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### The Financial Situation.

The increase this week in the dividend rate on the common stock of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway serves to direct attention anew to the improved position of the country's rail carriers. Announcements of new or higher dividends, by one or another of the country's railroads have been coming galore lately. To mention only a few of the most recent instances, the St. Louis-San Francisco, which only in October inaugurated dividends on its preferred shares, in December also initiated dividends on its common stock. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas has begun dividends on its preferred stock, and so has the Texas & Pacific on its 5% non-cumulative preferred stock, nearly all of which is owned by the Missouri Pacific. The Gulf Mobile & Northern has raised the quarterly distribution on its preferred stock from 1¼ to 1½%. The Atlantic Coast Line Co. last month raised its quarterly dividend from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per share and also announced an extra of 4%. The Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville increased its semi-annual dividend on common from 2% to 2½%, and the New York Ontario & Western resumed dividends on common in a small way, declaring 1%, after having paid nothing since October 1921. The list would have to be very greatly extended if we carried the record back beyond December.

It will be noticed that most of the roads here mentioned are located in the Southwest and a wonderful transformation in their income status and outlook has been effected within the last few months. The great advance within that time in grain prices has been one of the factors in the improvement and no less important has been the large cotton crop raised

in that part of the country—in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. These two factors afford assurance of good returns of earnings for some time to come. But even so, it may be doubted if the new and larger dividends would have come at this time had there not been a third encouraging factor, namely the assurance of freedom from adverse and destructive legislation which the Presidential and Congressional elections in November have given. And here psychology has played and is playing an important part in determining dividend policy. Take the case of the Atchison, for instance, which is governed by a very conservative body of directors. The company has been paying 6%, and the increase is only 1%, or to 7%. Such a step as that now taken would have been warranted at any time in recent years, if earnings alone were the governing consideration in such matters; for the company has earned far in excess of the 6% paid even in the years of poorest results. But with the possibility of destructive legislation ever present, it was incumbent upon the managers to keep the resources of the company well in hand as a protection against the contingency threatened. But with that menace removed, at least for the time being, the restraint upon a proper distribution of profits is also removed. In other words, there is confidence now, where before there was ever latent fear.

And the change is redounding to the advantage of the whole population—not to the shareholders alone. With the outlook for the roads so greatly altered, the managers are once more planning work in a normal way. It is admitted on every side that railroad buying has been the prime element in the great revival of the iron and steel trade that the country is now witnessing. And observe what the plans are for future expenditures along the same lines. President Storey, of the Atchison, in commenting upon this week's action of the directors in increasing the dividend rate, stated that the company expects to spend no less than \$60,000,000 for improvements during 1925, including \$26,000,000 appropriated in 1924 but not spent. And the news of the week has mentioned about half a dozen other large companies which also contemplate very heavy outlays—involving expenditures running from \$25,000,000 to two or three times that amount. Let the reader well ponder what a sustaining force all this will be in keeping business active.

The controversy as to the right of the United States to participate in the Dawes annuities for the payment of her war damage claims against Germany has continued. Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, sent a note to Secretary of State

Hughes in which he suggested that this matter be submitted to arbitration. According to a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" on Jan. 3, "he suggests to Mr. Hughes that an arbitral court be composed of three persons of international prominence and unquestioned integrity, chosen by the World Court at The Hague, and that all parties concerned agree in advance to abide by their decision." It was claimed also that "the new Chamberlain note is much stiffer than the first communication on the subject, and appears to indicate that the British intend to maintain the attitude that unless America helps to collect from Germany she cannot share in the Dawes annuities." In a dispatch on Jan. 4 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said that, "in view of this situation the British delegates will make an effort to shelve the American issue for later consideration and proceed with the distribution of the receipts of the Dawes plan among the Allies, allowing the United States to make a reservation covering her claims of about \$300,000,000—the amount of the awards to the American Government and American citizens by the American-German Mixed Claims Commission." He added that "the American delegates will have instructions to oppose this step and insist that America's part be set aside at the same time as the parts of the Allies. It is understood that Secretary Hughes will reject Foreign Secretary Chamberlain's arbitration proposal and, while agreeing to accept extremely easy terms for payment, will insist that the Allies recognize the right of the United States, both from a legal and equitable point of view, to share in the collections the Reparations Commission makes from Germany."

Judging from London and Washington dispatches the next day a reasonably accurate idea of the situation had been formed in Paris. The London representative of the New York "Times" said that "the American reply to the British Government's note concerning the sharing in German reparations to the extent of the American war damage claims was delivered to-day by Ambassador Kellogg to the Foreign Office." He added that "it is understood that Washington maintains its position and answers British arguments, but the British Government declines to discuss the contents of the note, and the American Embassy has received instructions from the Department of State not to give any information concerning it." According to the Associated Press correspondent in the British capital, "Secretary of State Hughes, in the American reply to the British note regarding the apportionment of reparations and the settlement of war damage claims, which was presented to the Cabinet to-day by Foreign Secretary Chamberlain, is understood to have requested the British Government to examine a compromise proposal given by James A. Logan Jr., United States representative with the Reparations Commission, to Leith Ross of the British Treasury, some days ago. This proposal, it is said, suggested that the payment of American army occupation costs might be extended for a much longer term of years than the twelve provided in the Wadsworth agreement, and that half of the sum might be payable in reichsmarks in Germany, thus not affecting exchange." In a special Washington message to the "Times" it was claimed that "high Administration officials to-day continued to exhibit an air of confidence over the outcome of the conversations now in progress with

the British Government relative to the right of the United States to share in the Dawes plan annuities in payment of damage claims against Germany, despite the fact that Great Britain has been firmly challenging the American position." The Paris representative of the "Times" suggested that "Secretary Hughes's reply to Foreign Minister Chamberlain refusing to arbitrate the American demand for payment of war damages out of the Allies' collections from Germany under the Dawes plan leaves the question in clear-cut fashion before the meeting of the Allied Finance Ministers, which opens in Paris on Wednesday." Continuing his version of the situation, he said: "Without admitting the legality of the American claim under the Berlin treaty to share in collections under the Versailles Treaty, France, Belgium and Italy have agreed to the equity of the principle of America sharing in the German payments. The English have adopted the position that the claim of the United States is not legally good and has no base on equity, although they are showing a slight disposition to discuss a compromise if not called on to recognize the legality of that part of the Treaty of Berlin assuring to the United States the financial privileges she would have enjoyed had she ratified the Versailles Treaty."

It became known in Paris as early as Jan. 2 that "the conference of Allied Finance Ministers to make a division of the annuities under the Dawes plan, which was to meet in Paris next Tuesday [Jan. 6] has been postponed 24 hours to give time to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Churchill, and Finance Minister Clementel to discuss inter-Allied debts in their relation to payments by Germany on the reparations account."

The conference of Allied Finance Ministers, in which there had been special interest in advance, began its sessions at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The first meeting lasted about 40 minutes and was "confined to an exchange of formal addresses." The Associated Press representative said that "it was not the public session, but the series of private talks between the principal delegates, in an effort to find a way out of the mix-up into which inter-Allied affairs have worked, that featured the first day's proceedings." Twelve States were represented. The correspondent reported that "the delegations, among which was one from the United States, were welcomed by Etienne Clementel, French Minister of Finance, to whose address Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied." Continuing his account, he said: "M. Clementel, it is understood, agreed to Mr. Churchill's plan for a general war debt conference at Brussels in March, although remarking definite results would be unlikely in the absence of the United States. Mr. Churchill is understood to have said that, while American participation was desirable, Europe could not hold her affairs in suspense. The original idea that the present conference was to be chiefly for a general accounting on reparations since the last distribution of the proceeds seems gradually to be giving way to a conviction that the whole inter-Allied situation must be cleared up. Whenever distribution under the Dawes plan is mentioned the inter-Allied debts is inevitably brought in. Thus always comes up the greatest obstacle—the impossibility of getting the United States into a debt conference."



The British Finance Minister had important private conferences with Col. James A. Logan, "American observer of the Reparations Commission and one of the delegates to the conference." The New York "Times" correspondent said in a cable message to his paper on Jan. 7 that Mr. Churchill invited Colonel Logan "to call at the British Embassy following the first formal meeting of the conference. Mr. Churchill explained that while his Government was determined not to accept Mr. Hughes's point of view that the Berlin Treaty gave the United States the right to share in collections from Germany under the Versailles Treaty, common sense dictated that a quarrel between Britain and America should be avoided at all reasonable costs and said he was anxious to discuss with the Americans possible grounds of agreement." The "Times" correspondent also observed that "this attitude on the part of Mr. Churchill and its reception on the part of Colonel Logan was held to indicate that the British Government was prepared to recede somewhat from the position outlined by Mr. Chamberlain in his notes to the State Department and also that the State Department if it obtained the right to share in the Dawes annuities would no longer insist on pinning the Allied blue ribbon on the Berlin Treaty. It will be recalled that France, Italy and Belgium as well as Japan, have agreed to grant the American demand on the basis of equity without recognizing the legality of Washington's position." He went so far as to assert that he was "in the position to say that the major points of the agreement Colonel Logan indicated to Mr. Churchill Washington would accept." The New York "Herald Tribune" representative, in his account of the developments of the day, said of the two most important "the second was the report that Mr. Churchill, in his conversation with Finance Minister Clementel of France, had suggested that the French Government's best move toward an inter-Allied war debt settlement would be to agree with the United States first and to negotiate later with Great Britain along similar lines. It was understood that the two officials agreed that it was not likely that the proposed debt conference in Brussels next March would be held. This decision undoubtedly was influenced by the intimation that the United States would refuse to participate in such a gathering."

The situation was outlined in part as follows by the Paris representative of the New York "Times" in a dispatch on the evening of Jan. 8: "It is said in both British and American quarters to-night that the prospects are bright for an early settlement of the American claim to share in the Allied reparations collections, contested up to the present only by the British. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Colonel Logan, who is conducting the negotiations for the United States, both expressed optimism. A great deal of hard bargaining is going on the purpose of which is to reduce the amount of the American claim to a total which is not yet known, even to Americans, but which Colonel Logan has assured the Allied Financial Conference will not exceed \$350,000,000 for the war damage awards, plus the \$250,000,000 cost of the army of occupation. The British are trying to wipe out all priorities and have the Americans take pot-luck with the Allies on the whole \$600,000,000, while Colonel Logan is trying to maintain priority for the army of occupation payments. The question of the ships

seized in the war has come up because of British insistence that the value of the ships should be deducted from the American claim. It is understood that this probably will be done." The New York "Herald Tribune" representative said that "the \$600,000,000 claims of the United States against the Allies' collections from German reparations under the Dawes plan appear to-night to be definitely assured following conversations at the second session of the Inter-Allied Financial Ministers' Conference. The entire procedure, which is carried on more in the form of conferences among the interested delegations—mainly the American and British—than in open sessions, is so calm and amicable that observers are wondering whether there is something behind it all which has not been made public." According to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" the same evening, "Secretary Hughes to-day received a confidential report from Paris covering the conversations held between Colonel Logan and Mr. Churchill relative to the inclusion of the American claims against Germany in the annuities payable under the Dawes plan and Allied matters. The report came from Colonel Logan himself and was construed as indicating that the negotiations were progressing favorably, as well as along lines satisfactory to the American Government. It is understood the Administration is quite pleased with the attitude shown by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer in the negotiations and believes prospects are bright for an early settlement of the points at issue." It was said to have been expected in French Government circles last night that an official announcement of an agreement between the British and Americans having been reached might be made to-day.

Although the health of Premier Herriot of France is somewhat better, Paris cable advices have indicated that, because of his condition, he may decide to resign. On Jan. 7 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "Premier Herriot's health is not improving rapidly enough to give much ground for hope that he will be able to take his place in the Chamber when the new session begins next Tuesday or enable him to undertake the very strenuous task of leading the Government through what promises to be a difficult and often dangerous series of situations. The Premier has not yet decided to resign, but his doctors have given him a grave warning that in his present state of health he is far from able to stand the strain of the constant attendance in the Chamber which the situation will demand. His friends are supporting the doctors' advice in the Premier's own interests and there is a possibility that his resignation may come before next Tuesday." He declared that "if the Premier is forced to take this step, the whole Government will resign with him and already political intriguers and prophets are busy forming new Ministries on paper. Paul Painleve, now President of the Chamber, is the most favored candidate for Premier, but the composition of his support is a matter of much uncertainty."

Very little, if any, real progress has been made toward an agreement for the settlement of France's war debt to the United States. Dispatches from both Paris and Washington have indicated that the note sent by M. Clementel, the French Finance Minister, contained little in the way of definite terms, and apparently was intended chiefly to relieve the

unfavorable impressions over the fact that France's war debt to the United States was left out of the Finance Minister's now somewhat famous "balance sheet." Secretary of the Treasury Mellon was quoted in a Washington dispatch as expressing the opinion that "the purpose of the note is to feel out the United States as to what terms are acceptable and to pave the way for some definite proposal from France." According to the Paris representative of the New York "Times," in a dispatch on Jan. 2, the note "represents a desire to meet American sentiment for the moment rather than intention for immediate negotiations." He added that "one may imagine further efforts toward negotiations in about two months. The Herriot Government will probably not last that long, but there is no good reason to suppose his successor would not stand by any statements of the present Government to Washington." As understood in the French capital, the note sent forward to Washington, "after showing the difficulties of the French fiscal situation, says that France needs a moratorium of ten years, and suggests an examination of the possibility of wiping out the debt over 90 years, including the moratorium period, with an interest allowance of half of 1%." Similar information was contained in a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" on Monday evening. Earlier in the day "Secretary of State Hughes forwarded the memorandum without comment to Secretary Mellon, Chairman of the Debt Funding Commission." The statement was made in the same dispatch that "the State Department professed to be optimistic over this new move, but it was said this Government feels no necessity for replying, and apparently will wait for the hoped-for proposal that will bring some cash into the Treasury."

So informal and indefinite was M. Clementel's note said to have been regarded in Washington that the flat statement was made in dispatches from that centre early in the week that Secretary Mellon did not feel justified in calling a meeting of the War Debt Commission. In a dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" on Jan. 8 it was stated that "Secretary Mellon indicated to-day that he would delay, for the present at least, calling the Debt Commission to consider the informal suggestions of Finance Minister Clementel in connection with the French debt." The dispatch added that "the Secretary declined to indicate whether there would be a reply to the French official or to say what the next move would be."

The Allies have continued to take a firm stand relative to the evacuation of the Cologne area on Jan. 10 as provided for in the Versailles Treaty. On Jan. 4 "the Allied Ambassadors in Berlin met at the British Embassy in the German capital and signed an identic note announcing the refusal of their Governments to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead on Jan. 10, according to an announcement by the Foreign Office to-night." The Associated Press representative at the same centre cabled, also on Jan. 4, that "the identic note from the Allied Ambassadors apprising Germany that the Cologne bridgehead will not be evacuated on Jan. 10, which will be handed to Chancellor Marx to-morrow at noon, is awaited with complete equanimity. There is a feeling of confidence that the entire action will develop into a boom-erang through the inability of the Control Commission to substantiate in the fullest degree the charges

on which the Ambassadors rest their action." He added that "the German Government will lose no time after the receipt of the Ambassador's note in dispatching its reply to Paris. In this reply it will formally reiterate Germany's right to the liberation of the Cologne zone on Jan. 10, and will then make a positive demand for a bill of particulars from the Control Commission, setting forth the alleged discovery of arms, or possible evasions of the disarmament conditions, of which Germany has been broadly accused in the Commission's report."

The note was formally presented and the next day, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Associated Press, "official comment on the note was confined to a brief communique in which the German Government charges that the defaults cited as the basis for the Allied refusal to vacate the Cologne zone are of such a general nature and so completely lacking in material foundation that discussion of them must be deferred until the Allied Governments submit an amplifying note." The correspondent stated also that "the German Government, however, the communique declares, believes itself warranted in asserting that the present state of the disarmament question affords no justification for the adoption of so grave a measure as the continuation of occupation of the Cologne bridgehead. Its attitude on this question will be communicated to the Allied Governments in the near future."

In what was characterized as an "unofficial translation" of the note, as given in an Associated Press cable message from London on Jan. 5, it was set forth that "the Allied Governments already are in position to inform the German Government, without awaiting Jan. 10 1925, that they have obtained proof showing that Germany has not yet fulfilled, and cannot possibly have fulfilled by that date, the conditions laid down in Article 429 [of the Versailles Treaty] so as to enable her to benefit by the clause relating to a partial evacuation." It was added that "the Allied Governments, moreover, expect to receive a report of the Inter-Allied Commission of Control giving the full results of the present general inspection. This report will enable them to determine what still remains to be done by Germany to carry out her obligations in military matters in the terms of Article 429." According to the translation also, "a further communication will be addressed to the German Government on the subject." The note was made public by the British Foreign Office Monday afternoon, and did not differ in any essential points from the foregoing version.

As had been forecast in Berlin cable advices, the German Government made a prompt reply to the latest Allied note relative to the evacuation of the Cologne area. The reply was handed to the Allied Ambassadors in Berlin on Jan. 6 and was made public on Thursday. The Berlin representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled on Jan. 6 that "it is known that the reply is in the nature of a preliminary protest, declaring that Germany cannot accept the general charges in the note with regard to disarmament as a justification for the postponement of evacuation of the Cologne zone, even if these charges should, on examination, prove true. The refusal to evacuate the territory is called a fundamental breach of the Versailles Treaty." He also stated that "the note further declares that Germany has in general fulfilled her disarmament obligations in so



far as they concern the conditions set for evacuation of the Cologne zone under the treaty. In conclusion it demands that the Allies specify in detail the charges of default against Germany." Commenting upon one feature of the situation which had not been even mentioned in any previous cable dispatches, he declared that "the disagreeable feature of the developments so far as the position of the Reich Government was concerned was the refusal of the Allies to negotiate with Germany before taking action on the postponement—circumstances which have given the Nationalists a powerful political argument against the Dawes report and the policy of fulfillment."

The German Reichstag was to have convened on Jan. 5, but because of the impossibility of forming a new Cabinet that could be presented at that time it became necessary to adjourn until Wednesday, after the transaction of "only formal business, such as the roll call." The New York "Times" correspondent in the German capital cabled that "the Government benches were conspicuously empty, the Cabinet members doubtless feeling their position was so precarious that they had not sufficient nerve to display themselves." He also stated that "it was decided to defer the election of a President until later. The next President will probably be the Socialist member Loebe, who presided over the body until superseded during the last Reichstag session by the Nationalist, Herr Wallraf." Continuing to outline the Cabinet situation, the "Times" representative said that "meanwhile uncertainty as to the next Government continues. Several men are being mentioned as slated for the next Cabinet, but no confirmation is obtainable on any of them." It may be said in passing that "the strength of the parties in the new Reichstag, as established by the official roll-call to-day is as follows: Socialists, 131; Nationalists, 111; Clericals, 69; People's Party, 51; Communists, 45; Democrats, 32; Economic Union, 21; Bavarian People's Party, 19; National Socialists (Fascisti), 14; total, 493."

As had been expected, Paul Loebe was elected President of the Reichstag. The election took place on Wednesday. The New York "Times" representative in Berlin cabled that afternoon that "he received more than the necessary majority on the first ballot, defeating the two other candidates—the Nationalist, Wallraf, and Von Kardorff of the People's Party. Loebe was the Reichstag President until last May, when he was succeeded by Wallraf. His re-election is popular, since he gave great satisfaction in his difficult post by his tact, diplomacy, non-partisanship and ready wit. His re-election is welcomed even in party circles most remote from the Socialists." With respect to the Cabinet situation at that time the correspondent said that "meanwhile this evening found Chancellor Marx still trying to solve the Cabinet situation, which appears no more solvable than when he began his efforts. At best the situation is badly tangled."

The Cabinet situation did not improve as the week progressed. According to a special Berlin dispatch to "The Sun" Thursday evening, "Secretary of State Trendelenburg, head of the German trade delegation at Paris, that afternoon told the interim Cabinet, which is governing Germany by grace of President Ebert until a new Ministry shall be created, that a break in negotiations with France for a commercial

treaty may lead to a tariff war highly disastrous to the Reich." The correspondent added that "as a result of Trendelenburg's pessimistic declaration, Chancellor Marx, at the urging of Ebert, let it be known that he would go before the Reichstag with some start on a new Cabinet within 48 hours. If this combination is overthrown by the Deputies, it is more than likely that Ebert will dissolve Parliament and run the country by executive decree pending a fresh general election." With respect to the trade treaty negotiations between France and Germany, the Associated Press correspondent in Paris sent word the same evening that "it is now thought in French official circles that the Germans will raise the tariff barrier on Jan. 10 without the formal declaration of a commercial war. A tariff war has been expected owing to the breaking down of the Franco-German trade treaty negotiations brought about by the refusal of Allied Governments to evacuate the Cologne zone." In a dispatch later the same evening the Berlin representative of the New York "Herald Tribune," in commenting upon President Ebert's attitude on the Cabinet situation, said that "by his action the President threw down the gantlet to the Nationalists and the People's Party, and particularly to Foreign Minister Stresemann, leader of the latter organization. Stresemann's exit from the Government now may be regarded as certain. He has been out-manuevered by Ebert and Marx, who were determined to keep the Nationalists from the Government as long as possible, or to admit them, if unavoidable, only on conditions acceptable to the President and Chancellor." According to an Associated Press dispatch from Berlin last evening, "Chancellor Marx to-day relinquished his mandate to form a Cabinet and informed President Ebert he had exhausted all possibilities for the construction of a Ministry without finding a workable solution."

Benito Mussolini, Fascist Premier of Italy, delivered an address in the Chamber of Deputies last Sunday which the Rome representative of the New York "Times" declared "was the greatest triumph of Mussolini's whole political career." The correspondent also said that "Mussolini's speech was really in answer to accusations contained in Cesare Rossi's memorandum and marked his return to the true and original Fascist methods and style. Standing in his characteristic pose, with chin well thrust out, thumping the Ministers' bench with his tightly clenched fist to emphasize his points, he completely abandoned the calm and collected manner which has distinguished his utterances lately. He spoke with fire, passion and vehemence, with determination apparent in his every gesture and word, while the whole Chamber, including occupants of the visitors' gallery, the royal box and the press gallery, stood and shouted applause at every sentence amid scenes of enthusiasm such as the Italian Chamber has never seen." Continuing his account, the correspondent said that "the climax came when Mussolini, his face red with anger, his eyes blazing with fury, shouted turning toward his followers who occupied the right sectors of the Chamber, 'the opposition describes us as an army of bandits encamped in Italy. We have swallowed their insults and allowed them to call us brigands and assassins. Now before the Chamber, before the whole nation, and before God I alone assume full personal, political, moral and historical responsibility for everything that has occurred

in Italy. If Fascism is an association of malefactors then let it be known that I am head of this association of malefactors.'” As to the effect of the speech upon those in the Chamber, the correspondent said that “the silence into which these fiery words were hurled was suddenly rent by a woman’s voice in the visitors’ gallery shouting ‘Bravo!’ in a shrill treble. The next instance her cry was taken up by the whole Chamber which surged round Mussolini acclaiming him enthusiastically while the din was dominated by Fascisti and many visitors in galleries, lustily singing Fascist war songs.”

The Italian Premier is a man who acts as well as talks. The New York “Times” representative in Rome cabled that “a few minutes after Premier Mussolini’s speech to the Chamber of Deputies yesterday promising to crush the Opposition within 48 hours, the first measures were already under way. Another legion of Fascist railroad police was mobilized to prevent acts of sabotage against Government property, and Prefects throughout Italy were instructed to break up all political associations of doubtful character and to close their habitual meeting places.” He added that “even stricter steps will be taken against any newspaper printing news apt to disturb public order, while the Prefects have been empowered to mobilize the Fascist militia if they consider it necessary. It is insistently rumored that a decree is being prepared whereby all Deputies who do not attend a certain number of sittings of Parliament will be deprived of their seats, this measure being aimed at those Opposition Deputies who, by boycotting Parliament, have contributed to the present crisis in affairs.” Continuing, he said that, “due chiefly to the severe orders imparted by Premier Mussolini last evening, no incidents of any gravity have been reported up to the present moment. The Fascisti in almost every city in Italy held imposing parades to express their joy at Mussolini’s return to Fascist methods of governing the nation, and attempts to attack offices of Opposition newspapers and Masonic lodges were made in several localities, but were everywhere frustrated by the vigilance of police and troops which had been detailed to guard them.”

Successive steps of an extreme character taken by the Italian Premier to keep the political situation in hand were reported from day to day. On Jan. 5 the New York “Times” representative in the Italian capital sent a wireless dispatch in which he said that, “following Premier Mussolini’s strong speech in the Chamber last Saturday, which marked the swing of the pendulum back to the extreme Fascist side again, the Premier to-day intimated his intention of giving his Cabinet a more markedly Fascist complexion. All of the Ministers, obedient to his wishes, have placed their portfolios at his disposal, including the Ministers of War and Navy, who, being officers of the armed forces of the State, do not belong to any political party.” The correspondent added that “it is not considered probable, however, that any notable changes in the make-up of the Cabinet will be made beyond replacing the Liberal Ministers Sarrocechi and Casati, whose position in the Cabinet had become particularly delicate after the passage to the Opposition of the Liberal former Premier Salandra.” Continuing he said that “the seizures of newspapers printing false or alarming news, the closing up of the meeting places of subversive elements and the disbanding of suspicious political clubs continued

throughout the day all over Italy, the task of the police being facilitated from documents seized in searches made in the homes of some of the Opposition leaders, which revealed, it is said, a widespread plot against the Government.”

As early in the week as Tuesday the political situation in Italy appeared to have been brought better into hand by Premier Mussolini. The Associated Press representative in Rome cabled on that date that, “with his Cabinet reinforced by several new Ministers, all strong supporters of Fascism, Premier Mussolini is declared to have the situation well in hand. He spends many hours daily at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while crowds gather around the building in the expectation of gleaning first-hand details of his next move.” He added that “the Premier has given to the Prefects throughout Italy strict instructions to repress excesses from whatever quarter, not excepting Fascist centres, and he has further ordered that any attempt on the part of subversive organizations must be crushed.” Continuing, he said that “thus far, according to the Minister, 95 clubs and suspected drinking places have been closed, while 25 subversive organizations have been dissolved. One hundred and twenty branches of the Italia Libera Association have been shut down, 111 suspected revolutionaries arrested, 150 cafes closed and barred and 655 domiciliary searches made. A semi-official statement issued this evening announces that the Cabinet has agreed to Premier Mussolini’s proposal that Parliament reassemble Jan. 12 to discuss the Electoral Reform Bill. The Minister of the Interior reported on the methods decided upon by the Government to maintain public order and respect for the constituted authorities.”

The Opposition apparently lost no time in organizing its forces against Mussolini. On Jan. 6 the Rome correspondent of the New York “Herald Tribune” cabled that, “with the Mussolini Cabinet now purged of all the elements which do not conform to the Blackshirt obedience to the Premier, the Opposition parties to-day began the work of reorganizing their forces and planning a campaign for a united denunciation of Fascism on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies when Parliament reconvenes.” He also said that “a petition is being circulated among the Opposition leaders asking that their differences be adjusted in view of the urgent necessity of lining up in a united defensive in response to the challenge of the Fascisti. The clashing viewpoints of the various sections of the Opposition hitherto have been the one chief source of strength of Fascism, but it is hoped by some of the leaders that these may now be reconciled despite the acknowledged difficulties ahead. The veteran Liberal leader, former Premier Giolitti, is clearly indicated as the only politician capable of heading a coalition which will close up the ranks of the Opposition and present a united front against Mussolini’s followers.”

It became known here on Thursday morning that “at a Cabinet Council held this [Wednesday] evening, Premier Mussolini announced his intention of asking the King to dissolve the present Chamber as soon as the new electoral law has been passed by Parliament and to hold another general election. The new law will be approved probably by the end of this month and, as 45 days must pass between the



dissolution of the Chamber and the election of a new one, the general election probably will take place about the second half of April." The New York "Times" representative in Rome declared that "the prospects of general elections are welcomed by public opinion as good omens for overcoming the crisis in which Italy now finds herself. The present Parliament, having been elected before the Matteotti murder, has lost a great part of its prestige and authority, as it does not represent the public opinion of Italy of to-day, but of Italy before the revulsion of feeling which followed the murder." Continuing, he suggested that "Signor Mussolini's purpose in calling for another general election is believed sufficiently clear. If he wins, he will return to power with a solid majority, and any suspicion of responsibility in the Matteotti murder will have been washed away by the popular vote. If he loses, he is still certain of returning to the Chamber with a sufficient number of Deputies to impose his will on whatever Government takes place, and to use it as a catspaw to take several chestnuts out of the fire."

It was perfectly evident that Mussolini continued to encounter organized opposition. On the evening of Jan. 8 the Associated Press correspondent in Rome cabled that 'at a plenary meeting to-day of the Deputies of the Aventine Opposition, it was decided unanimously to continue to abstain from Parliamentary work as a sign of protest against the Fascist Government of Premier Mussolini.' He also explained the situation in part as follows: "The meeting, attended by 80 Deputies, also sent out a message to the country violently denouncing the Fascist regime and setting forth the reasons of the Opposition why the coming elections should not be conducted by the present Government. The manifesta was intended to be in answer to Premier Mussolini's speech of last Saturday and a refutation of his charges against the Opposition. It declared the accusation of sedition was groundless, the Opposition Deputies maintaining they had always acted along strict legal lines." On the other hand, the same correspondent cabled last evening that "signs were not wanting to-day that the Aventine Opposition to the Fascisti, despite its action yesterday in declaring for continued abstention from Parliamentary participation, might after all put in an appearance in the Chamber when that body meets Monday."

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 10% in Berlin, 7% in Paris and Denmark, 6½% in Norway; 5½% in Belgium and Sweden; 5% in Madrid; 4½% in Holland and 4% in London and Switzerland. Open market discounts in London were steady at close to the levels of the previous week, namely 3⅝@3¾% for short bills, against 3½@3⅞%, while three months' bills closed at 3 13-16@3⅞%, against 3 3-16@4% a week ago. Call money, however, was appreciably firmer for a time, touching 3⅛%, but closed at 2½%, as compared with 2⅜% last week. At Paris and Switzerland, open market discount rates were not changed from 6¼% and 3%, respectively.

In its statement for the week ending Jan. 7 the Bank of England reported another small gain in gold, amounting to £4,160, while reserve, as a result of contraction in note circulation of £733,000, showed an increase of £737,000. Moreover, the pro-

portion of reserve to liabilities advanced sharply—no less than 4.50%, to 15.90%, as against 11.40 last week. A year ago the reserve ratio was 16⅞% and in 1923 17.22%. All the deposits items again showed substantial changes; public deposits expanded £4,400,000, against a heavy reduction last week. "Other" deposits, however, fell £48,609,000, which contrasts with an even larger increase a week earlier. The bank's temporary loans to the Government decreased £16,915,000, and loans on other securities £27,944,000. Gold holdings aggregate £128,564,162, in comparison with £128,058,044 last year and £127,486,217 in 1923. Reserve stands at £20,052,0000, against £21,531,829 in 1924 and £23,481,447 a year earlier. Loans total £75,656,000, which compares with £77,040,564 in 1924 and £65,172,755 the year before. As for note circulation the amount outstanding is now £127,563,000. In the corresponding week of last year it was £126,276,215 and in 1923 £122,454,770. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £868,675,000, comparing with £581,694,000 a week ago and £753,066,000 last year. Four per cent continues to be the official discount rate of the bank, the same as heretofore. We append herewith comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England statement for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1925. Jan. 7.	1924. Jan. 9.	1923. Jan. 10.	1922. Jan. 11.	1921. Jan. 12.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	127,563,000	126,276,215	122,454,770	123,626,990	129,834,265
Public deposits.....	12,911,000	11,772,876	13,574,230	15,602,120	15,883,853
Other deposits.....	117,171,000	116,161,716	122,736,910	129,886,571	123,137,108
Government securities	51,664,000	47,312,032	65,671,582	55,003,686	59,240,506
Other securities.....	75,656,000	77,040,564	65,172,755	85,162,490	80,791,567
Reserve notes & coin	20,052,000	21,531,829	23,481,447	23,275,743	16,895,954
Coin and bullion.....	128,564,162	128,058,044	127,486,217	128,452,733	128,280,219
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	15.9%	16¼%	17.22%	16%	12¼%
Bank rate.....	4%	4%	3%	5%	7%

A further contraction of 54,360,000 francs occurred in note circulation, according to the weekly statement of the Bank of France. This compares with a reported reduction of 281,213,000 francs in that item last week. The total outstanding is thus brought down to 40,268,392,000 francs, contrasting with 39,172,767,370 francs at this time last year and with 32,387,727,100 francs in 1923. Just prior to the outbreak of war, in 1914, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. The gold item continues to show small gains, the increase this week being 40,050 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,545,242,975 francs, comparing with 5,540,596,481 francs at the corresponding date last year and with 5,535,061,937 francs the year previous; of the foregoing amounts 1,864,320,907 francs were held abroad in both 1925 and 1924, and 1,864,344,927 francs in 1923. During the week bills discounted, advances and Treasury deposits registered increases of 32,188,000 francs, 136,333,000 francs and 3,289,000 francs, respectively. On the other hand, however, silver fell off 2,232,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 374,821,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1924 and 1923 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Jan. 9 1925.	Status as of Jan. 10 1924.	Jan. 11 1923.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings— Inc.	40,050	3,680,922,068	3,676,275,574	3,670,717,010
In France.....	No change	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,344,927
Abroad.....				
Total..... Inc.	40,050	5,545,242,975	5,540,596,481	5,535,061,937
Silver..... Dec.	2,232,000	303,692,000	296,733,520	289,705,588
Bills discounted..... Inc.	32,188,000	5,946,258,000	3,545,457,110	2,676,626,821
Advances..... Inc.	136,333,000	3,074,934,000	2,533,115,215	2,280,970,830
Note circulation..... Dec.	54,360,000	40,268,392,000	39,172,767,370	32,387,727,100
Treasury deposits..... Inc.	3,289,000	21,517,000	16,915,414	68,656,981
General deposits..... Dec.	374,821,000	2,239,116,000	2,255,673,229	2,222,044,546

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of Dec. 31, reported exceptionally large increases in circulation and in holdings of exchange bills and checks, accompanied by heavy reductions in "other assets" and other maturing obligations. In detail the figures show an expansion of 176,391,000 marks in note circulation, 13,987,000 marks in reserve in foreign currencies and 104,265,000 marks in bills of exchange and checks. Silver and other coins increased 1,519,000 marks, other liabilities 4,847,000 marks, while there was an addition of 41,963,000 marks to gold and bullion. Deposits abroad fell 9,405,000 marks, notes on other banks 21,239,000 marks, advances 7,223,000 marks and investments 341,000 marks. The bank's total gold holdings are shown to be 759,609,000 marks, and note circulation 1,941,440,000 marks. Figures here given are expressed in gold marks, each gold mark being the equivalent of a trillion paper marks.

Further shrinkage in rediscounts and continued gain in gold holdings were shown in the weekly statements of the Federal Reserve banks that were issued late Thursday afternoon, accompanied by a heavy falling off in earning assets, both locally and nationally. In the report of the system, the addition to gold reserves was given as \$14,400,000. Rediscounts of Government secured paper fell \$40,000,000 and of other bills \$9,500,000. Holdings of bills purchased in the open market decreased \$46,000,000. Earning assets registered the large reduction of \$139,500,000, but deposits showed a gain, namely, \$6,000,000. The statement of the New York bank followed along similar lines. Gold increased \$26,900,000 and rediscounting of all classes of paper dropped nearly \$28,000,000. Bills bought in the open market declined \$35,000,000. Earning assets were reduced \$79,700,000 and deposits \$10,600,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation fell \$12,800,000 at New York and \$56,700,000 for the banks as a group. As to member bank reserve accounts, these were reduced \$5,500,000 locally but expanded \$27,300,000 for the system as a whole. As a result of the week's changes, an additional advance was reported in the ratio of reserve. At New York the ratio moved up to 78.2%, an increase of 3.6%, while the ratio for the system advanced 1.6% to 74.6%.

Heavy expansion in deposits, and, to a lesser extent, in loans, with the usual accompaniment of a sharp contraction in reserves, were the features of last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies and reflected the enormous strain of meeting Jan. 1 payments of dividends and interest. Loans and discounts were increased \$30,381,000. Net demand deposits expanded \$95,416,000; thus bringing the grand total to \$4,831,837,000, of which \$23,250,000 was Government deposits. Time deposits were also larger, gaining \$4,986,000, to \$599,092,000. Other changes included a decline in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank in amount of \$7,962,000, to \$56,590,000; although this is not counted as reserve. Reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies decreased \$932,000, while the reserve of these institutions kept in other depositories fell \$268,000. There was a contraction in reserves of member banks with the Reserve Bank of \$14,674,000, which together with the addition to deposits, was instrumental in cutting surplus reserve \$28,471,660, not only com-

pletely wiping out last week's surplus, but establishing a deficit in reserve of \$3,105,510. The figures here given for surplus reserves are based on legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in own vault amounting to \$56,590,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

Steadily increasing ease and rapidly declining rates have been the characteristics of the local market for call money. On Thursday and yesterday the renewal rate was down to 2½%. Loans were made on the former day at 2%, first in the so-called "outside" market, and later in the regular market. These were lower quotations than had been expected by most authorities just prior to the unusually large Jan. 1 disbursements. Evidently they were larger even than had been realized, and the money was seeking employment immediately. The extreme ease was the more surprising because of the continued large Wall Street demand for both the investment and speculative markets. The offerings of new securities increased considerably over recent weeks. The American Telephone & Telegraph offering of \$125,000,000 came as a complete surprise to the Street as a whole and was re-sold by the offering syndicate in a short time. The daily turnover in stocks on the New York Stock Exchange averaged well over 1,000,000 shares. Further expansion is reported in basic industries. That in Steel is perhaps the most notable. The United States Steel Corporation is operating at 88% of capacity, and is expected to reach an even higher ratio next week. The industry as a whole is reported to be running at 80%. The unfilled orders of the Corporation are reported to have increased between 600,000 and 700,000 tons in December. As the Clearing House banks of this city reported a deficit a week ago to-day, and as a further expansion in general business is expected, somewhat higher rates for call money may come soon. If the present low rates prevail much longer interior institutions probably will withdraw funds, which step generally results in a temporary recovery in quotations.

