limits, effective June 26, are as follows:

Monday and Thursday	9 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Saturday	9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Banks observing these hours are Adams State Bank, Lawndale National Bank, Lawndale State Bank and 26th Street State Bank. The Cicero and Berwyn banks make the following announcement:

Saturday afternoon being a legal half holiday in the State of Illinois and since labor everywhere, organized and unorganized, observes Saturday as a half working day, the following banks in Cicero and Berwyn, following a similar movement in Chicago, and being mindful of the health and welfare of their employees, shall be open for business beginning July 15 1924 Saturday 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. (not open afternoons and evenings) and in order to extend the same convenient hours to the public as in the past, shall remain open for business two evenings each week: Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a. m. to 8.30 p. m.; other days, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

- BAKER STATE BANK, Cicero.
- CICERO STATE BANK, Cicero.
- CICERO TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, Cicero.
- FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Cicero.
- FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Berwyn.
- PINKERT STATE BANK, Cicero.
- 12th STREET STATE BANK, Berwyn.
- 22d STREET STATE BANK, Berwyn.
- WESTERN STATE BANK, Cicero.

Henry F. Tykall, Cashier of the Western State Bank of Cicero, in making known the changed hours says:

We feel that this movement is of particular interest to the readers of your magazine and is a change that is being contemplated in other outlying districts. It has met with much favor by the many thousands of customers of these fourteen banks, whose resources amount to over \$35,000,000. In addition to the reasons given in the attached circular, there are many other reasons from the banker's standpoint why banks should not be open Saturday afternoon and evening and it is expected that other banks will follow this movement when they realize its many advantages.

It may be observed that the evening and Saturday afternoon banking hours while new to this particular section, have already been in force in the case of some banks in New York and other cities.

Frank E. Loomis was elected Cashier of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago on July 3 to fill the vacancy due to the death of Joseph I. Cooper last May. Mr. Loomis began as a messenger with the Merchants Loan & Trust Co. in July 1890 and had served as Chief Clerk, Auditor and Assistant Cashier, which position he held at the time of the consolidation of the Merchants Loan with the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank resulting in the creation of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. The consolidation of the Corn Exchange National Bank with the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. will shortly be consummated, this marking the final step in the uniting of three of Chicago's oldest financial institutions. The combined organization will be known as the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. The Illinois Merchants Bank Building, the third largest structure in the world, is nearing completion and the main banking room on the second floor, extending from Clark to LaSalle Street, was opened to the public last week.

Official announcement of the permanent closing of the Republic National Bank of St. Louis by order of its board of directors was made on July 14. On the same day the currency and assets of the institution were transferred to the American Trust Co. of St. Louis, with which company arrangements have been made to handle the affairs of the bank while in process of liquidation. Full payment of all deposits has been guaranteed by the member banks of the St. Louis Clearing House Association, but the loss to the stockholders may reach \$750,000, it is said. According to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of July 15, since shortly after the bank was organized in 1921 by William Sacks (who acquired considerable capital in the oil business) it has been

in various difficulties which it weathered until the gradual shrinkage of its deposits placed it in a position where its earnings were insufficient to justify its continuance in business. The bank's capital was \$1,000,000. In its last statement, issued at the close of business March 31 1924, deposits were shown as \$1,813,694 and total resources as \$4,090,972. As a last resort to save the institution an attempt was made in June to convert the institution into a trust company with capital of \$600,000 and surplus of \$400,000, but the charter was not granted. This proposed reorganization of the bank was referred to in the "Chronicle" of June 21, page 3046. J. A. Lewis, the President of the defunct Republic National Bank, was reported in the "Globe-Democrat" as saying that he had made no definite plans for the future but hoped to get away for a month's rest, as he has been under a heavy strain since he took charge of the institution in March 1922.

The respective stockholders of the Kaspar State Bank of Chicago and the American State Bank of that city met on July 15 and ratified a proposed consolidation of the institutions, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of July 16. The resulting bank will be known as the Kaspar American State Bank and will have a combined capital and surplus of \$2,000,000 and total resources of approximately \$20,000,000. At a meeting of the directors which followed the approval of the merger, Otto Kaspar was elected President of the new bank; Charles Krupka and John A. Cervenka, Vice-Presidents.

We learn from the Farmers National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., that the deposits in the banks of that city have increased something like $4\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars between the calls of March 31 and June 30. The bank also says:

Oklahoma is now harvesting and marketing the largest and best wheat crop in its history—50,000,000 bushels. A large yield and fine quality. Bankers are looking for an upward trend in business. Cotton and other crops are also better than usual, although the weather for the past two weeks has remained cool, which is not the best for cotton, but good for the grain harvesters.

The bank recently opened its new building, architecturally beautiful and modern in conveniences.

The New Orleans Clearing House Association announces that at the meeting of the association on July 9, J. H. Peterson, Examiner of the association, was elected Manager and Examiner to succeed the late Charles A. Morgan. Mr. Peterson is a native of Alabama. His first employment was with the First National Bank of Opelika, where he remained for ten years, after which he became Chief Clerk of the Third National Bank of Atlanta. In 1914 he was elected Assistant Examiner of the New Orleans Clearing House Association. In 1920 Mr. Peterson was elected Examiner to succeed J. R. Stevens, who had resigned to accept the Vice-Presidency of the Canal-Commercial Trust & Savings Bank.

The Royal Bank of Canada is continuing to place before the prospective immigrant the future that Canada holds out to those who have the ability and energy to carve out a home for themselves in a new land. The bank's present effort follows its former one, being the publication and distribution of an elaborate brochure entitled "Canada of the Future"; as to the previous booklet, "Canada the Land of Opportunity," the President of the bank, in referring to its issue in his address at the annual meeting last January stated that over 100,000 copies had already been distributed. The present book, which has been written by Graham F. Towers, Superintendent of the Foreign Trade Department of the bank, contains 72 pages replete with information of a nature that will be of use to intending settlers or those firms which contemplate opening branch factories or places of business in the Dominion. The table of contents includes such subjects as:

The Wheat Situation; Immigration; Foreign Trade; Manufacturing; New Industries; The Forest Industries; Water Power; the Government of Canada; Dominion Finances; Taxation; Banking; Currency and Exchange; The Railways of Canada; Ports and Shipping; Labor; Incorporation of Companies; The Provinces of Canada; The Tariff of Canada; and British Empire Preferential Tariffs.

The last two pages of the book contain an alphabetical index covering the various things touched on in the text. Copies of the booklet may be obtained, on application, at the head office or any of the 670 branches of the Royal Bank of Canada.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has been active and strong during the present week, though price movements have at times been decidedly irregular. The feature of the trading has been

the strength shown by the railroad issues, nearly all of which have made new high records for the year. During the short session on Saturday trading was moderately active, with prices gradually working to higher levels under the leadership of the railroad stocks and the public utility group. Davison Chemical was especially prominent in the first hour, being carried forward several points to $59\frac{3}{4}$. Price movements were again upward on Monday, although considerable irregularity developed during the day. United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry was conspicuous by its advance above par. Nickel Plate also crossed par for the first time. The movement in railroad issues included both high and low price stocks, New York Central leading the former, and Erie common and preferred being the feature of the low priced issues. Chesapeake & Ohio again made a new high record and New Jersey Central scored an advance of 7 points. In the industrial group Davison Chemical was again the favorite, advancing to $61\frac{7}{8}$, but later dropping back to $59\frac{3}{4}$. Fisher Body was also prominent in the day's transactions, moving briskly forward five points to 185. Trading was active on Tuesday, but price movements continued more or less irregular. Brisk upswings were apparent in some of the individual issues, and a number of new high records were established, though these were offset later in the session by sharp recessions in the oil issues. Railroad shares were the strongest of the day, Baltimore & Ohio selling at a new high for the year, closely followed by Atchison and Norfolk & Western. In the industrial group United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry again went into new high ground at $102\frac{1}{2}$ and American Can recorded a two-point advance to 118 just before the close. Railroad shares were again in the foreground on Wednesday.

The special interest in the railroad issues was due in a measure to persistent talk of consolidations of one kind or another. The local traction stocks were also prominent in the rise. Interborough Rapid Transit advanced more than 6 points to $38\frac{5}{8}$ and recorded a new high for that stock. F. W. Woolworth declined $3\frac{3}{8}$ to 107 and General Electric receded $1\frac{5}{8}$ points to $240\frac{3}{8}$. The market reacted sharply downward in the early part of the session on Thursday, following the publication of the earnings statement of the Republic Iron & Steel Co., which indicated in a measure what might be expected from other large steel companies. The reaction carried many leading issues a point or more below the previous close; but the final hour witnessed a swift recovery with most stocks near the high prices of the day. Railroad issues, especially the low-priced stocks, were in strong demand and industrial shares improved, though price movements in the latter were irregular. The forward movement was resumed as the market opened on Friday. Railroad issues were the feature but the buoyancy extended to nearly every group, new highs being scored by numerous active issues. The refusal of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to grant reductions in railroad rates on grain had a stimulating effect on railroad securities, Great Northern preferred reaching the year's highest level at $65\frac{3}{8}$, Northern Pacific crossing $65\frac{1}{2}$, Rock Island advancing to $35\frac{1}{4}$, and St. Paul preferred moving up more than a point to $27\frac{1}{2}$. Industrial issues were also in demand, American Car & Foundry recording a net gain of $3\frac{1}{2}$ points to 171. The final tone was buoyant.

THE CURB MARKET.

Curb Market trading displayed considerable irregularity this week. There was a broad market for the industrial issues and an upward movement in prices for them, quite a number of new high records being made. Oil stocks, on the other hand, were weak, with heavy losses in several issues, though the close showed a good recovery. Radio and public utility stocks were strong. Amer. Gas & Elec. com. sold up from $74\frac{7}{8}$ to 79 and closed to-day at $78\frac{1}{8}$. Amer. Light & Traction com. was conspicuous for an advance from $131\frac{1}{2}$ to $140\frac{1}{2}$, but reacted to 134, closing to-day at $134\frac{1}{4}$. Commonwealth Power com. dropped from 98 to $94\frac{1}{4}$. Lehigh Power Sec. weakened from $82\frac{3}{4}$ to $79\frac{1}{2}$. Borden Co. com. sold up from $122\frac{3}{8}$ to 130 and ends the week at $129\frac{3}{8}$. Dubilier Condenser & Radio rose from $42\frac{1}{2}$ to 50. Durant Motors moved up from $16\frac{3}{4}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$, reacting finally to 22. Glen Alden Coal improved from $97\frac{1}{8}$ to $99\frac{1}{2}$. Hazeltine Corp. advanced from 22 to $24\frac{1}{4}$. Hudson Cos. pref. rose from $37\frac{7}{8}$ to $40\frac{1}{4}$ and Hudson & Manhattan from 21 to $23\frac{7}{8}$, the latter closing to-day at $23\frac{3}{8}$. Nat. Tea sold up from $221\frac{1}{4}$ to 245, reacted to 230 and closed to-day at 232.

United Bakers com. advanced from 71 1/2 to 81, the close to-day being at 79 1/4. In oil shares Prairie Oil & Gas dropped from 208 1/2 to 194 1/2, recovered to 204 and closed to-day at 201. Buckeye Pipe Line declined from 62 to 59, and sold finally at 60. Ohio Oil sold down from 60 1/2 to 58 1/4, closing to-day at 59. Prairie Pipe Line from 103, eased off to 101 1/2 and recovered finally to 104. South Penn Oil lost over five points to 118 and sold finally at 123. Standard Oil (Indiana) declined from 56 1/8 to 54 1/4 and recovered to 55 3/8. Standard Oil (Ky.) after loss of two points to 106 1/2, sold up to 111. Standard Oil (Neb.) was off from 232 to 224 and closed to-day at 228. Standard Oil of N. Y. receded from 39 3/8 to 38 and finished to-day at 38 1/4. Standard Oil (Ohio), after early advance from 284 to 286 1/4, broke to 276; the final transaction to-day being at 281. Vacuum Oil fell from 62 3/8 to 60 3/4 and ends the week at 61 1/2.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Frank G. Brown was reported sold this week to Sidney J. White of New Orleans for a consideration of \$30,500. The last previous transaction was at \$29,900.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of July 2 1924:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 25th ult. amounted to £126,437,570, as compared with £126,406,390 on the previous Wednesday. There has been practically no demand on Indian account for the substantial supplies of gold available this week. The Southern Rhodesian gold output for May 1924 was 53,816 ounces, as compared with 54,865 ounces for April 1924 and 54,737 ounces for May 1923.

In the "Review of Economic Statistics" issued by the Harvard Economic Service of Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A., Mr. Joseph Kitchen estimates that the yield of the Transvaal in 1924 will be £40,000,000 to £41,000,000, and that it will fall to £29,000,000 by 1930, mainly in the later years. He estimates that the output of the rest of the world will be £36,000,000, or £37,000,000 for 1924, rising to £45,000,000 in 1930, so that his forecast is that the world total will be about £77,000,000 in 1924 and each of the succeeding three years, and that it will then decline to, say, £74,000,000 in 1930. The actual figures are expected to vary from these estimates by anything up to 5%, and the total production for the five years 1921-1925 is estimated at £360,000,000.

SILVER.

The market continues quiet and therefore easily swayed by the amount of buying or selling on balance. Any tendency, however, to advance very far is checked by a disposition on the part of speculators to sell with some freedom. On the other hand, China has not been such a source of weakness during the last day or so, as it had been during the previous fortnight, neither is America at the moment a free seller. The Indian Bazaars have done very little in this market, and do not appear at all active. On the 27th ult., for the first time since June 16 1922, the cash price was fixed at a discount compared with the two months' quotation.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: In Lacs of Rupees, June 7, June 15, June 22. Rows include Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, Gold coin and bullion in India, Securities (Indian Government), and Bills of exchange.

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending June 22. The stock in Shanghai on the 28th ult. consisted of about 39,500,000 ounces in sycee, 41,000,000 dollars, and 1,930 silver bars, as compared with about 38,100,000 ounces in sycee, 41,500,000 dollars, and 2,080 silver bars on the 21st ult.

Statistics for the month of June are appended:

Table with columns: Quotations, Cash, 2 Mos., Bar Gold per Oz. Fine. Rows include Highest price, Lowest price, Average price, and dates from June 26 to July 2.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1-16d. and 1/2d. 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:

Table with columns: London, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include Week ending Jul 18, Silver per oz., Gold, Consols, British 5% per cents, French Rentes, and French War Loan.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.); Foreign. Rows include values for 67 1/4, 67 1/2, 67 3/4, 67 1/2, 67 1/4, 67.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

The market for sterling ruled quiet but steady and appreciably higher. In the Continental exchanges also the trend was upward and francs showed good gains. The rest of the list was in neglect and practically unchanged.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 34 1-16@ 4 34 11-16 for sixty days, 4 36 9-16@4 37 3-16 for checks and 4 36 13-16@ 4 37 7-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 36 7-16@4 37 1-16; sixty days, 4 33@4 33 3/4; ninety days, 4 32 15-16@4 33 9-16, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 34 1/4@4 34 3/4; cotton for payment, 4 36 7-16@4 37 1/4, and grain for payment 4 36 7-16@4 37 1/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5.00@ 5.06 for long and 5.05@5.11 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 37.63@37.68 for long and 37.79@37.84 for short.

Exchanges at Paris on London were 85.90; week's range, 84.55 high and 85.90 low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual—60 Days, Checks, Cables. Rows include High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15@25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$7 50 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cdfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Sept. 15 1924, Mar. 15 1925, Mar. 15 1924, Dec. 15 1925, Sept. 15 1924, June 15 1925.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a substantial increase as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by SILVER, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, July 19), 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 14.9% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$8,263,304,138, against \$7,191,150,696 for the same week in 1923. At this centre there is a gain of 26.3%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Table with columns: Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending July 19, 1924, 1923, Per Cent. Rows include New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Kansas City, St. Louis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore, New Orleans, and totals for twelve cities, other cities, and all cities.

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 July 12. For that week there is an increase of 7.5%, the 1924 aggregate of the clearings being \$8,220,746,204 and the 1923 aggregate \$7,646,790,943. Clearings outside of New York City, however, have fallen off and show a decrease of 1.5%. In this city the bank exchanges record a gain of 15.7%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is an improvement of 2.6%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of

15.0%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 0.02%. In the Cleveland Reserve District there is a falling off of 13.3%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 0.3% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 9.5%. In the Richmond Reserve District the totals are larger by 11.9%, in the Atlanta Reserve District by 11.2% and in the Dallas Reserve District by 16.9%. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is a loss of 7.6% and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 3.4%. The Chicago Reserve District has a trifling gain, namely, 0.2%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ending July 12 1924., 1923., Inc. or Dec., 1922., 1921. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) and Grand total.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending June 28., 1924., 1923., Inc. or Dec., 1922., 1921. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve Districts (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth) and various cities within those districts.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending July 12., 1924., 1923., Inc. or Dec., 1922., 1921. Rows include various Reserve Districts (Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh, Twelfth) and cities across multiple states.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending July 10., 1924., 1923., Inc. or Dec., 1922., 1921. Rows include various Reserve Districts (Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.) and cities.

a No longer reported clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ending July 9. d Week ending July 10. e Week ending July 11. * Estimated.

Public Debt of United States—Completed Return Showing Net Debt as of April 30 1924.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States, as officially issued April 30 1924, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparison with the same date in 1923.

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.

Table with columns for April 30 1924 and April 30 1923. Rows include Balance end month by daily statement, Deduct outstanding obligations, Treasury warrants, Maturity interest obligations, Discount accrued on War Savings Certificates, and Total.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

Table with columns for Interest April 30 1924 and April 30 1923. Rows list titles of loans such as 2s, Consols of 1930, 4s, Loan of 1925, 2s of 1916-1936, 2s of 1918-1938, 3s of 1961, 3s, Conversion bonds of 1946-1947, Certificates of Indebtedness, 3 1/2s, First Liberty Loan, 1932-1947, 4s, First Liberty Loan, converted, 4 1/2s, First Liberty Loan, converted, 4 1/2s, First Liberty Loan, second converted, 4s, Second Liberty Loan, 1927-1942, 4 1/2s, Second Liberty Loan, converted, 4 1/2s, Third Liberty Loan of 1928, 4 1/2s, Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938, 4 1/2s, Treasury bonds of 1947-1952, 4 1/2s, Victory Liberty Loan of 1922-1923, 4s, War Savings and Thrift Stamps, 2 1/2s, Postal Savings bonds, and 5 1/2s to 5 3/4s, Treasury notes.

Summary table for interest-bearing debt. Rows include Total debt, Deduct Treasury surplus or add Treasury deficit, and Net debt.

a The total gross debt April 30 1924 on the basis of daily Treasury statements was \$21,614,442,829 25, and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, etc., was \$600,327 01. b No deduction is made on account of obligations of foreign Governments or other investments. c Includes \$67,331,600 Victory 3 1/2% and 4 3/4% called notes.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 352.—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 showing receipts at various ports (Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Sioux City) for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Includes weekly and since Aug. 1 data.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, July 12 1924, follow:

Summary table for total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, July 12 1924, and since Jan. 1 '24.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, July 12 1924, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing Exports from various ports (New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal) for Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, and Peas.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1923 is as below:

Table showing Exports for Week and Since July 1 to various destinations (United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Colonies, Other Countries) for Flour, Wheat, and Corn.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, July 11, and since July 1 1924 and 1923, are shown in the following:

Table showing world's shipment of wheat and corn by week and since July 1 for 1924 and 1923.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday July 12, 1924 was as follows:

Table showing Grain Stocks for United States and Canadian ports for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table listing National Banks and their Capital.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table is divided into sections: Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Miscellaneous (Continued), and Banks. Each entry lists a company name, its percentage, payment date, and book closure details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Contains a list of companies and their financial 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 July 12. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily figures for the separate banks...

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—thats, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Large table with columns: Week Ending July 12 1924, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-tables for Members of Fed. Reserve Bank, State Banks, and Trust Companies.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above are as follows: Average total July 12, \$18,268,000; actual totals July 12, \$14,972,000; July 5, \$21,203,000; June 28, \$21,203,000; June 21, \$21,204,000; June 14, \$17,681,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, average for week July 12, \$329,189,000; July 5, \$354,038,000; June 28, \$331,003,000; June 21, \$325,426,000; June 14, \$327,044,000. Actual totals July 14, \$322,687,000; July 5, \$398,657,000; June 28, \$350,764,000; June 21, \$332,608,000; June 14, \$343,511,000.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$118,033,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$11,640,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$59,479,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$15,769,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$1,316,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$11,860,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$93,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$9,684,000. c Deposits in foreign branches not included. x As of May 22. z As of April 25.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies. Sub-tables for Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. † 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: July 12, \$12,892,170; July 5, \$12,874,380; June 28, \$13,194,420; June 21, \$12,953,030.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 17, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 263, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 16 1924.

Table with columns for dates from July 16 1924 to July 18 1923. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes, Deposits, Total liabilities). Includes sub-sections for Distribution by Maturities and Federal Reserve Notes.

* Includes Victory notes.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 16 1924

Table with columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for each bank.

Table with columns for Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) and Total. Rows include Resources (Total earning assets, Uncollected items, Bank premises, etc.) and Liabilities (Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, etc.).

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 16 1924.

Table showing Federal Reserve Agent accounts at close of business July 16 1924. Columns list agents (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleve., Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. L., Minn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr.) and Total. Rows include Resources (Federal Reserve notes on hand, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Collateral received, etc.) and Liabilities (Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received, Comptroller of the Currency, etc.).

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources, the liabilities of the 748 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Oct. 18 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2639. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 263.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business July 9 1924. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Table showing data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business July 9 1924. Columns list districts (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Mnpls., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) and Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts (Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, etc.), Total loans and discounts, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank, Secured by U. S. Gov't. oblig'ns, All other.

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Table showing data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks. Columns list cities (New York City, City of Chicago, All F. R. Bank Cities, F. R. Branch Cities, Other Selected Cities) and Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts (Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, etc.), Total loans and discounts, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable and rediscounts with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations, All other, Ratio of bills payable & rediscounts with F. R. Bank to total loans and investments, per cent.

* Includes Victory notes.

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 292. The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending July 18, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Includes sections for Railroads, Industrial & Miscel., and various other stock categories.

Table titled STOCKS, Week ending July 18. Columns: Shares, \$ per share, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various industries like Standard Milling, Stand Plate Glass, etc.

Table titled TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY. Columns: Week ending July 18, Stocks, Railroad & Bonds, Municipal & Foreign Bds., Untr'd States Bonds.

Table titled Sales at New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending July 18, Jan. 1 to July 18, 1924, 1923. Rows: Stocks—No. shares, Government bonds, State & foreign bonds, RR. & miscel. bonds.

Table titled DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES. Columns: Week ending July 18 1924, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore. Rows: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Table titled Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Columns: July 12, July 14, July 15, July 16, July 17, July 18. Rows: First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 3 1st 3 3/8s, 13 1st 4 1/8s, 1 2d 4s, 26 2d 4 1/8s.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.—See page 293.

Foreign Exchange.—See page 293.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 292.

Table titled DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET. Columns: Week ending July 18, Stocks (No. Shares), Bonds (Par Value). Rows: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and corresponding stock prices per share. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various stocks with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923' (Lowest, Highest). Includes sub-sections for 'Railroads', 'Industrial & Miscellaneous', and 'Miscellaneous'.

* Bid and asked prices. x Ex-dividend. b Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1924; PER SHARE Range for Preceding Year 1923.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. c Ex 300% in stock. f Ex-rights. z Ex-dividend.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1924; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923. Rows list various stocks like General Electric, International Harvester, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; not sales this day. Ex-dividend. Par value changed from \$100 to \$50 and prices on that basis beginning June 3. Ex-Rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, July 12 to Friday, July 18), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1924, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923. Includes various stock listings like Pacific Mail Steamship, Packard Motor Car, etc.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 18., Interest Period, Price Friday July 18., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sub-sections for Illinois Central (Concluded) and Mahon Coal RR 1st 5s.

* 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 Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since, and various other details. The table is organized into sections for 'BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. c Due March. d Due April. e Due May. f Due June. g Due July. h Due Aug. i Due Oct. p Due Dec. s Option sale.

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Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond, Price, Range, and Date. Includes entries like Nor Ohio Trac & Light 6s, Nor States Pow 25-yr 5s, etc.

Table of Sundry Securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, and other various securities. Includes columns for Bid, Ask, and various security names.

*No price Friday, latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. dDue April. eDue Mar. eDue May. gDue June. hDue July. kDue Aug. oDue Oct. pDue Dec. sOption sale.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. c New stock. / Flat price. k Last sale. n Nominal. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. / Ex-stock dividend. s Sale price. r Canadian quotation.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1 1924

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, prices, and ranges. Includes sub-sections for Railroads and Miscellaneous.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-rights. b Ex-div. and rights. z Ex-dividend. Ex-stock dividend. a Assessment paid. e Price on new basis.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange July 12 to July 18, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel 4s, Atl Gunc & W I S S L 5s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange July 12 to July 18, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Wholesale, pref., Arundel Sand & Gravel, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Balt & Hrisb 1st 5s, Balt Electric 5s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange July 12 to July 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, Amer Elec Pow Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Lehigh Navigation, Lehigh Valley, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, Consol Trac N J 1st 5s, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 12 to July 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Am Wind Glass Mach, Am Wind Glass Co, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange July 12 to July 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Pub Serv, pref., American Shipbuilding, etc.

*No par value.

Table with multiple columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and a second set of columns for another group of stocks.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange July 12 to July 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from July 12 to July 18, inclusive:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Week ending July 18, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Rights—Borden Co., Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, and Other Oil Stocks.

Main table containing financial data for 'Other Oil Stocks', 'Mining Stocks', and 'Bonds'. Includes columns for stock names, prices, and ranges. Includes sub-sections for 'New York City Banks and Trust Companies' and 'New York City Realty and Surety Companies'.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table with columns: ROADS., Latest Gross Earnings., Jan. 1 to Latest Date., and sub-columns for Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year, Current Year, Previous Year.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: Weekly Summaries, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %; Monthly Summaries, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %.

Note.—Grand Rapids & Indiana and Pitts. Chic. & St. Louis included in Pennsylvania RR. Lake Erie & Western included in New York Central. Toledo St. Louis & Western included in New York Chicago & St. Louis. * Estimated.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of July. The table covers 4 roads and shows 4.86% decrease from the same week last year.

Table with columns: Second Week of July, 1924, 1923, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, St. Louis-San Francisco, Total (4 roads), Net decrease (4.86%).

In the following we also complete our summary for the first week of July.

Table with columns: First Week of July, 1924, 1923, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Previously reported (4 roads), Ann Arbor, Duluth South Shore & Atlantic, Georgia & Florida, Great Northern, Mineral Range, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Mobile & Ohio, Nevada-California-Oregon, St. Louis Southwestern, Southern, Western Maryland, Total (15 roads), Net decrease (9.38%).

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Main table for Electric Railway and Public Utility Co's. Columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Adirondack Pow & Lt, Alabama Power Co, Amer Elec Power Co, Am Pr & Lt Co, American Tel & Tel, Am Wat Wks & Elec, Appalachian Pow Co, Arkansas Lt & Power, Asheville Pow & Light, Associated Gas & Elec, Atl Gulf & W I S S L, Aug-Alken Ry & Elec, Bangor Ry & Electric, Barcelona Tr. L & P, Beaver Rouge Electric, Baton Rouge Electric, Beaver Valley Trac., Birmingham L, H & P, Blackstone Val G & E, Boston "L" Railway, Brazilian Tr. Lt & P, Bklyn Heights (Rec), B-M-T System, Bkn Q Co & Sub(Rec), Con I & Bklyn (Rec), Coney Island & Grave, Nassau Electric, South Brooklyn, Brooklyn City Ry, W N Y Rap Tran Corp, Cape Breton El Co, Ltd, Carolina Pow & Light, Central Illinois Lt Co, Cent Miss Vall El Co, Central Power & Lt, Cities Service Co, Citizens Tr Co & Subs, Cleve Painess & East, Colorado Power Co, Columbia Gas & El, Columbus Elec & Pow, Com w'lh Pow Corp, Consumers Power Co, Cumberland Gas & L, Detroit El Co, Duquesne Lt Co Subs, Eastern Mass St Ry, East Penn Elec Co, East Sh G & E Co Sub, East St Louis & Sub, Alton Companies, East Texas Elec Co, Edis Elec Ill of Brock, El Paso Electric Co, Elec Lt & Pow Co of Abington & Rockl'd, Equit Gas Co & Pitts, East W Va Gas Co, Fall River Gas Works, Federal Lt & Trac Co, Ft Worth Pow & Lt, Galv-Houston El Co, Gen G & E Sub Cos, Georgia Lt, Pr & Rys, Georgia Ry & Power, Great West Pow Syst, Havana El Ry, El & P, Haverhill Gas Light, Honolulu Rapid Tran, Houghton Co Electric, Hudson & Manhattan, Hunting's Day & Gas, Idaho Power Co, Indiana Power Co, Interboro Rap Trans, Subway Division, Elevated Division, Kans City Pow & Lt, K'an Gas & Elec Co, Keokuk Electric Co, Keystone Telep Co, Key West Electric, Lake Shore Electric, Long Island Electric, Lowell El & Lt Corp, Manhat Bdge 3c Line, Manht & Queens (Rec), Manila Electric Corp, Market Street Ry, Metropolitan Edison, Milw Elec Ry & Light, Mississippi Pow & Lt, Miss River Power Co, Muncie Ser Co & Subs, Nebraska Power Co, Nevada-Calif Electric

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include New Bed G & Ed Lt, New Eng Power Syst, New Jersey Pow & Lt, Newp News & Hamp Ry, Gas & Elec Co, New York Dock Co, New York Railways, Eighth Avenue, Ninth Avenue, N Y & Queens (Rec), N Y & Harlem, N Y & Long Isl (Rec), Niagara Lockport & Ont Pow Co & Subs, Nor Amer Co & Subs, North Coast Pow Co, North Ohio Elec Corp, North Texas Elec Co, Nor'west Ohio Ry & Elec, Ocean Electric, Pacific Pow & Light, Paducah Electric, Penn Central Light & Power Co & Subs, Pennsylvania Edison, Phila Co and affil corp, Philadelphia Oil Co, Philadelphia & West, Phila Rapid Transit, Pine Bluff Co, Portland Gas & Coke, Portland Elec & Pow, Puget Sound Pr & Lt, Reading Transit & Lt, Republic Ry & Lt Co, Richm Lt & RR (Rec), Rutland Ry, Lt & Pr, Sandusky Gas & Elec, Savannah Elec & Pow, Sayre Electric Co, Second Avenue (Rec), 17th St Incl Plane Co, Sierra Pacific Elec Co, South Cal Edison Co, Sou Canada Pow Co, Sou Ind Gas & Elec, Southern Utilities Co, Southwest'n Pr & Lt, Staten Isl Edis Corp, Steinarv Ry (Rec), Tampa Electric Co, Tennessee Elec Pr Co, Texas Electric Ry, Texas Power & Light, Third Avenue Ry Co, United Electric Ry, United Gas & El Corp, United Lt & Rys & Subs, Utah Ry & Electric, United Power & Light, Utah Securities Corp, Vermont Hydro-Elec, Virginia Ry & Pow Co, Wash Water Pow Co, Western Union, West Penn Co, Winnipeg Electric Ry, York Yadin Riv Pow Co, York Utilities Co

a The Brooklyn City RR. is no longer part of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, the receiver of the Brooklyn Heights RR. Co. having, with the approval of the Court, declined to continue payment of the rental; therefore since Oct. 18 1919 the Brooklyn City RR. has been operated by its owners. b The Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenue RR. companies were formerly leased to the New York Railways Co., but these leases were terminated on July 11 1919, since which date these roads have been operated separately. c Includes York Haven Water & Power Co. d Subsidiary of American Power & Light Co. e Given in pesetas. m Includes West Penn Co. n Includes Palmetto Power & Light Co. o Subsidiary of Southwestern Power & Light Co. p Includes for the first time the earnings of the Columbus Gas & Fuel Co., the Federal Gas & Fuel Co., the Springfield Gas Co. and the Dayton Gas Co. s Earnings for 10 months ending April 30. t On June 15 1923 the New York Consolidated was reorganized under the name of the New York Rapid Transit Corporation. † Earnings for 8 months ending May 31. * Earnings for 12 months. y Earnings for 11 months.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Central Pow & Light, General Gas & Elec Co, Philadelphia Co and affiliated Corp, Southern Utilities Co, Adirondack Pow & Light, Appalachian Power Co, American Water Works & Elec, Binghamton Lt Heat & Power, Interboro Rapid Transit System, Kansas City Pr & Lt

Chartiers Southern Ry.—During the year the company advanced to Chartiers Southern Ry. (capital stock owned one-third by this company, one-third by Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. and one-third by the Baltimore & Ohio RR.) for additions and betterments and other corporate purposes, \$48,908. The total amount of indebtedness of Chartiers Southern Ry. to this company on Dec. 31 1923 was \$669,887.

Monongahela Ry.—The company advanced to Monongahela Ry. for its corporate purposes \$400,000, making total advances to that company on Dec. 31 1923 \$800,000.

Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny Ry.—The company advanced to the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny Ry. for additions and betterments and equipment the sum of \$1,175,126, an equal amount for the same purposes having been advanced by New York Central RR. The total advances charged by the company against Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny Ry. to Dec. 31 1923 amounted to \$13,646,845.

Lake Erie & Eastern RR.—The Lake Erie & Eastern RR. paid during the year its entire indebtedness to the company, amounting to \$650,000.

Mahoning State Line RR.—The company advanced during the year to Mahoning State Line RR. for additions and betterments \$36,919, making the total of advances to Dec. 31 1923 \$356,833.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920. Rows include Miles operated, Tons (revenue) freight, Company's freight, Revenue tons 1 mile, Company freight 1 mile, Bituminous coal, Coke, Ores, Stone, sand, &c., Passengers carried, Passengers one mile, Earns. per ton per mile, Ton load (all), Gross earnings per mile.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1923, 1922, and 1921. Rows include Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, &c., Total operating revenue, Expenses—Maintenance of way & structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General & miscellaneous expenses, Total expenses, P. C. expenses to earnings, Net railway revenue, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revenues, Railway operating income, Equipment rents, net credit, Joint facility rents, net debit.

Table with columns for 1923, 1922, and 1921. Rows include Net railway operating income, Other Income—Add'l comp. & adj. of standard return, Federal control period, Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Dividend income, Income from funded securities, Income from unfunded sec. & accts., Miscellaneous income, Total other income, Gross income, Deductions—Rents for leased roads, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Income transferred to other eos, Other miscellaneous charges, Total deductions, Net income, Dividends, Surplus for year.

Dividends declared, 10% each year; in 1921 6.62% charged to income and 3.38% to profit and loss.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1923 and 1922. Rows include Assets—Road & equip't, Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Notes, Advances, Bonds, Other invest'mts, Deposits in lieu of mtg. prop. sold, Misc. phys. prop., Cash, Loans & bills rec., Traffic bal. rec., Misc. accounts, Accr. int., divs., &c., Oth. curr. assets, Other advances, Unadj'd debits, Special deposits, Agts. & condue., Material & supp., U. S. Govt. assets, Liabilities—Capital stock, Prem. on stock sold, Funded debt., Accts. & wages, Loans & bills pay, Traffic bal. pay, Int. accrued, &c., Divs. declared., Taxes accrued., Int. & divs. mat'd, Miscellaneous., Def. credit items, Deprec. (equip.), U. S. Govt. liab., P. McK. & Y. RR., Acc. dep. eq'p., Unadj. accts., Oper. reserves., Add'ns through income & sur., P. & L. E. RR., Profit and loss.

Western Power Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1923.)

The remarks of President H. P. Wilson, together with the consolidated income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page. The annual report of the Great Western Power Co. of California is also given under "Reports and Documents."—V. 118, p. 2207.

Great Western Power Co. of California.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1923.)

The remarks of President M. Fleishhacker, together with consolidated income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1923, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages. The report of the Western Power Corp. is also given under "Reports and Documents"—V. 118, p.2709.

Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry.

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TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1923, 1922, and 1921. Rows include Miles operated, Number of passengers carried, Passengers carried one mile, Revenue passengers per mile, Tons revenue freight carried, Tons freight carried one mile, Revenue per ton per mile, Ave. train load (revenue) tons, Earnings per pass. train mile, Gross earnings per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1923, 1922, and 1921. Rows include Operating Revenues—Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, &c., Total operating revenues, Operating Expenses—Maintenance of way, &c., Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General expenses, Transportation for investment, Total operating expenses, Net revenue from operations, Taxes, Uncollectible revenues, Hire of equipment, Joint facility rents, Operating income, Non-Operating Income—Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Income from leased rail, Dividend income, Income from funded securities, Income from unfunded secut. & accts., Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deductions—Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Interest on equipment obligations, Interest on unfunded debt, Miscellaneous income charges, Preferred dividends (5%), Common dividends (13%), Add'ns & better'ts charges to income.

Table with columns for 1923, 1922, and 1921. Rows include Bal. carried to credit of profit & loss, The profit and loss as at Dec. 31 1923 shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1922, \$11,230,210; Add credit balance of income for year, \$2,651,961; net miscellaneous credits, \$25,050; total, \$13,907,221. Deduct: property retired, \$109,329; discount on securities, \$77,991; credit balance Dec. 31 1923, \$13,719,900.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1923 and 1922. Rows include Assets—Invest'mt in road, Invest'mt in equip., Impts. on leased railway property, Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Other investments, Cash, Special deposits, Traffic & car serv., Balances receiv., Balance due from agents & condue, Misc. accounts receivable, Material & supp., Int. & divs. receiv., Other curr. assets (incl. U. S. sec.), Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits, Liabilities—Common stock, Preferred stock, Equip. trust oblig., Traffic & car serv. balances payable, Grants in aid of construction, Audited accts and wages payable, Misc. acc'ts pay'le, Int. mat'd unpaid, Divs. mat'd unpaid, Unmat. divs. decl., Unmat. int. acc'r'd, Unmat. rents acc'r., Other curr. liabil., Deferred liabilities, Operating reserves, Accrued deprec'n on equipment, Other unadj. credit, Add'ns to property through income and surplus, Profit & loss, bal.

Total—45,979,285 40,991,730 Total—45,979,285 40,991,730 Note.—Securities of company held by it, unpledged, \$10,000.—V. 118, p. 2947.

The Kansas City Railways Co.

(Report of Reorganization Committee to Bondholders' and Noteholders' Committees.)

The reorganization committee (Melvin A. Traylor, Chairman), in a circular letter to the holders of certificates of deposit for, and non-deposited, 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, dated Chicago, July 14, accompanying a statement of the income account of the receivers for 1923 and a detailed statement of the assets and liabilities as of May 31 1924, says in substance:

The company is operated by the receivers, Fred W. Fleming and Francis M. Wilson, under the direction of Federal Judge Kimbrough Stone.

Summary of Income and Expenses Account for the Entire System, Cal. Years.

Table with columns for 1923, 1922, and 1921. Rows include Number of revenue passengers carried, Total railway operating revenue, Auxiliary operating revenue, Miscell. non-oper. income—joint, Miscell. non-op. income—company, Total income from all sources, Total oper. expenses, incl. taxes.

Gross income—\$1,712,242 \$1,490,526 \$1,370,013 No deduction is made in the above figures for interest charges.

For the first five months of 1924 total income from all sources and gross income both showed small decreases as compared with the same period of 1923. These decreases are probably attributable largely to poor business conditions.

There has been no change in fares: Tickets are selling on a 7-cent basis, token fares on a 7 1/2-cent basis, and cash fares at 8 cents per passenger. Substantial progress has been made in advancing the mortgage foreclosure proceedings. The issues raised by various parties, questioning the validity of the First Mortgage bonds and Collateral Trust notes, were tried before Judge Stone in April and the entire matter is now in the hands of the Court for determination. A decision favorable to the First Mortgage bondholders and Collateral Trust noteholders would permit an early foreclosure and sale. Proceedings for the valuation of the property as a preliminary to reorganization are pending before the Missouri P. S. Commission, and Kansas P. U. Commission.

Reorganization Committee.—Melvin A. Traylor, Chairman; H. L. Stuart, Vice-Chairman; J. K. Newman, J. F. Downing, P. W. Goebel.

Comparative Condensed Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for various financial items like Road & equip., Missouri, Kansas, Sinking fund, etc., with values for May 31 '24, Dec. 31 '22, and May 31 '24, Dec. 31 '22.

Alabama Great Southern RR.

(47th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 13 1923.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing traffic statistics for 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920, including average miles operated, passengers carried, revenue tons, etc.

CORPORATE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing corporate income statement for 1923, 1922, and 1921, including operating revenues, expenses, and income.

Bal. car. to credit of profit & loss... \$1,245,712 \$297,706 \$535,090 x Dividends of 6 1/2% on Preferred and Ordinary stock in 1921 charged to profit and loss.

The profit and loss, Dec. 31 1922, shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1922, \$6,790,438; add credit balance of income for the year 1923, \$1,245,712; discount on securities, \$89,189; net miscellaneous debits, \$20,785; credit balance Dec. 31 1923, \$7,926,176.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Balance sheet for Dec 31, 1923 and 1922, showing assets and liabilities.

Note.—Securities of the company held by it unpledged, \$2,249,710. —V. 118, p. 2302.

New Orleans & Northeastern RR.

(40th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1923.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing traffic statistics for 1923, 1922, and 1921, including passengers carried, revenue tons, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing income account for 1923, 1922, and 1921, including operating revenues and expenses.

Table showing operating income and miscellaneous income for 1923, 1922, and 1921.

The profit and loss account Dec. 31 1923 shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1922, \$4,027,015; add credit balance of income for year 1923, \$655,195; credit resulting from settlement of claim against U. S. Govt., \$80,205; net miscellaneous debits, \$30,184; credit balance Dec. 31 1923, \$4,732,230.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

General balance sheet for Dec 31, 1923 and 1922, showing assets and liabilities.

x Subject to settlement of claim with U. S. Govt.—V. 117, p. 2770, 1771.

Endicott-Johnson Corporation.

(Semi-Annual Report—Six Months Ended July 1 1924.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR SIX MONTHS.

Table showing income account for six months for 1924 and 1923, including net sales and operating income.

a Includes interest charges (less miscellaneous income). x The company on Feb. 15 1923 paid a stock dividend of 20% (\$3,371,370) from initial surplus (see balance sheet).

BALANCE SHEET JULY 1.

Balance sheet for July 1, 1924 and 1923, showing assets and liabilities.

x After deducting 20% stock dividend paid Feb. 15 1923 amounting to \$3,371,370.—V. 118, p. 3203.

balance Dec. 31 1923. \$183,710,362. a After deducting \$8,275,000 in treasury. b After deducting \$10,128,200 in treasury. c Originally \$40,000,000, less retired by sinking fund, \$3,098,000; balance, \$36,902,000.—V. 119, p. 80.

Indian Refining Co., Inc.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1923.)

Pres. J. H. Graham, June 3, wrote in substance:

General.—During the past year the directors, after very careful consideration, determined to concentrate all of the operations of the company at Lawrenceville, Ill., and in December and January the main office was moved from New York. This change has already resulted in a large saving in operating expenses and greater efficiency in other ways. This removal involved certain changes in management and personnel.

Financial.—For the past three years company has been handicapped in its operations by large bank and current debt due to inadequate working capital. In order to correct this condition the directors in September 1923 authorized and sold an issue of \$500,000 bonds of Indian Pipe Line Corp. and in February 1924 an issue of \$1,000,000 Car Trust notes of the Central Refining Co. In addition certain assets of the company not necessary to the future operations were sold. The proceeds of this financing and of the sales of property were used to discharge bank and other indebtedness, for plant improvement and extension and to supply additional working capital.

Refineries.—After careful study and consideration of expert reports a program for improving and adding to the refinery facilities was adopted in July 1923. The program included completion of a modern gasoline cracking plant, central steam and electric generating plant, motorization of all pumps, extension of lubricating oil plant, installation of dephlegmating towers, plant for collection of waste gases, &c.

Under this program, nine cracking units and plant for collecting waste gases are now in satisfactory operation. Other plant and equipment are in course of construction and a large part of the whole program will be in operation in time to reflect upon the business of 1924.

Refinery Operation.—In view of the unsettled condition which has existed in the oil business for some time, due to over-production of both crude and refined products, company in January 1924 adopted the policy of restricting its manufacture of finished products to the requirements of its own distributing organization. This policy has resulted in relatively higher prices and more profitable business.

Sales Equipment.—During the year 1923 83 additional filling stations were erected, which places the company in a much stronger position properly to distribute its own products direct to consumers through its own organization and facilities. It is proposed to extend these facilities during 1924.

Motor Equipment.—Company's motor transport was brought to a high state of efficiency and compares most favorably with that of competing companies. This involved a cash outlay for the year 1923 of \$325,000.

Pipe Line.—Pipe lines of company's subsidiary, Indian Pipe Line Corp., were extended to the fields of western Kentucky, giving the refineries direct connection through its own facilities with these fields.

Crude Supply.—Completion of pipe lines to western Kentucky and the establishment of a through pipe line rate from Mid-Continent fields to Lawrenceville, effective in 1924, place the company for the first time in its history in an independent position on a competitive basis with other refiners, and together with the company's purchases from local producers insures an adequate supply of crude on a competitive basis. This has enabled the company to replace unprofitable contracts which have been a constant source of loss for several years. Company is now receiving 13,000 barrels of crude per day, which can be increased as required.

The usual income account was given in V. 119, p. 80.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (INCL. SUBSID. COS.)

Table with columns for Assets, Liabilities, and Totals for Mar. 31 '24 and Dec. 31 '23. Assets include Refineries, equipment, Cash, etc. Liabilities include 7% Cum. Pref. stk, Common stock, etc.

x Refineries, selling stations, tank cars, pipe lines and equipment, \$16,040,821; less reserve for depreciation, \$5,001,817. y In connection with new issue of Common stock. z Being premium paid on issue of 485,180 shares of Common stock, including Pref. stock converted.—V. 119, p. 80.

Ann Arbor Railroad.

(25th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1923.)

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1923, 1922, 1921, 1920) and rows for Miles operated, Passengers carried, Pass. carried 1 mile, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for Corporate and Combined, and rows for Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Total oper. revenues, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1923 and 1922, and rows for Assets (Inv. in rd. & equip., Misc. phys. prop., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Gov't grants, etc.).

—V. 119, p. 196.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

The following news in brief form touches the high points in the railroad and electric railway world during the week just past, together with a summary of the items of greatest interest which were published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

I.-S. C. Commission Will Investigate Freight Charges in New England and Central Sections.—At request of carriers and of interested shippers rates on rail and water carriers will be under inquiry. The order names 538 interstate rail and water carriers, including all of the principal lines of New England, the East and the Central section of the country, including the New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania, Grand Trunk, Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, Central of New Jersey, Illinois Central, Norfolk & Western and New Haven lines.

Railroad Telegraphers Win Wage Increase.—U. S. RR. Labor Board grants 1,921 telegraph employees on Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Delaware & Hudson, New York Ontario & Western and 3 other roads, pay increases totaling \$8,422 monthly. "Wall St. Journal" July 16, p. 3.

I.-S. C. Commission Refuses Rate Reductions on Grain, Grain Products and Hay.—Reductions in Western railroad rates on grain, grain products and hay, sought by 10 States of the Mississippi and Missouri Valley cereal growing region under the leadership of the State of Kansas, were definitely refused July 17 by the I.-S. C. Commission. The appeal was supported by most of the farm organizations. The Commission decided that the results of an independent investigation which it had conducted into the level of rates on these same products in all sections of the U. S. had demonstrated no need for any changes, and proceedings before it bearing upon both issues were dismissed.

Railroads Will Request Extension of Time for Installation of Automatic Train Control.—Many large railroads will ask the I.-S. C. Commission for an extension of time in which to install their first section of automatic train control, according to a prominent railroad official. He stated that the progress made to date even by those railroads which have placed their contracts was so much slower than anticipated that few if any would have the work completed before the time limit expired on Jan. 1 1925.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service totaled 356,389 on June 30, a decrease of 3,255 under the number reported on June 22, at which time there were 359,644. Surplus coal cars in good repair on June 30 totaled 162,343, a decrease of 4,972 under the number reported on June 22, while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 153,550, an increase of 239. Reports showed 17,912 surplus stock cars, an increase of 220 within approximately a week, while there was also an increase during the same period of 831 in the number of surplus refrigerator cars, which brought the total for that class of equipment to 13,112.

Repair of Locomotives.—Class I railroads on June 15 had 6,911 locomotives in good repair and in storage in readiness for increased traffic, an increase of 250 over the number reported in storage on June 1. At the same time reports showed 11,453 locomotives in need of repair on June 15, or 17.8% of the number on line, an increase of 578 over the number reported on June 1, at which time there were 10,875, or 16.9%. Of the total number, 6,333, or 9.8%, were in need of classified repairs, an increase of 234 over the number in need of such repair on June 1. Locomotives in need of running repairs totaled 5,120, or 8%, on June 15, an increase of 344 compared with the number in need of such repair on June 1. During the first 15 days in June, 24,898 locomotives were repaired and turned out of the shops, compared with 28,361 during the last half of May.

Matters Covered in Chronicle July 12.—(a) RR. gross and net earnings for May, p. 130-133. (b) Loading of revenue freight still small, p. 136. (c) Divisional organization formed by some Southern Ry. employees to work for success of new bonus plan, p. 163. (d) Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. increases wages to conductors, switchmen and brakemen, p. 163. (e) Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. and Seaboard Air Line grant wage increase, p. 163. (f) Settlement of wage dispute on Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh RR., p. 163. (g) Wage increase on Boston & Maine RR., p. 163. (h) Locomotive Engineers' Brotherhood elects new chief, p. 163.

Alamance Ry., Burlington, No. Caro.—Sale.—The entire property will be sold at public auction at the Court House door in Graham, No. Caro., on July 21. J. H. Bridgers, receiver, will conduct the sale.—V. 118, p. 201.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Resignation.—John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President, has resigned as a director of the above company.—V. 119, p. 72.

Alton & Southern RR.—Stock Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission on July 2 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$2,173,800 Common (p. \$100) for the following purposes: To discharge an existing debt carried on open account, \$1,656,788. To complete the construction of 5 minor projects chargeable to investment account, 17,002. To reimburse itself for expenditures heretofore made, 500,000. No contracts, underwritings, or other arrangements have been made or are proposed to be made in connection with this issue other than a general understanding that the Aluminum Co. will accept the entire issue of stock. The company was incorporated in Illinois in Aug. 1913. The entire capital stock is owned by the Aluminum Co. Company has no funded debt.

Augusta-Aiken Ry. & Electric Co.—Notes Extended.—The directors have declared as operative the plan for an extension to Dec. 1 1925 of the 5-Year notes that were due June 1 last. In view of the bondholders' acceptance of the plan, interest on the extended notes will be at the annual rate of 6% instead of 5%, as previously.

Gross profit, after deducting production costs, laboratory expenses, factory operating and after deduction for depreciation	\$672,479
Miscellaneous income	34,623
Total income	\$707,102
Administrative, general, selling, shipping, &c., expenses	143,302
Discounts on sales, interest on notes, idle property expense, inventory adjustments, &c.	71,152
Special amortization sundry book accounts	20,584
Reserve for 1924 Federal income taxes	61,600

Balance, surplus.....\$410,464
 President P. G. Mumford July 16 says: "The directors announce the execution of total requirements contracts with certain customers, including Eastman Kodak Co., E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Egyptian Lacquer Mfg. Co., Maas & Waldstein Co. and Richards & Co., covering a period of years, at prices scaled to the cost to the company of its raw material, which is the principal item of expense in the making of butanol. The directors believe this step to be an important one in stabilizing the company's future and consolidating its interests with those of its customers."
 "The directors have ordered the payment on Aug. 1 of a dividend of \$1 a share on the Class 'A' stock for the quarter ending March 31 1923 to holders of record July 25 1924."

"The business of the company is satisfactory, although it has slowed up to some extent due to general current conditions. New uses for the company's products are constantly being found, which should result in increased demand in due course."—V. 118, p. 2309.

Community Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago; Whitaker & Co., St. Louis; Bauer, Pond & Vivian, Inc., New York, and Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 6½%, \$782,000 1st Mtge. Coll. Sinking Fund 6½% Gold Bonds, Series "C." Dated Oct. 1 1923, due Oct. 1 1933 (see description in V. 117, p. 2546).

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

1st Mtge. Coll. Sink. Fund Gold bonds 7½s, series "A" (Closed)	\$500,000
do 6½s, series "B" (Closed)	925,000
do 6½s, series "C" (Including this issue)	2,500,000
7½ and 7% Serial Short Term notes	585,000
7% Cumulative Preferred stock	x845,000
Common stock	1,450,000

x Includes \$237,500 Preferred stock of the Kansas subsidiary.
Data From Letter of Pres. W. F. Corl, St. Louis, July 1.
 Company.—Through its subsidiaries, serves 55 communities located in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas, the total population of territories served being in excess of 120,000. Furnishes electric light and power in St. Scott, Kan.; Helena and Paragould, Ark.; Mexia, Tex.; Marlin, Tex.; California, Eldon and Versailles, Mo., and 47 other nearby communities. In addition, 38,000 population in two of these communities and Columbia, Mo., is furnished gas service and over 62,000 population is furnished ice service.
 Purpose.—To partially finance acquisition of a group of electric properties in Kansas near Ft. Scott and including Humboldt, Yates Center and Burlington, Kan.; a group of electric properties in Central Missouri, including Eldon, Versailles and California, and substantial plant and transmission line extensions in Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Missouri.
 Franchise.—The franchises in respect of the several properties are satisfactory and in most cases extend beyond maturity of the bonds.

Consolidated Earnings of Company & its Subsidiaries 12 Mos. End. April 30.

Gross earnings	\$1,536,979
Operating expenses & taxes, including Federal taxes	988,417
Net earnings	\$548,562

—V. 117, p. 2546.

(R.) Connor Co. of Wis.—Bonds Sold.—Lacey Securities Corp., Chicago, have sold at prices ranging from 98 and int. to 100.90 and int., to yield from 6% to 6.76%, according to maturity, \$750,000 guaranteed First Mortgage 6½% Serial and Sinking Fund Gold bonds.
 Dated July 1 1924. Due serially semi-annually 1926 to 1936. Legal investment for Wisconsin and Michigan savings banks. Tax exempt in Michigan under existing statutes.

Data from Letter of W. D. Connor, President of the Company.

Company.—The R. Connor Co., founded in 1873, maker of these bonds, with Connor Lumber & Land Co., guarantor, constitutes one of the largest operating ownerships of hardwood timberlands in Wisconsin and northern Michigan. The stock of both companies is all owned by W. D. and R. Connor and immediate families.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage upon 28,000 acres of virgin hardwood timberlands in Gogebic County, Mich., estimated by James D. Lacey & Co. to carry over 308,000,000 ft. of merchantable timber and valued by them at \$2,310,000. The bonds will also be a direct obligation of the R. Connor Co., whose unencumbered net assets amount to over \$2,250,000, of which \$1,040,000 is in timberlands, real estate, buildings, machinery and equipment, and \$530,000 is in cash and liquid assets.

As additional security, the bonds are to be unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement both as to principal and interest by Connor Lumber & Land Co., whose net assets exceed \$2,350,000.

Sinking Fund.—Company shall pay into the sinking fund in advance of cutting the sum of \$4 per 1,000 ft. of timber. The proceeds of this sinking fund are to be paid in cash to the trustee to be held in the sinking fund to retire the bonds next maturing. The balance is to be used for the purchase of additional bonds in the open market or for the redemption of outstanding bonds at the call price of 103 and int. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice.

Earnings.—From a paid-in capitalization of \$100,000 when the R. Connor Co. was incorporated in 1887, the net assets of the two companies have grown to a present conservative value of over \$6,000,000, and in addition, \$735,000 has been paid out in cash dividends. This increase has been from net manufacturing earnings and appreciation in the value of the company's timberlands.

Purpose.—To provide funds for the purchase of additional timberlands in Gogebic County, Mich., adjacent to the company's present holdings, and for the opening up and operation of the same properties.

Connor Lumber & Land Co.—Guaranty.—See R. Connor Co. above.—V. 113, p. 2316.

Conservative Water Co.—Bonds Offered.—Banks, Huntley & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 93¾ and int., to yield about 6½%, \$110,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated July 1 1923. Due July 1 1953. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Callable all or part on any int. date at 105 and int. Interest payable J. & J. at Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., trustee. Exempt from California personal property tax. Normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% will be paid by the company.

Issuance.—Authorized by the California Railroad Commission.

Capitalization

Capital stock	Authorized	Outstand'g.
First Mortgage bonds	\$100,000	\$100,000
10-year notes	250,000	110,000
	40,000	40,000

Company.—Serves the municipality of Watts and several square miles of adjacent territory having a population of approximately 25,000. Company was organized in 1904 and has served its territory continuously and without competition since that time. The water supply is drawn from wells favorably located and having a lift of only about 17 feet. Over a period of many years these wells have shown but slight variation in water level. Company has in excess of 500 inches of water developed, or a capacity of 4,500 gallons per minute. The distributing system is in excellent condition.

Earnings.—Earnings have shown a steady and substantial growth and, with additions and betterments now being installed, they should be materially increased. Net earnings before interest charges for 1921 were \$15,896, for 1922 \$20,025, and for 1923 \$21,608.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is provided commencing July 1 1926 which requires company to purchase in the open market or to call by lot annually at 105, 3% of the maximum bonds issued, which are to be retired and cancelled.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the payment of extensions and betterments, a portion of which have already been made.

Consolidated Telephone Co. of Pa.—Sale.—The Pennsylvania P. S. Commission has opposed the acquisition by the Lehigh Telephone Co. of the Consolidated Telephone Co. and two of the latter company's subsidiaries, the Honesdale Telephone Co. and the Easton Telephone Co., as per reorganization plan in V. 117, p. 1239, 1997.—V. 118, p. 2046.

Consumers Power Co., Michigan.—New Director.—W. H. Barthold, of Hodenpyl, Hardy & Co., has been elected a director to succeed the late J. B. Foote.—V. 118, p. 3202.

Continental Can Co.—Earnings Improve—Outlook.—Pres. Thos. G. Cranwell says in substance: "Our earnings are running slightly ahead of last year. Conditions with the company are very good. Our plants are operating at capacity. We expect our earnings for the year to be in excess of last year. We are now entering our best season of the year and business ought to be good with us for some time. Unseasonable weather affected our business somewhat and we are where we should have been two weeks ago in our plans. But in spite of this our earnings are running ahead."—V. 118, p. 2577.

Continental Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.
(Giving Effect to the Purchase of the Kansas City Power & Light Co.)

<i>Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31—</i>		
	1923.	1922.
Gross revenue	\$12,487,105	\$11,282,205
Oper. exp., taxes, maintenance and interest	6,992,996	6,632,837
Total int. & div. chg. on subs. & other prior deduc.	2,219,121	2,056,803
Int. on Continental 1st Lien Coll. Trust 5s and Refunding Mtge. 6s	438,981	329,874
Interest on Collateral Trust 7s	399,000	399,000
Dividend on \$6,858,300 Prior Preference 7% stock	480,081	506,931
Div. on \$1,751,400 Participating Pref. 6-8% stock	105,084	-----

Balance for deprec. & Common stock dividend. \$1,831,843 \$1,356,758
Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1923.

[After completion of pending financing and acquisition of Preferred and Common stockholdings in Kansas City Power Securities Corp.]

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Stocks and bonds owned	\$26,098,091	x Common stock	\$4,241,400
Notes receivable	35,000	Prior Preference stock	6,858,300
Accounts receivable	1,134,309	Partic. Pref. stock	1,751,400
Deferred debits	1,082,962	1st Lien 5s	4,134,800
Miscellaneous assets	22,398	Refunding 6s	5,276,000
Cash	1,922,902	Collateral Trust 7s	5,700,000
		Notes payable	250,000
		Accounts payable	100,286
		Miscellaneous liabilities	35,000
Total (each side)	\$30,295,663	Surplus	1,948,477

x Represented by 106,035 shares of no par value.—V. 119, p. 202.

Continental Motors Corp.—Shipments—Outlook.—In reviewing the third quarter of the present fiscal year, President R. W. Judson anticipates a business much larger than expected a few weeks ago. He says in part: "May and June shipments from both our Detroit and Muskegon plants were better than our expectations and our July schedules for Detroit show an increase of from 10% to 15% over June. Our Muskegon plant is very busy on increased motor truck schedules and the orders we have received for our new bus motor greatly exceed our capacity. We anticipate considerable activity this fall on the part of the bus manufacturers and our force of over 3,000 employees are so arranging facilities as to be able to take care of the demand."—V. 118, p. 2829.

Cosden & Co. (Del.).—New President, &c.—Following the meeting of the board of directors on July 17 it was announced that the resignation of Joshua S. Cosden, President of the company, had been accepted and that Jacob France, Vice-President and General Counsel of the company, had been elected President. Mr. Cosden, who has been President of the company since its formation, is now retiring owing to his desire to give greater attention to his Venezuelan oil interests. The new executive committee is composed of: Jacob France, President; Robert K. Cassatt, of Cassatt & Co.; Elmore B. Jeffrey, President of Equitable Trust Co., Baltimore; F. R. Russell, Vice-President National Bank of Commerce in New York, and C. I. Stralem, of Hallgarten & Co. Developments are under consideration which will round out the company's organization with a view to placing all departments on a par with its large production and refining capacity.—V. 118, p. 3202.

Crex Carpet Co.—Acquisition.—The company has acquired control of the property of the Potter Carpet Mills, Inc., of Newburgh, N. Y. It is stated that for several seasons past the Crex Co. has sold the product of the Potter Mills, and has been practically in control, the only thing lacking being the final transfer of ownership.—V. 117, p. 1560.

Cudahy Packing Co.—Files Reply in Government Suit.—See Swift & Co. below.—V. 119, p. 79.

Davol Mills, Fall River.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend due at this time. Distributions of 1½% quarterly were previously made. The corporation recently purchased the Tecumseh Mills and increased its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. See V. 118, p. 557, 436.

Defiance (O.) Gas & Electric Co.—Sale.—See Toledo Edison Co. below.—V. 118, p. 2829, 2708.

Detroit Edison Co.—Condensed Income Account.
(Including All Constituent Companies.)

<i>Six Months Ended June 30—</i>		
	1924.	1923.
Gross revenue	\$17,530,805	\$15,907,959
Expenses	12,119,319	11,098,409
Gross corporate income	\$5,411,486	\$4,809,550
Interest charges, &c., deductions	2,063,195	2,127,240
Net income	\$3,348,291	\$2,682,310

—V. 118, p. 3083.

Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc., N. Y.—Employees Acquire Control of the Company.—Earnings.

Sixteen employees have acquired control of the company from their former employers. New officers are: E. S. Phillips, President; E. D. Peck, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; De Lancy Kountze, Treas.; P. Le B. Gardner, Vice-Pres. and director of sales; A. O. Stephan, Vice-Pres. and director of administration; E. S. Blackledge, Vice-Pres. and director of plants; E. B. Prindle, G. H. Phillips and S. R. Harrington, all Vice-Presidents, and A. F. Adams, Secretary.
 The following new directors have been elected to the board: Messrs. Kountze, Gardner, Stephan, Prindle, Blackledge and Adams.
Earnings for Four Months Ended April 30—

Net profits after all charges, except taxes	\$457,999	\$475,180
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—V. 118, p. 3202.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Results for 6 Mos. end. June 30, 1924.
 Number of tons milled, 236,500 (avg. recovery \$8 992 per ton) \$2,126,769
 Operating and general costs (\$4 778 per ton) —\$1,130,004
 Estimate Dominion income tax —56,311

Net income	\$940,454
Miscellaneous earnings	113,368
Total income	\$1,053,822

In the above figures, no allowance is made for depreciation or depletion.—V. 119, p. 202

Dodge Bros. (Automobile Mfrs.)—June Shipments.—The company, it is reported, shipped 20,611 cars in June compared with 20,834 in May and with 18,000 for June a year ago.—V. 118, p. 2955.

East Butte Copper Mining Co.—Closes Smelter—To Shut Down Mine.—

Owing to the loss of the Davis-Daly ore the company has been forced to close its smelter as the production of the Pittsmtont mine is not at the present time sufficiently large to enable the company to operate its smelter excepting at a loss. In addition, owing to the low price of copper, the company cannot operate its mine at a profit and therefore all mining operations at the Pittsmtont mine will be discontinued the latter part of this month, with the exception of a limited amount of development work with a view to opening up new ore bodies and extending some of those already known.

Quick current assets consisting of cash, copper, gold, silver and Liberty bonds as of March 1 1924, over and above current liabilities, were substantially \$1,200,000. It is said, and the management believes it is better to conserve its strong treasury position rather than to deplete same by continuing operations at a loss.—V. 118, p. 2709.

East St. Louis & Interurban Water Co.—Bonds Called. All of the outstanding Granite City, Madison & Venice Water Co. 30-year gold bonds, dated March 1 1901, and all of the outstanding City Water Co. of East St. Louis and Granite City 40-year gold mortgage bonds, dated Jan. 2 1905, have been called for payment Aug. 26 at par and int. at the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., N. Y. City. See also V. 118, p. 3083.

Eastern Brass & Ingot Co., Waterbury, Conn.—By a court ruling the \$100,000 mortgage held by the Central Trust Co. of Illinois is valid. The plant sold at auction recently for \$58,000 and the court orders the trustee to turn over to the bank the proceeds of the plant's real estate, amounting to \$52,500.—V. 115, p. 79.

Eastern New Jersey Power Co.—New Director.—Chester Dale of W. C. Langley & Co. has been elected a director.—V. 119, p. 79.

Egyptian Coal & Mining Co.—Receiver Named.—C. B. Thomas, referee in bankruptcy, East St. Louis, Ill., has been appointed receiver by Judge George W. English of the Federal Court, East St. Louis, on the petition of the bondholders as a result of a suit to foreclose a mortgage on the company's property. The mortgage was entered into Nov. 1 1922 to secure a bond issue by the company amounting to \$250,000.

Electrical Securities Corp.—Bonds Called.—One hundred twenty-one Collateral Trust Sinking Fund 5% bonds of the 9th, 10th and 11th series, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 103 and interest at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York City.—V. 118, p. 3208.

Essex Rubber Co., Trenton, N. J.—Bonds Offered.—Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., New York and Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 100.96 and int. to yield from 6% to 7%, according to maturity, \$400,000 1st Mtge. 7% Serial Gold bonds.

Date July 10 1924. Due annually July 10 1925 to 1934. Int. payable J. & J. at the office of Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee, and First National Bank, Chicago, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Red. in reverse order of maturities at 105 and int. during the first year and at a premium of 3/4 of 1% less each year following. Denom. of \$1,000 and \$500c*.

Data from Letter of Pres. C. H. Oakley, Trenton, July 9.
Company.—Founded by C. H. Oakley and W. F. Bainbridge in April 1907 in Trenton, N. J., for the manufacture of molded mechanical specialties, including principally rubber heels and soles for shoes, plumbing supplies, horseshoe pads, automobile mats and various other similar rubber products. In 1910 the company was incorporated in New Jersey. In 1915 an allied company known as the Vulcan Recovery Co. was organized for the purpose of reclaiming rubber. Upon the completion of the present financing, all of the capital stock of this company will be owned by the Essex Rubber Co. The main product of the company—rubber heels—is sold to various jobbers, dealers and shoe manufacturers throughout the United States and foreign countries, including many of the largest and best known firms.
Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage upon the land, buildings, machinery and fixed equipment of the company, located in Trenton, N. J., and also upon the rubber reclaiming plant of the Vulcan Recovery Co., a subsidiary.
Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of the company and its subsidiary, Vulcan Recovery Co., available for int., deprec. and Fed. taxes have been: Average for the 6 1/4 years ended March 31 1924 —\$213,312
Average for the 3 1/4 years ended March 31 1924 — 337,045
For the three months ended March 31 1924 — 156,600
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the acquisition of additional buildings and fixed equipment, to pay off existing mortgages on the plants and for increasing working capital.

Ewauna Box Co., Klamath Falls, Ore.—Bonds Offered.—Lumbermens Trust Co. Bank, Portland, Ore., are offering at prices ranging from 100 and interest to 101 and interest, according to maturity, \$200,000 First Mtge. 7% Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Dated July 1 1924. Due serially Jan. 1 and July 1 1925 to 1934. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. Interest payable J. & J. in United States gold coin or equivalent to the present standard of weight and fineness, at Lumbermens Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Oregon income tax not exceeding 2% refunded. Callable, all or part, at 102 1/2 if called on or before one year from date of issue, less 1/4 of 1% for each succeeding year thereafter.
Company.—Is engaged in the general lumbering business. Owns and operates its own logging camps, logging railroad, saw-mill and box factory. The major portion of its business is devoted to the manufacture of box shooks.

Earnings.—For the past ten years profits before depreciation and Federal taxes have averaged \$122,397, or 8.7 times the maximum interest requirements on this issue of bonds. For the past 6 1/2 years such profits have averaged \$188,304, or approximately 13 1/2 times the maximum annual interest charges and for the first five months of 1924, \$238,772.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part for such capital expenditures as additions and improvements to plant, approximating \$110,000, to reduce accounts payable and for additional working capital.

Fitchburg (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Authorized. The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 12,343 additional shares of Common stock (par \$50) at \$65 a share. The proceeds are to be used for additions and improvements.—V. 118, p. 2185.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Sales First Half 1924.—Sales reports from 34 American branches of the Ford Motor Co. show that more than 1,000,000 Ford cars and trucks were sold at retail during the first 6 months of 1924. The actual figure is 1,036,978, which exceeds the total retail sales for the same period in 1923 by 133,095, an average gain of 22,182 sales per month. In every instance the monthly sales in 1924 have shown a substantial increase over the corresponding month in 1923. In June they reached 170,747, which was approximately 10,000 ahead of June sales last year. These figures, it is stated, are for retail sales in the United States alone and do not take into consideration the sales made by foreign Ford branches and associated companies, the majority of which assemble cars from American-made parts. The company, it is reported, has acquired a site of 307 acres at Dagenham-on-Thames, where it is proposed to erect a plant with an initial capacity of 500 cars a day.—V. 118, p. 3203.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Shipments.—Actual foreign and domestic shipments for the 11 months Aug. 1 1923—June 30 1924 of the present fiscal year were 74,201 cars and trucks. The

July schedule calls for 6,014, bringing the total for the year to 80,035. Tractor shipments for the 11 months were 3,284, and production in July will probably exceed 200, making a total tractor output for the year about 3,500.—V. 118, p. 2956.

(J. C.) Forkner Fig Gardens, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Alvin H. Frank & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. \$400,000 Serial (Closed) Mtge. 7% Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated June 1 1924. Due serially June 1 1925—1934. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Int. payable J. & D. Callable by lot as a whole or in part at 102 and int. on 30 days' notice. Humboldt Bank, trustee. Free from personal property tax in California. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

These bonds are secured by a mortgage on 1,693 acres of land adjacent to the north city limits of the City of Fresno and by sales contracts on this land deposited with the trustee carrying balances still due in the amount of \$481,729, the buyers having a paid-in equity of \$363,236. There are 92 purchasers of this property and 18 families already living on this suburban subdivision. An appraised value of \$941,724 has been given the property.

To establish self-liquidation of this bond issue contracts deposited with the trustee mature as follows: \$66,569 in 1925, \$66,982 in 1926, \$66,982 in 1927, \$64,775 in 1928, \$45,673 in 1929 and \$170,750 in 1930. The purpose of the issue is to reimburse the company for development work and finance term sale contracts.

Foundation Co., N. Y.—Signs Big Contracts.—During the first six months of the current year the company has signed contracts for nearly as much construction work as were received during the entire previous year. Up until June 30 last the company had received orders for approximately \$19,500,000 of construction work as compared with \$22,000,000 of similar business signed last year. The figure for the first six months of this year does not include the contracts for two new power houses which the company will eventually erect, but on which final commitments are temporarily delayed due to public utility regulations.—V. 118, p. 2709.

General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.—Orders, &c.

Orders Received—	1924.	1923.	1922.
Three months ended June 30—	\$71,219,984	\$84,249,710	\$62,883,948
Six months ended June 30—	144,707,887	164,263,755	114,219,248

A large order of automatic substation equipment has just been contracted for by the Department of Street Railways of the City of Detroit with the General Electric Co. The order calls for a total of ten 2,000 k. w. and four 1,000 k. w. single unit stations, aggregating 24,000 k. w. Delivery of the apparatus will be arranged to fit in with the building requirements of the city and will extend to October 1926. The capacity and location of these new substations has been selected to fit in with the present feeder system supplying the city railway lines. All the substations will operate from a 24,000-volt 3-phase 60-cycle supply. The equipment included in this order comprises standard 2,000 k. w. synchronous converters for 10 of the stations and standard 1,000 k. w. machines for the other four. The apparatus includes high reactance type oil-cooled, single phase transformers with 24,000-volt primary, automatic switching equipment, outdoor type oxide film lightning arresters, oil circuit breakers for the incoming lines and high speed circuit breakers for the protection of each station. The converters are to be equipped with standard G-E flesh barriers and the stations will be fully automatic including reclosing feeders.—V. 119, p. 203, 79.

General Motors Corp.—Sales of General Motors Cars.—President Alfred P. Sloan Jr. has issued the following statement: In accordance with the announcement already made that General Motors would hereafter report monthly retail sales by its dealers, there follows such retail deliveries for the first half of 1922 and 1923 and for the corresponding period of 1924. It is to be recognized that 1923 was the largest year the automobile industry has as yet experienced.

Month of—	1924.	1923.	1922.
January —	33,295	30,464	11,520
February —	50,008	41,448	14,795
March —	55,545	74,137	29,615
April —	89,610	97,667	48,353
May —	84,686	89,317	51,983
June —	66,146	75,952	47,058
Total —	x379,590	408,985	203,324

x Retail sales for the first half of this year are 93% of the corresponding period of the previous year.
The foregoing figures of sales to the ultimate consumer must not be confused with the sales by manufacturing divisions of General Motors to their dealers, which are as follows:

Month of—	1924.	1923.	1922.
January —	61,398	49,162	16,088
February —	78,668	55,427	20,869
March —	75,484	71,669	34,082
April —	58,600	75,822	40,474
May —	45,965	75,393	46,736
June —	*33,983	69,708	48,541
Total —	354,098	397,181	206,790

*This preliminary figure of sales to dealers for June includes Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Oldsmobile passenger and commercial cars and GMC Truck sales by the American and Canadian divisions of General Motors and exports overseas.—V. 119, p. 203, 79.

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Results for Half Year.—The company in the first six months of its fiscal year did business totaling more than \$6,500,000 and showed a net profit after charges of approximately \$1,200,000. This is the largest sales and earning record ever made by the company in a similar period. The net earnings for the first half of the year are as large as those of the whole year of 1923.—V. 118, p. 208.

Gordon, Ironside & Fares, Ltd.—Bond Issue.—The bondholders are being asked to subscribe to \$100,000 7% 5-year Prior Lien bonds. The committee estimates that this amount must be underwritten to provide for unforeseen contingencies. It hopes, with the proceeds of the bond issue, to carry on long enough to enable the advantageous sale of the company's properties to be made.—V. 106, p. 1464.

Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd. (Daido Denryoku Kabushiki Kaisha).—Bonds Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co., and Guaranty Co. of New York, have sold at 91 1/2 and interest, to yield 7.85% to latest redemption date, \$15,000,000 First Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A.

Dated Aug. 1 1924. Due Aug. 1 1944. Interest payable F. & A. Principal and interest payable in New York at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., fiscal agent, in United States gold coin of the standard of weight and fineness existing on Aug. 1 1924, or, at the option of the holder, in London, in sterling, at exchange rate of \$4 8665 to the pound sterling, without deduction for any Japanese taxes, when held by other than residents of Japan. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c. Non-callable except for sinking fund during first ten years, thereafter callable as a whole or in part on any interest date after 30 days' notice at 100 and interest. Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd., Tokyo, trustee; Central Union Trust Co. of New York, countersigning agent.

Data from Letter of Pres. Momosuke Fukuzawa, Dated July 1 1924.
Properties and Business.—Company is one of the two largest producers of electric power in Japan. The company's properties include 12 generating plants with a total capacity of 255,300 k. w., of which 154,800 k. w. is hydro-electric (including 42,900 k. w. to be completed in November 1924), and a complete system of transmission lines, substations, &c., representing a total cost to May 31 1924, as shown by the company's books, of approximately \$70,000,000. The company is primarily a wholesaler of power, selling its output under long-term contracts to cities, retail light and power distributing companies, traction companies and to large industrial consumers. The territory served has a population of more than 20,000,000, including the cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto and many other cities

and towns. This district has an intensive industrial development and electric power is of exceptional importance in its daily life and business because of the high costs of coal and oil, very little mineral oil being found in Japan, and the supply of native coal, being comparatively limited. The demand for electric power is increasing so rapidly in this district and the company is in so favored a position to deliver power at low cost that the volume of its future business should be limited only by its productive and transmission capacity. The company's properties are modern and compare favorably as to design and construction with the most approved American practice. Machinery and equipment are largely of American manufacture.

Security.—These bonds will be the direct obligation of the company and will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by closed first mortgage lien created under the laws of Japan, on the three largest, newest and most important of the company's hydro-electric properties with auxiliary steam reserve plant, substations and transmission lines, representing an aggregate cost to Feb. 29 1924, as certified by Theob. Starr & Anderson, Inc., in excess of \$31,000,000, or more than twice the amount of these bonds. The mortgaged properties have a hydro-electric capacity of 106,700 k. w. or over two-thirds of the company's total hydro-electric capacity, and can be operated as a complete and independent unit capable of delivering its entire output to the Osaka district and to the Tokyo Electric Light Co. for the Tokyo-Yokohama district.

The Imperial Japanese Government, which under the laws of Japan grants all concessions for water rights and power licenses, has consented to the mortgaging of these properties to secure these bonds.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for interest, depreciation and other reserves, for the year ended May 31 1924, were \$3,389,197. During the year the company's productive capacity increased from 60,600 k. w. to 212,400 k. w., reflecting a generated output for the year of only 59% of that sold under contract during the months ending May 31 1925, for the production of which the company will have ample capacity. Computing income and operating expense on the basis of actual results for the six months ended May 31 1924, and output on the basis of existing contracts, net earnings available for interest, depreciation and other reserves will be: Year ending May 31 1925.....\$5,497,415 Year ending May 31 1926.....6,552,114

On account of reduced operating costs due to a greater percentage of hydro-electric output, the company estimates that actual earnings will exceed the above amounts in each year by more than \$800,000. Maximum annual interest requirements on total funded debt, as shown below, will be: First Mortgage Bonds (this issue).....\$1,050,000 Debenture Bonds.....1,083,669

(Conversions of earnings and interest charges from Japanese to United States currency have been made at the rate of 41 1/2 cents per yen, approximately the present rate of exchange.)

Capitalization.—Company's outstanding capitalization after giving effect to application of proceeds of these First Mortgage Bonds and to \$5,000,000 called for payment by stockholders on Oct. 1 1924 will be: First Mortgage Bonds (this issue).....\$15,000,000 Debenture Bonds.....17,325,000 Capital Stock.....56,481,500

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to establish a sinking fund, sufficient to retire the entire issue by semi-annual call by lot at 100 and interest (first call Feb. 1 1925) at the annual rate of \$500,000 for the first five years, \$700,000 for the next five years, and \$900,000 thereafter to maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these bonds will be used to pay off current bank loans and other current indebtedness, to retire \$6,250,000 debenture bonds maturing on or before June 1 1925 and for other corporate purposes.

Haytian Corp. of America.—To Pay Interest.—Interest on the 8% debentures for the full year to June 30 has been declared payable to holders of record Oct. 1.—V. 116, p. 2136.

Hermitage Portland Cement Co.—Bonds Offered.—Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn., are offering, at 92 and interest, to yield over 7.15%, \$560,000 Closed First Mtge. 6% Convertible Gold Bonds.

Dated May 1 1924. Due May 1 1934. Interest payable M. & N. at Chemical National Bank, New York, or Fourth & First National Bank, Nashville, Tenn., trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c. Callable by lot as a whole or in part on any interest date, after the first year at 105 and interest. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax ip to 2% per annum.

Data from Letter of John C. Vance, President of the Company.
Company.—Operates a plant at Nashville, Tenn., built at a cost of \$1,046,495. Company is now running at capacity output of 2,000 bbls. a day. Three of the principal stockholders alone can consume its entire output, those three concerns having sold more than that amount in 1923.

Capital Stock.—Capital stock outstanding consists of \$900,000 of Cumulative Preferred Stock and 15,000 shares of common stock of no par value.

Earnings.—On the basis of the present output, cost of production and sale prices, the company should show net earnings for the year beginning May 1 1924 of over \$300,000, or approximately nine times the annual interest requirement of the entire issue.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for a minimum sinking fund of \$40,000 per year. It is stipulated that the company shall deposit in trust each month a sinking fund of 10 cents per bbl. on all cement manufactured by it during the previous month. If this does not equal the minimum of \$40,000 a year, or \$3,333 per month, the difference must be paid monthly in cash by the company. Such funds are to be used to purchase the bonds if obtainable in the open market at or below 105.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire outstanding short-term obligations incurred in the purchase of machinery, and to provide additional working capital.

Convertibility.—Bonds are convertible at par at the option of the holder into 8% Cumul. Pref. Stock (par \$100) during the first year at 90, second year at 91, third year at 92, and so on, increasing 1% each year during the life of the bonds until the tenth year, when bonds at par shall be convertible into 8% Cumulative Preferred Stock at par.

Hotel Richmond Realty Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Wheat, Williams & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 7% Sinking Fund Cumulative Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Divs. payable Q.-J. Callable by lot in part or as a whole after three years from its date of issue at 105 and divs. Divs. exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, American Trust Co., Richmond, Va.

Property.—Corporation will own the 12-story fireproof Hotel Richmond located at 9th and Grace Sts., Richmond, Va., containing 312 rooms, and the 10-story, 200-room Hotel William Byrd, to be erected on West Broad St., opposite Union Station, Richmond, Va., and in addition, six stores adjacent to the Hotel William Byrd, all buildings being modern in design, imposing in effect and fully equipped.

Earnings.—Earnings from Hotel Richmond alone are running at the rate of two times dividend requirements.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning July 1 1926 \$30,000 stock to be retired annually and thereafter until entire issue is retired at market or by call at 105 and dividends.

Capitalization.—This issue of Preferred stock is limited to \$1,000,000, except for \$270,000 held in the treasury to be reserved for the retirement of non-callable first mortgage on 9th & Grace Sts. property, and no other mortgage lien or funded debt of any kind whatsoever can be created so long as this Preferred stock is outstanding.

Value of Property.—The Hotels Richmond and William Byrd had been appraised by independent appraisers at a replacement value of \$2,300,000. In addition, the hotels will be fully equipped with furnishings estimated at a sound depreciated value of over \$350,000.

Lease.—The above-mentioned properties will be leased to an operating company at a net and unconditional annual rental sufficient to pay operating expenses, taxes, interest, dividends and sinking fund requirements so long as any of this Preferred stock is outstanding.

Purpose.—To retire certain mortgage debt and to provide funds for the erection of Hotel William Byrd and adjacent stores.

Houston (Tex.) Lighting & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 91 1/2 and interest, yielding 5.60%, \$1,000,000 First Lien & Ref. Mtge.

Gold Bonds, Series "A" 5%. Dated March 1 1923. Due March 1 1953. See description in V. 116, p. 1768.

Listing.—Listed on Boston Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of President Edwin B. Parker, Houston, Tex., July 9.
Company.—Supplies Houston, Tex., and the vicinity with electric power and light. Population of territory served, estimated to exceed 190,000. Approximately 90% of the company's gross earnings are derived from the sale of energy and from business done in the city of Houston, where it operates under a franchise which, in the opinion of counsel, is unlimited as to time. In various suburbs and other unincorporated communities where the company operates, its franchises are, in the opinion of counsel, either without limitation as to time or extend to 1972. During the last ten calendar years the business of the company has tripled in size, due to the rapid and continuous growth of the territory served.

The present generating plant of the company has an installed capacity of 32,500 k. w., including a 10,000 k. w. unit placed in operation in 1922. Company has under construction at present its Deepwater station designed for an ultimate installation of 180,000 k. w. The initial installation will consist of two 20,000 k. w. turbo-generators with the necessary auxiliary machinery. The first of these units will, according to the present schedule, be completed during the present summer.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First Lien & Ref. Mtge. Series A 5s, 1953.....		\$3,000,000
do Series B 6s, 1953.....	(a)	2,000,000
do Series C 5 1/2s, 1954.....		2,000
First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, 1931 (Closed).....		b2,403,000
Preferred stock.....	\$2,000,000	c2,000,000
Common stock.....	2,500,000	2,500,000

a Issuance of further bonds limited by restrictions of mortgage. b In addition, there are pledged under the First Lien & Ref. Mtge. \$2,100,000 of these bonds (authorized, \$5,000,000), exclusive of \$497,000 bonds that have been retired and canceled through the sinking fund. c All sold in territory served under customer and employee ownership plan.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company in part for expenditures in connection with the enlargement and extension of its property, &c.

Earnings Twelve Months Ended May 31 1924.

Gross earnings (incl. other income).....	\$2,845,623
Net, after operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.....	\$1,112,763
Int. on bonds, &c., in annuals and deductions for above period.....	347,548
Annual interest on total bonded debt outstanding with public, including this issue, requires \$500,150.	

Supervision.—Operations are supervised by the Electric Bond & Share Co.—V. 118, p. 1671.

Houston Oil Co. (of Texas).—Earnings.

3 Months Ended June 30—	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings from oil.....	\$1,229,343	\$818,102	\$615,727
Operating & general exp. (incl. tax).....	446,220	296,832	237,342
Net earnings before deprec. & depl.	\$783,114	\$521,270	\$378,385

Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30.

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings.....	\$3,150,015	\$1,459,267	\$1,456,521
Miscellaneous income.....	125,017		32,611
Total income.....	\$3,275,032	\$1,459,267	\$1,489,132
Expenses and taxes.....	1,191,806	524,935	420,924
Balance.....	\$2,083,226	\$934,332	\$1,068,208
Depreciation.....	171,404		
Depletion.....	318,775		
Preferred dividends.....	268,428		
Surplus.....	\$1,324,619		Not Available.
Profit and loss, surplus.....	4,663,189		

x Includes \$120,884 from sales of capital assets.—V. 118, p. 2957.

Hunter Crucible Steel Co., Cleveland.—Receiver.—William B. Woods has been appointed receiver for this company by the U. S. District Court at Cleveland, acting on an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed June 24 by the Arco Co., Cleveland, paint manufacturers. The petition sets up claims aggregating \$2,906. The Hunter Steel Co. was organized early in 1923 with Arthur H. Hunter, formerly President of the Atlas Crucible Steel Co., as President. It acquired the plant of the Electric Steel & Forge Co., occupying a 15-acre plot at 6600 Grant Ave., Cleveland, built in 1916 and 1917. It planned to produce a full line of hot rolled, electric and crucible high-speed carbon and alloy steels. With certain improvements the annual capacity was to be 6,000 tons of hot rolled bars and 12,000 tons of light locomotive and special forgings.—V. 116, p. 522.

Hydraulic Steel Co.—May Sales and Earnings.—The receiver's report for May shows net sales of \$547,392 and net profit of \$45,009 after expenses, but before interest charges. See also V. 118, p. 2831.

Icy-Hot Bottle Co.—New Control.—See American Thermos Bottle Co. above.—V. 116, p. 1184.

Idaho Power Co.—Bonds Sold.—Harris, Forbes & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc., have sold at 93 1/2 and int., to yield over 5.30%, \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1917. Due Jan. 1 1947, but callable at 105 and int. on any int. date.

Data from Letter of Vice-President E. W. Hill, New York, July 15.
Company.—Operating without competition, serves with electric power and light the Snake River plains, extending across southern Idaho and into eastern Oregon and embracing a population estimated at 150,000. The territory served includes the cities of Boise, Pocatello and Twin Falls and practically every other important community in southern Idaho. Company owns all the issued capital stock, except directors' shares, of the Boise Valley Traction Co. and the Nevada Power Co.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
 Common stock.....\$15,000,000 \$15,000,000
 Preferred stock, 7% cumulative.....5,000,000 3,471,400
 1st Mtge. 5s, due Jan. 1 1947 (incl. this issue).....100,000,000 12,200,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied to the retirement by call of a like amount of 1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. bonds, Series A 8%, due 1930, and Series B 7%, due 1947.

Earnings Twelve Months Ended May 31 1924.

Gross earnings, including other income.....	\$2,723,854
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance.....	1,274,038
Net earnings.....	\$1,449,816
Annual interest on \$12,200,000 1st Mtge. bonds (incl. this issue).....	610,000

Balance.....\$39,816

Physical Property.—The Snake River flows through the territory served by the company. This river falls nearly 2,500 feet in its approximately 400 miles of winding course between the upper and lower plants of the company. Advantage has been taken of this fall by the construction of 5 hydro-electric developments at various points on the river, extending from southeastern Idaho to eastern Oregon. A sixth hydro-electric development is at Thousand Springs, the waters of which flow into the Snake River. Two additional hydro-electric plants are located on the Malad and Payette Rivers, both rivers being tributary to the Snake River. Present generating capacity, all in hydro-electric stations, is 59,500 kw., of which 12,000 kw. has only recently been installed.

Electrical energy is brought by a comprehensive system of transmission lines, aggregating 1,402 miles in length, to transformer substations, from which the various markets are served. At present the physical property is divided into 2 separate groups, one group embracing the American Falls on the Snake River and the region in and about Pocatello and Blackfoot, and the other group embracing the remainder of the territory. When conditions justify these groups will be connected so that the entire property will form a single operating system.

The transmission system is now connected at Pocatello with the transmission system of the Utah Power & Light Co. This interconnection affords the companies valuable facilities for the interchange of power.

Franchises.—Company owns municipal franchises entitling it to operate in 39 municipalities in the States of Idaho and Oregon. Of these, in the opinion of counsel, 3 (including a Boise franchise) are without time limit. The franchises under which the company is operating in 7 of these municipalities expire at various dates prior to Jan. 1 1947, but all the remainder of its franchises are for terms extending beyond that date. Company also owns county franchises entitling it to operate in unincorporated communities served.

There is a substantial equity in the property over and above the company's entire funded debt in the hands of the public.

Supervision.—Operations of the company are supervised by Electric Bond & Share Co.

1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series "A" & "B" Called.

All of the outstanding 1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. 8% gold bonds, Series "A," dated July 1 1920, have been called for payment Aug. 29 at 104 1/2 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., corporate trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City. At any time prior to Aug. 29 1924 the company will purchase any of these bonds delivered for sale at the Bankers Trust Co. at the price of 104 1/2 and int. to date of delivery.

All of the outstanding 1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. 7% gold bonds, Series "B," dated July 1 1920, have been called for payment Sept. 1 at 105 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City. At any time prior to Sept. 1 1924 the company will purchase any of these bonds delivered for sale at the Bankers Trust Co. at 105 and int. to date of delivery.—V. 117, p. 899.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Report.

	Quarter Ended—	6 Mos. end.
	June 30 '24	June 30 '24
Total gross earnings.....	\$601,840	\$1,063,080
Operating and general expenses, &c.....	126,774	134,280
Taxes, surrendered leases, &c.....	184,171	133,756
Interest and discount.....	Cr. 3,865	Dr. 672

Net profit before depletion & deprec. \$294,760 \$794,372 \$1,089,132
—V. 118, p. 2187.

Indiana Bell Telephone Co.—Agreement on Rates.

The text of the stipulation which was entered into July 11 between the company and the State officials of Indiana in the Federal Court at Indianapolis, as a result of which the increased and modified rates put into effect July 1 by the telephone company were set aside for the schedule proposed by the company in June 1923, follows:

"It is hereby stipulated that until the further order of this Court or until a new date is fixed by the Indiana P. S. Commission upon due notice and hearing, the company may put into force and shall charge no greater rates than the rates covered by their schedules filed prior and during the proceeding which resulted in the order of Aug. 11 1923, provided that during said period the initial charge for optional measured service shall not exceed \$5 50 a month in the Indianapolis exchange area.

"And provided further that further proceedings in the cause filed in the Marion Superior Court and in this cause against said cause in the State Court shall be suspended until the Commission shall have made its order upon due notice and hearing.

"It is further stipulated that the Commission shall at once dismiss its proceedings initiated against the Indian Bell Telephone Co. as to its Indianapolis exchange area and institute a proceeding covering all of its property and exchanges in the State of Indiana."—V. 119, p. 203, 80.

Indianapolis Gas Co.—Bonds Authorized.

The Indiana P. S. Commission has authorized the company to turn over \$67,000 of 5% bonds to the Citizens Gas Co. and then authorized the Citizens company to sell the bonds at not less than 80 and int. The proceeds will be used to reimburse the treasury of the Citizens company for capital improvements it has made to the Indianapolis company's plant, which it has leased.—V. 103, p. 148.

Indiahoma Refining Co.—Plan.—A plan for acquisition of assets of Indiahoma Refining Co., dated July 15 1924, has been formulated and approved by the readjustment committee and by the committees representing holders of over 80% in amount of the First Mtge. 12-Year 8% Convertible Sinking Fund Bonds and 7-Year 8% Sinking Fund Convertible Debenture Notes. A circular issued by the committee says:

Since the company was adjudicated a bankrupt, the trustee in bankruptcy, as well as the representatives of various creditors, have made efforts looking to a reorganization of the company's business or sale of its assets, on a basis favorable to creditors, and while several plans for reorganization and offers for the purchase of these assets have been considered, none has seemed acceptable.

The plan in brief provides for the organization of a new corporation, to acquire, hold and conserve, pending development of permanent reorganization plans or of a favorable opportunity to liquidate, the assets of the company, in the meantime, preserving so far as possible, the relative rights and interests of the creditors therein.

It is proposed as provided in the plan, that the assets of the company shall be purchased from the trustee in bankruptcy at the lowest price approved by the Court.

The new company, to be called *The Indiahoma Corporation*, or by such other name as the readjustment committee may approve, will have substantially the following funded debt and capitalization:

	Authorized.	Issued.
Ten-Year First Mortgage 7% Gold Bonds.....	\$500,000	\$200,000
Ten-Year 8% Mortgage Bonds.....	1,682,000	1,682,000
Preferred Stock (par \$100).....	10,000 shs.	*8,500 shs.
Common Stock.....	700 shs.	400 shs.

* The readjustment committee shall have the right to cause the amount of preferred stock of the new company to be increased or decreased, depending upon the amount of the claims of general creditors entitled thereto under the plan.

In order to provide the funds necessary to defray taxes, expenses and other costs in connection with carrying out the plan, the new company is to sell for cash at least \$200,000 of the First Mtge. 7% Gold Bonds.

An opportunity is offered to all general creditors (i. e., others than bondholders) to subscribe to these bonds.

The mortgage bonds will be issued in exchange for First Mtge. 12-Year 8% Convertible Sinking Fund Bonds of the company, participating in the plan, to a principal amount equal to the principal amount of such bonds and interest accrued to July 1 1924.

The preferred stock will be issued in exchange for 7-Year 8% Sinking Fund Convertible Debenture Notes of the company, and other general unsecured claims against the company on the basis of one share of preferred stock for each \$100 of notes or claims, plus any interest accrued upon such notes or claims to Feb. 4 1924.

The common stock of the new company is to be deposited under a voting trust agreement.

The plan is intended to provide the means for maintaining the property more economically than in the bankruptcy court, and puts the same in a position where a favorable opportunity for reorganization or liquidation can at any time be immediately availed of.

The readjustment committee will not proceed with this plan unless substantially all of the creditors promptly signify their assent thereto, and unless the plan can be consummated at once there is serious danger of further loss to all creditors.

No assents to the plan will be received after Aug. 15 1924, except upon such terms as the committee may determine.

Readjustment Committee.—Iredell W. Iglehart (Humbleton & Co.), chairman; V. G. Dunnington (Commerce Trust Co.); Edwin W. Levering Jr. (Baker, Watts & Co.), Baltimore, Md., with Leslie E. Mihm, Sec. 607 Calvert Building, Baltimore.—V. 118, p. 3204.

Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co.—To Build Plant.

The company will construct a leaching plant at its properties in Arizona. It is planned to start preliminary work with the company's own forces within a short time. No contract for the construction of the actual plant has been awarded as yet.

Aside from the sulphide ores which will continue to be treated in the present mill, it is estimated that the company has approximately 40,000,000 tons of oxidized ore and mixed carbonate and sulphide ores. With the new leaching plant it will be possible to treat the oxidized and mixed ores at a low cost and make the operation profitable.—V. 118, p. 2038.

International Paper Co.—Bank Loans Reduced, &c.—Bank loans have been reduced to around \$8,000,000, compared with \$11,760,000 on Dec. 31 1923 (see V. 117, p. 1919).

The company plans the installation of two new newsprint machines in Canada, either at the site of the present Three Rivers mill or at Batiscan or Quebec. No program for financing has been settled.

The present four of the company's newsprint mills in this country are closed down for an indefinite period. Overproduction of this commodity by Canadian and United States mills is the assigned reason for this action.—V. 119, p. 203.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Acquisition of Telephone Properties in Spain.

The Department of Commerce in a news release July 12 threw additional light upon the negotiations going on between the company and Spanish banking and telephone interests looking to the acquisition of the Spanish telephone properties by the International. Without naming the I. T. & T., which is conducting similar negotiations for telephone properties in France and Italy, the statement says:

"Representatives of the American telephone industry have succeeded in arriving at an agreement with several important Spanish banks for the purpose of taking over the present telephone systems in Spain and installing an up-to-date service, according to advices to the Department of Commerce from Madrid.

"It is stated that the agreement provides for the formation of a corporation to take over the entire telephone service and the installation of an automatic service similar to that in Havana and the larger Spanish cities. The capital is to be raised by an issue of obligations financed by Spanish capital, the technical staff and material to be American. It has more recently been reported that a controlling interest in the Madrid telephone company has been acquired by the new corporation through the purchase of stock on the Bourse, and that negotiations are already under way for obtaining the concession for the Barcelona telephone service.

"For many years the telephone service in Spain, both local and long-distance, has been the subject of criticism, and it has undoubtedly been a serious impediment to conducting business in a modern manner. Even in Barcelona, the most progressive city in the country, scores of important commercial and professional firms have refused, it is said, to install telephones, on account of the poor service afforded, and those who do have phones use them more for taking and leaving messages through office boys than for carrying on conversations. Apartment houses seldom have more than one instrument for the entire building, and a telephone in a private home is the exception rather than the rule. The present equipment for the most part, of Swedish manufacture, is antiquated, and it has been almost impossible to have any new instruments installed because existing charters provide that upon reversion of the lines to the State within the next few years all material is to become the property of the Government."—V. 118, p. 3084.

Intertype Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents on the Common stock, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1. An extra dividend of 25 cents per share was paid on the Common stock on Feb. 15 last.

	3 Mos. End. June 30, 1924.	6 Mos. End. June 30, 1923.	6 Mos. End. June 30, 1922.
Gross profit.....	\$471,916	\$503,726	\$940,164
Head & branch office selling corp.	170,447	159,238	338,450
Depreciation.....	50,948	52,631	101,634
Reserve for taxes.....	40,000	30,000	82,500

Net to surplus.....\$210,521 \$261,856 \$417,580 \$465,246
—V. 118, p. 1919.

Invincible Oil Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 13,162 additional shares of the capital stock, making a total of 1,100,000 shares authorized to be listed. The additional stock was offered to stockholders at \$11 a share. Rights expired July 16.

Income Account for Five Months Ended May 31 1924.

Earnings from operations.....	\$1,521,594
Interest paid, \$72,067; development including drilling expenses lawfully deducted for taxation purposes, \$27,189.....	99,256
Net income before depletion and depreciation.....	\$1,422,338
Previous surplus before depreciation and depletion.....	2,932,921
Total surplus.....	\$4,355,259
Portion of surplus applicable to minority interests.....	56,884

Balance of surplus; Invincible Oil Corporation.....\$4,298,375
—V. 118, p. 3205.

Jersey Central Power & Light Corp.—Consol. Earnings.

	Twelve Months Ended April 30 1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$4,877,300
Operating expenses and prior charges of subsidiary companies, including interest on divisional bonds in hands of public.....	3,346,778
Annual interest requirements on total funded debt.....	746,775
Estimated Federal income taxes.....	67,262

Net income after maintenance available for divs. & deprec'n.....\$716,484
Annual preferred stock dividend requirements.....227,500
—V. 119, p. 80.

Jordan Motor Car Co.—Sales—Earnings.

Sales for the 6 months ended June 30 last are reported as being \$6,578,672, while profits after all charges, except Federal taxes, totaled \$480,671.

The balance sheet on June 30 1924 showed quick assets of \$2,220,195 and current liabilities of \$326,236. Quick assets included \$603,704 cash on hand. No bank loans were reported.—V. 118, p. 1528.

Kellogg Co. (of Del.), Battle Creek, Mich.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased the Davenport, Iowa, plant of the American Hominy Co., known as the Purity Oats Co. plant, of a bankruptcy sale, for a price said to be \$240,250. Present plans of the Kellogg Co. provide for the opening of the plant at full capacity. The factory has been idle since the American Hominy Co. went into receivership last Jan.—V. 118, p. 1672.

Kentucky-Tennessee Lt. & Pow. Co.—Acquisitions, &c.

The company has just acquired by purchase ten municipally owned utilities properties in northwestern Tennessee as follows: Martin, Greenfield, Gleason, Dresden, Obion, Sharon, Dyer, Bradford, Rutherford and Trimble. These properties will be connected by transmission lines and fed from Hopkinsville, Ky., by a 66,000-volt line. Expenditures for this work will amount to approximately \$750,000.

The Tennessee P. U. Commission has approved: (1) the issuance by the company of \$3,060,000 additional bonds for new construction, and (2) the acquisition of new properties. In May last the company purchased the properties of the Smiths Grove Light & Ice Co., the transmission line from Bowling Green to Smiths Grove, and the distribution system of Oakland, Ky.

The company proposes to construct this summer over 100 miles of transmission line at a cost of about \$500,000.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Report.

Six Months Ended June 30—	1924.	1923.
Sales.....	\$39,355,988	\$35,611,154
Net profits.....	\$4,970,187	\$4,739,831
Federal tax.....	621,270	592,480
Preferred dividends.....	70,000	70,000

Surplus.....\$4,278,917 \$4,077,351

With regard to the plan for issuing certificates against stocks of various chain stores deposited with a trustee [see United American Chain Stores, Inc., below] C. B. Van Dusen, executive head of the company, said: "S. S. Kresge Co. is not interested in any organization seeking to merge chain stores or pool chain store stocks in any way, shape or form. Nor is Mr. Kresge interested, nor are any of the members of our organization."—V. 119, p. 203.

S. H. Kress & Co.—No Connection with New Co.

Pres. C. W. Kress states that the recent offering of stock of United American Chain Stores, Inc., Bankers' shares (see below) in which the

name of S. H. Kress & Co. was mentioned, was made without the knowledge of the company and without their consent, and that neither the company nor any of its officers have any connection with the offering.—V. 119, p. 203.

Laconia (N. H.) Car Co.—Dividend Suit.—

Judge Wait has sustained the demurrer of the company in the bill in equity brought against it in the name of the Preferred shareholders who sought to have the payment of a dividend of \$3.50 to Preferred shareholders enjoined until after such time as each of the old shareholders had been paid \$70 which they claimed was due them as dividends. Robert Wainwright and the other members of the firm of H. C. Wainwright & Co. are no longer party plaintiffs to the action, Judge Wait having allowed a motion to discontinue as against them. Attorney Thomas W. Morris stated to the court that the firm had been named by mistake as they did not own any of the stock of the Laconia Car Co., but merely held some for customers. Unless a motion is made on July 23 next to amend the pending bill, Judge Wait probably will dismiss it. See also V. 119, p. 80.

Landis Machine Co.—Acquisition.—

The Victor Tool Co., Waynesboro, Pa., manufacturer of collapsible tops, automatic die head, floating tool holders and nut facing machines, has been merged with the Landis Machine Co., manufacturer of threading die heads and machines.—V. 116, p. 418.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.—New Comptroller.—

Effective July 11 1924, the following changes in the organizations of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., Alliance Coal Mining Co., Cranberry Creek Coal Co., and the Panther Valley Water Co. are made: Edward Hughes, formerly purchasing agent, is appointed Comptroller, vice E. M. Reynolds, deceased.; J. R. Bennington, formerly assistant purchasing agent, is appointed purchasing agent, vice Edward Hughes.—V. 118, p. 3085.

Lehigh Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—

See Consolidated Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania above.—V. 118, p. 2050.

Limoneira Co., Santa Paula, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—

First Securities Co., Los Angeles, is offering at 95.07 and int. for the 1940 maturity and 94.90 and int. for the 1941 maturity \$172,500 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds. Authorized issue, \$1,000,000. Issued and outstanding, \$800,000. (See description in V. 118, p. 674.)