Referring to specific rates for money, call loans this week have ranged between 2@4½%. Last week the range was 4@5½%. On Monday 4½% was the high, with 3½% the low and also the rate for renewals. Tuesday renewals were again made at 3½%, but this was the highest quotation for the day, while the low was 3%. Increased ease prevailed on Wednesday, when the ruling rate was lowered to 3%; the high was 3% and the low 2½%. Thursday's range was 2@2½% and 2½% the renewal basis. Only one rate was quoted on Friday—2½%—this being the high, the low and the ruling figure. In time money also the trend was toward increased ease and in the latter part of the week sixty day money was lowered to 3½%, against 3¾%; ninety days to 3½@3¾, against 3¾@4%; four months to 3¾%, against 3¾@4%; five months to 3¾%, against 3¾@4%, with six months remaining at 3¾@4%, unchanged. Offerings were in larger supply, reflecting the return of funds into normal channels following the recent Jan. 1 strain. Trading, however, continued quiet.

Commercial paper was fairly active at the quotations prevailing a week ago, namely 3½@3¾% for four to six months' names of choice character, with



3¼@4% required for names not so well known. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names usually pass at 3½%. Both city and country institutions were in the market as buyers. Dealings showed greater diversification.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were in better demand, with local and interior banks among the buyers. Offerings, however, were not large, so that trading in the aggregate assumed only moderate proportions. The undertone was steady and quotations without essential change. Bills for time delivery were a trifle easier. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council again declined, closing at 2¼%, against 4% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3% bid and 2⅞% asked for bills running for 30 days, 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running 60 and 90 days, 3⅜% bid and 3¼% asked for bills running 120 days and 3⅝% bid and 3⅜% asked for bills running 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations were as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days
Prime eligible bills.....	3½@3	3½@3	3@2½
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....			3 bid
Eligible non-member banks.....			3½ bid

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JANUARY 9 1925

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.			After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 Months.	
	Com'rcial, Agric'l & Livestock Paper n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul.* and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
New York.....	3	3	3	3	3	3
Philadelphia.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
Cleveland.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
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.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½

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

Movements in sterling exchange were again in the direction of higher price levels and the outstanding event of a comparatively quiet week was the rise in demand bills to 4 79¼—not only another new high record, but nearly three cents above the figure maintained by the British Government when the "peg" was placed on sterling exchange during the war. While no special outburst of activity accompanied this fresh accession of strength, good buying developed almost from the start, mainly for foreign account. London banks figured prominently on the buying side of the market, and sent persistently strong cable rates, which as usual exercised a powerful stimulating effect on market sentiment locally. For a time after the first spurt of firmness, realizing sales caused a slight downward reaction, but sufficient buying developed to bring the quotation back, and it is worthy of note that on five consecutive days new highs were established on a moderate volume of trading. An additional factor in the advance was the light offerings of commercial bills, and the close

was at the top. The underlying cause of this spectacular show of strength was mainly expectation that the British Government intends very shortly to announce its return to a gold basis, and this proved the chief topic of discussion in financial circles during practically the whole of the week. Notwithstanding repeated denials, the belief persists that the visit of Sir Montague Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to the United States is closely associated with the restoration of a free gold market in England and a return to par for sterling. Bankers here are confident that this step is entirely feasible and is likely to be put into effect at any time. Some, indeed, express the opinion that it could have been done months ago except for fears of a possible disruption of the economic status of the country through too drastic a change in values. It is credibly reported that at least some of the advance in sterling has been the result of covering of short contracts on the part of speculative interests who had sold exchange extensively at materially lower levels. It is rumored that a fairly considerable short interest still exists, which, if true, should aid in maintaining values for some little time to come. A factor that was said to have added zest to the buying movement was accumulation of sterling by the bankers who recently floated the Greek loan.

Referring to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm and fractionally higher, at 4 74⅞@4 75¼ for demand, 4 75⅛@4 75½ for cable transfers and 4 72⅜@4 72¾ for sixty days. On Monday quotations established new high levels under the impetus of active foreign buying and demand moved up to 4 76⅞@4 76 13-16, cable transfers to 4 76⅜@4 77⅞, and sixty days to 4 73⅝@4 74 5-16. Profit taking sales caused a weaker tone on Tuesday and price levels were reduced to 4 75½@4 76 for demand, to 4 75¾@4 76¼ for cable transfers and to 4 73@4 73½ for sixty days; trading was quiet. Wednesday a renewal of institutional buying, coupled with light offerings, was responsible for a sharp rise, to 4 77 for demand; the low for the day was 4 76⅞, while cable transfers ranged between 4 76⅜@4 77¼ and sixty days 4 73⅝@4 74½. Increasing firmness marked Thursday's trading, and demand sold up to 4 76⅝@4 77⅞, cable transfers to 4 76⅞@4 78⅞, and sixty days to 4 74⅞@4 75⅜; no real expansion of activity was noted. On Friday quotations soared to new heights, the day's range was 4 78⅞@4 79¼ for demand, 4 78⅞@4 79 for cable transfers and 4 75⅝@4 76¾ for sixty days. Closing quotations were 4 75¾ for sixty days, 4 78¼ for demand and 4 78½ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 78⅞, sixty days at 4 74, ninety days at 4 73½, documents for payment (sixty days) and seven-day grain bills at 4 77⅝. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 78⅞.

The gold movement earlier in the week included two more shipments of \$2,500,000 each by J. P. Morgan to Hamburg for account of the Reichsbank, making a total of \$27,500,000 sent to Germany; the International Acceptance Bank is shipping \$500,000 in gold coin to the Swiss Banking Corporation at Basle, Switzerland, while the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. have engaged \$1,100,000 gold for Holland. The gold engagements yesterday for export were much larger than on any previous day during the present movement. They totaled \$12,400,000, of which more than \$8,000,000 was destined for India.

Yesterday's engagements bring the total for this month to date to over \$20,000,000. It was reported in banking circles last evening that an additional shipment of about \$5,000,000 was being arranged, which might go forward to-day or next Monday.

As to Continental exchange, price movements continue narrow and trading dull and uninteresting. Dealers are still reported as holding off and the undertone of the market was inclined to be nervous and unsettled. The volume of business passing showed no tendency to increase in any branch of the more important currencies. In a word, most of the limited activity centred in some of the minor exchanges of the neutral group. French francs ruled dull but setady with the range confined to about 6 points, that is, from 5.42¼@5.35, with the closing the lowest for the week. The same is true of Antwerp francs, while German and Austrian exchange remain motionless. Lire were again the weakest feature of the list, the quotation hovering around 4.21, and finishing at 4.17¼. Serious political unsettlement in Italy is having a depressing influence on lire exchange. Action of Premier Mussolini with a view of forcibly suppressing attacks by the opposition was not liked, and it is claimed that only strong Governmental support has prevented severe collapse in values of Italian exchange. However, aside from political uneasiness there has been considerable pressure of late as a result of heavy buying of wheat and other commodities to supplement Italy's short crops. Greek exchange was inactive and unchanged throughout, while the currencies of the minor European countries are without appreciable alteration. No increase in activity is looked for until the Cologne incident is closed and the question of France's repayment of indebtedness placed upon a workable basis.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 89.15, against 87.45 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5.36, against 5.41; cable transfers at 5.37, against 5.42; commercial sight bills at 5.35, against 5.40, and commercial sixty days at 5.29¾, against 5.34¾ a week ago. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were 4.97½ for checks and 4.98½ for cable transfers, against 4.98 and 4.99 the previous week. Reichsmarks finished at 23.81 (one rate) for both demand and cable transfers (unchanged). Austrian kronen continue to be quoted at 0.0014¼, the same as heretofore. Lire closed at 4.17¼ for bankers' sight bills and at 4.18¼ for cable remittances, which compares with 4.21¾@4.22¾ a week ago. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 3.01½, against 3.01⅞; on Bucharest at 0.51¾, against 0.51⅞; on Poland at 19¼, (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.53 (unchanged). Greek drachmae closed at 1.81½ for checks and at 1.82 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 1.80¾ and 1.81¼.

Increasing firmness and the establishment of new high records in several currencies featured dealings in the former neutral exchanges. Actual trading operations, however, were of moderate volume and the strength was regarded as in sympathy with the advances in sterling price levels. Guilders came to the front once more with a rise to 40.57½ for checks. Swiss francs touched 19.50, though later receded to 19.32½. In the Scandinavian exchanges Copenhagen remittances scored a gain of 26 points, to 17.90, while Norwegian krone advanced to 15.29½,

or 21 points up. Swedish exchange was steady, but unchanged. Spanish pesetas, after a weak opening, turned firm and sold as high as 14.21, a net advance for the week of 21 points. All of this, naturally, reopened the question of gold shipments, and a substantial amount has already been engaged for Holland. It is claimed that the Swiss Bank will not accept gold. In some quarters the rise in Norwegian and Spanish exchange was attributed in part to speculative buying by operators who took the view that these currencies had not kept step with the advance of sterling. As to Danish exchanges, rumors that negotiations were under way for the placing of a large loan to Denmark exercised a favorable effect. No action has as yet been taken on the stabilization plan that is now before the Danish Parliament.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 40.55½, against 40.48½; cable transfers at 40.59½, against 40.52½; commercial sight bills at 40.49½, against 40.42½, and commercial sixty days at 40.13½, against 40.06½ last week. Swiss francs finished at 19.32½ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.33½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.49 and 19.50 the preceding week. Copenhagen checks closed at 17.90 and cable transfers at 17.94, against 17.64 and 17.68. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.91 and cable transfers at 26.95, against 26.92 and 26.96, while checks on Norway closed at 15.29½ and cable transfers at 15.33½, against 15.09 and 15.13 a week earlier. Spanish pesetas finished at 14.21 for checks at 14.23 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 14.00 and 14.02.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JAN. 3 1925 TO JAN. 9 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 3.	Jan. 5.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, krone.....	\$.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0500	.0498	.0497	.0499	.0499	.0499
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007355	.007365	.007325	.007344	.007328	.007350
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.030151	.030136	.030135	.030120	.030122	.030122
Denmark, krone.....	.1767	.1767	.1767	.1775	.1776	.1792
England, pound ster- ling.....	4.7529	4.7651	4.7578	4.7680	4.7692	4.7924
Finland, marka.....	.025198	.025197	.025194	.025194	.025200	.025190
France, franc.....	.0542	.0538	.0538	.0540	.0538	.0538
Germany, reichsmark*.....	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380
Greece, drachma.....	.018117	.018131	.018100	.018105	.018116	.018154
Holland, guilder.....	.0453	.0455	.0453	.0458	.0459	.0461
Hungary, krone.....	.000013	.000013	.000013	.000013	.000013	.000014
Italy, lira.....	.0424	.0422	.0422	.0422	.0422	.0420
Norway, krone.....	.1517	.1519	.1519	.1526	.1526	.1533
Poland, zloty.....	.1918	.1918	.1918	.1918	.1918	.1918
Portugal, escudo.....	.0487	.0489	.0492	.0489	.0491	.0488
Rumania, leu.....	.005146	.005137	.005139	.005133	.005137	.005149
Spain, peseta.....	.1399	.1400	.1400	.1408	.1416	.1424
Sweden, krona.....	.2696	.2695	.2692	.2694	.2694	.2695
Switzerland, franc.....	.1950	.1950	.1948	.1948	.1946	.1937
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.015576	.015605	.015787	.016196	.016732	.017788
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China—						
Chefoo, tael.....	.7600	.7650	.7675	.7683	.7654	.7729
Hankow, tael.....	.7625	.7663	.7684	.7684	.7659	.7738
Shanghai, tael.....	.7444	.7507	.7518	.7482	.7457	.7520
Tientsin, tael.....	.7775	.7758	.7783	.7783	.7754	.7838
Hong Kong, dollar.....	.5501	.5546	.5561	.5546	.5533	.5552
Mexican dollar.....	.5475	.5540	.5544	.5513	.5504	.5544
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5500	.5546	.5542	.5608	.5592	.5629
Yuan dollar.....	.5500	.5575	.5575	.5650	.5654	.5671
India, rupee.....	.3571	.3570	.3566	.3573	.3574	.3577
Japan, yen.....	.3852	.3850	.3845	.3845	.3836	.3830
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	.5400	.5500	.5500	.5500	.5513	.5521
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar.....	.996357	.996248	.996377	.996396	.996494	.996553
Cuba, peso.....	.999479	.999479	.999427	.999427	.999453	.999531
Mexico, peso.....	.488000	.488417	.488833	.488833	.488417	.488583
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.993438	.993802	.993698	.993958	.994115	.994063
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.9121	.9109	.9102	.9102	.9082	.9059
Brazil, milreis.....	.1158	.1159	.1157	.1163	.1167	.1185
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1143	.1153	.1149	.1147	.1149	.1153
Uruguay, peso.....	.9925	.9901	.9877	.9900	.9894	.9916

\* The new reichsmark is equivalent to 1 reutenmark or 1 trillion paper marks.

With regard to South American exchange the trend has been reactionary, so far as Argentina is concerned, and pesos, after ruling at around 40.18 most of the week, declined to 39.78 on a falling off in the inquiry. The close was 39.78 for Argentine checks and 39.83 for cable transfers, against 40.22 and 40.27 last week. Brazilian milreis, on the other hand, were steady, finishing at 12.02 for



checks and at 12.07 for cable transfers, in comparison with 11.70 and 11.75 a week ago. Chilean exchange ruled firm, and closed at 11.52, against 11.53, but Peru again declined, the closing being 4.08, against 4 15 a week earlier.

Far Eastern rates were somewhat higher, as follows: Hong Kong, 56@56¼, against 55½@55¾; Shanghai, 75½@76½, against 74½@74¾; Yokohama, 38¾@39 (unchanged); Manila, 49¾@50, against 50@50¼; Singapore, 56¾@56⅝, against 55½@55¾; Bombay, 36¼@36½, against 36@36¼, and Calcutta, 36½@36¾, against 35⅞@36⅞.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,137,089 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Jan. 8. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,805,289, while the shipments have reached \$668,200, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Jan. 8.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$5,805,289	\$668,200	Gain \$5,137,089

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, Jan. 3.	Monday, Jan. 5.	Tuesday, Jan. 6.	Wednesday, Jan. 7.	Thursday, Jan. 8.	Friday, Jan. 9.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 82,000,000	\$ 118,000,000	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 98,000,000	\$ 98,000,000	\$ 81,000,000	Cr. 557,000,600

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	January 9 1925.			January 10 1924.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
England ..	128,564,162		128,564,162	128,058,044		128,058,044
France a ..	147,236,883	12,120,000	159,356,883	147,050,062	11,840,000	158,890,062
Germany c ..	27,625,450	d994,600	28,620,050	28,390,900	3,475,400	31,866,300
Aus.-Hun. ..	b2,000,000		b2,000,000	b2,000,000		b2,000,000
Spain.....	101,408,000	26,079,000	127,487,000	101,107,000	25,957,000	127,064,000
Italy.....	35,582,000	3,374,000	38,956,000	48,482,000	674,000	49,156,000
Netherl'ds ..	42,048,000	1,043,000	43,091,000	35,515,000	3,414,000	38,929,000
Nat. Belz. ..	10,889,000	2,770,000	13,659,000	10,819,000	2,974,000	13,793,000
Switzerl'd. ..	20,237,000	3,487,000	23,724,000	21,846,000	3,629,000	25,475,000
Sweden.....	13,166,000		13,166,000	51,104,000		51,104,000
Denmark....	11,639,000	1,280,000	12,919,000	11,645,000	182,000	11,827,000
Norway.....	8,180,000		8,180,000	8,182,000		8,182,000
Total week	548,575,495	51,147,600	599,723,095	558,199,006	52,145,400	610,344,406
Prev. week	545,938,583	51,588,600	597,527,183	557,613,779	51,990,400	609,604,179

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,572,836 held abroad. b No recent figures. c Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £10,355,000 held abroad. d As of Oct. 7 1924.

**The Eclipse of Popular Government in Italy.**

"I shall give peace to Italy," Premier Mussolini is reported to have declared on Jan. 3, in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies, "with love if possible, with force if necessary, and I assure you that within 48 hours the whole situation will be cleared up." Next Monday, if the plans that have been announced do not miscarry, the Italian dictator will face the Chamber with a reconstructed Cabinet purged of all except Fascist members, a new election will be promised, and Parliament and the country will be invited, lovingly or forcibly as the case may be, to acquiesce once more in a policy of force which at the moment appears to have beaten down all political opposition

and made the power of Fascism supreme, and whose end is not yet.

The "situation" which Mussolini promised to "clear up" has been, for several weeks, one of almost unparalleled excitement even for Italy. Ever since the abduction and murder of Matteotti, a Socialist Deputy, in June last, the Fascist regime has been subjected to a fire of criticism and attack which more than once has seemed to presage the downfall of the Mussolini Government. The publication late in December, however, by the Opposition press, of a memorandum said to have been written by Cesare Rossi, a former official of the Ministry of the Interior who is now in jail awaiting trial on the charge of having organized the Matteotti murder, pilloried Mussolini before the country as the alleged instigator not only of the Matteotti outrage, but also of various other acts of violence which occurred subsequent to the famous "march on Rome." The authenticity of the memorandum has been vigorously denied, and on a number of grounds its genuineness appears to be open to serious doubt, but the gravity of its charges could not well be ignored, and Mussolini seized the occasion to attempt the crushing of his political enemies once for all. The record of what has been done in this direction, as reported by the Associated Press on Jan. 6 on the authority of the Minister of the Interior, comprises the closing of 95 clubs and suspected places, the dissolution of 25 "subversive" organizations, the suppression of 125 branches of the society known as Italia Libera, the arrest of 111 alleged revolutionaries, the closing and barring of 150 cafes and 655 domiciliary searches. The process of making Italy safe for Fascismo still continues, with the addition of raids upon a score and more of Opposition newspapers, and the establishment of a rigorous and virtually complete censorship of the Italian press.

At the present moment, if the press reports which reach this country are to be believed, Italy appears to rest helpless under the iron hand. Public expression of dissenting opinion has been practically eliminated, and political discussion such as goes on freely in other countries has been reduced to a precarious minimum. The armed forces of the Fascisti which were reported to have been dissolved have again appeared, and while the regular army still maintains a semblance of order in numerous centres of disturbance, the "Black Shirts" of Mussolini are to all intents and purposes in control. The political Opposition in the Chamber of Deputies, which for some time has absented itself from the sessions as a protest against dictatorial methods, appears to have become a hopeless minority without effective leadership or an accepted program, and there seems little reason to expect that its strength will be greatly increased if a new election is held, as is now announced, after the trial of the Matteotti case has been concluded. Italy, in short, has to-day the form but not the substance of Parliamentary government, its constitutional guarantees exist as little more than forms of words, and the fortunes of the country are in the keeping of a dictator whose fundamental reliance is armed force.

There is always danger that the fatal effects of a harsh dictatorship in destroying liberty and deadening political and social life will be obscured by the evidences of economic prosperity such as Italy, at certain points, happens to present. If the praise which many foreign observers accorded to Mussolini

at the beginning of his career is to-day tempered almost everywhere with doubt and adverse criticism, it is nevertheless easy for the public to minimize the reports of rigor and violence when revenues from taxes are large and industry is active. There can be no question that the Mussolini regime has been accompanied, particularly during the past year, by an economic revival of considerable proportions. Business in Italy is in general exceptionally good. The volume of unemployment is reported to be negligible, serious strikes have been averted, some financial abuses have been corrected, and the currency situation has improved. Notable progress appears to have been made in the restoration of the regions which suffered from the war. All these are substantial gains to which full weight is certainly to be given, and it is not surprising that even in Italy itself some captains of industry are reported to favor the Mussolini Government because of the tangible advances which business has made.

If the economic record were the whole story, or if the remedy of certain obvious economic ills were synonymous with the prosperity of the Italian nation as a whole, it might with some plausibility be argued that the end had in this case gone far to justify the means, and that a dictatorship is always likely to prove itself better than Parliamentary government when disordered conditions have to be dealt with. Nothing, however, in Italy or anywhere else, is ever settled until it is settled right, and victories won by force and violence and cemented by a virtual suspension of constitutions, laws and personal or public rights bring no permanent gains commensurate with their cost. The success of representative popular government, the only kind of government that the modern world seems disposed to accept for long, depends upon the development of a healthy political sense among the people as a whole, a feeling of common responsibility for common concerns, confidence in the integrity and justice of those who for the time being hold the reins of authority, and a generous tolerance of dissent. No people has ever yet been beaten, terrorized or bayoneted into the practice of self-government, any more than an individual is ever convinced merely by knocking him down, and a Government which has no better resources for political or social education than force, and no wiser method of dealing with popular dissatisfaction than wholesale suppression of newspapers, clubs and political organizations, rests upon a precarious foundation which no amount of economic prosperity can make secure.

The Mussolini regime, despite its momentary success in crushing opposition and enabling certain industries to prosper to a greater degree than they have prospered in the past, offers to Italy and the Italian people only the negation of popular government. It is creating a political desert and calling it peace. Its marching bands of black-shirted Fascisti afford no permanent security against lawlessness, and the order which they here and there establish rests upon no sounder basis than fear. The labor that is kept at work in the factories or on the railways by dread of drastic reprisals if it quits, may be counted upon to revolt against the Government, if not against its employers, when the pressure of force is removed. There is no healthy political education in the Mussolini policy, but rather an invitation to the revolution against which the policy of force has ostensibly been employed.

It would indeed be gratifying to be able to believe that the tragic story is drawing to its close, and that the better thought of the Italian people is at the point of finding a way out of the difficulty. There is much reason for thinking that in northern Italy, and among the intellectual classes throughout the country, opposition to Fascism is widespread, but until the political parties which have been arrayed, nominally at least, against the dictatorship are in a position to speak for the enlightened sentiment of the country, and are willing to make common cause instead of seeking particular advantage, the outlook for the overthrow of Fascism or its possible transformation into a genuine Parliamentary government is not bright. Perhaps the discussion of the new electoral law which the Mussolini Ministry is expected to submit to the Chambers will give the Opposition better ground upon which to stand, provided, of course, that the policy of abstention which for some time has been followed is given up; the outcome of the approaching trial of the Matteotti case, if it should disprove the allegations of the Rossi memorandum, would certainly make it easier for Mussolini to modify the policy of blood and iron; and the general election, which it is expected will be held in April, will afford some opportunity, if not a complete one, for the expression of public opinion, unless the Opposition parties refuse to nominate candidates. Until, however, the Italian people shall recover for themselves, by their own united efforts, the political independence and intellectual liberty which are their right, the course of the Italian Government at home and abroad will be watched with anxiety if not suspicion, and the progress of popular government in other disturbed parts of the Continent will be impeded because of the temporary eclipse of popular government under Mussolini's rule.

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#### *Big Incomes Not "Better Able" to Pay Than Small.*

Constant use of a phrase leads us to believe that it conveys a truth. We accept what it says without analysis. This is the case in the oft-used phrase concerning our system of graduated surtaxes which so many believe places the cost of government upon those "most able to bear it." From an editorial in a popular periodical, by way of illustration, we quote the following: "The principle of the graduation of income taxes is generally approved as both just to the individual and beneficial to society. Income taxation is graduated so as to put the larger share of the cost of government upon those *most able to bear it* and also to do something toward reducing the inequalities of material fortune and toward restraining undue accumulation by individuals." . . . "But if the principle is sound, its application must be sound." The editorial then goes on to show that the "application" is not sound—and that the rate upon incomes above \$200,000 is so excessive as to defeat itself. This is well understood by those who study the problem. Not only is there a constantly lessening revenue from these sources, a fact borne out by the statistics presented by the Treasury Department, but capital which hides itself to some extent in tax-free securities does not operate in continuously growing industries and its benefits are lost, in part at least, to labor and production that advance the general condition of business. The revenue is lost and the impetus to trade is lost. On



this ground Secretary Mellon bases his main argument for reduction.

What we wish now to examine for the moment is this current phrase, "those most able to bear it." Why is a man with a large income "better able" to bear a "larger share" of the "cost of government" than a man with a small income? By this phrase, which so many unquestioningly accept, it is not meant that the proportion to be taken from all incomes shall be the same regardless of size—but that the larger the income the more proportionately shall be taken. This is the meaning of the surtax. This is the cause of the graduation. Otherwise we would have one levy to be placed alike upon all incomes. Is it true that a man with a ten-thousand-dollar income is "better able" to pay, 8%, let us say, thereof to the support of the Government, than one under five thousand is able to pay 4%? What do we mean by able? Do we mean that because he *has it* he is better able to give it to the Government? This by no means follows. The ten-thousand-a-year man may have, and often has, spent long years in preparation for this earning power. During this time he was at heavy expense and gave of his time to prepare himself to earn ten thousand a year, and this most likely the other man did not do.

We are leaving out of the question ability and hard work during the year on which the tax is paid. But ought not the man who prepares to earn the larger income, and does in fact earn it, have a right to recoup himself? Is he not, by this standard, *less able* to pay than the man who has made no preparation? Certainly, just because at the end of the year he has his ten thousand is no reason why he should pay twice as much in proportion as the man who has five thousand a year for his showing. As we have just said, we are not talking now of the tax on ability and industry—that applies to *any* income tax. But why "better able"? Is it not a fact that there are attending circumstances to the ten-thousand-a-year social life, and we refer to necessary expenses that fasten themselves upon the ten thousand that do not apply to the five-thousand-a-year social life, rendering the former *proportionately less* able to pay to the Government even under the same levy? The fact is we have used this statement so long without analysis we believe it. And it rests largely on no other foundation than that a ten-thousand-a-year man has *more with which to pay* than his fellow-worker who has only five thousand. Is this a just basis? It is stated that "the protection of the Government is worth more to him." But is this true? The same protection is afforded each. The Government offers no *special* protection to the ten-thousand-a-year man. It earns no part of his income *for* him. It is impartial up to the time he makes his return and then it puts a penalty on him simply because he has more to show for his work under impartial protection. The principle is wrong—and as shown, the practice for the very large incomes is futile.

Graduation in income taxes is slow and concealed confiscation. It is part and parcel with socialism. It tries by taxation to bring "equality" in the ownership of property. It is a twin to the sentiment "make the rich pay for the war, they caused it." Is it any wonder that the incomes that are called "unearned," the incomes from securities in contradistinction to personal efforts, should seek investment in non-taxable bonds? And when incomes above \$200,000 are made to turn half or more over to the support of the

Government is it any wonder that men refuse to take all the chances in industry under such a system? We do not, however, regard the inefficiency of this policy as the main reason for its discontinuance. A Government should be just before it is generous. Already in the income tax law there are exemptions before we come to compute any tax. These are not like the old exemptions of the workman's tools and his household goods; they are thousand-dollar and two-thousand-dollar exemptions in money-measure, regardless of the public policy of encouraging work and home-living. They are concessions to the poor—largely according to the false sentiment that those above \$2,000 are "better able" to pay—which by no means follows—under any rational definition. Under these exemptions hundreds of thousands who enjoy the full protection of a Government of law and order pay no Federal tax at all—save the indirect tariff tax paid on consumption.

Desirable as it is to reduce our Federal debt, important as it is to curb our State and municipal borrowing, there is no excuse for continuing a *system* of taxation born of the prejudices and passions of a great and unexpected war. The time has come to establish justice in the land and to place the weight of taxation equably upon all the people. "Business" must in the end pay our huge debt, now standing at about \$21,000,000,000. It is willing and eager to pay a slow and certain amortization, with a reasonable interest. During the conflict our people paid in greater proportion the current national costs than did others. Economy in affairs does not compel us to wipe out this debt in the shortest possible time. Whatever consequences of good came from the struggle will inure to ensuing generations, near and remote. They might well, in the near succeeding years, pay some part of the gigantic whole. We must not pinch out entirely our State and county and city needs by an unnecessarily rapid extinction of the national debt. Progress with due economy in all things we ought to have. But above all we should not drive our industries to seek safety in the harbor of tax exempt securities while the open seas of commerce invite to new enterprises and enlarged profits. As the incomes of business increase we may without injustice to ourselves pay more of the debt than we can pay in times of inactivity—and increased incomes are the natural result of taxation that does not impede; and that falls *evenly* and not *disproportionately* on all; that does not penalize large incomes under the mistaken belief that thus the poor may escape.

We repeat, it is time to revise the basis of our reasoning. Big business means big investment, big hazards, big profits when successful over the big and uncontrollable elements of trade, and sometimes big losses. It is not *better able* to pay than small business which only ventures near to shore. It should and will, indeed must, pay *more* but only proportionately so. Even then it is doubtful if it is really *able* to take all the chances and pay proportionately as *much*. Because demagogues howl continually about the iniquities of big business does not make it so. And we should divorce our minds from all these ideas in laying down a method of taxation. We do not want but must have enormous annual taxes. And it were better, in our judgment, if every citizen contributed *something* directly to the maintenance of government and the payment of indebtedness. Not only in our present economic and social state are ex-

emptions debatable, but as long as we have a class exempt from Federal taxation there will be by this class carelessness in adding to State taxes, and the mere coddling of one element of the population in the process of levy and collection by the penalization of another class will tend to bring *forgetfulness of the awful cost of war*, in the abstract, which cannot possibly make for peace. So that with exemptions as they stand the very poor have the best of our present income tax system without adding increasing percentages to the upper brackets. Putting these class prejudices into our laws adds to envy and its legitimate offspring hate, and makes for domestic intolerance, espionage, distrust and discontent. Let all pay, all together, and all alike!

#### *The Hard Facts of Economics.*

"Disillusionment" is the new word. It represents the dawning understanding of the results of the working of economic forces and a recognition of the futility of resisting. There have been of late various attempts in England, France and Germany to modify or take advantage of them. These have great significance to us.

England's disillusionment came when in August 1921 Germany made her first large payment of 250,000,000 gold marks to the Reparations Commission, and it was paid over to England, France and others who were looking forward eagerly to it. The immediate effect, however, was so disastrous to English trade because of the stimulation of German export trade in consequence of the tremendous depreciation of the mark that England clamored to have further payments stopped. For some years it will be hard for her to compete with the increased foreign production.

In February 1923 came the disillusionment of France in her occupation of the Ruhr. She had expected to realize the gross value of the products of the region, but as the cost of production had to be met, only profits were available, and under French management there was none. There was in fact a deficit. The downward rush of the franc followed and France was saved only by the Morgan loan.

The disillusionment of the Germans came in the fall of 1923, when they found that the wrecking of the mark, at first profitable to them in the canceling of debts, in an inflationary boom at home and in stimulating exports, had driven out working capital and destroyed business generally. The peasants thereupon refused to sell food, starvation was at hand and the country faced disaster. The day was saved by Von Seeckt's heroic act in stabilizing the mark at a trillion to one and in issuing the rentenmarks, coupled with the adoption of the Dawes plan furnishing \$200,000,000 for liquid capital now being delivered to them as fast as possible. Their entire working plant was in excellent condition, and with capital at hand they will in time begin to meet their obligations.

The facts were hard, and the disillusionment was in each case complete. The results are definite and positive. The Dawes plan was made possible and became immediately effective. German reconstruction is only a step toward the reconstruction of the business of the world, but Germany is showing a willingness to pay, and has already completed certain of her engagements. France now prefers the restoration of Germany rather than any partition of her territory. England agrees to help the extension

of German trade in the markets of the world. She realizes to the full the difficulties of her own economic situation, but while she looks toward us with a new sense of her need of support, with her accustomed financial integrity and commercial resources she sets herself courageously to her heavy task.

It will be asked what have we to learn from all this. The answer will vary with one's predilections, but several things are sufficiently clear. One is that a State cannot normally profit by "violent hands," whether diplomatic, economic or military. Despite much stout parade and heavy service, such terms as "Sovereignty," "Superstate" and "Superman," as carrying combative conceptions have ceased to be valuable in political relations and public debate. France exploited the claim for "Military Security," rejecting the alternative of a general post-war policy of growth in economic well-being and better mutual relationships. The result, however great the apparent necessity, has been the Ruhr, the insurrection in the Rhineland, the prolonging of a lower economic level of existence and the danger of permanent military dominance in Europe. The fall of Poincare and the recent elections indicate a better policy. Both our own Government and that of England have had of late some similar experience. Mutual regard, conciliatory speech, and doing as you would be done by, have gained new repute in the intercourse of nations.

It also may be said to be sufficiently clear that there is no permanent profit in an unstable currency. Every European State with hardly an exception has tried the experiment with bitter experience and serious permanent loss. However promising the immediate benefit, or however difficult the return to normal conditions, the lesson of to-day only confirms the teaching of the past and at an inexpressible cost. The way back to redemption will be long and the progress inevitably slow, but the personal experience of finding oneself crushed by a hopeless debt for which bankruptcy is but a verbal deliverance, ought to be sufficient to warn a people when they are lured to enter the Adullam Cave of irredeemable paper money.

Furthermore, it may be said that fear of international competition is both overworked and unworthy. This many will doubtless find hard to accept, but the immediate modification and even abandonment by the great nations of the trade policy of exclusion forced upon them by their recent troubles ought to go far toward modifying ultra-conservative views. We must at least recognize that new and important emphasis has been laid upon the fact that co-operation and competition are mutually helpful methods of business and therefore cannot be safely made mutually exclusive by action of the State.

We have not shared in a disillusionment with the others, and with their experience before us we may perhaps hope to escape. We have the authority of Secretary Mellon in his last annual report to Congress, for saying that "We are perhaps the first nation able now to present reasonable assurance that we have come successfully through the most difficult period of readjustment which is the inevitable aftermath of a great war." To him the situation in America looks more favorable for a varied and orderly economic development than at any time since the war. He believes, therefore, that "there lie before us if we approach them with reasonable intelligence years of prosperous and healthy conditions such as succeeded the election of 1896."



With us more than with others there is ground for a real hope of a new day in the world. Our Government has perhaps under the circumstances done everything in its power to bring about the salvation of Europe. The Dawes plan would not have been adopted but for us. It cannot succeed without our economic support. The credit and the currencies of the world must be restored and that requires our co-operation, not in politics, but by honest, broad-minded business relations. The time has come for us to give convincing reply to Mr. Owen Young's earnest plea, "Shall we not have an American foreign policy free from the horse-play of party politics?"

Whether we adopt the British order of requirement, "Disarmament, Arbitration, Security," or the French reversal of the order, setting "Security" first, we must hold ourselves ready to co-operate with any serious effort to attain the desired result of established peace. We must help Germany to surmount her difficulties, bedeviled as she is by her arms-concealing militarists on the one hand and the Bolsheviks on the other. France, too, may be sure of our every aid in working through her financial problems, provided she is ready to do her part.

Our disillusionment may be yet to come. In time all the debts to the United States may be funded on a long-time basis. Then, with approximately ten billion dollars due to us, we shall be the only creditor nation. A yearly interest of perhaps \$350,000,000 will be due to us. This can only be paid by goods from the debtor State which we shall have to absorb. We have fine machinery, plenty of working capital and the best of workmen with which our industries

can face this heavy importation. The sum in itself is large, but it is only a small percentage of our total business and can be absorbed. Our prosperity will depend upon ourselves, our breadth of view, our self-control, our knowledge sufficient to make use of the gifts and teaching we have inherited, and our recognition of our common humanity and our duty as being strong to help the weak—in a word, our adoption of the example of Him whose name as a Christian people we bear.

With the world's needs as well as our own before us, America's primary duty lies in a steady and increasing production. Our population grows and the world's needs are great. The natural material resources of the country in agriculture, mining, transportation, water power, commercial organization, manufactures and the like, demand intelligent, responsible and scientific development with constant care for ample distribution and against prevailing waste at home.