Company.—Organized in 1893. Is engaged in the development and culture of citrus and walnut groves, operating one of the best known and most successful lemon enterprises in California. Total holdings approximate 3,438 acres.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the past 10 years have averaged \$275,694 annually, or more than 4½ times the annual interest charges on the total authorized issue and 5¾ times the annual interest charges on all the present outstanding bonds. Compare also V. 118, p. 674.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Dividend.—

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, par \$5, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 1.—V. 118, p. 3205.

May Department Stores Co.—No Interest in New Co.

Chairman David May, in referring to the recent offering of stock (United American Chain Stores, Inc.—see below) in which the name of the May Department Stores Co. is used, desires to state that the offering was made without the knowledge or consent of the company, and that they have no direct nor indirect interest in the company whose shares were offered, nor in any of the other companies whose names were mentioned in the offer.—V. 18, p. 2312.

Midwest Engine Corp.—No Sale.—

To satisfy mortgage indebtedness of \$2,849,000 against the plants of the company, the assets were offered for sale by the receivers, the Union Trust Co. and Charles W. Jewett, at Indianapolis July 14. Only one bid was received. In compliance with the Court order, the property will be offered for sale from day to day until a deal is made, it was said.—V. 118, p. 1401.

Miller Box & Lumber Co., Los Angeles.—Stocks Offered.—

Metzler & Co., Los Angeles, are offering, at 98 and dividend to yield about 7.14%, \$500,000 7% Cumul. Participating Pref. Stock. The purchaser of a share of Preferred stock is entitled at the same time to purchase one share of Common stock at \$15 per share.

Preferred stock is preferred as to assets and dividends and equally participating with the Common stock after the Common stock has received dividends of \$7 per share. Dividends payable semi-annually J. & D. Preferred stock redeemable at 115 upon 60 days' notice. A sinking fund of 5% of the net earnings of the company shall be set aside for the redemption of the Preferred stock. Exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Pacific Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, registrar.

Data from Letter of Vice-Pres. A. L. Harrison, Los Angeles, May 27. Company.—Is engaged in the business of dealing in lumber; in the manufacture of boxes and shooks, as well as ready-cut houses, garages and general mill work. It succeeds to the business of the Miller Box Mfg. Co., which company in Jan. 1918, took over the business of the Miller Hive & Box Co., which latter company started in business in 1907.

Earnings.—During the five years commencing Jan. 1 1919 and ending Dec. 31 1923, after allowing for depreciation and taxes and after deducting 7% dividends paid on Preferred stock outstanding, the net earnings available for the average amount of Common stock outstanding during that period have averaged more than 25% per annum without taking into consideration the increased value of real estate and other assets of the company as shown by the appraisal of the Pacific States Appraisal Co. which, if considered and added to the above earnings and distributed over the above five-year period, would increase the above average amount available for Common stock to 57% per annum, or over 21% on the combined capital employed during this period.

Purpose.—The program of the company's development includes the establishment of a branch system of agencies in various localities in Southern California, which will considerably increase the sales capacity.

(C. R.) Miller Mfg. Co.—May Increase Capital.—

The question of increasing the capital stock of the company from \$1,750,000 to \$3,000,000, is being contemplated.—V. 114, p. 2248.

Missouri-Illinois Stores Co.—Stock Offered.—

The stockholders of record June 10 were given the right to subscribe 14,250 shares (no par value) Common stock at \$11 per share. The entire issue was underwritten by Mark C. Steinberg & Co. Rights expired June 30.

Pref. Stock Offered.—Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 102 and divs. \$100,000 8% Cumul. Conv. Pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Divs. payable Q.-J. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at 110 and divs. Transfer agent and registrar, St. Louis Union Trust Co. Listed on the St. Louis Stock Exchange.

Capitalization (No Bonds)—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
8% Cumulative Preferred stock	\$500,000	\$350,000
Common stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	61,750 shs.

Company.—Owns and operates 53 Piggly-Wiggly grocery stores in St. Louis and surrounding territory and three stores in Terre Haute, Ind. Company recently acquired the franchise rights for the operation of Piggly-Wiggly stores in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which includes the city of Cleveland, and purchased on most favorable terms the merchandise and equipment of eight stores operating there. Company now has 11 stores in Cleveland and this chain will be expanded together with the company's other units.

Sales and Profits.—Net sales for the first five months of 1924 were \$1,640,520 and net earnings are at the annual rate of over five times dividend requirements on the Preferred stock.—V. 117, p. 2441, 2330.

National Supply Co. (of Del.).—Usual Dividend, &c.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the Common stock, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 5. On June 16 last a 10% stock dividend was paid on the Common stock.

James H. Barr has resigned as President of the company and its subsidiaries, and has been elected Chairman of the board of the National Supply Co. of Delaware, a newly created position. John M. Wilson has been elected President of the company and its subsidiaries, while John A. Geismar has been elected Vice-President and General Manager of the National Supply companies.—V. 118, p. 2711.

National Foundry Co., Erie, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—

McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburgh, are offering at prices to yield from 6½% to 7%, according to maturity, \$450,000 1st Mtge. 6½% Serial gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1924. Due serially July 1 1926 to 1936. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2% at the office of Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, trustee, or Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Maryland State tax of 4½ mills refunded. Free of Penn. State tax.

Data from Letter of President E. W. Sheldon, Erie, Pa., July 10.

Company.—Established at Erie, Pa., in 1898. Manufactures high quality steel castings. Company specializes in the manufacture of steel gears, tractor shoes and heavy and light castings of all kinds used principally by railroad car builders and manufacturers of steam shovels, road building equipment and heavy machinery. The plant, now operating at full capacity and employing approximately 500 men, is located in the industrial centre of Erie, Pa., and has connections with 4 railroads, affording excellent transportation facilities. The plant covers an area of approximately 7 acres, and consists of foundry buildings, cleaning rooms, pattern shop, engine room and other structures.

Based upon the appraisal of the American Appraisal Co. as of Dec. 31 1923 with subsequent additions at cost, the property has a replacement valuation of \$1,503,217. After allowing for depreciation, the valuation is \$1,117,932.

Earnings.—Average annual net earnings for the 7 years ended Dec. 31 1923 applicable to interest charges, but before Federal taxes and depreciation, were nearly 5 times the annual interest requirements on these bonds. After deducting Federal taxes earnings were equal to more than 4 times such interest charges. For the first 5 months of 1924 net earnings were \$78,499, or at the annual rate of more than 6 times interest charges.

Purpose.—To retire present outstanding bonds, for the payment of bank loans incurred in making additions and improvements to the plant and to provide additional working capital.

Balance Sheet May 31 1924 (After Present Financing and Increasing Outstanding Stock to \$600,000.)

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$55,176	Notes payable	\$30,000
Notes & accts. receivable	176,690	Accounts payable	106,938
Inventories	378,259	Pay roll	21,051
Adv. pay. on prop. purch.	10,200	Interest	4,890
Investments	4,159	State & county taxes	2,579
Refund of Federal taxes	2,599	Miscellaneous	1,487
Other miscellaneous assets	8,867	Est. Federal taxes & reserve	9,647
Fixed assets	1,117,932	for contingencies	450,000
Deferred, &c., assets	61,360	1st mortgage 6½%	600,000
		Capital stock	588,650
		Surplus	588,650
Total	\$1,815,243	Total	\$1,815,243

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Rates.—

The full text of the order of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities in the New England Telephone rate case follows:

"It is hereby ordered by a majority of the Commission that temporarily pending final determination on the tariff filed by the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., No. 4-T, and until otherwise ordered, that part of the schedule dealing with proposed person-to-person and appointment and messenger toll rates is hereby allowed to go into effect; and, further, that part of the tariff schedule applying to the 25-cent station-to-station rate reducing the initial period from 5 minutes to 3 minutes is also allowed to go into effect, both upon the filing by the company of tariffs so amended. We can see no reason for allowing 5 minutes for this initial period when the initial rates in excess of the 25-cent rate are restricted to 3-minute periods. We believe that this latter will promote better service in limiting the time in which lines are used and in reducing busy reports. It may be well to point out that the company's schedule provides for a reduction from 5 to 3 minutes in the initial period covering its 15 and 20 cent rates on all calls except those originating and completed in the metropolitan district. If this reduction were to take place, it would apparently result in discrimination against the rest of the State in favor of the metropolitan area."

"It is hereby ordered that the remainder of the schedule be suspended until Aug. 1 1924."—V. 118, p. 3206.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Building Rolling Mill.—

The company is building a rolling mill at Palmerton, Pa., for the rolling of zinc sheets. It is expected that the company soon will be a large producer of corrugated and plain zinc sheets in standard sizes and gauges.—V. 118, p. 2189.

New York Telephone Co.—Rate Increase Denied.—

The New York P. S. Commission has denied the petition of the company for an increase of 10% in its rates in New York City. Under a court order, however, the company is already collecting the increase, and is likely to until the statutory court hands down a decision sustaining or overruling the temporary increase as granted by Judge Knox. Now that the Commission has overruled the temporary increase it will go ahead with its hearings on the question of a permanent increase in rates for the company.

President H. B. Thurber is quoted as saying: "Encouraging progress was made during first half of the year in developing the New York Telephone Co. system to meet the continuing large demand for new service. Approximately 119,000 telephones have been added to the system during this period. By early 1925 the company will again be in a position to take care of applications for new service in all parts of its territory."

Referring to rate increases Pres. Thurber stated: "On the theory that all things now cost more than before the war, it follows that even with increased efficiency telephone rates must be raised to meet the increased prices of labor and material. The company is therefore before the Commissioners and the courts for the purpose of adjustment rates to existing levels. Increased rates should be established to enable the company to meet the demands for service and so that it may earn a fair return on the value of its property devoted to public use."

See also report for year ended Dec. 31 1923 in V. 118, p. 3074.

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Report.—

Results for Quar. and Six Months end. June 30 (Incl. Can. Niagara Power Co.)

	1924—3 Mos.—1923.	1924—6 Mos.—1923.
Total operating revenue	\$1,993,485	\$1,757,091
Op. exp., amort. & taxes	855,023	731,906
Net earnings	\$1,138,463	\$1,025,185
Other income (net)	97,388	94,019
Net income	\$1,235,851	\$1,119,204
Interest, &c.	529,136	529,524
Surplus income	\$654,456	\$589,680

—V. 118, p. 2582.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Production, &c.—

The company in June mined ore having an estimated value of \$162,441, of which \$155,213 represented silver and \$7,228 cobalt, and shipped 203,399 ounces of silver in bullion valued at \$136,923, with silver at 66 cents an ounce. The low-grade mill treated 6,930 tons of ore and the high-grade mill 118 tons. Compare V. 118, p. 2959, 3206.

Ohio Copper Co. of Utah.—Production.—

The company in June produced 1,222,131 pounds of copper at an operating profit of \$85,001. The cost per pound was 5.31c. Compare V. 118, p. 3086.

Orange County Public Service Co., Inc.—Control.—

See Rockland Light & Power Co. below.—V. 118, p. 2959.

Otis Elevator Co., N. Y.—Earnings.—
 6 Mos. end. June 30—

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Earnings*	\$3,222,464	\$2,098,769	\$1,375,522	\$2,412,109
Reserve for Fed. taxes	375,000	200,000	140,000	825,000
Reserve for pension	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Reserve for contingencies	1,000,000	300,000		
Preferred dividends	195,000	195,000	195,000	195,000
Balance	\$1,552,464	\$1,293,769	\$990,522	\$1,342,109

* After deducting all charges for patent expenses, renewals and repairs for maintenance of plant and equip., and special depreciation.—V. 118, p. 3087.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Offered.—
 The stockholders on July 15 were offered 50,000 shares of Common stock at \$93. The stock was offered on the installment plan of \$13 as an initial payment and \$5 a month. The company will sell down to a single share in line with customer ownership policy, paying 6% interest on installments up to issuance of the stock.—V. 119, p. 206, 83, 71.

Pacific Power & Light Co.—Abandons Railway Service.—
 Buses replaced the electric cars in Astoria, Ore., on June 29, and now afford the only means of public transportation in that city. A fleet of 25 passenger Mack buses is now in use there, operated by the Astoria Transit Co. Compare V. 118, p. 675.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Report.—

Period—	9 Mos. End.	Years End.	Aug. 31—
	May 31'24.	1923.	1922.
Net profit	\$4,756,976	\$7,081,879	\$2,115,828
Previous surplus	8,676,024	17,004,438	15,923,895
Total surplus	\$13,432,999	\$24,086,317	\$18,039,723
Preferred dividends	1,011,073	1,029,322	1,035,286
Common dividends (cash)	2,139,318	2,495,871	
Rate	(9%)	(10%)	
do Stock (100%)		11,885,100	
Profit and loss surplus	\$10,282,607	\$8,676,024	\$17,004,438

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—	May 31'24.	Aug. 31'23.	Liabilities—	May 31'24.	Aug. 31'23.
Property acc't	\$20,793,803	\$16,226,916	7% cum. pref. st.	\$12,821,600	\$14,676,200
Rights, privileges, franchises, &c.	1	1	Common stock	23,770,200	23,770,200
Inventories	11,861,451	12,574,401	Acc'ts pay ble and payrolls	564,133	3,787,494
Acc'ts rec. (net)	2,335,725	2,914,271	Div. due J'ne 15'24	248,703	
Def. install. notes & bills receivable	1,059,047	867,824	Other misc. liabils. (not due)	2,598,662	2,026,854
Misc. market. secs.	677,904	1,276,553	Reserve for contingencies	2,000,000	2,000,000
U. S. securities	10,538,843	11,073,429	Surplus	10,282,608	8,676,024
Cash	4,347,185	4,295,122			
Deferred charges	671,946	308,254			
			Total (each side)	\$2,285,907	\$4,936,772

x Land, buildings, machinery, plant and equipment, depreciated values at beginning of year, \$21,626,916; add expenditures for nine months, \$2,704,416; total, \$24,331,332; less depreciation for nine months, \$3,537,529; balance as above, \$20,793,803.—V. 119, p. 83.

Paragon Refining Co.—New President.—
 E. W. Edwards of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been elected President, succeeding L. R. Crawford of Toledo, Ohio.—V. 118, p. 1674.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—10% Stock Dividend, &c.—
 The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on the Class "A" and "B" Common stock, payable in Class "A" Common stock, Aug. 18 to stockholders of record July 28. Fractional shares will not be issued as a cash adjustment in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares will be made. A 10% stock distribution was also made in Class "A" Common stock on June 4 on both classes of Common stock.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Preferred stock, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 12.—V. 118, p. 3207.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—
 Chase & Co., Boston, Joseph W. Gross & Co., Phila., and Minsch, Monell & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield over 5.55%, \$1,000,000 1st Ref. Mtge. gold bonds, Series "A," 5½%. Dated Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 1 1953. (See description in V. 117, p. 2222.)

Capitalization—
 1st Ref. Mtge. gold bonds, Series "A," 5½% Authorized. Outstanding.

(including this issue)	\$50,000,000	\$3,000,000
1st Mtge. (closed) 5s, due 1940	12,500,000	x11,878,000
Capital stock	13,500,000	y10,746,200

x Retired by sinking fund, \$622,000. y Including \$976,900 being offered to stockholders for subscription (see V. 119, p. 83).

Company.—Owns and operates on the Susquehanna River, at Holtwood, Pa., the largest hydro-electric plant in the U. S. east of the Mississippi River, excepting only those at Niagara Falls. This plant contains 10 main generating units with a total capacity of 150,000 h.p., and under contract with local companies supplies a large portion of the electric current used in Baltimore, nearly all that used in Lancaster, Pa., and vicinity, and the major part of the power used in York and Coatesville, Pa., and vicinity. Total population served by these companies is in excess of 900,000.

Security.—Mortgage covers all of the company's property now owned or hereafter acquired (except securities acquired subsequent to Oct. 1 1923 other than securities made the basis of issue of additional bonds). Company's total bonded debt, including this issue, is at the low rate of \$99 20 per horse power.

Purpose.—The company is in process of organizing a subsidiary company, the Holtwood Power Co. (see V. 119, p. 80), which will immediately construct, adjacent to the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.'s hydro-electric plant, a steam electric station that is expected to have two units of 15,000 h.p. each in operation by August 1925. The company is also constructing a transmission line to deliver additional power to Lancaster, Pa. The proceeds of the above bonds will be used partly in connection with this construction program and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings.—Net earnings during 1923 were more than twice interest charges on the total bonded debt, including this issue. Since the organization of the company net earnings have averaged 2.17 times annual interest charges on bonds outstanding. It is expected that the recent additions to the property and the new contracts signed with the York and Coatesville companies will result in substantial increases in both gross and net earnings.

Market Equity.—Dividends on the capital stock have been paid uninterruptedly from 1914 to date, the present rate being 8% per annum. Including 9,769 shares that have been offered to stockholders for subscription, there are now outstanding 107,462 shares, indicating at current market quotations an equity behind these bonds of over \$12,573,054.—V. 119, p. 83.

Phillips-Jones Corp.—Decision Sustains Rights as Sole Manufacturer of New Collar.—

Federal Judge Learned Hand has awarded a decision in favor of the company in their suit brought against Cluett, Peabody & Co. and Earl & Wilson, alleging infringement of patents on the Van Heusen semi-stiff collar. The Van Heusen collar was put on the market in 1921 and depends on a peculiar weave for its qualities. It is the invention of John M. Van Heusen, who testified during the trial that he had collected more than \$1,000,000 in royalties from Phillips-Jones Corp. from sales of the collar.

In his decision Judge Hand states, "the real invention is in those qualities which all the collars in question have in common, and which earlier collars had not, the use of multi-ply interwoven fabric, or webbing in the neckband to make it stiff." He adds that the patent covers any strachless collar containing this webbing to make it hold its form and that it is infringed upon by all the defendants' collars involved in the suit.

President D. F. Phillips gave out a statement in which he quoted the most important parts of Judge Learned Hand's opinion relating to the fundamental points in the patent. Mr. Phillips also said that in October

1921 he sent out to dealers a circular suggesting that they refrain from selling collars infringing on the patent, and pointing out to them their liability under the law, together with manufacturers. He said that in the past three years large sums of money have been spent in equipping Phillips-Jones' factories to make the new collars.

It is probable that the defendants in the case will appeal.—V. 118, p. 2190.

Pittsfield (Mass.) Coal Gas Co.—To Issue Stock.—
 The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 1,500 shares of additional capital stock (par \$100) at \$110 per share, the proceeds to be applied to the cancellation of \$165,000 promissory notes outstanding April 30.—V. 118, p. 1402.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—Correction.—
 The item appearing under this heading in last week's "Chronicle," p. 206, as the context shows, should have appeared under Standard Plate Glass Co.—V. 119, p. 206.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—
 Six Months Ended June 30—

	1924.	1923.
Sales to customers (net) of company and subsidiaries exclusive of inter-company sales	\$11,435,496	\$11,065,788
Deduct—Cost of sales and expenses incl. all manufacturing, selling, admin. & general expenses (less misc. income) but before prov. for income taxes	9,512,317	9,185,467
Provision for income taxes	242,487	242,965
Net profits	\$1,680,692	\$1,637,356

—V. 118, p. 1923.

Public Service Co. of Missouri.—Acquisitions.—
 It is reported that the company has acquired the California Electric Light Co., supplying California, Bunceton, Tipton, Clarksburg, Speed and Bellair, Mo., for \$210,500; the Versailles Light & Power Co., supplying Versailles and Stover, Mo.; the Harvey Light, Power & Ice Co. and the Eldon Ice & Fuel Co., both of Eldon, Mo., for a total of \$194,500; the electric light plant at Caldwell, Mo., for \$22,500 and a transmission line from Caldwell to Bertig, Ark., for \$86,000.—V. 119, p. 206.

Radio Corp. of America.—Earnings.—
 Vice-President David Sarnoff said in substance: "Earnings are running substantially in excess of a similar period of last year. Orders are still coming in in heavy volume, and we will not be able to catch up with our past orders before the fall on our new line of radio sets."—V. 119, p. 83.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Earnings.—
 Period—

	—3 Mos. end. June 30—	—6 Mos. end. June 30—
	1924.	1923.
Net gain	\$1,024,825	\$2,947,248
Depreciation & renewals	\$223,844	\$349,202
Exhaustion of minerals	58,914	98,179
Interest on bonds	287,841	293,021
Preferred dividend (1¾%)	437,500 (¾)	937,500 (½)
	\$125,000 (5½)	\$137,500
Balance, surplus	\$16,726	\$1,269,345
	\$685,383	\$2,365,688

* Net earnings from operations, after deducting charges for maintenance and repair of plants (amounting in 1924 to \$939,351 for 3 months and \$2,606,211 for the 6 months), and provision for Federal taxes, &c.

Unfilled orders on hand June 30 1924 of finished and semi-finished products totaled 60,655 tons, as compared with 116,759 tons as of March 31 1924.—V. 118, p. 2583.

Riordon Co., Ltd.—Sale.—
 Pursuant to a judgment of the Superior Court for the District of Montreal rendered on July 5 1924, Gordon W. Scott, liquidator, and the Montreal Trust Co., as trustees under the trust deeds securing the 20-Year Sinking Fund First Mtge. & Ref. Gold Bonds of Riordon Co., Ltd., and the Royal Trust Co., as trustee under the trust deeds securing the 10-Year 6% Gen. Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of the Riordon Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., will offer for sale at public auction on Sept. 8, at the head office of Riordon Co., Ltd., No. 355 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal, to the highest bidder or bidders, the property, assets, interests in property, effects and choses in action of the company.—V. 119, p. 206.

River Raisin Paper Co.—To Omit Dividend.—
 It is stated that the company will omit its regular quarterly dividend of 1½% due July 26. President G. H. Wood states that, owing to general business depression, profits have not been sufficient to justify the payment of the quarterly dividend due in July. In Feb. the company paid off \$80,000 of its bonds and will pay off an additional \$80,000 on Aug. 1. He also stated that business is much better now than it has been and that the company has orders sufficient to carry it about five weeks. It is expected that the company will be able to resume quarterly dividends in October.—V. 116, p. 1541.

Rockland Light & Power Co.—Capital Increase, &c.—
 The company has filed a certificate increasing its authorized capital stock from \$2,400,000 (\$100,000 Preferred and \$2,300,000 Common) to \$5,400,000, to consist of \$100,000 Preferred, par \$100, and \$5,300,000 Common, par \$50. The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to acquire the outstanding capital stock of the Orange County Public Service Co., Inc., from Edward H. Bradley, of New Haven, Conn.—V. 116, p. 2523.

Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.—Final Dividend.—
 At the general meeting of shareholders held June 27, the dividend for 1923 was fixed at Fl.40 per share for the Preference shares and at Fl.250 per share and Fl.25 per sub-share for the Ordinary shares. An interim dividend of Fl.100 and Fl.10, respectively, has already been paid on the Ordinary shares. The final dividend, therefore, amounts to Fl.150 per share and Fl.15 per sub-share for the Ordinary shares. Besides this final dividend, an interim dividend of 10% will at the same time be paid on account of 1924. On the presentation of dividend coupon No. 56 of the Ordinary shares, payment of both dividends will be made on or after July 23 at the Kas-Vereeniging and De Nederlandsche Handelsmaatschappij at Amsterdam or (provided the lists are handed in one day previously before noon) by Messrs. Schill & Capadose at The Hague, and Messrs. Van der Hoop, Offers & Sons, at Rotterdam.—V. 118, p. 3208.

Salt Creek Consolidated Oil Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Assets—	Dec. 31'23.	Feb. 28'23.	Liabilities—	Dec. 31'23.	Feb. 28'23.
Oil lands & leases	\$17,541,724	\$16,161,254	Capital stock	\$12,776,000	\$12,776,000
Cash	303,185	234,461	Notes payable	175,000	175,000
Notes receivable	7,500	1,000	Acc'ts payable	206,973	134,354
Acc'ts receivable	28,259	242,498	Divs. payable	191,640	
U. S. Lib. bonds	44,041	44,041	Contracts payable	11,329	420,519
Field inv. & equip.	y1,200,711	1,032,552	Deferred credits		21,754
Deferred assets	21,800	21,800	Surplus	5,764,478	4,209,979
Total	\$19,125,420	\$17,737,606	Total	\$19,125,420	\$17,737,606

x Oil lands and leases, \$20,584,353; less reserve for depletion, \$3,042,629. y Field investment and equipment, \$3,372,628, less reserve for depletion, \$2,171,917. President James Owens states in substance: The range of crude oil prices last year was very wide. Due to the simultaneous and unprecedented over-production from the California and other important oil fields, prices for Salt Creek crude dropped rapidly from a peak of \$1.65 in Feb. to a low of 60 cents about Nov. 1, at which price it remained for the balance of the year. The Salt Creek field was producing on a prorated basis ranging from 35% to 65% for the greater part of the year, being placed on a 100% basis about Dec. 1, which schedule is now in effect. At the present time company's production is running somewhat over 7,500 bbls. per day, which at the current price of \$1.60 for crude shows a substantial profit for dividends over all costs.

During the first five months of 1924 the company has materially improved its balance sheet. All notes and accounts payable have been liquidated and on May 31 1924 current assets, including cash, amounted to about \$300,000, with no indebtedness. Company is now in better condition than at any time since its organization and with normal conditions in the petroleum industry we have reason to look forward confidently to continued progress and increased earnings.—V. 117, p. 2661.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Stock Increased.—
The stockholders on July 14 increased the authorized Common stock from 300,000 shares to 500,000 shares, no par value.—V. 119, p. 83.

Scott-Powell Dairies, Inc.—Acquisition.—
The company has acquired the business of the Gloucester Sanitary Milk Co. Both companies, it is said, have been merged under one management.—V. 116, p. 2647.

Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—
Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank, Pearsons-Taft Co. and Second Ward Securities Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$1,100,000 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1924. Due July 1 1939. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Red. all or part, any time on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.

Security.—Direct obligation of the Sheridan Trust Safe Deposit Co., all of the stock of which (except directors' qualifying shares) is owned by the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank, and will be further secured by a direct first mortgage on the new 8-story and basement bank and office building and leasehold at the southeast corner of Broadway and Lawrence Ave. The cost of the building is estimated at \$1,700,000 and the value of the leasehold is appraised at \$552,500.

The building will be the new and permanent home of the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank, which will occupy the first three floors, except that portion of the first floor fronting on Broadway, which will be occupied by stores. The ground on which this building is being erected is held under a lease expiring in 2018. The rental payments are fixed at only \$28,000 a year during the entire term without right of revaluation.

Earnings.—It is conservatively estimated that the net income after all deductions, including depreciation, will be in excess of \$155,000, as compared with maximum annual interest charges of \$71,500 per year on this issue.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage securing these bonds will provide for an annual sinking fund sufficient to retire approximately 35% of the issue prior to maturity and will begin operation July 1 1926.

Simmons Co.—Consolidated Bal. Sheet May 31.—

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, and Liabilities for 1924, 1923. Includes Property & plants, Pat'ts, tr.-marks & good-will, Inv. in affil. cos., Sundry invest'ts., Inventories, Prepaid ins. & c., Notes & acct's rec., Cash, Pref. stock sink. fd, Deferred charges, etc.

x Represented by 911,601 shares of no par value. The income account for the six months ended May 31 1923 was given in V. 119, p. 84.

Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis.—New President, &c.
Louis K. Liggett, a trustee of the Associated Simmons Hardware Co., succeeds John E. Otterson as President of the Simmons Hardware Co. Mr. Otterson recently resigned and a few days ago he also resigned as President of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. J. Clarke Colt, now President of the Winchester-Simmons Co. of St. Louis, has been appointed First V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the Simmons Hardware Co., with headquarters at St. Louis.—V. 111, p. 80.

Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—Omits Common Dividend—No Additional Financing Contemplated.—
The directors on July 16 decided to omit payment of the quarterly dividend usually declared at this time on the Common stock. An official statement says:

It was the opinion of the directors that for the best interests of stockholders, cash should be conserved during the present period of uncertainty in the oil industry; accordingly, the dividend of 50 cents a share on Common stock was omitted.

Net earnings of the corporation for the 6 months ending June 30 were more than \$9,000,000. This amount is about 20% greater than the corporation earned in the first 6 months of last year, and is within \$1,000,000 of the net earnings for the entire year 1923.

The corporation passed its peak in borrowing some time ago and bank loans are being reduced. No additional financing is contemplated. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Preferred stock, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1.—V. 118, p. 3089

Southern Wood Preserving Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Bonds Offered.—
Atlanta (Ga.) Trust Co., is offering at par and int. \$150,000 1st Mtge. & Equip. 7% Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1924; due serially, July 1 1926 to July 1 1934. Int. payable J. & J. Callable on any int. date at 103. Atlanta Trust Co., trustee. Normal tax paid to 4%.

These bonds are a first lien upon the property of this company in Atlanta, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn. All of the proceeds of the issue will be expended upon the Chattanooga plant.

The company began business in January 1909 with a capital of \$5,000. Its assets on Dec. 31 1923 were over \$330,000 of which \$250,000 is represented by accumulated earnings. Total liabilities are \$15,000, excepting its capital stock, over which this bond issue is a prior lien. The business of this company is creosoting railway cross-ties, bridge and all other kinds of timber. Among its customers are the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, Western Electric Co., Georgia Ry. & Power Co., N. C. & St. L. Ry., Southern Ry., and the A. & W. P. Ry., for which they do an annual business of over \$1,000,000. The company's products are sold throughout the United States and in foreign countries.

Both principal and interest are guaranteed by R. H. White, Pres., R. H. White Jr., V.-Pres., and W. E. White, Sec.-Treas., who own all of the company's stock.

Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc.—Contract.—

President Ery Kenaya says in substance: "I have closed a contract through Italian banking interests whereby with them we shall have the exclusive privilege of supplying for 20 years 60% of the leaf tobacco required by the Polish tobacco monopoly, backed by the Polish Government. American growers of leaf tobacco will profit through establishment of a new market for American tobacco. Poland's population of about 30,000,000 will require 60,000,000 to 70,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco each year. Eventually 30% of these quantities should be American leaf tobacco, as I believe our farmers can compete successfully in providing this supply. The Banca Commerciale Italiana enabled Poland to borrow \$20,000,000 on 20-year bonds, guaranteed by the Italian Government and quickly subscribed for by Italian citizens. Under this 20-year contract, some 35,000,000 to 45,000,000 pounds of tobacco will be supplied through us each year, of which 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds will come from America; The total contract will involve from 700,000,000 to 900,000,000 pounds."—V. 116, p. 1423.

Standard Plate Glass Co.—Acquisition.—

The item appearing under the name of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. in last week's "Chronicle," p. 206, as the context shows, should have appeared under the name of the Standard Plate Glass Co.—V. 118, p. 2961.

Studebaker Corp.—Manufacturers' Sales to Dealers.

President A. R. Erskine is quoted as saying as follows: "For the first six months of this year sales by manufacturers to dealers showed a higher percentage compared with last year than sales by dealers to consumers which were off approximately 30% as a whole. Business was better in some sections of country than in others, but I think a 30% decrease is a fair estimate. Automobile sales declined this year because of late spring and general business decline. Production for the past few months has been below consumption, hence dealers' stocks have been considerably reduced, although their stocks are still higher than they should be.

"America leads the world in mass production of motor cars, and, therefore, in economical production. Export markets are widening and increasing all the time. Studebaker export business for the first six months of this year exceeded that of last year."—V. 118, p. 2191, 2177.

Sun-Maid Raisin Growers' Association.—Outlook, &c.

Ralph P. Merritt, Managing Director, has just advised the First Securities Co., which, with the Anglo-London-Paris Co., some months ago underwrote an issue of \$2,500,000 1st Mtge. 7% bonds, that the Association is making strides which compare most favorably with the best that has ever been accomplished before. Sales so far this year have averaged more than twice as much as in any similar period in previous years. There has been no break in prices, which continue firm.

According to Mr. Merritt, the market is bare of raisins and the outlook is good for a smaller carryover at the end of the fiscal year on Aug. 31 than last year, in spite of the fact that the 1923 crop was 40,000 tons larger than in 1922. Financially, the association has improved its current position by no less than \$4,000,000 in the last year.—V. 118, p. 918.

Superior Coal & Dock Co.—Lease.—

Henry Ford, it is reported, has acquired a lease for one year, at a rental of \$70,000, for the period, on the property of the company at Duluth. Receivers for the company, it is said, recently received an offer of \$658,000 from Ford at outright sale, but this was turned down.—V. 113, p. 1162.

Swift & Co.—Packers File Reply in Suit for Papers.—

Joint action by Swift & Co., Wilson & Co., Inc., and the Cudahy Packing Co. in the nature of a demurrer to a mandamus proceeding by the Federal Government, seeking to open the packers' books to the Administrators of the Packers and Stockyards Control Act, was filed in Federal Court at Chicago July 17. The original action by the Government was instituted in behalf of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, under whose jurisdiction the Act is administered.

In their reply to the Government, whose right to demand books and records in accordance with the terms of the law in question was recently upheld the packers contend the records sought have to do with transactions largely local in character and not, therefore, subject to regulation as inter-State commerce. The point is also made that no violation of the law by the firms is charged in the Government's mandamus action.—V. 119, p. 84.

Toledo (Ohio) Edison Co.—Acquisitions Approved.—

The Ohio P. U. Commission recently granted the company authority to acquire the Defiance Gas & Electric Co., the Swanton Light & Power Co., and the Holgate Light & Power Co.

The Commission also authorized the company to issue \$1,250,000 6 1/2% Preferred stock and \$1,017,200 7% Preferred stock. See also V. 118, p. 2837.

Tooke Bros., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Years Ending May 31, 1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Includes Net profits, Deprec. on inventory, Bond interest, Disc. on bonds writ. off, Reserve for income tax, Deprec. on mach'y, &c., Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Divs. from investment, Total surplus.

—V. 117, p. 449.

Toronto Carpet Mfg. Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—

Hanson Bros., Montreal, and R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto, are offering at 98 and int., to yield about 6.20%, the unsold portion of \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 6% 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series A. Dated Mar. 1 1924. Due Mar. 1 1944. See previous offering in V. 118, p. 1532.

Transee & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Bal. Sheet

Table with columns for Assets—June 30 '24 Dec. 31 '23, Liabilities—June 30 '24 Dec. 31 '23. Includes Property & plant, Cash, Acc'ts & notes pay., Inventories, Securities, Prepaid items, Other assets, etc.

x Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 119, p. 207.

Union Oil Co. of California.—Tenders.—

The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee, will until July 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Lien 5% 20-Year Sinking Fund bonds, dated Jan. 2 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$40,448.—V. 119, p. 207.

United American Chain Stores, Inc.—Bankers' Shares Offered.—

Bonner, Brooks & Co. are offering in New York (and British & General Debenture Trust, Ltd., in London), bankers' shares representing stocks of 14 chain store companies (operating 19,357 stores) at about \$16 1/4 per share.

Bearer shares, with coupons attached, in denom. of 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 share certificates. Coupons payable Jan. 31 and July 31 in U. S. currency at the Empire Trust Co., New York, trustee, or at the option of the holder, in sterling, in London, Eng. Dividends free from present normal Federal income tax.

Company deposits with the trustee 148 shares of stock of the following 14 chain store companies, and 1,000 bankers' shares are issued against them: Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Inc.; Childs Co. (Restaurants); The Ginter Co.; F. & W. Grand 5-10-25-Cent Stores, Inc.; S. S. Kresge Co.; S. H. Kress & Co.; Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.; May Department Stores Co.; McCrory Stores Corp.; National Tea Co.; Schulte Retail Stores Corp.; United Cigar Stores Co. of America; United Drug Co.; F. W. Woolworth Co. Listing Application will be made to list these shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Company.—United American Chain Stores, Inc., has been formed to secure, for the holders of its bankers' shares, the advantages of an investment trust in the stocks of the 14 companies that own the leading chain stores of the United States and Canada.

Deposited Stocks.—The trust agreement provides that stocks of the 14 chain store companies shall be deposited with the Empire Trust Co., as trustee, in units, and that each unit shall be identical (all being common stocks, except Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Inc., which is 7% Cumul. Pref. stock) and shall consist of 148 shares of \$10,000 par value.

United Eastern Mining Co.—Dividend Increased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of five cents a share, payable July 31 to holders of record July 18. A quarterly dividend of ten cents per share was paid on April 28 last. Compare V. 118, p. 1786.

United Electric Securities Co.—Bonds Called.—

Certain Collateral Trust 5% bonds of the 23d, 28th, 32d and 37th series, aggregating \$55,000, have been called for redemption Aug. 1 at 103 and int. at the American Trust Co., trustee, 50 State St., Boston, Mass.—V. 118, p. 3209.

United Hotels Co. of America, N. Y.—Stock Increased.—

The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized capital from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.—V. 117, p. 2553.

United States Rubber Co.—Resignation.—

John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President, has resigned from the board of the above company.—V. 119, p. 85.

United States Steel Corp.—Foreign Holdings.—

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 119, p. 208.

United States Stores Corp.—Preferred Stock Offered.— Moore, Leonard & Lynch, J. H. Holmes & Co., Glover & MacGregor, Morgan J. C. Saupp and Gordon & Co., are offering at 97½% and dividend, to yield 7.18% (carrying bonus of 30% Class "B" Common stock warrants) \$2,000,000 7% Prior Cumulative Convertible Preferred (a. & d.) Stock.

Transfer agents: Empire Trust Co., New York; Standard Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Peoples Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. Registrars: American Trust Co., New York; Continental & Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; First National Bank at Pittsburgh. Free of the normal Federal income tax. Redeemable, all or part, on 60 days' notice, or for sinking fund at \$115 and dividends. Dividends payable Q.-M.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding.
3-Year 6½% Conv. Gold Notes of different series and maturities \$2,500,000 \$500,000
7% Prior Cumul. Conv. Pref. Stock (par \$100) 10,000,000 4,000,000
8% Cumul. Conv. Pref. Stock (par \$100) 10,000,000 2,628,382
Common Stock (no par value) Class "A" and "B" 7,500,000 sh 170,124 sh.

x This amount is subject to increase from time to time through exercise of conversion privileges given to note holders. y 20,000 shares Class B Common stock are reserved against outstanding rights to subscribe to such stock.

Company.—A holding company, incorporated in Delaware in 1922. Operates through subsidiaries 1,047 grocery and meat stores representing the consolidation of 15 chain store groups. At the date of incorporation the company acquired three properties totaling 178 stores operating in northern New Jersey with annual gross sales of approximately \$6,000,000. Other acquisitions in this territory and the metropolitan district of New York in 1922 increased the gross volume to an annual rate of \$8,800,000, and the stores to 253.

In 1923 the company acquired additional properties in northern New York, the New England States, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, bringing the total stores to 612, with gross sales at the annual rate of \$19,000,000. The stores have been arranged into three districts, i. e., New England with 210 stores served from a warehouse at Cambridge, Mass., metropolitan district of New York and New Jersey with 316 stores served from a warehouse at East Orange, N. J., Ohio, Indiana and Michigan with 86 stores served from a warehouse at Columbus, Ohio.

Early in 1924 the corporation again extended its operations by the acquisition of Huey & Mathews, Inc., and S. B. Charters Grocery Co.'s cash and carry stores, both of Pittsburgh. Huey & Mathews, Inc., was started in 1905, and the first cash and carry store opened by S. B. Charters was in 1906. Since these dates the combined growth in new stores, sales and earnings has been steady and consistent and when acquired by United States Stores Corporation they operated a total of 156 stores which has been increased to 168 stores.

The last acquisition was the P. H. Butler Co., also of Pittsburgh. This property was established in 1898 by the late P. H. Butler. The company now has 267 stores in operation.

Assets.—The assets of the subsidiaries, including the Pittsburgh units, of the United States Stores Corporation include merchandise, two modern bakeries, furniture and fixtures of stores and warehouses, three warehouses, motor trucks and other delivery equipment, together with leaseholds of stores and other warehouses on satisfactory terms.

The consolidated net assets after giving effect to the acquisition of the P. H. Butler Co., the financing in connection therewith and the restatement of the correct values of these assets are in excess of the par value of the outstanding 7% Prior Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock. The foregoing assets do not include goodwill, which is carried at a substantial amount, as these groups have been acquired largely because of their reputation, location and profitable business in the several territories served, consequently this goodwill is as substantial and valuable an asset as any of the tangible assets heretofore referred to.

The current balance sheet of the United States Stores Corporation, according to its books, after deducting all outstanding debt, after giving effect to the acquisition of all the capital stock of the P. H. Butler Co. and the financing in connection therewith, shows net assets in excess of 150% of the outstanding 7% Prior Preferred stock, including this issue.

Sales and Earnings.—The net sales for 1923 of the units owned by United States Stores Corporation and the units in Pittsburgh subsequently acquired by it were \$31,979,622. For the first three months of 1924 the net sales of the same units were \$8,605,418.

The net earnings for 1923 of the parent company and its subsidiaries owned in 1923 and the net earnings of the units subsequently acquired in Pittsburgh, before depreciation, loss on sale of capital assets (acquired with the separate properties but not useful for combined operation) and Federal taxes, were \$587,127. Net earnings before depreciation and Federal taxes for the three months ended March 29 1924 of the parent company and all the above units considered as an entity, therefore giving effect to the estimated expenses of such joint operation, but without taking into account the economies which must result therefrom, were \$211,617.

Convertible.—Prior Preferred stock may be converted at the option of the holder thereof into Class "A" Common stock on the basis of 1.815 shares of Class "A" Common stock for the units of Prior Preferred stock. This conversion privilege expires Sept. 1 1932, unless Prior Preferred stock shall be called for redemption, in which event the conversion privilege shall expire 30 days after date of call.

Officers.—Pres., H. S. Kimball; V.-Pres., H. J. Mottet; V.-Pres., F. W. Bacon; V.-Pres., E. H. Wands; Sec. & Treas., H. Williams Jr.

Gross Sales.—Gross sales from 1,047 stores now comprising system (including P. H. Butler Co., recently acquired) totaled \$16,888,113 for the first six months of 1924. This compares with \$7,812,397 in the first half of 1923 from a total of 600 stores.—V. 119, p. 208.

Utica Gas & Electric Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Guaranty Co. of New York is offering at 102 and div., to yield 6.85% \$2,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Dividends cumulative and payable Q.-F. Red. all or part at any time on one month's notice at \$105 and divs. Non-voting except in the event of dividends being in arrears for 12 months. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agents: Empire Trust Co., New York, and Oneida County Trust Co., Utica, N. Y. Registrars, Central Union Trust Co., New York, and Citizens Trust Co., Utica, N. Y.

Data from Letter of Pres. Frank M. Tait, Utica, N. Y., July 14.

Company.—Owns and operates without competition electric light and power properties serving Utica, Little Falls and numerous other communities, with a total population estimated to exceed 220,000, in the heart of the Mohawk Valley manufacturing district of central New York State. This district is well known for its diversified manufactured products, which include textiles, cutlery, tools, knit goods, typewriters, firearms, filing cabinets, knitting machines and pressed steel products.

Upon completion of the new 30,000 kw. steam plant, the electric properties, which produce over 87% of net earnings, will have an aggregate installed capacity of 84,300 kw., of which 40% is hydro-electric. Company also owns undeveloped hydro-electric power sites in contiguous territory with a potential capacity of over 30,000 k.w.

The gas properties, which contribute about 12% of net earnings, have a daily capacity of 6,000,000 cu. ft., which is being increased to a daily capacity of 9,500,000 cu. ft. by the construction of a new Koppers by-product coke and gas plant which is expected to be ready for operation Oct. 1 1924.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this \$2,000,000 Preferred stock of the General Mortgage bonds recently offered (see V. 119, p. 85) will be used in payment of \$1,500,000 7% notes due Nov. 1 1924, and for expenditures heretofore and now being made in connection with the construction of new plants and other improvements.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.
1919. 1921. 1923. 1924.
x Gross earns. & oth. inc. \$2,278,344 \$2,977,998 \$4,068,862 \$4,148,500
y Net after int., &c. 230,493 297,571 808,136 764,809
x 12 months ended April 30 1924. y Net income is arrived at after deducting operating expenses, taxes, annual interest requirements on funded debt presently to remain outstanding and \$217,101 for retirement reserve in 1924.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding.
Underlying and divisional bonds (x) \$8,681,000
General Mortgage Gold bonds (y) 5,300,000
7% Cumul. Pref. stock (incl. this issue) \$8,000,000 5,343,300
Common stock, paying 8% 4,000,000 4,000,000
x Closed except for refunding \$390,000 divisional bonds.
y Issuance of additional bonds limited by the conservative restrictions of the mortgage. z \$319,000 additional held alive in sinking fund.

Balance Sheet.—Balance sheet for April 30 1924 adjusted to give effect to present financing, shows fixed properties and work in progress of \$17,706,598 (after deduction of reserve for retirements), and construction funds and net working capital of \$5,971,567, an aggregate of \$23,678,165, or more than \$11,667,165 in excess of the funded debt to remain outstanding. Net tangible assets are about \$200 per share of Preferred stock presently to be outstanding.

Management.—Company's operations are under the supervision of the Brady interests.—V. 119, p. 85.

Universal Pipe & Raciator Co.—Time Extended.—The company has extended to Aug. 1 the offer to exchange Iron Products and Central Foundry stock into Universal.—V. 118, p. 3210.

Valley Mould & Iron Corp.—Bond Offering.—Union Trust Co., Cleveland, recently offered, at par and interest, \$750,000 First Mortgage 7% Gold Bonds.

Dated May 1 1924. Due May 1 1934. Interest payable M. & N. at office of Union Trust Co., Cleveland, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company will refund the Pennsylvania 4 mill tax. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Redeemable on any interest date at 105 and interest up to and including May 1 1927, and thereafter at 102½ and interest to maturity. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee. The mortgage provides for a sinking fund which calls for the deposit of \$75,000 with the trustee on Nov. 1 1924 and a similar sum on the first days of May and November in each year thereafter to be used for the retirement of bonds through purchase or redemption, thus assuring the retirement of the entire issue on or before maturity.

Company.—Is considered to be the largest manufacturer of ingot molds and allied products in the country. Ingot molds are used in casting liquid steel as made in the several types of metallurgical furnaces, into a solid form suitable for rolling or forging. It is estimated that the corporation makes one-half of all the molds used in this country, and over two-thirds of the molds not made by steel plants themselves. Corporation was organized in 1917 to take over the business of the Valley Mould & Iron Co., which had been in successful operation in this business for over 25 years. Corporation has plants at Sharpsville and Josephine, Pa., where it is an outlet for six independent blast furnaces who can supply it with all the necessary hot metal. Company numbers among its customers most of the large steel concerns of this country.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage upon the Sharpsville plant and, subject to \$358,700 7% purchase money bonds, by a first mortgage on the Josephine plant also. Bonds of this issue are reserved for retirement of the purchase money bonds all of which will have been retired by Jan. 1 1929.

Earnings.—Company has been a consistent earner since its foundation. Over a period of six years and ten months ended Dec. 31 1923, earnings have averaged annually as follows:

Net applicable to depreciation, interest charges on this issue and Federal taxes \$917,528
Depreciation 315,227
Interest charges on maximum amount of First Mortgage bonds which may at any time be outstanding on these properties 105,000
Federal taxes 253,942
Purpose.—Retirement of first mortgage bonds due July 1 1924.—V. 112, p. 2092.

Ward Baking Corp.—Earnings.—William B. Ward has authorized the following statement: "Net profits after Federal taxes and depreciation have been deducted for the five-week period ending July 5 1924 amounted to \$503,317. That is a record profit covering the entire history of the company for a five-week period. This compares with the five-week period ending May 31 1924, which net profit was also a record, amounting to \$454,813."—V. 118, p. 3090, 2592.

Waring Hat Mfg. Corp., Yonkers, N. Y.—Receiver.—Federal Judge Winslow on July 14 appointed Adam R. Demory and E. Bright Wilson receivers. The complaint was filed by John A. Hurley, a creditor to the amount of \$5,000. Liabilities of the corporation are about \$2,500,000. The amount of the assets is not stated. Of the liabilities, \$1,200,000 is said to be due to banks, \$800,000 on a mortgage, and the remainder to merchandise creditors.—V. 118, p. 3210.

West Missouri Power Co.—Acquisitions.—The company recently acquired the Fort Scott & Nevada Light, Heat, Water & Power Co. of Nevada, Mo., and the Sac River Power & Light Co., which has a hydro-electric plant on the Sac River near Caplinger Mills in Cedar County, and which serves Humansville, Caplinger and Flemington in Missouri.—V. 116, p. 2286.

Western United Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Blodget & Co., W. W. Armstrong & Co., First Wisconsin Co. and Illinois Merchants Trust Co. are offering \$3,000,000 General Mortgage Gold bonds as follows: \$1,854,000 6% bonds at 100 and int.; \$946,000 5% bonds at 88 and int., and \$200,000 5% bonds carrying 1% unsecured additional coupons at 100 and int.

Dated Aug. 1 1913. Due Feb. 1 1950. Interest payable F. & A. at office of the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date at 102½. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. These bonds are issued with the approval of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Data from Letter of Pres. Ira C. Copley, Aurora, Ill., July 2. Company.—Is one of the foremost public service corporations in the country. The gas business of the company and its predecessor companies has been in continuous and successful operation for more than 62 years; the electric business for more than 36 years. Company supplies gas to all and electricity to eight of 64 municipalities located in McHenry, Kane, DuPage, DeKalb, Kendall, Will and Cook counties, in Illinois. The population served is well over 250,000. The number of customers served exceeds 76,300, of which more than 5,600 were added during the 12 months period ending May 31 1924.

Operating Statement 12 Months Ended May 31.
1923. 1924.
Gross revenue \$3,119,497 \$3,586,329
Oper. exps., incl. maint. & taxes, but before deprec. 2,165,035 2,504,203
Net earnings \$954,462 \$1,082,125
y Annual int. on entire mtge. debt on completion of this financing 529,845

Balance available for Federal taxes, depreciation & dividends \$552,280

x These earnings do not reflect the full benefit from the new power plant and other improvements resulting from this financing.
y Does not include interest on \$250,000 unsecured debenture notes maturing \$50,000 annually, 1924-28.

Security.—Secured by a direct mortgage lien on all property now or hereafter owned, subject only to \$4,674,400 1st (closed) Mtge. 5s, due serially, 1925-1950. The General Mortgage is also a lien on the Coal Products Manufacturing Co.'s plant at Lockport, Ill.

Valuation.—The appraised value of the company's property as of Jan. 1 1920, made by independent engineers, together with the cost of additions and improvements subsequently made, to June 15 1924, is \$18,293,987. This valuation does not include additions to be made from the proceeds of bonds now offered.

Funded Debt Statement (Upon Completion of the Present Financing).
1st (closed) Mtge. 5s, due serially Feb. 1 1925-1950 \$4,674,400
Gen. Mtge. Gold bonds: 5s 1,810,100
do do 5s with additional 1% coupons 2,104,000
7% Serial Gold debentures, due Dec. 1 1924-1928 1,323,000
Total 9,911,500

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$1,710,000 collateral notes outstanding and to reimburse the company for 75% of the cost of permanent extensions and additions to its property.

Sinking Fund.—On Aug. 1 annually an amount equal to 2% of the total Gen. Mtge. bonds outstanding shall be deposited with the trustee to be used for the retirement of bonds, or to reimburse the company for additions, improvements or extensions in connection with which the company would be entitled to authentication of bonds under the mortgage.

Control.—All of the Common stock owned by the Western United Corp., which also controls and operates the Coal Products Manufacturing Co.—V. 119, p. 85.

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THE BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL REPORT, CALENDAR YEAR 1923.

The Annual Report for the calendar year 1923, which the President and Directors of The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company submit to-day to the stockholders of the Company, marks the ninety-seventh year of the Railroad Company's existence.

The operated mileage of the Company is 5,207 miles and including 104 miles of its subsidiary companies, the total first main track mileage of the System is 5,311 miles. The total mileage of all tracks is 10,697 miles. In addition the Company exercises trackage rights for passenger traffic only from Philadelphia to New York, a distance of 97 miles.

The Company's equipment, valued at \$189,764,832, consists of 2,546 steam locomotives, 11 electric locomotives, 100,036 freight train cars, 1,333 passenger train cars, 3,697 work equipment units and 172 marine equipment units.

The recorded investment at December 31 1923 of the property devoted to and used in transportation service is \$753,130,840, an increase over the previous year of \$31,756,585.

The year 1923 was notable for the general revival in business and industrial activity in which the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company shared to a gratifying extent. In gross and net revenues and tons of revenue freight carried the year was the largest in the history of the Company, and clearly demonstrated the high physical standard of the property, as this traffic was handled not only in an efficient and expeditious manner, but with an ease that indicated a capacity and ability to perform a much greater service with substantially the same facilities. At the same time the Company carried on an extensive program of improvements to the line and in the upbuilding of its equipment. There was some congestion at times in the marine terminals at Baltimore caused by insufficient facilities, which situation will have been overcome upon completion of the large new grain elevator and new pier now in process of construction and in the readjustment of yard tracks incident thereto, all of which will be completed during 1924.