The economics of the 19th century, with its intense and exclusive materialism is giving place to a sounder teaching and should no longer control our practice. The aloofness in which the Church has at times stood because of this materialism in the world about it, or perhaps in part because of its own fixed forms, has happily passed. A better understanding prevails. Ecclesiasticism is no longer made synonymous with religion, and denominational differences are giving way to a more pronounced Christian fellowship. In the literature and life of to-day there is abundant recognition of man's spiritual needs and a demand for an integrity and a morality as well as a conduct of business which shall require no apology.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, Jan. 9 1925.*

There has been a brisk retail business, but otherwise the resumption of trade after the holidays is rather slow. Iron and steel buying is not, as a rule, large, though railroads for an exception continue to take a good deal of equipment. Prices of steel, too, are plainly firm, and the output is at the rate of anywhere from 80 to 90%, the latter in the Chicago district. The pig iron output is steadily increasing, and prices have here and there advanced. There is a slow increase in the business at textile centres, but there has been no real revival of this branch of trade on the old-time scale. One advantage, however, to New England is that wage cuts of 10% are now almost universal there. Fall River has just made such a reduction and the workers have accepted it. There is a growing hope of distinct betterment in the textile industries as the year advances. Indeed, in not a few sections of the country the cotton mills are increasing their working time and in some cases are running at full time, and even at night. The coal trade has been helped by the gradual increase in industrial activity and also by the colder weather at the West. The woolen industry is still backward. The rubber footwear trade has improved, owing to stormy weather throughout the country. At leading centres of the West lumber business is more active at stronger prices. The home trade in flour has remained quiet, and some of the Southwestern mills are reducing their output. The foreign demand, however, has increased. Collections, taking the country as a whole, show an improvement. Wheat recently declined 10 cents from the high point of 1924, but during the past week has advanced 2 to 3 cents. There was an increase in the exports this week of about 3,000,000 bushels. It is evident that Europe still wants American and Canadian wheat. Mail order houses and chain stores are doing a noticeably larger business than at this time last year. In fact, some of them have reached new high levels. Car loadings in 1924 show a decrease of 2½% as compared with 1923,

though the business in the first and last quarters of 1924 exceeded that in the previous year. Net railroad earnings in 1924 will measure up to those of 1923 for most companies. Western trade is on a fair scale, both as to general trade and manufactures. Not for four years has steel been in such brisk demand at Chicago. Some of the mills there have orders on hand for three months ahead. Chicago banks are carrying the biggest deposits for years past. Wool has been quiet but firm. Cotton shows little change as compared with a week ago, with speculative trading light. The demand has fallen off somewhat, but still the exports are approximately 1,150,000 bales larger than at this time last year. Liverpool has been buying the actual cotton on a larger scale and its shipments to Manchester this week exceed anything seen for nearly two years past. It is true that Fall River sales of print cloths this week are estimated at only 25,000 pieces, but it would seem to be merely a question of time when business at that centre will improve, especially as it now has the advantage of reduced overhead charges. Building expenditures in 1924 were the largest ever known. The cement production exceeded anything in previous records. The activity in the stock market cannot be set down to mere speculation alone. It argues increased confidence in the country and a greater disposition to invest in solid or reasonably promising investments. While bank clearings are larger, it is universally agreed that there is none of the inflation of five years ago. "The burnt child dreads the fire." Everywhere there is a disposition to proceed on rigidly conservative lines.

The weather at the West has not been wholly favorable for the winter wheat crop. The snows, wherever they have prevailed, have, of course, been beneficial for it. But there is some apprehension in regard to ice-covered fields. Also, there has been more or less alternate freezing and thawing. The stress, however, has been on the possibility of smothering the plant by the ice covering for about 30 days past, though it has been most noticeable in the last week or ten

days. In Texas wheat and oats have been damaged by the recent freezes. And there is complaint of a lack of rain in that State. The dry weather is hindering preparatory field work for the next cotton crop. There has been more or less complaint of dry weather in other parts of the cotton belt, but to-day in the eastern section of the cotton country there were fairly general rains. It is noticed, however, that distant cotton deliveries, like October, have shown more strength than the nearer months. Frosts have injured citrus fruits in California. Failures show a decrease this week compared with the last three years. In glancing backward it is seen that in the last half of 1924 the number of advances in prices exceeded the declines in the first six months of the year. In some parts of the West and South there have been bank failures during the past week, but as a rule the financial condition of this country is considered sound. Rates on call money here have been down to 2 to 2½%. Sterling exchange to-day touched 479, or only 7½c. below par. London takes the ground, not unnaturally, that gold resumption in Great Britain is appreciably nearer. That is possibly in some degree due to developments in New York. Naturally, our export trade is facilitated by this rise in foreign currencies, though now and then the Liverpool cotton market has been held back by the rise in sterling exchange. As the case stands, our exports of cotton make a very promising showing. If they should reach a total this year of 7,000,000 bales it need excite no surprise. It would be contrasted with 5,800,000 bales last year. Wheat exports, moreover, are some 45,000,000 bushels larger thus far this season than for the like period last season. To-day Japan was said to be inquiring for 1,000,000 barrels of flour and Portugal for 2,000,000 bushels of wheat. Germany wants prompt prices on rye to-night and Norway and Finland are steady buyers of American grain on a very respectable scale. Bulgaria, much to the surprise of everybody here, has latterly been a buyer of American wheat, although it is ordinarily an exporter. Russia has this week taken ten cargoes of flour.

Grain and cotton exports alone did much to lift the total exports of 1924 considerably above the imports. All exports, indeed, increased last year. Net gold imports for 1924 are put at \$275,000,000 in partial payment for an excess of exports over imports estimated by the Department of Commerce at something like \$1,000,000,000. The invisible exchange in 1924, as Mr. Hoover pointed out, shows an increased balance against this country by reason of travelers' expenses in Europe, increased freightage, flotation of European bond issues and so on. It means the stirrings of new international life. It is gratifying to notice that international trade in commodities has within a year risen to the highest point seen since before the war. This country's international trade is some 15% above the pre-war totals. That of the world in general is still some 10 to 15% below the pre-war level. But the tendency is to rise. Even Russia is buying more freely in this country. It has been a large buyer, it seems, of American cotton as well as flour. And it might here be observed as a suggestive circumstance of no small interest that the peasants of Russia are forcing the Soviet authorities to make concessions in the interest of local self-government. This is a long stride ahead. The peasants refuse to allow the Soviet authorities to force Communist officials upon them in their village Governments. They have demanded the privilege of making their own village nominations. The Soviet Government has been forced to yield. Who knows but it may be the entering wedge for returning sanity? The peasant of all countries, though he gives himself no particular name, is naturally an ingrained and ineradicable individualist and not a communist at all. He demands the full fruits of his own toil. He will share such fruits with nobody else. It is the primeval instinct, as strong to-day as it was thousands of years ago. No Soviet Government can change it. Also, the peasants of Russia have put a stop to snap elections. Whenever less than 30% of the population has voted they have forced the Soviet Government to consider the election as null and void. Also, Soviet authorities admit that they have thus far failed to convert the peasants to Communism after eight years of effort. They might as well try to square the circle. Meanwhile the rest of Europe is slowly but surely reviving. There is improvement in Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium. Employment and production in Germany are increasing. The Dawes plan will have a beneficial effect by bringing about greater economic stability. In Sweden, Norway and the smaller countries of Europe conditions are more stable;

trade is rising. It is true that Austria, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Turkey lag behind, as well as Russia. Holland, Denmark and Spain, after a set-back, are now getting into better shape. In a word, 1925 starts with improving conditions throughout the world. During the past week the stock market has continued active, and on the whole at rising prices. United States Steel common, significantly enough, has been up to \$124, the highest price for some years past. And the Atchison common dividend has been increased 1%. Things of this sort hearten the merchant and small trader as harbingers of better times ahead.

At Fall River a wage reduction of 10% by about 30 corporations who are members of the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' Association, was announced at a meeting attended by the Executive Committee of the association and the Fall River Textile Council, representing five unions. The reduction will be effective Jan. 12. It is said that practically every cotton manufacturing corporation in the city, with one or two exceptions, will be benefited by the cut and that the number of workers affected is 20,000 to 25,000. Many thousands have been out of work for almost a year as the result of curtailment in Fall River cotton manufacturing. It is said that the announcement of a wage cut carried with it no guarantee of any increase in production. Fall River labor unions on Jan. 7 accepted the wage reduction of 10% fixed for Jan. 12. The Dwight cotton mills resumed operations on Monday and will run five days a week. No cut in wages has yet been announced. Pittsfield, Mass., wired that the Greylock mills are on full time. New Bedford mills are discussing a wage cut following the lead of Rhode Island and Fall River and other Massachusetts mills. New Bedford has recently been doing an active business. At Warren, R. I., the Warren and Parker cotton mills will reduce wages on Monday 10%. At Hartford, Conn. about 7,000 employees of the American Thread Co. were notified of a 10% wage cut. At Concord, N. H., two of the large cotton mills, employing approximately 2,500 people, that have been running four days a week, have started on a five-day schedule. Portland, Me., wired that textile conditions in that State were improving. Woolen mills and many of the cotton mills are on full time, or nearly so, and orders are increasing. At Charlotte, N. C., production of cotton goods is very large. Most mills are running on full day schedules and not a few of them at night also. Greenville, S. C., wired that the Franklin spinning mill at Fingerville, Spartanburg, is planning night shifts. Georgia cotton mills are reported to be running on full time and some of them are sold ahead for two months.

A Manchester dispatch said "that British cotton spinners' and manufacturers' engagements extend well ahead, and on a profitable basis. Returns of cotton spinners exceed anticipations, and many show the first profit made in four years. It seems a safe assumption that spindles and looms will be kept very busy until the end of June. One of the biggest manufacturers in all Lancashire takes a very definite view that nothing except a shortage of cotton can stop good trade for the next three years."

Montgomery Ward & Co.'s December sales showed a gain of 33.7% over the same month in 1923. F. W. Woolworth Co.'s sales for December showed a gain of \$2,390,000 over 1923. Sales for the entire year showed an increase of 11.40% over 1923.

At Waltham, Mass., a wage reduction of 10% was accepted by 3,000 workers of the Waltham Watch Co. in voting Jan. 7 to end the strike of 22 weeks. No discrimination will be shown against strikers. Operations will be resumed as soon as possible. A committee will study wage scales in other watch plants and any differences will be adjusted. The strike was in protest against the cut now accepted.

The snow late last week proved to be as heavy as had been expected. Street traffic was much delayed here and in the vicinity. Sunday and Monday were pleasant, with moderate temperature. There has been no snow here since last Saturday, though at times it was threatened. The temperatures have not been severe; simply seasonable. Yesterday it was 44 at New York, 46 at Boston, 34 at Chicago, 40 at Eastport, Me., 28 at Milwaukee, 42 at Kansas City, 24 at Minneapolis.

#### Frederick H. Rawson of Union Trust Co. of Chicago Optimistic View of Economic Conditions.

In a first of the year statement on economic conditions, Frederick H. Rawson, Chairman of the Board of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago, sounded a note of optimism in his concluding remarks, as follows:



Altogether, the outlook for the year is almost uniformly bright. The liquidation of weak industrial concerns whose operations have been often a disturbing factor, has continued during the year in a satisfactory manner and our house is better in order and the world's prospects for peace and prosperity are brighter than they have been at any time since the pre-war days. In the face of all the good that we have in prospect we can only assure the results when we contribute a sound policy of economy and conservatism in all our home operations and remember our obligation in the possession of our great wealth and opportunity to be wisely generous and considerate to those who are less fortunate than we.

Mr. Rawson states that there are many factors that might be put forward as holding great promise for the new year. Calling attention to the situation as to agriculture, he says:

Ours has been a bounteous harvest when almost uniformly over the world the reverse has been true. The demand for our foodstuffs has been increasing and insistent. Prices have been carried to levels almost approximating the crop values in time of war. Thus, out of a really desperate condition of high costs and low returns, the farmers of the country have emerged with a yield and a price that has enabled them to liquidate a large part of their debts and to become readjusted to the new conditions under which they must operate in the future, without the carryover of a heavy indebtedness weighing upon them.

The hard times on the farm so evident during 1921, 1922 and 1923 induced a close economy and an inclination to diversification which will provide an excellent foundation for the agricultural prosperity of the future. Furthermore, through the high prices obtained for the 1924 crop, the parity in value between the commodities sold from the farm and bought for the farm has been reached, creating in the agricultural districts a healthier mental attitude and providing a purchasing power which is already being reflected in an improved condition of the whole business of the country.

Mr. Rawson also says in part:

Of great importance, as affecting our domestic interests, is the policy and practice of the Federal Administration for the introduction of every possible economy in the operation of the Government and for the decrease of the burden of taxation by such reforms as will spread the necessary burden equitably over the whole earning power of the country. The wise attitude of the President in this matter should encourage an equally wise effort on the part of those responsible for State and municipal expenditures. It has been stated that the per capita cost of the Federal Government is \$27 per year and the per capita annual cost of maintaining all of our Governments, local, State and Federal, approximately \$100. Whatever may be the cost of maintaining Government, the burden falls less upon the rich than upon those of moderate means.

We work for the Government and for ourselves; the more the demands of the Government, the less we have for our private purposes. President Coolidge states this simply. The continuing costs of public administration can be met in only one way—by the work of the people. The higher they become the more the people must work for the Government. The less they are the more people can work for themselves. The Federal Government, by the reduction of its debt and the economy introduced into its operation, is setting a good example.

This example is not being followed by State and municipal Governments with that enthusiasm which ought to be exhibited in a matter so important to the safety of our people and the prosperity of the country, for it looks as though where the Federal Government is reducing its debt and cost of operation by a billion dollars a year, the State and local Governments are increasing theirs by at least the same amount. It may be admitted that it is easier for the Federal Government to make retrenchments from a war footing than it is for the lesser political divisions to retrench upon improvements for which the people vote, often thoughtlessly, as contributing to their comfort and convenience. It must, however, be borne in mind that the spread of taxation arising from the rapid increase of public debt and the expense of administering Governments under large, expansive programs may soon reach the point where the taxation of the land of the farmer even more than the taxation of the improved property and income of the town dweller or the inroads upon business earnings will so undermine prosperity on the farm as to make it difficult for the farmer to successfully meet competition in the world's markets, and so to reduce earned surpluses applicable to business expansion that progress may be definitely retarded.

The remarkable recovery of the railroads from that state of disorganization in which they were turned back by the Government to their private owners has again become one of the great achievements of 1924. The roads have regained the control of their properties, have rebuilt their organization and re-established their relations with railroad labor with such success that they are not only capable of handling a greater tonnage than ever in their history, but are handling it with such promptness and certainty as to greatly reduce both to the agricultural and the business interests of the country that high carrying cost of commodities en route which was so evident during the years of the war and immediately thereafter and which so greatly retarded the turnover and profit on the farm and in the business world.

The lesson that the country should have learned should put far away from serious consideration the matter of increasing the ownership by Federal, State or municipal Governments of the services, facilities and production necessary to the welfare and prosperity of our people. If this lesson has been well learned, and the examples cannot be denied, an assured prosperity arising from renewed initiative in the individual and in the reward for successful achievement should promise greatly for our immediate future.

**Compilation of Comparative Wages by International Labor Office at Geneva.**

In accordance with a plan originating with the British Ministry of Labor, the International Labor Office at Geneva has compiled an index number of comparative real wages. According to advices just received by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York from its English information service, the object of this series is to arrive not at a comparison of labor costs (as part of the general cost of production), but at a comparison of working people's standards of comfort so far as these can be gauged by the purchasing power of the time-wage current for 48 hours' work (irrespective of the efficiency of the workers) at the ordinary rate of wages. The Bankers Trust Co. says:

An effort has been made to measure the purchasing power of wages in each city by not only the working people's standard of food consumption of the country in which that city is situated, but also by standards of working class food consumption of each of the other cities represented in the table. The final results of the comparison, as computed by the Inter-

national Labor Office, on the above basis, show that in the United States on July 1 1924, something like twice as much food was consumed as in London, while in Canada the percentage was about 1 1/4 to 1. In the case of all Continental cities, the food consumption was substantially below that of London, in a number of cases being not over half. Taking London as 100, the figures for the cities included in the list are as follows: Amsterdam, 89; Berlin, 55; Brussels, 59; Christiania, 72; Lisbon, 32; Madrid, 57; Milan, 46; Ottawa, 173; Paris, 73; Philadelphia, 214; Prague, 56; Rome, 46; Stockholm, 81; Vienna, 47, and Warsaw, 83.

**Wages in the United States Twice Those in Great Britain—Still Higher Compared with Other Foreign Countries.**

The following is from the Jan. 1 "Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York":

Figures supplied to this bank by one of many large American industrial companies maintaining factories in other countries afford a means of comparing wage levels in this country and abroad for precisely the same types of labor engaged in the production of identical commodities. The figures supplied are average daily wages paid in November in the company's various factories in this country, England, Germany, France, Belgium and Italy, converted to dollars at prevailing rates of exchange. The accompanying diagram [this we omit—Ed.] compares these figures and indicates that the wages in the American factories are more than twice those in the next highest country, England, and approximately six times those of the lowest country, Italy. It is noteworthy that the German factory ranks third in order of highest wages paid. During 1923, however, when the mark was depreciating rapidly, the wage rate in the German factory averaged as low as 50 cents a day.

**Business Indexes of the Federal Reserve Board.**

The Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board has issued the present month (January) the following statement giving current figures of its various business indexes:

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

1923.	Total	Pig Iron	Steel In-gots	Cotton	Wool	Wh'l Flour	Sugar Mell-ings	Animals Slaughtered				Lumber
								Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs	
October	118	118	119	111	106	91	165	89	126	85	150	134
November	116	111	109	113	104	84	138	82	122	79	141	137
1924.												
July	94	70	67	71	83	118	125	95	117	99	141	106
August	94	71	87	72	82	99	104	94	118	91	136	105
September	103	80	99	93	91	111	141	93	128	91	132	108
October	109	93	104	109	100	98	141	94	143	93	121	120
November	107	97	109	105	104	85	111	93	129	82	122	116

  

1923.	Bitu-minous	An-thra-cite	Cop-per	Zinc	Sole Leath-ers	Neus-print	Ce-ment	Petro-leum	Clay	Cigar-ettes	Manu-factured Tobacco
November	106	103	131	113	80	107	180	210	104	145	98
1924.											
July	86	106	133	109	63	102	193	185	98	155	97
August	84	95	132	106	62	101	190	190	95	157	93
September	100	105	130	104	68	107	186	191	100	162	98
October	107	95	123	108	71	110	183	185	97	158	99
November	101	91	140	108	71	104	187	186	96	145	89

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

1923.	Total	Metals & Prod's		Textiles and Products			Lumber and Prod-ucts
		Group Index	Iron & Steel	Group Index	Fabrics	Prod-ucts	
October	101	92	92	100	99	100	120
November	100	91	91	98	100	96	119
1924.							
July	87	76	76	78	78	79	113
August	87	76	75	81	81	81	114
September	90	77	76	85	85	86	115
October	91	79	78	89	90	87	114
November	91	80	79	88	91	85	114

  

1923.	Motor Vehi-cles	Paper & Print-ing	Foods & Prod-ucts	Leather and Prod's	Stone, Clay & Glass	Tobacco and Prod's	Chem-i-cals & Prod's
November	98	106	110	89	111	92	78
1924.							
July	76	101	99	74	111	82	67
August	78	101	98	78	110	82	68
September	80	103	101	81	108	86	71
October	81	104	102	82	109	81	71
November	80	105	102	81	109	87	72

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

Wholesale Trade 1923.	Grocer-tes	Meat	Dry Goods	Shoes	Hard-ware	Drugs	Total
November	92	65	90	63	102	111	85
1924.							
July	84	67	79	44	93	110+	78
August	84	68	102	56	93	107+	83
September	93	71	116	69	106	118+	92
October	100	77	104	67	110	128+	95
November	90	69	88	57	97	109+	84

  

Retail Trade 1923.	Department Store Sales		Department Store Stocks		Mail Order Sales	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
October	148	130	146	131	134	104
November	142	126	149	133	122	98
1924.						
July	91	122	122	130	69	93
August	93	119	126	124	74	99
September	119	131	137	128	106	112
October	141	124	148	132	141	109
November	141	125	147	131	131	105

\* Revised. a Without seasonal correction. b Corrected for seasonal variation

**Automobile Models and Prices Changes**

Among the new models on display at the automobile show this week are the two announced by the Chandler Motor Car Co.—the Comrade roadster (with 2-passenger rumble seat in the after deck) which sells for \$1,795 and the sport 5-passenger touring, priced at \$1,595. The Chandler line for 1925 includes 3 open cars in addition to those just mentioned—the 7-passenger touring, 4-passenger Royal Dispatch and 4-passenger roadster. Besides these there are 5 sedans, the limousine and a new Coach Imperial, a 5-passenger 2-door model selling at \$1,595.

An entirely new line of Chevrolet models equipped with disc wheel and balloon tires is priced at from \$525 for the touring to \$825 for the sedan, comparing with former prices from \$510 to \$795 without extra equipment.

The Haynes Automobile Co. is offering a new metropolitan brougham especially designed at the request of E. W. Headington, president of the New York Company.

The Super-Six models of the Hudson Motor Car Co. are priced at \$1,345 for the coach, \$1,795 for the 5-passenger sedan and \$1,895 for the 7-passenger sedan.

The Hupmobile has put out a new 8-cylinder model; price on application.

The Kissel Motor Car Co.'s new Kissel-Eight is shown in three new models,—Victoria, De Luxe Brougham-Sedan, and 7-passenger Sedan.

On display at the show is the Locomobile Co.'s "Junior Eight" priced at \$1,785 for the touring, \$2,185 for the sedan and \$2,285 for the brougham, f. o. b. Bridgeport, Conn.

The Maxwell Motor Car Corp. has announced price reductions ranging from \$50 to \$100 on its enclosed types of cars, the prices of the open models remain unchanged. New factory price of the club coupe is \$995; club sedan, \$1,045; standard sedan \$1,095 and special sedan \$1,245.

The Maxwell Motor is introducing a standard 4-door and 5-passenger sedan at \$1,095, with balloon tires.

A "Special Six" 5-passenger sedan model has been announced by Nash Motors, to sell at \$1,225. Nash also builds the "Advanced Six" 5-passenger sedan priced at \$1,485, and 4-door coupe at \$2,190.

The Oldsmobile Co. announces the Oldsmobile Six coach to sell at \$1,075.

The Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.'s 1925 standard Jewett six line is priced at \$1,175 for the touring car, \$1,310 for the coupe, \$1,385 for brougham, \$1,545 for the sedan. Deluxe line prices are: Touring car, \$1,290; brougham, \$1,525; sedan, \$1,745. Prices on the former Jewett models ranged from \$1,135 to \$1,545. The company's Paige models are priced at \$2,165 for the 4 and 7 passenger phaetons; \$2,395 for 5-passenger brougham, \$2,840 for 7-passenger sedan, \$2,965 for 7-passenger suburban limousine. Four-wheel brakes are optional at \$45 additional. Prices on former Paige models were from \$1,895 to \$2,770. All prices are f.o.b. Detroit and tax extra.

The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. has added a runabout, a 4-passenger coupe and a 4-passenger touring car priced at \$2,895, \$3,695 and \$3,095, respectively. Other Pierce-Arrow models are the 5-passenger sedan for \$3,895, 7-passenger touring, \$2,895; 7-passenger sedan, \$3,995, and 7-passenger enclosed drive limousine, \$4,045.

The Rickenbacker Motor Co. has announced a "Vertical-8 Superfine" 5-passenger, 4-door brougham to sell at \$2,395. At the same time a \$200 reduction was made in the price of the new series six-cylinder models.

Durant Motors, Inc., announces the following prices for "Star" cars, effective Jan. 3: roadster, \$540; touring, \$540; coupe, \$715; 2-door sedan, \$750; 4-door sedan, \$820, and commercial chassis, \$445.

The Studebaker Corp. on Jan. 8 announced the following reductions in price:

Standard Six—	New Price.	Old Price.	Reduction.
Country Club Coupe	\$1,345	\$1,395	\$50
Coupe	1,445	1,495	50
Sedan	1,545	1,595	50
Special Six—			
Victoria	1,895	2,050	155
Sedan	1,985	2,150	165
Big Six—			
Coupe	2,450	2,650	200
Sedan	2,575	2,785	210
Berline	2,650	2,860	210

Prices are f. o. b. factory. Duplex models remain unchanged.

Wills St. Claire, Inc., is making price advances ranging from \$110 to \$310 on its new models.

The Willys Overland Corp. is introducing 6-cylinder models in both Overland and Willys-Knight lines in addition to 4-cylinder models. This marks the re-entry of this company into the 6-cylinder class for the first time in over

six years. During this interval the company has concentrated on a 4-cylinder model. Six-cylinder Overland closed models are listed around \$1,000. The company is introducing a 6-cylinder sedan at \$985 and a De Luxe sedan at \$1,150. The new 6-cylinder Willys-Knight models are listed at from \$1,845 for the touring to \$2,495 for the Sedan. Four-cylinder Willys-Knight models show reductions with the prices on the new line ranging from \$1,295 for the touring to \$1,695 for the brougham, compared with prices on former line from \$1,295 to \$2,040.

The Willys-Overland Corp. has reduced prices on 4-cylinder Overland cars from \$35 to \$135. The touring and roadster have been reduced from \$530 to \$495, the coupe from \$695 to \$635 and the sedan from \$850 to \$715. No change was made in the price of the coupe sedan which remains \$585, having been reduced late last year \$100.

The Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. has introduced for the first time a passenger car bearing the name Hertz. It is presented in the sedan model only and is priced at \$1,695 f. o. b. Chicago.

**Postal Receipts in Selected Cities in December—Greatest Christmas in History of Postal Service.**

It was the greatest Christmas in the history of the postal service, according to postal receipts received by Postmaster-General New Jan. 6 from fifty selected cities, showing an increase in December 1924 over December 1923 of 8.92%. The announcement from the Post Office Department adds:

Receipts for the month at the 50 cities were \$34,148,978 09, as compared with \$31,351,015 38 for December 1923, a gain of \$2,797,962 71. Receipts for December 1923 were greater than December 1922 by 7.55%, while 1922 receipts were 9.06% larger than 1921.

Dayton, Ohio, lead the 50 cities in December 1924 with the largest percentage of gain, recording 22.12%. Jacksonville, Fla., was second with 16.92%; Jersey City, N. J., third with 16.22%; Salt Lake City, Utah, fourth with 15.14%; Cincinnati, Ohio, fifth with 15.11%; Newark, N. J., sixth with 13.97%; Grand Rapids, Mich., seventh with 13.68%; Rochester, N. Y., eighth with 13.51%; Milwaukee, Wis., ninth with 13.35% and Chicago, Ill., tenth with 13.23%. Chicago, with \$676,198 54, made the largest gain in dollars and cents. Los Angeles, Calif., for the first time in its history, jumped into the "million dollar a month" class.

Tabulated figures follow:  
STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY SELECTED OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1924.

Offices—	December 1924	December 1923	Increase, 1924, 1923	P. C. P. C. P. C. 1924 1923 1922
New York, N. Y.	\$6,492,058 34	\$6,028,866 94	\$463,191 40	7.68 9.81 3.93
Chicago, Ill.	5,789,220 04	5,113,021 50	676,198 54	13.23 5.42 8.77
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,917,659 94	1,720,623 24	197,036 70	11.45 *16.65 10.97
Boston, Mass.	1,627,647 00	1,496,533 57	131,113 43	8.76 *3.51 6.43
St. Louis, Mo.	1,242,788 75	1,156,390 39	86,398 36	7.47 4.72 15.07
Kansas City, Mo.	913,383 52	837,804 00	75,579 52	9.02 11.54 15.86
Cleveland, Ohio	823,257 50	739,007 42	84,250 08	11.40 10.10 8.59
San Francisco, Cal.	840,311 41	777,518 60	62,792 81	8.08 9.86 1.79
Brooklyn, N. Y.	879,188 57	854,493 69	24,694 88	2.89 12.49 17.64
Detroit, Mich.	913,822 58	818,353 48	95,469 10	11.67 12.86 17.87
Los Angeles, Cal.	1,005,712 87	946,570 02	59,142 85	6.25 22.43 36.15
Pittsburgh, Pa.	744,346 05	701,655 60	42,690 45	6.08 9.55 10.57
Minneapolis, Minn.	658,346 15	644,856 06	13,490 09	2.09 4.44 16.82
Cincinnati, Ohio	663,119 91	576,086 83	87,030 08	15.11 14.10 12.48
Baltimore, Md.	569,097 61	528,133 77	40,963 84	7.76 6.73 4.96
Washington, D. C.	551,314 23	518,852 16	32,462 07	6.26 4.74 7.65
Buffalo, N. Y.	513,430 18	469,758 84	53,671 34	11.67 8.87 15.09
Milwaukee, Wis.	510,980 25	450,792 12	60,188 13	13.35 6.89 7.92
St. Paul, Minn.	475,193 85	428,526 94	46,666 91	10.89 12.35 17.65
Indianapolis, Ind.	425,467 70	391,076 61	34,391 09	8.79 17.03 7.15
Atlanta, Ga.	335,132 10	314,519 60	20,612 50	6.55 5.65 14.14
Denver, Colo.	354,386 91	328,566 16	25,820 75	7.86 5.30 12.83
Omaha, Neb.	291,960 61	301,386 01	*9,425 40	*3.13 11.99 4.47
Newark, N. J.	376,365 51	330,218 65	46,146 86	13.97 8.70 11.32
Dallas, Texas	336,792 44	324,850 83	11,941 61	3.65 10.57 17.52
Seattle, Wash.	352,346 96	326,978 25	25,368 71	7.76 7.62 14.35
Des Moines, Iowa	285,589 79	288,894 94	*3,305 15	*1.15 13.99 6.71
Portland, Ore.	297,018 87	293,742 18	3,276 67	1.12 9.33 14.94
New Orleans, La.	281,743 13	286,425 24	*4,682 11	*1.63 12.23 0.98
Rochester, N. Y.	283,026 91	249,351 79	33,675 12	13.51 5.01 11.43
Louisville, Ky.	261,114 21	247,458 02	13,656 19	5.52 14.73 3.09
Columbus, Ohio	269,712 18	250,462 79	19,249 39	7.69 11.27 7.09
Toledo, Ohio	212,031 92	205,659 38	6,372 54	3.10 14.12 6.62
Richmond, Va.	202,849 86	184,186 02	18,663 84	10.13 0.35 21.46
Providence, R. I.	226,247 56	205,224 57	21,022 99	10.24 5.49 16.60
Memphis, Tenn.	191,216 49	177,079 67	14,136 82	7.98 8.34 13.68
Hartford, Conn.	175,353 42	167,554 31	7,799 11	4.65 1.50 17.26
Nashville, Tenn.	178,997 52	167,388 34	11,609 18	6.76 14.73 4.99
Dayton, Ohio	183,102 78	149,932 46	33,170 32	22.12 10.34 7.16
Ft. Worth, Texas	122,863 24	113,896 01	8,967 23	7.87 *28.59 7.03
Syracuse, N. Y.	161,810 77	149,330 50	12,480 27	8.36 3.66 11.60
Houston, Texas	152,606 32	149,188 66	3,417 66	2.29 9.71 3.76
New Haven, Conn.	160,755 59	145,325 23	15,429 36	10.62 8.47 0.98
Grd. Rapids, Mich.	147,949 67	130,149 64	17,800 03	13.68 1.29 2.55
Jersey City, N. J.	132,291 38	113,828 02	18,463 36	16.22 *8.32 *14.00
Akron, Ohio	131,380 55	117,327 85	14,052 70	11.98 3.84 11.42
Salt L. City, Utah	137,386 33	119,323 98	18,062 35	15.14 3.92 14.17
Springfield, Mass.	133,694 42	130,101 64	3,592 78	2.76 9.51 12.27
Worcester, Mass.	113,227 56	104,735 13	8,492 43	8.11 3.02 7.35
Jacksonville, Fla.	104,069 64	89,008 68	15,060 96	16.92 5.97 *4.65
Total	\$34,148,978 09	\$31,351,015 38	\$2,797,962 71	8.92 7.55 9.06

\* Decrease.  
September 1924 over September 1923, 11.28%; October 1924 over October 1923, 6.92%; November 1924 over November 1923, \*0.23.

**Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Industrial Cities in December.**

Postal receipts at fifty industrial cities throughout the country for the month of December 1924 were \$333,820 60 greater, or an increase of 9.24%, than for the corresponding month in 1923, according to figures made public by Postmaster-General New on Jan. 8. The total receipts for December 1924 were \$3,612,879 as compared with \$3,279,059 11 for December 1923. The percentage of increase in



receipts for 1923 over 1922 was 8.40. Springfield, Ohio, led the list of the fifty industrial cities, having an increase of 45.98%. Cheyenne, Wyo., came next, with increased receipts amounting to 30.49%. Lynn, Mass., ranked third, her postal receipts having increased 21.41%. Portland, Me., came next with receipts showing an increase of 21.24%. Albany, N. Y., ranked next, her postal receipts having increased by 18.24%. Tabulated figures follow:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS OF FIFTY INDUSTRIAL CITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1924.

Office—	December 1924	December 1923	Increase.	P. C. 1924	P. C. 1923
Springfield, Ohio.....	\$173,166 45	\$118,620 90	\$54,545 55	45.98	2.20
Oklahoma, Okla.....	123,898 94	120,819 57	3,079 37	2.55	4.81
Albany, N. Y.....	136,944 70	115,816 41	21,128 29	18.24	7.37
Scranton, Pa.....	117,786 29	116,849 56	936 73	0.80	25.51
Harrisburg, Pa.....	134,520 14	129,441 94	5,078 20	3.92	15.72
San Antonio, Texas.....	118,995 35	108,836 58	10,158 77	9.33	14.12
Spokane, Wash.....	112,954 67	109,289 00	3,665 67	3.25	4.87
Oakland, Calif.....	185,611 85	158,015 32	27,596 53	17.46	7.54
Birmingham, Ala.....	135,685 28	116,480 84	19,204 44	16.49	12.95
Topeka, Kan.....	114,296 95	106,326 98	7,969 97	7.49	12.84
Peoria, Ill.....	90,714 76	85,822 58	4,892 18	5.70	1.55
Norfolk, Va.....	96,674 35	89,243 69	7,430 66	8.33	3.60
Tampa, Fla.....	75,059 46	66,373 69	8,685 77	13.13	11.06
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	96,756 41	90,370 00	6,386 41	7.07	2.93
Lincoln, Neb.....	85,191 61	81,872 15	3,319 46	4.05	5.01
Duluth, Minn.....	87,227 20	79,922 79	7,304 41	9.01	1.10
Little Rock, Ark.....	85,085 43	73,474 31	11,611 12	15.80	3.33
Sloux City, Iowa.....	79,608 30	75,956 45	3,651 85	4.81	5.67
Bridgeport, Conn.....	94,749 00	85,165 84	9,583 16	11.25	2.32
Portland, Me.....	90,159 59	74,366 45	15,793 14	21.24	9.63
St. Joseph, Mo.....	69,763 00	62,780 26	6,982 74	11.12	2.70
Trenton, N. J.....	62,362 46	58,008 70	4,353 76	7.50	20.34
Wilmington, Del.....	80,561 00	69,578 13	10,982 87	15.78	12.76
Madison, Wis.....	71,664 82	63,438 43	8,226 39	12.97	9.44
South Bend, Ind.....	64,048 92	60,851 96	3,196 96	5.25	12.91
Charlotte, N. Caro.....	66,056 75	65,001 40	1,055 35	0.69	24.55
Savannah, Ga.....	67,938 67	59,262 59	8,676 14	14.64	8.72
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	51,867 58	57,144 68	*5,277 10	*9.23	23.34
Charleston, W. Va.....	52,642 96	52,382 49	260 47	0.50	8.71
Chattanooga, Tenn.....	57,467 69	56,373 08	1,094 61	1.94	16.20
Schenectady, N. Y.....	72,963 33	72,091 02	872 31	1.21	1.34
Lynn, Mass.....	64,949 86	60,011 09	4,938 77	8.23	32.66
Shreveport, La.....	61,037 21	50,272 52	10,764 69	21.41	*9.92
Columbia, So. Caro.....	48,383 83	42,494 80	5,889 03	13.86	6.41
Fargo, N. Dak.....	43,505 23	40,194 92	3,310 31	8.24	11.72
Sioux Falls, So. Dak.....	34,719 66	33,042 27	1,677 39	5.08	0.58
Waterbury, Conn.....	35,323 63	33,786 67	1,536 96	4.55	8.32
Pueblo, Colo.....	43,184 95	39,375 51	3,809 44	9.67	10.14
Manchester, N. H.....	38,730 96	32,918 42	5,812 54	17.58	2.12
Lexington, Ky.....	38,434 96	34,017 53	4,417 43	12.98	3.82
Phoenix, Ariz.....	38,601 17	33,571 04	5,030 13	14.98	5.78
Butte, Mont.....	40,069 18	35,236 24	4,832 94	13.71	2.20
Jackson, Miss.....	28,416 07	28,671 00	*254 93	*0.89	7.05
Boise, Idaho.....	31,641 29	27,384 38	4,256 91	15.54	19.70
Burlington, Vt.....	24,416 00	22,542 00	1,874 00	8.31	7.01
Cumberland, Md.....	23,329 60	22,820 18	509 42	2.23	3.49
Reno, Nev.....	17,969 29	18,036 40	*67 11	*0.37	15.08
Albuquerque, N. Mex.....	17,208 39	15,721 19	1,487 20	9.46	1.33
Cheyenne, Wyo.....	19,183 48	18,176 28	1,007 20	5.54	12.56
	13,321 04	10,208 94	3,112 10	30.49	*17.91
Total.....	\$3,612,879 71	\$3,279,059 11	\$333,820 60	9.24	8.40

\* Decrease.  
September 1924 over September 1923, 11.45%; October 1924 over October 1923 11.28%; November 1924 over November 1923, 0.68%.

**Petroleum Markets Quiet.**

No changes have been recorded in the retail price of gasoline throughout the week. Dispatches from Tulsa, Okla., on Jan. 1 stated that the price of fuel oil was advanced from \$1 20 to \$1 30 per barrel. Crude oil was advanced in price by the Ohio Oil Co., which is now quoting the Wooster grade at \$1 50, against \$1 40 and Waterloo at 90c., against 75c. per barrel.

**Slight Increase Marks Week's Crude Oil Output.**

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 6 was 1,965,250 barrels, as compared with 1,963,150 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 2,100 barrels. Compared with the figure for the corresponding week of 1924 the current output is again of 81,200 barrels per day. The daily average production east of California was 1,358,250 barrels, as compared with 1,353,650 barrels the previous week, an increase of 4,600 barrels. California production was 607,000 barrels, as compared with 609,500 barrels; Santa Fe Springs is reported at 51,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 120,000 barrels, no change; Huntington Beach, 40,000 barrels, against 40,500 barrels; Torrance, 42,000 barrels, against 43,500 barrels; Dominguez, 52,000 barrels, against 60,000 barrels, and Rosecrans, 7,000 barrels, against 7,500 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks ended Jan. 3 1925, Dec. 27 1924 and Jan. 5 1924:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(Figures in Barrels)	Jan. 3 '25	Dec. 27 '24	Dec. 20 '24	Jan. 5 '24
Oklahoma.....	471,650	494,250	520,100	365,300
Kansas.....	80,550	81,950	85,650	71,400
North Texas.....	93,600	92,950	92,350	64,950
East Central Texas.....	179,350	162,200	200,650	123,150
West Central Texas.....	52,300	53,300	*	53,000
North Louisiana.....	49,250	49,350	51,250	53,550
Gulf Coast and S. W. Texas.....	110,150	106,050	110,800	115,650
Eastern.....	135,300	135,700	132,600	89,400
Wyoming, Mont. & Colorado.....	106,500	108,000	108,500	108,000
California.....	79,600	69,900	74,000	138,350
	607,000	609,500	610,500	700,300
Total.....	1,965,250	1,963,150	1,986,400	1,884,050

\*Reported as "Central Texas" without distinction between East and West fields.

**Lumber Industry Closes 1924 Briskly.**

Reports from 333 of the larger commercial sawmills of the country received by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, covering the week ending Dec. 27, show that 1924 ended with brisk lumber buying for the season. New business, although less than for the preceding week, was heavier than for the corresponding period of 1923. The decline in production, shipments, and orders from the preceding week was chiefly due to the customary holiday and semi-annual shutdown for repairs. Adverse weather is also partly responsible for decreased activity.

With some reports still lacking, the 1924 production of the association bills making weekly reports was 12,009,075,847 feet, being a decrease of 629,427,747 feet as compared with the 1923 output. The decline in shipments was 543,043,011 feet, and the decrease in the accumulated orders of the year was only 169,528,282 feet as compared with 1923.

The unfilled orders of 228 Southern pine and West Coast mills were 648,849,048 feet, as against 626,394,383 feet for 224 mills the week before. Separately, the Southern pine group, 113 mills, reported unfilled orders as 234,083,894 feet, compared with 235,469,889 feet for the same number of mills the previous week; 115 West Coast mills had unfilled orders amounting to 414,765,154 feet, as against 390,924,494 feet for 111 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 333 comparably reporting mills had shipments 129% and orders 127% of actual production. For the Southern pine mills these percentages were respectively 107 and 104; and for the West Coast mills 138 and 130.

Of the comparably reporting mills, 305 (having a normal production for the week of 201,867,248 feet) reported production 52% of normal, shipments 68% and orders 67%.

The following table compares the national lumber movement as reflected by the reporting mills of seven regional associations for the three weeks indicated:

	Past Week.	Corresponding Week 1923.	Preced'g Week 1924 (Revised)
Mills.....	333	369	343
Production.....	113,800,095	104,383,505	183,078,713
Shipments.....	147,101,493	140,868,291	190,223,606
Orders (new business).....	144,277,202	187,216,446	204,857,738

The following figures compare the lumber movement for the first 52 weeks of 1924 with the same period of 1923:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1924.....	12,009,075,847	12,007,621,760	11,879,837,014
1923.....	12,638,503,594	12,550,664,771	12,049,365,296
1924 decrease.....	629,427,747	543,043,011	169,528,282

The mills of the California White & Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but for a considerable period they were not comparable in respect to orders with those of other mills. Consequently, the former are not represented in any of the foregoing figures. Ten of these mills reported a cut of 1,157,000 feet last week, shipments 5,187,000 feet, and orders 5,104,000 feet. The reported cut represents 23% of the total of the California pine region.

**Weekly Lumber Review of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.**

One hundred and fifteen mills reporting to the association for the week ending Dec. 27 manufactured 47,582,061 feet of lumber; sold 62,070,004 feet, and shipped 65,443,859 feet. New business was 30% above production. Shipments were 5% above new business.

Fifty per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 31,332,574 feet, of which 18,769,244 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 12,563,330 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 959 cars.

Sixty per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 38,936,429 feet, of which 27,367,234 feet moved coastwise and inter-coastal and 11,569,195 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 818 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 1,967,430 feet. Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 178,145,384 feet. Unfilled export orders, 92,489,770 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders, 4,971 cars.

In the 52 weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 4,813,724 feet; new business, 4,918,424,423 feet, and shipments 4,930,220,058 feet.

**Lumber Industry Stars 1925 Promisingly.**

Reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from 348 of the larger commercial sawmills of the country indicate that 1925 is opening promisingly in the lumber industry. Production and shipments for the week ending Jan. 3 were a little larger than for the corresponding period of 1923-24, although orders (new business) were somewhat less. As compared with the preceding week, production and shipments were considerably larger with a small decrease in new business.

Data relating to unfilled orders are not available for the past week for Southern Pine mills, but 119 West Coast mills

give their unfilled orders as 416,014,251, as against 414,765,154 feet the preceding week for 115 mills.

Altogether the 348 comparably reporting mills had shipments 116% and orders 102% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 92 and 86; and for the West Coast mills 136 and 106.

Of the comparably reporting mills, 323 (having a normal production for the week of 204,110,506 feet) reported production 64% of normal, shipments 76%, and orders 67% thereof.

The following table compares the national lumber movement as reflected by the reporting mills of seven regional association for the three weeks indicated:

Mills	Past Week.	Corresponding	
		Wk. 1 Yr. Ago.	Preceding Wk. 1924 (Revised)
Production	143,002,588	138,180,288	120,825,095
Shipments	166,042,995	161,693,621	152,423,493
Orders (New Bus.)	146,401,939	174,624,969	151,060,202

The following revised figures compare the lumber movement for 52 weeks of 1924 with the same period of 1923:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1924	12,047,719,393	12,078,410,293	11,963,614,454
1923	12,714,834,174	12,642,092,264	12,126,751,317
1924 decrease	667,114,821	563,681,971	163,136,863

The mills of the California White & Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but for considerable period they were not comparable in respect to orders with those of other mills. Consequently, the former are not represented in any of the foregoing figures. Ten of these mills reported a cut of 2,437,000 feet last week. Shipments 4,811,000 feet, and orders 4,599,000 feet. The reported cut represents 23% of the total of the California Pine region.

**Decrease in Paper Production in November.**

The November production of paper in the United States, as reported by identical mills to the American Paper and Pulp Association and co-operating organizations, showed a decrease of 10% as compared with October's production (following a 10% increase in October over September), according to the association's monthly statistical summary of pulp and paper industry. Every grade showed a decrease in production as compared with October. The summary is prepared by the American Paper and Pulp Association as the central organization of the paper industry, in co-operation with the Binders Board Manufacturers' Association, Converting Paper Mills Association, Cover Paper Association, Wrapping Paper Manufacturers' Service Bureau and Writing Paper Manufacturers' Association. The figures for November for same mills as reported in October, are:

Grade.	Number of Mills.	Production Net Tons	Shipments Net Tons	Stocks on Hand, End of month Net Tons
Newsprint	64	116,343	119,329	24,627
Book	63	35,957	84,532	37,762
Paperboard	109	111,521	113,213	35,509
Wrapping	33	46,937	46,497	59,750
Bag	26	8,946	8,849	6,417
Fine	82	23,955	22,876	41,218
Tissue	45	11,825	10,946	10,974
Hanging	8	5,350	5,650	2,439
Felts	21	17,726	17,686	3,780
Other grades	58	17,594	17,636	13,983
Total, all grades		445,954	447,214	235,559

During the same period domestic wood pulp production decreased 15%, this decrease being distributed over all grades. The November totals (mills identical with those reporting in October) as reported by the American Paper and Pulp Association, through the United States Pulp Producers' Association, are as follows:

Grade.	Number of Mills	Production Net Tons	Used Net Tons	Shipments Net Tons	Stocks on Hand, End of Month Net Tons
Groundwood pulp	101	78,884	81,721	3,788	119,391
Sulphite, news grade	39	38,152	35,110	3,105	11,542
Sulphite, bleached	20	21,578	15,840	4,173	3,711
Sulphite, easy bleach	5	4,676	3,850	438	1,777
Sulphite, Mitscherlich	6	6,275	5,191	924	672
Sulphate pulp	11	11,100	9,898	1,576	4,787
Soda pulp	12	15,709	11,797	3,954	3,198
Other than wood pulp	2	132	4	---	57
Total, all grades		176,506	163,411	17,958	145,135

**Stocks of Grain in the United States.**

Clement, Curtis & Co., of Chicago, have issued the following report on Jan. 1 stocks of grain, prepared by Mr. Murray, their crop expert:

Replies have been received from more than 1,000 crop correspondents in 19 leading grain producing States, giving their estimates of the percentage of grain remaining in the country on Jan. 1.

The average of the returns on wheat remaining on farms is 17% compared with 24% in a normal year. Percentage of crop in local mills and elevators 8% compared with 12% in a normal year.

Percentage of corn crop remaining on farms 55% compared with 60% in a normal year. Oats 46% compared with a normal of 48%.

Using these estimates, with some adjustments in wheat to known factors, stocks of grain held in the country on Jan. 1 1925 and 1924 are estimated by Mr. Murray as follows:

Wheat—	1925.	1924.	1925 % of 1924
On farms	180,000,000	220,000,000	82%
Intermediate	115,000,000	125,000,000	92%
Visible	92,000,000	75,000,000	123%
Total	387,000,000	420,000,000	92%

The total of 420 million for Jan. 1 1924 was obtained from evidences of subsequent disappearance, as follows: Wheat milled 6 months Jan. 1 to July 1 1924, 270,000,000 bushels; wheat net exports same period 20,000,000, seed, 28,000,000; reserve carryover July 1 1924, 102,000,000; total, 420,000,000, which must have been in the country on Jan. 1 1924. Domestic disappearance these 6 months 260,000,000. If the domestic disappearance should be the same in the six months ending July 1 1925, there would remain from present supplies for export and carryover 127,000,000.

	Corn.		1925 % of 1924.
	1925.	1924.	
Crop	2,437,000,000	3,054,000,000	80%
Carry into	102,000,000	84,000,000	121%
Total	2,539,000,000	3,138,000,000	81%
Stocks Jan. 1	1,396,000,000	1,820,000,000	77%
Disappearance	1,143,000,000	1,318,000,000	87%
Total	1,542,000,000	1,306,000,000	118%
Crop	65,000,000	71,000,000	91%
Carry into	1,607,000,000	1,377,000,000	117%
Stocks Jan. 1	740,000,000	647,000,000	114%
Disappearance	867,000,000	730,000,000	119%

In the opinion of Mr. Murray estimates of corn and oats stocks remaining are slightly under-estimated but the ratios for the two years are believed to be nearly correct. The figures indicate that the rate of consumption in proportion to supplies, has been greater this year than in a normal year.

**Activity in Iron and Steel Markets Continues.**

The "Iron Age" of Jan. 8 in its weekly market review declares that an operating basis of 80% appears assured. Specifications against contracts received in the ordinarily quiet period of the year-end have been of such volume that together with known needs of regular consumers 80% operations appear fully assured over the first quarter for all of the larger mills making finished steel. The situation has some of the marks of a transition from a buyers' to a sellers' market, says the "Age," adding:

Bars, shapes and plates are \$6, \$8 and \$10 a ton below prices of a year ago, but are fully one-half that much above the price basis of current shipments. Sellers are not so actively canvassing for orders as they were, but buyers are showing no concern over future needs. The relatively little new purchasing is easily consummated.

Inventory taking is responsible in part for the semblance of quiet, particularly in wire, nails and pipe. Adding strength to the price structure are the advanced dates of release of much of the material under contract, attempts to increase the tonnage under such protection and rumors of little surplus labor seeking employment at the mills.

The basis of second quarter prices has entered definitely into market calculations. Purchasers agree as to the generally firm price outlook, but do not expect the makers to allow the situation to get out of hand. Signs are that the next few weeks will be occupied principally in gauging the continued relation of supply and demand.

The country's production of pig iron in December was 2,961,702 tons, or 95,539 tons a day. This represents a daily gain of 11,883 tons over November, in which the output was 2,509,673 tons. On Jan. 1 there were 228 furnaces active, showing a net gain of 23 over the number in blast on Dec. 1 and the rate of production on Jan. 1 was 98,380 tons a day. A year ago pig iron was being made at the rate of 94,265 tons a day and a month ago 89,100 tons.

Including charcoal iron, the output of 1924 was about 31,300,000 tons, or 22% off from the production of 1923.

Stacks of steel making companies made 76,682 tons a day, a daily gain of 13,452 tons over November, but merchant furnaces, producing 18,857 tons, showed a daily loss from November of 1,569 tons. A total of 27 furnaces went on the active list in the month, 15 of them of the United States Steel Corp., and 4 were blown out, 2 of them Steel Corp. stacks.

With the cost of making pig iron increased by more than \$1 per ton by the advance of wages in the Connellsville coke region, and with the strong probability that the price of ore will be advanced about 80c. per ton, owners of blast furnaces are expected to try for higher prices on pig iron for delivery after April 1. Some have already marked up quotations, but in most districts ruling prices remain unchanged. At Chicago, however, prices have again risen 50c., or \$3.50 since Nov. 1.

Steel works operations show further increases. Taking in all classes of finished steel, Pittsburgh reports fully 80% engagement of capacity and in ingots over 85%. The leading independent in Chicago is at a 95% rate and the foremost interest at 90%.

In sheets, slower than many forms of steel to respond to the new market influences, some additional mills have been put into operation in Valley works. Specifications received by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. in December represented 150% of capacity and last week 85% of its mills were operating. Independent mills were more fully engaged. Yet black sheets have been bought for 3.50c. for early shipment. Automobile sheets are relatively slow, motor cars not being built against uncertain future demand.

Rail orders include 13,000 tons for the Grand Trunk, 6,000 tons for the Clover Leaf and 2,000 tons more for the Kansas City Southern. Bookings of track accessories call for 5,000 tons of angle bars, 10,000 tons of tie plates and 3,000 tons of spikes and bolts.

The Baltimore & Ohio bought 5,000 cars and the Burlington 2,000, and expectations are that the 70,000 tons of rolled steel and 11,000 tons of axles will go to Chicago mills. The Lackawanna and New York Central each have asked for prices on 1,000 cars.

The continued rise in pig iron is reflected in the "Iron Age" pig iron composite, which is now \$22.25 per gross ton, against \$22.17 last week. Since the movement started two months ago the advance has been \$3.04, or 16%.

The "Iron Age" finished steel composite price is unchanged from 2.560c. per lb. last week.



The weekly composite price table is as follows:

Jan. 6 1925, Finished Steel, 2.560c. per Pound.	
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 88% of the United States output.	Dec. 29 1924.....2.560c. Dec. 9 1924.....2.531c. Jan. 8 1924.....2.775c. 10-year pre-war average, 1.689c.
Jan. 6 1925, Pig Iron, \$22 25 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.	Dec. 29 1924.....\$22 17 Dec. 9 1924.....21 34 Jan. 8 1924.....21 96 10-year pre-war average, 15 72
Finished Steel—1924: High, 2.789c., 1923: High, 2.824c., April 24; low, 2.446c., Jan. 2.	Jan. 15; low, 2.460c., Oct. 14.
Pig Iron—1924: High, \$22 88, Feb. 25; low, \$19 21, Nov. 3.	1923: High, \$30 86, March 20; low, \$20 77, Nov. 20.

After a brief and unusually slight interruption during the holiday season, the iron and steel market is resuming its brisk pace. Expanding demand, firm prices and increasing rate of production, which have characterized the situation since mid-November, are again emphasized, observes the "Iron Trade Review" on Jan. 8, adding:

A significant feature of the present market is the repetition of purchases by buyers who under-estimated their needs when the original orders were booked. In steel plates and bars, and to a lesser extent in pig iron, consumers have had to increase their specifications for January shipments in order to make up for too conservative ordering in December.

Steelworks operations have increased slightly, especially in Chicago and the Valley, where the rate of steel-making is almost 100%. The average for the entire country is estimated at from 85 to 90% of ingot capacity. The condition of Chicago mills is rapidly reaching a point where Western consumers will be obliged to go to Pittsburgh, Valley and Eastern plants for rolled material. Under the present system of quoting, Pittsburgh prices, plus freight to Western destination will prevail, meaning that certain consumers ordinarily served by Chicago mills will be placed at a disadvantage.

As totals for 1924 are compiled, it becomes more and more evident that business finished stronger than was predicted during the low points of the year. Compared with the preceding 12 months, 1924 was a 77.5% year in pig iron production. Sales of finished steel were 13% of the 1923 total, according to the experience of one of the largest producers. The prominent position of railroads as buyers of steel is reflected in the total of 144,455 cars purchased in 1924 as against 103,500 the year before.

The price movement in pig iron continues upward, with 50c. advances in force in several selling districts. No. 2 foundry and malleable now are held at a minimum of \$24, Chicago and Eastern iron is up in the same proportion. Ferromanganese, recently advanced to \$110, duty paid tidewater, is firm at that level. The coke market still exhibits signs of distress and the price situation is confusing.

Plates are holding their recent gain in prices, the spread now being 2c. to 2.10c., Pittsburgh. Steel shapes and bars are firm at 2.10c. Pittsburgh. Iron bars at Chicago are unusually active, permitting one mill to go on double turn.

Semi-finished material continues to show price firmness. At Pittsburgh \$37 is the minimum on re-rolling billets and slabs, while \$39 is the bottom price for sheet bars, with \$40 more nearly representative. Railroads continue to place orders for rolling stock and track material. Among car awards of the past week are 5,000 for the Baltimore & Ohio and 1,000 each for the Northern Pacific and Missouri Pacific. The Grand Trunk has ordered 13,000 tons of rails and the Kansas City Southern has awarded 12,000 tons. The United States Steel Products Co. has booked 7,000 tons of rails for the South African railways. An increase in the price of track accessories is expected in the near future.

The first indication of interest in iron ore requirements for 1925 appeared this week when several consumers made reservations, the tonnage in most cases being materially heavier than last year.

"Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products is \$40 92 a gain of 22c. over the \$40 80 of Dec. 31. This is the highest total since May last year and is largely the result of stronger prices in pig iron and semi-finished material.

**December Pig Iron Output Increased.**

According to statistics compiled by the "Iron Age" on Jan. 8, a sharp increase was recorded in the December production of blast furnaces—a gain in the daily rate of 11,883 tons, or about 14% over November. This is a little larger than the October increase of 11,465 tons per day over September. The expansion in active furnaces was the same as in November. The production of coke pig iron for the 31 days in December amounted to 2,961,702 gross tons, or 95,539 tons per day, as compared with 2,509,673 tons, or 83,656 tons per day for the 30 days in November. This is an increase of 452,029 tons, or 11,883 tons per day. The December total brings the 1924 output to 31,108,302 tons of coke pig iron as compared with 40,059,308 tons in 1923, continues the "Age," adding:

There were 27 furnaces blown in and only 4 blown out or banked, the net gain being 23 or the same as in November and September. The October net gain was 9 furnaces. Since the tide turned late in July, 84 furnaces have been blown in. The capacity of the 228 furnaces active on Jan. 1 is estimated at 98,380 tons per day, contrasting with 89,100 tons per day for the 205 furnaces active on Dec. 1. Of the 27 furnaces blown in last month 15 were Steel Corp. furnaces, 9 were independent steel units and only 3 were merchant stacks.

The ferromanganese output in December was the largest since April at 21,220 tons. The production of spiegeleisen was 5,284 tons.

	Steel Works.			Total.
	Merchant.			
1923—December	69,921	24,304	94,225	94,225
1924—January	73,368	24,016	97,384	97,384
February	83,126	22,900	106,026	106,026
March	86,276	25,533	111,809	111,809
April	82,101	25,680	107,781	107,781
May	62,176	22,182	84,358	84,358
June	50,237	17,304	67,541	67,541
July	43,353	14,224	57,577	57,577
August	45,591	15,284	60,875	60,875
September	50,312	18,130	68,442	68,442
October	59,952	19,955	79,907	79,907
November	63,230	20,426	83,656	83,656
December	76,682	19,857	96,539	96,539

	Total Production		Spiegeleisen & Ferromanganese			
	1923.	1924.	1923.		1924.	
			Fe-Mn.	Spiegel.	Fe-Mn.	Spiegel.
January	2,479,727	2,274,005	19,358	12,056	20,475	7,948
February	2,259,154	2,410,658	21,282	13,657	22,405	9,870
March	2,724,305	2,674,565	20,730	13,832	22,351	13,796
April	2,704,360	2,463,027	20,808	7,440	23,580	4,240
May	2,976,892	1,927,461	19,568	9,533	14,993	9,336
June	2,727,208	1,507,110	19,717	18,289	20,049	9,405
Half year	15,871,646	13,256,826	121,564	64,807	124,113	54,595
July	2,752,738	1,343,952	26,493	12,876	14,367	15,328
August	2,680,851	1,413,314	22,045	5,586	10,718	8,010
September	2,363,967	1,509,360	23,206	4,478	13,263	5,033
October	2,394,927	1,858,502	20,015	15,931	7,780	10,447
November	2,170,527	1,896,856	14,839	16,783	13,448	8,535
December	2,167,563	2,377,141	18,069	10,124	21,220	5,284
Year	30,402,254	23,656,981	246,231	130,585	204,909	107,132

	1920.				1921.				1922.				1923.				1924.			
	January	3,015,181	2,416,292	1,644,951	3,229,604	3,018,890	2,978,879	1,937,257	1,929,991	2,994,187	3,074,757	3,375,907	1,595,522	2,035,920	3,523,868	3,466,086	2,739,797	1,193,041	2,072,114	3,549,736
February	2,985,682	1,221,221	2,306,679	3,867,694	2,615,110	2,985,682	1,221,221	2,306,679	3,867,694	2,615,110	3,043,540	1,064,833	2,381,028	3,676,445	2,026,221	18,138,986	9,428,166	12,050,683	20,841,534	17,434,492
July	3,067,043	864,555	2,405,365	3,678,334	1,784,890	3,147,402	954,193	1,816,170	3,449,493	1,887,145	3,129,323	985,529	2,033,720	3,125,512	2,053,284	3,292,597	1,246,676	2,637,844	3,149,158	2,477,127
August	2,934,908	1,415,481	2,849,703	2,894,295	2,509,673	2,703,855	1,649,086	3,086,898	2,920,982	2,961,702	36,414,114	16,543,686	26,880,383	40,059,308	31,108,302					
Year*	36,414,114	16,543,686	26,880,383	40,059,308	31,108,302															

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

**Larger Steel Production in December—1924 Output Smaller than Previous Year.**

A large increase in the output of steel was registered in December, bringing the production for that month up to the highest level reached since March last. The regular monthly statement issued by the American Iron & Steel Institute puts the production of steel ingots in December 1924 by companies, which in 1923 made 94.84% of the steel ingot production in that year, at 3,368,551 tons, of which 2,810,404 tons were open-hearth, 546,506 tons Bessemer and 11,641 tons all other grades. The calculated production for all companies during December on this basis is 3,551,825 tons, which, as already stated, is the largest output for any month since March last. Commencing with July last there has been an uninterrupted improvement in production, as is shown by the figures of daily average output which in July were 71,901 tons, in August 97,750 tons, in September 108,269 tons, in October 115,239 tons, in November 124,289 tons and in December 136,609 tons. The indicated production for all companies for the 12 months of 1924 is 36,645,444 tons, while the output for the calendar year 1923 was calculated at no less than 43,485,665 tons. This is a decline of nearly seven million tons—6,840,221 tons, to be exact—and is accounted for by the slump during the late spring and early summer months of 1924.

In the following we show the details of production back to January 1923:

Months.	Open-Hearth.	Bessemer.	All Other.	Monthly Production Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Production All Companies.	Number of Working Days.	Approximate Daily Production
							All Companies, Gross Tons.
<b>1923.</b>							
January	2,906,892	728,270	9,467	3,644,629	3,841,095	27	142,263
February	2,613,564	669,903	10,797	3,294,264	3,471,843	24	144,660
March	3,046,309	799,525	12,841	3,858,675	4,066,980	27	150,618
April	2,974,579	772,485	13,933	3,760,997	3,963,736	25	158,549
May	3,136,558	847,418	16,719	4,000,695	4,216,355	27	156,161
June	2,821,239	737,845	15,483	3,574,567	3,767,257	26	144,894
July	2,658,449	680,884	11,496	3,350,829	3,531,458	25	141,258
August	2,796,370	701,059	9,326	3,506,755	3,695,788	27	136,881
September	2,562,771	613,709	8,602	3,185,082	3,356,776	25	134,271
October	2,735,513	649,452	9,163	3,394,128	3,577,091	27	132,485
November	2,348,361	616,335	9,309	2,974,005	3,134,321	26	120,551
December	2,135,898	570,004	10,912	2,716,814	2,863,266	25	114,531
Total year 1923.	32,736,503	8,386,889	138,048	41,261,440	43,485,665	311	139,825
<b>1924.</b>							
January	2,766,534	667,032	12,577	3,446,143	3,633,639	27	134,579
February	2,902,641	695,905	14,085	3,612,631	3,809,185	25	152,367
March	3,249,683	706,801	15,260	3,971,844	4,187,942	26	161,075
April	2,575,788	573,381	12,356	3,161,521	3,333,535	26	128,213
May	2,060,896	425,099	6,648	2,492,643	2,628,261	27	97,343
June	1,637,660	310,070	2,622	1,950,352	2,056,466	25	82,539
July	1,525,912	241,880	5,162	1,772,954	1,869,416	26	71,901
August	2,042,820	361,781	5,759	2,410,360	2,541,501	26	97,500
September	2,252,976	409,922	6,844	2,669,742	2,814,996	26	108,269
October	2,505,403	438,468	7,030	2,950,901	3,111,452	27	115,239
November	2,479,147	459,349	8,397	2,946,893	3,107,226	25	124,289
December	2,810,404	546,506	11,641	3,368,551	3,551,825	26	136,609
Total	28,809,964	5,836,194	108,351	34,754,539	36,645,444	312	117,453

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

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington on Jan. 2 issued its report showing the merchandise imports and exports by grand divisions and principal countries for the month of

November and the eleven months ending with November for the years 1923 and 1924. The following is the table complete:

Imports from—	Month of November.		11 Months Ending November.	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
<b>Grand divisions—</b>				
Europe.....	\$93,338,046	\$97,948,978	\$1,063,845,897	\$985,539,783
North America.....	73,427,225	71,361,863	933,671,591	926,108,230
South America.....	34,923,499	41,925,148	430,271,294	421,911,566
Asia.....	82,705,513	79,054,346	939,522,031	837,347,934
Oceania.....	1,874,511	1,904,264	56,982,239	44,935,118
Africa.....	5,064,552	4,155,522	79,468,145	61,180,457
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$291,333,346</b>	<b>\$296,350,121</b>	<b>\$3,503,761,197</b>	<b>\$3,277,023,088</b>
<b>Principal countries—</b>				
Belgium.....	\$5,068,128	\$4,564,263	\$62,191,902	\$60,174,510
Denmark.....	800,143	336,969	5,914,270	5,727,034
France.....	12,756,483	13,596,298	136,428,795	133,067,441
Germany.....	13,349,959	11,893,818	147,519,789	126,515,705
Greece.....	882,585	1,251,596	13,913,208	25,361,974
Italy.....	10,704,417	7,986,006	83,490,014	65,916,960
Netherlands.....	5,018,525	6,026,618	71,489,270	66,434,969
Norway.....	1,924,759	1,648,036	18,621,029	19,223,474
Russia in Europe.....	1,315	598,963	1,044,045	6,482,826
Spain.....	3,715,375	2,425,756	28,709,126	25,842,519
Sweden.....	3,337,291	3,477,426	33,030,731	36,073,411
Switzerland.....	3,943,562	3,525,944	34,723,804	32,111,431
United Kingdom.....	27,633,885	35,669,193	375,077,067	327,119,531
Canada.....	38,452,037	35,143,554	380,068,399	362,708,777
Central America.....	2,019,955	2,267,038	34,666,911	34,992,151
Mexico.....	11,714,548	15,466,616	124,780,320	152,383,099
Cuba.....	17,728,562	16,240,210	365,977,925	348,581,812
Dominican Republic.....	1,976,743	552,211	6,404,684	5,471,489
Argentina.....	3,669,976	4,581,700	111,020,229	69,048,843
Brazil.....	17,026,770	20,249,655	127,487,575	157,453,193
Chile.....	2,908,319	9,290,673	84,715,524	91,442,237
Colombia.....	5,022,876	3,227,535	41,502,285	53,908,872
Ecuador.....	366,173	555,161	5,665,110	5,663,042
Peru.....	4,711,116	2,119,529	20,818,371	20,658,681
Uruguay.....	96,274	209,409	21,384,501	6,137,645
Venezuela.....	1,046,449	1,494,381	11,927,398	15,503,810
British India.....	9,737,763	6,357,560	119,583,038	91,137,894
Straits Settlements.....	9,908,725	13,764,777	139,350,105	135,880,345
China.....	21,284,612	12,063,912	178,836,359	107,033,570
Dutch East Indies.....	3,010,163	5,271,611	49,047,230	50,593,582
Japan.....	28,782,943	28,346,846	314,095,810	300,418,368
Philippine Islands.....	3,737,256	6,147,615	72,837,375	91,763,544
Australia.....	1,185,113	1,257,118	39,685,737	29,776,202
New Zealand.....	601,112	347,368	14,954,001	12,945,168
British South Africa.....	273,598	420,411	12,843,102	6,509,401
Egypt.....	1,893,269	1,970,568	34,142,225	23,900,339
<b>Exports to—</b>				
<b>Grand divisions—</b>				
Europe.....	\$218,491,196	\$305,551,479	\$1,847,078,291	\$2,171,130,182
North America.....	84,807,119	93,105,289	1,006,249,820	1,012,862,054
South America.....	23,411,830	26,993,782	250,088,095	285,313,259
Asia.....	57,451,991	50,449,203	448,380,061	468,164,027
Oceania.....	12,679,229	12,710,129	133,376,233	144,586,251
Africa.....	4,642,507	4,787,469	55,655,061	63,267,872
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$401,483,872</b>	<b>\$493,597,351</b>	<b>\$3,740,827,56</b>	<b>\$4,145,323,645</b>
<b>Principal countries—</b>				
Belgium.....	\$7,822,928	\$12,804,306	\$88,402,635	\$103,826,790
Denmark.....	3,579,478	5,344,188	35,945,983	38,561,190
France.....	31,360,711	36,765,203	242,152,825	253,802,188
Germany.....	28,105,153	58,440,701	284,442,877	259,862,854
Greece.....	867,421	3,121,953	11,183,692	12,957,339
Italy.....	18,231,274	22,863,396	147,692,641	163,126,251
Netherlands.....	10,262,906	19,352,406	98,770,311	136,448,447
Norway.....	1,552,937	3,183,030	25,839,633	20,479,875
Russia in Europe.....	35,754	364,226	3,430,106	40,170,981
Spain.....	6,743,106	8,554,468	56,576,888	63,268,474
Sweden.....	4,249,179	3,887,130	33,362,441	38,205,148
Switzerland.....	410,401	747,595	4,960,734	8,351,496
United Kingdom.....	101,509,914	125,834,994	759,325,781	866,136,098
Canada.....	45,743,734	53,109,707	606,581,320	585,037,183
Central America.....	4,833,964	5,753,149	51,175,706	59,851,507
Mexico.....	11,436,502	12,167,517	111,397,112	122,987,158
Cuba.....	16,643,337	15,688,707	177,474,804	184,517,221
Dominican Republic.....	1,050,064	1,647,759	12,046,251	14,316,093
Argentina.....	9,215,396	10,012,701	106,473,942	106,295,355
Brazil.....	4,504,210	6,064,126	41,891,063	58,483,778
Chile.....	2,543,217	2,695,905	29,032,826	28,573,751
Colombia.....	1,840,622	2,758,817	20,405,859	25,071,644
Ecuador.....	189,909	531,701	3,548,275	5,137,923
Peru.....	1,912,834	1,762,418	17,908,053	21,821,371
Uruguay.....	1,337,644	1,442,132	14,007,748	16,971,067
Venezuela.....	1,214,231	1,430,920	10,428,342	16,008,871
British India.....	3,134,778	2,202,446	27,686,361	31,179,438
Straits Settlements.....	591,427	794,809	6,839,773	6,915,970
China.....	9,402,585	6,394,676	96,802,475	102,234,273
Dutch East Indies.....	899,984	916,976	9,882,107	13,487,481
Japan.....	35,030,940	31,558,810	226,471,695	223,864,467
Philippine Islands.....	3,881,395	6,133,810	44,211,057	54,988,890
Australia.....	10,276,533	10,237,694	108,250,978	115,615,700
New Zealand.....	2,282,715	2,322,600	23,449,358	27,134,397
British South Africa.....	1,995,604	2,448,863	26,247,197	32,386,481
Egypt.....	591,580	457,043	5,412,309	5,285,866

**Anthracite and Bituminous Markets Show No Great Improvement.**

The "Coal Trade Journal" this week reports that there was little of a tangible nature on which to base any report of improved conditions in the bituminous markets of the country during the first week in the new year. The week, as a rule, is a dull one in business and this year was no exception. However, from a few centres reports of pending business were most encouraging, states the "Journal," giving further details as follows:

New York business was particularly dull and the trade was a shadeless optimistic, due, perhaps, to a general slump in industrial stocks on Wall Street. Boston reported no improvement in demand, but a much better outlook. Philadelphia had no encouragement to offer. Baltimore and the entire State of Maryland was enveloped in a heavy snowstorm which made little change in the bituminous price situation. Buffalo reported slack the strong feature of the soft coal market. Reports from the Middle West were more cheerful. Zero weather helped matters greatly in Chicago, bringing good business to the retail trade, and this was also true in Louisville, Detroit and Superior-Duluth. Our neighbors in Canada also experienced a quickening in demand.

Hampton Roads shipments fell off during the same week. The survey reports dumpings amounting to 345,378 net tons, a decrease of 29,146 tons. The principal decreases were in cargoes consigned to New England and the "other coastwise" trade. An increase in foreign bunker coal more than offset a slight decrease in exports.

Lake shipments have practically stopped, the dumpings of bituminous coal at the lower Lake Erie ports consisting of only 271 tons of vessel fuel. Dumpings of cargo coal during the present season to Dec. 27 stood at 22,972,784 tons, a decrease of 6,816,099 tons, or 23%, from the corresponding period of last year. Dumpings for 1924 have greatly exceeded those of 1922 and have exceeded those of 1921 by more than half a million tons.

During the first eleven months of 1924, says the "Geological Survey," the quantity of bituminous coal received by New England amounted to 17,582,000 tons, a decrease, when compared with the corresponding period in 1923, of 4,293,000 tons. Compared with the four preceding years, bituminous receipts have been about 6% below the average. It is also interesting to find that the receipts by tide have formed a much larger part of the total than for any of the preceding eight years. They make up 64% of the total, whereas in recent years tidewater receipts have comprised from 46 to 59%.

The anthracite markets improved slightly during the first week in January. A taste of real winter weather throughout the Eastern States with a snowstorm to boot, gave the Eastern retailer a spurt of business. New York City was an exception and little change over the preceding week was reported. The storm was particularly hard on New York transportation, which very likely was the cause. Northern New Jersey, however, reported brisk trade with nut leading in demand. Demand for anthracite was particularly heavy in the Superior-Duluth section, and Detroit. Other points reported little change.

A heavy snowstorm which blanketed a large portion of—the country during the past week caused a fair pick-up in coal demand in some sections, particularly the Middle West, Northwest and Southwest, according to the "Coal Age." The Cincinnati market also felt a notable brace, though the other Ohio markets noticed little change. Atlantic coast markets at least held their own or better, but New England and Pittsburgh still wallow in the slough of despond, seemingly unaffected by the advent of seasonable weather, declared the "Coal Age," on Jan. 8, in its weekly market review, which follows:

Prices developed a markedly shifty tendency, a number of big jumps being in evidence, but these were almost counterbalanced by slumps in other parts. While the net gain did not amount to much, quotations show a considerable increase in firmness, shading of circulars being less in evidence and fewer "no bills" are reported. Although export business is nothing to boast of, much comfort is felt over the practical doubling of that class of activity at Baltimore last month as compared with the previous month.

The position of the anthracite market has improved under the impetus of snappy weather and a heavy snowfall. Chestnut still is in the van as to demand and price, closely followed by stove. Egg and pea are difficult to move; in fact some of the latter is being put in storage. Steam sizes are somewhat firmer and move more easily. Rice is scarcer than buckwheat or barley—due to the outlaw strikes in the northern anthracite field. Independent prices exhibit little change, but the undercurrent of sentiment is that their present position is none too secure.

"Coal Age" index of spot prices of bituminous coal again advanced a point last week, standing on Jan. 5 at 172, the corresponding price for which is \$2.08. This compares with 171 and \$2.07, respectively, on Dec. 29.

Activity at Hampton Roads registered a slight further falling off during the holidays, dumpings of coal for all accounts during the week ended Jan. 1 totaling 327,951 net tons, compared with 331,913 tons dumped during the preceding week.