The financial results were equally satisfactory. The net railway operating income, that is, the amount earned in the actual operations of the

railroad property was	\$42,133,129
while the return from other investments was	6,032,521

making a total income of	\$48,165,650
from which was deducted for fixed charges, etc.	25,743,614

leaving a balance of	\$22,422,036
and after payment of dividend on the preferred stock of	2,354,527

there remained	\$20,067,509
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showing an earning of 13.21% on the outstanding common stock of the Company. These results, together with the underlying conditions, in the judgment of the directors, justified the resumption of dividend payments on the common stock which had been suspended in 1919 after nineteen years of continuous payments averaging about 5 1/8% per annum. Consequently declarations were made of two quarterly dividends at the rate of 5% per annum, effective for the second six months of the year.

The physical property, both road and equipment, was well maintained. The relations between the Company and the shipping public were increasingly satisfactory, and at no time has there been a better spirit of co-operation between the officers and the employees than exists at present. It is due in large part to the combination of circumstances just mentioned that the Company was able to make such a creditable showing during the year under consideration.

It is noted from the income account that the net railway operating income of the Company for the year 1923 was \$42,133,129, an increase over 1922 of \$18,398,124, or 77.51%. For the purpose of the "Recapture" provisions of

the Transportation Act of 1920, net railway operating income of the Company and its separately operated subsidiaries is combined and the rate of return computed on the investment in property used in transportation of the system as a whole. The combined net railway operating income for the Baltimore & Ohio System for 1923, including its separately operated subsidiaries, was \$43,026,131, equal to a rate of return of 5.37% on the recorded "Property Investment" aggregating \$800,648,023. The decrease in other corporate income and the increase in deductions from gross corporate income were relatively small.

The net income for the year 1923 transferred to surplus was \$22,422,036, an increase over 1922 of \$18,046,663, out of which there was appropriated \$5,250,000, to be devoted to capital expenditures, making \$17,500,000 which the Company has appropriated for similar purposes since July 1 1919, and thus completing the Company's obligation with respect to the provisions of its \$35,000,000 loan agreement of July 1 1919.

The Company declared the regular dividends on the preferred stock at the rate of 4% per annum, as has been the custom since the year 1900. Dividend declarations on the Company's common stock were resumed in September 1923 at the rate of 5% per annum, and two quarterly dividends aggregating 2 1/2% were declared during the last six months of the year. In determining the question of resumption of dividends on the common stock of the Company the Board concluded, in harmony with what has become the general practice, to adopt the plan of payment quarterly on both the preferred and common shares of the Company instead of semi-annually as heretofore.

The surplus income for the year, plus the appropriations for capital purposes, together with the net credit arising out of settlement with the United States Government for Federal Control and the Guaranty Period and certain other adjustments, brought the total corporate surplus from \$40,932,131 in 1922 to \$58,725,099 for the year 1923, a gain of \$17,792,968, or 43.47%.

During the year there was carried out a more extensive program for the betterment and enlargement of the property and for the purchase of additional equipment for the more efficient and economical handling of the business of the Company. The expenditures incident thereto are reflected in the balance sheet which shows there was an increase of \$31,756,585. In Investment in Property used in Transportation Service, as follows, viz.:

Additions and Betterments to Road	\$6,704,907
Additions and Betterments to Equipment	25,094,423
	\$31,799,330
Less—Net decrease in other accounts	42,745
Net Increase	\$31,756,585

During the year there was expended for additions and betterments to road the gross sum of \$10,749,969, and after deducting the cost of renewals and retirements there was a net increase in the investment account of \$6,704,907.

Of the more important work undertaken during the year was the construction of a new grain elevator at Locust Point, Baltimore, Md., to replace elevators "B" and "C" destroyed by fire caused by lightning on July 2 1922. The new elevator is of concrete construction throughout, of the most modern type and reflects the latest development in elevator construction and practice. The elevator will have an initial capacity of 3,800,000 bushels and can be expanded indefinitely by the erection of additional storage units. The work house and storage bins are set back 500 feet from the water front, the grain being handled between the elevator and wharves by six continuous belts having a capacity of 150,000 bushels per hour. Storage tracks for 500 cars will be provided and the grain will be delivered to the elevators by means of four car dumpers, each with a capacity of eight cars per hour. There will be a marine tower with

a capacity of 4,000 bushels per hour for unloading grain received by water. A drying and cleaning plant with capacity of 40,000 bushels per hour is provided. Every part of the structure will be equipped with dust-collecting devices, and no efforts have been spared to insure fire prevention and safety in operation. Most satisfactory progress has been made in this work and it is expected that the elevator will be ready for the reception of grain about August 1 1924.

To meet the increasing demands for wharfage at Locust Point, Pier 3 is under construction. This is a new pier and will be 1,000 feet long by 185 feet wide with a two-story superstructure. Pier 10 is also being extended, and Pier 5 is being remodeled and a storage shed erected thereon.

To permit the more extended use of heavier power 187 bridges were reconstructed and reinforced during the year.

To enable the Company to discontinue the use of lines of other carriers and to facilitate the movement of traffic a new double track line is being constructed between Millvale and Etna, Pa., 2.16 miles in length, and its completion is anticipated in the latter part of 1924.

The following equipment was acquired during the year: 115 locomotives, 91 passenger train cars, 11,659 freight train cars, 19 work equipment units and 6 floating and miscellaneous equipment units at a cost of \$31,259,059. After allowing for equipment retired and reduction in value due to transfer of equipment from one class to another account of age, the net increase in the value of equipment owned and in service at the end of the year was \$25,094,423.

There was an increase in tractive power of locomotives acquired over locomotives retired of 2,031,380 pounds and an increase in tonnage capacity of freight cars acquired over freight cars retired of 348,628 tons.

As of July 1 1923 the Company disposed of all its interests in the Sandy Valley & Elkhorn Railway Company and the Millers Creek Railroad Company, and as of November 1 1923 of its interest in the Long Fork Railway Company. These properties are all located in Kentucky and separated some distance from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, access to them being dependent upon the lines of other carriers over which this Company did not have trackage rights. The original purposes for which the Company acquired these properties having been accomplished, their further retention was deemed not necessary to the future interests of the Company and they were disposed of to advantage. Each of the companies was separately operated in the interest of the Baltimore & Ohio Company up to the date of sale, and the results of such operations are included in the income account of the Company.

There were 63,974 employees in the service of the Company at December 31 1923, of whom 54,037 were members of the Relief Department.

Pension payments to retired employees, while administered through the officers of the Relief Department, are contributed wholly by the Company and constitute a special roll. The number of pensioners on the roll at the end of 1923 was 1,274, a net increase of 41 for the year. Pension payments for 1923 amounted to \$435,503, an increase of \$27,716 over the previous year. Since the inauguration of the Pension feature in October 1884 the Company has expended \$5,473,606 account of pensions to superannuated employees.

At the annual meeting of the Baltimore & Ohio Stockholders in November 1921 the President, after presenting the Annual Report of the affairs of the Company for 1920, made the following statement:

"Notwithstanding all that I have said concerning the difficulties of the present situation, I am personally optimistic concerning the future, and I feel confident that if the Transportation Act of 1920 is left in its present shape until the railroads have had time and opportunity to give the law a fair trial that we will be able, slowly perhaps, but certainly able, to work out of our present difficulties, and I hope under the terms of the present Transportation Act to see railroad securities once more restored to the confidence of the investing public. While the Transportation Act of 1920 does not afford a perfect or final solution of the railroad problem, it is, in my opinion, distinctly in advance of anything which we have heretofore had in that direction, and to my mind the Act, even in its present shape, is sus-

ceptible of being so applied as to measurably, if not fully, meet the requirements of the situation. In any event, I think it ought to be given a fair trial before any attempt is made to materially amend it."

The real essence of the Transportation Act of 1920 is contained in that part of the Act known as Section 15a, which provides, among other things, a rule for rate-making for the guidance of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. While there have been demands from certain quarters for the repeal of this section of the Act, Congress, wisely it is believed, has so far refrained from making any changes in the Act as originally passed.

Realizing the necessities for the greatest improvement and expansion possible of the country's transportation facilities the Association of Railway Executives early in 1923 perfected arrangements for a more complete co-operation between the railroads themselves and with the shipping public, and announcement was made at the same time that the railroads as a whole had authorized expenditures estimated at \$1,100,000,000 for new equipment and additional facilities. In that connection the following statement on behalf of the railroads was made:

"The railroads of the country are raising this enormous amount of additional capital largely through borrowed money, on the abiding faith in the fairness of the American people, and reliance on the continuance of the policy announced in the Transportation Act of 1920, as a measure of reasonable protection to investment in railroad property."

The program then adopted resulted in the actual expenditure of \$1,059,149,000 during the year 1923 for new equipment and other improvements. It is extremely doubtful if such an enormous expenditure would have been undertaken at that time had it not been for the assurance, implied at least, in Section 15a of the Transportation Act.

During the year the railroads handled successfully and efficiently a volume of traffic greatly in excess of that ever previously handled during a similar period and did so with practically no car shortage and with no congestion. The more than 10% reduction in freight rates, effective in the last half of 1922, was, with further reductions subsequently made, fully effective throughout the year 1923. The return on property earned by the Class I railroads of the country as a whole was approximately 5.19%.

As its participation in the 1923 program of betterments the Baltimore & Ohio Company expended for new equipment and additions to its property \$31,799,330, and operating under the terms and subject to all the restrictions of the present Act, the Company, as previously stated herein, moved in 1923 the largest volume of traffic in its entire history and realized therefrom the greatest gross and net earnings ever earned during a similar period of time. The surplus remaining after providing for upkeep, fixed charges and taxes, was over \$22,000,000, a large sum than ever realized before from one year's operation, and after providing for the dividends declared upon the preferred and common stocks there remained a balance of approximately \$16,000,000 available for the payment of capital obligations and for improvements and additions to the property.

It is believed that the results of the Company's operations in 1923 fully confirm the President's forecast to the stockholders in 1921 quoted above.

Once more it is suggested that stockholders ought to use their influence to prevent, if possible, any change in the Transportation Act until it has had a further and more complete trial. It is not true, as sometimes claimed, that the Act guarantees to the railroads any fixed rate of return. At most, it simply assures to the roads an opportunity to earn a fair but limited return upon the lawfully ascertained value of the property used for transportation purposes, provided, however, that they are able to earn such return from the business to be moved and at the rates fixed in accordance with the rule prescribed by Congress itself. A further trial of the Act in its present form is urged not only in the interest of the stockholders, but in the larger interest of the public as well.

At December 31, 1923, there were 33,573 stockholders of the Company of record.

The Board takes pleasure in recording its appreciation of the fine spirit of loyal and efficient co-operation mani-

gested by the officers and employees during the year. Its Company, to all those in its employ and to the public as well.
 continuance should insure real and lasting benefits to the DANIEL WILLARD, *President.*

INCOME ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET.
 CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT.

	Year 1923.	Year 1922.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Average Miles Operated.....	*5,206.87	5,212.05	-5.18
Railway Operating Revenues:			
Freight.....	\$208,587,996 20	\$159,506,624 69	+\$49,081,371 51
Passenger.....	30,752,790 80	26,801,741 73	+3,951,049 07
Mail.....	2,526,213 34	2,593,804 83	-67,591 49
Express.....	4,992,622 90	4,467,546 23	+525,076 67
Other Transportation Revenue.....	3,535,610 59	3,129,144 29	+406,466 30
Miscellaneous Revenue.....	5,199,201 43	4,344,307 90	+854,893 53
Total Railway Operating Revenues.....	\$255,594,435 26	\$200,843,169 67	+\$54,751,265 59
Railway Operating Expenses—			
Maintenance of Way and Structures.....	\$29,318,700 72	\$23,325,886 80	+\$5,992,813 92
Maintenance of Equipment.....	63,881,472 30	48,439,422 37	+15,442,049 93
Traffic.....	3,916,435 76	3,560,796 63	+355,639 13
Transportation.....	94,676,661 15	82,408,878 33	+12,267,782 82
Miscellaneous Operations.....	1,653,199 60	1,647,881 02	+5,318 58
General.....	5,917,658 45	5,658,981 82	+258,676 63
Transportation for Investment— <i>Credit</i>	40,166 55	20,472 57	-19,693 98
Total Railway Operating Expenses.....	\$199,323,961 43	\$165,021,374 40	+\$34,302,587 03
Net Revenue from Railway Operations.....	\$56,270,473 83	\$35,821,795 27	+\$20,448,678 56
Ratio of Operating Expenses to Operating Revenues.....	77.98%	82.16%	-4.18%
Other Operating Charges—			
Railway Tax Accruals.....	\$9,834,128 86	\$6,769,093 26	+\$3,065,035 60
Uncollectible Railway Revenues.....	131,286 01	85,821 61	+45,464 40
Equipment Rents—Net Debit.....	3,139,711 37	3,957,430 54	-817,719 17
Joint Facility Rents—Net Debit.....	1,032,218 29	1,274,444 65	-242,226 36
Total Other Operating Charges.....	\$14,137,344 53	\$12,086,790 06	+\$2,050,554 47
Net Railway Operating Income as defined in the Transportation Act of 1920.....	\$42,133,129 30	\$23,735,005 21	+\$18,398,124 09
Other Corporate Income—			
Income from Lease of Road.....	\$17,144 80	\$17,895 46	-\$750 66
Miscellaneous Rent Income.....	968,560 11	1,068,200 18	-99,640 07
Miscellaneous Non-operating Physical Property.....	213,044 90	121,454 97	+91,589 93
Separately Operated Properties—Profit.....	296,451 94	423,242 61	-126,790 67
Dividend Income.....	1,914,723 50	1,886,367 50	+28,356 00
Income from Funded Securities.....	1,628,601 42	1,758,486 86	-129,885 44
Income from Unfunded Securities and Accounts.....	902,393 38	493,864 89	+408,528 49
Income from Sinking and Other Reserve Funds.....	67,450 45	395,818 08	-328,367 63
Miscellaneous Income.....	24,149 84	21,801 84	+2,348 00
Total Other Corporate Income.....	\$6,032,520 34	\$6,187,132 39	-\$154,612 05
Gross Corporate Income.....	\$48,165,649 64	\$29,922,137 60	+\$18,243,512 04
Deductions from Gross Corporate Income:			
Rent for Leased Roads.....	\$394,266 38	\$283,213 71	+\$111,052 67
Miscellaneous Rents.....	519,196 36	432,855 08	+86,341 28
Miscellaneous Tax Accruals.....	279,576 96	271,835 21	+7,741 75
Separately Operated Properties—Loss.....	794,285 78	1,186,411 02	-392,125 24
Interest on Funded Debt.....	23,333,142 78	22,810,615 53	+522,527 25
Interest on Unfunded Debt.....	304,519 52	439,448 19	-134,928 67
Miscellaneous Income Charges.....	118,625 96	122,385 57	-3,759 61
Total Deductions from Gross Corporate Income.....	\$25,743,613 74	\$25,546,764 31	+\$196,849 43
Net Corporate Income.....	\$22,422,035 90	\$4,375,373 29	+\$18,046,662 61

* Excludes the 96.71 miles of passenger trackage rights between Philadelphia and New York.

CORPORATE SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Profit and Loss Account—			
Credit Balance, December 31 1922.....			\$20,015,285 03
Net Corporate Income for Year 1923.....		\$22,422,035 90	
Miscellaneous Adjustments—Net Credit.....		1,309,248 63	
Total.....			23,731,284 53
Appropriations During Year 1923:			\$43,746,569 56
Income applied to Sinking and other Reserve Funds.....		\$119,948 23	
Income transferred to "Additions to Property Through Income and Surplus".....		5,250,000 00	
Dividends on Preferred Stock at 4% per annum.....		2,354,527 24	
Dividends on Common Stock at 5% per annum (six months).....		3,798,569 74	
Total.....			11,523,045 21
Credit Balance December 31 1923.....			\$32,223,524 35
Additions to Property Through Income and Surplus—			
Credit Balance December 31 1922.....		\$20,736,232 78	
Income and Surplus appropriated during the Year 1923.....	\$5,250,000 00		
Miscellaneous.....	321,497 92		
Total.....		5,571,497 92	
Credit Balance December 31 1923.....			26,307,730 70
Sinking Fund Reserves—			
Credit Balance December 31 1922.....		\$180,612 86	
Additions During Year.....		13,230 98	
Total.....			193,843 84
Total Corporate Surplus, Credit Balance December 31 1923.....			\$58,725,098 89

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

	Year 1923.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Investment in Road and Equipment.....	\$442,860,719 28	
Investment in Constituent Companies.....	303,828,921 09	
Investment in Perpetual Leaseholds—(per contra).....	6,441,200 00	
Total Property Investment.....	\$753,130,840 37	+\$31,756,585 04
Other Investments.....	75,250,984 21	-8,532,847 38
Total Investments.....	\$828,381,824 58	+\$23,223,737 66
Current Assets—Cash, Materials and Supplies, &c.....	68,318,661 36	+7,223,954 94
Deferred Assets.....	977,004 18	-84,033,805 06
Unadjusted Debits.....	2,514,442 50	-1,583,551 71
Total.....	\$900,191,932 62	-\$55,169,664 17
LIABILITIES.		
Common Stock.....	\$151,945,428 54	
Preferred Stock.....	58,863,180 95	
Total Stock Outstanding.....	\$210,808,609 49	
Funded Debt.....	531,069,972 02	+\$14,977,234 98
Capitalized Leaseholds—(per contra).....	6,436,200 00	
Total Capital and Leasehold Obligations.....	\$748,314,781 51	+\$14,977,234 98
Current Liabilities.....	34,822,446 86	-6,701,389 30
Deferred Liabilities.....	2,686,954 59	-83,454,500 35
Unadjusted Credits—Accrued Depreciation, Reserves, &c.....	55,642,650 77	+2,216,022 28
Corporate Surplus.....	58,725,098 89	+17,792,968 22
Total.....	\$900,191,932 62	-\$55,169,664 17

WESTERN POWER CORPORATION

ANNUAL REPORT—YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1923.

New York, N. Y., July 1 1924.

To the Stockholders:

Herewith is submitted a statement of the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries for the fiscal year ending December 31 1923.

WESTERN POWER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1923 (INTER-COMPANY ITEMS ELIMINATED) AS CERTIFIED BY HASKINS & SELLS.

<i>Operating Revenues—</i>	
Electric	\$6,754,410 83
Steam	314,311 02
Water	41,174 78
Other	14,073 76
Total	\$7,123,970 39
<i>Operating Expenses—</i>	
Production	\$493,928 52
Transmission	113,482 00
Distribution	364,646 06
Commercial	315,252 17
General and Miscellaneous	262,194 84
Steam service	205,170 33
Water service	31,177 32
Taxes	573,180 06
Total	2,359,031 30
Profit from Operations	\$4,764,939 09
<i>Other Income Credits—</i>	
Interest	\$44,578 53
Rentals and leases	43,179 99
Great Western Power Company First Mortgage 5% Bonds, pledged as collateral, released through operations of the California Electric Generating Company sinking fund	14,000 00
Unclaimed deposits and checks written off	1,848 77
Collections of accounts previously written off	974 07
Dividends received on investments	375 00
Total	104,956 36
Gross Income	\$4,869,895 45
<i>Income Charges—</i>	
Interest on notes and accounts	\$16,292 90
Rental expenses	32,890 49
Provision for renewals and replacements	502,452 96
Amortization of bond discount and expenses	119,143 53
Provision for Federal income tax, 1923	187,500 00
Provision for doubtful accounts	7,706 86
Loss on sinking fund operations	821 18
Taxes on non-operating property	5,617 58
Donations	3,291 00
Total	875,716 50
Net Income Before Deducting Interest on Funded Debt	\$3,994,178 95
Interest on Funded Debt	\$2,567,915 13
Less interest charged to construction	53,070 30
Total	2,513,944 83
Net Income	\$1,480,234 12
Surplus January 1 1923	6,314,411 71
Profit & Loss Credit—Adjustment Account Western Power Co	6,660 97
Gross Surplus	\$7,801,306 80
<i>Profit & Loss Charges—</i>	
Dividends on preferred capital stock:	
California Electric Generating Company	\$150,000 00
Great Western Power Co. of California	461,468 23
Western Power Corporation	442,292 50
Adjustment of Federal income and profits taxes of prior years and expenses in connection therewith	64,952 47
Adjustment of depreciation of prior years	1,207,622 72
Adjustment of earnings of prior years	43,301 27
Total	2,369,637 19
Surplus December 31 1923	\$5,431,669 61

The Consolidated Balance sheet as of December 31, certified by Messrs. Haskins & Sells, is hereunto appended.

The net income, after all charges, was \$1,480,234 12, from which there was paid in dividends the sum of \$1,053,760 73, as follows:

On the preferred stock of Great Western Power Company of California, \$461,468 23.

On the preferred stock of California Electric Generating Company, \$150,000.

On the preferred stock of Western Power Corporation, \$442,292 50, leaving a balance not otherwise appropriated, and to be passed to surplus, of \$426,473 39, equal to \$2.907 per share upon the Corporation's outstanding common stock.

During the year there was set aside in reserve for renewals and replacement, the sum of \$502,452 96, equal to \$3 425 per share on the common stock. As of December 31 1923, this particular item of reserve had reached a total of \$3,300,293 89, while the corporate surplus had grown to \$5,431,669 61, an aggregate amount of \$8,731,963 50, equivalent to over \$59 per share upon the common stock.

The growth of the business during the year was very substantial, and in the main, satisfactory. On February 20 1923 a reduced rate equivalent to a cut in earnings of approximately \$520,000 was put into effect. This amount, plus an item of \$380,000 ("Interest during Construction" credited to income during the previous year,) an aggregate of \$900,000, was practically absorbed through new business taken on during the year.

Additional new business continues to appear in ever increasing ratio, and the prognostications in our previous report were fully realized. The addition to our connected load during the year of 47,551 horsepower to meet the requirements of 5,715 new customers was a purely normal

expansion, incidental to the steady growth of the territory served by us, and to the availability of electric energy through our policy of keeping well ahead in the development of our vast productive resources for the encouragement of new industries and home seekers. As before stated, the characteristics of our territory from the standpoint of attractiveness, business and residential, have long since demonstrated an ample market for our product up to the full limit of our ability to produce it.

In accordance with our fixed policy, all depreciable property of the Company was maintained at the highest possible state of efficiency, as a part of the operating costs. Substantial sums were spent in refinement of the service, and we are pleased to report a high degree of satisfaction with our service throughout the trade. Owing to complete interconnection of our several sources of supply, interruptions in our service of any duration have become rare, and throughout the year none of moment whatever, occurred. Through installation of refining apparatus as rapidly as it is developed, our regulation has reached a high state of efficiency and dependability.

Throughout the year our customer ownership plan was vigorously pursued, and approximately 9,444 shares of additional preferred stock of the operating Company were sold. As of December 31st, 1923, 70,239 shares of this stock were outstanding in the hands of 4,556 owners, and 6,280 shares had been subscribed for under the partial payment plan. This feature of our business holds promise of large future increase, and we are encouraged to believe that each succeeding year will produce larger percentages of our capital requirements through this method.

Through rigid adherence to our policy of taking the residents of our territory wholly into our confidence, keeping them fully informed upon every detail of our business, and devoting ourselves whole heartedly to their service, our relations with the public may be again referred to with satisfaction and pride. As time goes on, we find increasing evidence of a spirit of friendship and co-operation on the part of the consuming public in return for fair, frank and honest dealing with it. We are convinced that as the people become more familiar with the complexities, difficulties and costs of public utility operation, the more readily they recognize the wisdom of encouraging these fundamentals of their comfort and welfare by every means at their disposal. Our continued aim will be to make our conditions and our necessities clearly understood, and when we have done so, the public may be depended upon to meet us even more than half way in our effort to improve and ultimately cheapen our service to it.

Again we take occasion to express our appreciation of the devotion and loyalty of our operating organization, without which we would fall short, not only in the performance of our duties to the public, but in our aspirations, to build up our own concern to a place of pre-eminence in the field of our endeavor. We want our co-workers in the business to feel that our success is their success, and that in full measure they may depend upon our concern for their individual welfare.

For your further information relative to the details of the operating company, we accompany this report with the annual report of Great Western Power Company of California.

By order of the Board of Directors.

H. P. WILSON, *President.*

WESTERN POWER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31 1923.

ASSETS.	
Plant Property and Franchises	\$71,044,384 22
Miscellaneous Investments	283,669 56
Sinking Funds	4,611 90
<i>Current Assets—</i>	
Cash	\$451,024 32
Special Deposits	758,718 81
Notes Receivable	190,379 99
Interest Receivable	2,517 86
Accounts Receivable	988,430 57
Due from subscribers to Great Western Power Company of California Preferred Capital Stock	383,492 43
Due from subscribers to Western Canal Company Capital Stock	223,817 65
Material and Supplies	595,256 57
Total Current Assets	3,593,638 20
<i>Deferred Debit Items—</i>	
Unamortized Discount on Securities and Expenses	\$2,543,101 30
Other	344,916 29
Total Deferred Debit Items	2,888,017 59
Total	\$77,814,321 47
LIABILITIES.	
<i>Capital Stock—</i>	
Western Power Corporation—	
Preferred, 7% Cumulative: 70,800 shares	\$7,080,000 00
Common without par value: 146,700 shares	3,667,500 00
California Electric Generating Company—	
Preferred, 6% Cumulative: 25,000 shares	2,500,000 00
Great Western Power Company of California—	
Preferred, 7% cumulative: 70,240 16-19 shares	7,024,084 21
Subscriptions to Preferred Capital Stock	628,000 00
Total Capital Stock	\$20,899,584 21

LIABILITIES (Concluded).

<p>Brought forward.....\$20,899,584 21</p> <p>Funded Debt—</p> <p>Great Western Power Company of California:</p> <p>First and Refunding Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A," due March 1 1949.....\$6,000,000 00</p> <p>Less in Treasury \$2,000 00</p> <p>Less in Sinking Funds 30,000 00 32,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....\$5,968,000 00</p> <p>First and Refunding Mortgage 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "B," due Aug. 1 1950.....\$8,500,000 00</p> <p>Less: Pledged with trustees of Gen- eral Lien 8% Bonds.....\$2,500,000 00</p> <p>In Treasury 857,400 00</p> <p>In Sinking Funds 35,500 00 3,392,900 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....5,107,100 00</p> <p>First and Refunding Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "C," due Feb. 1 1952.....4,000,000 00</p> <p>Less in Treasury 2,000 00</p> <p>Less in Sinking Fund 15,000 00 17,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....3,983,000 00</p> <p>General Lien, Convertible 8% Gold Bonds, due Aug. 1 1936 2,500,000 00</p> <p>Less in treasury 54,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....2,446,000 00</p> <p>Ten-year Convertible 6% Gold Debentures, due Nov. 1 1925.....4,177,600 00</p> <p>Great Western Power Company—</p> <p>First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due July 1 1946 (including \$595,000 00 pledged with the Trustees of the California Electric Gen- erating Company Bonds and not bearing interest).....23,140,000 00</p> <p>Less: Pledged un- der Mortgages \$2,756,000 00</p> <p>In treasury 53,000 00 2,809,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....20,331,000 00</p>	<p>Brought forward.....\$42,012,700 00 \$20,899,584 21</p> <p>City Electric Company First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due July 1 1937.. 3,859,000 00</p> <p>Less: Pledged un- der Mortgages \$2,561,000 00</p> <p>Less in treasury 123,000 00 2,684,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....1,175,000 00</p> <p>California Electric Generating Company First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due Sept. 1 1948.....889,000 00</p> <p>Less in treasury 9,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....880,000 00</p> <p>Consolidated Electric Company General Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due June 1 1955.....1,946,400 00</p> <p>Less: Pledged un- der Mortgages \$350,350 00</p> <p>In treasury 53,600 00 403,950 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....1,542,450 00</p> <p>Consumers Light & Power Com- pany General Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due April 15 1933.....79,000 00</p> <p>Less in treasury 11,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....68,000 00</p> <p>Central Oakland Light & Power Company First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due May 1 1939.....63,000 00</p> <p>Less in treasury 14,000 00</p> <p>Outstanding.....49,000 00</p> <p>Total Funded Debt.....\$45,727,150 00</p> <p>Current Liabilities—</p> <p>General Mortgage Bonds Called for Redemp- tion and Premiums Payable.....\$3,255 00</p> <p>Accounts Payable.....667,476 54</p> <p>Interest Accrued.....1,075,963 05</p> <p>Taxes Accrued.....73,437 12</p> <p>Dividends Declared.....284,637 62</p> <p>Consumers' and Miscellaneous Deposits.....60,489 11</p> <p>Total Current Liabilities.....2,165,258 44</p> <p>Deferred Credit Items.....5,304 69</p> <p>Reserves—</p> <p>Renewals and Replacements.....\$3,300,293 89</p> <p>Injuries and Damages.....23,138 25</p> <p>Uncollectible Electric Bills.....74,422 38</p> <p>Federal Income Tax, 1923.....187,500 00</p> <p>Total Reserves.....3,585,354 52</p> <p>Surplus.....5,431,669 61</p> <p>Total.....\$77,814,321 47</p>
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GREAT WESTERN POWER COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA

ANNUAL REPORT—1923

Office of the President.

San Francisco, California, July 1 1924

To the Stockholders:

Herewith is submitted a report of the operations and progress of Great Western Power Company of California for the year ending December 31 1923:

Total gross operating revenues for the year were \$7,123,970 39, of which \$6,754,410 83 was derived from the sale of electric energy. The remainder is made up principally from the sale of steam for heating purposes in San Francisco and Oakland, and by the sale of water through the system of the Western Canal Company, and the sale of electrical apparatus.

Revenues from the sale of electric energy for lighting purposes totaled \$2,361,654 38, as compared with \$2,179,595 15 in 1922. General power revenues were \$3,399,332 31, an increase of \$115,480 83. Revenue from the sale of energy for cooking and heating amounted to \$183,670 02, an increase of \$66,493 36. The sale of energy for the operation of electric railways produced a revenue of \$329,013 49, a substantial increase over the previous year. Sales to other electric corporations and to municipalities for redistribution totaled \$480,740 63.

The profit from operations was \$4,778,452 94.

ADDITIONS TO FIXED CAPITAL

Net additions and betterments to the system during the year ending December 31 1923 were \$2,899,379 27. Of this amount \$250,143 94 was charged to production capital, \$167,305 19 being chargeable to reservoirs, tunnels, dams and intakes, and principally to the new Butt Valley Dam. Transmission capital accounted for \$616,380 38, of which \$408,110 85 represented substations and equipment. Expenditures at the new Golden Gate Substation and the substations at Las Plumas and Brighton, described herein, were largely responsible for this item. \$1,257,489 75 was expended in the extension, improvement and enlargement of our distribution system. Expenditures for transformers, poles, towers, fixtures, overhead and underground conductors make up the principal items under this division. The expenditures on the construction and installation of the third unit at Caribou plant amounted to \$564,056 22 for the

year, the balance of the appropriation for this purpose to be expended in 1924.

BALANCE SHEET AND FINANCIAL

The plant, property and franchises, including the investment in the former properties of the Universal Electric & Gas Company, now stand at \$83,274,842 58. Total current assets are \$3,604,252 72, of which \$1,172,544 56 represents cash and special deposits, and current liabilities are \$2,179,125 93. Total assets are \$90,809,417 45.

Preferred capital stock of the par value of \$7,024,084 21, held by 4,556 shareholders, was outstanding, practically all of which has been sold through the Company's own organization. In addition, \$628,000 worth of preferred stock has been subscribed to be paid for in installments.

In October \$1,000,000 First and Refunding Series C 6% bonds were sold, the proceeds being used for reimbursement of the treasury for expenditures already made, and for additions and betterments to our electric property.

During the year \$417,000 in bonds were retired through sinking fund operations.

Total funded debt outstanding was \$44,890,150, as compared with \$44,362,650 as of December 31 1922.

The renewal and replacement reserve now amounts to \$3,300,293 89, which is quite substantial, as a very large part of the Company's investment is in dams, tunnels, reinforced concrete power houses, steel tower transmission lines and modern equipment, all of which is subject to a very low rate of depreciation.

Surplus at the end of the year was \$5,019,918 34, which, together with the very substantial reserves, totaling \$3,568,138 97, should be a source of great gratification to our stockholders.

The books and accounts of the Company have been audited by Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants, and on the following pages will be found the net income and general balance sheet as of December 31 1923.

CONSTRUCTION.

The installation of the third unit of 22,223 k.v.a. capacity at Caribou plant proceeded actively throughout the greater part of 1923, and the unit was placed in operation April 1 1924, giving the Caribou plant a capacity of 66,669 k.v.a.

This third unit was installed at an expense of approximately \$1,000,000, or about \$45 00 per k.v.a. At the time of installation of the first two units of this plant, which were placed in operation in 1921, the tunnels, power house and transmission lines were constructed of sufficient size to take care of the requirements of this third unit. It was only necessary, therefore, to install a third pipe line, generator and water wheels, transformer bank and necessary switch gear.

The Caribou plant and works in Butt Valley now represent an expenditure of approximately \$14,800,000, or \$220 00 per k.v.a.

With the water resources of Lake Almanor and Butt Valley available, this plant will take its place as the greatest producer of hydro-electric energy west of the Mississippi River. To supply this plant, the waters of Lake Almanor are diverted into Butt Valley through a lined tunnel, where they join Butt Creek and flow down Butt Valley to the reservoir at its lower end. A circular reinforced concrete lined pressure tunnel, 10 feet in diameter, approximately 9,500 feet in length, conducts the waters to the top of the Feather River gorge, where they are dropped through a second pressure tunnel and steel pipe lines to the water wheels at the bottom of the canyon, a vertical distance of 1,108 feet.

The Caribou plant is located on the North Fork of the Feather River, approximately 10 miles below the Big Meadows Dam, which creates Lake Almanor, with a present storage capacity of 300,000 acre-feet. The discharge from the Caribou plant joins the North Fork of the Feather River and flows to the intake of Las Plumas plant, fifty miles to the south. This stream is, of course, fed by its tributaries between the two plants, arising at various points in the 2,500 square mile water shed.

While two units were operating at the Caribou plant it was necessary during the dry season of the year to by-pass a considerable quantity of water from Lake Almanor around the Caribou plant by discharging it at Big Meadows Dam, in order that the Las Plumas plant, with its considerably lower head of 425 feet, might have a sufficient supply of water to operate its generators of 87,000 h.p. capacity. By the installation of the third unit at Caribou plant, this practice will be almost entirely eliminated, and the water which formerly wasted its energy between Big Meadows Dam and the Caribou plant will now be passed through the plant, producing electric energy for transmission over the 165,000-volt steel tower line to the San Francisco Bay region, 200 miles distant.

Further studies of the proposed Butt Valley reservoir indicated that the storage could be increased to 50,000 acre-feet at moderate additional cost. Favorable soil conditions and a narrow canyon made possible the construction of a hydraulic fill earth dam, and work was undertaken in June 1923 and pursued actively until April 1924, at which time sluicing was completed. Completion of this dam not only provides a very large forebay at the head of the tunnel supplying the Caribou plant, but will also increase by over 16% our storage capacity in Plumas County.

Construction of the outdoor switching structures and auto transformer equipment at Las Plumas and Brighton, for the purpose of exchanging energy between the 165,000-volt Caribou line and the 110,000-volt Las Plumas line, went forward and is to be completed early in 1924.

A 165,000-volt steel tower transmission line, with one circuit installed, was built from the Valona substation to the new Golden Gate substation on San Francisco Bay, thereby completing a through line from the Caribou plant to this important distributing centre. The work covering the construction of the 165,000-volt bus structure and the auto transformer bank at Golden Gate substation for transforming the energy produced by the third unit at Caribou plant to distribution line voltage, proceeded during the latter part of the year and will be completed early in 1924.

Late in 1923 a 30,000 k.v.a. synchronous condenser was ordered for installation at Golden Gate Substation. This is the largest size synchronous condenser ever manufactured, and its installation will require an addition to the present building. This condenser will, together with the two 15,000 k.v.a. condensers now installed at Golden Gate Substation, regulate the Caribou line in order that full output of the three units may be obtained.

At the present time we are operating two electric distribution substations in Oakland, and three small plants for the production of steam for heating purposes. In order to take care of the rapid growth in the business section of Oakland,

it became necessary to increase our facilities and the construction of a new combined electric substation and steam plant has been authorized. It will have an ultimate capacity of 1,000-boiler horsepower for steam heat production, a transformer capacity of 10,000 kilowatts, 4,000-volt, three-phase current, and a direct current capacity of 2,000 k.w. This station will represent an expenditure of approximately \$300,000. It is expected that this new substation will be in operation within one year from date.

Our distribution lines are being steadily pushed forward into new territory throughout the system as the opportunity for the development of sufficient business presents itself. In excess of \$1,200,000 was spent for this purpose and for reinforcing our existing facilities during the year, and it is expected that this rate of development will at least be maintained throughout the coming year.

GENERAL

During 1923 California public utilities were first in the United States in hydro-electric production, with a total output of 4,111,411,000 k.w.h. The State of New York was second with 3,550,637,000 k.w.h., and the entire United States, excluding California, produced 15,519,555,000 k.w.h. from water power. Not only did California have the greatest hydro-electric output, but the use per capita was greatly in excess of that in any other of the principal States. In the general territory served by us, which is typical of California, the annual consumption per capita is 990 k.w.h. This will compare with an annual per capita consumption in the State of New York of 587 k.w.h. and an average in the United States, excluding California, of 348 k.w.h.

Initiative in load building by the power companies through the development of new uses for electric energy and the delivery of service to practically every prospective consumer in the territory served by the California utilities, has resulted in this very large use per capita. Our Company's activities in this regard have placed it in the front rank of California utilities.

The high rate of use per capita in California has made possible the operation of the Power Companies' systems at higher load factors, with resulting lower rates to the consumer.

At the end of 1923 our Company was serving a connected load of 417,519 horse-power and delivering energy to 46,724 consumers. The net gain in connected load during the year was 47,551 horse-power, or at the rate of 12.85%, while 5,715 new consumers were added. This compares with a net increase in connected load in 1922 of 49,668 horse-power, of which 14,750 was acquired in the purchase of the Universal Electric & Gas Company's properties. Increase in number of consumers served in 1922, exclusive of those acquired by purchase of the Universal system, was 5,054.

Our hydro-electric plants in 1923 produced 560,288,960 k.w.h. and 14,994,540 k.w.h. were produced by steam, making a total of 575,283,500 k.w.h. for the year.

The rapid development of territory served by us has resulted in a corresponding increase in electrical requirements for mining, irrigation and reclamation pumping, lumbering, transportation, commercial, industrial and domestic activities. We have prepared for this growth by constructing new hydro-electric production properties, transmission and distribution facilities, which cover a large territory in the central part of the State and will enable us to take full advantage of the great growth in store for the section of the State served by our Company.

Sincerely yours,

M. FLEISHHACKER,

President.

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1923.

Operating revenues:	
Electric.....	\$6,754,410 83
Steam.....	314,311 02
Water.....	41,174 78
Other.....	14,073 76
Total.....	\$7,123,970 39
Operating expenses:	
Production.....	\$493,928 52
Transmission.....	113,482 00
Distribution.....	364,646 06
Commercial.....	315,252 17
General and miscellaneous.....	245,680 99
Steam service.....	205,170 33
Water service.....	31,177 32
Taxes.....	573,180 06
Total.....	2,345,517 45
Profit from operations.....	\$4,778,452 94
Other income credits:	
Interest on notes and accounts.....	\$46,787 71
Rentals and leases.....	43,179 99
Miscellaneous credits.....	20,331 66
Total.....	110,299 36
Gross income.....	\$4,888,752 30
Income charges:	
Interest on notes and accounts.....	\$17,132 90
Rentals and leases.....	281,084 24
Provision for renewals and replacements.....	502,452 96
Amortization of bond discount and expenses.....	119,143 53
Provision for Federal income tax—year 1923.....	165,000 00
Provision for doubtful accounts.....	7,706 86
Miscellaneous charges.....	8,898 58
Total.....	1,101,419 07
Net income before deducting interest on funded debt.....	\$3,787,333 23
Interest on funded debt.....	2,471,418 08
Net income for the year.....	\$1,315,915 15

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1923.

ASSETS.

Plant property and franchises	-----	\$83,274,842 58
Investments in securities	-----	1,042,304 56
Current Assets:		
Cash	-----	\$448,006 55
Special deposits:		
Bond interest	-----	562,484 75
Preferred stock dividends	-----	121,275 62
Impounded pending litigation	-----	29,418 94
Other deposits	-----	11,358 70
Notes receivable	-----	190,379 99
Accounts receivable:		
Subscribers to preferred capital stock	-----	383,492 43
Subscribers to Western Canal Company capital stock	-----	223,817 65
Western Canal Company water consumers	-----	127,270 54
Western Power Corporation	-----	47,663 09
Consumers	-----	691,744 74
Other accounts	-----	169,415 29
Interest receivable	-----	2,667 86
Materials and supplies	-----	595,256 57
Total current assets	-----	3,604,252 72
Deferred debit items:		
Unamortized discount on securities	-----	\$2,543,101 30
Prepaid taxes and miscellaneous items	-----	344,916 29
Total deferred debit items	-----	2,888,017 59
Total	-----	\$90,809,417 45

LIABILITIES

Capital stock:		
Preferred	-----	\$7,024,084 21
Subscriptions to preferred	-----	628,000 00
Common	-----	27,500,000 00
Total Capital Stock	-----	\$35,152,084 21
Funded debt:		
Great Western Power Company of California		
First and Refunding Mortgage, 6%, Sinking Fund, Gold Bonds, Series "A," due March 1 1949	-----	\$6,000,000 00
Less in treasury	-----	\$2,000 00
Less in sinking funds	-----	30,000 00
	-----	32,000 00
Outstanding	-----	\$5,968,000 00
First and Refunding Mortgage, 7%, Sinking Fund, Gold Bonds, Series "B," due August 1 1950	-----	\$8,500,000 00
Less:		
Pledged with trustees of general lien 8% bonds	-----	\$2,500,000 00
In treasury	-----	857,400 00
In sinking funds	-----	35,500 00
	-----	3,392,900 00
Outstanding	-----	5,107,100 00
First and Refunding Mortgage, 6%, Sinking Fund, Gold Bonds, Series "C," due February 1 1952	-----	\$4,000,000 00
Less in treasury	-----	\$2,000 00
Less in sinking fund	-----	15,000 00
	-----	17,000 00
Outstanding	-----	\$3,983,000 00
General lien convertible 8% gold bonds, due August 1 1936	-----	\$2,500,000 00
Less in treasury	-----	11,000 00
Outstanding	-----	2,489,000 00
Ten-year convertible 6% gold debentures, due November 1 1925	-----	4,177,600 00
Great Western Power Company:		
First mortgage, 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due July 1 1946 (including \$595,000 00 pledged with the trustees of the California Electric Generating Company bonds and not bearing interest)	-----	\$23,140,000 00
Less: Pledged under mortgages	-----	\$2,756,000 00
In treasury	-----	53,000 00
	-----	2,809,000 00
Outstanding	-----	20,331,000 00
City Electric Company:		
First mortgage, 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due July 1 1937	-----	\$3,859,000 00
Less: Pledged under mortgages	-----	\$2,561,000 00
In treasury	-----	123,000 00
	-----	2,684,000 00
Outstanding	-----	1,175,000 00
Consolidated Electric Company:		
General mortgage, 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due June 1 1955	-----	\$1,996,900 00
Less: pledged under mortgages	-----	\$350,350 00
In treasury	-----	104,100 00
	-----	454,450 00
Outstanding	-----	1,542,450 00
Consumers Light and Power Company:		
General mortgage, 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due April 15 1933	-----	\$79,000 00
Less in treasury	-----	11,000 00
Outstanding	-----	68,000 00
Central Oakland Light & Power Company:		
First mortgage, 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due May 1 1939	-----	\$63,000 00
Less in treasury	-----	14,000 00
Outstanding	-----	49,000 00
Total funded debt	-----	\$44,890,150 00
Current liabilities:		
Salaries and wages payable	-----	\$94,534 24
Accounts payable	-----	633,585 96
Consumers' and construction deposits	-----	60,489 11
Dividends payable	-----	251,999 12
Accrued interest—due, not paid	-----	39,034 75
Accrued interest—not due	-----	1,026,617 63
Accrued taxes	-----	72,865 12
Total current liabilities	-----	\$2,179,125 93
Reserves:		
Renewals and replacements	-----	\$3,300,293 89
Federal income tax, 1923	-----	165,000 00
Miscellaneous reserves	-----	102,845 08
Total reserves	-----	3,568,138 97
Surplus	-----	5,019,918 34
Total	-----	\$90,809,417 45

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

6 Mos. end. June 30—	x1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross revenue, including dividends & interest	\$55,218,618	\$56,135,450	\$50,603,181	\$52,522,066
Maint., repairs & res. for depreciation	\$9,396,487	\$8,958,687	\$8,422,812	\$8,853,393
Other oper. exp., incl. rent of leased lines & taxes	38,584,568	39,093,304	35,433,767	38,684,027
Int. on bonded debt	1,156,050	1,153,425	1,153,425	665,925
Net income	\$6,081,513	\$6,930,034	\$5,593,177	\$4,318,721

x Month of June estimated.—V. 118, p. 1926, 1518.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Acquisition.—
It was announced on July 17 that the company had purchased the plant of the Massey Concrete Products Corp. and the concrete post business of the George Cutter Co. of South Bend, Ind.—V. 119, p. 208.

Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp.—To Increase Operations.
An official statement says: "The weaving mills of the corporation, consisting of works located at Clinton, Worcester and Mt. Wolf, Pa., and Blue Island, Ill., will commence increased operations in anticipation of a large seasonable demand for woven products. These include screen cloth, poultry netting, poultry and rabbit fence and similar goods. The operation of four large weaving plants at capacity automatically speeds up the wire producing plants at Spencer and Palmer. Skilled workers who have been working on short time will go on full time immediately. The mills concerned in this increased operation employ normally about 3,000 men."
"The other lines of manufacture of the corporation are improving. Stock in the hands of the manufacturing trade and consumers are low. Orders are increasing, both in numbers and quantity, and indications lead us to believe that operations will steadily increase and all departments will be running full by early fall."—V. 119, p. 208.

Willys-Overland Co.—June Sales.—
Retail sales in June were 21,156 cars, a new high record.—V. 119, p. 208.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Files Reply in Govt. Suit.—
See Swift & Co. above.—V. 119, p. 85.

Wisconsin Electric Power Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.
Dillon, Read & Co. interim receipts for First Mtge. Gold Bonds, 5%, Series "A," due Feb. 1 1954, will be exchangeable for definitive bonds at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York on and after July 21. (For offering, see V. 118, p. 679.)—V. 118, p. 1926.

Wisconsin Hydro-Electric Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.—
Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, and Morris F. Fox & Co., Milwaukee, are offering at 96½ and int. to yield 6.28%, \$950,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, Series "A."
Dated June 1 1924; due June 1 1949. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Callable upon any int. date at 105 and int. for the first ten years, and thereafter at 105 less 1-3 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof to maturity. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, trustee.

Data from Letter of E. J. Schneider, President of the Company.
Company.—Furnishes electricity to 24 towns and 15 farming communities in which it owns the distributing systems and wholesales current to 11 other companies serving 13 towns and eight farming communities. This territory has a population of approximately 30,000, including the towns of Amery, Shell Lake, Chetek, Spooner, Cumberland, Colfax, Rice Lake, Cameron, Glenwood City, Barron and Frederic. Company, through a reciprocal agreement, sells power to, and purchases power from, the Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Power Co.
Company's properties comprise four hydro-electric power developments having a combined installed capacity of approximately 3,000 h.p., together with 170 miles of 23,000-volt transmission lines and 79 miles of a lesser voltage, 31 miles of the latter being carried on poles of the 23,000-volt lines. Company also owns a very valuable site on the Namakagon River, having a capacity for the development of about 1,750 h.p.
Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on all of the company's properties, with the exception of \$38,000 of encumbrances on the Chetek plant, for which bonds of this series are being reserved to retire.

Earnings.—Consolidated net earnings have increased over 200% since 1920. Consolidated net earnings available for bond interest before deduction of depreciation, for the 12 months' period ending May 31 1924 amounted to \$120,839, or over two times annual interest charges on these bonds.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund of 2% of the total amount of Series "A" bonds issued will operate either to retire bonds or pay for extensions and additions to the company's properties, against which no further bonds may be issued. A maintenance fund of 5% of gross earnings is also required.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide funds for acquisition of the Colfax properties, for refunding mortgage indebtedness, for extensions and additions to the company's properties and for other corporate purposes.

Woodward (Ala.) Iron Co.—Stock Increase—Tenders.—
The company has filed a certificate increasing its authorized capital stock from \$13,000,000 to \$13,405,000.
The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 16-22 William St., N. Y. City, will until July 28 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Consol. Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.—V. 118, p. 321.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—No Connection with New Co.—
The company states that the offering of the United Chain Stores, Inc., bankers shares (see above) was made without their previous knowledge or consent and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the company whose stock was offered or in any of the other chain store companies whose names were used in connection with the offering.—V. 119, p. 208.

Yadkin River Power Co.—New President.—
See Carolina Power & Light Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 116, p. 2662.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Beatty & Co., Inc., adjusters and insurance brokers, of 49 Wall St., New York, announce that Lester Mull has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the corporation. Mr. Mull is well known in shipping circles through his previous connections with leading shipping interests. He is the son of J. Harry Mull, President of Wm. Cramp & Sons' Ship & Engine Building Co. of Philadelphia. He has been associated with Beatty & Co., Inc., for some time past.

—The organization of Henry W. Sites & Associates with offices at 166 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, is announced. This firm, which is affiliated with engineering, appraisal and investment banking organizations, will act as wholesale distributors of original stock and bond issues.

—Mr. John W. McGuire, formerly wholesale sales and syndicate department manager of Merrill, Lynch & Co., is now associated with Henry D. Linsley & Co., Inc., 5 Nassau St., New York, as manager of their bond department.

—A. E. Fitkin & Co. have prepared for distribution a five-colored map showing the territory served by the Jersey Central Power & Light Corp., as well as that by other companies operating in eastern New Jersey.

—Thomas J. McGahan, formerly with Berdell Bros., is now associated with McDowell, Gibb & Herdling and will be in charge of their bond department.

—The Seaboard National Bank has been appointed transfer agent of the common and preferred stock of the Atlantic Fruit & Sugar Co.

—Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for certificates of deposit of Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corporation.

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 18 1924.

COFFEE on the spot was not at all freely offered. The demand was fair and with futures rapidly rising spot prices were naturally strong. On the 15th inst. Bourbon 2s. were here at 22.70c., 3s. at 20.30c.; 4s. at 20.15c. to 20.40; part Bourbon 3-5s., 19½c.; 4-5s. at 19.10c.; Rio 7s. sold on Monday at 14¾c. and the same shipper asked on Tuesday 15½c.; Victoria 7-8s. offered at 15¼c. Rio 7s. were sold on Monday and Tuesday at 14.75 to 14.90c.; but shippers now ask 15.30 to 15.50c. To-day there was a fair spot demand here. No. 7 Rio was quoted at 17 to 17½c.; No. 4 Santos, 21½ to 21¾c.; Medellin, 27c.; hard bean Bogota, 25½ to 25¾c.; Robustas, 18c. on the spot, and 17½c. for early delivery. Futures advanced 80 to 85 joints on the 14th inst. owing to the growing seriousness of the revolt in Brazil and fears of a stoppage or delay in getting supplies from that source. In any case temporary interruptions to coffee shipments from the Port of Santos are regarded as unavoidable. The trade has been buying in hedges. A rise of ½c. to 1c. occurred in coffee for prompt shipments from Santos over the week end. The effect of the revolt in Brazil on coffee prices in consuming countries, as supplies in sight would last the trade only a month to six weeks, is the paramount factor. Later came heavy profit-taking and some reaction. But on Wednesday another advance took place, this time 30 to 40 points with free covering and buying for long account. The public cable reported Rio that day 1575 reis higher, exchange on London ¼d. higher up at 5 9-32d. and the dollar rate 280 reis lower at 10\$330. Rio cabled via London: "Santos banks open for exchange only, otherwise until further notice there is a holiday in Santos until July 21." A private cable stated that no more shipments would be allowed from Santos unless notice of intention to ship had been given before July 9th. Some steamship lines will not allow their vessels to stop at Santos. Only one Santos house cabled firm offers on Tuesday and these were withdrawn later.

Consumption in the United States for the crop year July 1 1923 to June 30 1924 reached the highest total on record—10,758,080 bags as compared with 9,660,641 bags for the preceding 12 months. As to Brazilian supplies, it is worth while at this time to note that the visible supply of Brazil coffee is up to 1,022,784 bags, of which 648,600 bags are afloat as against a total a year ago of 645,119 bags. Some contend that it is well for dealers to carry at least normal supplies. Receipts of coffee at Rio for the first 10 days of July amounted to 99,000 bags. At Santos for the same period they were 144,000 bags, a total of 243,000 bags. The deliveries of Brazil coffee for the first 10 days of July were 157,087 bags against 157,062 in June and 107,459 bags in July a year ago. Apart from the revolt, it is pointed out that the present Santos crop is likely to be under 6,000,000 bags. From Santos some advices are as follows: "From information we have been able to gather in the interior this year's crop will be a small one, and the farmers are discouraged with the low percentage on the picked coffee, much lower than expected. This was confirmed to us to-day by a farmer from Dourados, one of the best producing districts in the State in special qualities. Also it appears from that that the demand for selections in Santos outruns the available supply. The insect plague it is also stated, is spreading, though it has done no serious harm as yet." To-day futures advanced, September reaching a new high. The trade was buying. Europe was selling all months, but other interests preferred the buying side. At one time early in the day prices were up 25 to 63 points under the stimulus of higher quotations in Rio. No firm offers were reported. One import shipper is said to have named a nominal price of 17.30c. for Rio 7s. August shipment. Far off months lagged behind July and September. Many believe that the Brazilian revolt will be short-lived. It is said that one steamer has been named for clearance from Santos. Several more are expected by some to sail next week. At least that is the talk here. Rio quoted July to-day 875 reis lower, but September 325 higher. Exchange on London was 3-32d. higher at 5 15-32d. The dollar rate was 220 reis lower at 9\$960. For the week futures show an advance here of 75 to 120 points.

Spot unofficial 17c | September ----- 15.30 | March ----- 13.85
July ----- 15.65 @ nom | December ----- 14.25 | May ----- 13.60 @ nom

SUGAR has latterly been quiet and more or less depressed, with sales of Porto Rico on the basis of 3¾c. c. & f. Some 10,000 bags of Cuba loading sold at 3¼c. c. & f. Futures have acted rather tired. The United Kingdom bought Cuban raw at 17s. 6d. c.i.f., a rather

sharp decline. Earlier in the week the price was 18s. 3d. Licensed warehouses here hold 362,232 tons of sugar. Cuban interests seem to be selling September sugar. Refined has been moving downward. On Wednesday prices fell 10 to 30 points. One refining company announced another reduction of 10 points in the wholesale price of refined sugar, bringing the new quotation down to 6.50c. a pound. Beet sections in the West reported a large crop. The Department of Agriculture makes their preliminary estimate of 838,000 long tons. Last season's final outturn was 878,000 tons with private early estimates for this year running up to 900,000 tons. The latest reports from some parts of the West say good rains are needed to bring the beet crop up to expectations. It is stated that not much Continental granulated is being offered from Hamburg and Dutch ports and at price levels considerably above the parity of the same class of sugar in London. A beginning, it is added, has been made with shipments of sugars from London to outports in spite of unfavorable freight terms and indications point to a continuance of such shipments in the near future, seeing it is recalled that the first Java sugars will hardly be available in English and Scotch outports before the middle of August.

One firm said: "We believe that it is safe to assume that the cost of producing sugar in Cuba is, on the whole, below rather than above 3c., although at that price the margin of profit in many cases may prove rather slender. It would be rash to try to make a similar estimate of the cost of beet sugar production in Europe, as conditions there have changed too much since the war. Besides some of the States created as a result of the war, are apparently drifting back into the old policy of a disguised bounty, which question was for many years such a serious bone of contention." The Federal Co. said: "Cuban sugar production reached 4,043,179 tons on June 30, according to reports from its representative on the island. The entire output last year was only 3,601,605 tons. During the last half of June production totaled 17,374 tons. Altogether 177 centrals have completed operations. The prevailing weather conditions, rains followed by hot sun, have been very favorable for the growth of the new cane. The French beet sugar crop is giving better results than ever before. The growers have never before collected so much revenue per hectare and a large increase in sowings is almost certain in a number of districts. A future crop of 630,000 to 650,000 tons might easily be reached if the weather remains only normal and 30,000 to 40,000 tons more may be expected if the weather is favorable. The average estimate of beet sowings is 30% over last year, but this figure might be easily surpassed. Consumers are holding fast to a hand-to-mouth buying policy because the prospects are for lower prices, especially in view of the expected large crop. Stocks at Cuban shipping points totaled 786,790 tons on July 5 as compared with 560,858 tons at the corresponding date last year."

Stocks in Cuba for the week ended July 12, including sugars at plantations, ports and in transit, were 1,297,968 tons, against 863,540 for the same period last year. It seems there are only two centrals grinding, against four at this time last year. The total outturn of 179 centrals which have finished grinding to date is placed at 3,963,020 tons, against 3,484,533 tons last year. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 32,201 tons, against 46,874 in the previous week, 23,811 in the same week last year and 62,218 two years ago; exports, 78,641 tons, against 96,321 in the previous week, 41,702 in the same week last year and 118,758 two years ago; stock, 692,254, against 738,694 in the previous week, 564,386 last year and 716,253 two years ago. Of the exports, 45,491 went to United States Atlantic ports, 17,958 to New Orleans, 3,643 to Galveston, 7,246 to Savannah and 4,303 to Europe. Havana cabled: "Heavy rain in some parts of Cuba, while in other parts rain is wanted." To-day futures showed little net change, but for the week are 8 to 11 points lower. Some 500 tons of Cuba sold this morning at equal to 3 5-16c., though bids as a rule were not above 3¼c. A cut in refined brought one refiner's price down to 6½ cents.

Spot unofficial 3 5-16c | September --- 3.37 @ 3.38 | March ----- 3.33
July ----- 3.27 @ nom | December --- 3.33 @ 3.34 | May ----- 3.21 @ nom

LARD on the spot has been advancing with a fair demand. Prime Western, 13.05c.; refined Continent, 13.50c.; South America, 13.75c.; Brazil, 14.75c. Futures have been rising with the grain markets. Now and then there have been reactions for Liverpool has not always responded to the American advance. And export demand, moreover, has not been up to expectations. Some stress was laid at one time on the fact that the cash demand in this country was only fair. On the 16th inst. Liverpool dropped 1s. to 1s. 9d. On the 17th inst. there was good buying by commission houses, however. Shorts covered heavily. Prices

advanced early about 50 points. Liverpool also moved upward. The hog market was stronger. Cash trade was better everywhere throughout the country, although no large export business was reported. Ribs advanced 20 to 30 points and bellies 27 to 37c. The net rise in lard that day was 37 to 45 points. To-day prices reacted with grain, but the ending shows an advance for the week of 55 to 60 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	cts. 11.77	12.00	11.90	12.00	12.45	12.60
September delivery	12.00	12.17	12.07	12.20	12.60	12.45
October delivery	12.12	12.30	12.22	12.32	12.70	12.57

PORK quiet; mess, \$26 to \$27 nom.; family, \$28; short clears, \$20 to \$26. Beef dull; mess, \$16 to \$17; packet, \$17 to \$18; family, \$19 to \$20; extra India mess, \$31 to \$32 nom.; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2 35; No. 2, \$4; 6 lbs., \$15; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$65 nom. Cut meats firm; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14 1/4 to 16 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 11 to 11 1/2c. Butter, creamery, lower grades to high scoring, 34 1/2 to 41 3/4c. Cheese, flats, 20 to 26c. Eggs, fresh gathered trade to extras, 23 to 32c.

OILS.—Linseed early in the week was in better demand and steady. Spot carlots, July-Aug., 96c. Late in the week linseed advanced 4c. a gallon on the strength of flaxseed. Spot, July-Aug., carlots were quoted at \$1, tanks 90c.; less than carlots, \$1 03; less than 5 bbls., \$1 05. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 9 3/4c. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 10 1/2c.; edible, 100 lbs., 13 1/4c. Olive, \$1 20@1 25. Cod, domestic, 59@60c.; Newfoundland, 61@62c. Lard, prime, 14c.; strained, New York, 12 1/4c. Spirits of turpentine, 84@88c. Rosin, \$5 55@7 65. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 24,200. P. Crude S. E., 1,025 nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	11.90@	Sept	11.82@11.84	December	9.88@9.92
July	12.00@12.40	October	10.94@10.95	January	9.85@9.96
August	11.95@12.10	November	10.10@10.15	February	9.85@10.00

PETROLEUM.—Featuring the week has been the reductions in the price of gasoline. Demand for both domestic and foreign account is light. Foreign consumers are not inclined to stock up for the present. Kerosene has been dull and weak. Consumers are purchasing very sparingly. Bunker oil has been quiet and somewhat easier. Leading refiners, however, continue to quote \$1 75 per barrel in bulk at refinery. Gas oil of late has been in better demand, with large export buyers more disposed to purchase ahead. At the Gulf 26-28 was held at 4 1/2c. a gallon. The Standard Oil Co. of New York early in the week reduced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon to 19c. in steel barrels delivered to garages. This reduction is effective in New York and New England. And it is believed that further increases in stocks on hand may cause further reductions later. Boston on the 15th inst. wired that the principal oil companies reduced the price of gasoline from 1 to 2 1/2c. a gallon, making the retail price from 21 to 21 1/2c. Albany reported that the retail price had dropped to 12c. a gallon, or a decrease of 10c. per gallon in less than a week. Gasoline was reduced 1c. a gallon by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey throughout its territory and 3c. by the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky. Kerosene was cut 1c. a gallon in New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and North Carolina. The Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. dropped the top grade of Mid-Continent crude oil and posted a price of \$2 a barrel for all oil of 36 gravity and above. This is equal to a reduction of 25 cents a barrel on those grades. Late in the week the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana lowered the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon throughout its territory. In Schenectady, N. Y., on July 11, gasoline prices were reduced 1c. to 17c. a gallon retail. At Rochester, N. Y., to-day the gasoline price war ended with 17c. a gallon for independent brand and 21c. for standard. Tulsa, Okla., on July 11 wired that rumors and predictions were general of a new crude price reduction in the Mid-Continent field.

Late in the week the Prairie & Gas Co. reduced Mid-Continent crude to 50c. per barrel. The Gulf Oil Co. cut the top grade Mid-Continent crude price 50c. and lower grades 25c., to meet the price schedules of the Sinclair and Prairie companies. The Texas Co. and the Humble Oil Co. met Prairie's reductions on Mid-Continent crudes and both companies then reduced Power, Mexia and Currie grades 25c. a barrel to \$1 50. Grade "A" Gulf Coast was cut 25c. a barrel to \$1 50 and Grade "B" 15c. to \$1 30. The Gulf Oil Co. promptly met the reductions by Humble and Texas or Powell, Mexia and Currie grades. The Ohio Co. cut Wyoming crude 25c. a barrel, including Elk Basin, Grass Creek light and other grades. Crude oil in Louisiana and Arkansas fields will probably be reduced within a day or two from 10 to 25c. a barrel to bring them in line with revisions in Mid-Continent and other fields. The Sinclair Co. followed with a reduction of 1c. in its tank wagon price. The filling station price in Chicago had been 19c., at which figure it remains. It is expected that companies supplying the east coast will follow with a reduction of 1c. within the next few days, bringing "gas" here to 21c. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced all grades of export naphtha 1c. a gallon to-day.

Los Angeles, Cal., reported the bringing in by the Shell Co. of California of a 4,000-bbl. gusher flowing 32.4 gravity oil, free from water, from 4,152 feet. This well is in the new Dominguez field, 10 miles south of Los Angeles. H. W. Brundige, State Railroad Commissioner for California, says

that because of drought in the State this year hydro-electric power companies will use 10,000,000 bbls. of fuel oil as compared with 3,000,000 bbls. in 1923, and that gas utilities will increase their oil consumption over last year by 300,000 bbls. to 4,500,000 bbls. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Navy specifications, 28.15c.; bulk, per gal., 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 bbls.), 19c.

Pennsylvania	\$3 00	Bradford	\$3 25	Illinois	\$1 97
Corning	1 80	Corsicana, lgt 150@200	2 00	Crichton	1 40
Cabell	1 60	Lima	2 18	Plymouth	1 35
Somers, light	1 85	Indiana	1 98	Mexia	1 50@1 75
Wyoming	1 95	Princeton	1 97	Calif., 35 & above	1 40
Smackover, 26 deg.	1 05	Canadian	2 53	Gulf Coastal	1 75
		Bull-Bayou	32-34.9 1 25		

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Mid-Continent—
Under 28 Magnolia	39 and over
28-30.9	\$1 75
31-32.9	1 50
33-35.9	30-32.9 below
36 and above	1 20
Below 30 Humble	Below 32 deg.
33-35.9	32-34.9
36-38.9	38 and above
39 and above	1 60

RUBBER was largely dominated by the trend of prices in London, where there has been a good demand with prices higher. The market there advanced to 12d. on the 16th inst., which was the highest price reached since May 1, when the downward movement began. Smoked ribbed sheets here were quoted at 22 1/2c. for spot and nearby. The demand on this side of the water was only moderate at best. Late in the week London declined to 11 3/4d. and prices here followed. Smoked ribbed sheets, spot July, 21 3/4c.; August, 21 3/4c.; September, 21 3/4c.; October-December, 22c.; January-March, 22 1/2c.; thin clean, 21 1/4c.; specky, 17 3/4c. First latex crepe, spot, 22 3/4c.; July-August, 22 3/4c.; September, 22 3/4c.; October-December, 23c.; January-March, 23 1/2c. In London on July 17 spot July-September was 11 3/4 to 11 7/8d.; October-December, 12 to 12 1/8d., and January-March, 12 3/8 to 12 3/4d., c.i.f. firm; August-September shipments from the East, 11 7/8d.; September-October, 12d.; buyers c.i.f. New York. In Singapore prices were firm with spot July 11 1/2d.; July-September, 11 1/8d.; October-December, 11 3/4d.

HIDES.—Country hides were offered more freely and prices were tending downward. Nominal prices were 7 1/2 to 9 1/2c. Common dry hides met with rather more inquiry. Bogota, 18c.; Orinoco, 15 1/2c. River Plate hides were steady, and stocks are said to be not very large. Some 4,000 Artiga frigorifico steers sold at 14 1/2c. At Chicago on July 15th big packer hides were firm with sales of July heavy native steers reported at 13 1/2c., a rise of 9 1/2c. Packers asked 11 1/2c. for light native cows, 13c. for heavy Texas and butt branded steers and 12c. for light Texas and Colorado steers; also an advance of 1/2c. Demand for common dry hides has increased a little the past few days with prices easier to all appearances. Central Americans sold at 14 3/4c. Of River Plate frigorifico hides sales were reported of 2,000 La Blanca cows and 2,000 Swift La Plata cows at \$31, or 11 1/2c. e. & f. Chicago has been stronger of late; 5,000 July sold at 12c. for light native steers and 11 1/2c. for light native cows and 12c. now asked. Country hides there were 10 to 11c.; choice buff weights, 9c.; ordinary 8c. All-weights Iowa, etc., active at 8 1/2c. selected for lots running 10 to 15% grubs but largely short haired.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have recently shown no great change, though tonnage was plentiful and the demand none too good. Rio, it was stated, was for a time the only active coal market. In sugar there was a moderate activity in trade to the United Kingdom. The River Plate lumber trade was still quiet. Time charters were dull. Later tankers from Gulf to north of Hatteras were quoted at 23c.; from Tampico to north of Hatteras, 26c.; transatlantic at 22s. per ton and from west coast of United Kingdom at 43s. per ton on dirty oil. Two steamships of the Munson Line have canceled their regular calls at the port of Santos partly because of the Sao Paulo rebellion, it was announced to-day at the offices of the company at 67 Wall St. The Southern Cross which sails to-morrow for South American ports will skip its stop at the coffee port and go direct from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires. Its schedule called for a visit to Santos on Aug. 2. The Pan American northbound, which was scheduled to load a cargo of coffee at Santos on July 21, has been ordered to avoid the port and go from Montevideo direct to Rio.

CHARTERS included coal from Hampton Roads to Porto Ferrao, \$2 80; grain from Montreal to Greece, August loading, 3s. 9d.; from Gulf to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 14c. one port and 14 1/2c. two ports, option United Kingdom at 15c. one port, 15.10c. two ports August loading; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio, September, \$3 25; three months time charter, 1,195 ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$1 65; grain from Gulf to Antwerp-Hamburg, 3s. 6d. August; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio, \$3 15 August; lumber from Gulf to Capetown, two ports, 152s. 6d.; oil from Gulf to South Africa, one port, 25c.; two ports, 35c.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 21s. 6d. two ports; coal from Hampton Roads to River Plate, \$3 25.

COAL has been quiet, plentiful and lower. Consumers' stocks, it is supposed, will need replenishing shortly. Mines are operating under 50%. Some are wondering what the effect of this will be next fall when railroads, mills and factories will want to stock up. Reserve supplies of dealers and mines, it is predicted, will have fallen to a low stage.

TOBACCO has been quiet and irregular. Some grades have weakened; others are rather steadier. It is said that

the 1924 crop of burley tobacco will not be as large as that of 1923, and hardly more than 85 to 90% of the 1922 crop. That is the view of the directors of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association of Louisville, Ky., reported at the regular monthly meeting of the board. Counties reporting reductions in acreage of from 5 to 25% with a probable average shortage of 10 to 15% in the crop as compared with that of a year ago. Havana seed B is nominally 22c.; binder, northern, 45 to 55c.; Southern, 25 to 35c.; Havana seed fillers, 12c.; medium wrappers, 75c.; dark, 50c.; seconds, 70c.; light, \$1 to \$1 25.

COPPER was in better demand and firmer. Early in the week it was reported that little copper was available at 12 3/4c., and that most sellers were asking 12 1/2c. There was a good foreign inquiry. A feature of the foreign demand was the buying by Germany. That country took very little copper in June. On the whole, there is more confidence in the copper trade. The Western Union Telegraph Co. bought 4,000,000 lbs. on the 16th inst., supposedly at 12 3/4c. delivered. The American Steel & Wire Co. was said to be inquiring for 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 lbs. on the 15th inst. Surplus stocks of refined copper in producers' hands fell off 3,000,000 lbs. in June, production being 205,000,000, and shipments 208,000,000. During the first six months of this year there has been a decline of 88,000,000 lbs. in surplus stocks, production being 1,302,000,000 lbs. and shipments 1,390,000,000 lbs. Shipments have averaged 233,000,000 lbs. per month since the first of the year, which is a high record.

TIN advanced in sympathy with London. Spot, 46 3/8c. Straits shipments for the first half of July were 3,280 tons against 3,025 in the first half of June and 3,260 in the corresponding period of May. Later on London declined and prices here followed. Spot was quoted at 45 7/8c.

LEAD continues steady at 7c. for New York and 6.70c. for East St. Louis.

ZINC has been quiet but firm at 5.85c. East St. Louis and 6.20c. to 6.25c. for New York. There was quite a little business done for export and sales it was estimated, would total more than 4,000 tons for the month, the average for July this year. Zinc ore was quoted at \$39.

STEEL has been for the most part quiet, though at lower prices sheets and bars have sold more readily; bars were 2.15 to 2.20c. in Chicago. Barbed wire fence dropped to \$3 60; steel hoops to 2.60c. Cold-finished steel bars fell \$2. and woven wire fence \$5. Hot rolled plates have fallen below 2.75c. The Cleveland metal district is running at only about 35%, a drop of 15% within a few weeks. Blue annealed sheets declined \$1, now being 2.70c. Cut nails have recently been reduced \$2 per ton by the makers to \$2 90 per keg of 100 lbs. on carload lots and \$3 on less. The new mill prices on sheets are 3.50 to 3.60c. on black and 4.65 to 4.75c. on galvanized. Plates are now 1.80 to 1.90c., or a decline of \$2 per ton. Scrap steel is firmer.

PIG IRON has been in better demand of late in Pittsburgh, though quiet elsewhere. At Chicago the tone is firmer at \$19 50 to \$20; Ironton, Ohio, prices have advanced 50c. In the East prices are said to be somewhat steadier, superficially at least. But the business is so small that a genuine test of prices is as yet hardly possible. Bessemer pig has recently declined. Cleveland cut prices of Lake ores in some cases, notably, it appears, however, by smaller companies. Inquiries for some 200,000 tons of ore may shed more light on the question of actual working prices on business of that size. June saw 30 pig iron furnaces blown out, but the output now seems about stationary. Possibly the decrease in output has culminated and the next change may be in a rising direction. That remains to be seen. Ferromanganese has dropped \$2 50 per ton, selling at \$105 at the seaboard. With Pittsburgh steadier, the coke market is a bit more hopeful. Eastern Pennsylvania quotations are \$20 50 to \$21 on ordinary small lots; Buffalo is \$19 to \$19 50. Some sales, it is intimated, have recently been made for the fourth quarter at prices asked at one time for early delivery, but some concerns seem none too eager to sell that far ahead, whatever others may do.

WOOL has been quiet but firm. The latest London series of sales closed after rather unsatisfactory results. Prices in fact declined 5 to 10% compared with 6 weeks ago except in the single instance on fine merinos which were unchanged to 5% higher. The holdover was large. Some advance is reported at the West with rather more inquiry it is said. Delaines, which have been offered at about 51c., are now held in some cases at 52c. to 53c. grease basis. Some fine staple territory 12 months Texas wools sold at \$1 25 per scoured pound. Noils have been more active with fine 95c.; 3/8 stock 82c.; lower grades are firmer than recently. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces in Boston were quoted at follows:

Delaine unwashed, 52 to 53c.; 1/2 blood combing, 50 to 51c.; 3/8 blood combing, 47 to 48c.; 1/4 blood combing, 43 to 44c. Michigan and New York fleeces, delaine, unwashed, 47 to 48c.; 1/2 blood unwashed, 47 to 48c.; 3/8 blood unwashed, 45 to 46c.; 1/4 blood unwashed, 43 to 44c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England, 1/2 blood, 45 to 46c.; 3/8 blood, 43 to 44c.; 1/4 blood, 41 to 42c.; scoured, basis Texas fine, 12 months, \$1 25 to \$1 27; fine, 8 months, \$1 10 to \$1 12.

Washington wired: "Wool marketing in the Western range States during the latter half of June developed little change of interest, according to reports received by the United States Department of Agriculture from its field representatives. About 75% to 80% of the clip is estimated to have

been sold up to July 1. In Utah and Nevada practically all of this season's clip has been disposed of. Considerable activity was noticeable in the Casper section of Wyoming, with other scattering sales at prices ranging from 32 to 36c. Estimates of the quantity sold in that State range from 65 to 75% of the entire clip, with some being moved on consignment. The situation was unchanged in Washington, with no sales reported during the last two weeks of June. Utah and Nevada wools were practically cleaned up, but a fair amount was still unsold in Montana, Idaho and Oregon. Approximately 1,000,000 lbs. were sold early in June at the Condon and Shaniko pools in Oregon, but prices which ranged from 32 to 38c. were not very satisfactory to growers. The majority of the Texas wools have been sold and the balance was selling slowly at 38-40c. per pound for short and 44 to 46c. for long wools. One-half million pounds were held at Sanderson. Small lots at San Angelo brought as high as 44 3/4c. per pound."

In London on July 11, 9,124 bales were sold and the series of Colonial wool auctions closed on that date. There was a big holdover. Prices throughout the sale were much lower than in the last previous sales. The opening day brought these reductions and the market failed to rally until the close on July 11. Compared with the sales six weeks ago the prices averaged for the present series: In fine merinos par to 5% higher, this being the only instance of advance; in crossbred grades, 5 to 10% lower; in Capes greasy, 5% to par off; in Puntas 5 to 10% lower. British trade bought 33,500 bales and the Continent 28,000 bales. The holdover was 33,500 bales. Details of July 11 follow:

New South Wales, 1,133 bales: scoured merinos, 30 to 53 1/2c.; crossbred, 20 to 43 1/2c.; greasy merinos, 15 to 40 1/2c.; crossbreds, 10 to 29c. Queensland, 279 bales: scoured merinos, 49 to 61c.; crossbreds, 42 to 52c. Victoria, 1,272 bales: scoured merinos, 40 to 62c.; crossbreds, 25 to 47c.; greasy merinos, 17 to 39c.; crossbreds, 10 1/2 to 29 1/2c. West Australia, 503 bales: greasy merinos, 17 to 37c.; crossbreds, 14 to 30c. New Zealand, 1,478 bales: greasy merinos, 15 to 30 1/2c.; crossbreds, 14 1/2 to 24 1/2c. Cape Colony, 1,071 bales: scoured merinos, 40 to 56c.; greasy merinos, 12 to 31c.; crossbreds, 9 to 23 1/2c. Punta Arenas, 3,388 bales: greasy crossbreds, 11 to 23c. The next series begins in September, it is stated.

The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" will say Saturday July 19:

The strength of the previous two weeks in raw wool has developed to an even greater extent during the past week and prices are anywhere from 5 to 10% above the low point of three or four weeks ago. It seems toward the week-end that this initial buying movement has spent itself to a considerable extent, which would be no more than natural, since the buying was in all probability largely in the nature of insurance against the requirements of the mills in the coming light-weight season. All told, however, the movement of wool in the past two weeks has been much above a normal average in volume, probably amounting to twenty or twenty-five million pounds.

The foreign markets are better this week, left-over wools in the primary markets being sold readily, while Bradford has marked up tops in some instances a penny a pound.

The West is being rapidly cleared of its wools, the new clip probably having been 85% sold, with prices showing a hardening tendency.

As for the goods markets, there is a better tone with little change in prices or the volume of repeat orders.

Mohair is rather quiet and barely steady in price.

COTTON.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 35,877 bales, against 21,177 bales last week and 21,783 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1923 6,669,962 bales, against 5,698,347 bales for the same period of 1922-23, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1923 of 971,615 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	144	645	4,318	1,001	5,106	1,809	13,023
Houston	1,159	---	---	---	---	---	1,159
New Orleans	1,109	247	473	1,907	169	703	4,608
Mobile	264	187	120	618	76	263	1,528
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	736	736
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah	954	380	909	790	685	1,378	5,096
Charleston	163	121	---	57	210	---	551
Wilmington	---	---	---	10	---	---	10
Norfolk	255	2,355	2,411	540	358	551	6,470
New York	---	150	---	---	---	---	150
Boston	---	---	---	---	---	756	756
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	1,778	1,778
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	5	5
Totals this week	4,048	4,085	8,231	4,923	6,604	7,986	35,877

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1923 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

Receipts to July 18.	1923-24.		1922-23.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1923.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	1924.	1923.
Galveston	13,023	2,837,930	1,554	2,331,550	38,724	28,668
Texas City	---	18,606	---	69,798	19	13
Houston	1,159	1,067,574	---	723,413	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	4,608	1,350,174	1,953	1,357,890	50,289	48,841
Gulfton	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	1,528	85,093	1	89,457	1,394	676
Pensacola	736	12,257	---	9,220	---	---
Jacksonville	---	4,259	---	9,156	---	2,614
Savannah	5,096	447,050	4,020	443,841	15,664	19,411
Brunswick	---	944	---	28,524	---	243
Charleston	551	192,701	305	134,925	13,832	22,716
Georgetown	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	10	134,191	2,399	106,373	2,045	11,553
Norfolk	6,470	425,093	2,567	283,119	32,922	30,630
N'port News, &c.	---	19	---	---	---	---
New York	150	17,786	81	9,541	43,288	65,590
Boston	756	44,491	912	76,398	4,464	5,386
Baltimore	1,778	30,476	1,410	20,200	907	857
Philadelphia	5	1,318	---	4,942	3,431	3,956
Totals	35,877	6,669,962	15,202	5,698,347	208,657	241,154

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Galveston	13,023	1,554	14,748	34,860	8,913	29,599
Houston, &c.	1,159	—	1,211	19,742	98	2,819
New Orleans	4,608	1,953	10,278	12,240	10,762	22,806
Mobile	1,528	1	524	2,424	512	2,843
Savannah	5,096	4,020	2,443	19,466	3,510	28,317
Brunswick	—	—	446	—	—	8,000
Charleston	551	305	351	801	67	1,753
Wilmington	10	2,399	217	2,760	3	2,026
Norfolk	6,470	2,567	1,067	4,064	2,294	6,326
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	9	—	—
All others	3,432	2,403	412	2,068	1,048	1,232
Tot. this week	35,877	15,202	31,697	98,434	27,207	105,721
Since Aug. 1	6,669,962	5,698,347	6,050,078	6,614,699	6,792,009	5,959,457

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 49,752 bales, of which 15,505 were to Great Britain, 6,717 to France and 27,530 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1923.

Exports from—	Week ending July 18 1924. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1923 to July 18 1924. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	1,137	1,329	2,285	4,751	542,798	314,678	1,196,723	2,054,199
Houston	1,159	—	—	1,159	353,733	188,454	519,523	1,061,710
Texas City	—	—	—	—	1,754	—	—	1,754
New Orleans	3,680	3,145	8,625	15,450	300,063	89,271	535,066	924,400
Mobile	—	—	—	—	13,770	1,050	7,172	21,992
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	1,519	—	735	2,254
Pensacola	—	—	736	736	10,124	290	1,536	11,950
Savannah	—	—	13,939	13,939	100,816	18,139	212,653	331,608
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	50
Charleston	—	—	—	—	75,538	300	81,167	157,005
Wilmington	—	—	—	—	8,300	9,600	77,150	95,050
Norfolk	200	—	100	300	98,648	4,975	115,758	219,381
N'port News	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	19
New York	9,169	2,243	1,845	13,257	138,696	87,079	289,777	515,552
Boston	160	—	—	160	5,757	—	10,672	16,429
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	106	2,965	—	3,071
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	1,358	66	1,499	2,923
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	17,074	700	11,302	29,076
San Fran'co	—	—	—	—	—	—	77,986	77,986
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,134	47,134
San Diego	—	—	—	—	1,231	—	—	1,231
Total	15,505	6,717	27,530	49,752	1,671,335	717,586	3,185,853	5,574,774
Total '22-'23	7,686	2,899	28,373	38,958	1,286,536	619,667	2,645,424	4,551,627
Total 121-'22	35,321	9,095	51,018	95,434	1,745,253	759,094	3,480,144	5,984,621

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table exports of cotton to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of June the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 4,939 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 11,899 bales.

For the eleven months ending June 30 1924 there were 146,415 bales exported, as against 193,438 bales for the corresponding eleven 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 18 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'nt.	Coastwise.	Total.	
Galveston	2,200	700	1,900	3,000	2,000	9,800	28,924
New Orleans	1,929	—	1,055	2,784	368	6,137	44,152
Savannah	—	—	—	8,000	1,000	9,000	6,664
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,832
Mobile	—	—	—	600	—	600	794
Norfolk	100	—	—	—	—	100	32,822
Other ports *	2,500	—	500	4,000	—	7,000	48,832
Total 1924	6,729	701	3,455	18,384	3,368	32,637	176,020
Total 1923	4,477	1,700	5,144	7,874	1,351	20,546	220,608
Total 1922	8,120	4,980	12,910	38,570	2,906	67,486	459,645

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been more active at rising prices, i. e. 160 to 195 points on Wednesday and Thursday, owing to hot dry weather in the Southwest and recent prolonged rains in the Eastern belt, especially the Atlantic belt. Over half of Texas it has been 100 to 107 degrees day after day and 100 to 106 over most of Oklahoma. Cotton goods are in better demand. Trade in general is expected to increase. The buying power of the West is much greater than early in the year. Wholesale trade is less timid. The recent big advance in wheat and corn—30 to 40 cents—and an increase in the agricultural wealth of the West, it is estimated, of \$1,000,000,000 in the last month by reason of the great rise in grain prices, are big factors in the business life of the nation. Its commercial, financial and political effects at the West may easily be very great. They may clip the wings of radicalism. It is a good object lesson to the farmer in the law of supply and demand. A fear of deficient supplies at home and abroad and an expectation of a good domestic and foreign demand have put up grain prices in a remarkable fashion. It was not done by McNary-Haugen bills nor by any other paternalistic legislation or attempts in that direction. And this increased prosperity in the West is expected to react favorably on the East, on New England, and also on the big manufacturing States of the South. Already Worth Street is more cheerful; the inquiry is greater and prices have risen. Fall River reports more inquiry also, although the actual sales thus far are limited to small lots. What keen observers think of the future may be inferred from the fact that mill shares at Fall inquiry is greater and prices have risen. Fall River reports textile shares rising. Some mills have resumed work here and there on part or full time. Manchester is more active and stronger. The demand there is better from India coincident with favorable monsoon rains. Europe is grappling in grim earnest with the Dawes plan for settling the repara-

tions problem. That is universally believed to be the key log in the world jam. Pick that out and the world's raft will move forward out of sluggish waters into active trade. Little talk and much constructive statesmanship is what merchants want the world over. Meantime hope for just this requisite is growing.

As regards cotton, the world's cheapest clothing, its price will be largely decided in the near future by the weather. The weekly Government report said in effect that temperatures had been favorable, but that the eastern belt had been having too much rain; that it has been rainy there for three weeks in succession. On the other hand, moisture is needed in the Western Gulf section. Conditions were as a rule favorable in the North Central and Northwestern portions of the belt, but in Texas they were irregular; Oklahoma is two weeks late; Louisiana went backward, being too dry; Georgia has rank growth, shedding and grassy fields. Since the report was issued the need of rain in parts of Texas has been further emphasized.

Stocks in consuming establishments on June 30 were only 950,625 bales, compared with 1,157,778 on May 31 and 1,347,468 last year. Stocks in public storage at the end of June were 882,204, compared with 1,126,711 at the end of May and 1,227,184 at the end of June last year. Exports for June were 230,979, compared with 326,357 in May and 214,851 for June last year. The suggestive fact about the supply figures is that while domestic consumption fell off in June 63,000 bales, stocks in warehouses and mills are 741,000 bales lower than a year ago. World's consumption of American cotton is estimated in some cases at about 11,250,000 bales.

On Thursday July ran up 105 points, with a good demand from mills, merchants and speculators and not much offered. It reached 31.45c., which is the highest since the culmination of last year's bull movement on Nov. 30, when July touched 36.10c. and December 37.70c. Since then it has been down to as low as 28.65 towards the close of March. It rose to 30.50c. by June 2. Then it fell to 27.75c. by June 10. Since then it has risen with only occasional setbacks. A while back the premium on July over October got down to 205 points, but latterly it has been much of the time around 500 points. Some closely identified with the July trading have been sellers of July against purchases of October. And on Wednesday the July premium fell to 462 points, rallying the next day, however, to 480. The 200-point restriction on fluctuations in July was suspended as usual on the 15th inst. and will remain so until the 25th inst., when trading in that month ceases. Contracts in general were scarce and there was a good demand for October and December. The new crop advanced 80 to 90 points on the 17th inst., the latter on March. The weather showed signs of clearing in the eastern belt and the forecast was favorable for that section of the cotton country. But it remained hot and dry west of the river. That was the sore point. Also, there was good buying by New Orleans, by Wall Street and also, it is understood, by the West and local shorts. Many of the former shorts have covered and gone long. Dry goods showed more life. Manchester reported a good demand for cloths and hardening prices for yarns. Railroad stocks were higher. Money remained cheap. Wheat and corn advanced 2 to 4½c. after a rise on the previous day of 3½ to 5c. Worth Street was more cheerful and prices of some goods were ¼c. higher.

On the other hand, the short interest has been much reduced. The technical position is weaker. Very few believe that any grave damage has been done to the crop. Weevil complaints are fewer than usual. It is true that the state of things in the cotton belt is very much the same as it was a year ago; that is to say, the western belt is hot and dry and the eastern belt of late, as already intimated, has been wet. Yet weevil damage has been for some reason or other lighter than usual. What it may be later on is another matter. Enough that to the present time it has done to all appearances no serious harm. Nor does it appear that fleas, grasshoppers or other insects have done much damage either in the Southwest or anywhere else. There is no real activity in cotton goods. Most of the mills are running on short time. There is no big bull speculation going on in cotton. There is some tendency to increase crop estimates. The average of late on three reports has been 12,414,000 bales, running from 12,273,000 to 12,540,000 bales. The average from the same sources at the end of June was 11,482,000 bales. The condition given in these reports is 71.7%, against 69.4% at the end of June. It will be remembered that the condition given by the Bureau then was 71.2%, with a crop estimate of 12,144,000 bales. As is well known, there is usually a noticeable deterioration during July. That is, the 10-year average condition for June 25 this year was 74.8% and for July 25 it is 71.2, a drop of 3.6 points. If it should turn out that there has actually been an increase in condition during July the effect later on might easily be rather marked. Many are now inclined to go a little slow, awaiting the Government report on Monday, July 21, under the new arrangement for bi-monthly reports. Meanwhile it is of interest to recall that the domestic consumption in June was 350,277 bales, against 413,649 in May and 542,046 in June last year. Total for 11 months 5,341,440 bales, against 6,203,438 for the same period last season. The total of linters for 11 months was 491,036, against 600,176 in the same period last season.

To-day prices declined 60 to 67 points on most months early in the day with reports of showers in Texas. There were some rather favorable crop advices from Texas. Denials came that there had been any serious damage done in that State by dry hot weather. There was a good deal of selling, partly by spot houses. One of them was supposed to have sold some 25,000 to 30,000 bales of January and March, including some December. The South and Wall Street as well as local interests sold for a time. Later on it was found by official reports that Texas was still dry and hot, with temperatures over half of the State still 100 to 107 degrees, and the forecast promised nothing more than showers in some parts of that State, which is believed to need good rains now or very shortly. Prices thereupon rallied sharply. Oklahoma had temperatures of 100 to 106, in spite of more general rains. There was rather too much rain also in Georgia if not in Alabama and Mississippi, facts which offset the rather favorable forecast for the eastern belt. Meanwhile, too, the stock in New York was down to 19,140 bales. It is believed that it will be reduced sharply next week. Some 8,000 bales, it was stated, will be shipped to-day to Liverpool from this port. Believers in higher prices stress the smallness of the supplies at home and abroad. Contracts became scarce again in the later trading. Wall Street and the West covered heavily, partly on stop orders. Spinners' takings and a decrease in the world's visible supply for the week made a less favorable showing. But back of this was the relative scarcity of cotton. A rise in stocks assisted a rally which overcame very much of the early decline. The drop in the grain markets was ignored as something no more than natural after the great advance. Fall River's sales of print cloth for the week were 60,000 pieces, the largest for a month or more. Worth Street was more active. So was Manchester. July was firm, with a premium of 500 points over October, and the New York stock near the vanishing point. The net advance for the week is 178 points on July and 130 to 160 on other months. Spot cotton wound up at 32.40c., a rise for the week of 175 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the July 17 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 24.

Middling fair.....	1.95	off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	3.08	off
Strict good middling.....	1.57	off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.35	off
Good middling.....	1.24	off	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.83	off
Strict middling.....	.80	off	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.75	off
Strict low middling.....	1.43	off	Good middling spotted.....	.36	off
Low middling.....	3.25	off	Strict middling spotted.....	1.18	off
*Strict good ordinary.....	4.73	off	Middling spotted.....	1.18	off
*Good ordinary.....	6.15	off	*Strict low middling spotted.....	2.63	off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.15	off	*Low middling spotted.....	4.03	off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.35	off	Good mid light yellow stained.....	.93	off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.85	off	*Strict mid light yellow stained.....	1.53	off
*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.05	off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	2.33	off
*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	3.58	off	Good middling "gray".....	.40	off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	5.00	off	*Strict middling "gray".....	.91	off
Good middling "yellow" stained.....	1.55	off	*Middling "gray".....	1.51	off
*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	2.18	off			

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

July 12 to July 18—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	30.95	31.30	31.05	31.45	32.35	32.40

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 18 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1924	32.40c.	1916	13.10c.	1908	11.00c.	1900	10.00c.
1923	27.35c.	1915	9.40c.	1907	12.95c.	1899	6.19c.
1922	22.20c.	1914	13.25c.	1906	11.00c.	1898	6.19c.
1921	12.70c.	1913	12.40c.	1905	11.00c.	1897	8.00c.
1920	42.25c.	1912	12.60c.	1904	11.00c.	1896	7.12c.
1919	36.30c.	1911	14.00c.	1903	12.50c.	1895	7.00c.
1918	34.10c.	1910	16.45c.	1902	9.38c.	1894	7.12c.
1917	27.25c.	1909	12.65c.	1901	8.50c.	1893	8.19c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 12.	Monday, July 14.	Tuesday, July 15.	Wednesday, July 16.	Thursday, July 17.	Friday, July 18.
July—						
Range	29.62-29.98	29.90-30.47	29.95-30.48	29.95-30.60	30.50-31.45	30.80-31.43
Closing	29.94-29.98	30.28-30.30	30.03-30.04	30.40-30.50	31.35-31.38	31.40
August—						
Range	26.12-26.12	—	—	26.50-26.52	27.13-27.13	27.05-27.50
Closing	26.60	26.60	26.45	27.00	27.47	27.25
Sept.—						
Range	25.10-25.10	—	—	25.45-25.46	26.49-26.77	26.25-26.49
Closing	25.60	25.60	25.35	26.10	26.86	26.60
October—						
Range	24.73-25.42	25.10-25.63	24.95-25.55	24.98-25.95	25.83-26.60	25.90-26.50
Closing	25.26-25.29	25.32-25.34	25.04-25.07	25.78-25.80	26.55-26.60	26.38-26.41
Nov.—						
Range	24.35-24.35	—	—	25.15	26.05	25.80
Closing	24.80	24.85	24.50	25.15	26.05	25.80
Dec.—						
Range	24.10-24.80	24.32-24.95	24.14-24.83	24.18-25.10	25.00-25.80	25.05-25.59
Closing	24.57-24.58	24.58-24.60	24.24-24.25	24.90-24.95	25.77-25.80	25.50-25.55
January—						
Range	23.98-24.60	24.15-24.80	24.05-24.55	24.02-24.90	24.90-25.69	24.96-25.48
Closing	24.47-24.48	24.38-24.40	24.11	24.85-24.86	25.67-25.69	25.40-25.44
February—						
Range	24.55	24.52	24.20	24.92	25.78	25.55
Closing	24.55	24.52	24.20	24.92	25.78	25.55
March—						
Range	24.23-24.85	24.45-24.97	24.30-24.90	24.30-25.17	25.10-25.90	25.20-25.79
Closing	24.64-24.67	24.67	24.30	25.00-25.04	25.89-25.90	25.79
April—						
Range	24.70	24.67	24.36	25.05	25.93	25.83
Closing	24.70	24.67	24.36	25.05	25.93	25.83
May—						
Range	24.43-21.90	24.60-25.00	24.37-24.92	24.33-25.05	25.23-25.51	25.35-25.60
Closing	24.76	24.75	24.42	25.09	25.97	25.88
June—						
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—
Closing	—	—	—	—	—	—

Range of future prices at New York for week ending July 18 1924 and since trading began on each option.

Option for	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
July 1924.....	29.62 July 12 31.45 July 17	22.65 Aug. 4 1923 36.50 Nov. 30 1923
Aug. 1924.....	26.12 July 12 27.50 July 18	25.25 Mar. 27 1924 34.50 Nov. 30 1923
Sept. 1924.....	25.10 July 12 26.77 July 17	24.20 Mar. 28 1924 31.00 Nov. 30 1923
Oct. 1924.....	24.73 July 12 26.60 July 17	23.45 Mar. 27 1924 30.00 Nov. 30 1923
Nov. 1924.....	24.35 July 12 24.35 July 12	23.84 Mar. 27 1924 28.60 Dec. 1 1923
Dec. 1924.....	24.10 July 12 25.80 July 17	23.11 July 7 1924 28.40 Jan. 2 1924
Jan. 1925.....	23.98 July 12 25.69 July 17	22.98 July 7 1924 27.85 Feb. 4 1924
Feb. 1925.....	—	23.85 Apr. 8 1924 23.85 Apr. 8 1924
Mar. 1925.....	24.23 July 12 25.90 July 17	23.17 July 7 1924 26.65 June 2 1924
April 1925.....	—	—
May 1925.....	24.33 July 16 25.60 July 18	23.30 July 7 1924 25.95 June 3 1924

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 418,000	422,000	854,000	1,099,000
Stock at London.....	1,000	1,000	—	2,000
Stock at Manchester.....	49,000	—	66,000	89,000
Total Great Britain.....	648,000	465,000	920,000	1,190,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	12,000	20,000	33,000	26,000
Stock at Bremen.....	122,000	42,000	182,000	216,000
Stock at Avren.....	79,000	45,000	154,000	139,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	14,000	4,000	9,000	11,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	83,000	75,000	67,000	94,000
Stock at Genoa.....	18,000	10,000	16,000	33,000
Stock at Ghent.....	4,000	15,000	8,000	39,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	1,000	3,000	1,000	—
Total Continental stocks.....	333,000	214,000	470,000	558,000
Total European stocks.....	801,000	679,000	1,390,000	1,748,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	99,000	123,000	83,000	37,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	153,000	107,000	262,000	351,263
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	90,000	55,000	70,000	40,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	67,000	151,000	227,000	268,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	704,000	541,000	1,013,000	1,189,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	208,657	241,154	527,131	1,447,254
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	225,799	293,590	433,178	1,157,547
U. S. exports to-day.....	100	—	19,814	10,263
Total visible supply.....	2,348,556	2,190,744	4,025,123	6,248,327
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows				
American—				
Liverpool stock.....	bales. 145,000	145,000	494,000	697,000
Manchester stock.....	38,000	23,000	45,000	72,000
Continental stock.....	231,000	121,000	386,000	472,000
American afloat for Europe.....	153,000	107,000	262,000	351,263
U. S. ports stocks.....	208,657	241,154	527,131	1,447,254
U. S. interior stocks.....	225,799	293,590	433,178	1,157,547
U. S. exports to-day.....	100	—	19,814	10,263
Total American.....	1,001,556	930,744	2,167,123	4,207,327
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	273,000	277,000	360,000	402,000
London stock.....	1,000	1,000	—	2,000
Manchester stock.....	11,000	19,000	21,000	17,000
Continental stock.....	102,000	93,000	84,000	86,000
India afloat for Europe.....	99,000	123,000	83,000	37,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	90,000	55,000	70,000	40,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	67,000	151,000	227,000	268,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	704,000	541,000	1,013,000	1,189,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,347,000	1,260,000	1,858,000	2,011,000
Total American.....	1,001,556	930,744	2,167,123	4,207,327
Total visible supply.....	2,348,556	2,190,744	4,025,123	6,248,327
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	16.73d.	15.49d.	13.60d.	8.28d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	32.40c.	27.25c.	22.10c.	12.75c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	24.90c.	16.85d.	22.00c.	18.00d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	24.00c.	18.75d.	14.50d.	10.50d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	13.26d.	12.70d.	11.80d.	8.15d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	14.35d.	16.65d.	12.70d.	8.65d.

Continental imports for past week have been 57,000 bales.

The above figures for 1924 show a decrease from last week of 80,732 bales, an increase of 157,812 from 1923, a decline of 1,676,567 bales from 1922, and a falling off of 3,899,771 bales from 1921.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to July 18 1924.				Movement to July 20 1923.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks July 18.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks July 20.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	20	35,171	17	906	21	41,290	1,893	1,144
Eufaula	—	9,394	100	2,000	100	9,337	—	729
Montgomery	250	53,523	386	5,755	38	61,040	29	6,906
Selma	32	34,223	67	1,668	3	54,319	32	1,117
Ark., Helena	4	15,148	56	245	—	34,569	726	7,279
Little Rock	44	112,953	293	5,039	236	171,206	518	13,968
Pine Bluff	—	61,341	109	9,397	17	133,245	670	29,882
Ga., Albany	—	45,051	—	1,897	—	6,255	75	2,000
Athens	22	45,616	621	5,932	24	45,874	907	12,634
Atlanta	999	163,040	2,159	6,821	466	274,823	2,369	13,579
Augusta	1,083	200,932	3,245	9,273	980	297,460	1,447	17,916
Columbus	22	78,633	506	5,987	172	125,976	741	4,089
Macon	148	32,953	307	2,490	13			

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 18,013 bales and are to-night 67,791 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 12,717 bales more than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 30 pts. adv.	Very steady			200
Monday	Steady, 35 pts. adv.	Steady		200	200
Tuesday	Quiet, 25 pts. dec.	Steady			300
Wednesday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Barely steady	100	200	402
Thursday	Steady, 90 pts. adv.	Very steady	2	400	402
Friday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total			102	800	902

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1923-24		1922-23	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
July 18—				
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	4,349	593,533	3,496	709,437
Via Mounds	600	201,620	1,920	242,028
Via Rock Island		21,249		7,926
Via Louisville	189	27,007	298	56,882
Via Virginia points	4,847	213,000	4,807	186,736
Via other routes, &c.	6,210	480,977	6,532	488,327
Total gross overland	16,195	1,537,476	17,053	1,691,336
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	2,689	93,962	2,403	111,501
Between interior towns	501	28,627	487	28,819
Inland, &c., from South	1,598	627,116	1,099	477,777
Total to be deducted	4,788	749,705	3,989	618,097
Leaving total net overland *	11,407	787,771	13,064	1,073,239

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 11,407 bales, against 13,064 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 285,468 bales.

	1923-24		1922-23	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings.				
Receipts at ports to July 18	35,877	6,669,962	15,202	5,698,347
Net overland to July 18	11,407	787,771	13,064	1,073,239
Southern consumption to July 18	60,000	4,091,000	102,000	4,353,000
Total marketed	107,284	11,548,733	130,266	11,224,586
Interior stocks in excess	*18,013	*43,484	*18,889	*55,747
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to July 1		*39,324		188,739
Came into sight during week	89,271		111,377	
Total in sight July 18		11,465,925		11,257,578
Nor. spinners' takings to July 18	16,351	1,815,342	17,883	2,350,447

* Decrease.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending July 18.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, July 12.	Monday, July 14.	Tuesday, July 15.	Wed. day, July 16.	Thurs. day, July 17.	Friday, July 18.
Galveston	29.53	29.25	29.00	29.25	29.60	29.50
New Orleans	30.10	29.25	28.60	28.90	29.50	29.50
Mobile	28.00	28.00	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75
Savannah	28.75	28.59	28.55	29.30	29.80	29.65
Norfolk	29.00	29.25	29.00	29.50	30.38	30.38
Baltimore		29.50	29.25	29.00	29.50	30.00
Augusta	28.38	28.50	28.06	29.00	29.94	28.88
Memphis	29.00	29.00	29.06	29.00	29.50	28.50
Houston	28.50	28.50	28.10	28.60	29.30	29.00
Little Rock	28.75	28.75	28.75	29.25	29.25	29.25
Dallas		28.35	28.05	28.80	29.60	29.15
Fort Worth		28.25	28.00	28.50	29.10	29.10

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 12.	Monday, July 14.	Tuesday, July 15.	Wednesday, July 16.	Thursday, July 17.	Friday, July 18.
July	28.62	27.75	27.02-27.10	27.40-27.50	28.65	bid 27.91-28.00
October	24.46-24.50	24.47-24.50	24.15-24.17	24.96-25.00	25.72-25.75	25.48-25.50
December	24.33-24.35	24.30-24.33	23.97-23.99	24.77-24.80	25.53-25.65	25.28-25.30
January	24.34-24.35	24.30	23.95	bid 24.71	bid 25.46	25.20 bid
March	24.38-24.40	24.35	bid 24.02	bid 24.75-24.80	25.50	bid 25.26 bid
May	24.48-24.50	24.45	24.11	bid 24.82	bid 25.57	bid 25.33 bid
Tone—						
Spot	Steady	Quiet	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Very steady	Steady	Steady

OKLAHOMA COTTON REPORT.—The Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, issued on July 1 its cotton crop report for the State of Oklahoma as of July 1. The report follows:

A production of 1,010,992 bales of cotton of 500 pounds gross weight is forecast for Oklahoma by the Division of Agricultural Statistics of the State Board of Agriculture in completing their first official survey of cotton for the 1924 season. The final out-turn may of course be larger or smaller than this amount, according as conditions developing during the remainder of the season prove more or less favorable to the crop than the average. Last year the production was 655,000 bales, in 1922 627,000 bales and in 1921 481,000 bales.

The final results of this year's crop will rest between growing conditions during the remainder of the season and the date of the first killing frost in

autumn. The crop is reported as being from 3 to 4 weeks late, and inasmuch as cotton this year is being grown rather extensively in several of the Panhandle counties, the frost date will bear an unusually great factor.