Cumulative dumpings of cargo coal at lower Lake Erie ports for Lake shipment during 1924 were 22,972,784 net tons up to Dec. 27, a decrease from the corresponding period a year ago of 6,816,099 tons, or 23%. Dumpings during the season just closed, however, were greatly in excess of those of 1922 and 1921.

**Bituminous Coal, Anthracite and Coke Productions Decrease Because of Holidays.**

The weekly report on the production of anthracite and bituminous coal and beehive coke, issued by the Department of the Interior, through the Geological Survey, Jan. 3 1925, shows that production of these three fuels decreased during the week ended Dec. 27 owing to the observance of Christmas.

The observance of the Christmas holidays was responsible for a sharp decline in the production of soft coal in the week ended Dec. 27, which brought the total output down to 7,638,000 net tons, a decrease of 3,122,000 tons, or 29%. Compared with Christmas week 1923 there was an increase of nearly 15%, and with the average for the corresponding weeks of the six preceding years, a decrease of about 4%.

The total of the weekly estimates of production plus an allowance for the last three days of the year, indicates that the total output for 1924 will be approximately 467,700,000 net tons. In comparing this estimate with the final figures for earlier years, it must be remembered that the preliminary estimates are usually from 2 to 3% too low. Thus it is possible that the annual mine canvass may show a total as high as 480,000,000 tons.

Estimated United States Production of Bituminous Coal (Net Tons)a.

Annual Calendar Year—	Annual Production.	Pro-duction.	Ave. per Work-Day.	Weekly Production.	Pro-duction.	Ave. per Work-Day.
1918.....	579,386,000	1,880,000		Christmas Week b—		
1919.....	465,860,000	1,512,000		1918 (Dec 22-28).....	6,343,000	1,269,000
1920.....	568,667,000	1,847,000		1919 (Dec 21-27).....	8,755,000	1,751,000
1921.....	415,922,000	1,356,000		1920 (Dec 19-25).....	9,908,000	1,982,000
1922.....	422,268,000	1,380,000		1921 (Dec 26-31).....	6,092,000	1,218,000
1923.....	564,157,000	1,844,000		1922 (Dec 25-30).....	10,529,000	2,106,000
1924 (prelim.).....	467,700,000	1,520,000		1923 (Dec 24-29).....	6,713,000	1,343,000
				1924 (Dec 22-27) *.....	7,638,000	1,521,000

a The figures for 1918-1923 are the final figures of production as reported by the operators. Those for 1924 are preliminary estimates, based on car loadings. b Five-day week. \* Preliminary.

**ANTHRACITE.**

The interruption to work caused by the Christmas holidays was responsible for a sharp drop in the production of anthracite during the week ended Dec. 27. The total output is now estimated at 1,029,000 net tons, a decrease of 45% from the full-time output of the preceding week. Production in Christmas week of earlier years was as follows:

Dec. 29 1923.....	1,196,000 net tons	Dec. 25 1920.....	1,606,000 net tons
Dec. 30 1922.....	1,588,000 net tons	Dec. 27 1919.....	1,356,000 net tons
Dec. 31 1921.....	851,000 net tons	Dec. 28 1918.....	1,270,000 net tons



Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1924		1923	
	Week.	Year to Date.	Week.	Year to Date.
Dec. 13-----	1,772,000	86,424,000	1,947,000	89,899,000
Dec. 20-----	1,867,000	88,291,000	1,925,000	91,824,000
Dec. 27-----	1,029,000	89,320,000	1,196,000	93,020,000

BEEHIVE COKE.

The production of beehive coke during Christmas week was 210,000 net tons, a decrease of 9,000 tons from the revised figure for the preceding week. The loss of output attending the observance of the holiday appears to have been partially made up by increased activity on the other days of the week. Assuming that there were five full working days, the average daily production was 42,000 tons, as against 37,000 tons the week before. The decrease was confined to Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, all other districts equaling their record in the preceding week. According to the Connellsville

"Courier," 2,562 additions were fired in the Connellsville region, and the total output was 162,710 tons.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended—			1924 to Date.	1923(c) to Date.
	Dec. 27'24. a	Dec. 20'24. b	Dec. 29'23.		
Penna. & Ohio-----	163,000	168,000	183,000	7,245,000	14,411,000
West Virginia-----	8,000	12,000	11,000	500,000	1,031,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Georgia-----	21,000	21,000	13,000	934,000	1,073,000
Virginia-----	9,000	9,000	6,000	418,000	718,000
Colo. & New Mex.--	5,000	5,000	6,000	258,000	369,000
Wash. & Utah-----	4,000	4,000	4,000	208,000	267,000
United States total..	210,000	219,000	223,000	9,563,000	17,869,000
Daily average-----	42,000	37,000	45,000	31,000	58,000

a Subject to revision. b Revised from last report. c Less one day's production in New Year's week to equalize number of days for the 2 years

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Jan. 7, as made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows further declines of \$49,700,000 in holdings of discounted bills and of \$46,100,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, together with a decrease of \$44,100,000 in Government security holdings, resulting in an aggregate decline of \$139,500,000 in total earning assets. Cash reserves increased \$28,300,000 and non-reserve cash \$10,900,000, while Federal Reserve note circulation shows a further decline of \$56,700,000. The total decline in Federal Reserve note circulation during the two-week period since Dec. 24 amounted to \$136,400,000, while the increase in cash reserves during the same period was \$77,800,000 and in non-reserve cash \$35,800,000.

Discounted bills held by the New York bank fell off \$28,000,000 during the week, while discount holdings of the Federal Reserve banks of Philadelphia and Boston fell off \$12,700,000 and \$9,400,000, respectively. The Cleveland and Atlanta banks report increases aggregating \$6,100,000, while the remaining banks show relatively small changes for the week. Holdings of paper secured by U. S. Government obligations fell off \$40,100,000 to \$146,700,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

A decline of \$35,300,000 in holdings of acceptances purchased in open market is reported by the New York Reserve Bank and of \$7,900,000 by Boston, the remaining banks showing small changes in this item for the week. All Federal Reserve banks show reductions in holdings of Government securities, the New York bank reporting the largest decline, \$16,600,000, Chicago a reduction of \$5,800,000, Boston \$4,300,000, San Francisco \$4,200,000 and Cleveland \$4,100,000. The System's holdings of Treasury certificates of indebtedness declined \$37,600,000 and holdings of Treasury notes \$6,800,000.

Reductions in Federal Reserve note circulation are reported by all Federal Reserve banks, the principal declines being as follows: New York, 12,900,000; Boston, \$10,100,000; Philadelphia, \$9,500,000; Cleveland, 5,100,000; Chicago, \$4,400,000; Richmond, \$3,900,000, and San Francisco, \$3,200,000.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely pages 187 and 188. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Jan. 7 1925 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves-----	+\$28,300,000	—\$163,200,000
Gold reserves-----	+14,400,000	—180,600,000
Total earning assets-----	—139,500,000	+83,500,000
Bills discounted, total-----	—49,700,000	—342,500,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations-----	—40,100,000	—159,700,000
Other bills discounted-----	—9,600,000	—182,800,000
Bills bought in open market-----	—46,100,000	+21,800,000
U. S. Government securities, total-----	—44,100,000	+395,700,000
Bonds-----	+200,000	+55,600,000
Treasury notes-----	—6,800,000	+280,400,000
Certificates of indebtedness-----	—37,500,000	+59,600,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation-----	—56,700,000	—341,700,000
Total deposits-----	+5,900,000	+331,800,000
Members' reserve deposits-----	+27,300,000	+306,700,000
Government deposits-----	—25,100,000	+5,700,000
Other deposits-----	+3,700,000	+19,300,000

Changes in Condition of the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System During the Year.

During 1924 the principal changes in condition of reporting member banks in leading cities were increases of nearly \$2,000,000,000 in loans and investments, of \$1,800,000,000 in demand deposits and of \$745,000,000 in time deposits, and a decrease of \$380,000,000 in borrowings at the Federal Reserve banks.

Loans and discounts of all reporting member banks, which stood at \$12,067,000,000 on Jan. 2 1924, remained substantially stable at about \$12,000,000,000 until the middle of June and then increased gradually to \$13,068,000,000 on Dec. 13, the maximum figure that has ever been reported. Of the total increase of \$1,002,000,000 in loans and discounts within the year, \$638,000,000 was in loans secured by corporate stocks and bonds and \$408,000,000 in "all other," chiefly commercial loans. Loans secured by Government obligations fell off by about \$44,000,000 and now constitute less than 1.5% of total loans and discounts. Loans secured by corporate stocks and bonds constitute about 35.7% of total loans and discounts and "all other" loans and discounts about 62.8%, as compared with about 33.4% and 64.6%, respectively, at the beginning of the year. Loans and discounts of reporting member banks in the New York district increased by \$574,000,000, or by about 13.3%, as compared with about 8.3% for all reporting banks. Large increases in other districts were: Chicago, \$141,000,000; Boston, \$50,000,000; Philadelphia, \$48,000,000; San Francisco, \$42,000,000, and Minneapolis, \$36,000,000.

Investments in United States securities declined slightly during the first six months and then increased gradually to a maximum of \$2,735,000,000 on Dec. 3, an increase of \$331,000,000 being shown for the year. Holdings of corporate stocks and bonds went up gradually from \$2,241,000,000 on Jan. 2 to a maximum of \$2,895,000,000 on Nov. 19, the total of \$2,886,000,000 reported on Dec. 31 representing an increase of \$645,000,000 during the year. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Total loans and investments were slightly below the 1923 level until about the middle of the year and then increased steadily to the highest amount that has ever been reported, \$18,601,000,000, on Dec. 24, and stood at about the same level, \$18,599,000,000, on Dec. 31.

Net demand deposits fell off slightly during the first three months of the year and then steadily increased to the record total of \$13,254,000,000 on Dec. 31, while time deposits increased practically continuously from \$4,104,000,000 on Jan. 2 to \$4,862,000,000 on Nov. 19, after which there was a slight recession to \$4,849,000,000 at the close of the year. The principal increases in net demand deposits by Federal Reserve districts were: New York, \$1,034,000,000; Chicago, \$230,000,000; Kansas City, \$88,000,000, and Cleveland, \$80,000,000. The highest relative increase, 29.8%, was reported for the Minneapolis district, increases of more than 20% being reported also for the Kansas City and New York districts. The principal increases in time deposits were: New York, \$250,000,000; Chicago, \$125,000,000; San Francisco, \$112,000,000, and Cleveland, \$73,000,000.

Reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks followed rather closely the changes in net demand deposits and stood at \$1,680,000,000 at the end of the year, as compared with \$1,455,000,000 on Jan. 2, practically all of the increase occurring after the end of May.

Borrowings of all reporting member banks at their reserve banks fell from \$533,000,000 on Jan. 2 to \$255,000,000 on Feb. 6, the decrease during this period being due chiefly to the return flow of currency to the Reserve banks which always takes place during the weeks following the Christmas holidays. Total borrowings thereafter continued to decline to the low point of \$59,000,000 on Aug. 27. An increase in borrowings during December brought the total up to \$224,000,000 on Dec. 24, after which there was a decline to \$154,000,000 on Dec. 31, the amount reported at the end of the year representing a decrease of about \$380,000,000 from that reported on Jan. 2. The lower level of borrowings in 1924 as compared with 1923 was due chiefly to increased holdings of United States securities and acceptances by the Reserve banks, and to substantial net imports of gold, such gold being used largely either to liquidate borrowings at the Reserve banks or to build up reserve balances of member banks in keeping with the growth of their deposits.

On a subsequent page—that is on page 188—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System.

Production of Gold and Silver in the United States in 1924.

The Bureau of the Mint, with the co-operation of the Geological Survey, on Dec. 31 1924 issued the following statement of the preliminary estimate of the refinery production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar

year 1924. The 1924 gold production exceeded that of 1923 by \$178,000 and is the largest since 1919. The silver output was 8,542,954 ounces less than 1923, but materially greater than during the years 1919 to 1922 inclusive. The high record product of 1915 was: Gold \$101,035,700; silver, 74,961,075 ounces.

ARRIVALS AT UNITED STATES MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES AND AT PRIVATE REFINERIES.

States.	Gold.		Silver.	
	Ounces.	Value.	Ounces.	Value.*
Alaska	300,907	\$6,220,300	666,165	\$447,663
Arizona	232,113	4,798,200	6,349,265	4,266,706
California	630,882	13,041,500	3,366,959	2,262,596
Colorado	408,667	8,447,900	3,286,996	2,208,861
Georgia	20	400		
Illinois	26,809	554,200	8,035,193	5,399,650
Indiana			9,500	6,384
Michigan			153,201	102,951
Missouri			97,379	65,439
Montana	93,088	1,924,300	13,154,937	8,840,118
Nevada	223,159	4,613,100	9,523,846	6,400,025
New Mexico	24,207	500,400	783,338	526,403
North Carolina	14	300		
Oregon	27,511	568,700	47,475	31,903
Pennsylvania	218	4,500	1,032	1,298
South Dakota	296,781	6,135,000	90,809	61,024
Tennessee	324	6,700	93,049	62,529
Texas			719,600	483,504
Utah	152,376	3,149,900	18,178,768	12,216,132
Washington	13,187	272,600	194,317	130,581
Wyoming	5	100		
Porto Rico	10	200	11	7
Philippine Islands	80,965	1,673,700	39,576	26,595
Totals	2,511,243	\$51,912,000	64,792,216	\$43,540,369

\* At average New York price, \$0.672 per ounce

Visit to United States of Montagu C. Norman and Sir Alan Garrett Anderson of Bank of England—Statement by Governor Strong, of New York Federal Reserve Bank.

In addition to the statement (published by us a week ago, page 28), given out by the British Embassy at Washington regarding the visit to this country of Montagu C. Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Alan Garrett Anderson, a director of the Bank of England, Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, whose guest Governor Norman is, issued a statement, Jan. 2, saying:

Governor Norman has authorized me to say in his behalf that his visit to New York is his customary trip, which he has made every year or two in the past in a similar way, for the purpose of conferring with the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is the New York representative of the Bank of England. Governor Strong made a similar trip to London last spring.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 3 said:

Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, while on his visit to this country, is making an inspection of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, with the idea of perhaps incorporating some of the modern features of the bank's building in the structure which the Bank of England proposes to erect, according to an announcement yesterday.

It was reported here yesterday that Mr. Norman probably would take up the subject of the American claims against Germany and give an informal and unofficial outline of British views on that problem.

Oversubscription of French Internal Loan—Effect of Loan on Bank of France and Credit Foncier.

Full figures regarding the amount subscribed for the French Internal Loan, which closed on Dec. 10, have not been made public, but according to a statement of the French Minister of Finance the issue has been a complete success and the announced amount of four billion francs has been oversubscribed by at least one billion. Thus says a statement issued Jan. 7 by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, which likewise says:

It is too early yet to observe any effect of this large internal loan on the statements of condition of such important financial institutions as the Bank of France and the Credit Foncier.

The statement of the Bank of France published on Dec. 18 compares as follows with that of the week before and that of Nov. 13:

BANK OF FRANCE STATEMENT.

Un francs—	Dec. 18.	Dec. 11.	Nov. 13.
Bills discounted	4,902,000,000	4,659,000,000	4,636,000,000
Advances to Government	2,600,000,000	2,600,000,000	3,200,000,000
Loans against securities	2,922,000,000	2,833,000,000	2,838,000,000
Bank-notes in circulation	40,518,000,000	40,568,000,000	40,636,000,000
Deposits in current accts.	1,980,000,000	1,846,000,000	1,850,000,000

The place occupied by the Credit Foncier in the financial structure of France is scarcely less important than that occupied by the Bank of France. The Credit Foncier (the word "foncier" means "based on land") is the great land mortgage bank of France, exercising a virtual monopoly because of privileges granted in its charter and because of its intimate connection with the French State in respect to its administration. The loan operations of the Credit Foncier are restricted almost entirely to mortgage loans to individuals and communal loans, i. e., loans to villages, cities, and "departments" or counties.

According to the latest figures just received by the Bankers Trust Company of New York from its French Information Service these individual loans granted by the Credit Foncier and secured by mortgages now outstanding aggregated on Oct. 31 last 2,851,931,491 francs, while communal loans amounted to 6,160,957,879 francs, making a total of 9,012,889,370 francs. The property securing these loans is worth at least double the assessed value, as the Credit Foncier under its charter can not lend more than half the value of the property mortgaged.

All of the liens held by the Credit Foncier are secured by first mortgages. These loans are rapid to the Credit Foncier by means of annuities which

embrace interest and amortization payments. The following figures show the steady development of the Credit Foncier during the past three years:

CREDIT FONCIER DE FRANCE.

(In francs—000,000 omitted)

Year—	Capital Total Resources.	Net Profit.	Quotation of Stock		Divs. Frs. per Share.
			500 Frs.	Low 760 45	
1921	300	8,718	46	High 805	670 45
1922	300	9,081	49	1,030	760 50
1923	300	9,833	57	1,530	1,053 60

George F. Baker to Be Guest of Honor at Banquet of Group VIII of New York Bankers Association Next Monday.

Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, J. P. Morgan, J. S. Alexander, Chairman of the National Bank of Commerce, and William E. Knox, President of the American Bankers Association, will address Group VIII of the New York State Bankers Association at its banquet to be held on Monday next (Jan. 12) at the Waldorf. George F. Baker, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of New York, will be the guest of honor.

British Loan Offer Highly Successful—Tenders of £77 10s. 6d. Good for 3½% Bonds—Tenders of 77½ Rejected.

The following special cablegram from London, Jan. 8, is from yesterday's New York "Journal of Commerce":

The result of the offer of conversion 3½% British funds by tender was highly satisfactory. The Treasury accepted only tenders of £77 10s. 6d. per £100 of the loan and upward. These tenders exceeded £59,000,000, all tenders at 77½ being discarded. This produces about £45,750,000 to meet £53,000,000 Exchequer bonds maturing on Feb. 1. The balance will be met out of available resources or by increasing the floating debt. The fact that the Treasury discarded all tenders at 77½ is regarded very favorably in financial circles and implies an expectation on the part of the Treasury that money rates will not rise appreciably in the early future.

Argentine Notes Will Be Refunded—\$20,000,000 Issue, Sold Here, Matures Soon.

The following is from "The Sun" of last night (Jan. 9):

Action has been taken by the Argentine Government, it became known today, to refund the \$20,000,000 Treasury notes sold in this market last year which mature Feb. 25 of this year. The refunding will be through the purchase of an equal amount of new Treasury bills by Blair & Co. The maturity date of the new bills has not yet been set.

The maturing bills bear 5% interest. By refunding them with short term obligations a saving in interest will be effected.

On Mar. 1 next a further \$5,000,000 of Argentine notes, bearing 4% will mature. These bills were placed with banks last year at the extremely low yield basis of 3½%. So far as can be learned no action has yet been taken with respect to this issue. An issue of 5½% notes also falls due this year to the amount of \$10,000,000.

It is possible that some of Argentina's extensive refunding this year may be taken care of by long term bond issues. By decree of Dec. 5 last the Government accepted an offer by Blair & Co. to sell \$40,000,000 6% bonds due 1958. The price realized was 92%, plus interest, without commission. These bonds were publicly sold by Blair & Co. late last year at a price of 96½ to yield 6.22%.

New Issue of Treasury Bonds by Japanese Government—Country's Foreign Trade in 1924.

T. Wikawa, Acting Financial Commissioner to United States of America, furnishes us, under date of Jan. 8, with the following translation of official cablegrams received from the Japanese Government regarding the new issue of Treasury bonds, and the country's foreign trade for 1924:

1. Foreign Trade of Japan Proper (exclusive Korea and Formosa) during the Year of 1924 (Round Numbers).

Import	2,451,816,000 yen
Export	1,806,814,000 yen
Excess of import	645,002,000 yen

2. New Railroad Financing.

The Government has decided to issue the 19th 5% Treasury bonds, which will be offered for sale at post offices from Jan. 26 to Feb. 2 1925. Purpose, railroad construction and improvement. Amount of issue, 10,000,000 yen. Date of issue, Jan. 26 1925. Date of final redemption, June 1 1932. Rate of interest, 5% per annum. Price of issue, 91½. Yield, about 6.7%.

French General Budget.

The revenue to meet the expenses of France's general budget during last November, not inclusive of the postal receipts, reached a total figure of 2,472,994,900 francs, out of which unusual receipts such as revenue from sale of war stocks, tax on excess war profits and fines accounted for 96,450,500 francs, according to advices received by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York from its French Information Service. The latter, under date of Jan. 9, says:

Deducting these unusual receipts, the normal and permanent revenue for the month reached 2,376,544,400 francs, or 512 million francs more than the return for November 1923.

For the first eleven months of this year revenue from normal sources aggregated 23,112,660,700 francs and showed an increase of 4,893,692,400 francs over revenue for the same period last year.

The above-mentioned figure of 2,376,544,400 francs, representing normal revenue for last November, can be subdivided into the following categories:



1. Revenue from direct taxation which yielded 762,110,600 francs and showed an increase of 258,504,400 francs over the amount collected in November 1923.  
 2. Revenue from State property, 55,379,600 francs, showing an increase of 14,923,600 francs over November 1923.  
 3. Revenue from indirect taxes and Government monopolies which aggregated 1,539,054,000 francs, or 238,988,000 francs more than in the same month last year.

The separate budget of the postal administration also shows an increase in receipts which totalled 129,957,000 francs during November, thus exceeding budgetary estimates by 15,416,500 francs and last year's figure by 24,372,000 francs.

**Indian Debt Amortization—New Plan Calls for Annual Charge of 40,000,000 Rupees Against Revenue for Five Years.**

The Indian Government has developed a new scheme for amortizing the public debt which calls for an annual charge of 40,000,000 rupees against revenues for the next five years, according to the Department of Commerce. In view of the favorable revenue returns the current year, the Government expects the budget will be balanced. Opinion seems divided as to whether the excise duty on cotton goods will be removed. Abolition of this 3½% duty would give Indian textile mills an 11% advantage over imported textiles, instead of the present 7½%. This measure, though approved by the Indian legislative assembly, has not yet received Government sanction.

**Poor Barred from Australia—Country Makes Forty Pounds Sterling Requisite for Immigrants.**

According to a Melbourne (Australia) cablegram, Jan. 6, to the New York "Evening Post," the Australian Government intends to prevent an influx of impecunious immigrants next spring. To this end, it is said, it has issued a regulation which says no person shall be allowed to land in the Commonwealth after March 31 unless in possession of at least forty pounds sterling. The "Post" says:

For some time past there has been a strong agitation in Australia against certain immigration, particularly of Southern Europeans. It was charged that the people were permitted to enter the country at will, and that many of them had no money or prospects and therefore became a burden to the Commonwealth.

**Peasants Force Russian Soviet to Grant Reforms.**

The New York "Herald-Tribune" of the 9th inst. prints the following Associated Press cablegram from Moscow, Jan. 8:

At an important conference now in progress at the Kremlin between Soviet officials and representatives of the peasantry it was decided to give the peasantry a more active part in Russian elections, permitting them to name their own candidates as opposed to purely Communist candidates.

The peasants are also to be granted what the Bolsheviks term "greater revolutionary justice." They will be given an increasing share in the affairs of the country and an effort will be made to lighten their taxation and other burdens. The Government has been obliged to heed the growing voice of dissatisfaction among the peasantry.

**Germany Gets First of Gold Consignment—Expects 20,000,000 Marks Per Week Hereafter—German Economists Object to Imports.**

Under date of Jan. 4 the New York "Times" published the following (copyright) from Berlin:

Last week's Reichsbank's weekly return as of Dec. 23 showed not only the large increase for the week of 21,461,000 marks in the total gold reserve, but the still larger increase of 35,576,000 marks in the bank's total reserve. This was the first week to be marked by large gold imports into Germany since the war.

It is estimated that on the average the bank's importations of gold in the immediate future will amount to 20,000,000 gold marks per week. All of the 216,000,000 marks gold now deposited abroad to the credit of the bank will ultimately be imported, except possibly for the interest on the reparations loan, which will probably in the end also be scheduled in the shape of gold.

Some newspapers and economists of the academic sort, including Professor Liefman, of Freiberg, have sharply attacked the financial policy regarding gold and have criticized Reichsbank President Schacht in particular. They declare that actual possession of the gold is unnecessary for Germany, and argue that it would be altogether for the best to let America keep the whole of the gold, inasmuch as that would drive up American gold prices and thereby enable German exporters to undersell American producers.

**Holland as Importer of Gold from America—Possibility of a Movement in That Direction Discussed by German Newspaper.**

The following is from the New York "Times" of Jan. 5:

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" reports of the Amsterdam market that "the discount of about ¼ cent in the value of the dollar as measured by the florin—the dollar being quoted 2.47 florins as against the parity of 2.48¼—raises the question of the possibility of imports of gold into Holland, and the gold shipment of \$1,000,000 recently announced as having been made from New York to Holland may be the first practical attempt in this direction, although it is not yet quite certain whether the ultimate destination of this shipment is Holland, or whether it will only pass through that country in transit. At present the lower gold point has to be taken as about 2.46¼ @ 2.46¾, whereas before the war it was higher.

"Regarding the utilization of such gold shipments, it must be pointed out that the Nederlandsche Bank is not obliged to purchase all the gold that may be offered. Naturally, it has to buy Dutch gold coins, or exchange

such against notes. Hitherto the bank has bought at 1,648 and 1,650 florins per kilo, respectively. Also, it is entitled to require an assay made by its own assay office. In the event of the bank declining to purchase any other gold, the importer has the right to have the gold minted into Dutch coins at the Utrecht Mint.

"The bank can protect itself against this in the following manner: the Utrecht Mint is obliged to give the bank preference in respect to the assay and minting; that is to say, the mint may accept only 1,500 kilos of private minting to every 3,000 kilos belonging to the bank. Should the bank wish to discourage offers of gold, it may hand over to the mint its own gold to be minted, and thus cause considerable loss of interest to the importer, as the minting of a substantial amount occupies a considerable time (3,000 kilos equals about half a million florins). Advances on gold shipments which were granted before the war in order to facilitate gold imports, have not been made for a long period."

**Agreement Reached Between French and German Delegates—Fuel Deliveries Will Be Resumed.**

Under date of Dec. 30 the Department of Commerce at Washington announces the following from Eugene A. Masuret, Clerk to Trade Commissioner, Paris, Nov. 10:

German shipments of indemnity fuel have been temporarily suspended since Nov. 1; in fact, the Orca received only 2,000 tons last week from a few mines.

The difficulties which arose with regard to the transportation of fuel by way of the Rhine have now been smoothed out. Germany wanted a return to the conditions obtaining before the Ruhr occupation, while France wanted to have taken into consideration the changes which have occurred since that time. An agreement was also reached on this matter, and the shipments will be made proportionately and pro rata to the deliveries on French vessels and on German vessels.

It is also learned that France has obtained the maintenance of the specifications (cahier des charges) as far as deliveries are concerned. This is said to be a guaranty to the French industries, as formerly there was complaint as to the quality and the composition of shipments. This short suspension in fuel shipments, and particularly coke shipments, has had only favorable consequences, considering the accumulation of stocks at the French plants.

It appears that some concessions were made on the part of France with regard to the program for future deliveries, but that, under present conditions, they are not of great importance as far as the supplying of the French plants is concerned.

"L'Usine" states that it was affirmed that the Reparations Commission would take the matter up, but it does not believe that there is much hope that the French thesis will be adopted, especially on account of English opposition, which fears more than ever the German competition in fuels.

The tonnage of German metallurgical coke received by the Orca from January to October 1924, inclusive, was as follows:

1924.	Metric Tons.	1924.	Metric Tons.
January.....	283,076	July.....	358,861
February.....	308,789	August.....	280,968
March.....	425,684	September.....	276,896
April.....	592,322	October.....	269,805
May.....	266,732		
June.....	447,806	Total.....	3,510,939

**Export of German Capital—Laws Against Sending Remittances Abroad Lapsed on Dec. 31.**

The following copyright cablegram from Berlin Dec. 28 appeared in the New York "Times":

International trade and investment will be facilitated by the lapse on Dec. 31 of the German laws against "flight of capital." Judging from the Government's announcement last week, no part of these laws will be prolonged, so that henceforth it will be possible to send or take abroad unlimited values in cash or securities.

The Government is also about to withdraw its decree requiring Federal sanction for State and municipal bonds placed on foreign markets. It will substitute a statement of the procedure through which such loans must be arranged.

**New Gold Prices for Stocks of General Electric Corporation at Berlin—Two-thirds Will Quote Below Par.**

Advices from Berlin (Dec. 28) copyright by the New York "Times" state:

The General Electricity Corporation has scaled down its common stock capital from 1,200,000,000 paper marks to 120,000,000 gold marks. It announces that it will pay 5% dividends on the lower valuation.

In converting the present paper mark Boerse quotations into gold mark quotations, on the basis of scaling down the ratio, the following results are obtained: In the case of 522 out of 750 corporations whose stock is quoted on the Berlin Boerse, 22.2% of the 522 stocks will be quoted above par—that is to say, over 100 gold marks per 100 gold marks nominal of stock, while 77.8% will be quoted at less than par. Before the war, nearly all of these stocks were quoted on the old gold basis well above par, and many at more than 200, but 10% was then considered a normal dividend.

**Gold Balance Sheets Required in Austria—Government Takes Action With the New Year—Market Likes the Plan.**

The following account from Vienna is reported in a copyright cablegram Jan. 4 to the New York "Times":

The Austrian Government has begun the year by introducing a propitious bill stipulating gold balance accounts for all business undertakings as a supplement to the "shilling currency law." It is likely to do away with the bad effect of the recent inflation period.

In future all Austrian business balances must rest on the true value of their assets and liabilities, which will terminate the concealments and deliberate deceptions which occurred through the constant use of paper crown valuations dating from different periods and actually representing different intrinsic values. The nominal value of the shares must not amount to less than 30 Austrian shillings, and the share capital to not less than 70,000 shillings, and the companies cannot be founded with less than 50,000 shillings, which would be \$70,000.

When this law is put into effect the Boerse will also obtain a clearer insight into values and will be able to judge which shares deserve support and which do not.

### Argentina's Imports and Exports for First Six Months of 1924.

According to the Argentine-American Chamber of Commerce, Inc., of this city, figures covering Argentina's imports and exports for the first six months of this year, just compiled by the National Statistical Department, indicate a balance of trade in favor of Argentina for the current year. A comparative table of values for 1923 and 1924 follows:

	Imports. \$ Gold.	Exports. \$ Gold.	Export Surplus. \$ Gold.
January-June 1924.....	412,254,969	569,885,168	157,630,199
January-June 1923.....	434,215,048	457,151,616	22,936,568

#### The Chamber says:

This favorable trade balance of 157,630,199 gold pesos is due to the fact that the total value of exports for the first half of 1924 was the highest recorded for any similar period in recent years except 1920. Of this total value 232,000,000 gold pesos represent the amount of live stock and by-products exported as compared with 176,000,000 gold pesos in that connection in 1923. Exports of agricultural products totaled 322,000,000 gold pesos, as against 265,000,000 last year.

The statistics show that Argentina is importing less of the finished products and is developing its own manufacture of goods for home consumption. At the same time its exportation of raw materials is steadily increasing.

### Failure of Mexico to Pay Interest on Bonds under Debt Readjustment Agreement—President Calles' Budget Plans.

With regard to the Mexican Government's failure to pay the 1924 interest on its external debt under the terms of the agreement with the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico, we quote the following from the New York "Times" of Jan. 3:

The Mexican Government's contract with the Committee of International Bankers on Mexico provided for the payment during 1924 of \$17,500,000. The mid-year installment was not paid, and with Jan. 1 the year's payment went into arrears, as the agreement stipulated that date as the time when deposits necessary to keep up the service should have been made.

The agreement went into effect on Jan. 1 1923, and the first year's payment, which amounted to \$15,000,000, was paid. Announcement of the suspension of the 1924 mid-year payment was made last June by President Obregon, who said that Mexico's inability to obtain a new loan had made it imperative to suspend interest payments pending a time when the national Treasury was in better condition.

According to recent reports from the City of Mexico, quoting the new President, General Calles, and his Finance Minister, Alberto Pani, the Mexican Government is gradually working its way out of financial embarrassment. Even without a new loan, it was said, the country would be able to keep on going, and a careful policy of retrenchment and economy has been ordered.

The International Committee of Bankers, of which Thomas W. Lamont is Chairman, has taken no action toward declaring the agreement in default. No notice of a meeting of the committee has been sent out and there was nothing to indicate yesterday that the committee would be in a hurry to take such action, although bankers were by no means optimistic of Mexico's ability to make an early payment under the contract which provided for scaling down the \$500,000,000 face amount of bonds and \$200,000,000 of back interest to a smaller amount on which interest payments were gradually to have increased to \$25,000,000 a year.

On Jan. 8 the Associated Press had the following to say in advices from Mexico City Jan. 8:

The Mexican Government is to devote \$42,000,000 this year to payment of interest on its foreign debt, it is shown in the budget of expenditures which has been approved by President Calles after long study.

The approved expenditures for 1925 amount to \$309,000,000, in addition to the \$42,000,000 for payment of interest, representing an economy of \$10,000,000 as compared with the expenditures in 1924.

Associated Press dispatches from Mexico City Dec. 14 in announcing that President Calles had been clothed with wide financial powers, said:

President Calles has been granted by Congress extraordinary powers in financial matters from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 1925, owing to lack of time to end the budget discussions in the Chamber of Deputies before the closing session on Dec. 31 next.

President Calles will make a financial report to Congress on Aug. 31 1925, when the new session will open.

In his first interview with the press on Dec. 27, President Calles said that Mexico must live within her income and must pay her own way. Economy will be the keynote of the present Administration. This is learned from a copyright cablegram from Mexico City to the New York "Times" which, in its further account of what President Calles had to say, said:

Budgets must be balanced and graft eliminated at any cost.

The President began by praising the "gigantic work" of President Obregon for national reconstruction.

"The most serious and most pressing obligation at the present is the economic problem," he continued. "We must balance budgets. The conditions of life for revolutionary ideals are public order and the urgent necessity of development of national wealth in order to make possible the reforms in the social order which are the essence of my program.

"The principal effort of my Government during the first months and possibly during the first year will be balancing the budgets. To obtain this I will follow only patriotic roads honestly and logically to reduce expenses without injuring the public services, with scrupulous management of funds and the reorganization of the offices in charge of the collection of taxes. So, without sacrifices on the part of the country by exterior debts or new internal taxes, I am sure that we can arrive at the necessary balance.

"We have decided that the nation must live within its own resources. The Government has no intention to seek outside foreign sources for a loan.

We must then see that sources of production in our country are revived; that commerce and industry reach a state of flourishing development—conditions which are necessary if we are to supply our needs by ourselves. Economic stability once established, we can apply constructive plans for social reform, which is the aim of our Government.

"The Government of the Republic expects that State Governors will follow the same line of conduct, strictly following the letter of the law of honesty and social equity which the present administration proposes to follow, and using the same methods that the Federal Government uses in administrative matters will reduce expenses until they arrive at a balance of their budgets. Respect for public funds and energy to prevent leakage is the only way that some local Governors can avoid bankruptcy.

"Regarding the army, which gave so many proofs of its loyalty when it suffocated the last attempt at revolution, I wish to say that we will elevate it even more, until the army corresponds to the functions of the guardians of the institutions and public order that are our inheritance. In order to arrive at this position of dignity, we will eliminate systematically those functions which at times it has been forced to perform, such as being the instrument of local impositions and as a police protector of immoral Governors. We will dignify it also by carrying into the army the same elevation of morale as we propose for the executive offices, by a weeding out process which will raise the prestige of the organization and satisfy the pride of the officers.

"These are my intentions and plans, expressed with all the sincerity which I always have placed in all my acts.

"These days I am spending most of my time studying budgets and expect within a short time to give exact figures of the true financial situation of the Republic. But now I express my conviction that Mexico can, with her own resources, face all her internal obligations and her external obligations later, and can develop her reconstructive revolutionary plans without loans.

"The Government will not tolerate a lack of unity, as the men who form the Government should be loyal co-workers identified with the plans of the Executive."

### Americans Advised by F. I. Kent of American Bankers Association Committee to Present Claims Against Mexico Promptly.

Americans having claims against Mexico on account of deposits in banks there, which were prevented from meeting their obligations by any act of the Mexican Government or revolutionary forces, are advised in a statement issued this week by Fred I. Kent, Chairman of the Commerce and Marine Commission, American Bankers Association, to make a prompt presentation of their cases to the Secretary of State at Washington. The statement says:

The attention of American bankers and of other American citizens, whether corporations, partnerships or individuals having claims against the Mexican Government because of deposit accounts which they had in the Bank of London & Mexico or in other Mexican institutions, or arising out of other obligations of such institutions, which were prevented from meeting their obligations through any act of the Mexican Government or of any Mexican revolutionary party or faction, is called to the fact that under the conventions between the United States and Mexico signed at Washington and Mexico City, Sept. 8 and 10 1923, respectively, it is necessary if they wish to establish their claims that such claims should be presented by petition addressed to the Secretary of State at the earliest possible date. Such claims, if they care to be considered by the General Claims Commission, must be filed by the agent for the United States with the Secretary of the Commission before the 30th day of August 1925 and should reach the Department of State well in advance of that date for transmission to the agency for examination and filing. The consideration and proper presentation of such claims will be greatly facilitated if they are filed promptly, as the cases of American depositors in Mexican banks will probably be among the first to be considered by the General Claims Commission when it meets in March 1925.