A planted cotton area of 3,692,000 acres is estimated—the largest ever planted in Oklahoma. This compared with a planted acreage last year of 3,357,000 acres. The increase this year over last for the entire State ran about 10%.

The cotton crop in its beginning encountered many difficulties in obtaining its starting growth. Much replanting was necessary in practically all sections—some replanting as high as four times. Excessive rainfall resulting in wash-outs, and the rotting of seed was a factor that proved serious. Following the rainy spell, high winds in the west and southwest and along the Red River line unearthed a good portion of the crop in these districts and made it necessary to replant. In sum, conditions one month ago were very unsatisfactory and discouraging. The past three weeks, however, have proved, with possibly one exception, the silver lining of the present crop thus far. Light rainfall over most sections has provided sufficient moisture and temperatures have surely been ideal for cotton growth. The one exception blighting the present favorable conditions for the crop is the grasshopper menace, which is proving serious in some districts, especially the southwest. The grasshoppers have for the most part emerged from their fresh cut wheat and alfalfa fields and immediately turned their ravages on the cotton and sorghum crops. To what extent their damage has been has not been determined and will all depend on the immediate eradication of the pest.

Reporters for the Department estimate the average condition of the crop on June 25 to be 71% of normal, or a considerable improvement over the condition a month ago. A condition of this figure indicates a probable final yield of 138 pounds of lint per acre, providing conditions remain average throughout the season. Last year at this time the condition of the Oklahoma crop was 64% of normal.

The Department realizes that conditions following July 1 must prove very favorable to produce one million bales of cotton in Oklahoma, and desires to impress upon the public that this forecast is based on the growing condition of the crop at present and may easily be influenced this way or that by insect damage, weather conditions, &c., proving more or less favorable.

The increase in acreage and the condition, by districts, follow (100 representing last year's acreage):

	Acreage.	Condition.
Northwest	170%	59%
West	130	69
Southwest	111	71
North Central	120	73
Central	115	67
South Central	107	74
North East	133	72
East Central	105	72
Southeast	103	72

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NEW ORLEANS ABROGATES 200-POINT COTTON RULE ON JULY CONTRACTS.—According to news dispatches from New Orleans on July 15, the directors of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange voted on that day to abrogate the 200-point daily fluctuation limit on July, 1924, contracts, effective immediately.

CROP CONDITIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.—The Department of Agriculture of North Carolina issued on July 16 its semi-monthly farm notes for that State covering the period July 1 to 5. The report in part follows:

The ground hog must have come out a second time early in June, resulting in all of this rainy weather. According to over 100 special crop notes reports received, covering the first half of July, the excessive rainfall is general all over the State. Western counties have had least unfavorable conditions. The soil is wet, resulting in grassy crops and general inability to carry on cultivation. Hand labor by hoe work has been much more than usual and very expensive. The farmers are justly greatly discouraged.

Cotton plants are shedding squares, at the same time putting on very few. Occasional hail damage was noted. The poorest conditions are reported from the eastern Coastal Belt as well as the southern Piedmont counties. Disease is noticed in several areas. Some optimistic reporters state that the crop is late but improving. This occurs primarily in the northern Piedmont counties and some central Coastal districts. Grassiness is the principal cry, as well as small plants. Very few squares, as well as weevils, are prominently reported.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that in some of the eastern sections of the cotton belt there has been somewhat too much rain. In other sections of the belt, however, rainfall has been scattered, and as a rule precipitation has been light. Temperatures have been generally favorable for cotton, and in most instances the crop has made fair progress.

Galveston, Texas.—Cotton as a rule has made good progress. Early planted cotton is fruiting well. The crop, however, is still backward, and the stage of advancement is irregular in all sections. Insect damage as a whole has been slight. General rain is needed by cotton and other vegetation.

Mobile, Ala.—There have been heavy scattered showers which up to now have not been harmful, but continuation of same would do much damage. Plants are heavily fruited and bolls are of a fairly large size. Plenty blooms are noticeable.

Charlotte, N. C.—Cotton has made excellent progress.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	dry	high 88	low 80	mean 84	
Abilene	dry	high 104	low 76	mean 90	
Brenham	dry	high 96	low 73	mean 85	
Brownsville	3 days	0.08 in.	high 92	low 76	mean 84
Corpus Christi	dry	high 92	low 76	mean 84	
Dallas	1 day	0.26 in.	high 99	low 74	mean 87
Henrietta	dry	high 105	low 72	mean 89	
Kerrville	dry	high 94	low 67	mean 81	
Lampasas	dry	high 100	low 73	mean 87	
Longview	dry	high 100	low 72	mean 86	
Luling	dry	high 103	low 70	mean 87	
Nacogdoches	dry	high 94	low 74	mean 84	
Palestine	dry	high 104	low 74	mean 89	
Paris	1 day	0.57 in.	high 94	low 74	mean 84
San Antonio	dry	high 94	low 74	mean 84	
Taylor	dry	high 99	low 71	mean 85	
Weatherford	1 day	0.33 in.	high 103	low 71	mean 87
Armore, Okla.	dry	high 106	low 69	mean 88	
Altus	2 days	0.30 in.	high 103	low 71	mean 86
Muskogee	2 days	0.84 in.	high 100	low 72	mean 86
Oklahoma City	1 day	0.93 in.	high 99	low 67	mean 83
Brinkley, Ark.	1 day	0.21 in.	high 98	low 70	mean 86
Eldorado	dry	high 102	low 70	mean 83	
Little Rock	3 days	0.90 in.	high 95	low 72	mean 82
Pine Bluff	1 day	1.25 in.	high 104	low 71	mean 88
Alexandria, La.	1 day	0.57 in.	high 101	low 73	mean 87
Amite	2 days	0.13 in.	high 97	low 69	mean 85
New Orleans	4 days	0.33 in.	high 97	low 75	mean 85
Shreveport	dry	high 102	low 75	mean 88	
Okolona, Miss.	3 days	2.11 in.	high 98	low 69	mean 84
Columbus	1 day	0.38 in.	high 99	low 71	mean 85

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Greenwood	1 day	2.00 in.	high 101	low 72	mean 87
Vicksburg	1 day	0.01 in.	high 97	low 71	mean 84
Mobile, Ala.	5 days	2.78 in.	high 95	low 71	mean 83
Decatur	4 days	0.61 in.	high 95	low 69	mean 82
Montgomery	5 days	5.32 in.	high 93	low 71	mean 82
Selma	4 days	2.17 in.	high 96	low 69	mean 83
Gainesville, Fla.	6 days	0.87 in.	high 89	low 69	mean 79
Madison	4 days	0.88 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 81
Savannah, Ga.	3 days	1.19 in.	high 96	low 70	mean 83
Athens	3 days	1.05 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Augusta	3 days	0.31 in.	high 94	low 69	mean 82
Columbus	4 days	2.31 in.	high 96	low 69	mean 83
Charleston, So. Caro.	2 days	1.49 in.	high 95	low 73	mean 84
Greenwood	3 days	0.96 in.	high 89	low 68	mean 79
Columbia	4 days	0.54 in.	high 92	low 68	mean 81
Conway	5 days	1.63 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81
Charlotte, No. Caro.	2 days	0.22 in.	high 92	low 67	mean 79
Newbern	4 days	1.19 in.	high 92	low 69	mean 82
Weldon	3 days	1.28 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Memphis	1 day	0.05 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 81

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	July 18 1924.	July 20 1923.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	Feet. 9.6
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	Feet. 18.5
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	Feet. 11.6
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	Feet. 7.3
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	Feet. 32.4

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1923-24	1922-23	1921-22	1923-24	1922-23	1921-22	1923-24	1922-23	1921-22
April 25	58,548	35,743	86,760	486,199	604,340	1,008,857	28,821	10,436	52,528
May 2	64,783	25,589	94,456	443,328	572,660	965,883	21,912	5,426	51,484
9	44,272	35,332	124,013	420,213	540,812	898,218	21,157	47,588	56,345
16	52,395	26,647	106,558	392,800	508,435	838,360	24,482	9,959	36,580
23	50,868	36,894	109,273	372,553	471,972	782,196	31,121	1,983	53,109
30	50,424	28,322	113,448	347,017	447,224	715,192	24,888	5,568	46,444
June 6	43,377	25,060	94,570	333,056	419,670	666,798	29,416	133	45,767
13	35,702	31,651	70,575	312,127	391,675	674,463	14,773	5,244	31,240
20	49,228	30,728	75,711	283,651	369,491	508,435	20,752	9,959	36,580
27	35,721	29,371	72,514	266,789	348,278	540,737	18,859	8,046	24,919
July 4	21,783	24,472	56,184	256,315	331,668	498,935	11,309	8,662	14,382
11	21,177	20,125	41,564	243,812	312,912	458,839	1,672	1,468	1,468
18	35,877	15,202	31,697	225,799	293,590	433,178	17,864	6,036	6,036

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1923 are 6,551,593 bales; in 1922-23 were 5,140,870 bales, and in 1921-22 were 5,269,363 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 35,877 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 17,864 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 18,013 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1922 they were 6,036 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1923-24.		1922-23.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply July 11	2,429,288	2,024,671	2,275,641	3,760,450
Visible supply Aug. 1		2,024,671		3,760,450
American in sight July 18	89,271	11,465,925	111,377	11,257,578
Bombay receipts to July 17	13,000	3,301,000	17,000	3,648,000
Other India shipments to July 17	5,000	639,000	9,000	373,550
Alexandria receipts to July 16	200	1,279,000	200	1,352,000
Other supply to July 16	6,000	423,000	5,000	383,000
Total supply	2,542,759	19,132,596	2,418,218	20,757,778
Deduct—				
Visible supply July 18	2,348,556	2,348,556	2,190,744	2,190,744
Total takings to July 18	194,203	16,784,040	227,474	18,567,034
Of which American	152,003	11,318,040	173,274	12,277,372
Of which other	42,200	5,466,000	54,200	6,289,662

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,091,000 bales in 1923-24 and 4,353,000 bales in 1922-23—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 12,693,040 bales in 1923-24 and 14,214,034 bales in 1922-23, of which 7,227,040 bales and 7,924,372 bales American. b Estimated.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, July 16.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	1,000	500	35,000
Since Aug. 1	6,397,894	6,681,640	5,459,532

Exports (bales)—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	---	218,623	6,250	235,639	---	171,580
To Manchester, &c.	---	215,995	---	175,579	7,250	155,393
To Continent and India.	4,000	373,230	2,000	326,556	5,200	233,127
To America	---	107,849	600	209,258	---	168,077
Total exports	4,000	915,697	8,850	947,032	12,450	728,178

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 16 were 1,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 4,000 bales.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

July 17. Receipts at—	1923-24.		1922-23.		1921-22.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	13,000	3,301,000	17,000	3,648,000	50,000	3,417,000

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1923-24	1,000	5,000	11,000	17,000	153,000	940,000	1,531,000	2,624,000
1922-23	5,000	16,000	12,000	33,000	136,000	641,500	2,095,500	2,873,000
1921-22	7,000	7,000	87,000	101,000	44,000	523,000	1,820,000	2,387,000
Other India								
1923-24	---	5,000	---	5,000	129,000	510,000	---	639,000
1922-23	---	9,000	---	9,000	83,000	290,550	---	373,550
1921-22	---	1,000	---	1,000	12,000	218,000	18,000	248,000
Total all—	1,000	10,000	11,000	22,000	282,000	1,450,000	1,531,000	2,263,000
1923-24	5,000	25,000	12,000	42,000	219,000	932,050	2,095,500	2,846,550
1922-23	7,000	8,000	87,000	102,000	56,000	741,000	1,838,000	2,635,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 4,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 20,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 16,450 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is quiet and in cloths steady. Demand for India is good. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1923-24.				1922-23.			
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest.	Cot'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest.	Cot'n Mid. Upl's	
April 25	26 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 4 @ 19 0	17.70	22 3/4 @ 24 1/2	17 0 @ 17 4	15.46		
May 2	26 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 3 @ 18 7	17.35	22 3/4 @ 23 3/4	16 6 @ 17 2	14.76		
9	25 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 3 @ 18 7	17.37	22 3/4 @ 23 3/4	16 0 @ 16 4	14.08		
16	25 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 3 @ 18 7	17.89	21 3/4 @ 22 3/4	16 0 @ 16 4	14.74		
23	25 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 1 @ 18 5	17.46	21 3/4 @ 22 3/4	16 0 @ 16 4	15.50		
30	25 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 1 @ 18 5	17.99	22 3/4 @ 23 3/4	16 3 @ 16 9	15.96		
June 6	25 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 1 @ 18 5	17.30	22 3/4 @ 24 1/2	16 3 @ 17 0	16.33		
13	25 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 0 @ 18 3	17.14	22 3/4 @ 24 1/2	17 0 @ 17 4	16.61		
20	25 1/2 @ 27 1/2	18 2 @ 18 5	16.99	22 3/4 @ 24 1/2	17 0 @ 17 3	16.57		
27	25 1/2 @ 27 1/2	18 2 @ 18 5	16.88	22 3/4 @ 24 1/2	16 6 @ 17 1	16.52		
July 4	25 @ 27	18 1 @ 18 4	15.92	22 @ 23	16 5 @ 17 0	15.62		
11	25 @ 27	18 1 @ 18 4	16.35	21 3/4 @ 22	16 3 @ 16 6	15.79		
18	24 1/2 @ 25 1/2	18 2 @ 18 5	16.73	21 3/4 @ 23 1/2	16 2 @ 16 5	15.49		

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 49,752 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

NEW YORK—To Barcelona—July 10—Cabo Villano, 268	Bales. 268
To Havre—July 11—Independence Hall, 2,243	2,243
To Genoa—July 11—Conte Verdi, 100	100
Joseph, 10	10
July 12—City of St. Antwerp—July 11—Eastern Dawn, 100	119
To Liverpool—July 11—Cedric, 8,900	100
To Manchester—July 11—Darian, 269	8,900
To Trieste—July 11—Laura, 13	269
To Bremen—July 14—Sierra Ventana, 280	13
July 11—America, 1,000	1,000
To Rotterdam—July 14—Eglantine, 65	1,280
NEW ORLEANS—To Venice—July 14—Scantic, 1,050	1,050
To Genoa—July 14—Scantic, 1,355	1,355
To Havre—July 15—Meanticut, 3,145	1,050
To Antwerp—July 15—Meanticut, 200	3,145
To Ghent—July 15—Meanticut, 250	200
To Murmansk—July 15—Eidsfos, 5,770	250
To Liverpool—July 16—West Caddoa, 3,130	5,770
To Manchester—July 16—West Caddoa, 550	3,130
GALVESTON—To Bremen—July 10—Conness Peak, 1,127	550
To Hamburg—July 10—Conness Peak, 858	1,127
To Liverpool—July 12—Ninian, 1,137	858
To Havre—July 15—West Camak, 1,329	1,137
To Antwerp—July 15—West Camak, 50	1,329
To Ghent—July 15—West Camak, 250	50
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—July 11—Ninian, 1,159	250
BOSTON—To Liverpool—July 3—West Quechee, 60	1,159
Sumaria, 100	60
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—July 14—Deer Lodge, 200	100
To Bremen—July 18—Hanover, 100	200
PENSACOLA—To Bremen—July 17—Maiden Creek, 736	100
SAVANNAH—To Murmansk—July 12—Bussum, 13,282	736
To Bremen—July 17—Grete, 457	13,282
To Oporto—July 17—Grete, 200	457
Total bales	49,752

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.	
Liverpool	25c.	40c.	Stockholm	50c.	65c.	Bombay	50c.
Manchester	25c.	40c.	Trieste	45c.	60c.	Gothenburg	---
Antwerp	25c.	40c.	Flume	45c.	60c.	Bremen	30c.
Ghent	35c.	50c.	Lisbon	50c.	65c.	Hamburg	27 1/2c.
Havre	25c.	40c.	Oporto	75c.	90c.	Piraeus	60c.
Rotterdam	25c.	40c.	Barcelona	30c.	45c.	Salonica	50c.
Genoa	30c.	35c.	Japan	42 1/2c.	57 1/2c.		
Christiana	40c.	55c.	Shanghai	42 1/2c.	57 1/2c.		

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.		Quiet.	Quiet.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds		16.49	16.48	16.35	16.47	16.73
Sales		5,000	5,000	5,000	3,000	3,000
Futures. Market opened	HOLIDAY					
Market, 4 P. M.		Barely st'y, 25 to 29 pts. adv.	Quiet, 3 to 9 pts. decline.	Quiet, 8 to 12 pts. decline.	Quiet but st'y, 25 to 28 pts. adv.	Easy to 6 to 10 pts. adv.
		Quiet but st'y, 32 to 39 pts. adv.	Stdy, 4 pts. dec. to 8 pts. adv.	Quiet but st'y, 10 to 18 pts. dec.	Steady, 27 to 46 pts. adv.	Steady at 11 to 19 pts. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

July 12 to July 18.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
July	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
August			16.44	16.51	16.43	16.47	16.35	16.29	16.57	16.75	16.83	16.89
September			15.67	15.72	15.63	15.72	15.60	15.56	15.84	15.97	16.03	16.08
October			15.12	15.19	15.15	15.26	15.16	15.12	15.40	15.50	15.59	15.66
November			14.55	14.63	14.60	14.70	14.62	14.59	14.86	14.93	15.03	15.09
December			14.33	14.41	14.37	14.47	14.39	14.36	14.63	14.69	14.79	14.86
January	HOLIDAY											
February			14.16	14.26	14.22	14.32	14.24	14.21	14.47	14.51	14.60	14.67
March			14.10	14.20	14.16	14.26	14.18	14.16	14.41	14.45	14.53	14.63
April			14.06	14.17	14.12	14.22	14.14	14.12	14.37	14.41	14.49	14.59
May			13.99	14.11	14.06	14.17	14.09	14.07	14.32	14.35	14.43	14.53
June			13.95	14.06	14.01	14.13	14.04	14.02	14.27	14.30	14.38	14.47
			13.83	13.94	13.89	14.02	13.93	13.91	14.16	14.18	14.21	14.37

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 18 1924.

Flour has been steadily rising. It has caught cautious buyers napping. They have stuck to the practice, however, of buying only a little at a time; habit has become second nature. A slight increase in bids finds the mills obdurate; they demand something more than that. Little business has been done in new hard wheat flour, but mills have been firm. They were asking \$6 25 to \$6 50 early in the week, an advance in a week of 25 to 35c. Export business was generally quiet. Rapidly rising prices have got away from exporters' limits. Clearances from New York on Tuesday were 10,447 sacks, going to Hamburg, Antwerp and the West Indies. Later there was a fair export business with the Mediterranean. The United Kingdom bought moderately, but in general the export demand fell off as prices mounted in company with wheat.

Wheat advanced 7c. early in the week, largely owing to a reduction in the Canadian crop estimate of 32%. In a single day the transactions on futures were over 69,000,000 bushels. An unofficial estimate puts the crop in Canada at only 50% of last year's. It is said to be the worst situation in Canada in 20 years. Ottawa wired: "Preliminary figures issued by the Bureau of Statistics estimate the Canadian wheat crop for this year at 318,640,000 bushels, a decline of about 32% from last year. The Canadian crop last year was 474,199,000 bushels. There is said to be a 10% decrease in the world's prospective crop, including that of Canada. Violent advances took place in both Chicago and Winnipeg, i. e. 5 to 6 1/2c. in a single day, on the 14th inst., with an active and excited speculation, the largest of the season and perhaps the largest since the war. It was so heavy on the 15th inst. that the tape was 5 to 7 minutes behind on the quotations. On that day Liverpool shot upward 6 1/2d. and Buenos Aires 8c. At Chicago prices opened 3c. higher, fell 4 to 4 1/2c. and closed 5/8 to 1 1/4c. net lower. Winnipeg advanced 6c., dropped 7c. from the high and closed 1/4 to 1c. net lower, swept back by a great wave of liquidation. Export business was small. But Winnipeg was 9c. over Chicago and Argentina 10c. over. Europe is expected to buy hard winter sooner or later. Washington wired. "This year's Northern Hemisphere wheat harvest, exclusive of Russia, will be less than last year's by 10% or more, the Department of Agriculture estimates from official reports. The decreased production is due to a 4 1/2% cut in acreage and a general late spring season. The acreage this year is 179,325,000 acres, or about 9,000,000 acres less than last year, but slightly more than 9,000,000 acres larger than the average of the pre-war period 1909-13. Conditions in the Caucasus and Siberia are below the average, indicating a smaller grain crop in Russia than was harvested last year. The Department of Agriculture adds these details: 'Prospects for the world's crop are for a considerably smaller yield. Official reports from about half of the countries in the Northern Hemisphere show a probable decrease of 7% in production, while reports from various sources for the re-

maining territory indicated that the total production might be as much as 10% below last year's production. Latest official report of Canadian production indicates a crop of about 325,000,000 bushels, compared with 475,000,000 bushels last year. The spring wheat crop in the Pacific Northwestern States decreased, while in the four principal producing States east of the Rocky Mountains it is 10,000,000 bushels larger than last year.' Kansas City wired that since the rise started in June, wheat has advanced 20c. and corn 25c. It is greater since March. This may have political effects in the Presidential election. Broomhall said that his visible supply of wheat of 105,000,000, against 147,000,000 last year did not include North America. Taking Bradstreet's United States and Canadian stocks on July 15, it indicates a world's visible of 183,000,000 bushels, against 193,000,000 last year, a decrease in the stocks other than North American offsetting the larger holdings here. Chicago wired July 14: "Export bids for wheat in the Southwest market to go via the Gulf are at prices which look as if they will serve to divert from Chicago the Southwestern wheat that the trade has been expecting to get." Montreal wired: "Ottawa and Winnipeg papers characterize reports that Canadian crops have been injured beyond repair and will be only half as large as last year as 'nonsense.' The June 30 condition is placed at 96% of the nine-year average. Manitoba prospects considered best; northern Alberta and southern Saskatchewan had heavy rains and the whole Edmonton district reports a soaking rain." Chicago wired on Wednesday: "Raining at Saskatoon." On July 17 estimates that the wheat crop of the three prairie provinces of Canada had been curtailed 200,000,000 to 250,000,000 bushels compared with the last yield, caused a further rise of 2 to 4 1/2c., to the highest of the season, despite enormous sales to realize. Canada continued to send reports of serious crop damage. A large territory surrounding Saskatoon was said to have suffered practically complete failure of the crop and farmers there were said to be turning their cattle into the fields. Drastic revision of the current estimates of the world's exportable surplus of wheat was looked for as a result of the curtailed crop in Canada. To-day Chicago broke 4 1/2c. net and Winnipeg 4 to 4 1/2c. in a big speculation involving, however, a good deal of profit-taking. The cables were lower. Canada had good rains. There were also rains in the American Northwest, where they were needed. Winnipeg in a way set the downward pace. There was heavy liquidation there. Many preferred to even up for over Sunday, not knowing what the weather might be. Some thought the market was being overbought, that the speculation was being over-advertised with big headlines in the newspapers. Others regarded the reaction as simply natural. They look for a further rise. Foreign crops, it is emphasized, are smaller than those of last year, while the crops of American and Canada will also be below those of 1923. World's supplies are none too large. Winnipeg is 10c. over Chicago July. Buenos Aires is 5c. over Chicago. Some estimated the Canadian crop to-day at about 310,000,000 bushels, which would be 160,000,000 smaller than last year. Closing prices at Chicago show a rise for the week of 8 1/2 to 10c. It was much greater at the close on Thursday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	133 3/4	138 3/4	138 3/4	143 3/4	145 1/2	141 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator	118 3/4	123 3/4	122 1/2	126	130 1/2	126 1/2
September delivery in elevator	118 1/2	123	121 1/2	126 3/4	129	124 3/4
December delivery in elevator	121 1/4	125 3/4	124 3/4	129 3/4	132	127 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator	126 1/2	132	131 3/4	136 3/4	140 3/4	136 1/2
October delivery in elevator	121 1/2	128 3/4	127 3/4	131	134 3/4	129 3/4
December delivery in elevator	117 1/4	128 3/4	125	126 3/4	129 3/4	

Indian corn has been swept upward 8 to 10c. on a wild speculation. The trading has been enormous. Prices have latterly been erratic, rising and falling with startling abruptness. There was a report that the July deal was over; that Arthur Cutten had sold out and taken the opposite tack. Cash corn sold up to a new high with receipts small. Many have sold September and bought December, something that tended to offset better weather and more favorable crop news. Kansas City wired July 15: "Clear and fine. Unless something unforeseen happens Kansas expects to make corn history this year. Recent good rains over the big area planted have been bringing corn along with rapid strides. Corn has forged ahead, making remarkable progress. Central Missouri also is making favorable reports on the recovery of corn. According to local corn handlers, stocks of corn in store here of 152,000 bushels are all sold. The bulk

was sold in June for July shipment, as a run of corn was anticipated which did not develop. It is not expected that corn in any quantity will be received before the first part of August. Southern and Eastern industries are taking 75% of all shipments from this market, it was said. Demand in excess of supply and competition has been keen for the better quality offerings." Since 1900 there have been five years of low condition following years of good production. The average production in these five years, Murray points out, was 2,332,000,000 bushels, against 2,915,000,000 in the preceding years, an average reduction of 20%. The average May price of May delivery at Chicago following the poor crops was \$1.09—the average for the preceding years was 78c., showing average gain of 31c. The price of May corn last May averaged 78c. The Government forecast this crop at 2,515,000,000 bushels, against 3,046,000,000 last year, a reduction of 17%. Omaha wired: "There is a report in a morning paper here saying that chinch bugs are in the eastern part of Nemaha County to such an extent that whole fields of corn are being destroyed." Favorable crop reports had a tendency at one time to depress the distant months. No. 2 yellow on spot sold up to \$1.14½ or ½c. better than the outside figure of last year. Farmers sold some corn in the interior at a price that netted them \$1 per bushel or over, as high as \$1.09 being paid in central Illinois, while in central Iowa \$1.10 was paid by feeders. Primary arrivals of corn to-day were 497,000 bushels, against 564,000 on the same day last week and 840,000 last year. Shipments were 398,000 bushels, against 565,000 on the same day last week and 597,000 last year. In Chicago on the 14th inst. cash corn sold for \$1.13, within a cent of last year's high point, while July corn was quoted at \$1.10. The wildness of the fluctuations may be gathered from the fact that on the 15th inst. near-by deliveries had a range of 6¼ to 8½c. for the day, the latter on September, which jumped to \$1.08½, only to break later. Net losses for the day were 4 to 4½c. New crop futures wound up 1½ to 1½c. lower. All deliveries except May sold at a new high on the crop early, as did all futures of rye and provisions. A Chicago dispatch said that Arthur Cutten, who took in and paid for the bulk of the cash corn delivered on May contracts has sold practically all of his cash holdings and on Monday last was a persistent seller of July and September corn, letting go most of his holdings of futures. Chicago wired July 15: "My profits on the advance in corn prices do not reach \$1,000,000," says Arthur W. Cutten, who is reported as making \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000 by the trade. "I never had enough corn to make any such profit." It has been reported that Cutten and his friends had around 4,000,000 bushels of cash corn, taken in on May delivery. Profits of around \$1,000,000 are estimated by Mr. Cutten's friends when his operations in wheat are taken into consideration, as he has been a strong believer in higher prices for all grains for months, even when the entire grain trade was on the other side of the market. To-day prices declined 2½ to 3¼c. net. A good deal of long selling was a feature. So was favorable weather. The weakness in wheat naturally had no small influence. The Southwest sent very favorable crop reports. They talked of a big yield. Cash corn gave way. Receipts were small at Chicago, but country offerings were larger. At Chicago 20,000 bushels were sold to go to store. Moreover, it was said, too, that about 1,500,000 bushels of Argentine corn had been sold thus far to come to the United States and about the same quantity to Canada. In some parts of the belt the weather was said to be cool. Some temperatures were down in the 50's. The last prices show a rise for the week of 5 to 7c. At one time it was distinctly greater than this. It is pointed out by the "Price Current" that regardless of future weather, much of the corn will demand an unusually long season to mature.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 mixed.....cts.	122	123¼	119½	121½	124½	122½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....cts.	107½	110	105½	110½	112½	109½
September delivery in elevator.....	101	104½	101	104½	107	104
December delivery in elevator.....	85¾	87¾	86	89¾	94	92¾

Oats advanced early in the week as other grain advanced on a scale that almost dazed the trade. There was a big speculation, spurred not only by the rise in corn and wheat, but also by prolonged dry weather in Canada. July reached a new high early in the week. Chicago wired: "We understand there are less than 500,000 bushels of oats in all positions in public and private elevators in Chicago, there being about 50,000 bushels of contract oats in public and slightly over 400,000 bushels in private elevators. July oats look cheap, with No. 3 commanding a premium of 2¼c. and 3¼c. over July in the spot market." To-day prices declined 1½ to 1¾c., with considerable long liquidation, partly owing to beneficial rains in Canada and the American Northwest. Crop reports were better. Cash prices fell sharply. Final prices show a rise for the week of 2½ to 3½c. It was much more than that earlier in the week. The country was offering more freely in Chicago to-day.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
.....cts.	62½	64	63½	64	66	66

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....cts.	54¾	55½	54¾	55½	56¾	54¾
September delivery in elevator.....	46¾	47¾	45¾	48¾	48¾	47½
December delivery in elevator.....	48	48¾	47¾	50	50¾	49¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....cts.	45	48¾	47¾	49	50¾	49
October delivery in elevator.....	48¾	48¾	50	51¾	50¾	

Rye has been in good demand at the West and strong everywhere at rapidly rising prices. Minneapolis reported an excellent demand. The pull of other grain of course has been plain. Prices fell 1½ to 1½c. on the 15th inst., with around 1,500,000 bushels bought to go to Chicago from Minneapolis, Duluth and Milwaukee. A leading elevator concern sold around 500,000 bushels of September. Prices moved into new high territory early in the week, with sales for export of 300,000 bushels. There was active buying later on the idea that rye prices were lagging behind the rest of the grain list and therefore were relatively cheap. The visible supply decreased last week 923,000 bushels, against 1,908,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 16,476,000 bushels, against 13,526,000 a year ago. There were reactions from time to time in sympathy with other grain. To-day prices declined in sympathy with the fall in wheat, corn and oats. There were no striking features in the trading. Final prices show a rise for the week of 5 to 6c. At one time the advance was much more marked.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....cts.	81¼	85	83¾	85¾	87	85¼
September delivery in elevator.....	81¼	84¾	83	85¾	87¾	85¼
December delivery in elevator.....	84½	87½	86¾	89¾	91¾	89¾

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.

Spring patents.....	\$7 60@	\$8 00	Rye flour, patents.....	\$4 90@	\$5 50
Clears, first spring.....	6 00@	6 50	Seminola No. 2, lb.....	4 4½	
Soft winter straights.....	5 85@	6 25	Oats goods.....	3 45@	3 50
Hard winter straights.....	6 60@	7 15	Corn flour.....	2 90@	3 00
Hard winter patents.....	7 15@	7 75	Barley goods.....		
Hard winter clears.....	5 75@	6 25	Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....		4 00
Fancy Minn. patents.....	8 85@	9 60	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....		6 50
City mills.....	9 05@	9 55			

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York:		Oats:	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.....	141¼	No. 2 white.....	66
No. 1 Northern.....	162¼	No. 3 white.....	65
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....	141¼	Rye, New York:	
		No. 2 c.i.f.....	93
		Chicago, No. 2.....	—
Corn:		Barley, New York:	
No. 2 mixed.....	122½	Maiting.....	97½@101½
No. 2 yellow.....	125½	Chicago.....	82 @ 86

For other tables usually given here, see page 295.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 15.

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending July 15 is as follows:

Showers were rather frequent during the week in most of the Atlantic Coast States, except in the north, and were quite general during the first few days in interior valleys. Rain fell in the central Great Plains on the night of the 8-9th, in the Southwest on the 9-10th, and again over much of the central Plains near the close of the week. In the more western States, in the central and west Gulf districts, and over the Northwest, fair weather was the rule. Temperature changes were unimportant, with moderate warmth for the season prevailing in most districts throughout the week, though the latter part brought considerably cooler weather to the Central and Northern States.

Chart I, page 4, shows that for the week, as a whole, the temperature averaged slightly below normal, except along the Atlantic coast, from the lower Mississippi Valley westward, and in the far Northwest. The minus departures from normal were in most cases small, however, and the plus departures were likewise moderate. The maximum temperatures were somewhat higher than last week in the South, especially in the Southwest, where some stations reported maxima of 100 degrees or higher, but the highest readings were again below 90 degrees quite generally from the middle and upper Mississippi Valley eastward.

Chart II shows that the total rainfall for the week was again heavy in much of the south Atlantic area, and that moderate amounts were received in most other sections east of the Mississippi River. Heavy rains occurred in parts of the Central Great Plains, southern Missouri, northern Arkansas, and locally in the Southwest, but elsewhere west of the Mississippi there was very little rainfall, with another mostly rainless week west of the Rocky Mountains.

The reaction to considerably warmer weather in the interior States made much better growing conditions than prevailed during the preceding week, but at the same time the nights continued rather too cool for best growth of warm-weather crops. At the same time fair weather and sunshine were sufficient to permit much field work, though there was interruption in some sections by rainfall. In the Atlantic coast area weather conditions were generally favorable for agriculture in the central and northern portions, except that more moisture is needed in parts of the Northeast, but the continued rains were decidedly unfavorable for field work and for most crops in the South Atlantic area; this makes the third consecutive week with heavy rainfall in that section.

The soil has become too dry in much of the middle Gulf area and rain is badly needed in most west Gulf sections. The heavy rains were beneficial in much of the central Plains area, though moisture was inadequate, and drought is rather severe in the western portions of the central Plains States, and more rain would benefit crops in portions of the northern Plains.

All vegetation, especially the range, was markedly revived by showers in much of the Southwest, especially in New Mexico, while local rains were helpful in the central Rocky Mountain area. West of the Rockies the drought continued unabated in nearly all sections with many complaints of irrigation water failing. It was considerably cooler in the more western States, however, which was rather favorable in reducing evaporation. Frost was reported from parts of Oregon. Livestock were moving rapidly to market from some western sections because of the scarcity of feed.

SMALL GRAINS.—The harvest of winter wheat progressed during the week well toward the northern limits of the principal producing area under mostly favorable conditions, though there was some delay by rain in the northwestern portion of the belt, especially in Nebraska. Harvest was practically completed in Missouri and about done in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas. Threshing advanced rapidly in the lower Great Plains with satisfactory yields, but there was complaint of damage to wheat in shock by wet weather in Virginia and North Carolina. Wheat was ripening favorably in the more northern districts.

The weather continued favorable for spring wheat in the Central-Northern States, though rain would be helpful in parts of the Dakotas. Spring wheat looks well and is filling nicely in South Dakota, is in very good condition in Minnesota, and developing satisfactorily in North Dakota. Oats show very good development, with continued improvement reported from the Northern States; harvest was begun in southern Iowa, and cutting was progressing in central Illinois. Oat harvest is following very closely that of wheat in the central valley States and Great Plains area. Rice is in excellent condition in California and is very good in the west Gulf section. Flax did well in the northern Great Plains, with much in the boll stage in North Dakota, while the plants are blooming in Montana.

CORN.—Corn made fair to very good progress during the week in the principal producing area, despite the continued rather cool nights; sub-

stantial improvement was reported from many sections. The crop made good to excellent growth in the upper Ohio Valley and responded nicely to the warmer weather in the lower Ohio Valley States. Fair progress was reported in Iowa where conditions were fairly favorable for cultivation, though the crop continued very uneven, ranging from laid by in some sections to replanted and just up in others, while the lowlands are weedy and the plants yellow. Corn shows much improvement in Missouri, but needs warmer weather, and good advance was noted in the eastern portions of the central Plains States, though rains were inadequate in the western portions.

Corn made poor progress in the central and west Gulf areas because of deficient moisture, while excessive rainfall was very unfavorable in the south Atlantic districts. The crop grew rapidly, under favorable conditions, in most of the middle Atlantic area. Broom corn was benefited in the Plains States by rainfall and is in generally good condition in the southern Plains section.

COTTON.—Conditions as to temperature were rather favorable for cotton in the Southern States, but unfavorable as to moisture in most sections. It continued much too wet in the eastern portion of the belt where the third consecutive week of rainy and cloudy weather was experienced, while moisture was needed in much of the west Gulf section. Conditions were favorable, as a rule, in the north-central and northwestern portions of the belt.

The progress and condition of cotton were, as a rule, fair in Texas, and the early-planted was fruiting fairly well, but the crop was still backward and irregular, with rain now generally needed. Progress was fair to very good in Oklahoma with plants blooming in the southern portion; few weevil were reported, but the crop is about two weeks late. The moderate temperatures and local showers in Arkansas made good cotton-growing weather, with the plants fruiting nicely, but it was too dry in Louisiana where progress was poor and deterioration noted. Growth was poor also in Mississippi where there was very little rainfall, but progress was mostly fair to good in Alabama and the plants were blooming to the northern border, though stands were irregular.

The temperature and sunshine favored good growth in Tennessee where cotton is well cultivated, and progress was very good in much of Florida, though fields were getting grassy because of the wet weather, and there was complaint of shedding in the northern portion. There was generally too much rain for cotton in Georgia, except in the northwestern portion; the plants are making rapid, but too rank growth at the expense of fruit with considerable complaint of shedding and grassy fields. There was decidedly too much rain in the Carolinas and Virginia. Rapid growth at the expense of fruit is noted in South Carolina, while the progress of the crop was poor, or it deteriorated, in much of North Carolina where there is much grass and the soil too wet to cultivate, with many fields abandoned. Conditions continued favorable for cotton in the more western States.

The weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Week quite favorable for crop growth, but not for farm work until latter part when good progress was made. Wheat harvest practically finished and crop generally very satisfactory. Corn and tobacco good growth, but fields grassy in many localities. Cotton made fair progress, in condition unsatisfactory.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Another week of too much rain. Reports of crops nearly all unfavorable east of mountains with considerable damage. Wheat sprouting in shock in west. Peaches rotting. Progress of cotton poor in west and deteriorated in east; grassy and unable to cultivate; many fields abandoned.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Too much rain, especially in central and east where grass menace very serious. Condition and growth of cotton fair; making growth at expense of fruit. Weevil fairly numerous and increasing with moderate damage in central and east. Corn good condition, but early crop needs cultivation badly. Tobacco shows considerable scald. Other crops grew well. Dry weather needed.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Except in northwest, generally too rainy for cotton, which is making rapid, but rank growth; fruiting slowly with considerable shedding; many fields grassy. Weevil slowly increasing with little damage as yet. Lowland corn injured by excessive moisture, but upland made excellent progress; maturing in south; general condition best in many years. All minor crops did well. Dry, sunny weather needed.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress of cotton very good in Peninsula, frequent rains unfavorable and getting grassy. Condition mostly very good, except in west, but complaints of shedding in northern counties due to wet weather. Weevil infestation light, but increasing. Rains damaging late corn on lowlands and delaying work on cane and peanuts. Groves good condition; fruit holding well.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Many sections, especially in north portion, needing moisture. Growth and condition of corn, truck, pastures, fruits and minor crops mostly fair to good; stands of corn spotted. Progress and condition of cotton mostly fair to good; blooming to northern border; stands irregular. Weevil infestation becoming quite general; numerous and active locally, but slight damage.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Warm, with mostly light rains. Condition and growth of cotton poor, with very good cultivation. Weevil general with damage probably slight. Growth of corn poor; lacking rain. Progress of cane and fruit fair; gardens, pastures and truck poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Scattered rains in south and central, but generally insufficient. Early corn further deteriorated and late suffering in many localities. Growth of cotton poor; some deterioration reported in extreme north due to drought; condition poor to very good and fruiting fairly well. Weevil mostly inactive. Truck and pastures deteriorating. Progress of sugar cane fair. Crops generally well cultivated.

Texas.—Houston: Warm with very few effective rains, mostly in west and north. Progress and condition of pastures, corn and minor crops mostly poor, except good where local rains. Threshing about completed and condition of cotton averaged fair and early-planted fruiting fair to very good; crop still backward and stage of advancement irregular in all sections; insect damage, as a whole, slight, but locally moderate. General rain needed by cotton, as well as all other vegetation. Amarillo: Ranges and livestock of Panhandle in good condition; not so good in southwest. Rainfall short; temperatures high.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Weather generally favorable with beneficial rains in north, but little or none in south. Harvesting winter wheat and oats about finished in extreme northwest; threshing progressed satisfactorily and yields generally good. Growth and condition of corn fair to very good, but needs rain in most sections, especially on uplands. Progress of cotton generally fair to very good, but two weeks late; blooming in south; very little weevil infestation. Grain sorghums, broom corn, fruits and minor crops generally good.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Growth of cotton very good to excellent due to local rains in most portions; growing rapidly and well cultivated; fruiting nicely with only slight damage by weevil in a few localities; condition fair to very good. Early corn injured by dryness in some central and southern localities, elsewhere progress and condition very good to excellent. All other crops good to excellent, except in some central and southern localities, where too dry.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Very beneficial rains over middle division; moisture now generally ample; excessive in some eastern counties, where work delayed. Cotton growing and fruiting well; good cultivation. Corn suffered from drought in many counties first of week, but good progress since rains.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Moderately cool; ending with heavy rains which were needed and mostly beneficial. Condition of corn very good and growth excellent; cultivation satisfactory and last plantings coming up. Early tobacco good and fairly clean; late settings slow to start, but helped by rain. Farm work catching up.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, July 18 1924.

There is apparently no longer any doubt that a turn for the better has either been reached or is near at hand in the markets for textiles. Although there has been no broad advancement during the past week, increased inquiries have been general and small lot buying has become larger in volume. There were numerous reports of mills receiving more orders, and either resuming operations or starting additional machinery or beginning on longer hours. Confi-

dence has been expressed in many places that inquiries would continue to improve. Cottons, silks and various varieties of woollens have unquestionably been desired in a more general way than recently. However, it has been noticeable that while buyers have been more plentiful in the market, when it came to forward commitments they still adhered to their policy of strict caution and confined purchases to goods which they knew they could sell quickly. Factors claim that fundamental conditions affecting textile distribution are undergoing a change. There has been a substantial rise in wheat, corn and other farm products. Although these prospects are as yet vague, it is expected that the probable result will be transmitted into greater buying power of the farmer, which is approximately 40% of the entire population. Some of the Western and Southern buyers claim that the outlook for the future in their districts is for a greater purchasing power for the farmer than has been the case for some time past. Another contributing factor to the general improvement is the fact that importations of foreign goods have taken a substantial slump. This is due in part to a larger production of similar goods by domestic mills. Selling agents claim that it is now possible to do business at a price. This is in sharp contrast with conditions prevailing a month or so ago when it was impossible to attract buyers regardless of prices.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: The improvement noted in the markets for textiles during the past week was particularly concentrated in the markets for domestic cottons. Largely owing to an advance in raw cotton prices and the exceptionally large spread between spot and future quotations, inquiries were broader and small lot sales increased in number. Government consumption figures issued the earlier part of the week demonstrated the effect of the drastic curtailment of production during the month of June. The report showed a decline of approximately 40% from the peak figures. Buyers conceded that many quotations on goods were far below a parity with cotton quoted in future markets. This stimulated action on their part to some extent, and various goods sold in larger quantities, though still in small lots. Bleached cottons sold steadily in a small way. Many scattered orders were received for numerous domestics, such as khaki, denims, chambrays, sheets, etc. There has also been a decided quickening in inquiries for cotton blankets and other napped goods. Wash goods openings began in many of the staple and semi-staple lines. Those already opened showed many declines with very few advances, but are continually meeting with more encouragement. On the other hand, some of the houses have decided not to make a complete opening at this time, but only to have something to show buyers in the way of goods which they feel safe in pricing. One of the features has been the substantial increase in the number of goods offered in guaranteed colors and the wide variety of new colors shown. Steady progress was made in disposing of odd lots of a styled and seasonable character of this fabric. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7½c. and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's. are quoted at 10c. and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12½c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Although the markets for woollens and worsteds remained quiet during the past week, the trade generally advanced several degrees toward more normal conditions. Selling agents and manufacturers have been almost unanimously of the opinion that September would witness a very good business. In the meantime there have been openings of several lines of summer goods in the men's wear division, with more to follow next week. Though this has revived interest somewhat in suitings, a good movement is not expected until the latter part of the month. Selling agents and manufacturers are giving grave concern to the question of the openings of spring lines of men's suitings and topcoatings. But owing to the trouble entailed in pricing the goods, openings are not expected to be held until some time next month. However, while it is pointed out that some of the larger clothing houses are in all probability ready to place orders for next year's merchandise, piece goods manufacturers are delaying the new showings. Factors claim that buyers have had their way for a long time now that the piece goods trade has the upper hand for the first time in a great while, they are likely to take advantage of the situation and keep buyers waiting until they deem it expedient to open their lines.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Activity in the market for linens subsided somewhat during the past week, though prices ruled generally steady. However, white goods in the dress linen department continued to sell in a fairly healthy way, though other colors were taken in limited quantities and were generally unwanted. Much discussion has gone the rounds as to whether 1925 will welcome dress linens as did 1924. Thus far indications point to a tolerant attitude, as orders are already being placed, and though small in each instance, they mount up in volume. It is claimed by importers that the Czechoslovakian linen market is working full time. Prices are tending toward higher levels and the outlook for the future is bright. Burlaps ruled quiet during the past week owing to the temporary withdrawal of buyers who are for the moment supplied. Light weights are quoted at 5.95-6.05c. and heavies at 5.85c. nominal.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Act Under Which Officials Were Chosen Claimed Unconstitutional.—Contending that the Act under which the Atlantic City Commission was elected to office May 13 last is unconstitutional, a group of the resort residents obtained a writ, on July 16, from the Supreme Court compelling the city officials to show cause why their right to hold office should not be challenged. Argument will be heard at the State House on Oct. 7. The Philadelphia "Record" of July 17 says:

The election, the petitioners state, was conducted under chapter 145, laws of 1924, an Act respecting cities of the fourth class and providing for the nomination and election of commissioners. In attacking the constitutionality of the Act, it is claimed that the measure is special legislation seeking to regulate the internal affairs of cities; that it is an attempt without specific designation to repeal the original commission government law known as the "Walsh Act," and that its body is broader than its title.

Fort Worth, Texas.—New City Charter to Be Submitted to Voters on Sept. 1.—A new city charter for the city of Fort Worth will be submitted to the voters for their approval on Sept. 1. Under the new charter, if ratified, the city will have a City Manager form of government, with six departments under the direct control of the City Manager, assisted by the department heads. The six departments suggested are, finance, police, fire, public works and utility, health and welfare.

Long Beach, N. Y.—Supreme Court Injunction to Prevent Sale of Bonds Asked.—The Marjohn Realty Co. of Long Beach has asked Justice Benedict of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn to invalidate \$852,000 of the bonded indebtedness of the city and restrain it from issuing \$175,000 worth of new bonds. According to the New York "Commercial" of June 16:

The company, through Samuel B. Johnson, its counsel, maintained that the Long Beach city charter fixed the city's debt limit at 10% of its total assessments, or at present \$1,399,119, and that its total outstanding debt is now \$2,246,735. That the debt is alleged to exceed the statutory limit is the basis for the company's application. Johnson agreed with J. B. Aronoff and J. W. Warshaw, Long Beach Corporation Counsel, to exempt from the \$175,000, \$70,000 which Warshaw said was intended to pay the city's water bill. Aronoff, in a motion for dismissal which was denied, maintained that of the debt of \$2,246,735 more than \$1,000,000 had been in bonds exempt from the application of the debt limit and that the actual indebtedness was within the statutory restriction.

The Court said that upon the posting of a \$15,000 bond by the petitioner, the case would be turned over to a referee.

Louisiana (State of).—Legislature Adjourns.—The biennial session of the State Legislature which began on May 12 adjourned sine die on July 10.

Some of the constitutional amendments passed by the Legislature and to be submitted to a vote of the people in November are as follows:

To authorize the continuance of the 1% debt tax in New Orleans for the Sewerage and Water Board.

To authorize the State Board of Liquidation to fund the residue of the 25 cents per horse-power gasoline tax for the Hammond-New Orleans and Chef routes, and issue against it \$2,000,000 in bonds or certificates. This is to be paid into highway fund No. 2 and go toward completing the highways mentioned along the routes to be decided on by the Highway Commission.

Levying a 1 cent a gallon special gasoline tax in New Orleans to be paid into a special paving fund for paving the city.

Increasing the limit of New Orleans paving certificates from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and requiring the city to appropriate not less than \$400,000 a year for the city's portion of paving costs.

Amending Section 14 of Article 14, changing it with respect to the creation of road districts, sub-road districts and sewerage districts. Would permit the creation of sewerage districts by police jury outside of city limits.

Authorizing the Police Jury of Caddo Parish to levy a 5½-mill tax in that parish for the support of the schools.

Authorizing the School Board of Sabine Parish to levy an additional school tax when voted by the people of the parish or school district, both in number of votes and in value of property.

Amending Section 14 of Article 14 to add paragraphs "o" and "p," relative to the creation of levee, road and sewer districts.

Among the many bills passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Fuqua are the following:

Authorizing municipal corporations, parishes and schools, road, sub-road, sewerage, gravity drainage and sub-drainage districts to issue bonds for any of these purposes not to exceed 10% of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of such subdivisions.

Prohibiting the sale of bonds by any subdivision of the State for less than their par value, and accrued interest, and providing for the security to be given by bidders and fiscal agents.

Authorizing municipal corporations, parishes and school, road, sub-road, sewerage, drainage and sub-drainage districts to incur debt and issue bonds.

North Dakota (State of).—Petition for Constitutional Amendment Held Insufficient.—The petition calling for a constitutional amendment to bond the State of North Dakota for \$6,000,000 to aid in reimbursing depositors of closed bank, and for revising the banking laws recently submitted to Thomas Hall, Secretary of State (V. 119, p. 222), was held "insufficient" by that official.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Louies Kleine, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 24 for the following issues of 4½% road bonds:

\$10,160 James H. Andrews macadam road bonds. Denom. \$508.
8,800 Philip Carper macadam road bonds. Denom. \$440.
Date July 15 1925. Due one bond of each issue every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 incl.

ALBANY, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, Equitable Trust Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, all of New York, and the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co. of Albany has purchased \$2,010,000 bonds (\$2,044,500 offered) at 101.0371, a basis of about 4.01%. The syndicate took \$1,310,000 4½% public impt. bonds maturing on June 1 as follows: \$140,000, 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$64,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$37,000, 1935 to 1939 incl., and \$21,000, 1940 to 1944 incl.; and \$700,000 4% water supply bonds maturing \$17,500 yearly on June 1 from 1925 to 1964 incl. The City Sinking Fund took the remaining bonds aggregating \$34,500. The bonds were offered as follows on July 14—V. 119, p. 108:

\$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 1964 inclusive.

Date June 1 1924. The bonds which were re-offered to investors by the successful syndicate at prices to yield from 3.00% to 3.85% have all been sold. The following bids were also received:

New York State National Bank, Albany	\$2,026,867 92
Roosevelt & Son, A. Iselin & Co. and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. (jointly)	2,025,500 00
A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc.	2,024,055 00
L. F. Rothschild & Co.	2,021,276 10
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., H. L. Allen & Co. and Rutter & Co. (jointly)	2,021,256 00
Bankers Trust Co., National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. (jointly)	2,017,014 90
Manufacturers National Bank, Troy	2,016,750 00
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.	2,014,037 00
Estabrook & Co.; Kean, Taylor & Co.; Robert Winthrop & Co. and W. H. Carriman & Co., Inc. (jointly)	2,013,417 00
Albany Trust Co., Albany (part bid)	\$1,000 00

ALBION, Orleans County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 coupon sewer extension bonds offered on July 14—V. 118, p. 3223—have been sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York as 4½% for \$16,025, equal to 100.15—a basis of about 4.49%. Date Aug. 10 1925. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 10 1925 to 1940 incl. Other bidders were:

Citizens National Bank, Albion	\$16,025 00	5%
Sage, Wolcott & Steele	16,014 08	4½%
Farson, Son & Co.	16,022 08	4½%
Union National Co.	16,023 20	4½%
Sherwood & Merrifield	16,021 00	4½%

ANAHEIM, Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 5% water works impt. bonds offered on July 10—V. 118, p. 3223—were purchased by the Anglo-London-Paris Co. at a premium of \$3,412, equal to 103.10, a basis of about 4.74%. Date July 15 1924. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1958 and \$4,000, 1959 and 1960.

ANSONIA, Darke County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul E. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 21 for \$40,000 6% water works and electric light mortgage bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1924. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1926 to 1940 incl. except every third year, when \$3,000 matures. Certified check for 12½% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

ARANSAS PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aransas Pass), San Patricio County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on July 9 registered \$5,000 6% serial school bonds.

AUSTIN, Travis County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Texas Bank & Trust Co. of Austin has purchased \$50,000 5% incinerator bonds. These bonds were registered by the State Comptroller of Texas on July 7.

AVON, Livingston County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo has purchased the following issues of bonds as 4½% at 100.186—a basis of about 4.48%:

\$40,000 water bonds. Date March 1 1924. Due \$2,000 1925 to 1944 incl.
24,000 paving bonds. Date July 1 1924. Due \$2,000, 1925 to 1936 incl.

AVOYELLES PARISH FIFTH WARD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Marksville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 5 by Foster Couvillion, President School Board, for \$25,000 school bonds. Int. not to exceed 6%. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due in 25 years. A certified check on a national bank doing business in this State or a bank chartered under the laws of this State for \$500, payable to the President of the School Board, is required.

BANDERA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Bandera), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on July 7 registered \$25,000 5½% serial road bonds.

BATH, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 7 p. m. July 15 by John W. Taggart, Village Clerk, for \$34,000 coupon village hall erection and furnishing bonds not to exceed 6% interest. The bonds will be offered for sale at public auction. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 15 1925 to 1941 incl. Cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for \$50, payable to the Villate Treasurer, required.

BEALLSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beallsville), Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7:30 p. m. July 28 sealed bids will be received by Phillip F. Clark, Secretary of Board of Directors, for \$30,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1929; \$3,000, 1930 to 1935 incl., and \$2,000, 1936 to 1938 incl. Cert. check for \$750, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Sullivan Jr. of Dallas has been awarded \$100,000 5% wharf and dock bonds at 100.50.

BELEN, Valencia County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED BECAUSE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS.—The offering of \$100,000 6% sewer coupon bonds scheduled to take place on July 14, as stated in V. 118, p. 2987, has been postponed because of court proceedings.

BELLAIRE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Chas. P. Hoffman, City Auditor, until 12 m. (Central standard time) July 26 for the purchase of the following issues of bonds:

\$6,753 45 5½% Fifth Sewer Dist. impt. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$375 and one for \$378 45. Date May 15 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due yearly on Nov. 15 as follows: \$750, 1925 to 1932, incl., and \$753 45, 1933.

11,423 27 5½% Guernsey and Seneca St. and Elm Alley impt. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$423 and one for \$425 27. Date May 15 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due yearly on Nov. 15 as follows: \$1,269, 1925 to 1932, incl., and \$1,271 27, 1933.

3,000 00 6% Trumbull St. impt. city's portion bonds. Denom. \$175 and two for \$100. Date April 1 1924. Int. M. & S. 15. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$350, 1925 to 1932, incl., and \$200, 1933.

15,219 97 5½% Belmont St. impt. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$850 and one for \$769 97. Date May 15 1924. Int. A. & O. 15. Due yearly on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,700, 1925 to 1932, incl., and \$1,619 97, 1933.
Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis have been awarded the \$23,400 5% coupon Michael Duffy et al. road bonds offered on July 10—V. 118, p. 3224—for \$24,156, equal to 103.23, a basis of about 4.27%. Date July 1 1924. Due \$1,170 every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 incl.

BONE MESA DOMESTIC WATER DISTRICT, Delta County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids were received by J. B. Drake, Secretary of Board of Directors, until 10 a. m. July 18 at the Kennedy Bldg. in Paonia for \$75,000 water bonds.

BOLSA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% school bonds offered on July 8—V. 118, p. 3224—were purchased by the First National Bank of Santa Ana at par and accrued interest. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1925 to 1929 inclusive.

BOURBON COUNTY (P. O. Fort Scott), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Kinley Culbertson, County Clerk, until 10 a. m. Aug. 4 for \$68,700 4¾% road impt. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$700. Date July 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due serially. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for required.

BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 121 (P. O. Erie), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$12,500 school building bonds submitted to the vote of the people at a recent election failed to carry.

BOWIE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Boston), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 6% 20 to 40-year school bonds on July 8.

BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22, Mountrail County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE OF THE \$3,000 6% certificates of indebtedness offered on Feb. 16—V. 118, p. 818—\$2,000 were purchased by the W. B. De Nault Co. Denom. \$1,000. Due 1932.

BRIDGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 24 by W. C. Thompson (P. O. Bridgeville) for \$134,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1928; \$2,000 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$3,000 1932 to 1935 incl.; \$4,000 1936 to 1940 incl.; \$5,000 1941 to 1944 incl.; \$6,000 1945 to 1948 incl.; \$7,000 1949 and 1948; \$8,000 1949; \$9,000 1950 to 1952 incl.; and \$10,000 1953. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Treasurer, required.

BROWARD COUNTY (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Frank A. Bryan, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. Aug. 7 for \$100,000 6% coupon, registrable as to principal only, highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York City. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1934 to 1943 incl., and \$10,000 1944 to 1948 incl. A certified check on a bank or trust company doing business in Florida for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required. Bonds will be delivered at place of purchaser's choice on or about Aug. 22. Bids for less than 95 will not be considered. The bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and seal impressed thereon. Legality will be approved by John C. Thomson of New York City, whose approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. The official notice of offering states: "There has never been default in the payment of principal or interest of county bonds, and no bond issue has been contested and no controversy or litigation is pending or threatened affecting the proposed bonds, except the usual validating proceedings."

BUFFALO, Johnson County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. Aug. 6 by O. H. P. Mikessel, City Clerk, for \$26,795 6% special assessment improvement district bonds, including Districts Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

BURLINGTON, Mount Holly County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered on July 15—V. 119, p. 108—have been sold to the New Jersey Fidelity Plate Glass Insurance Co. of New York as follows: \$104,000 temporary impt. for \$104,810 98, equal to 100.78, a basis of about 4.60%.

22,000 temporary fire apparatus for \$22,171 98, equal to 100.78, a basis of about 4.60%.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Mechanics Nat. Bank of Burlington. Due June 1 1930.

BURLINGTON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Burlington), Racine County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Nettie E. Karcher, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 28 for \$200,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and int. payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$14,000 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$20,000 1935 to 1938 incl. A certified check for 1% of bid required. Bonds are printed and will be furnished together with the legal opinion of Lines, Spooner & Quarles.

CALIFORNIA (State of)—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank of New York; Kissel, Kinnicut & Co.; Eldredge & Co.; Redmond & Co., and the Detroit Co., Inc., all of New York; the Anglo-London-Paris Co. and the Bank of Italy, both of Los Angeles, is offering the following bonds to investors at a price to yield 4.05% for the 4s and 4.10% for the 4 1/2s:

- \$1,150,000 4% highway bonds dated July 3 1911 and maturing \$350,000 July 3 1959; \$400,000 July 3 1960, and \$400,000 July 3 1961.
- 925,000 4% harbor impr. bonds dated July 2 1915. Due July 2 1989; optional 1954.
- 625,000 4% India Basin bonds dated Jan. 2 1911. Due Jan. 2 1985; optional 1939.
- 100,000 4% Sacramento Bldg. bonds dated July 2 1915. Due July 2 1965.
- 3,000,000 4 1/2% highway bonds dated May 3 1924 and maturing \$1,000,000 July 3 1963 to July 3 1965 inclusive.

CAMDEN, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Alfred R. White, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 23 for an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered public impt. bonds, not to exceed \$903,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$903,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$25,000 1926 to 1958 incl.; and \$24,000 1959 to 1964 incl. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City, required.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Savery), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 25 by Mrs. Dee J. Wren, District Clerk, for \$10,000 school bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due July 1 1949, optional July 1 1934.

CARLISLE COUNTY (P. O. Bardwell), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 4 by Robert L. Geveden, Clerk of County Court, for \$100,000 5% road bonds. Due in not less than 5 years nor more than 30 years. A certified check for \$2,500 required.

CARROLLTON, Carroll County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 29 by A. K. Rader, Village Clerk, for \$5,500 6% water works bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$1,000. Date June 2 1924. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$500 1925 to 1933 incl. and \$1,000 1934. Certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

CARRIZO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Carrizozo), Lincoln County, N. Mex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$6,000 heating plant bonds.

CARTERVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carterville), Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased \$10,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the above named firm. Due July 1 1944.

CASS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Linden), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$52,000 5 1/2% serial road bonds on July 8.

CECIL COUNTY (P. O. Elkton), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 22 by C. H. Reckefus, President of County Commissioners, for \$35,000 4 1/2% lateral road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Commissioners' office. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 1937 and \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1939 to 1944 incl. A certified check for 10% of bid required.

CHARDON, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert S. Parks, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 28 for \$25,391 6% coupon Center St. impt. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$391. Date June 1 1924. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,500 1925; \$3,000 1926 and 1927; 2,500 1928 and 1929; \$3,000 1930; \$2,500 1931; \$3,000 1932, and \$3,391 1933. Certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

CHERRY TREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cherry Tree), Indiana County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Mrs. John Lemon, Secretary of Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 2 for \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1924. Int. M. & S. Due Sept. 1 1939.

CHOWAN COUNTY (P. O. Edenton), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon or registered road bonds offered on May 5—V. 118, p. 1946—were sold.

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Alfred F. Deckebach, City Auditor, until 12 m. Aug. 11 for \$3,330,000 4 1/2% bonds "for the purpose of providing the city's portion of the funds for the construction of a parkway or boulevard on, upon, or adjacent to lands or canal lands of the Rapid Transit System, and for purchasing and condemning the lands and easements necessary therefor, and for the purpose of providing a fund to pay the interest maturing on said bonds previous to the receipt of taxes from which said interest is to be ultimately paid." Said bonds are issued under authority of the laws of Ohio, particularly Section 4000-22 of the General Code, and in conformity with Ordinance No. 126-1912 of the Council of the City of Cincinnati, passed Feb. 27 1912, regulating the issue and sale of bonds, and in accordance with an Ordinance No. 152-1924 of the Council of the City of Cincinnati, passed June 23 1924, providing for the issue of said bonds, and in accordance with authority granted as a result of a special election held in the City of Cincinnati on April 19 1924, on the question of issuing bonds of city for said purposes. Denom. \$1,000 or \$500. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. at the American Exchange National Bank of N. Y. City. Each bond shall bear int. at the rate of 4 1/2%. The bonds will mature in 19 installments in the amounts and on Sept. 1 as follows: \$162,000 1925, and \$176,000 1926 to 1943 incl. Said bonds will be sold to the highest and best bidder for not less than par and accrued int. from the date of the bonds to the date of delivery. Delivery will be made at the office of the City Auditor, Cincinnati. Bids may be made upon all or any part of the issue. All bids must be upon the printed form furnished by the Auditor and must state the number of bonds bid for and the gross amount of the bid, and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid, made payable to Alfred F. Deckebach, City Auditor.

CIRCLEVILLE, Pickaway County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. July 21 sealed bids will be received by L. T. Shaver, Chairman Finance Committee, for \$6,000 5 1/2% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$500 1925 to 1930 incl., and \$1,000 1931 to 1933 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

CLEARFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clearfield), Taylor County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased \$30,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the School Treasurer or at the office of the above named firm. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1926 to 1930; \$2,000 1931 to 1939, and \$7,000 1940.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. J. Semple, Director of Finance, until 12 m. Aug. 12 for the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds:

- \$460,000 grade crossing bonds. Date April 1 1924. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$18,000 1930 to 1944 incl., and \$19,000 1945 to 1954 incl.
- 300,000 city's portion paving bonds. Date June 1 1924. Int. J. & D. Due \$50,000 yearly on Dec. 1 1929 to 1934 incl.
- 400,000 city's portion sewer bonds. Date June 1 1924. Int. J. & D. Due \$20,000 yearly on Dec. 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the American Exchange National Bank of New York. No bids will be entertained unless made on a blank form furnished on application by the Director of Finance. Bids may be made separately for each lot or for "all or none." No bids for less than par and accrued interest to the day of delivery will be accepted. Bonds to be delivered to the buyer at Cleveland. Bidders shall be required at their own expense to satisfy themselves of the legality of said bonds. According to law, coupon bonds of the City of Cleveland may be exchanged for bonds registered as to prin. and int. at the request of the owner. A certified or cashier's check, drawn on some solvent bank other than the one bidding, for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for and payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each bid.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland Heights), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charlotte D. Roche, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 6 for \$638,000 4 1/2% school bonds ("Series No. 28"). Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$26,000, in every odd year and \$25,000 in every even year, 1925 to 1949 incl. Certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above Clerk, required.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 10 a. m. July 30 sealed bids will be received by Walter D. Beach, County Treasurer, for the following issues of 5% coupon road bonds: \$19,200 Grace Smith et al. gravel road No. 370 bonds. Denom. \$960. 2,400 Chas. B. Fretz et al. gravel road bonds. Denom. \$120. Date June 20 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$166,700 5 1/2% county, township and property owners' I. C. H. No. 8 road bonds offered on July 15—V. 119, p. 109—have been sold to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati for \$174,218 17, equal to 104.51, a basis of about 4.78%. Date June 15 1924. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$16,700 1925; \$17,000 1926; \$16,000 1927; \$17,000 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$16,000 1931; \$17,000 1932; \$16,000 1933, and \$17,000 1934. The following bids were received:

	Prem.
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	\$6,848 00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Cincinnati	6,511 00
The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	6,868 04
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Cincinnati	7,001 40
The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati	7,518 17
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	6,467 00
Ryan, Bowman & Co., Toledo	6,407 95
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo	6,067 88
Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., Chicago	6,285 76
Detroit Trust Co., Detroit	7,254 00
The Herrick Co., Cleveland	6,286 00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	6,718 36
Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland	5,316 00

COLDWATER, Mercer County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Dunfree Niles & Co. of Toledo purchased \$14,500 5 1/2% street impt. special assessment bond on June 24 at par plus a premium of \$165 80, equal to 101.14. Denom. \$1,000. Int. F. & A. Due serially.

COLLINSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Collinsville), Grayson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on July 8 registered \$10,000 6% serial bonds.

COLUMBIANA, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Alfred Barrow, Village Clerk, until 12 m. July 29 for \$4,031 34 5 1/2% street improvement bonds. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$447 93 1925 to 1930, and \$447 92 1931 to 1933 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

COLUMBUS, Muskegee County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% coupon bonds offered on July 15 (V. 119, p. 109) were purchased by the Merchants & Mechanics Bank of Columbus at a premium of \$37,777 77, equal to 104.13, a basis of about 4.57%.

- \$450,000 school bonds. Due \$15,000 1925 to 1954 incl.
- 240,000 sewer bonds. Due \$8,000 1925 to 1954 incl.
- 105,000 park bonds. Due \$4,000 1925 to 1939 incl., and \$3,000 1940 to 1954 incl.
- 60,000 fire station bonds. Due \$2,000 1925 to 1954 incl.
- 45,000 street paving bonds. Due \$1,500 1925 to 1954 incl.

CONCRETE, Skagit County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,000 6% street improvement bonds offered on June 10—V. 118, p. 2859—were purchased by the State Bank of Concrete as 6s at par. Date June 1 1924.

CORTLAND AND YORKTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Croton-on-Hudson), Cortland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on July 17—V. 119, p. 109—were purchased by Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. of New York at 103.34, a basis of about 4.29%. Date July 1 1924. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$4,000 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$5,000 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$9,000 1939 to 1942 incl.; \$10,000 1943 to 1946; \$11,000 1947 to 1950; \$13,000 1951 to 1954 incl.; \$14,000 1955 to 1958; \$15,000 1959 to 1962 incl., and \$16,000 1963 to 1966 incl.

COOPER COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Mo.—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids received for the \$45,000 5% road bonds purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago as stated in V. 119, p. 109:

Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago	\$45,190 00
G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis	45,060 75
Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., St. Louis	45,395 00
Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis	45,144 00
Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis	45,164 15
Stix & Co., St. Louis	45,172 75
Lewis Thompson & Co., St. Louis	45,162 00
Federal Commerce Trust Co., St. Louis	45,700 00
Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis	45,228 50
Smith, Moore & Co., St. Louis	45,680 75
Brown, Simrall & Co., St. Louis	45,238 50
Kauffman, Smith & Co., St. Louis	45,238 50
First National Co. (by Boonville National Bank)	45,777 00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago	45,396 00
Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City	45,225 00
Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., Kansas City	45,341 00
Stern Bros. & Co., Kansas City	45,341 00

A bid from the Burkholder Bond Co., enclosing personal check, was not considered or bid opened.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 12 to vote on the question of issuing \$125,000 school building bonds.

CROOKSVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crooksville), Perry County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 1 p. m. July 28 sealed bids will be received by L. D. Stoneburner, Clerk Board of Education, for \$30,000 5½% school impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 16 1924. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 16 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000, 1943 to 1948 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, required.

CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crosby), Harris County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on July 9 registered \$35,000 5½% serial school bonds.

CUMBERLAND, Allegany County, Md.—DATE OF BONDS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The \$500,000 4½% water impt. bonds sold on May 26 to the Guaranty Co. of New York at 102.319, a basis of about 4.38% (see V. 118, p. 2732) are dated June 1 1924.

Actual valuation, estimated	\$45,000,000 00
Assessed valuation	38,000,000 00
Total bonded debt, including this issue	3,239,900 00
Water debt	\$2,059,900 00
Sinking fund	156,277 74
	2,216,177 74
Net bonded debt	\$1,023,722 26
Net debt less than 2¾% of assessed valuation	
Population, 1920 Census, 28,837; present estimate, 32,000.	

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Heiber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. (Cleveland time) July 30 will receive sealed bids for the following issues of 5% coupon special assessment bonds:

\$180,000 Sewer Districts 1 and 2. Water Supply Impt. 43 bonds. Due \$9,000 yearly on Oct. 1 1925 to 1944 inclusive.
 19,000 Sewer District 1, Water Supply Impt. 49 bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 1925 to 1943 inclusive.
 Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Certified check on some solvent bank other than bidder, payable to the County Treasurer, for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

DADE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Miami), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 6% school bonds offered July 14—V. 119, p. 224—were purchased by R. M. Grant & Co. of New York at a premium of \$3,751, equal to 109.37, a basis of about 5.25%. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 1944.

DALHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dallam and Hartley Counties, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanuta & Co. of Denver have purchased \$10,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 6 1924. Due 1925 to 1944.

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,700 5% Thomas D. Hastings et al. road bonds offered on July 8—V. 118, p. 3105—have been sold to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis for \$4,842 60, equal to 103.03, a basis of about 4.31%. Date July 8 1924. Due \$235 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dayton), Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$379,000 4¾% coupon school bonds offered on July 10—V. 119, p. 224—have been sold to Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago at 103.44, a basis of about 4.38%. Date July 10 1924. Due yearly on July 10 as follows: \$18,000, 1926 to 1935 incl.; \$19,000, 1936, and \$18,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.

DELAWARE (State of)—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4% coupon or registered highway bonds offered on July 16—V. 119, p. 109—were purchased by Kean, Taylor & Co. of New York at 99.089—a basis of about 4.05%. Date Jan. 1 1924. Due Jan. 1 1964, optional at 105 after 1 year. The following bids were received:

	Rate Bid	Price Bid
Farmers Bank	95	\$475,000 00
Guaranty Co of New York	98.077	490,385 00
L R Rothschild & Co	98.433	492,165 00
Harris Forbes & Co; Laird, Bissell & Meeds	97.09	485,450 00
Redmond & Co; Phelps, Fenn & Co	98.31	491,550 00
Estabrook & Co	99.00	495,000 00
The National City Co	97.809	489,045 00
Kean, Taylor & Co	99.089	495,445 00
Barr Brothers & Co	99.0797	495,398 50
Remick, Hodges & Co	98.279	491,395 00

DELTA, Delta County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 22 by the Mayor for the following bonds:

\$19,000 intersection bonds.
 7,500 water bonds.
 80,000 special improvement bonds.
 Date Aug. 15 1924. Due in 15 years; optional after 10 years.

DENTON, Caroline County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—William S. Crouse, Clerk Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 23 for \$15,000 5% public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 1929 to 1943 incl. Accrued interest will be adjusted to the date of delivery and payment. Certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, required.

DES MOINES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL (P. O. Des Moines), Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 5 by Geo. L. Garton, Secretary Board of Directors, for the following bonds, aggregating \$1,680,000:

- \$300,000 for the purpose of completing the construction and equipment of the addition to the senior high school building, known as West High School.
- 100,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the junior high school building, known as Amos Hlatt School, located at East Twelfth and Court Avenue.
- 300,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new junior high school building in the vicinity of Sixteenth Street and Forest Avenue.
- 300,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new junior high school building in the vicinity of Thirtieth Street and Kingman Boulevard.
- 300,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new junior high school building in the vicinity of East Twenty-first Street and Des Moines Street.
- 300,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new junior high school building in the territory known as Highland Park.
- 40,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new elementary school building in the vicinity of East Sixteenth Street and Guthrie Avenue.
- 40,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the elementary school building, known as Hubbell School, at Forty-Second Street and Center Street.

Denom. \$1,000. Date day of issue. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the District Treasurer's office. A cert. check for 1% of amount bid, payable to Chas. H. Grahl, District Treasurer, required. Due in 20 years. Alternative bids are requested as follows:
 1. A bid on the bonds drawing 4¼% interest.
 2. A bid based on the bonds drawing 4½% interest.
 3. A bid based on the bonds drawing 4¾% interest.
 Bidders may also bid for less than the total amount of the bonds provided the amount bid for is not less than \$100,000.

DE WITT COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Cuero), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$135,000 5% serial road bonds on July 7.

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. F. Wible, City Auditor, until 12 m. Aug. 1 for \$20,090 5% street impt. (city's portion) bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$590. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due each six months as follows: \$1,500, April 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1933 incl., and \$2,090, April 1 1934. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

DOWNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids received for the \$30,000 6% school bonds purchased by E. H. Rollins & Sons of Los Angeles, as stated in V. 119, p. 224:

Anglo London Paris Co	\$2,037 00	Freeman, Smith & Camp Co	\$2,170 20
Citizens National Co	1,511 00	National City Bank of Los Angeles	2,647 20
R. E. Campbell Co	1,811 50	Wm. R. Staats	2,332 00
		E. H. Rollins & Sons	2,731 00

DRESDEN, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 28 by Warde Q. Buter, Village Clerk, for \$2,000 6% public hall bonds. Denom. \$250. Date June 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due \$250 yearly on June 1 1925 to 1932 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

EASTCHESTER (P. O. Tuckahoe), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$96,000 4½% construction bonds offered on July 17—V. 119, p. 224—were purchased by the Gramatan National Bank as 4½s at 102.1875, a basis of about 4.25%. Date July 15 1924. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1926 to 1943 incl., and \$6,000, 1944.

EAST DURHAM SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (P. O. Durham), Durham County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. July 21 sealed bids will be received by M. G. Markham, Register of Deeds, for \$50,000 school bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold in New York City. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1932, incl., and \$2,000, 1933 to 1954, incl. A certified check for \$1,000 upon required. Legal opinion of Chester B. Masslich, N. Y. City, will be furnished purchaser. Delivery on or about Aug. 6 in N. Y. City or at purchaser's cost for delivery and exchange at place of his choice.

EAST RADFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. West Chester), Chester County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. B. Johnson, Secretary of Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. (standard time) July 31 for \$10,000 4½% township bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1933 incl., and \$2,000, 1934. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Supervisors, required.

EASTON, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on July 15—V. 118, p. 3225—have been sold to the First National Bank of Easton as 4½s at 101.51, a basis of about 4.14%. Date July 1 1924. Due every five years, the last bonds maturing July 1 1954.

EAU CLAIRE, Eau Claire County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. July 22 by O. E. Oien, City Clerk, for \$165,000 water works improvement bonds. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

EDDYVILLE, Dawson County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 21 by B. R. Hedglin, Village Clerk, for the following 6% coupon bonds:
 \$11,000 electric light transmission bonds.
 3,000 electric equipment bonds.
 Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due July 1 1944, optional July 1 1934. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

EL CENTRO, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The First Securities Co. of Los Angeles has purchased the following municipal improvement bonds:
 \$170,000 5½% improvement bonds. Due 1929 to 1945.
 30,000 5½% improvement bonds. Due 1946 to 1948.

EL DORADO SEWER DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. El Dorado), Union County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of 5½% sewer bonds recently offered were sold as follows:
 \$134,500 sewer bonds to the National Bank of Commerce, El Dorado, at par.
 135,000 sewer bonds to the First National Bank, El Dorado, at par.

ELIOT, York County, Me.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. (standard time) July 26 by Lulu P. Kennard, Town Treasurer, for \$20,000 5% coupon school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.) payable at the York County Trust Co. of Kittery. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1925 to 1944 incl. The official notice of offering states that these bonds are exempt from taxation in Maine and are free from all Federal income tax and are issued under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Maine, and their legality will be approved by Cook, Hutchinson & Pierce, Portland, Maine, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with Fidelity Trust Co. where they may be inspected at any time. Payment for the loan may be made on or about July 30 1924, at which time definitive bonds will be ready for delivery.

Debt Statement	
Assessed val. for 1924	\$1,942,807 00
Bonded indebtedness (this issue)	20,000 00
Population (approximately)	1,500
Temporary loans in anticipation of '24 taxes	\$18,000 00
Tax rate for 1924	15 02

ELIZABETH, N. J.—DESCRIPTION.—The following is a description of the \$910,000 4½% temporary loan bonds awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Elizabeth at 100.66, as was stated in V. 118, p. 2604. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Nat. State Bank of Elizabeth. Due May 1 1930. The bonds mean a cost basis of about 4.37% to the city. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Total assessed valuation taxable property, 1924	\$118,500,821 00
Bonded debt, including this issue	\$7,729,926 29
Less: Special assessments	\$1,920,082 81
Sinking funds	369,003 31
	2,289,086 12

Net bonded debt—5,440,840 17
 Population, U. S. Census, 1920, 95,783; present population (est.)—103,000

ELKIN, Surry County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bonds offered on July 11—V. 118, p. 3225—were purchased by W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$701 50, equal to 101.55. Interest rate not stated:
 \$20,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 July 1 1927 to 1936.
 25,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1926 to 1950.
 Date July 1 1924.

ELLICOTTVILLE, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$5,000 fire truck bonds has been sold as 5s to the Bank of Ellicottville at 100.125, a basis of about 4.94%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Int. payable annually. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1929 inclusive.

ELMSFORD, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 22, sealed bids will be received by John F. Rottman, Village Clerk, at the office of William Scott, 32 Broadway, New York, for \$90,000 coupon paving bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Aug. 1 1924. Int. F. & A. Due \$4,500 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1944 incl. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York. Cert. check for 2% of the par value of bonds bid for, required.

EMPORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Emporia), Lyon County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Nora Wood, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. July 21 for all or any part of the following propositions in connection with the sale of \$250,000 bonds: \$250,000 30 years, 4 1/2%, payable serially after 20 years—one-tenth each year.
 250,000 30 years, 4 1/2%, payable serially after 10 years—one-twentieth each year.
 150,000 30 years, 4 1/2%, optional after 20 years.
 150,000 30 years, 4 3/4%, optional after 20 years.
 100,000 20 years, 4 1/2%.
 100,000 20 years, 4 1/2%, payable serially, after 10 years—one-tenth each year.
 100,000 20 years, 4 3/4%, payable serially after 10 years—one-tenth each year.
 100,000 30 years, 4 3/4%, optional after 20 years.
 100,000 20 years common, 4 3/4%. These bonds to be negotiated when the money is needed, but not later than Jan. 1 1925.

Bonds to be dated Aug. 1 1924. Bids to state whether or not the purchaser will pay for printing the bonds, legal services and registration charges.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Sinking Fund Commission has purchased \$25,000 4% fire equipment bonds at par.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the West Side Trust Co. of Newark, M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia and A. M. Lamport & Co. and Keane, Higbie & Co. of New York has been awarded the four issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) bonds offered on July 11 (V. 119, p. 110) as follows:

- \$958,000 (\$1,000,000 offered) hospital bonds at 104.42, a basis of about 4.21%. Date July 1 1924. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$20,000 1925 to 1944 incl., \$30,000 1945 to 1961 incl., and \$14,000 1962.
- 144,000 (\$150,000 offered) park bonds at 104.69, a basis of about 4.19%. Date May 1 1924. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1972 incl.
- 100,000 park bonds at 102.93, a basis of about 4.19%. Date May 1 1924. Due \$4,000 May 1 1925 to 1949 incl.
- 200,000 park bonds at 103.23, a basis of about 4.20%. Date May 1 1924. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1925 to 1952 incl., and \$4,000, 1953.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Blanchett, Thornburg & Vandersall of Toledo have purchased the \$134,000 6% coupon street and highway bonds offered on July 7—V. 118, p. 3106—Date July 7 1924. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1925 and \$9,000, 1926 to 1939 incl. Other bidders were:

Guardian Bank, Milliken & York, and Tillotson & Wolcott Co.-----	Prem. \$2,103 00	Ryan, Bowman & Co.-----	Prem. \$5,105 40
Seasongood & Mayer-----	4,027 00	The Herrick Co.-----	5,187 00
		W. L. Slayton & Co.-----	5,335 00

All of the above bids included accrued interest.

FAIRBANKS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fairbanks), Sullivan County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Milton Drake, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 21 for \$45,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 18 1924. Int. J. & J. 18. Due \$1,500 every six months from July 18 1925 to Jan. 18 1940 inclusive.

FAIRFIELD, Jefferson County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 30—V. 118, p. 2989—the voters authorized the issuance of \$75,000 water works bonds.

FAIRMONT, Martin County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 24 by W. R. Sturgeon, City Clerk, for \$17,384 30 Prairie Avenue certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

FANNIN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (P. O. Bonham), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$6,500 6% 5 to 20 year school bonds on July 8.

FARMERSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Farmersville), Collin County.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 9 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$80,000 5 1/2% serial school bonds.

FAYETTEVILLE, Cumberland County, N. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 street impt. bonds offered on July 11—V. 118, p. 3225—were purchased by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York as fs at a premium of \$1,312, equal to 100.65, a basis of about 4.92%. Date June 1 1924. Due \$20,000 June 1 1926 to 1945 inclusive.

FERGUS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 97 (P. O. Lewistown), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 by Bertha Fordsen, Clerk, for \$3,997 6% serial funding bonds. Denom. \$400 and one for \$397. Due 1925 to 1935, each bond of the series to be redeemable one year prior to its payable date and five years after date any or all bonds redeemable on any int. paying date. A certified check for \$200, payable to the District Clerk, is required.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Frank D. King, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. July 25 for \$150,000 hospital 1924 "B" bonds not to exceed 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (P. & A.) payable at the National Park Bank of New York. Due \$15,000 Aug. 1 1925 to 1934 incl. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

FORTY FORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$290,000 school bonds offered unsuccessfully on May 27—V. 118, p. 3106—have been sold to the Kingston Bank & Trust Co. of Kingston at par.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 8 for the purchase of the following 5 1/2% bonds:

- \$6,200 Sewer District Clinton No. 2 Sewers, Improvement No. 48, dated Aug. 1 1924. Bonds due and payable on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,200, 1926; \$1,000, 1927 to 1931, both incl.
- 7,900 Sewer District Clinton No. 2 Watermains, Improvement No. 49, dated Aug. 1 1924. Bonds due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$900, 1926; \$1,000, 1927 to 1933, both incl.
- 9,000 Sewer District Marion No. 2, Watermains, Seymour Ave. Area, dated Aug. 1 1924. Bonds due and payable on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1934, both incl.
- 5,600 Sewer District Marion No. 2, Sewers, Seymour Ave. Area, dated Aug. 1 1924. Bonds due and payable on Oct. 1 as follows: \$600, 1926; \$1,000, 1927 to 1931, both incl.

Bonds will be prepared, signed, recorded and ready for delivery on the day of sale. The interest (A. & O.) and principal when due shall be payable at office of Treasurer of Franklin County in Columbus. A complete transcript of all proceedings had in the matter of authorizing, advertising and awarding said bonds will be furnished the successful bidder at the time of the award, and bids conditioned on the acceptance of bonds bid upon only upon the approval of said proceedings by the attorney of the bidder will be accepted and considered, and a reasonable time will be allowed the successful bidder for the examination of said transcript before requiring compliance with the terms of this advertisement or any bids made thereunder. All proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check or cash in an amount equal to 1% of the par value of all bonds bid upon. If a certified check is deposited the same shall be drawn on a solvent national bank or trust company and made payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners. If cash is tendered, it shall be United States legal tender. None of said bonds will be sold for less than par value thereof with accrued interest to date of delivery. Bonds will be delivered free of charge to any bank designated in the City of Columbus. Purchaser must pay charges, if any, for delivery outside the City of Columbus, Ohio.

GARDINER (P. O. Kingston), Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND SALE. On July 15 an issue of \$4,000 5% county highway town's portion bonds was sold. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1924. Int. payable annually. Due \$1,000 March 1 1927 to 1930 inclusive.

GLEN COVE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Edw. E. Craft, Commissioner of Finance until 4 p. m. Aug. 4 for an issue of \$80,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered fire gold bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance. Due \$2,000 June 1 1925 to 1964 incl. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York, which will

certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City, required.

GRAHAM, Alamance County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 31 by Will I. Holt, Town Clerk, for the following not to exceed 6% registerable as to prin. bonds: \$76,000 street impt. bonds. Due \$6,000 March 1 1926 to 1935; \$4,000, 1936 to 1939 incl.

25,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000 March 1 1926 to 1950 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold in New York. Approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich will be furnished. A certified check or cash for \$2,020, upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Town Clerk, is required. Delivery about Aug. 14 at place of purchaser's choice.

GRANGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Granger), Williamson County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until July 17 by the Secretary of the School Board for \$135,000 5% building and equipment bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Int. ann. April 10.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds offered on July 17 (V. 119, p. 225) were sold as follows:

- \$30,000 4 1/2% coupon bridge bonds to the Gramatan National Bank a 102.10—a basis of about 4.24%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500 yearly on July 15 1925 to 1944, inclusive.
- 79,000 coupon or registered refunding bonds as 4 1/2s to Rutter & Co. of New York at 100.333—a basis of about 4.22%. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1948, inclusive, and \$7,000, 1949.

Date July 15 1924.

GREENVIEW, Menard County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On June 2 the Marbold State Bank was awarded \$6,000 5% water system impt. bonds at 99. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Int. payable annually (June 1). Due \$1,000 each year.

GREENVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), Pitt County, N. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon school building bonds offered on July 15—V. 119, p. 225—were purchased by Braun Bosworth & Co. of Toledo and Otis & Co. of Cleveland as fs. at a premium of \$2,760, equal to 101.38—a basis of about 4.89%. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1942; \$10,000, 1934 to 1954 incl.

GREENWICH, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 4 1/2% school bonds, Series "A," offered on July 17—V. 119, p. 225—were purchased by R. M. Grant & Co. at a premium of \$4,760, equal to 101.19, a basis of about 4%. Date July 1 1924. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1926 to 1929 incl.; \$75,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$50,000, 1932.

GREENWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 (P. O. Hamilton), Kans.—BOND OFFERING.—Ben L. Corey, Clerk of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. July 28 for \$15,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due serially 1 to 5 years. A cert. check for 2% of bid required.

GUERNSEY COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds offered on July 15 have been sold as follows:

- \$109,400 5 1/2% coupon I. C. H. No. 352 road bonds (see V. 119, p. 111) to the Title Guaranty & Trust Co. of Cincinnati for \$114,476.16, equal to 104.67—a basis of about 4.66%. Date July 5 1924. Due yearly on March 15 as follows: \$10,400, 1926, and \$11,000, 1927 to 1935 incl.
- 3,000 6% coupon county home impt. bonds (see V. 119, p. 225) to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati for \$3,076. Equal to 102.53—a basis of about 5.19%. Date Sept. 4 1924. Due \$500 yearly on July 15 1925 to 1930 incl.

HALL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Memphis), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$30,000 5 1/2% serial road bonds on July 7.

HAMBURG, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Federal Trust Co. and the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo have been awarded an issue of \$400,000 4 1/2% municipal bonds at 102.18—a basis of about 4.33%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and int. payable at the New York Trust Co. of New York or at the Bank of Hamburg. Due \$10,000 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1964 incl. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

HAMLET TOWNSHIP, Renville County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on July 12—V. 119, p. 111—were not sold.

HAMILTON, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. B. Garrett, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 12 for \$10,360 6% Whiteaway lighting or boulevard bonds. Denom. \$1,036. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,036 yearly on Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Auditor, required.

HARDIN, Big Horn County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% coupon lighting plant bonds offered on May 10—V. 118, p. 1948—were purchased by Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. of Denver at par plus a premium of \$275 equal to 101.10, a basis of about 5.89%. Date April 1 1924. Due April 1 1944.

HARMON COUNTY (P. O. Hollis), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 5 to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 5 1/2% court house and jail bonds.

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Haverford), Montgomery County, Pa.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are in receipt of the following information in connection with the sale of the \$350,000 highway and sewer bonds sold to the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia (see V. 119, p. 225):

- \$300,000 Series "A." Due \$30,000 yearly 1925 to 1934.
- 50,000 Series "B." Due \$2,000 yearly, 1925 to 1949.

The bonds were awarded at par.

HAWARDEN, Sioux County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 5 by Fred A. Gepke, City Clerk, for \$50,000 5% power plant and electric light bonds. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due in 20 years, optional in 5 years.

HAYDEN, Routt County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 30 by J. I. Birkett, Town Clerk, for \$30,000 5% coupon refunding water bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due Aug. 1 1944, optional Aug. 1 1934. Bidders to furnish bonds and legal opinion. A cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the Town Clerk is required.

HAZELHURST, Covich County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% improvement bonds offered on July 1 (V. 118, p. 2990) were purchased by Moore & Co. of New Orleans as 5 1/2s. Date July 1 1924. Due \$1,000, 1925 to 1934.

HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% registered bonds offered on July 16 (V. 119, p. 225) were awarded as follows:

- \$275,000 street improvements bonds to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., at 101.211—a basis of about 4.35%. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1925, and \$14,000, 1926 to 1944, inclusive. These bonds are part of a total authorized issue of \$375,000.
- 10,000 water main extension, third series, bonds, to Barr Bros. & Co., New York City, at 100.469—a basis of about 4.40%. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive.

Date Aug. 1 1924.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Valley Stream), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Batchelder, Wack & Co., of New York, have purchased \$240,000 school bonds as 4 1/2s at 100.58. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Due serially, 1925 to 1949, inclusive.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 by Earl T. Crawford, County Auditor, for \$27,500 5 1/2% Ross Road No. 223 bonds. Denom. \$1,000; one for \$500. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasury. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1925; \$4,000, 1926 to 1931 incl. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the same time for \$20,000 5½% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1928 incl., and \$3,000, 1929 to 1932 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

HIGHLAND PARK (P. O. New Brunswick), Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—C. S. Atkinson, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 28 for an issue of 4½% school coupon bonds, not to exceed \$37,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$37,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Interest semi-annual. Due \$1,000, 1926 to 1962, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Taylor, District Clerk, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Mandan until 10 a. m. Aug. 16 for \$3,500 funding bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7% and maturing in 10 years. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

HIGHTSTOWN, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. P. Dennis, Borough Clerk, until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 29 for an issue of 4½% coupon or registered sewer bonds, not to exceed \$50,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 on \$50,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hightstown Trust Co. of Hightstown. Due \$2,000 yearly on June 1 1925 to 1949 incl. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough, required.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 the \$16,200 5½% coupon Sec. "B" Danville road assessment bonds offered on that day—V. 119, p. 225—were sold to David Robison & Co. of Toledo for \$16,449 48, equal to 101.41—a basis of about 4.9%. Date July 1 1924. Due \$1,620 each six months from March 1 1925 to Sept. 1 1929 incl.

HUDSON, Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Hudson City Savings Institution of Hudson has been awarded the \$19,000 4½% coupon or registered bonds offered on June 26—V. 118, p. 3226—at 101.215, a basis of about 4.25%. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due \$1,900 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1934 inclusive.

HULMEVILLE, Bucks County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Aug. 4 by the Borough Clerk for \$15,000 5% coupon street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1924.

IRWIN, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh purchased the \$35,000 4½% paving bonds offered on that day—V. 118, p. 3227—for \$35,992 71—equal to 102.83—a basis of about 4.27%. Due July 1 1924. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930, 1935 and 1938, and \$10,000, 1945 and 1950.

ISABELLA COUNTY (P. O. Mount Pleasant), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 assessment district road No. 46 bonds offered on July 11—V. 119, p. 226—have been sold to the Isabella County State Bank of Mount Pleasant as 5½% at par. Due 2 to 10 years.

JACKSONVILLE, Morgan County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On July 14 an issue of \$56,000 water works and power plant bonds was awarded as 4½% to Geo. H. Burr & Co. of Chicago at 100.73—a basis of about 4.40%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due \$4,000 yearly on June 1 1926 to 1939 incl.

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 11 two issues of 4½% road bonds offered on that day were sold to the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis as follows:

\$8,200 bonds for \$8,273 50, equal to 100.89, a basis of about 4.30%. Denom. \$410. Due \$410 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

5,600 bonds for \$5,647 50, equal to 100.84, a basis of about 4.31%. Denom. \$280. Due \$280 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Steubenville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 1 p. m. July 22 sealed bids will be received by Eleanor Floyd, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$33,400 6% road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$400. Int. semi-ann. Due 1 to 9 years. Certified check for \$1,500 required.

BOND SALE.—The State Industrial Commission has been awarded \$38,000 6% road bonds at par.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ossian), Wells County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 2 by Geo. W. Todd, Township Trustee, for \$124,000 4¾% coupon school bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$1,266 63 2-3. Date Aug. 2 1924. Prin. and ann. int. (Aug. 2) payable at the Farmers Bank of Ossian. Due \$8,266 66 2-3 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1939 incl. Cert. check for \$7,500 payable to the above Trustee required.

JOHNSTOWN, Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—W. J. Eldridge, City Chamberlain, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 2 for \$21,000 coupon paving bonds not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hanover Nat. Bank of New York. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1925 to 1927 incl., and \$6,000, 1928. Bidders are requested to name the rate of interest, expressed in multiples of ¼ of 1%, the rate named to apply to the entire issue, and the bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to take them at the lowest rate of interest and to pay therefor the highest price on such lowest rate. The bonds will be in coupon form, but registerable either as to principal only or as to principal and interest. Bids must be on blank forms which will be supplied on application to the City Chamberlain, and must be accompanied by a certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the order of the above official, for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for. No interest will be allowed on the deposit. The legality of this issue of bonds will be passed upon by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City, whose favorable opinion will be furnished the purchaser. This bond issue is authorized under Chapter 593 of the Laws of 1905 and Acts amendatory thereof (being the charter of the city of Johnstown, N. Y.) and a resolution of the Common Council duly adopted June 16 1924.

Financial Statement July 7 1924.

Sinking fund, balance	\$33,108 93
Assessed valuations Jan. 1 1924	
Total taxable real property, exclusive of franchises, including pension property	\$7,480,445 00
Special franchises	539,190 00
Personal property	\$8,019,635 00
	94,500 00
Bond limit	\$8,114,135 00
Bonded debt, including this issue	\$801,963 50
Less water bonds exempt	282,000 00
	140,000 00
	\$142,000 00
Margin of debt incurring capacity	659,963 50
The city has never defaulted, it is stated, in the payment of prin. or int.	

KING COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Guthrie), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 9 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$6,000 6% serial school bonds.

KINGSFORD (P. O. Iron Mountain), Dickinson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Watling, Lerchen & Co. of Detroit recently purchased an issue of \$20,000 5½% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 2 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S. 2) payable at the Dime Savings Bank of Detroit. Due yearly on Sept. 2 as follows: \$7,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$8,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$9,000, 1938 to 1942 incl., and \$10,000, 1943 to 1950 incl.

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Tot. bond. debt (this issue \$200,000) Assessed valuation.....4,425,035

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Tiptonville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 13 by Melvin Tipton, Chairman County Court, for \$25,000 5% school bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1944, and \$15,000, 1949. A certified check for \$500 required.

LAKE PRESTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Lake Preston), Kingsbury County, So. Dak.—BOND ELEC-

TION.—A special election will be held on July 25 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 5½% school bonds. L. I. Olson, District Clerk.

LAKE WALES, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds offered on July 10—V. 119, p. 111—were purchased by Marx & Co. of Birmingham at 99, a basis of about 6.11%: \$50,000 refunding bonds. Due \$10,000 July 1 1929 to 1933. 55,000 golf course bonds. Due \$11,000 July 1 1937 to 1941. 25,000 park bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1947 and 1948 and \$5,000, 1949. Date July 1 1924.

LANCASTER, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$12,500 fire engine bonds has been sold as 4½% to the Citizens Nat. Bank of Lancaster. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and int. payable at the above named bank or at the Hanover Nat. Bank of New York. Due \$1,000, 1925 to 1936 incl., and \$500, 1937.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Nevo Line, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 26 for the purchase of the following 5% coupon highway impt. bonds: \$10,000 Fink Road bonds. Denom. \$500. 1,530 Gruenke Road bonds. Denom. \$1,530. 16,000 Bull Road bonds. Denom. \$800. 20,400 Hollaway Road bonds. Denom. \$1,020. Date July 19 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due one bond of each issue every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 incl.

LAPORTE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Laporte), Laporte County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of School Trustees will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 2 for \$40,000 4¾% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First Nat. Bank of Laporte. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1936 to 1939, incl. A certified check for 1% of bid required.

LAVA HOT SPRINGS, Bannock County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND OFFERING.—At the election held on June 30—V. 118, p. 2733—the voters authorized the issuance of \$53,000 6% sanitarium bonds. Bids will be received until July 28 by E. W. Hemphill, City Clerk, for the bonds. The amount, \$53,000, is composed of \$40,000 hospital and \$13,000 hot water spring acquisition bonds. Interest rate 6%. Due July 1 1944, optional July 1 1934.

LEE COUNTY (P. O. Fort Myers), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,650,000 county bonds offered on July 9—V. 118, p. 3108—were purchased by Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago and the G. B. Sawyers Co. of Jacksonville at 98.17, a basis of about 5.66%. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 1930 to 1953.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds offered on July 10—V. 118, p. 3227—have been sold as follows: \$92,300 5½% Main Street paving bonds, to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago for \$96,125, equal to 104.14, a basis of about 4.68%. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$300. Int. J. & D. Due each six months as follows: \$4,000 each June 1 and \$5,000 each Dec. 1 from June 1 1925 to Dec. 1 1933 incl.; \$6,000, June 1 1934, and \$5,300, Dec. 1 1934 incl.

1,800 6% water main, series "O," bonds, to David Robison & Co. of Toledo for \$1,819 26, equal to 101.09, a basis of about 5.55%. Denom. \$500 and one for \$300. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1927 incl., and \$300, 1928. Date June 1 1924.

The bids were as follows:

	Premium Bid	\$1,800 00
	\$92,300 00	Water Main
	City's Portion	Bonds,
	Main Street	Series "O."
	Paving	
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago	\$3,225 00	Par
Prudden & Co., Toledo (all or none)	2,701 00	1 00
Otis & Co., Cleveland	2,317 00	1 00
David Robison & Co., Toledo	1,910 61	19 26
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	1,738 00	—
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	1,876 00	18 00
The L. R. Ballinger Co., Cincinnati (all or none)	2,187 51	27 54
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	2,104 44	4 50
Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati	2,113 93	1 50
Stranahan, Harris & Otis, Toledo	All \$1,873 69	—
A. M. Lamport & Co., New York	All \$3,716 29	—
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	2,233 66	1 00

BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Churchill, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 8 for the following 5½% coupon impt. bonds: \$3,000 fire signal bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1924. Int. J. & D. Due \$500 Dec. 1 1925 to 1930 incl.

14,000 water main bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1925 to 1938 incl.

15,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1924. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 Oct. 15 1925 to 1939 incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Purchaser to pay for legal opinion of Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

LINCOLN PARK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Morrison, Village Clerk (P. O. R.F.D. Dearborn No. 2), will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 21 for \$190,000 special assessment sewer bonds in Districts Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 39. Certified check for \$3,000, payable to the village, required.

LINDHURST (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Earle Kohler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 24 for \$46,200 5½% street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, and one for \$200. Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,200, 1925; \$5,000, 1926; \$4,000, 1927 to 1929 incl., and \$5,000, 1930 to 1934 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

BOND SALE.—The Herrick Co. of Cleveland has purchased the \$46,200 5½% coupon Lindhurst Road improvement special assessment bonds offered on July 14 (V. 118, p. 3227) for \$46,870—equal to 101.46—a basis of about 5.19%. Date June 1 1924. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,200, 1925; \$5,000, 1926; \$4,000, 1927; \$5,000, 1928; \$4,000, 1929; \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; \$4,000, 1932, and \$5,000, 1933 and 1934.

LLANO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Llano), Llano County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on July 8—V. 118, p. 3227—the voters authorized the issuance of \$60,000 school building bonds.

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati has purchased the \$47,000 5½% city's portion paving bonds offered on July 16 (V. 118, p. 3228) at a premium of \$1,292 50, equal to 102.75—a basis of about 4.87%. Date June 15 1924. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1925 to 1931, inclusive, and \$6,000, 1932 and 1933.

LOUISVILLE, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. B. Mooth, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 28 for the following issues of 6% North and South Silver streets impt. bonds: \$9,250 bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$250. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,250, 1926, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1934 incl. 17,500 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1933 incl., and \$1,500, 1934. Date April 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

LOWELL SPECIAL LOCAL TAX GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 OF SOUTH PAINT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Gastonia), Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. July 24 L. E. Rankin, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids for \$50,000 5½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1932 incl., and \$2,000, 1933 to 1954 incl. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

LOW MOOR, Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased \$9,300 5% water works bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the above named firm. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$300, 1930; \$500, 1931 to 1938, and \$1,000, 1939 to 1943.

LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lubbock), Lubbock County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$100,000 5% serial school bonds on July 7.

LUFKIN, Angelina County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$125,000 water and sewer bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5 1/2%. Bids will be received until July 23.

McALLEN, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 28—V. 118, p. 3108—the voters authorized the issuance of \$60,000 5 3/4% street bonds.

McCUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McCune), Crawford County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., has purchased \$57,400 school bonds as fs at 98.25. Due in 5 to 25 years.

McKINNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11, Renville County, No. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$1,200 6% funding bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 118, p. 456—were not sold. Due Feb. 1 1934.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Walter E. Milliken, City Treasurer, until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 23 for the following bonds:

- \$300,000 4% "School House Loan Act of 1923" bonds payable \$15,000 yearly, Aug. 1 1925 to 1944 inclusive.
- 125,000 4% "School Loan" bonds payable \$7,000 yearly, Aug. 1 1925 to 1929 incl., and \$6,000 yearly, Aug. 1 1930 to 1944 incl.
- 29,000 4% "Medford St., Malden Paving Loan of 1924" bonds payable \$3,000 yearly, Aug. 1 1925 to 1933 incl., and \$2,000 Aug. 1 1934.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston. The official notice of the sale states: "These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts, and are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Friday, Aug. 1 1924 at the First National Bank of Boston, 70 Federal St., Boston, Mass."

Financial Statement July 15 1924.

Net valuation for year 1923	\$51,514,400 00
Debt limit 2 1/2% of average valuation 3 preceding years	1,198,538 64
Total gross debt, including these issues	2,857,800 00
Exempted debt	0 00
Water bonds, \$37,000; other bonds, \$1,799,000	1,836,000 00
Net debt	\$1,021,800 00
Borrowing capacity, \$176,738 64.	

MANITOU, El Paso County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$4,900 4 3/4% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due 1929 to 1959.

MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mansfield), Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Prudden & Co. and W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo have been awarded the \$300,000 4 3/4% school bonds offered on July 15—V. 119, p. 227—at 102.76, a basis of about 4.46%. Date July 15 1924. Due \$6,000 each six months from March 15 1925 to Sept. 15 1949 incl. The following bids were received:

	Premium.
Benjamin Dansard & Co., Detroit	\$7,435 00
Guardian Sav. & Trust Co. and Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland	6,840 00
Milliken & York Co., Cleveland, and Federal Securities Corp.	5,267 00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo	4,695 00
Trotter Trust Co., Detroit, and E. H. Rollins & Co., Chicago	4,866 00
Bohmer, Reinhart & Co., Cincinnati	5,013 00
The L. R. Ballinger Co., Cincinnati	1,560 00
Prudden & Co. and W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	8,283 00
The Herrick Co., Cleveland	3,276 00
Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y.; The National City Co., N. Y., and Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland	2,517 00
R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., Chicago	7,756 00
A. B. Lench & Co. and Taylor, Ewart & Co., Chicago	6,340 00
Emery, Peck & Rockwood and Bonbright & Co., Chicago	3,976 80
Ames, Emerich & Co. and Cont. & Comm. Tr. & Sav. Bank, Chic.	3,930 00
Otis & Co., Cleveland and C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago	6,589 00
A. G. Becker & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago	6,538 00
The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	6,290 00
David Robinson & Co., Toledo	2,760 00
Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Braun, Bosworth & Co., and A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo	7,593 60

MARBLE CLIFF, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by C. C. Moelchert, Village Clerk, at 1864 Cardigan Ave., Columbus, until 12 m. (eastern standard time) July 25 for the following 5 1/2% bonds:

- \$27,500 Arlington Ave. street bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$200. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: Property owners' share: \$2,500, 1925; \$3,000, 1926; \$2,500, 1927 to 1929, inclusive; \$3,000, 1930; \$2,500, 1931 and 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$2,700, 1934. Village's share: \$200, 1925 to 1928, inclusive.
- 14,000 Cardigan Ave. street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$200. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: Property owners' share: \$1,000, 1925; \$1,500, 1926; \$1,000, 1927; \$1,500, 1928; \$1,000, 1929; \$1,500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; \$1,500, 1933; \$1,000, 1934. Village's share: \$200, Oct. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive.
- 12,500 Third Ave. street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: Property owners' share: \$1,000, 1925 to 1927, inclusive; \$1,500, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1932, inclusive; \$1,500, 1933; \$1,000, 1934. Village's share: \$100 each odd year and \$200 each even year, 1925 to 1934, inclusive.

Date April 10 1924. Interest A. & O. Certified check for 20% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver have purchased \$15,000 5 1/2% school building bonds at 100.13. Date July 1 1924.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver have purchased \$20,000 6% school building bonds at 103.117. Date July 1 1924.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,500,000 5% road bonds offered on July 14—V. 119, p. 112—were purchased by Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, Seasongood & Mayer and Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, at 96.83. Due \$375,000 every five years.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Rolland E. Cook, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 21 for the following 4 1/2% road improvement bonds: \$6,400 Raymond McCombs et al. Denom. \$320. 15,000 Orin Clineandaniel et al. Denom. \$750.

Date July 8 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

MASSILLON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lester S. Lash, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 4 for the following issues of 5% bonds: \$4,500 Cherry Street. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Oct. 1 1925 to 1933 incl. 66,000 Jarvis Ave. assessment. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1925 to 1928 incl., and \$7,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.

Date Apr. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the State Bank of Massillon. Certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

MAURY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 30 by W. C. Whitthorne, County Judge, for \$99,000 Highway Series, 1923, bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932, and \$14,000, 1933 to 1939. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Judge, is required.

MELROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Melrose), Curry County, N. Mex.—OFFICIAL NAME AND NUMBER OF DISTRICT.—The official name and number of the district which sold \$30,000 5 1/2% school bonds to the U. S. Bond Co., as stated in V. 119, p. 227, is "Melrose School District No. 12."

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 29 by C. L. Huddleston, Director of Finance, for \$950,000 improvement gold bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Principal and interest payable in gold in New York. Due July 1 as follows: \$135,000 in 1935; \$10,000, 1936; \$390,000, 1937; \$71,000, 1938; \$72,000, 1939; \$21,000, 1940; \$48,000, 1941; \$78,000, 1942; \$50,000, 1943; \$70,000, 1944; \$36,000, 1945; \$25,000, 1946; \$18,000, 1947; \$36,000, 1948; to 1950; \$6,000, 1951; \$21,000, 1952; \$30,000, 1953, and \$122,000, 1954. Bidders to name rate of interest. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signature of the officials and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York. Bids under 98 will not be considered. A certified check for \$19,000 required.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 10 a. m. (Central standard time) July 28 T. B. Radabaugh, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids for \$15,000 5 1/2% Le Pere coupon Bridge No. 7 impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the court house in Troy. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1925 to 1928 incl., and \$3,000, 1929. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

MILLBURN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Millburn), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—J. S. Rippl & Co. of Newark have been awarded the issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 10—V. 118 p. 3228—bidding \$175,339 10, equal to 101.06, a basis of about 4.36% for \$173,500 bonds (\$175,000 offered). Date June 1 1924. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1925 to 1934 incl.; \$8,500, 1935 to 1943, incl., and \$7,000, 1944.

MILLBURY, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$39,000 4% school bonds has been sold to Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston at 100.34.

MILLER, Lawrence County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased \$13,000 electric light transmission bonds.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wisc.—COUNTY OFFERS TO BUY IN ITS SEWER BONDS.—Sealed bids will be received by Patrick McManus, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Aug. 12 for the sale to Milwaukee County of any of the Metropolitan Sewerage issue of 1924, amounting to \$31,936 29, or of any of the issue of 1923, amounting up to \$131,824 66, by the holders of such bonds.

MINDEN, Kearney County, Nev.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' Bank of Carson Valley has purchased \$18,000 water bonds.

MISHAWAKA SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Mishawaka), St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The City Trust Co. of Indianapolis has purchased the \$193,000 4 3/4% school bonds offered on July 15 (V. 119, p. 112) at 100.44, a basis of about 4.70%. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$10,000, 1926 to 1930 incl.; \$12,000, 1931 to 1941 incl., and \$11,000, 1942. The following bids were received:

	Premium.
Harris Trust & Savs. Bank	\$7,437 00
Chicago	\$5,398 00
Hill, Joiner & Co.	7,180 00
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.	7,255 55
Co.	5,394 00
Illinois Merch. Trust Co.	5,394 00
J. F. Wild & Co.	7,785 60
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	6,930 00
Fletcher-American Co.	6,930 00
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	4,655 00
Bonbright & Co.	2,427 00
City Trust Co.	2,067 40
National City Co.	3,255 91
Meyer-Kiser Bank	4,317 50

MISSION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mission), Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$60,000 5% serial school bonds on July 7.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit has been awarded an issue of \$39,870 road bonds as 4 1/4% at 100.002.

MONTECLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry Trippett, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 29 for an issue of 4 1/2% school series No. 1 coupon or registered bonds not to exceed \$1,074,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$1,074,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the Bank of Montclair or at the Town Treasurer's office. Due \$38,000, 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$40,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$42,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$50,000, 1939 to 1941 incl., and \$52,000, 1942 to 1948 incl. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of New York. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

MT. VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT AWARDED.—The \$125,000 public library coupon or registered bonds offered on July 16 (V. 119, p. 227) have not been awarded as yet. The highest bidder was Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, whose bid was \$126,075 for 4 1/2% bonds. L. S. Roberts, Secretary Board of Education, says: "Probable action in the matter will be taken on July 21."

MORIAH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Port Henry), Essex County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York have purchased the \$75,000 5% school bonds offered on June 27—V. 118, p. 3328—at 105.47—a basis of about 4.45%. Date June 1 1924. Due \$2,500 yearly on June 1 1925 to 1954 incl.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Troutdale), Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD—HELD UP BY INJUNCTION.—The \$20,000 school bonds offered on May 1—V. 118, p. 2095—were not sold, as the sale was held up by an injunction.

MYRTLE SPECIAL TAXING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 OF GASTONIA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Gastonia), Gaston County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by L. E. Rankin, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. July 24 for \$50,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1933 incl., and \$2,000, 1933 to 1954 incl. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 1 sealed bids will be received by Philip F. Wiedersum, County Comptroller, for \$330,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered Series "C" County Bldg. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1935 to 1937 incl., and 1939 and 1940; \$30,000, 1941, and \$40,000, 1942 to 1946 incl. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Nassau County Trust Co. of Mineola, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to William E. Luyster, County Treasurer, required.

NESHOBA COUNTY (P. O. Philadelphia), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 road bonds offered on July 9—V. 118, p. 3228—were purchased by William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis as fs at \$250.025, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.99%. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$10,000, 1930 to 1939 incl., and \$12,500, 1940 to 1949 incl.

NEW YORK MILLS, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York have been awarded an issue of \$100,000 bonds as 4 1/2% at 100.046—a basis of about 4.49%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 1925 to 1944 incl.

NORMANGEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Normangee), Leon County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 8 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$33,000 5 1/4% serial school bonds.

NORTH BEACH, Calvert County, Md.—BOND SALE.—B. H. Howard purchased an issue of \$15,000 6% impts. bonds on March 1 at par. Denom. \$500. Date March 1-1924. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 annually for 15 years.

NORTH BELMONT SPECIAL TAXING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 OF SOUTH PAINT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Gastonia), Gaston County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Rankin, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 11 a. m. July 24 for \$50,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1932 incl., and \$2,000, 1933 to 195-

incl. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

NORTH BERGEN TOWNSHIP, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 24 sealed bids will be received by Edward A. Ryan, Township Clerk (P. O. Municipal Bldg., North Bergen), for the purchase of two issues of bonds as follows: \$459,000 5 1/4% assessment bonds. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$40,000 1925 to 1932, incl.; \$45,000 1933 and 1934 and \$49,000 1935.

[132,000 5% improvement bonds. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926 to 1943, incl., and \$6,000 1944 to 1950, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Both principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.), payable in gold coin of the United States of America or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of the Steneck Trust Co., Hoboken. The bonds will be coupon bonds, with the privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest. No more bonds of each issue will be sold than will produce a sum equal to the authorized amount of such issue and an additional sum of less than \$1,000. Unless all bids are rejected and an additional sum of less than \$1,000, or bidders complying with the terms of sale will be sold pay not less than the sum required to be obtained at the rate of sale and offering to and to take therefor the least amount of bonds, commencing with the first maturity (stated in a multiple of \$1,000); and if two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of such bonds, then to the bidder or bidders offering to pay the highest additional price. In addition to the amount bid the purchaser must pay accrued interest at the rate borne by the bonds from the date of the bonds to the date of payment of the purchase price. Any bidder may condition his bid on the award to him of both of said issues but in that case if there is a more favorable bidder for any one of the issues for which he bids, his bid will be rejected. All bidders are required to deposit a certified check payable to the order of the Township of North Bergen for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the award of the bonds. Interest at the rate borne by the bonds from the date of award will be allowed upon the amount of the check of a successful bidder and such check will be retained to be applied in part payment for bonds or to secure the Township against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York City, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the Township. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon.

NORTH ENGLISH, Iowa County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—G. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport have purchased \$16,000 5% water works bonds at par plus cost of furnishing printed bonds and legal proceedings.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. North Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. July 29 by Francis J. Kivlighn, District Clerk, for \$350,000 4 1/4% coupon, registerable as to prin. and int., school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Bank of Westbury in gold. Due \$10,000, Feb. 1 1925 to 1959 incl. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of N. Y. City that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the Board. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of bid, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

OKADALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield), Solano County, Calif.—NO BIDS RECEIVED—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—No bids were received for the \$6,500 6% school bonds offered on July 7—V. 118, p. 3109. Due \$235 1925 to 1944. The bonds are to be re-offered on Aug. 4.

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry A. Morris, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 29 for the purchase of an issue of 5% school bonds not to exceed \$25,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$25,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000, 1936. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required. The above bonds were offered for sale on July 14 (see V. 119, p. 228).

OCEAN COUNTY (P. O. Toms River), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5 1/2% temporary road impt. bonds offered on July 15—V. 118, p. 2735—have been sold to the First National Bank of Barnegat. Due Aug. 1 1926; optional at any int. period (F. & A.) subsequent to the date thereof and prior to the date of maturity.

ONSET FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Onset), Plymouth County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—C. D. Parker & Co. of Boston have purchased \$150,000 4% fire bonds at 100.26, a basis of about 3.98%. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and int. payable at the Merchants National Bank of Boston. Due 1925 to 1954.

OSWEGO, Labette County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. F. Waskey, City Clerk, until 1 p. m. July 25 for \$2,250 5% paving impt. bonds. Date Aug. 1 1924. Int. F. & A. Due \$450 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1925 to 1929 incl. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

PALESTINE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Palestine), Darke County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 2 by H. L. Sellman, Clerk Board of Education for \$6,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,500. Date May 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Clerk Board of Education. Due \$1,500 each six months from May 1 1947 to Nov. 1 1948 incl. Certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

PALM BEACH COUNTY (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 12 by Fred E. Fenno, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, for \$100,000 5 1/4% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the county depository or at the Seaboard National Bank, New York. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930, and \$3,000, 1931 to 1963. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York. The bids must specify (1) the amount of the certificates bid for; (2) the time that bidder will comply with his bid; (3) whether the certificates will be paid for in current money or evidences against the county. A certified check for 2%, payable to R. L. McCarley, Chairman.

PASADENA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. July 28 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles) for \$900,000 4 1/4% high school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasury or at the banking house of Kuntze Bros. in New York, at option of holders. Due semi-annually as follows: \$17,000 July 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1928, and \$16,000, July 1 1928 to Jan. 1 1954. A certified or cashier's check for 3% of issue, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, is required. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said high school district for the year 1923 is \$86,645,875, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$420,000.

PELHAM, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 29 (daylight saving time) by E. B. Rich, Village Clerk, for the following 4 1/4% registered bonds: \$23,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000, Aug. 1 1925 to 1935 incl., and \$1,000 on Aug. 1 1936. 12,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1936 incl. 10,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1925 to 1934 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co. in gold. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co. of N. Y. City, which shall certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal thereon, and their legality will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City, whose opinion as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. A certified check on a national bank or an incorporated State bank or trust company of the State of New York for 2% of bid, payable to the village, is required.

PELICAN RAPIDS, Otter Tail County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 28 by J. R. Quamme, Village Recorder, for \$18,000 water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date

Aug. 1 1924. Due Aug. 1 1944. Each bidder shall name in his bid the fiscal institution at which the principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable, and the rate of interest which said bonds shall bear. A certified check for 3% of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

PENN YAN, Yates County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 5% bonds has been sold to the Baldwins Bank of Penn Yan at 103.15, a basis of about 4.50%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Due \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1927 to 1936, incl.

PERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bottineau County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 19 by E. C. Ryerson, Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Bottineau for \$3,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Due Jan. 1 1926. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

PERRY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Parker's Landing R.F.D. No. 2), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Burton McCall, Twp. Secy., will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. July 30 for \$10,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$100. Int. semi-ann. Due 20 years; optional after 1 year.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000,000 4 1/4% serial gold tax free school bonds offered on July 15—V. 118, p. 3109—have been sold to Reilly, Brock & Co., Glendinning & Co. and Edward B. Smith & Co., all of Philadelphia, at 101.5368, a basis of about 4.39%. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due \$250,000 yearly on Feb. 1 1935 to 1954 incl.

PIQUA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Piqua), Miami County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank P. Brotherton, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 1 for \$100,000 5% school bonds. Date March 1 1924. Int. M. & S. Due each six months as follows: \$2,000, March 1 1925 to Sept. 1 1944, incl., and \$2,500, March 1 1945 to Sept. 1 1948, incl. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the above Clerk, required.

PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Petersburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Harmeyer, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 26 for \$8,689 4 1/4% Robert H. Elkins et al. highway impt. bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due one bond each six months beginning May 15 1925.

PINE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Templeton), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Until July 21 the Secretary Board of School Directors will receive sealed bids for \$35,000 school bonds.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—O. C. Keane, Clerk Village Commission, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 21 for \$3,718 30 special assessment district No. 17 highway bonds not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$743 66. Date Aug. 1 1924. Int. F. & A. Due \$743 66 yearly on Aug. 1 1926 to 1930, incl. Certified check for \$250 required.

PLEASANTVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles J. Laire, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. July 22 will receive sealed bids for \$10,000 registered water bonds not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Mount Pleasant Bank of Pleasantville in New York exchange. Due \$1,000 on Aug. 1 1925 to 1934 incl. Certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

POLK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Dallas), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5% school bonds offered on July 9—V. 119, p. 113—were purchased by Wells-Dickey Co. and Robertson & Ewing at \$71.442, equal to 104.06, a basis of about 4.52%. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927, and \$4,000, 1928 to 1944.

POLK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tyner), Marshall County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% school bonds offered on July 10—V. 118, p. 3229—have been sold to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$22,701 80, equal to 103.19, a basis of about 0.00%. Date July 1 1924. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000, July 1 1925 to July 1 1931 incl., and \$1,500 each Jan. 1 and \$1,000 each July 1, Jan. 1 1932 to Jan. 1 1935.

POLOMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids received for the \$6,500 6% school bonds purchased by R. E. Campbell Co. of Los Angeles, as stated in V. 119, p. 228:
Flora Howes Farwell----- \$45 00
R. E. Campbell Co.----- \$121 40
Nat. City Bk. of Los Angeles 100 00
Freeman, Smith, Camp & Co. 45 00

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. O. McGinley, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 22 for \$13,000 4 1/4% Daniel Bechler et al. road bonds. Denom. \$650. Date July 15 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$650 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934, incl.

PORTLAND, Androscoggin County, Me.—LOAN OFFERING.—John R. Gilmartin, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until noon July 22 for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$200,000 issued in anticipation of taxes for 1924, dated July 28 1924 and payable Oct. 3 1924 at the First National Bank of Boston. Denom. To suit purchaser. The notes will be ready for delivery Monday, July 28 1924, at the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., and will be certified as to genuineness and validity by said bank under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, and all legal papers incident to the loan will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time.

PORT OF BAY CITY (P. O. Bay City), Tillamook County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—F. H. Andrews of Bay City has purchased \$25,000 6% refunding bonds at 102.95. Due July 1 1944.

POWELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Deer Lodge), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 4 by (Mrs.) S. H. Preston, District Clerk, for \$1,620 coupon school bonds. Denom. \$162. A certified check for \$200, payable to the District Clerk, is required.

PRATTSBURGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Prattsburgh), Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sage, Wolcott & Steel of Rochester have purchased \$68,000 school bonds as 4 1/4% at 100.415, a basis of about 4.47%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1945 incl., and \$3,000, 1946 to 1957 incl.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. P. Vurpillat, County Treasurer, until 3 p. m. July 22 for \$6,500 4 1/4% Dennis Miller et al. road bonds. Denom. \$325. Date May 15 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$325 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

RAMSEY COUNTY (P. O. St. Paul), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$266,000 hospital bonds offered on July 14—V. 118, p. 3230—were purchased by Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$150, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.36%, as follows: \$144,000 as 4 1/4% maturing \$8,000, 1925 to 1927; \$9,000, 1928; \$10,000, 1929 and 1930; \$11,000, 1931; \$12,000, 1932 and 1933; \$13,000, 1934; \$14,000, 1935 and 1936; \$15,000, 1937; and \$122,000 as 4 1/4% maturing as follows: \$15,000, 1938; \$16,000, 1939; \$17,000, 1940 and 1941; \$18,000, 1942; \$19,000, 1943; \$20,000, 1944. The following is a list of bids received:

Name	Rate	Premium
W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.	4 1/4%	\$742 14
Northwestern Trust Co., St. Paul, and Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis	4 1/4%	1,676 00
First National Bank, New York, and Merchants Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul	4 1/4%	1,729 00
The National City Co., Chicago	4 1/4%	1,828 00
Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Mpls.	4 1/4%	1,875 00
Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., Minneapolis	4 1/4%	1,902 00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago	4 1/4%	2,721 00
Kalman, Gates, White & Co. and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., St. Paul	4 1/4%	2,881 00
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago	4 1/4%	2,913 00
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Chicago	4 1/4%	4,062 00
Drake-Jones Co. and Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis, and R. M. Grant & Co., Chicago	4 1/4%	4,176 00
* Par and accrued interest plus premium of \$150 on \$144,000 maturing 1925 to 1937, incl. Interest rate 4 1/4%, and on \$122,000 maturing 1938 to 1944, incl. interest rate 4 1/4%.		

RAMSEY COUNTY (P. O. St. Paul), Minn.—BOND SALE—FRIENDLY SUIT TO TEST VALIDITY APPARENTLY SETTLED.—We are unofficially informed that the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis has been awarded \$400,000 4 1/4% and 4 1/4% hospital bonds.

Apparently the friendly suit instituted by August Kempier (see V. 118, p. 1573) to test the validity of this issue has been settled.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 21 by Mary E. Smith, County Treasurer, for the following road bonds: \$7,700 James A. Wright et al. Denom. \$385. 15,800 James L. Arvin et al. Denom. \$790. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

RAVENNA, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 12 the following issues of special assessment bonds offered on that day were sold to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati for \$48,278 22, equal to 101.85: \$5,000 Clinton St. bonds. Denom. \$625. Due \$625 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1925 to 1932 inclusive. 4,400 Main St. bonds. Denom. \$550. Due \$550 Oct. 15 1925 to 1932 inclusive. 30,800 Meridian St. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$850. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,850 1925 to 1932 inclusive. 7,200 Lawrence St. bonds. Denom. \$900. Due \$900 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1925 to 1932 inclusive. 47,400 Main St. bonds. Due 1925 to 1932 inclusive. Date April 15 1924. Int. A. & O.

RIOHONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riohondo), Cameron County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$75,000 5 1/2% serial school bonds on July 8.

ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rockwall), Rockwall County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Garret & Co. of Dallas have purchased \$50,000 5 1/2% 40-year serial school bonds subject to their being voted at an election to be held on Aug. 9.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Mitchell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 29 for the following issues of bonds:

\$28,485 5 1/2% Eldora Road Improvement assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$485. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,485 1926, \$3,000 1927 and 1928, \$4,000 1929, \$3,000 1930 to 1933, incl., and \$4,000 1934. 6,360 5 1/2% water works and sewerage disposal plant bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$360. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$360 1925, \$500 1926, \$1,000 1927, \$500 1928, \$1,000 1929, \$500 1930 and 1931, \$1,000 1932 and \$500 1933 and 1934. 39,995 5 1/2% village's portion, apportioning West Lake grade crossing, bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$995. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$995 1925, \$1,000 1926, \$2,000 1927, \$1,000 1928 and 1929, \$2,000 1930, \$1,000 1931, \$2,000 1932, \$1,000 1933 and 1934, \$2,000 1935, \$1,000 1936 and 1937, \$2,000 1938, \$1,000 1939, \$2,000 1940, \$1,000 1941 and 1942, \$2,000 1943, \$1,000 1944 to 1946, incl.; \$2,000 1947, \$1,000 1948, \$2,000 1949, \$1,000 1950 and 1951, and \$2,000 1952 and 1953.

Date April 1 1924. Certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer required.

ROSS COUNTY (P. O. Chillicothe), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert T. Weaver, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 21 for \$128,500 5 1/2% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$500. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the county treasury. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1925 to 1932 incl., and \$16,500, 1933. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Commissioners, required.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7:30 p. m. July 21 sealed bids will be received by R. Bruce Fleming, City Clerk, for the following issues of bonds: \$160,000 30-year water bonds. 225,000 30-year storm sewer bonds. 65,000 10-year paving bonds.

The above bonds are all general obligations and bidders are instructed to bid rate of interest and premium thereon. Certified check for \$2,000 required. Bidder is requested to bid on each issue separately.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Franklin), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on July 3—V. 118, p. 2862—were purchased by the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans as 5s at \$75,010, equal to 100.01. Date July 1 1924. Due in 25 years. The following is a list of the bidders: Marine Bank & Tr. Co., New Orleans; Interstate Tr. & Bkg. Co., New Orleans; L. E. French & Co., Alexandria; Canal-Commercial Trust & Savings; Hibernia Securities Co., New Orleans; Bank, New Orleans; Kauffman, Smith & Co., St. Louis; Sutherland, Barry & Co., New Orleans; W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo; Well, Roth & Irving Co., New Orleans.

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. C. Warren, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 22 for \$400,000 4 1/2% coupon trunk sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in New York. Due \$16,000, 1925 to 1949, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of par value of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salado), Bell County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$13,000 6% serial school bonds on July 8.

SALAMANCA, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. H. Elliott, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 4 for the following bonds:

\$21,321 64 paving bonds for Kent, Nelson and Clinton street improvements, property owners' share, 20 bonds, 1 bond \$2,321 64, 19 bonds \$1,000 each. 11,723 92 city share of the cost and expense of such improvements, 1 bond \$703 92, 19 bonds \$580 each. 11,405 39 property owners' share of the cost and constructing sewer in Kent, Elmwood, Broad Street, Center Street, Clinton Street and Ambuski Street, 1 bond \$575 39, 19 bonds \$570 each.

Date June 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of Salamanca. Int. not to exceed 5%. The bonds for each of the above improvements to run from 1 to 20 years and shall be payable annually in 20 installments as above specified, commencing June 1 1925. Each proposal is to be accompanied by a certified check of the person bidding for the sum of \$500, payable to the order of Fred W. Gardner, City Comptroller. Said bonds shall be legal and binding obligations on the City of Salamanca. The legality thereof shall not be passed upon by the attorney for any bidder by reason of the wording of any bid, so that his determination shall be final in the premises. The bonds will be issued in registered form.

SAN ANSELMO, Marin County, Calif.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$4,000 5% town bonds offered on July 7—V. 118, p. 3230. Date July 2 1924. Due \$1,000 July 2 1939 to 1942 incl.

SAN BERNARDINO, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$275,000 5% Devil Canyon water bonds offered on July 14—V. 119, p. 229—were purchased by Blyth, Witter & Co. of Los Angeles as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$8,657, equal to 103.14—a basis of about 4.98%. Due \$6,875 1925 to 1964.

SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED TO INVESTORS.—The First Securities Co. of Los Angeles is offering to investors \$500,000 6% serial gold bonds at a price to yield 6%. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Southern & Commerce Bank, San Diego. Due on July 1 as follows: \$19,000, 1933; \$20,000, 1934 and 1935; \$23,000, 1936; \$24,000, 1937; \$26,000, 1938; \$27,000, 1939; \$29,000, 1940; \$30,000, 1941; \$32,000, 1942; \$34,000, 1943; \$36,000, 1944; \$39,000, 1945; \$40,000, 1946; \$43,000, 1947; \$46,000, 1948; \$12,000, 1949.

SAWYER, Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 23 by J. J. Larson, Village Clerk, for \$6,000 7% electric transmission bonds. Denom. \$500. Due in ten years. A certified check for 5% is required.

SCOTIA, Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Howard B. Toll, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. July 24 for the following issue of coupon street-improvement bonds not to exceed 6% interest:

\$7,000 Irving Road. Denom. \$7,000. Due \$700 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 19,000 Bruce Street. Denom. \$1,900. Due \$1,990 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 7,000 John Street. Denom. \$700. Due \$700 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, incl. 6,000 Reynolds Street. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 9,000 Glen Avenue. Denom. \$900. Due \$900 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 12,000 Riverside Avenue. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$1,200 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 10,000 Catherine Street. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 3,500 James Street. Denom. \$350. Due \$350 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, incl. 10,000 Sanders Avenue. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 13,000 Wallace Street. Denom. \$130. Due \$130 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. 10,000 sewer. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, incl. 5,000 water. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1925 to 1934, inclusive. Date Sept. 1 1924. Principal and semi-ann. interest (M. & S.) payable at the Glenville National Bank of Scotia. The bonds or any of them shall, at the option of the village, be subject to payment and redemption on any interest day. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the village, required.

SCRANTON, Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered municipal improvement bonds of 1924, offered on July 15 (V. 119, p. 114) were purchased by Edward Lower Stokes & Co. of Philadelphia at 103.19—a basis of about 4.20%. Date June 1 1924. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1925 to 1954, inclusive.

SEMINOLE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Sanford), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 25 by Schelle Malnes, attorney, for the Board of Public Instruction, for \$10,000 6% school bonds. Denomination \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. Due July as follows: \$2,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1944; \$5,000, 1954. Approving opinion of John C. Thomson, New York City, will be furnished. A certified check for \$500 required.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,800 5.70% coupon Addison Twp. road bonds offered on July 17—V. 119, p. 229—were purchased as 5s by J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$265, equal to 103.39, a basis of about 4.24%. Date June 15 1924. Due \$390 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 incl.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—CORRECTION IN AMOUNT OF BONDS SOLD.—Geo. W. McKinney, County Treasurer, informs us that the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis was awarded \$6,790 88 road bonds at par and accrued interest, and not \$6,500, as was stated in V. 119, p. 229.

SHERIDAN, Sheridan County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co. and International Trust Co. of Denver jointly have purchased \$228,000 5% refunding bonds at 100.80. Date July 15 1924. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1939; \$10,000, 1940 and 1941; \$11,000, 1942 and 1943; \$12,000, 1944; \$13,000, 1945 and 1946; \$14,000, 1947 and 1948, and \$15,000, 1949 to 1954.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 28 for the following 6% bonds: \$27,000 Paving District No. 28 bonds. 7,000 Paving District No. 29 bonds.

SMITH CENTER, Smith County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% paving bonds offered on May 13—V. 118, p. 2348—were purchased by the Smith County State Bank of Smith Center. Date May 1 1924. Due \$5,000 May 1 1925 to 1935.

SMITHFIELD, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. M. Barrett, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 4 for \$4,543 6% street impt. bonds. Date July 15 1924. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$1,000, 1930, and \$1,043, 1931. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

SPERRY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sperry), Des Moines County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased \$16,930 5% school funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$930. Date July 1 1924. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the office of the above-named firm. Due as follows: \$3,930, Nov. 1 1941; \$4,000, 1942 and 1943; and \$5,000, May 1 1944.

SPERRY TOWNSHIP, Sheridan County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by B. J. Kiley, Township Clerk, until 2 p. m. July 24 at the County Auditor's office in McClusky for \$11,000 7% funding bonds. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due July 1 1934. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$200,000 offered on July 14—V. 118, p. 230—has been sold to the First National Bank of Boston on a 2.43% discount basis. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Date July 15 1924. Due Oct. 6 1924.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the Herrick Co. of Cleveland purchased three issues of 5% bonds as follows: \$110,000 Ravenna-Louisville I. C. H. No. 74, Sec. "H," at 102.32—a basis of about 4.52%. Date July 15 1924. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$13,000, 1926 and 1927, and \$12,000, 1928 to 1934, incl. 118,000 Canton-Alliance I. C. H. No. 67, Sec. "D," at 102.32—a basis of about 4.52%. Date July 15 1924. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$14,000, 1926, and \$13,000, 1927 to 1934, inclusive. 133,000 Alliance-Maxima, Sec. "A," at 102.32.

The notice of offering of the first two of the above issues appeared in V. 118, p. 2993. The following is a list of the bids received:

	Ravenna-Louisville I.C.H. 74 Sec. H.	Canton-Alliance I.C.H. 67 Sec. D.	Alliance-Maxima Road Sec. A.
Guardian Savings & Trust Co.	\$2,277 00	\$2,442 60	\$2,753 10
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	2,387 00	2,560 60	2,886 10
Herrick Co.	2,556 00	2,742 00	3,090 00
Canton Bond & Investment Co.	2,308 57	2,476 47	2,791 27
William R. Compton Co.	2,389 00	2,562 00	2,888 00
Northern Trust Co.	\$8,252 prem.	for \$361,000 bonds	
Detroit Trust Co.	2,507 00	2,707 00	3,021 00
Ames, Emerich & Co.			
Harris, Forbes & Co.			
National City Co.	\$7,360 prem.	for \$361,000 bonds	
Hayden, Miller & Co.			
Kauffman, Smith & Co.			3,011 00
Seasongood & Mayer	2,422 00	2,602 00	2,931 00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis	2,343 00	2,513 40	2,842 90
Otis & Co.	2,244 00	2,407 20	2,713 20
Benj. Dansard & Co.	1,750 00	1,902 00	2,210 00
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	2,530 00	2,714 00	3,059 00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	2,519 00	2,702 20	3,045 70
W. L. Slayton & Co.	2,436 50	2,613 70	2,945 95

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—R. H. Mouton & Co. of Los Angeles have purchased \$24,000 5% impt. bonds at par.

STONE CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Blountsville), Henry County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on July 14 (V. 118, p. 3110) were purchased by the Merchants National Bank at a premium of \$1,185, equal to 103.95. Due each six months as follows: \$500 Jan. 15 1925 to Jan. 15 1926, inclusive; \$1,000 July 15 1926 to July 15 1927, inclusive; \$1,500 Jan. 15 1928 to Jan. 15 1932, inclusive, and \$2,000 July 15 1932 to Jan. 15 1935, inclusive.

STRATFORD, Tolland County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Shea, Chief Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 28 for \$400,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1924. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.), payable at a place to be mutually agreed upon by the successful bidder and the town. Due \$20,000 yearly on Sept. 1 1925 to 1944, incl. Certified check for \$4,000, payable to the town required.

SUPERIOR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Superior), Mineral County, Mont.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$20,000 construction bonds submitted to the vote of the people at a recent election failed to carry.

SYKES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39, Wells County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,000 6% funding bonds offered on July 7 (V. 119, p. 114) were purchased by the Minneapolis Trust Co. at par plus a premium of \$304, equal to 102.76, a basis of about 5.76%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1924. Due May 1 1944.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered the following bonds:

Amount.	Place.	Int. Rate.	Due.	Reg.
\$1,000	Fannin County C. S. D. No. 106	6	May 20	8
3,500	Fannin County C. S. D. No. 94	6	May 20	8
1,900	Montague County C. S. D. No. 82	6	Serially	8
1,200	Anderson County C. S. D. No. 11	6	Serially	8
2,000	Dallas County C. S. D. No. 11	6	Serially	8
2,000	Jack County C. S. D. No. 16	5	May 20	8
1,200	Scurry County C. S. D. No. 12	5 1/2	May 12	9
3,000	Young County C. S. D. No. 22	6	Serially	9
2,000	Floyd County	6	40 years	9
3,000	Jones County C. S. D. No. 55	5	May 20	9
3,600	Burnett County C. S. D. No. 25	5	Serially	9

TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. Lafayette), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charles E. Calsbeck, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. July 22 for \$2,600 5% Chas. B. Fretz et al road bonds. Denom. \$130. Date June 20 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$130 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

TRENTON, Fannin County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$14,000 5% 10 to 40 year street improvement bonds on July 12.

TRURO TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus, Station E, Route 5), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. July 30 sealed bids will be received by P. P. Baughman, Clerk of District, for \$15,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,500 yearly on Oct. 1 1925 to 1934, incl. All bids must state the number of bonds bid for.

TYLER, Smith County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 street paving bonds.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Marysville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lemuel P. Sherman, Auditor and Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Aug. 2 for \$45,000 5 1/2% Unit County bridge construction bonds. Denom. \$500 each unless purchased by the Industrial Commission, in which event each bond will be in the denomination of \$9,000 and be payable yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1925 to 1929, incl. The County Commissioners will furnish the successful bidder a transcript, certified by the County Auditor, of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners in the issuance of said bonds and such other information as may be necessary or required to satisfy the purchaser of the validity of the bonds. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

UNION PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Farmersville), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 5 1/2% road bonds offered on July 15—V. 118, p. 2993—were purchased by the Farmersville State Bank of Farmersville at par. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due on Aug. 1 from 1925 to 1954 incl.

UNIVERSITY PARK (P. O. Austin), Travis County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 16 to vote on the question of issuing the following bonds: \$75,000 water works bonds. 50,000 street and paving bonds. 40,000 fire protection bonds. A. C. Speer, City Secretary.

VAN ZANDT COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (P. O. Canton), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$5,800 6% 10 to 20 year school bonds on July 8.

VENICE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. July 21 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles), for \$175,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasury. Due April 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1925 to 1929; \$5,000, 1930 to 1934; \$6,000, 1935 to 1954. A certified or cashier's check for 3% of issue, payable to the Chairman of Board of Supervisors, is required. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1923 is \$14,199,045, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$325,500.

VICTOR, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 water bonds offered on June 27—V. 118, p. 3231—have been sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 4 1/2% at 100.279, a basis of about 4.47%. Date Aug. 1 1924. Due \$2,000 yearly on Aug. 1 1925 to 1949 incl.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—R. F. Davis, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 23 for \$5,800 5% Waldo G. Watts et al road construction bonds. Denom. \$290. Date July 15 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$290 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934, incl.

BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 5% Chas. Acton et al road bonds offered on July 10—V. 118, p. 115—have been sold to the First National Bank of Terre Haute for \$14,490, equal to 103.50, a basis of about 4.21%. Date July 1 1924. Due \$700 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

VINELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 4 by F. E. Smith, County Clerk, for \$17,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasury. Due July 7 as follows: \$2,000, 1934 to 1937; \$3,000, 1938, and \$2,000, 1939 to 1941. A certified check for 10% of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, is required.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 (P. O. Daytona Beach), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5 1/2% coupon Daytona Beach Seabreeze school bonds offered on July 10—V. 118, p. 3111—were purchased by Prudden & Co. at \$15,512 25, equal to 103.415, a basis of about 5.28%. Date July 2 1923. Due July 1 1955. The following is a list of bids received:

Weil, Roth & Irving Co.	\$15,337 50	Prudden & Co.	\$15,512 25
Hanchett Bond Co.	15,477 00	Kinsey & McMahon	15,463 50
W. L. Slayton & Co.	15,391 50	Stranahan, Harris & Otis	15,498 00
R. E. Campbell & Co.	15,355 50	Seasongood & Mayer	15,272 00
		McNear & Co.	15,348 00

WAKULLA COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 18 by L. L. Pararo, Clerk Circuit Court, for \$100,000 6% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the National City Bank, New York. Due Feb. 1 1953. A certified check for 2% of bid required. These bonds are a balance of \$260,000.

WARD COUNTY (P. O. Minot), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. W. Kennard, County Auditor, until 2 p. m. Aug. 4 for \$25,000 certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$5,000. Due Aug. 1 1925. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Worland), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 11 by Bert Simpson, District Clerk, for \$10,500 6% school building bonds. Due in 25 years, optional in 15 years. A cert. check for \$500 required.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ellis Rosenbaum, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 22 for \$7,800 5% Oscar Hamilton et al. road bonds. Denom. \$390. Date July 7 1924. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$390 each six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934, incl.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (P. O. Akron), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver have purchased \$5,000 5 1/2% school building bonds. These bonds had been sold

subject to being voted. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 1944, optional July 1 1934.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN DISTRICT, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4 1/2% series "A" Washington Suburban Sanitary District water and sewer construction bonds offered on July 11—V. 119, p. 115—have been sold to a syndicate composed of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York and Jenkins, Whedbee & Poe and Frank, Rosenberg & Co. of Baltimore at 100.1689, a basis of about 4.48% if called at optional date and 4.49% if allowed to run full term of years. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 1974; redeemable July 1 1954. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Assessed valuation of district	\$41,254,911
Assessed valuation of Montgomery and Prince George's counties (which counties guarantee payment of principal and interest of these bonds)	81,061,885
Bonded indebtedness of sanitary district, including this issue	4,157,800
Bonded indebtedness of Montgomery and Prince George's counties	1,441,042
Population of district, estimated, 45,000. Combined population of Montgomery and Prince George's counties, estimated, 83,347.	

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 7 a. m. (standard time) July 28 by Thomas P. Kelly, City Clerk, for the following 4 1/2% bonds: \$347,000 water bonds of the city of Waterbury, 14th Series, payable \$3,000 yearly on July 1 1925 to 1938 incl.; \$13,000 yearly on July 1 1939 to 1943 incl., and \$12,000 yearly on July 1 1944 to 1963 incl. 100,000 "water bonds of the city of Waterbury," 15th Series, payable \$3,000 yearly on July 1 1925 to 1944 incl., and \$2,000 yearly on July 1 1945 to 1964 incl. 200,000 "water bonds of the city of Waterbury," 16th series, payable \$5,000 yearly on July 1 1925 to 1964 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-T.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Bonds are to be issued in coupon form, convertible into registered bonds at option of the purchaser, will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston, and their legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, Mass., whose legal opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with said bank when they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on Friday, Aug. 1 1924, at the First National Bank of Boston, 70 Federal St., Boston, Mass. A certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' National Bank of Longmont has purchased \$12,000 5% school building bonds at 102. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Due 1944, optional 1934.

WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lancaster), Lancaster County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. Aug. 2 sealed bids will be received by H. H. Snavely, President of Board of Education, for \$40,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due in 10, 20 and 30 years.

WEST LOVELAND SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Loveland), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$50,000 5% school bonds offered for sale on July 10—V. 118, p. 3231—"have not been sold as yet, as no bids were received."

WESTMINSTER, Oconee County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. July 18 by James R. Sullivan, Chairman Board of Public Works, for the following 6% bonds: \$150,000 water-works bonds. A certified check for \$7,500 required. 50,000 sewerage bonds. A certified check for \$2,500 required. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 1926 to 1964. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

WHITEHALL, Washington County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Alice M. Rice, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 24 for \$280,000 coupon water bonds not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1924. Int. J. & D. Due \$7,000 yearly on June 1 1925 to 1964 incl. Certified check for \$5,000, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Village, required. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to sell the bonds at public auction at said place, hour and day and in that event any sealed proposal received will be deemed to be a bid on such auction sale at the price named in such bid and any certified check submitted with a sealed proposal will be deemed to be a deposit to secure the village against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid and in the event that such auction sale is held, any bidder not having filed a sealed proposal and certified check in accordance with the terms of this notice will be required to deposit a certified check for \$5,000 drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company and payable to the village to secure the village against loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. If said bonds are offered for sale at public auction no bid will be received for less than par value and accrued interest to date of delivery. The approving opinion of Clay & Dillon, attorneys of N. Y. City, will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Kauffman, Smith & Co., St. Louis; C. W. McNear & Co., New York; First National Co., St. Louis; Taylor, Ewart & Co., New York, and Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City, have purchased \$1,000,000 5 1/2% direct obligation refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1925; \$19,000, 1926; \$20,000, 1927; \$21,000, 1928; \$23,000, 1929; \$26,000, 1930; \$25,000, 1931 and 1932; \$28,000, 1933; \$30,000, 1934; \$31,000, 1935; \$33,000, 1936; \$35,000, 1937; \$35,000, 1938; \$38,000, 1939; \$41,000, 1940; \$43,000, 1941; \$45,500, 1942; \$47,500, 1943; \$50,000, 1944; \$53,000, 1945; \$56,000, 1946; \$59,000, 1947; \$62,000, 1948; \$66,000, 1949; \$69,000, 1950.

WILBRAHAM, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 4 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 25 by Jennie T. Abbott, Town Clerk-Treasurer, for \$48,000 4% coupon school loan bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Due \$3,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1925 to 1940 incl. The official notice of offering states: "These bonds exempt from taxation in Massachusetts and will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, Mass. This trust company will further certify that the legality of this issue has been approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, a copy of whose opinion will accompany the bonds when delivered, without charge to the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue, together with an affidavit certifying to the proper execution of the bonds, will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Co., where they may be inspected."

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1923	\$2,405,951
Town has no bonded debt.	

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$75,000 5 1/2% serial refunding bonds on July 11.

WILDWOOD, Allegheny County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 29 by Ralph L. Carll, Director of Revenue and Finance, for an issue of 5% coup. or rer. water bonds, not to exceed \$100,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$120,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Marine Nat. Bank of Wildwood. Due \$3,000 yearly on July 15 1925 to 1964 incl. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to Robert J. Kay, City Treasurer, required.

WOOSTER, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Grace B. Wile, City Auditor, until 12 m. July 30 for the following issues of 5 1/2% street impt. bonds: \$28,500 city's portion. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1925; \$3,000, 1926 to 1933 incl., and \$2,000, 1934. 28,500 special assessment bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1925; \$3,000, 1926 to 1933 incl., and \$2,000, 1934. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

WILLIAMS, Colusa County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On June 30 Blyth, Witter & Co. purchased \$55,000 5½% municipal imprt. bonds at par plus a premium of \$3,585, equal to 106.51, a basis of about 4.94%. Date June 1 1924. Due on June 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1925 to 1944 incl., and \$2,500, 1945 to 1954 incl. The following bids were received:

	Prem.		Prem.
Blyth, Witter & Co.	\$3,585	William R. Staats Co.	\$2,238
R. H. Moulton & Co.	3,130	William Cavalier & Co.	2,100
Freeman, Smith & Camp Co.	2,343	Anglo-London-Paris Co.	1,256
		R. E. Campbell & Co.	886

WINFIELD, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,980 84 5% paying bonds offered on July 8—V. 119, p. 115—were purchased by the Branch-Middlekauff Investment Co. of Wichita at a premium of \$530, equal to 101.58. Date July 1 1924. Due serially in ten years.

WINNER TOWNSHIP, Williams County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 19 by Wm. L. Anderson, Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Marmon for \$1,000 certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$500. Dated \$500 Aug. 1 1924 and \$500 Sept. 1 1924. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

WORTH COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Ia.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 21 by N. E. Thoen, County Auditor, for \$26,300 drainage bonds.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Billings), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 27 by A. O. Kline, District Clerk, for \$1,750 school bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due in five years. A certified check for \$175, payable to the District Clerk, is required.

YORK, York County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 water and sewerage bonds offered on July 15—V. 119, p. 115—were purchased by the Loan & Savings Bank of York as 5s at a premium of \$200, equal to 100.57, a basis of about 4.97%. Due in 20 years.

YPSILANTI CITY AND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Small & Co. of Detroit have purchased \$65,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F.-A.) payable at the Peoples State Bank of Detroit. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927; \$3,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.; \$10,000, 1936 to 1938 incl., and \$11,000, 1939.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

REGINA, Sask.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—A block of \$12,876 was authorized recently.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—BOND SALE.—The department of education gives the following as a list of school districts bond sales during the month of June: Bignell, \$700 6½% 10-year; Rimbey, \$20,000 7% 20-year; Apremont, \$3,000 6% 15-year; Calkins Valley, \$1,100 7% 10-year; Bellevue, \$9,000 7% 10-year.

HUDSON, Que.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co., reports say, were awarded the \$15,000 5½% 25-year bonds at 99.199, the money costing 5.56%. The bids were:

A. E. Ames & Co.	99.199	Dominion Securities Corp.	98.878
L. G. Beaubien & Co.	98.53	Mead & Co.	94.21

KISBEY, Sask.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An issue of \$2,300 8% 15-installment bonds has been authorized.

LA SALLE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is stated that an issue of \$30,000 5½% 30-year debentures was awarded to the Dominion Securities Corp. at 98.838, the money costing 5.58%. Bidders were as follows:

Dominion Securities Corp.	98.838	Municipal Debentures Corp.	96.57
Rene T. Leclerc, Inc.	98.25	A. E. Ames & Co.	96.02
L. G. Beaubien & Co.	98.05		

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An issue of \$160,584 5½% and 6% 10 and 15 year bonds has been authorized.

NORTH DORCHESTER TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The Council passed a \$20,000 school bond by-law, recent reports state.

NORTH YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co. secured the \$50,000 5½% 20-installment debentures at 102.09, the money costing 5.25%. The following were the bids:

A. E. Ames & Co.	102.09	Gairdner, Clarke & Co.	101.21
Wood, Gundy & Co.	101.939	Sterling Bank	100.90
Nesbitt, Thomson & Co.	101.52	Macneill, Graham & Co.	100.41
Bain, Snowball & Co.	101.29		

NOVA SCOTIA (Province of).—BOND OFFERING.—D. A. Camesson, Provincial Treasurer, until 2 p. m. July 24 will consider offers for 5% coupon debentures as follows:

\$2,000,000 two-year debentures, prin. and int. payable in New York, or 20-year debentures for \$2,000,000, prin. and int. payable in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and New York. Payment for these debentures to be made at the Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce in New York, as directed by the Provincial Treasurer.

1,500,000 ten-year debentures, prin. and int. payable in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and New York, or 20-year debentures for \$1,500,000, prin. and int. payable in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and New York. Payment for these debentures to be made at the office of the Provincial Treasurer, Halifax.

Date Aug. 1 1924 Int. semi-ann. The total amount of debentures to be issued as above mentioned will be for a sum sufficient to realize \$3,500,000 Definitive debentures may be registered as to principal at the office of the Provincial Treasurer, Halifax. Interim debentures without coupons will be issued Aug. 1 1924, authorizing the holders to delivery of definitive debentures to the amount specified in the interim debentures. Definitive debentures will be engraved as soon as possible. Interim and definitive debentures to be delivered to purchaser where payment for same is to be made at either the office of the Provincial Treasurer, Halifax, or in New York. Offers may be made for the whole issue or separate offers for the parts of the issue payable in New York or in Canada and New York, respectively. Securities may be in such form as desired by purchasers. The highest or any offer not necessarily accepted.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—BONDS SOLD.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The "Monetary Times" gives the following as a list of debentures reported sold by the Local Government Board from June 19 to July 3:

Murray, \$2,000, 7¼%, 10 years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Hillier, \$1,000, 6½%, 10 years, to Regina P. S. sinking fund; Nolin, \$1,500, 6½%, 10 years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; St. Mary, \$800, 6¼%, 10 years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Shaunavon, \$24,000, 6¼%, 20 years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Forward, \$2,000, 6¼%, 10 years, locally; St. Jude, \$1,000, 7%, 10 years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Steadfast, \$3,500, 6¼%, 10 years, to C. C. Cross & Co.; Hughton, \$5,400, 6½%, 10 years, to C. C. Cross & Co.; Sproule, \$6,000, 6¼%, 15 years, to Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Eston, \$21,000, 6½%, 20 years, to C. C. Cross & Co.; Moose Pond, \$1,500, 8%, 10 years, to Waterman-Waterbury Co.; Sister Butte, \$1,500, 7%, 10 years, to C. C. Cross & Co.; Connaught, \$1,000, 6¼%, 10 years, to C. C. Cross & Co.

Village of Success, \$1,500, 7%, 10 years, to Nay & James.

The "Monetary Times" gives the following as a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board during the same period:

Hartaven, \$1,650, not exceeding 6¼%, 10 years; Fenwood, \$9,400, not exceeding 8%, 20 years; Willow Heights, \$500, not exceeding 8%, 2 years; Ubrynow, \$1,500, not exceeding 7%, 10 installments; Abermule, \$2,000, not exceeding 7%, 10 installments.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that Wood, Gundy & Co. were awarded an issue of \$100,000 5½% 30-installment debentures at 100.94, the money costing 5.41%. Tenders were as follows:

Wood, Gundy & Co.	100.94	L. G. Beaubien & Co.	99.79
A. E. Ames & Co.	100.097		

SUCCESS, Sask.—BOND SALE.—Nay & James have purchased \$1,500 7% 10-year bonds.

WINNIPEG, Man.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—The rate-payers, it is stated, defeated the \$750,000 exhibition debenture by-law.

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NEW LOANS

\$45,000
VILLAGE OF PELHAM
Westchester County, N. Y.

STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS
(THREE ISSUES)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pelham, in the County of Westchester, New York, will on the 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1924, at eight o'clock P. M. Daylight Saving Time, at the Village Hall, in said Village, receive sealed proposals for any or all of the following issues of bonds of said Village, dated August 1, 1924.

\$23,000 Street Improvement Bonds maturing, two bonds on August 1 of each of the years 1925 to 1935, inclusive, and one bond on August 1, 1936.

\$12,000 Street Improvement Bonds maturing, one bond on August 1 of each of the years 1925 to 1936, inclusive.

\$10,000 Street Improvement Bonds maturing, one bond on August 1 of each of the years 1925 to 1934 inclusive.

All of the bonds will be in registered form, in the denomination of \$1,000, and will bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable February 1 and August 1 in each year, both principal and interest being payable at the office of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, New York City, in gold.

The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, of New York City, which shall certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal thereon, and their legality will be approved by Messrs. Caldwell and Raymond, of New York City, whose opinion as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and any bid for less than par and accrued interest will be rejected. The purchaser will be required to pay for said bonds at the office of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, in the City of New York, on the 2nd day of September, 1924. Proposals must be unconditional and are desired on forms which will be furnished by the undersigned, or by said United States Mortgage & Trust Company, and a certified check on a national bank or an incorporated state bank or trust company of the State of New York for two per centum of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable unconditionally to the order of the Village of Pelham, must accompany each bid, as security for the performance of the bid, if accepted.

By order of the Village Board.
E. B. RICH,
Village Clerk.
Dated, Pelham, N. Y., July 15, 1924.

NEW LOANS

\$500,000
City of Minneapolis
AUDITORIUM BONDS

Notice is hereby given that the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will sell at a public sale, at the office of the undersigned, on **THURSDAY, JULY 24th, 1924**, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., \$500,000.00 Auditorium Bonds at a rate of interest not exceeding Five Per Cent per annum, to be dated July 1, 1924, and to be made payable—twenty-five thousand dollars thereof July 1, 1925, and twenty-five thousand dollars on July 1st each year thereafter to and including the year 1944.

Sealed bids may be submitted until 2:00 o'clock p. m. of the date of sale. Open bids will be asked for after that hour. All bids must include accrued interest from date of said bonds to date of delivery, and a certified check for Two Per Cent of the par value of the bonds bid for made to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, must accompany bids. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Attorney, will accompany these bonds. Circular containing full particulars will be mailed upon application.

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