It is suggested that in case of doubt as to what claims may come within the conventions or as to the form in which they should be presented to the Secretary of State, that bankers or others communicate directly with the agent for the United States, Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Mexico, Washington, D. C.

### J. L. Arlitt Disputes Cancellation of \$50,000,000 Mexican Loan Contract.

With regard to the recent announcement that the Mexican Government had notified J. L. Arlitt that his contract for the loan of \$50,000,000 to the Mexican Government had been canceled, Mr. Arlitt was reported in the New York "Times" of Dec. 30 as saying:

I repeat what I have said heretofore that only the President of Mexico can cancel the contract. Upon receipt of cablegram or letter from the President of Mexico, stating that the contract is canceled, I shall feel that proper notice has been served upon me. The contract was authorized over the signature of President Obregon, under the Act of 1917, and the President alone can cancel it.

The New York "Herald-Tribune" of Dec. 27 printed the following as to Mr. Arlitt's contentions relative to the contract and its cancellation:

J. L. Arlitt issued a statement yesterday amplifying his denial of the report that his contract with the Mexican Government for the flotation of a \$50,000,000 loan had been canceled. At the same time it was stated in the financial district here that representatives of Arlitt had made unsuccessful attempts to interest New York bankers in distributing the bonds. The burden of the statement was that, inasmuch as the contract had been signed under direction of former President Obregon, Minister of Finance Alberto Pani had no authority to cancel it. After putting forth that argument, the statement proceeded:

Since there was no advance notice of the impending reported cancellation, I feel that there must be some reason not yet disclosed for Mexico's action. While, of course, I am not as fully informed as the Mexican officials themselves, I have been in fairly close touch with some of the government's representatives, and in view of Secretary Pani's statement in the press dispatch from Mexico City, Saturday, that he felt that I am to blame for the situation, I think the government's attitude is that the international bankers' agreement, signed on June 16 1922, worked and continues to work an unjust hardship on the republic.

While my associates in this matter are much disturbed over the situation as reported from Mexico City, they have not so far indicated a dispositio



to withdraw their support of me in the amount they have subscribed to this loan.

Reference to the announcement of the cancellation of the contract appeared in our issue of Dec. 27, page 2951. Before this announcement had been made it had been reported that 65% of the issue had been placed by Mr. Arlitt with houses in the Middle and Far West. Commenting on the failure of the venture the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 22 said:

Cancellation of this contract ends a more or less spectacular attempt on the part of one man to float a government issue in this market. Announcement of the proposed loan in early October met with a good deal of skepticism. The size of the offering, by a hitherto little known Western operator, added color to the transaction. According to the initial statement, the Mexican oil production tax was to be security for the loan which, it was pointed out, exceeded in volume of return the oil export tax providing the basis of guarantee for the existing debt formerly negotiated through the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico. Out of the proceeds from the first and second payments \$8,500,000 was to be paid this committee in satisfaction of the defaultage of the July 1924 interest on the Mexican obligation to the committee, and a similar amount was to be set aside from the last instalment as a fund to meet the payment due Dec. 31 1924.

The loan, or part of it, was said to be underwritten by a certain group of Western banks, but it could never be learned what banks comprised the association nor would Arlitt disclose their identity.

Directly the negotiations were completed Arlitt began a vigorous campaign to place the issue, and, in view of the operator's affiliations, it was assumed his efforts were largely confined to Western territory.

Special inducements calculated to interest oil companies were incorporated in the agreement. Operators in Mexico would have been permitted to remit one-half of their payment of the oil production tax in these bonds, which were to be redeemable at par. Toward the last Arlitt stressed this feature in an energetic attempt to secure support from these companies for his venture and it was understood overtures to this effect were made in a number of instances.

During the negotiations former Financial Agent Mascareñas obtained from Thomas W. Lamont, Chairman of the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico, a statement on behalf of the committee, denying any feeling of opposition on the part of the committee and expressing the wish that the venture would be successful.

The statement by Mr. Lamont referred to above appeared in our issue of Oct. 25, page 1904. From an Austin dispatch to the New York "Times" Dec. 22 we quote the following:

Official notice of the cancellation by the Mexican Government of the contract for a \$50,000,000 loan was received to-day by J. L. Arlitt, bond dealer of Austin. Mr. Arlitt declined to say what action, if any, he may take in the matter.

"I have personally borne all the expense of the bond issue, including the lithographing of the bonds," he said. "I am out a considerable sum of money, and, although there is nothing in the contract which would protect me against such loss, I am sure the Mexican Government will assume the expense that I have been put to."

"Secretary Pani notified the Mexican financial agency in New York to delay delivery of any of the bonds until the entire \$50,000,000 had been subscribed. I think the Government's attitude is that the international bankers' agreement signed on June 16 1922 by Finance Minister de la Huerta works an unjust hardship on the republic. The reason is that the agreement provides that the republic assume the payment of principal, interest and sinking fund on something over \$243,000,000 of railroad debts which were not Government obligations, but simply private corporations' obligations. The railroad debt, as I understand it, was injected into this agreement by certain bankers of New York and London, while it is said that J. P. Morgan & Co. did not favor the assumption by the republic of Mexico of the railroad debt, particularly at a time when Mexico was having difficulty in meeting its obligations due to international disorders."

"With the opposition I have met in certain quarters in connection with my loan I cannot help repeating my feeling that the intended cancellation was directed not so much at me as it was at the release of Mexico from its unjust assumption of the railroad debt of \$243,000,000, together with interest."

"Since the De la Huerta revolution early this year resulted in a cost to the Mexican Government of 60,000,000 pesos, Mexico was unable to pay all of the \$8,750,000 due the international bankers on July 1 1924. If the situation in that respect remains the same on Jan. 1 1925, it may be that Mexico will get the desired release from said agreement as to the \$243,000,000 railroad debt."

"While my associates in this matter are much disturbed over the situation as reported from Mexico City, they have not so far indicated a disposition to withdraw their support from me in the amount they have subscribed to this loan."

#### Calles's Christmas Gift—Orders Government Employees to Work and Cuts Number of Holidays.

We quote the following special cablegram to the New York "Times" from Mexico City Dec. 25:

President Calles shocked Government employees yesterday by ordering that all Federal offices keep open Christmas day. The President personally set an example by arriving at his office half an hour earlier than usual.

After consultation with the ministers, President Calles ordered a cut in the number of holidays the employees have enjoyed. Instead of fifty holidays a year, they will be forced to work on all religious holidays and will have left four national holidays.

#### Pacific Coast Bankers to Finance Obregon in \$3,000,000 Mexican Sugar Purchase.

The New York "Commercial" of yesterday (Jan. 9) published the following from San Francisco Jan. 8:

One of the largest sugar plantations and refineries in Mexico, representing properties valued at \$5,000,000, is about to be acquired by ex President Alvaro Obregon and a syndicate of San Francisco bankers.

This news was declared in an announcement from ex President Obregon that he will visit this city next month, when he will confer here with Herbert Fleischacker, Mortimer Fleischacker, John H. Rosseter, exporter; Mayor James Rolph and Thomas Andrews.

The sugar property to be acquired is the Almada Sugar Corporation of the State of Sinaloa, Mexico, at present owned by the Powerful Almada family of the Southern Republic.

The former President of Mexico has communicated with San Francisco business men on the large sugar enterprise for a conference at which the deal will be completed about Feb. 10.

#### Frisco Men in Syndicate.

Obregon has many personal friends among San Francisco business men and it is understood that the sugar syndicate will be largely comprised of these.

During his visit to this city the details of the acquisition of the sugar enterprise will be completed. The Almada family has agreed to terms offered by ex President Obregon, and the consideration as fixed at \$5,000,000.

The significance of the sugar deal lies in the prospects for a tremendously enhanced exploitation of the sugar potentialities of Mexico on American capital.

Mexico, according to one of the San Francisco business men involved in the deal is admirably suited for the production of sugar, and its resources in this field have not as yet been cultivated to even meet the domestic demands, with no attempt made at exportation.

#### Mexico Gets \$1,000,000—Merchants Agree to Pay Six Months' Taxes in Advance.

A special cablegram from Mexico City Dec. 30 to the New York "Times" said:

A merchants' loan to the Government of 2,000,000 pesos will be applied to back salaries of Government employees. A loan representing advance taxes for the next two years was requested, but the merchants owing to poor business conditions, were unable to comply.

They have advanced six months' taxes with the promise that if business is increasing at the end of six months they will make further advances.

#### Adjournment of Mexican Senate—Failure to Pass Oil Bill.

Under date of Dec. 31 the New York "Evening Post" announced the following from Mexico City:

The Mexican Senate went into recess without passing the proposed oil law. Unless an extraordinary sitting is convoked the present conditions will continue until Sept. 19, when Congress again meets.

Efforts of several Senators to get action on the oil bill proved futile.

#### Mexico to continue Land Division Policy—Agricultural Board of Make Careful Study Before Distributing Estates Among Peasants.

The New York "Evening Post" reports the following from Mexico City Jan. 7:

The reorganized agricultural commission, after its first meeting yesterday, has announced it will continue the land division policy, making careful study, however, before dividing large estates among the peasants, and giving facilities to landowners for voluntary division of their estates, if done within the provisions of the law.

Declaring the agitated revolutionary period past, the commission says it will not allow the landowners or peasants to employ illegal measures, but will strive to protect both, to the end that the landowners may exploit their unaffected holdings, knowing that they enjoy the securities granted by the law, and that the peasants may work the lands allotted to them. The allotments, however, will be withdrawn in cases where the peasants stop work.

The statement adds that the commission will act in a purely technical nature and will not be allowed to mix in politics. The commission will give facilities to the peasants for payments for the agricultural implements furnished them, will follow the land division program and will strive in the shortest possible time to furnish all the villages with the communal lands to which they are entitled.

#### Mexico Quits Wire Control—Private Owners to Take from Government and Improve Lines.

From Mexico City Dec. 31 the New York "Evening Post" reported the following:

The Mexican Telephone & Telegraph Co., controlled for several years by the Mexican Government, will soon be handed over to the private owners, says Colonel W. J. Repp, who is here to receive the property.

Colonel Repp announced that improvements will place the company on the same level as companies in the United States and Havana owned by the same interests.

#### Offering of Bonds of Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank.

On Jan. 8 a \$1,000,000 issue of 5% bonds of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh, N. C., was offered in New York by William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Harris, Forbes & Co. at 102½ and accrued interest, to yield approximately 4.67% to the optional date (1935) and 5% thereafter. The bonds, which are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, will be dated Feb. 1 1925, will become due Feb. 1 1955 and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date on and after ten years from the date of issue. Principal and interest (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1) will be payable at the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, Raleigh, N. C. Arrangements have been made whereby the coupons may be presented for payment at the office of the New York Trust Co. in New York City. In coupon form the bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000 and registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 and \$10,000. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation and are acceptable as security for Postal Savings and other deposits of Government funds. The Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank was chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board on June 6 1922 and as of Nov. 30

1924 had a capital of \$500,000, paid in surplus of \$50,000 and earned surplus, reserves and undivided profits of \$43,680. Including this issue, the bank has outstanding \$7,400,000 of bonds. Its operations are confined to the States of North Carolina and South Carolina. The following is the statement of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank as of Nov. 30 1924 (as officially reported):

Acres of real estate security	270,797
Appraised value of real estate security	\$17,051,806
Total amount loaned	5,951,000
Average appraised value per acre	63
Average amount loaned per acre	22
Percentage of loans to appraised value	35%

A. W. McLean, President of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, has served in various capacities, including the following:

For four years director of the War Finance Corporation at Washington; for over 25 years President of the National Bank of Lumberton, Lumberton, No. Caro.; for one year Chairman of the Railway Loan Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Treasury; for about one year Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of Customs and Internal Revenue; senior member of the law firm of McLean, Varsar, McLean & Stacy of Lumberton, No. Caro.

**New Issue of \$30,000,000 Federal Land Bank Bonds Sold.**

Public offering was made on Monday last, Jan. 5, of a new issue of \$30,000,000 10-30-year 4½% Federal Land Bank bonds at 101½% and interest, to yield over 4.30% to the redeemable date (1935) and 4½% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The bonds were placed on the day of the offering, announcement being made of the closing of the subscription books at 11 a. m. that day. The bonds were offered to the public by a country-wide group, composed of the twelve Federal Land banks, investment houses, institutions and upwards of a thousand dealers. The banking group was headed by Alex. Brown & Sons of Baltimore, Harris, Forbes & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., the National City Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York. In a statement on the 3d inst., preliminary to Monday's offering, Commissioner Cooper of the Farm Loan Board, commenting on the new issue, said:

The Federal Land banks enter the new year in a very commanding position, with their capital reserve and undivided profits grown to sixty millions of dollars and their total assets just under the billion mark—which they will pass during January.

This is the smallest public offering made in the last five years, which is due to two causes—improved agricultural conditions have resulted in a slightly lessened demand for new loans, and a substantial increase in prepayments—while steady and substantial purchases of Farm Loan bonds by the Veterans' Bureau for the United States Government Insurance Fund is providing a considerable portion of the funds needed for loaning purposes.

The last issue of Federal Land Bank bonds—\$35,000,000 offered on June 16 1924 (and referred to in these columns June 21, page 3032)—bore 4¾% interest, as compared with the 4½% rate carried by the bonds in this week's offering. The new issue will bear date Jan. 1 1925, will become due Jan. 1 1955 and will be redeemable at 100% and interest at any time on or after Jan. 1 1935. Interest will be payable Jan. 1 and July 1 at any Federal Land bank or Federal Reserve bank. The principal is payable at the bank of issue. The bonds, coupon and registered (interchangeable) are in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$40. The Supreme Court of the United States has upheld the constitutionality of the Act creating the banks and exempting these bonds from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. The official circular says:

In six and one-half years of active operation the 12 Federal Land banks have been built up until on Nov. 30 1924 their capital was \$49,089,180, reserve \$5,734,400, undivided profits \$4,744,406, and total assets \$987,082,135. Every bank shows a surplus earned from its operations.

The holdings of the United States Government in the capital stock of the Federal Land banks have been reduced from \$9,000,000, at the time of the inauguration of the system, to about \$1,700,000 as of Nov. 30 1924. During the same period the Farm Loan associations acquired approximately \$47,000,000 capital stock, part of the proceeds of which was used to retire stock owned by the Government as required by the Farm Loan Act. The United States Treasury has purchased and now holds over \$100,000,000 Federal Land Bank bonds. While these bonds are not Government obligations, and are not guaranteed by the Government, they are the secured obligations of banks operating under Federal charter with Governmental supervision, on whose boards of direction the Government is represented.

We also take the following from the circular:

**Issuing Banks**—The 12 Federal Land banks were organized by the United States Government with an original \$9,000,000 capital stock which has since increased through the operation of the system to over \$49,000,000.

**Security**—These bonds, in addition to being obligations of the Federal Land banks all 12 of which are primarily liable for interest and ultimately liable for the principal on each bond, are secured by collateral consisting of an equal amount of United States Government bonds, or mortgages on farm lands which must be:

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

(d) Reduced each year by payment of part of the mortgage debt.  
**Values**—The conservatism of appraisals made for the Federal Land banks is indicated by the fact that, from organization of the banks to Nov. 30 1923 17,560 farms against which the banks had made loans totaling \$53,005,703 were sold by their owners at private sale for \$146,256,585.  
**Acceptable by Treasury**—These bonds are acceptable by the United States Treasury as security for Government deposits including Postal Savings funds.  
**Legal for Trust Funds**—The Federal Farm Loan Act provides that the bonds shall be lawful investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the United States Government. They are eligible under the laws of many of the states for investment of all public and private funds and have been held eligible for investment by savings banks in 37 States.

Federal Land Bank bonds have been held eligible for investment by savings banks in the following states:

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

In our issue of Dec. 13 (page 2713) we gave the Oct. 31 figures of the twelve Federal Land banks and the Joint Stock Land banks. Below is the consolidated statement of condition of the twelve Federal Land Banks at the close of business Nov. 30 1924:

(As officially reported by the Federal Farm Loan Board.)

<b>Assets.</b>	
Net mortgage loans*	\$919,187,592 45
Interest accrued but not yet due on mortgage loans	16,335,617 28
U. S. Government bonds and securities	31,872,573 04
Interest accrued but not yet due on bonds and securities	302,972 44
Other interest accrued but not yet due	10,374 07
Cash on hand and in banks	10,596,835 64
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	2,224,704 91
Accounts receivable	803,650 10
Installments matured (in process of collection)	1,443,584 08
Banking houses	1,895,187 07
Furniture and fixtures	260,434 33
Other assets	2,148,409 97
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$987,082,135 38</b>
<b>Liabilities.</b>	
Farm loan bonds outstanding	\$913,204,967 60
Interest accrued but not yet due on farm loan bonds	8,704,942 57
U. S. Government deposits	54,749 70
Notes payable	315,842 02
Accounts payable	488,480 05
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	1,426,934 84
Amortization installments paid in advance	2,042,077 52
Farm loan bond coupons outstanding	544,076 49
Dividends declared but unpaid	628,178 46
Other liabilities	
	\$927,410,249 15
<b>Net Worth—</b>	
<b>Capital Stock Held by—</b>	
United States Government	\$1,670,965 00
National farm loan associations	47,042,370 00
Borrowers through agents	374,260 00
Individual subscribers	1,585 00
<b>Total capital stock</b>	<b>\$49,089,180 00</b>
Reserve (legal)	5,734,400 00
Surplus, reserves, &c.	103,900 00
Undivided profits	4,744,406 23
	59,671,886 23
<b>Total liabilities and net worth</b>	<b>\$987,082,135 38</b>
* Unpledged mortgages (gross). \$19,461,408 86.	

**Offering of New York and New Jersey Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.**

At 102 and interest, to yield about 4.75% to the optional date and 5% thereafter to maturity, an offering of \$500,000 5% bonds of the New York and New Jersey Joint Stock Land Bank of Newark, N. J., was announced on Jan. 6 by J. S. Rippe & Co. of Newark and Remick, Hodges & Co. of New York. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1924 and will become due Nov. 1 1954. They will be redeemable at par and interest on any interest date on and after Nov. 1 1934. Principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable at the bank or its fiscal agencies in Newark, N. J., or New York City. The bonds, coupon of \$1,000 denomination, can be fully registered in \$1,000 or \$10,000 pieces. Coupon and registered bonds are interchangeable. The bonds are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation other than inheritance taxes. They are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and are acceptable at par as security for Postal Savings deposits and other special deposits of funds of the United States Government. The bank's statement of condition as of Nov. 30 1924, follows:

<b>Resources.</b>	
Net mortgage loans	\$1,277,574 50
United States Government bonds and securities	259,419 97
Interest accrued but not yet due	6,435 80
Cash on hand and in banks	39,440 34
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	98 20
Installments matured (in process of collection)	2,452 66
Furniture and fixtures	1,013 91
Other assets	639 25
	\$1,587,074 63
<b>Liabilities.</b>	
Capital stock paid in	\$500,000 00
Surplus paid in	71,715 83
Reserve from earnings	1,700 00
Undivided profits	13,567 18
Farm loan bonds outstanding	1,000,000 00
Amortization installments paid in advance	91 62
	587,074 63



An analysis of loans of the bank outstanding Nov. 30 1924 is also made public as follows:

In New Jersey.	
Loans (194)-----	\$1,087,400 00
Appraised value of farms mortgaged-----	3,551,000 00
Amount loaned per farm-----	5,605 00
Average size of farm-----	111 acres
Average amount loaned per acre-----	\$50 31
Appraised value per acre-----	182 00
Percentage of amount loaned to appraiser's value-----	30%
Ratio of insurance on buildings to total amount loaned on land and buildings-----	132%
In New York.	
Loans (26)-----	\$203,200 00
Appraised value of farms mortgaged-----	588,000 00
Amount loaned per farm-----	7,315 00
Average size of farm-----	126 acres
Average amount loaned per acre-----	\$62 10
Appraised value per acre-----	163 00
Percentage of amount loaned to appraiser's value-----	34%
Ratio of insurance on buildings to total amount loaned on land and buildings-----	103%

Since the bank closed its first loan on April 2 1923, six of the farms mortgaged to it have been sold by the owners. The total loans on these farms amounted to \$17,400, or slightly under 32% of the \$54,600 aggregate sales price.

**Regulations of Federal Reserve Board Governing Admission to Reserve System to Be Opposed During Consideration of McFadden Bill.**

The New York "Journal of Commerce" reports the following from Washington under date of Jan. 8:

Federal Reserve Board regulations governing the admission of banks into the Reserve System, will be attacked during the consideration of the McFadden National Bank Bill by the House. Representative Loring Black of New York, will carry on the fight heretofore waged by George V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Banks of New York, who is also President of the National Association of State Banks Supervisors.

Mr. Black is opposed to permitting the Board to prescribe the amount of capital and surplus that a bank must have for each of its branches, the amount of paper eligible for rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank which the member bank must have for each of its branches, and the right it assumes to pass on the manner in which the branch bank is conducted and to order discontinuance when it desires.

He declares that there is no reason why the McFadden Bill should be passed without giving to the Board the same jurisdiction over national banks in the operation of their branches and the extension of their scope of functions or change of their assets which they have over State banks exercised through the Board's regulations.

**Representative McFadden Confirms Announcement That Section of McFadden Bill Affecting Discount of Paper by Reserve Banks Will Be Re-Drafted.**

The intention to re-draft Section 14 of the McFadden Banking bill, dealing with paper eligible for discount by the Federal Reserve banks, in accordance with the statements set out in our article last week (page 1) on "The Financial Situation," is confirmed in a letter which Representative McFadden has addressed to the Editor of the New York "Journal of Commerce." This letter, while bearing date Dec. 12, was published yesterday (Jan. 9) and indicates that the section referred to was not designed "to change the character of paper eligible for rediscount by Federal Reserve banks but simply to enlarge the limitation upon the amount." With, however, a view to removing "any doubt or ambiguity of language," the section will be changed to expressly stipulate that it shall not be "construed to change the character or classes of paper now eligible for discount by Federal Reserve banks." Notwithstanding that this was made plain in what we had to say last week (in which also we gave the proposed redraft of the section) we are reproducing herewith the letter addressed by Representative McFadden to the paper referred to:

Washington Dec. 12 1924.

Editor of "The Journal of Commerce":

Sir:—On December 8 there appeared in "The Journal of Commerce" of New York a leading editorial entitled "Hacking at Our Baking System," which was devoted to an attack on Section 14, page 20, line 8 of Senate bill 3316. A similar bill was introduced in the House by the writer as H. R. 8887. I am not at all in discord with your views as expressed in this editorial, but you proceed upon the theory that this amendment is designed to extend the character of paper eligible for rediscount to cover every special of paper covered in the exceptions of Section 5200, Revised Statutes, as amended by this bill. Under your interpretation you ridicule the idea of a Federal Reserve bank rediscounting for a member bank notes secured by stocks and bonds and by live stock and the like.

I desire to say to you that it is not the purpose of this amendment to change the character of paper eligible for rediscount by Federal Reserve banks, but simply to enlarge the limitation upon the amount. In fact, the character of paper eligible for rediscount is fixed by law in the very section to which this amendment is made. There is implied in the language of the proposed amendment after the word "obligations," Page 20, line 15, the words "otherwise eligible for rediscount." The effect of the amendment, therefore, simply broadens the limitation as to the amount of paper which may be rediscounted above 10% limit. For example, if a State member bank presents for rediscount agricultural paper which conforms to the provisions of Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act, as to eligibility and to Section 5200, Revised Statutes, as to character and amount, this paper would under the bill be eligible for rediscount by a Federal Reserve bank to the same extent as it would be eligible as a liability or obligation to a national bank under Section 5200. In the absence of the amendment as proposed by Section 14 of the bill, such paper, although otherwise eligible for rediscount by a Federal Reserve bank, would not be subject to such rediscount beyond the 10% of the unimpaired capital and surplus of the applying bank.

I am of the opinion that the principle of this amendment is sound and no objection has heretofore been made to it from any source. My purpose in calling this matter to your attention is to suggest that you have been proceeding upon an erroneous interpretation of the intent of the amendment.

It is my desire to remove any doubt or ambiguity of language, and when the bill comes up for consideration on the floor of the House it will be my purpose to offer a redraft of the resolution so it will read as follows:

"No Federal Reserve bank shall discount for any member bank notes, drafts or bills of exchange of any one borrower in an amount greater than may be borrowed lawfully from any national banking association under the terms of Section 5200 of the Revised Statutes, as amended; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to change the character or classes of paper now eligible for discount by Federal Reserve banks."

This language, it seems to me, will accomplish exactly the same purpose as intended by the language in the bill. It does, however, follow the form of a previous amendment to Section 9, Paragraph 10, of the Federal Reserve Act, which reads as follows:

"No Federal Reserve bank shall be permitted to discount for any State bank or trust company in an amount greater than that which could be borrowed lawfully from such State bank or trust company were it a national banking association."

L. T. McFADDEN,

Chairman Committee on Banking and Currency.

[Mr. McFadden's proposed amendment will undoubtedly improve certain sections of the pending measure in a material degree.—Ed.]

**Resolutions of New Jersey Bankers Association on Branch Banking—Hull Amendment to McFadden Bill Opposed.**

Members of the New Jersey Bankers Association, called in conference at Trenton in the Assembly Chamber to consider proposed legislation authorizing branch banking in New Jersey, adopted a resolution on Dec. 30 in which endorsement was given to "the recommendation of the Executive Committee in favor of the bill permitting branch banking within municipal limits along the lines of the McFadden bill." In still another resolution adopted at the same time the Association restated its endorsement of branch banking by State and national institutions "within the limits of the same municipality" but voiced its opposition to the proposed limitations "as set forth in the so-called Hull amendment to the McFadden bill." In explaining the reason for the calling of the conference former Governor Edward C. Stokes, President of the Mechanics' National Bank of Trenton, said, according to the Newark "News" of Dec. 29:

The reason for the hastiness of this action is the so-called Hull amendment to the McFadden bill. This amendment provides apparently that unless at the time of passage of the McFadden bill the State law permits branch banking in some form, branch banks will not be permitted, even though the State at some subsequent time legalizes branch banking.

This excuse is untenable. The Hull amendment never will stand in that form. If it did it would rend asunder the national banking system because it would make fish of some and flesh of others, and would discriminate between banks in States where the law now creates branch banking, but also would prevent national banks hereafter formed from enjoying the benefits of branch banking. The Hull amendment in its present form is so discriminating that it is bound to be changed in the future, thus obviating the necessity for hasty action on the part of the State of New Jersey.

As to the proposed bill which would permit branch banking in New Jersey the same paper reports Mr. Stokes as having urged a thorough study of the entire question before definite action is taken, and quotes him as saying:

The proposed law may be a good law, but it is such a change in our system that it should be very carefully debated and considered before bankers of the State commit themselves positively one way or the other. I suggest, therefore, a postponement of action and that in the meantime copies of the bill be sent to the various banks to be discussed by their boards and judgment taken thereon, to be reported at a future conference.

After remarking that the proposed legislation is a departure from the established policy of the State, Mr. Stokes analyzed the situation as follows, says the "News":

This bill limits branch banking to the municipalities in which the parent bank is located. There is, however, no guaranty that this limitation would be observed. It is the direction and not the length of the step that counts, and it would be very easy for some one to slip through future legislation a hidden and recondit amendment to this Act which would escape attention until after passing, and which would open the State to State-wide branch banking. At any rate, it would necessitate the bankers watching every bill for a possible joker to this end.

A step like this should not be hasty but should give due time for deliberation.

It is noted in the Newark "News" that the New Jersey law at present forbids branch banking except in a few isolated instances, where branches were established under a law since repealed. The "News" of Dec. 29 added:

Some of the opponents of branch banking were still unconvinced before the conference that the change in the State law should be made, but explanations by leading bankers were clearing away the apprehension. It was pointed out by them that the State law must be changed now in order to have New Jersey come under the scope of the proposed Federal law. Further, it was shown, if New Jersey waits until a later day to change its law, the only way for a national bank to establish branches would be to surrender its Federal charter and take out a State charter. This, it was pointed out, would lead to the gradual disintegration of the Federal Reserve System.

In several counties special meetings of bankers' associations were held Saturday afternoon. In Essex the proposed legislation was read at a meeting and explained to the satisfaction of several bankers who had been opponents of branch banking. The Essex County Bankers' Association voted approval of the proposed State law.

Text of Bill.

The text of the bill to be submitted at to-day's conference for approval by the State bankers follows:

"Banks (other than savings banks) and trust companies, organized under the laws of this State, may establish and maintain branch offices or agencies

for the transaction of their business, with the approval in writing of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, which approval shall be given by him only if it shall appear to him that the establishment of such branch office or agency will be of public service; nor shall the establishment of such branch office or agency be approved by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance unless the capital of such bank actually paid in in cash shall exceed the amount required by law for the incorporation of a bank, to the extent of \$50,000 and the capital of such trust company actually paid in in cash shall exceed the amount required by law for the incorporation of a trust company, to the extent of \$100,000, for each branch office or agency so established; nor shall such approval be given for the establishment of any such branch office or agency outside the municipality in which such bank or trust company is located, nor shall any bank or trust company maintain and operate more than one such branch office or agency within the corporate limits of such municipality where the population by the last decennial census is not less than 25,000 and not more than 50,000, and more than two such branches where such population is not less than 50,000 and not more than 100,000; provided that nothing in this Act contained shall prevent the maintenance of any branch office or agency heretofore lawfully established.

"All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect immediately."

The resolution adopted by the New Jersey Bankers Association on Dec. 30 signifying its approval of the bill permitting branch banking in the State within municipal limits along the lines of the McFadden bill, follows:

In view of the existing resolutions of the New Jersey Bankers Association in opposition to branch banking, *Be It Resolved*, That the association remain on record as unalterably opposed to the extension of branch banking beyond municipal limits; and further,

*Be It Resolved*, That the state association approve the recommendation of the executive committee in favor of the bill permitting branch banking within municipal limits along the lines of the McFadden bill, and does hereby authorize the executive committee to prepare a bill with that object in view, to be submitted to the Legislature as promptly as possible.

In its further account the "News" said:

The resolution was the outgrowth of one offered by W. J. Couse, President of the Asbury Park Trust Company, who moved that the association go on record as unalterably opposed to the extension of branch banking beyond the limits of a municipality. Exception was taken to the resolution in that form as failing to approve branch banking affirmatively in cities. Several amendments were then proposed and discussed, the ultimate result being the adoption of the substitute resolution as given.

#### To Oppose Hull Amendment.

By another resolution offered by Frank C. Ferguson of the Union Trust and Hudson County National Bank of Jersey City the association declared for branch banking by both state and federal institutions and recorded its opposition to the Hull amendment. This resolution follows:

*Resolved*, That whereas this association has approved a proposed act to be introduced in the Legislature of the state of New Jersey, permitting banks and trust companies organized under the laws of the state of New Jersey to maintain branches within limits of the same municipality, and whereas, it is in the interest of sound banking that banking institutions, both state and national, should be permitted to operate such branches within the limits of the same municipality under proper regulations;

*Resolved*, That this association favors enabling legislation by Congress affecting national banks, such as is incorporated under the so-called McFadden bill now pending before Congress, and is opposed to the proposed limitation thereof as set forth in the so-called Hull amendment to the McFadden bill;

*Further Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to appear before such Congressional committee as may be considering the subject and urge the views of this association as herein set forth.

*Further Resolved*, That copies of this resolution and the proposed bill to be introduced in the Legislature of the state of New Jersey, above referred to, be forwarded by the secretary of this association to the Senators and members of the House of Representatives from New Jersey, the Comptroller of the Currency, Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, and Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania.

Regarding the discussion incident to the adoption of the resolutions we take the following from the Newark "News" of Dec. 30:

Spencer S. Marsh, President of the Bankers Association and Vice-President of the National Newark and Essex Banking Company, announced at the opening of the meeting that it had been called because of a situation confronting the association, but one which the members of the executive committee felt could not be decided without the aid of the association. He then explained that it had been thought advisable to advocate adoption of a bill authorizing municipal branch banking before the federal legislation become effective. The executive committee, he said, did not wish to rush through such a proposal without the concurrence of the association.

#### Attack on State Rights Seen in Hull Proposal.

The practical effect of the McFadden bill, if enacted with the Hull amendment, was explained by F. Morse Archer, President of the First National State Bank of Camden. In itself, he said, the McFadden bill would not have the effect of increasing branch banking in New Jersey. He remarked that among 471 banking institutions in New Jersey there are 243 national banks, 186 State banks and trust companies, 15 private banks and 27 savings banks. Of these the 243 national banks and 49 trust companies are members of the Federal Reserve System and would in consequence be affected by Federal legislation.

Mr. Archer said it was the desire of the Executive Committee to place the banks in this State in such a situation that they would not be handicapped in the future, and to prevent, if possible, what might develop into an unfortunate condition. A restricted form of branch banking legalized in New Jersey along the lines of the McFadden bill, he explained, would bring great relief, particularly to the larger municipalities, such as Newark and Jersey City, and in a short time at least to Camden and other municipalities. He thought it unwise to wait until action had been taken at Washington which might place restrictions upon New Jersey banks, operating under the Federal System, for all time.

Lloyd R. Freeman, Chairman of the Federal Legislative Committee of the Association and Vice-President of the National State Bank of Newark, said it was at first considered wise to seek defeat of the Hull amendment. Later it was believed this would be a hopeless task because of the sentiment given expression for both the McFadden bill and the amendment. Mr. Freeman regarded the proposed Federal legislation as a clear evasion of State rights. In effect, he said, it would be equivalent to Congress saying to New Jersey that no matter what it is doing now it can not, after the proposed legislation is enacted, do a branch banking business in the future.

#### "Menace" to Federal Reserve Asserted.

"The Hull amendment is," continued Mr. Freeman, "the greatest menace ever yet offered to the Federal Reserve System and it will be necessary for Congress to reverse itself in a very few years or the Federal Reserve will receive a most serious blow." He added that thirty-one States, of which New Jersey is one, do not permit branch banking, while seventeen equalize branch banks.

T. W. Stevens, President of the Bank of Montclair, suggested that, though under the bill as drawn it will not be lawful to establish branch banks outside the limits of the municipality as it exists, towns may be absorbed or merged, increasing such territorial limits. Later in the discussion Mr. Stevens said there were a number of jokers in the McFadden bill, adding that if the members would study it carefully they would not approve it. It contains, he said, several covert threats and attacks on the present Federal Reserve System, though these are carefully disguised. Among such provisions, he said, is one adding to eligible paper. He thought the association was obsessed with the idea that the McFadden bill will pass, but predicted that if it does it will not be without a hard fight in both the Senate and House.

Speaking for a group of banks in Monmouth County, Harry A. Watson of Asbury Park said it was not their intention to oppose the proposed State legislation. He said, however, these banks would not be recorded as favorable if the proposed bill is to become the entering wedge for county or State-wide banking. Mr. Archer replied that after the passage of the proposed State law 292 banking institutions in the State would be unalterably opposed to the further extension of branch banking, these being the national banks and trust companies doing city-wide branch banking.

Prefacing his remarks by saying he had never expected to appear again before the Bankers' Association with respect to branch banking, President Uzal H. McCarter of the Fidelity-Union Trust Co. made a confession that when he had espoused branch banking some years ago he had been on the wrong side.

#### McCarter Emphasizes Need of Branches in Cities.

"When I see," said Mr. McCarter, "the happy frame of mind of my previous opponents I am hopeful they are beginning to see the light of day. I was defeated, and properly defeated, as the champion of State-wide branch banks because, as I saw in the light of subsequent events, I was wrong."

Mr. McCarter said the problem now presented seems to be one for the cities, in which country communities are not particularly interested. He then referred to banking problems in Newark, rendered acute by traffic conditions and congestion, making it difficult for patrons to get to banking institutions. The Fidelity-Union, he said, has sustained decreases in parts of its business, instancing safe deposits.

"Is it better," continued Mr. McCarter, "to have little trust companies growing up in outlying districts, without chaperonage, or to have branch banks, headed by men of skill and experience? When the critical time comes we have to take over the affairs of the smaller institutions and care for them."

"We regret that the time may come when we must retire from the Federal Reserve System. That system proved of inestimable benefit during the period of the war. However, it is essential that we give the best returns possible to those we serve. We must, therefore, view the situation from the interest of the stockholders as well as those of the public."

Mr. McCarter expressed the hope that the association would not try to embody each man's thought in the proposed legislation. He urged the members to get together and prepare a bill which would meet the general situation without trying to tack in too many exceptions and provisos which might defeat the object sought to be attained. He hoped that all would be in favor of municipal branch banking.

#### Trenton Opposition Not Unanimous.

Practically the only outspoken opposition to the proposed State legislation came from banking institutions in this city, and that was not unanimous. President Arthur H. Wood of the First National Bank thought the entire subject might safely be left to Congress. Upon the theory that thirty States besides New Jersey do not authorize branch banking, Mr. Wood argued that opposition to any Federal legislation whose effect would be discriminatory would be sufficient to prevent its enactment.

Mr. Freeman replied that there seemed to be very little chance of defeating the Hull amendment, adding that the situation had been canvassed very thoroughly, and he believed accurately.

Former Senator Harry D. Leavitt, representing the Mechanics National Bank of this city, of which former Governor Stokes is President, submitted the brief for Mr. Stokes, appearing in the "News" yesterday, urging delay. Mr. Leavitt objected to being "shaken into a position." This prompted President Marsh to explain that the association was not attempting such a procedure. The temporary misunderstanding was removed when Mr. Leavitt said he had referred to the proposed action in Washington and not that of the State association.

Mr. Watson said the banks in his community did not propose to sit on the side lines, opposing something in which they were not concerned. He warned, however, that they believed the sentiment is overwhelming against extending branch banking beyond municipal limits.

#### Trenton Banker Disagrees With View Stokes Urged.

President H. Arthur Smith of the Trenton Trust Co. disagreed with the views of Mr. Wood. The reason for the McFadden bill as he viewed it is to place national banks on a par with State institutions in those States permitting branch banking. Though the Trenton Trust Co., not being in the Federal Reserve System, would be unaffected by the Federal legislation, Mr. Smith thought it undesirable that small banks should be established in outlying sections of a community even of this size.

#### Savings Banks Want Branches.

Howard S. Biddulph of the Howard Savings Institution of Newark agreed with the views of Mr. Smith. He suggested that although savings banks have no connection with the Federal system, he believed they should have stations or offices where they might serve patrons, and urged that they be included in the proposed State legislation.

Robert V. C. Whitehead, Assistant Treasurer of the Trenton Saving Fund Society and President of the State Association of Savings Banks, said the situation here with respect to such institutions is similar to that portrayed by Mr. Biddulph in Newark. It was his view that the only way in which savings banks can extend their usefulness in the larger communities is by branches. Mr. Whitehead evoked a smile when he remarked: "We are not mercenary, we are in a class by ourselves."

#### Referendum Plan Is Opposed.

Commenting upon the request of savings banks to be included in the State legislation, President Marsh suggested that it might be found desirable to include such institutions in a separate bill, thereby eliminating the danger of an unconstitutional enactment.

Possible complications were suggested by Charles Niebling, President of the American National Bank of Newark, in the event of the State passing an enabling measure and Congress failing to do so. He foresaw a possible rush on the part of State institutions to form branch banks in the most desirable locations.

After inquiring whether the action of yesterday's meeting was to be final, William S. Gummere, of the First National Bank of Roebling, suggested a referendum by submitting the proposed legislation to member banks of the



association. Mr. McCarter replied that it would be impracticable to expect 410 member banks to agree on the phraseology of any one bill. He thought the meeting should approve or disapprove the plan proposed, referring the matter to the executive committee with power to act.

**Credit Plentiful for Wall Street—Year 1924 Closes with Brokers' Loans at About \$1,750,000,000—Gain But \$350,000,000 in Year.**

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 2: Financing the 1924 stock market was a simple problem for the banks. Brokers' money requirements in the past twelve months were readily obtainable, and it might even be said that the Wall Street credit demand was greatly welcomed by lending banking institutions.

The year 1924 closes with brokers' money borrowings at approximately \$1,750,000,000. There has been a steady expansion in Wall Street loans since the late fall, with the bulk of the gain arising since the sweeping Republican victory in the November elections. Ever since Nov. 4 the country's markets have been reflecting a return of confidence and industry immediately launched upon broader productive campaigns.

Until October and November brokers' money loans for trading purposes were comparatively steady, ranging between about \$1,330,000,000 and \$1,400,000,000. The year 1924 began with brokers' borrowings estimated at \$1,400,000,000. With the estimate at the close of the year given at \$1,750,000,000, there has been an expansion of but \$350,000,000, notwithstanding the vigorous forward movement in the stock market that has prevailed since the outstanding Coolidge victory.

It is estimated that brokers' trading loans are still about \$250,000,000 below the former peak of \$2,000,000,000 touched in February 1923.

However, present borrowings can be compared with the former high level of July 1919, when brokers' loans stood at approximately \$1,750,000,000. But at that time the whole credit structure of the country was excessively strained. Then open market money rates were high. Call money in July 1919 ruled at between 6% and 20%. In November of that year it shot to as high as 30%. During that time, too, we had rediscount rates of 6% and 7%. Stock market time money likewise commanded 7% and 7½%. Commercial paper was quoted 5½% and 6%.

Industry was over-extending itself; over-borrowing and bolstering inventories to precarious levels. The banks in order to meet the enormous credit demands then existing found it necessary to resort to the Federal Reserve banks for assistance. As a result, Federal Reserve rediscounts soared above \$2,800,000,000, with New York banks borrowing some \$989,000,000. And Federal Reserve ratios dwindled below the 40% level. The aftermath of that inflationary period is well known.

*To-day's Picture.*

But to-day we find the United States with a credit structure unsurpassed. We hold gold amounting to nearly \$4,600,000,000, compared with but \$2,989,548,000 in July 1919—a gain of \$1,580,519,266. Federal Reserve rediscounts are but \$396,000,000, with the New York bank's loans standing at only \$134,000,000. The Federal Reserve ratios are above the 70% level and would be even larger were it not for the fact that because of small rediscounts those institutions have been building up investments in United States Government securities.

We are witnessing comfortable call money rates. Call money did not once touch the 6% level in 1924. There was some natural firmness toward the end of December, reflecting a somewhat curtailed supply as a result of natural heavy year-end bank requirements. However, 5½% was the top, with the low 2%. Throughout 1924 the ruling rates were around 3% and 4%. As the year closes stock market time money is quoted 4% for practically all periods, and commercial paper at 3¾%.

Then again, indicating the elasticity of credit and soundness thereof, it is only necessary to glance at prevailing rediscount rates. New York has the lowest, 3%; while 3½% and 4% prevail in other Federal Reserve centres. Thus far, despite increasing credit demands, the Reserve banks have not found it necessary to mark up rates. In other words, member banks have been accommodating requirements without recourse to the central institutions.

*Trend of Brokers' Loans.*

The trend in Wall Street brokers' trading loans is shown below by Dow, Jones & Co., giving the estimated totals at different periods throughout 1924:

1924.		1924.	
	Loans.		Loans.
January 29	\$1,400,000,000	July 29	\$1,330,000,000
February 20	1,380,000,000	August 18	1,350,000,000
March 6	1,375,000,000	September 22	1,400,000,000
March 21	1,350,000,000	October 7	1,475,000,000
April 16	1,320,000,000	November 10	1,600,000,000
May 19	1,300,000,000	December 31	1,750,000,000
July 14	1,325,000,000		

*Rediscount Rates.*

As money rates began to reflect increased business and stock market demands in recent months rumors have been afloat as to what action Federal Reserve authorities may take in connection with rediscount rates. Such rumors were confined to New York. Thus far rates have remained stationary. However, if business expands further and credit requirements grow, it is natural that open market money quotations will harden. If such proves to be the case, quite naturally Federal Reserve rates will move upward slightly. But if rates are increased, it will mean that business is improving and that the Federal Reserve is only desirous of keeping its figure in line with open market money quotations. Call money does not govern Federal Reserve rates. Business rates, viz., those on bankers' prime bills and commercial paper, are the true guide.

**New York Stock Exchange Suspends L. S. Oppenheimer, former Member of Miller & Co., for Two Years.**

The suspension of Louis S. Oppenheimer, a former partner in the recently dissolved firm of Miller & Co., of this city, from membership in the New York Stock Exchange, was announced from the rostrum by E. H. H. Simmons, President of the Exchange, on Jan. 5. The suspension is for two years, and is in line with the contemplated disciplinary action approved by the Board of Governors of the Exchange at a meeting held on Dec. 10, which action was delayed as a result of the temporary injunction against the Exchange obtained from Supreme Court Justice Wagner on Dec. 11 by Nathan J. Miller (head of the former firm of Miller & Co.) and Mr. Oppenheimer. This, injunction,

Mr. Simmons stated, has now been vacated by the Court by the consent of all parties. In its report of Mr. Oppenheimer's suspension, the New York "Times" of Jan. 6 said, in part:

The Exchange's action against Mr. Miller and his partner was based on a committee's report that the firm had tried to "artificially influence the market price of Southern States Oil," and that the partners were implicated with C. N. Haskell, former Governor of Oklahoma. The decision of the Exchange was to expel Mr. Miller and to suspend Mr. Oppenheimer.

The announcement made by President Simmons was as follows: "A charge and specification having been preferred under Section 6 of Article XVII of the Constitution against Louis S. Oppenheimer, a member of the Exchange, said charge and specification was considered by the Governing Committee at its meeting held on Dec. 10 1924, said Louis S. Oppenheimer being present, and the Governing Committee having determined that said Louis S. Oppenheimer was guilty of said charge and specification, the said Louis S. Oppenheimer was suspended for a period of two years."

The following explanatory statement also was issued by the Exchange: "The section of the Constitution referred to in the announcement to the Board is as follows:

"Article XVII, Section 6.—A member who shall have been adjudged by a majority vote of all the existing members of the Governing Committee guilty of wilful violation of the Constitution of the Exchange or of any resolution of the Governing Committee regulating the conduct or business of members, or of any conduct or proceeding inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade, may be suspended or expelled as the said committee may determine, unless some other penalty is expressly provided for such offense."

It was further stated:

"The substance of the charge and specification on which Louis S. Oppenheimer was found guilty was that Louis S. Oppenheimer, through the then firm of Miller & Co., participated in and actively assisted in the furtherance of a campaign involving improper transactions in the stock of the Southern States Oil Co.

"A preliminary injunction was granted on Dec. 11 1924 by a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, restraining the Exchange from announcing Mr. Oppenheimer's suspension, which injunction has now been vacated by said Court by the consent of the parties. Mr. Oppenheimer having withdrawn from all legal proceedings in the matter."

Our two previous references to the affairs of the former firm of Miller & Co. were in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 13 last, pages 2714 and 2715, and our issue of Jan. 3 1925, page 37.

**Moody Sees New Buying Power Dominating Security Markets.**

"Most striking among the financial developments of 1924," writes John Moody in his annual "Review and Forecast," "has been the vast increase in the purchasing power of American investors and business men—an increase not even paralleled relatively by what occurred here after the Civil War, and in Great Britain after the Napoleonic conflict. This vast new buying power is almost dominating the security markets, and is seeking new avenues of expansion in all domestic industries and in foreign fields." Mr. Moody continues:

Notwithstanding the high level of stock prices, stock markets have always shown strength and progress so long as real betterment and expansion of general trade continue. This promises a continuance of the broad upward trend of stocks during a large part of 1925.

The ratio of capital supply to capital demand is extraordinarily high. It is then perfectly normal and logical that interest rates and bond yields, or in other words the prices of money and capital, should be low. Hence it is reasonable to expect that interest rates should be very low during the first quarter of 1925, and almost as low during the second quarter, but that they should begin to move upward during the third quarter. Bond yields naturally follow interest rates, but in a tardy manner. This implies a strong bond market for some months, with a recession later in the year.

The railroad industry has the remarkably good fortune to be in the best position in several decades. Steel and metal industries are benefitting from the situation, because railroads are the largest single consumers of steel. In view of the extensive engineering and industrial construction under way, it appears not impossible that steel production in 1925 might make a new high record.

**Constitutional Amendment to Regulate Child Labor Ratified by California Legislature—Referendum Proposed by Gov. Smith of New York.**

The so-called Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution was adopted by the Senate and Assembly of the California Legislature on Jan. 8. The Senate vote was 36 to 3, and the Assembly vote 69 to 9. This is the second state to ratify the amendment, the ratification by Arkansas was noted in these columns Nov. 1, page 2025, and in the same item we referred to its rejection by Louisiana, Georgia and North Carolina. In our issue of Nov. 8, page 2139, we referred to the voting down of the amendment by the people of Massachusetts at the November election. Gov. Smith of New York in his annual message to the State Legislature expressed it as his belief "that before the Legislature acts on the proposed amendment it should submit the question to the people and be guided by the majority opinion." Under date of Jan. 7 Albany advices to the New York "Times" state:

The Governor favors a special election not later than the first part of March to permit the voters to pass on the question. Republicans believe the voters should decide it at the general election next fall.

Two bills regarding the child labor amendment were introduced today. Under one offered by Senator Antin, New York City Democrat, ratification by the Legislature would be submitted at a special election to be held the

first Tuesday in March. A bill introduced by Senator Fearon, Republican, of Syracuse, would have the question submitted at the Fall election.

Senator Fearon also introduced a bill which provides that all proposed amendments to the Federal Constitution must be submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection before ratified or rejected by the Legislature. This is in line with a recommendation made last year by Governor Smith which was defeated by the Republican Assembly.

From the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 7 we take the following from Albany:

John M. O'Hanlon, legislative agent for the State Federation of Labor, issued a statement today asking legislators to disregard recommendations of Governor Smith and other Democratic and Republican leaders for referendum on the proposed Federal Child Labor Amendment.

A bill providing a special election to be held probably Mar. 8, for a referendum vote on the amendment now is ready for introduction before the Legislature. Although the State body has power to ratify without consulting the electorate, Governor Smith and many legislative leaders prefer not to act without instructions.

Senator Benjamin Antin of The Bronx already has introduced a resolution calling for immediate ratification.

Mr. O'Hanlon's appeal to legislators laid stress upon the mandate of the voters at the last election, and said:

"We regret that the Governor has declared for the need of such a referendum at this time," said Mr. O'Hanlon. "The New York State Federation of Labor is convinced that the vote of the people at the polls last November for candidates for members of the Legislature of 1925 constituted, in effect, a referendum of the voters on the proposition of ratification of the Child Labor Amendment.

"We hope that the Legislature will fulfill the pledges contained in the State platforms upon which they were elected by the immediate ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment."

### Judge Gary Urges "Observance of Law"—Disregard of Prohibition and Other Laws "Blot Upon Our Escutcheon."

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Committee of One Thousand, at the Waldorf Astoria, this city, on the 6th inst., Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the United States Steel Corporation, declared that "the present disregard of law, or indifference to it, or failure to endorse it, constitutes a blot upon our escutcheon." He asserted that "one of the reasons, possibly the principal reason, why crime is so prevalent at the present time, is found in the fact that large numbers of well-intended persons seek to discriminate between different laws when considering their observance or enforcement." Among other laws evaded or violated Judge Gary referred to the prohibition laws, and said: "The wrong is not principally found in the belief of individuals as to what the laws should or should not provide. It is in the fact that the opinion is often attempted to be carried into practice by the secret violation or evasion of the law and the resulting effect upon the general situation." "The nations that conform to their duly enacted laws," said Judge Gary, "will prosper accordingly. Those who ignore or defy them will correspondingly shrink in worthy achievement." The address of Judge Gary, delivered under the caption "Observance of Law," follows:

The prosperity and welfare of all the people depend upon the enactment, the administration and the enforcement of law. It furnishes the fundamental distinction between human beings of to-day and the cave dwellers of the past.

Declarations by any one in favor of the enforcement of laws duly enacted should not be necessary, but they are. At least it will be conceded by every one they are always appropriate.

The effect of the late stupendous, cruel and destructive wars upon the minds of large numbers of the inhabitants of this nation and others has been demoralizing, degrading and dangerous. Witness the daily reports of crime in various localities, cities, villages and communities as published. Crime is rampant. Murders, robberies, burglaries, assaults, criminal defalcations, unlawful conversions, and other crimes and misdemeanors are numerous.

When the thunderbolt of war struck in the summer of 1914, the world stood aghast. A similar feeling of consternation now envelops all right minded persons because of the effects of war; they reach beyond the list of violent attack and even outside the limits of offenses involving moral turpitude.

It is not surprising that the Citizens Committee of One Thousand, so called, has been formed to collectively sound a public warning and to search for defensive and remedial measures. The movement should enlist the sympathy and support of every intelligent person. Indeed, all of us should search our hearts in order to ascertain if we are in any respect guilty of offense or of indifference concerning this vital feature of our society.

Only with the existence and enforcement of sound and reasonable laws is civilization assured, or the protection of person or property guaranteed. To the extent that the application of law is neglected or inefficient, in the same proportion the tendency is towards disorder, degeneration and destruction; and the further this proceeds, the greater the momentum.

One of the reasons, possibly the principal reason, why crime is so prevalent at the present time is found in the fact that large numbers of well-intentioned persons seek to discriminate between different laws when considering their observance or enforcement. This thought should not, it cannot be brushed to one side. It is vital. It should be considered by every living soul. It is natural for the average man, perhaps the majority, to feel that all laws should be applied to every person except himself. Let us think of this assertion and ascertain, if we can, whether or not it involves us. We properly may be specific as to subjects, if not as to persons.

The man who is in the habit of using alcoholic stimulants is naturally disposed to believe the prohibition laws are too stringent and should be modified, if not repealed, notwithstanding the present enactments were regularly adopted and in spite of the fiercest opposition by a minority.

The one who buys in foreign countries what is desired for use here asserts that tariff laws are wrong.

Those who are compelled to pay income or inheritance taxes or other assessments advocate decreases in the rates. And by way of parenthesis, I must admit this is my belief; but I would pay in full while the law is in existence.

The labor unions insist the laws in force should not be obeyed or administered by the Courts in any case affecting the unions. Some defy even the Constitution itself.

Some capitalists think the Sherman Law against monopoly and restraint of trade is wrong, and that combinations should be permitted in the interest of economic progress and prosperity.

The man of sporting proclivities urges that every regulation which prohibits Sunday performances, or betting, or child service in the theatres, interferes with personal freedom and should be abrogated.

The same disposition relates to the use of narcotics, and to the importation or immigration of foreigners. These illustrations might be multiplied.

The wrong is not principally found in the belief of individuals as to what the laws should or should not provide. It is in the fact that the opinion is often attempted to be carried into practice by the secret violation or evasion of the law and the resulting effect upon the general situation.

If one man shall secure an exemption of punishment or prosecution for the violation of the law which affects him, then another will insist he is entitled to the same privilege for himself as to another law in which he is especially interested. And if the demands should be successful, then, if the idea is carried to its logical sequence, in the course of time all the laws would in effect be disregarded and the whole population would be relegated to the conditions which existed in olden times when the stronger man forcibly took whatever he desired from other weaker men, whether it was property or even wife and child.

Without the rules of law and their enforcement, mere might would be substituted for absolute right, and man would be descended to a condition worse than wild animals.

Unless laws are indiscriminate in their application, the tendency is towards the position of the lowest brute.

In this country at this time are many respectable and respected persons who are approving or consenting to or evading or wantonly violating some of the laws of the land. Possibly some of us should be included.

If this be true, what is the effect? What is our responsibility? What is our offense?

If we, directly or indirectly, are guilty of violating any of the punitive laws, why may not our neighbor violate another, and so on until the influence reaches down to a Loeb, or a Lowenthal, or a Hight? Of course we shudder at the thought. We believe many offenses committed are less in moral turpitude than others and that the punishment for their violation should not be so severe; but the laws *per se* provide for grades of crime and corresponding degrees of punishment; and it is for the Courts to determine the degree. This belief has nothing to do with the question of recognizing and observing all laws while they remain unrepealed. The principle is the same. The influence and general effect are similar. The wrong may be just as great, just as wicked concerning the lesser offense, depending upon the intelligence of the perpetrator.

We are all creatures of mercy. We should be kind, even Christian in considering the offenses or alleged offenses of others. But in taking a position in favor of the enforcement of all laws we should be firm, unyielding and uncompromising.

If any law in our opinion is not wise or just or desirable, we properly may devote our time and attention in trying to bring about a change in a regular way.

In the great debate between Lincoln and Douglas concerning the subject of slavery and the decision of Taney in the Dred Scott case, the former said in substance that he would not defy or ignore or disregard either while they were unchanged, but he would use every ounce of strength to secure in a proper way the annulment of both, because he believed they were morally and fundamentally wrong; and the people of the United States approved his decision. Here was an expression of the true spirit.

We should openly and fearlessly discuss the merits of any law or all laws when the occasion demands. But no man has the right to violate or evade any law while it is in force, unless his honest, deliberate conscience compels him to do so on what he believes to be reasonable and moral grounds; and then he must take his chances on the final decision of the regularly constituted authorities. If it turns out he was wrong in his opinion, he must subject himself to the penalty provided for violation.

In comparison, the nations that conform to their duly enacted laws will prosper accordingly. Those who ignore or defy them will correspondingly shrink in worthy achievement.

The Creator of all things has bestowed upon the United States advantages equal, if not superior, all in all, to any other nation. In climate, in productivity, in natural resources, in everything essential to life and health and human happiness, this nation compares favorably with all others.

Opportunities for progress and general prosperity in this country were never before so pronounced as they are at present. Socially, politically and economically, they are the best of all places in the world.

But the present disregard of law, or indifference to it, or failure to enforce it, constitutes a blot upon our escutcheon.

President Coolidge publicly said during the years 1919 and 1920:

"Where the law goes, there civilization goes and stays. When the law is despised, barbarism flourishes. Whoever scorns the law, whoever brings it into disrespect, whoever connives at its evasion, is an enemy to civilization.

"The observance of the law is the greatest solvent of public ills. Men speak of natural rights, but I challenge any one to show where in nature any rights ever existed or were recognized until there was established for their clarification and protection a duly promulgated body of corresponding laws."

### Attorney-General Harlan F. Stone Named as Associate Justice of United States Supreme Court, Succeeding Joseph McKenna, Resigned.

Joseph McKenna, senior member of the United States Supreme Court, resigned as Associate Justice on Jan. 5, President Coolidge later in the day naming as his successor Harlan Fiske Stone, at present United States Attorney-General. The resignation of Associate Justice McKenna comes after a record of 27 years' service on the Supreme Court Bench. He is now nearly 82 years of age, and had been eligible for retirement for more than eleven years, since he had already served more than the ten years service on the Federal Bench necessary to qualify him to retire when he reached the age of 70 on Aug. 10 1913. On Jan. 26 he would have rounded out 27 years as a member of the Supreme Court; prior to his appointment as an Associate Justice he had served five years



as a Federal Circuit Judge. Chief Justice Taft in announcing to the Court on the 5th inst. the resignation of Justice McKenna said:

Gentlemen of the bar, Mr. Justice McKenna has announced to us, his colleagues of the Court, his purpose to retire from the bench. He has presented his resignation to the President, who has accepted it. As his associates we have expressed our feelings toward him in a personal letter, which I shall now read.

The letter read by Chief Justice Taft follows:

Jan. 5 1925.

Dear Brother McKenna:

Your active membership in this Court is ending after 27 years. The affectionate and charming intimacy of that relation is known only to those who have enjoyed it. Few have been permitted to share it as long as you have. Happy are you with such a retrospect of love, confidence and usefulness.

What an extended and varied experience you have had! Going with your parents to California at the age of 12, you settled in the Golden State a little more than five years after the arrival of the Forty-niners. Your youth and young manhood were spent in the atmosphere of that community's irrepressible enthusiasm and inspiring confidence in its great future.

Admitted to the bar in 1865, twice District Attorney of your home county, for two years its representative in your State Legislature, your upward steps carried you to the National House of Representatives, where during four Congresses you served with distinction.

Put to the test in one of your electoral campaigns, you declined to yield your convictions on what you deemed sound monetary principle, and in the face of overwhelming adverse local sentiment you carried again your Congressional district. You attached your colleagues in the House to you by your proved character, and won the admiration and trust of the two great rival Republican leaders of that day.

Against your inclination, President Harrison induced you to become a Federal Judge, and to begin your experience on the bench with the birth of a tribunal which has since done much to expedite the administration of national justice—the Circuit Court of Appeals. Five years you had there, when your former Congressional colleague, William McKinley, called you to his Cabinet as Attorney-General. Then he appointed you a Justice of this court.

For more than a quarter century you have borne the burden of intense judicial labor. More than half that time you have been the Senior Associate Justice. Your opinions, found in 96 volumes of our Reports, 170 to 266, number 633. In them you depart from conventional wording and adopt a distinctive style of your own, readily recognized by one familiar with the Reports.

It is characterized by clearness and force, with a grace of touch and aptness of phrase that stimulates the reader's interest. An examination of that array of judgments in cases, many of them of primary public importance, reveals how much of your trained mental energy, long experience with men and affairs, judicial and ethical spirit and love of country have been poured into them.

Your pride in the court, its high traditions and its courage, has made deep impression on us who have enjoyed the benefit of your greater experience, example and esprit de corps. Your fraternal nature, your loyalty toward each of us, your tenderness in times of strain and stress, endear you to us and make us feel deeply sensible of our loss.

May you have many years of happy and well earned leisure, sweetened by thoughts of the affection and high regard to your associates, and still more by the knowledge of the good you have wrought in your great and honorable career. Farewell!

Affectionately yours,

WILLIAM H. TAFT,  
OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES,  
WILLIS VAN DEVANTER,  
JAMES C. McREYNOLDS,  
LOUIS D. BRANDIES,  
GEORGE SUTHERLAND,  
PIERCE BUTLER,  
EDWARD T. SANFORD.

Mr. Justice McKenna.

Justice McKenna responded as follows:

Jan. 5 1925.

My Dear Chief Justice and My Dear Brethren:

I thank you for your expressions of esteem. I accept and appreciate even their praise as impelled by personal friendship and as a mark of it. They mitigate the regret—indeed, sorrow—that I feel in separating from the work of a tribunal so necessary to the existence of a constitutional Government—a work whose guiding and prompting considerations regarded, it has so adequately performed, and it is assured prediction, will continue to perform.

To this sorrow I shall have the more intimate personal one of a separation from the companionship of you, my dear Chief and brethren. Here again is the mitigation that I shall carry to my retirement, as you so feelingly remind me, abiding reminiscences of it, the honor conferred, the pleasure it gave.

And to it will be added the recollection of the association with the eminent men who preceded you in the constitution of the court and its work. May I say, in some emphasis, of my service, that it was under three Chief Justices: Chief Justice Fuller, Chief Justice White, and you, my dear Chief, which is yet in instance, though, soon to become a memory.

I conclude, assured by your words of regard, that while our official relations are this day severed our personal ones, their pleasure and honor to me, will be continued.

With these words of good-bye go my sincere and affectionate regards.

JOSEPH MCKENNA.

As Justice McKenna concluded, says the New York "Times," Frank Key Green, the Marshal of the Court, laid a basket of red roses on the table in front of him. The "Times" goes on to say:

Then the Marshal tapped with his gavel. All the members of the Court rose and those within the bar rail and in the places for spectators followed their example.

Justice McKenna shook hands with Chief Justice Taft, bowed to his judicial associates, right and left, and then descended from the bench, and made his way out of the courtroom through the public entrance, escorted by the Marshal.

Robert F. Cogswell, who has been Justice McKenna's Secretary and law clerk for five years, will resume the practice of law in Washington.

Mr. Stone was named by President Coolidge on April 2 last as United States Attorney-General, succeeding Harry M. Daugherty. The nomination was confirmed by the Senate April 7, and he was sworn into office April 9. Mr. Stone was

at that time a member of the New York law firm of Sullivan, Cromwell & Co. and Dean of the Law School of Columbia University. Both of these connections he subsequently relinquished. His appointment as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, sent to the Senate by President Coolidge, was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Judge Gary and Other Members of Citizens' Committee on Law Enforcement Breakfast With President Coolidge—Resolution of Committee on Prohibition Law.**

At the invitation of President Coolidge members of the National Citizens' Committee of One Thousand on Law Enforcement were the guests of the President at breakfast at the White House on Jan. 8, the delegation, headed by Judge Elbert H. Gary of the United States Steel Corporation, discussing with the President their law enforcement campaign. The conference followed the annual dinner of the committee in New York on the 7th inst., at which Judge Gary spoke on the urgency of upholding the laws of the nation, including the prohibition regulations. This speech of Judge Gary's is given in another item in this issue. At the dinner a resolution was adopted in which the committee commended to the people "the attitude of the President in his conscientious obedience to the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution in the hope that the example of the First Citizen of our country may induce those who are now wilfully violating the prohibitory statute . . . to endorse in practice the integrity of his fidelity to the supremacy of law." The resolution made public following Thursday's conference with President Coolidge follows:

Whereas the principles of sovereignty of law and obedience to the provision of the Constitution of the United States should be peculiarly and conspicuously exemplified in the conduct and work of our Federal, State and local public officials, executive, legislative and judicial, who, upon becoming representatives of the people, took solemn oath to uphold the national Constitution, therefore,

Resolved, That the Citizens' Committee of One Thousand in its annual meeting does hereby respectfully request the President of the United States and the Governors of the several States to especially urge upon all such officers of every rank and classification, appointive or elective, to join them by precept and personal example and so far as they may by active participation in all administrative efforts in maintaining among the citizens of our Republic the high determination to obey and to enforce the law of the land.

The people expect of their officials an unwavering loyalty to their oaths of office with respect to a question so vital to the maintenance of our institutions.

Resolved, That the committee, commends to the people of the United States and particularly to their official representatives the attitude of the President in his conscientious obedience to the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution in the hope that the example of the first citizen of our country may induce those who are now wilfully violating the prohibitory statute to accept his leadership in conduct and to endorse in practice the integrity of his fidelity to the supremacy of law; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the committee appoint a committee of nine to wait upon the President of the United States and a committee for each State composed of two of its citizens to wait upon the respective Governors of the several States and convey to the President and the several Governors the action of the committee as expressed in this resolution.

At the breakfast Judge Gary spoke extemporaneously. The other guests with him representing the National Citizens Committee were John D. Rockefeller Jr., William F. Cochran of Baltimore, S. S. Kresge of Detroit, V. Everit Macy, George A. Plimpton, Frederick A. Wallis, Commissioner of Correction, New York; Clifford Barnes of Chicago, Colonel Henry Patrick Callahan and Fred B. Smith, chairman of the organization. The following account of the discussion which took place at the breakfast is from the New York "Times" of yesterday (Jan 9)

In a set of resolutions submitted to President Coolidge, the same that were adopted at the recent New York meeting of the Citizens' Committee, the need for observance and enforcement of the prohibition law was stressed, and the President was highly commended for "his conscientious obedience to the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution."

Coolidge Praises Movement.

Replying to a brief speech delivered by Judge Gary, the accredited spokesman of the Citizens' Committee, President Coolidge welcomed the visitors to the White House, and expressed himself as completely in harmony with the movement to bring about a more general observance and a more efficient enforcement of all State and Federal laws. He declared that the work of the Citizens' Committee was bound to have a wholesome effect on public sentiment.

Judge Gary told the President that the problem of prohibition administration had reached the point where it had become one largely of arousing public sentiment to the necessity of law enforcement. That was the function of the committee, he announced.

He pointed out that the committee was not engaged in the business of sending out detectives to round up offenders against the law or haling such offenders into court, but trying merely to educate the public to the need for a strict observance of the spirit as well as the letter of the statute.

Judge Gary made it plain that the Citizens' Committee was not formed to deal with only one law—the prohibition law—but was inspired with a purpose to inculcate respect for all laws. Judge Gary said there was a tendency on the part of all groups of citizens to ignore or evade laws which they personally disliked. This, he thought, was more serious as reflecting a state of the public mind, than disregard only for the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act.

Judge Gary stated that the Citizens' Committee would continue its fight for thorough-going enforcement of all laws.

#### Gary Pays Tribute to President.

"This country has never before had such a good prospect of success and prosperity as it has on this very day," said Judge Gary. "There are many reasons for this, for in addition to the national resources of the country, we have an Administration at the seat of Government that was never before better than it is at the present time.

"By surrounding himself with men who are capable and by his daily walk and conversation, the President is exerting an influence that is of benefit to every living person. He is not only educated, wise and strong, but he is simple and natural in his habits. Whatever he does and gets credit for is because he gives no consideration to the political effect of what he does.

"What we must do is to hold up his hands in every good effort. He will be harassed, perhaps, by good men, who doubt the enforcement of some of the laws of the land, but will never waver when it comes to the question of right and wrong."

Mr. Rockefeller emphasized the necessity for law observance by all the people without distinction as to class. He expressed the belief that if there entered into the problem of law enforcement the element of class distinction, then the whole structure was in danger of breaking down.

Speeches of like import were made by Clifford Barnes of Chicago and Mr. Wallis, Commissioner of Correction of New York. The committee's resolutions were then presented to the President and the announcement was made that as soon as appropriate arrangements can be perfected the resolutions will be presented by a special committee to the Governors of the States.

#### Senate Sustains President Coolidge's Veto of Bill Providing for Wage Increase of Post Office Employees.

On Jan. 6 the U. S. Senate voted to sustain President Coolidge's veto of the bill proposing an increase of \$300 a year in the salaries of postal clerks and carriers. The bill had been vetoed by the President on June 7—the day of the adjournment of the last session of Congress. Regarding the Senate's action on Jan. 6 we quote the following from Washington in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay increase bill was sustained today in the Senate by the margin of a single vote.

Twenty-nine Senators supported the Executive while 55—one less than the necessary two-thirds majority to enact the bill over the veto—opposed him.

With this action by the Senate, the pay measure, passed at the last session 73 to 3, died automatically. In its place will be brought forward the Administration's combination pay and postal rate increase bill, but leaders generally are agreed that this measure has small chance of enactment at this session.

Republican ranks split wide open on the issue of sustaining the President. Opposing him were such leaders as Jones, of Washington, party whip; Wadsworth, of New York; Reed, of Pennsylvania; Moses, of New Hampshire; McNary, of Oregon, and Edge of New Jersey.

One one of the thirty-four Democrats voting cast his ballot for the veto. He was Dial, of South Carolina; but it was announced that Senators King of Utah; and Owen of Oklahoma, who were paired, would have so voted had they been able to cast their ballots.

Of the six Senators defeated for re-election, five—Ball, Bursum, Dial, McCormick and Sterling—voted to sustain the veto. The sixth, Shields of Tennessee, was absent and not paired. Two of the three new Senators, Butler, Massachusetts, and Metcalf of Rhode Island, supported the Executive, while Means, Colorado, opposed him.

On Jan. 5 on the question of recommitting the bill to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads the Senate voted in the negative, with 52 against and 30 in favor of the motion.

#### New York "World" Increases Price to Three Cents.

In increasing the price of its morning edition from two to three cents, effective Jan. 5, the New York "World" made the following announcement on the 3d inst. regarding its action:

Beginning Monday the price of "The World" will be three cents in Greater New York. There will be no change outside of Greater New York, where the price has been three cents for several years.

During the year just ended the white paper and ink that made up "The Morning World" (without counting payrolls or mechanical expenses) cost half a cent per copy more than "The World" received from sales per copy. This loss could only be made up by advertising. The "World" believes that it is unsound for any independent, aggressive, uncontrolled newspaper to have to rely to so great an extent on support other than that which comes from its own readers. Therefore "The World" has increased its price. Out of the new price the newsdealer obtains a 50% increase in his profits.

#### James A. Hamilton Named to Succeed Bernard L. Shientag as New York State Industrial Commissioner—Latter Becomes New York City Court Justice.

James A. Hamilton of New York, retiring Secretary of State, has been named by Governor Smith as State Industrial Commissioner, succeeding Bernard L. Shientag, who recently became a Justice of the City Court of New York. Mr. Shientag assumed his duties as Justice on Dec. 15.

#### National Thrift Week—Jan. 17-23.

As has been the usual custom since its inauguration in 1916, National Thrift Week 1925 will open on Benjamin Franklin's birthday, Jan. 17, and will continue until Jan. 23, each day of this week being devoted to some specific thrift enterprise. The basis of this educational program is based on the following "Ten Steps to Success":

Work and Earn  
Make a Budget  
Record Expenditures  
Have a Bank Account  
Carry Life Insurance

Own Your Home  
Make a Will  
Invest in Safe Securities  
Pay Bills Promptly  
Share With Others

The new feature this year will be the observance of "Safe Investment Day" instead of "Make a Will Day." This has been introduced as warning to thrifty savers because of the tremendous loss, estimated at \$1,000,000 a year, in unwise investments. Chairman Lewisohn in making the announcement said:

We hope to help the young man or worker who has been saving his funds so that he will not be misled by the fake stock schemer and grafter.

The schedule of National Thrift Week follows:

Saturday, January 17—Pay Bills Day.  
Sunday, January 18—Share With Others Day.  
Monday, January 19—Thrift or Bank Day.  
Tuesday, January 20—Life Insurance Day.  
Wednesday, January 21—Own Your Home Day.  
Thursday, January 22—Budget Day.  
Friday, January 23—Safe Investment Day.

The 1925 slogan is "For Success and Happiness."

#### Federal Taxation Decreasing, Local Taxation Increasing.

In a study of the "Tax Burden and Government Expenditures in the United States," to be issued shortly, the National Industrial Conference Board says that during the years 1921 to 1923, inclusive, State and local taxes increased nearly 15%, but that in the same years the Federal taxes decreased more than 27%, and that the Federal, State and local taxes, taken together, decreased 7%. Moreover, the national income so increased during the same period that the percentage of it paid in as taxes decreased about one-third; that is, in 1921 16.7% of the earnings of the country were used in paying taxes and in 1923 only 11.5% were so used. Federal taxes were reduced by about a billion dollars from 1921 to 1923, and as European countries continue or begin to pay their debts to us it should go on dropping for some time to come, if expenditures do not increase.

State and local taxes are different. During the last five years the States and local governing bodies have been borrowing and spending with increasing lavishness. In 1919 they borrowed 691 millions, in 1923 1,063 millions, and during the first eleven months of 1924 they have borrowed the record-breaking amount of 1,289 millions. Correspondingly, their taxes have increased from \$2,956,000,000 in 1919 to \$4,449,000,000 in 1923. Whether or not such borrowing and expenditure are wise, says the Board, depends on several things. First of all it depends on how much the borrowing unit owes already and how much more it can carry without breaking under the strain. If it can afford it, borrowing may be reasonable, if justified by the object for which the money is intended. For instance, long-term bonds sold to carry out a costly public improvement may be a wise and just method of spreading the cost of the improvement over the people who will profit by it in the coming years, provided that all the bonds are redeemed before the improvement wears out and has to be replaced and that the money is spent at times when it will least compete for labor with other industries. So, also, it may be wise to borrow in order to build schools to train the young and enable them to earn more in later years than they otherwise could. Also, it may be well to borrow to build roads so as, for instance, to enable farmers to get their produce to market and opening up new areas for cultivation.

Most State and local borrowings were, at least ostensibly, to provide streets, roads and bridges, schools, sewers, water supplies, public buildings, parks and light and gas plants, named in order of amount expended in 1923 and ranging from \$314,000,000 for streets, roads and bridges and \$203,000,000 for schools, down to \$16,000,000 for light and gas works. The expenses for education, for instance, in 1922, totaled \$1,580,000,000 for carrying on the public schools, in addition to the use of school property valued at \$2,409,000,000. Education is steadily increasing in cost. It doubled between 1918 and 1923. To-day more children are taught for more years by better trained teachers in better buildings than there ever were before. Moreover, they are better cared for physically; school doctors, nurses and dentists see that they are cured of physical defects of the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, etc., defects which are usually easily cured when the patient is young, but which, if not attended to in time, are likely to ruin their health and sharply curtail their future earning powers. Roads, not including city streets, are a very costly factor. Roughly, one-fifth of the entire State



and local bonded debt now outstanding was incurred for road building.

**Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University Describes Government's Taxation Policies "False and Narrowminded"—Effect on Capital.**

In the view of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, "as a result of a false and narrow-minded plan of taxation, the whole face of our American civilization may be changed and our condition brought to that of Continental Europe, where practically all undertakings are governmental with all that that means." This assertion of Dr. Butler's is contained in his annual report made public Jan. 1, in which, in discussing the effects of the present methods of taxation, he said:

Those who are eagerly bent upon accomplishing some immediate end by legislative means almost always overlook the less obvious and more important effects of the policies which they advocate. This is peculiarly true in respect of matters affecting taxation as that is now practiced by the Congress of the United States and by the Legislatures of the several States. Numerous individuals and groups wish to use the power of taxation not alone for legitimate purposes of government, but in order to effect what they consider to be a desirable redistribution and equalization of accumulated wealth.

If it were practicable, by the power of taxation, to confiscate accumulated wealth wherever it might be found and then to distribute it in equal portions among all the individuals of any State or of the nation, the futility of the policy and the certain disaster that must follow upon its enactment would be plain to every one. When, however, large portions of accumulated wealth are taken by taxation, poured into the public treasury, and then appropriated for a variety of purposes, many of which are of very doubtful value or of certain valuelessness, the evil effects of the policy are for a time concealed from view. Free capital for use in new enterprises which involve risk and imagination is diminished; the incentive to the eager pursuit of undertakings, which are in the public interest, while gainful in themselves, is lessened or destroyed; and, worst and most far reaching of all, the source of supply for the maintenance and development of those notable and representative institutions that have been built up in the field of liberty rather than in the field of government, is dried up.

It is the glory and the pride of the American social and political system that a whole host of the most important, most representative and most influential public undertakings have been built up in the field of liberty and are quite outside the field of government. If the ability to make private gifts and benefactions be destroyed by taxation, then these institutions must begin to die; for the moment that they are not able to grow and to improve in order to meet changed and changing conditions, their state becomes one of decay with certain death in the not far distance.

Probably none of those who have embarked so enthusiastically and so boisterously upon the policy of penalizing wealth, of destroying savings and of grasping for the wasteful purposes of government an increasing share of the results of private enterprise and personal thrift, had any notion of circumscribing or destroying the usefulness of the most noteworthy and the most representative of American institutions. Yet this is precisely what is being done, and the end is certain if the nation continues on its present course. The steady flow of unsolicited and most useful gifts to Columbia University, which has been so marked a feature of its history during the past quarter century, has already been greatly diminished as a direct result of existing policies of taxation. Men and women of generous purpose and anxious to advance the public welfare by their benefactions frankly state that this is the case. It seems highly probable that for some time to come, at least, any substantial additions to the resources of Columbia University—with the possible exception of gifts from those who are the possessors of very great fortunes—must come, if at all, in the form of legacies and bequests. It is only when a considerable estate is to be divided that the owner feels himself able to devote a part of it to public uses.

The excessive and even the double taxation found in the existing scheme of transfer and inheritance taxes is nothing other than an open conversion of the nation's capital to the uses of current expenditure. This is an unacknowledged capital levy in a most obnoxious form.

The voters of not fewer than three States have recently been called to pass upon a proposal to make elementary education a government monopoly. No more un-American policy could possibly be conceived or entered upon than this. Men and women who have never heard of Plato or his "Republic" have been assiduously urged, in Oregon, in Washington and in Michigan, that one of the chief policies expounded in that famous work be introduced into twentieth century America. How hopelessly reactionary their proposal is remains wholly hidden from their consciousness. If elementary education is to become a government monopoly, there would seem to be no good reason why secondary education, higher education, research and all forms of charitable and eleemosynary work should not take the same course. The sphere of government would then extend its glacier-like hand over the sphere of liberty, and what had been smiling meadows and fertile valleys filled with beautiful flowers and making place for happy homes, would pass into the ice-cold and death-dealing clutch of government. It is high time for Americans to desist from that flippancy which characterizes so large a part of the public press and so many of the office-holding class, and to think seriously of these things.

**Taxes in United States and Great Britain Increased 250% Since 1913—In France 300%.**

Since 1913 taxes in both the United States and Great Britain have increased 250% and those in France 300%, according to the National Industrial Conference Board, which in a statement just published says:

During the same period the tax burden, or ratio of taxes to national income, has increased 80% in the United States, 107% in Great Britain and 25% in France. To-day the tax burden in the United States is just half that in Great Britain and about two-thirds that in France.

These strongly contrasting percentages and relations call for explanation. Tax burdens depend, taxes being equal, on the incomes or earnings of those who pay them. In Great Britain numerous strikes and continuous heavy unemployment since the war has helped to cut down the national earnings and thereby to increase the tax burden. In France, on the other hand, the increase in territory and population brought about by territorial rearrangement since the close of the war and also the absence of important unemployment has helped to increase national earnings and thereby to lessen the increase in the tax burden.

**President Coolidge on Need of Co-Operation in Farming.**

The need, "more than anything else," of "a generation of farmers trained to co-operation," was pointed out by President Coolidge in addressing at Washington on Jan. 5, members of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations. The President sought to make it plain that he is "no blind believer in any magical attributes of the co-operative proceedings." He stated that "there is a school of co-operation who seem to believe that the program can be started at the top and built downward. They want the Government, or the banks, or philanthropies, or Providence to lay out a scheme big enough to cover the country, set its machinery moving, guarantee it all needed capital, and then invite the farmers to sit in the places reserved for them and proceed to garner their profits."

"Let me say," he declared, "that I offer no such Aladdin-like project. I want society as a whole to help; but I want the farmers to do their share, and I warn them that this will be the lion's share." "We want combination preached as a principle," he said, "not a panacea." He added:

It will not perform miracles. It will not accomplish the impossible. But it is a sound, tried, demonstrated principle that must be introduced at the basis of our agricultural establishment. It demands that the individual shall surrender some part of his complete independence for his own and for the general good. It means that a certain authority must be delegated, and when delegated it must be supported.

The President stated that "it cannot be too often or earnestly emphasized that co-operation is the earliest of man's social discoveries." He remarked that:

All the way down from those earliest discoveries to the Ford achievement of a motor car every fifteen seconds the material advance of the race from savages to chauffeurs has been merely the development of co-operation and the adaptation of new tools for it to use.

**The President's address follows:**

In welcoming the members of your conference and wishing all success to your deliberations, I find myself disposed to refer to but one subject in order to enter a protest against some current misconceptions. I wish to urge consideration of some fundamentals that, if understood and appreciated, would, I believe, clear away some of the greatest obstacles to effective co-operation in agriculture.

There has been too much tendency to surround co-operative organization and processes with mystery. It has been announced solemnly and sepulchraly, from the hollow depths of self-constituted oracles, that Americans are not the sort of people who possess the genius for co-operation. We have been assured that they are too individualistic, too loath to yield any part of their independence and initiative.

People who indulge in this kind of nonsense invariably assume that co-operation is a new and comparatively untried formula. Their whole treatment of it proves that they have not caught the idea. They have completely missed the forest because there were too many trees growing all about. They have overlooked the fact that all human society is a vast system of co-operations and co-operations. From its simplest to its most complex manifestations there is nothing to it but co-operation. It began with the discovery that two people could together roll a heavier stone or move a bigger log than could be done by one alone. That was the beginning of co-operation and of social organization. A long time later these aborigines made the further discovery that with the help of a lever they could handle a still greater weight. That was the beginning of tools, machinery, the factory methods.

**Co-operation Earliest of Man's Discoveries.**

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The truth is, and it cannot be too often or earnestly emphasized, that co-operation is the earliest of man's social discoveries, the one that has served him beyond all others in making material progress. Doubtless its earliest application on a considerable scale was in making war. But all government, all systems of finance, money, banking, exchange, merchandising, division of labor, factory production, systems of transportation—every one of these as we know them or as our ancestors have known them from long before history began to write its records, have been nothing more or less than co-operation.

There could be no civilization without co-operation. To charge that any particular people lacks in capacity for co-operation is to charge that it has not been civilized. To allege that against the American people is to deny all of the obvious facts about our country. It is to deny the existence of the States and their co-operation in the Federal Union. It is to reject all the manifest truths of every-day experience. America has accepted and adopted co-operation far in excess of any other nation.

But it is argued that farmers, somehow, are different; that their mode of life and work makes co-operation harder to effect. This is not the fact. Farmers in other countries co-operate successfully, as do many communities of them in our country. I undertake to say that a study of the successful agricultural co-operations in this country, and along with it an equally fair and inclusive examination of the numerous failures in the same field, will demonstrate that co-operation has just as good a chance in America as anywhere else.

In the past, it is true, there has been no such pressure for it here as in less favored countries. So long as the great majority of farmers were making a good living from their year-by-year production, and at the same time laying by fortunes in the increase of their land values, there was little need for experiments in co-operation. But, with the epoch of high taxes, the increase of wages and increased costs of living that came with the war, the increase of land values to unprecedented figures has become rather a liability than an asset.

If there had been no war, with its urge for increased production, we would by this time probably have quietly entered upon a new phase of our agricultural experience, wherein we would have become an importer rather than an exporter of most farm products. In that situation our farmers would have been able to increase their prices to a level commensurate with the scale of wages, living costs and general economic conditions of the country. Whenever we become an agricultural importing country that will



be the effect. But there will be a transition period, marked by alternations of exporting and importing, during which we may expect at times violent and wide fluctuations in prices. In such a period it will be of especial advantage to the farmer to be able to hold his products for the most advantageous market. To be compelled to sell hurriedly will involve danger of serious losses; to be able to hold will be the best protection from such losses.

So it is particularly to be desired that our agricultural marketing organization be placed as soon as possible on a basis of the utmost stability and security. This, I am convinced, we shall best accomplish by developing the broadest and soundest programs of co-operative marketing.

Firmly as I believe in this procedure, and unqualified as is my confidence in the ability of our farming community to formulate and administer such a program, I want to make plain that I am no blind believer in any magical attributes of the co-operative proceedings. A good deal that is positively mischievous has been put about in this regard. There is a school of co-operators who seem to believe that the program can be started at the top and built downward. They want the Government, or the banks, or philanthropies, or Providence to lay out a scheme big enough to cover the country, set its machinery moving, guarantee it all needed capital, and then invite the farmers to sit in the places reserved for them and proceed to garner their profits.

Let me say that I offer no such Aladdin-like project. I want society as a whole to help; but I want the farmers to do their share, and I warn them that this will be the lion's share.

#### Co-operation Must Have Beginnings in Small Units.

Co-operation must start from the soil. It must have its beginnings in small and modest units. It must train the people who are to use it to think co-operatively. That will be a process requiring time and attended with failures. As the people learn the lesson, their particular projects in co-operation will gain strength, will command increasing confidence, will expand the benefits of their members. The co-ordination of these local units will follow, bringing them at last with such a working articulation as experience shall prove practicable.

#### U. S. Steel Never Could Have Started From Top.

Let me illustrate by the analogy of a great industrial organization. The United States Steel Corporation could never have been started from the top and all at once. It had to be started in hundreds of places and forms and over many years. The industry had to come first, its consolidation afterward. Mr. Carnegie built one great section of it; other men in all parts of the country founded other sections of it. It is hardly conceivable that any of these men in the early and formative years could have visioned the enormous concentration to which their activities were tending. They were not thinking of that. They were founding the industry in all its branches and ramifications in all parts of the country in a vast variety of corporate forms. These widely scattered and seemingly unrelated units at last were brought together under a common control into a unity of management and policy. But, let it be emphasized again, the industry had to be founded before it could be federated. The units required creation before they could adopt combination.

It will be the same in the development of a great fabric of marketing co-operations. They must begin with small things and must have the sincere, courageous, determined support of their members. Granted that much, they can be quite safely relied on to take care of themselves. Their greatest danger is in too ambitious beginnings, too eager expectations, which breed early disappointments and discouragement. The record of failures in combination is larger than the record of successes. But so, for that matter, is the record of failures in nearly any other field. On the other side is the impressive showing of successes whereby industries, communities, regions have derived vast benefits from the development of co-operative efforts. It is not needful to enumerate these cases in this present; the men and women are here who know them better than I, because they have contributed of their talent and courage to make these accomplishments possible.

To precisely such men and women as you who are gathered here we must turn for the kind of agricultural leadership the country needs. We want combination preached as a principle, not a panacea. It will not perform miracles. It will not accomplish the impossible. But it is a sound, tried, demonstrated principle that must be introduced at the basis of our agricultural establishment. It demands that the individual shall surrender some part of his complete independence for his own and for the general good. It means that a certain authority must be delegated, and when delegated it must be supported. There must be faith, good-will, patience. It must be understood that no very spectacular achievements will be wrought.

The co-operative association which establishes grades and standards, encourages the good and eliminates the poor varieties, increases the efficiency of production, provides a unified product adapted to its market, organizes its distribution, creates confidence in its products and its methods—that kind of an association is doing the best that co-operation can do. It will serve both the seller and the buyer. Under wise leadership it will succeed.

More than anything else, we need a generation of farmers trained to co-operation; and to get that we need able, courageous, determined leadership, and, most of all, leadership that will not desert the farmer, but will stay by him.

Believing that you who are assembled here to-day are peculiarly the representatives of that leadership, I extend to you my greetings, and I commend to your most careful consideration the supremely important set of problems to which you have dedicated this occasion and dedicated your own experience and talents.

As a last word, let me assure you again of the profound sympathy which your Government feels for all your efforts, and its eager purpose to help in every practical way the achievement of the ends you are seeking.

### United States Department of Agriculture Says Wheat Prices in United States Are Not Too High as Compared With Rest of the World.

Complaints against wheat prices in the United States being too high are discussed in a statement issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington on Jan. 6, its conclusions being embodied in the following paragraph, which we quote from the statement:

In connection with the statement that United States wheat prices are too high compared with the rest of the world, the charge is made that Chicago prices are higher than Liverpool prices. The exact opposite is the case. On a recent date when the December future price in Chicago was \$1.52, in Kansas City it was \$1.44, while the price in Liverpool was \$1.77. That speculation, at least in this particular situation, is not unduly burdening city consumers may be concluded from the fact that on Dec. 29 May wheat was selling at Winnipeg for delivery from elevators at Fort William at about \$1.87 per bushel, while comparable wheat at Minneapolis was about \$1.75 and the contract grade No. 2 Hard at Kansas City was \$1.71.

The superficial inference from these figures is that the American price is too low and not too high as is charged.

#### In addition the Department in its comments said:

Improvement in the farm and market price of wheat during the last six months is beginning to cause comment and complaint. It is not too much to say that this is unwarranted. For four years the wheat grower has been staggering under a load of distress. Depression and deflation have driven hundreds of thousands of wheat growers from the land. The complaints, generally speaking, rest upon the misapprehension that speculation has driven the price up unduly in the United States and hence that the United States price must be above a parity with the rest of the world.

The responsible agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture are in constant touch with the conditions of supply and demand, not only at home but abroad. Prices in a broad sense are the result of the expert opinion of the world either as to the supply available until a new crop is received or as to the estimated quantity that will become available if the crops have not been harvested.

The 1924 wheat situation in the United States presents a remarkable combination of circumstances. Last May wheat prices began to rise. The United States had reduced her acreage; Canada had reduced her acreage; the whole Northern Hemisphere had planted 10% or 12% less than for 1923. May was a very unfavorable month for crop growth both in the United States and Canada. After June, except in the United States, the condition of the world showed progressive deterioration. Naturally and inevitably, expert opinion concluded that prices would rise as they necessarily did. Each succeeding crop report advised of deterioration in the various parts of the world. Even as late as November the Canadian crop estimates, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, took off 20,000,000 bushels from the previous figures. Australia reported damage due to weather conditions. Argentina forecasted a crop over 55,000,000 bushels below 1923. The Bulgarian, French, English, and other crops were reported short. And last, but not least, the Canadian export surplus, which for 1923 was roughly 375,000,000 bushels, was reduced to 175,000,000 bushels.

The sum of the whole matter was that the slight but progressive improvement in the United States crop gave us alone of all of the producing and consuming countries a good crop, while generally throughout the rest of the world there was a shortage of bread grains. While our crop was a bumper crop by any means; in fact, it was 25,000,000 bushels below the 5-year average and was only about 70,000,000 bushels more than the small but disastrously low priced crop of 1923.

This statement of the world situation shows unmistakably the reason for the prevailing price and also indicates that the conjunction of circumstances responsible for it is one that is unlikely to occur on the average more than once in many years and hence does not warrant expectation of continued high prices in future years. A Europe still prostrate from the after effects of war must perforce make almost superhuman efforts to meet her needs through home production.

The charges are in circulation that the grower is receiving no benefit from the high price of wheat and that the consumer is being unduly mulcted as a result of them. Furthermore, the grain exchanges are held responsible for existing conditions which those unfamiliar with the facts call very bad. Certainly complaint against wheat prices being too high is unwarranted when they have merely attained a parity of purchasing power with all commodities and when the index number of wheat prices is still far below the index number of wages.

That the farmer is being benefited is easily demonstrable for the 1923 farm price of wheat was only slightly more than 92 cents per bushel while the Dec. 1 1924 farm price was \$1.30 per bushel. Naturally, premium qualities have returned to the grower much more than the average farm price. For instance, during December a co-operative shipping association in Montana sold on the Minneapolis market several cars of premium quality spring wheat at \$2.01 per bushel. Even with the cost of marketing and the heavy transportation expense this price would yield to the grower probably more than \$1.60 per bushel.

Exports on an unusual scale play their part in the situation. During the six months from July to December our exports of wheat were over 197,000,000 bushels. During the same period in 1923 our exports were only about 81,000,000 bushels. In other words, although the 1924 crop was only 70,000,000 bushels greater than 1923, exports are already 116,000,000 bushels greater for identical periods.

It is of course inherent in our wheat grower's situation that circumstances force him to market immediately or soon after harvest. Based on a 9-year average estimate, nearly 70% of the wheat crop leaves the farm in the five months from July to November, inclusive. May is the high price month of the year. It is also the month of lowest marketings. To enable growers to benefit more largely from the high priced period of the year and from years when high prices prevail generally, we need greater ability on the farmer's part to store on the farm or to hold at terminals, when economic conditions indicate the desirability of such a course. Habit, stress, our whole marketing system, result in rushing the whole crop to market no matter what range of prices prevails.

Those who have felt concerned regarding the situation have charged the Department of Agriculture with failure to enforce the United States Grain Futures Act. These charges must necessarily be based upon a misunderstanding of the actual facts. The Grain Futures Administration of this department has competent investigators daily on the floors of the important grain futures exchanges. In addition it receives reports daily showing the outstanding interests of all firms. No information in the possession of its market supervisors gives ground for alarm that the essential bread grain in the United States is being made the subject of vicious and harmful speculation. Nevertheless, if citizens have information or evidence warranting investigation the department is always ready to proceed promptly within its powers to protect the genuine interests of the public, both consumer and producer.

### Resources of New York State Banking Institutions at End of 1924 More Than Billion Dollars Greater Than of Year Ago—Amendments to Law in Behalf of Savings Banks.

The resources of institutions under the supervision of the New York State Banking Department at the close of 1924 total \$10,635,000,000, an increase of \$1,135,000,000 over the amount reported a year ago, according to the forthcoming annual report of Superintendent George V. McLaughlin. An abstract of the report made public Jan. 5 says:

During the same period total deposits increased from \$7,449,134,695 to \$8,628,000,000, a gain of \$1,178,000,000.

The total deposits of institutions organized under the New York State Banking Law at the close of the year are equal to 47% of the total deposits reported by all national banks throughout the country on June 30 last.



Of the total resources reported, State banks, trust companies and private bankers are credited with \$6,184,445,104, an increase during the year of \$747,043,760, while the deposits for these institutions were \$5,224,434,733, an increase for the year of \$719,420,600.

Superintendent McLaughlin notes that the banking institutions under his supervision enjoyed a healthy year during 1924 and states that no depositor has suffered a loss through the failure of any corporate bank or trust company under his supervision since 1915. Superintendent McLaughlin refers to the decrease in the number of private bankers in this State. At the end of 1923 there were 92, while at the end of 1924 there remained only 68 bankers conducting an active private banking business. The reduction in the number of private bankers was accomplished by the Department recommending the conversion of a number of private bankers into corporate banks. During the year there were organized under the New York State Banking Law 66 new institutions divided into the following classes:

Banks.....	14	Safe deposit companies.....	7
Private bankers.....	1	Investment corporations.....	8
Savings banks.....	1	Savings and loan associations.....	13
Trust companies.....	9	Credit unions.....	13

**The report says:**

Before this Department authorizes any banking institution which is qualified under the law to accept deposits, a thorough investigation is made into the financial and general standing of the proposed incorporators and directors, and the need for the proposed institution in the community. There are, however, operating under this Department several institutions representing groups of individuals engaged in particular industries, and, obviously, in these cases, it is not possible to submit the proposed directors to the usual tests, the Department being compelled to rely upon the general standing of the particular groups which the individuals represent.

Superintendent McLaughlin reports that a number of amendments to the banking law have been submitted by the Savings Bank Association, representing savings banks throughout the State, among which is one providing for so-called group life insurance for the benefit of employees. This bill, together with several other minor amendments, has the approval of the Department. He also reports that the Department has at present under consideration a study into the advisability of enlarging the scope of investments.

**Labor Union Cautions Against Haste in Founding Labor Banks, According to National Industrial Conference Board.**

All labor organizations are not enthusiastic over the formation of labor banks, says the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Ave., New York City. Some of them fear, says the Board, that the locking up of their funds in the capital of banks might make it difficult for them to obtain needed money in case of emergency and seem also to question the qualification of some of the men who have been chosen to conduct the existing banks. For instance, the executive board of the Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance made a report to the recent convention of that body at Montreal citing such objections and counseling further experience by the thirty labor banks now doing or about ready to do business before others are started. The report says, in part:

Admittedly, there is a growing tendency on the part of trade unions to enter into the business of pooling their funds and savings to increase the earning power of their moneys and to balance the credit power now exercised by employing interests. Caution should be the watchword of such endeavors, and unless the proposed establishment of trade union banks guarantee a degree of stability and unless men of practical banking experience whose honesty and integrity are beyond question are chosen to actively direct such institutions we would not advise our local unions to allow their funds to be used in their formation. Trade unions quite often are in immediate need of their funds and the conversion thereof of the whole or an undue proportion of the financial assets of local unions into permanent and fixed investments, not subject to quick liquidation for use when an emergency may arise, is a danger that we wish to warn against. Such a condition may arise by the investment of the funds of local unions in the capital stock necessary for the formation of trade union banks.

Adding to the list of labor banks mentioned in its latest summary the National Industrial Conference Board cites the Potomac Trust Co., Potomac, Va., organized by railway unions; the International Union Bank, New York City, by the International Ladies Garment Workers and other needle workers' unions; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers National Bank of Boston, Mass.; the Nottingham Savings & Banking Co., Nottingham, Ohio, by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the Labor Co-operative National Bank, Paterson, N. J. Other labor banks are being planned at Tacoma, Wash., Portland, Ore., Salt Lake City, Utah, Indianapolis, Ind., and Chicago, Ill.

**C. J. Obermayer of New York State Savings Banks Association Defends Rates of Interest Paid by Savings Banks.**

Complaint by commercial banks and trust companies having so-called interest departments in which the savings deposits are accepted, against paying the present interest

rates maintained by savings banks has occasioned the issuance of a statement by C. J. Obermayer, President of the Savings Banks' Association of the State of New York and President of the Greater New York Savings Bank of Brooklyn, commenting on the growth of the savings banks and the restrictions affecting dividend declarations. Mr. Obermayer under date of Jan. 6 says:

The greatest factors in the constant growth of the Mutual Savings Bank idea are its powers of unselfishness and absolute safety. According to the New York State banking law, "If at the close of any dividend period the guaranty fund of any Savings Bank be less than ten per centum of the amount due to depositors, there will be deducted from its net earnings for such period and credited to its guaranty fund 10% during any year in which a dividend shall be declared, or so much of such percentages as will not compel it to reduce its dividends to depositors below the rate of 3 1/2% per annum." It will be observed that every Savings Bank in this State is compelled to set aside 10% per annum of its net earnings to guaranty fund before a dividend is declared or paid and every Savings Bank in the State is following the requirements of the law except that in practically all banks the amount being set aside and credited to guaranty fund instead of 10% per annum as required is much larger and in many cases 20% and even more. There is never the question of how the earnings shall be divided between depositors and stockholders because they have no stockholders. The people who put money in a Mutual Savings Bank are its owners. People are becoming educated to the fact that Savings Banks are not only the logical place for their savings accounts but that in them they are offered a banking service which will satisfy every financial need: there may they go for consultation on matter of investment—no personal problem is too small for the careful consideration and advice of a Savings Bank officer—there they may go for advice on household budgeting or a plan for spending and saving and housekeepers are rapidly adopting the motto of the business man "to live within your income and get ahead, you must have a plan." The banking law of New York State has placed the responsibility for promotion of school thrift and savings entirely in the hands of the Saving Banks—no other banks are allowed to accept school deposits.

Three laws have been passed recently which have added considerably to the already generous Savings Bank service. They are now permitted to operate Safe Deposit Vaults with safe deposit boxes for the benefit of their patrons. In this day of robberty and theft a key to a safe deposit box is as necessary as a key to the front door. Savings Banks with their minimum rate for boxes of \$3 per year or less than one cent per day make it possible for every household to store their valuable papers beyond the reach of fire or theft.

The Foreign Exchange Department in Savings Banks affords a unique opportunity for serving our foreign population. Through this they may send money to all parts of the world at the lowest possible rate, getting the most for their money on this side and insuring the largest possible return on the other. With this reliable service their faith in America is strengthened and their confidence in American financial institutions established. The Foreign Exchange service has proven a valuable means of education in money values to a great mass of people and has resulted in the opening of many savings accounts.

Through the recent passage of the Branch Bank law permitting Savings Banks in cities of the first class to open one branch each in the county or borough in which the main bank is located, Savings Banks have been able to broaden their field of service and to afford banking facilities in sections for which the main bank was inaccessible.

Much of the constant growth of Savings Banks can be attributed to the solidarity of purpose guiding the activities of the State Association. There are in New York State 147 Savings Banks each one an active member of the State Association. A conservative estimate based on December 1st reports places the amount due depositors in the 147 Savings Banks at \$3,350,000,000 at the beginning of the New Year. At this rate the banks have gained approximately \$206,000,000 in deposits including dividends in 1924. They have gained approximately 140,000 depositors.

**Frank W. Simmonds of A. B. A. Investigation of State Bank Supervision—Too Much Politics in Selection of Officials.**

Too much politics in the selection of officials is brought out as a general weakness in State banking supervision through an investigation just completed by Frank W. Simmonds of the State Bank Division, American Bankers' Association. The investigation, the results of which were made public here on Jan. 4, also sums up desirable features of supervision in many States. It was conducted in accordance with the action of the Division urging uniform, efficient supervision of State banks. "State bank supervision has too often been subjected to partisan entanglements, resulting in lax supervision and dangerous practices," Mr. Simmonds said. "Public opinion is to-day demanding that bank supervision be as free from political interference as the judiciary itself."

The survey was aimed to ascertain successful methods to aid in formulating a model code and develop public opinion in favor of desirable reforms, he said. In forty-one States, he found, bank commissioners are appointed by the Governors and generally hold office during their pleasure. In two States they are chosen by popular election, in others they are chosen by a banking board, but in only a few is the advice of organized banking considered. In Mississippi the selection is made by a convention of delegates from the State chartered banks. The term of office was found to range from two years to six. The majority of recommendations on this point favored a five-year term, short terms being deemed insufficient for examiners to become conversant with their fields of work and longer terms as tending toward bureaucracy. Permissive reappointment was favored to prolong the services of a desirable official. A wide range in

salary was discovered with an average of about \$4,000. This was generally held to be inadequate for work involving such heavy public responsibilities. In only ten States are banking departments strictly limited to bank supervision and only twenty States require actual banking experience for appointment as examiner. "The general criticism is that in many States the pay is meagre and the term too uncertain to attract capable, qualified men for this highly important work," the report says. "The effectiveness of the State banking department and the safety of depositors is so dependent on examiners that the method of appointment and their fitness are highly important." The questionnaire was sent to thousands of bankers and to State bank officials and an analysis of their views will be applied to the effort to bring about reforms.

#### Paul W. Albright Elected General Secretary of Savings Bank Association of State of New York.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, Paul W. Albright was elected General Secretary of the Association to succeed Joseph A. Seaborg. Mr. Seaborg leaves to become Treasurer of the United States Savings Bank, Madison Ave. and 58th St., New York City. Mr. Albright, the new Secretary, has been with the South Brooklyn Savings Institution for the past eleven years. He is thoroughly familiar with the work of every department of savings banking, and is ably equipped to handle the work of the Association of the 147 savings banks of the State.

#### Influences of War on Industrial Life of Nation—Compilation by Edward Eyre Hunt.

Influences of the war on the industrial life of the nation are discussed in a volume compiled by Edward Eyre Hunt, an assistant to Secretary of Commerce Hoover, in which this authority seeks to make a definite contribution to the universal trend toward more efficient management of American industry. The volume—"Scientific Management Since Taylor"—is a collection of opinions from engineers and scientists who have studied the industrial problem, among them Dr. H. S. Person, Managing Director of the Taylor Society, an organization named in honor of Frederick W. Taylor, pioneer in the application of science to the conduct of industrial enterprise. "The status for scientific management," Dr. Person holds, "has been profoundly influenced by the war. Three of these influences are noteworthy," he says, adding:

First, although the prejudice of workers engendered by the sharp controversy preceding the war has not disappeared, open and active hostility of labor has been discontinued and apparently will not be resumed.

Second, the demand for output during the war, supported by labor, compelled a wide extension of efficient production methods, in some instances of the methods of scientific management, not only in the United States but also in Europe, and both labor and management have learned by experience that scientific management technique is not inconsistent with wise, humane and cooperative administrative policies.

Third, labor and management have observed that during and following the war managers of scientific management plants and scientific management engineers have been in the vane of those inspiring and directing the establishment of the most humane and cooperative administrative policies, in accordance with the most far-sighted principles of industrial relationship. War seems to have cleared away prejudice and misunderstanding and to have made possible an appreciation of the value of scientific management as an instrument for the increase of the productivity of human effort under wise administration.

There is nothing mysterious about scientific management, in the opinion of Dr. Person. "The term," he declares, "characterizes that form of organization and procedure in purposive collective effort which rests on principles or laws derived by the process of trial and error." The principal phases of scientific management, are:

First, exhaustive investigation of the elements usable in collective effort—manual and machine processes, materials and tools and equipment, physical and psychological operating conditions, with their reactions in all possible relations, in order to determine the combination which, for any specific purpose, is most economical in technical energy—human and material; the formulation of the results of such an investigation in principles and laws and the establishment, on the basis of such principles and laws, of standards of procedure and result.

Second, the development and maintenance of such precise and automatic coordination and control of the collective effort as to accomplish, in accordance with the established standards of procedure and result, with economy of energy and time, any purpose of the collective effort.

Third, organization of the personnel, processes, materials and equipment in such functional cooperative relation as to bring to bear in the collective effort the highest available and developable technical skill in planning, supervision and execution.

The need for the adaptation of scientific management in American industry, Mr. Hunt points out in his book, is aptly set forth by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who in a recent address said:

We have probably the highest ingenuity and efficiency to the operation of our industries of any nation. Yet our industrial machine is far from

perfect. The wastes of unemployment during depression; from speculation and overproduction in booms; from labor turnover; from labor conflicts, from intermittent failure of transportation of supplies of fuel and power; from excessive seasonal operation; from lack of standardization; from loss in our processes and materials—all combine to represent a huge deduction from the goods and services that we might all enjoy if we could do a better job of it.

#### Thomas Williams Elected Chairman of Distribution Committee of New York Community Trust.

The Distribution Committee of the New York Community Trust, holding its annual meeting at 120 Broadway, this week, elected as its Chairman for the ensuing year, Thomas Williams, senior partner of Ichabod T. Williams' Sons, timber merchants. The committee authorized the disbursement of income from a fund created by Mrs. Rosabelle G. Schiff for public school awards and from the half-million dollar gift of Mrs. Felix M. Warburg for visiting nurses. One hundred and forty-five members of the State Chamber of Commerce, the committee learned, have put into effect \$314,000 of insurance upon the life of the Chairman of the Chamber's Commercial Arbitration Committee, Charles L. Bernheimer. The principal of the policies is payable to trustees of the Community Trust, and the income will perpetuate the arbitration program of the Chamber of Commerce. A memorial was adopted in honor of the late Judge E. Henry Lacombe, a former member of the committee. Judge Henry Galbraith Ward was named by Henry Wade Rogers, Senior Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, to fill the vacancy.

#### Special Library Course Prepared by Margaret Reynolds

Margaret Reynolds, Librarian of the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., announces a course in Special Libraries which she is to offer for the American Correspondence School of Librarianship. Dr. Azariah Root, Librarian of Oberlin College, is the director of the school, and, at his request, it is stated, the course was prepared.

It is announced that this is the first time that there has been any correspondence course given on this subject. The American Correspondence School of Librarianship is conducted by the Director and a corps of instructors, all of whom are actively engaged in library work. It is financed by Gaylord Bros., in whose building at Syracuse, N. Y., the business offices are located. The following is the outline of the course prepared and conducted by Miss Reynolds:

*The Special Library Organization—Administration—Methods.*

1. The librarian.
2. The special library.
3. Quarters and equipment.
- 4-5. Organization and methods.
- 6-7. Classification and cataloging.
- 8-9. Books.
10. Periodicals and newspapers.
- 11-12. Pamphlets and clippings.
13. Services.
- 14-15. Maps—photographs—slides—films—trade catalogues.
16. Graphs and charts.
17. Publicity.
18. Business correspondence.
19. Relations with others: Individuals—libraries—library organizations.
20. Prominent special libraries; their executives.

#### Immediate Outlook for Mineral Supplies in United States Encouraging, Although Ultimate Outlook Is Discouraging, According to F. G. Tryon, of United States Geological Survey.

"The immediate outlook for mineral supplies in the United States is encouraging," asserted Frederick G. Tryon, United States Geologic Survey, at the third session of the annual meeting of the American Economic Association. "The ultimate outlook is discouraging," he added. "For the immediate future our resources are sufficient to support an increasing population at a rising standard of living. But they are not sufficient to support our present population permanently at even present standards, unless possibly science should discover some new source of energy, not now available to us." Dr. Tryon added:

Increased cost of mining will be the first problem connected with declining mineral resources. If sufficient labor and power be applied, there is hardly a mineral raw material that is not either to be had from deposits below present commercial grade or for which a substitute cannot be found. Iron, for example, though seemingly indispensable, is widely scattered through the earth's crust. Copper, though rare, can be replaced by aluminum, which as a chemical element in igneous rocks is even more abundant than iron. Both can be had for a price, but the price is a great increase in labor and power per unit of mineral.

The critical resources are the energy resources. Granted a boundless supply of power and heat and we can win the necessary metals from the earth. Unfortunately the supply of the energy resources is not boundless. A world shortage of petroleum has been predicted "within 20 years." The day of exhaustion of coal may seem remote, but the day of increasing costs and diminishing returns in coal mining has already arrived in Europe.



Dr. Tryon was not optimistic about new sources of energy: "Nor do the substitute sources of energy promise to furnish power and heat on as easy terms as coal. The water power of the United States is sufficient to meet only a part of the burden already carried by coal. The tides and winds can no doubt be drawn upon, but only at great cost, in which one unit of labor yields fewer units of energy than now." He stated further:

There is some possibility of harnessing direct the energy of sunlight. So far no man-made engine can do this as efficiently as the living plant. But we need the plants for materials and food. The energy is an entire year's production of human foods in the United States is equivalent to only 3% of the energy in our annual output of fuels.

There remains the possibility of utilizing the energy locked up in the atom. This problem, the solution of which is perhaps unattainable, is one of the most alluring in the field of contemporary research. All that we can say is that there exists a vast store of energy in ordinary matter but that thus far all efforts to draw on it have required the application of more energy than has been released.

Realizing that his conclusion is likely to be challenged as too pessimistic, Dr. Tryon asserted that it "contains less of pessimism than of prudence. It may be attacked on the ground that it under-rates the power of science and technology. If the revolutionary discovery of science is made, and man unlocks the secrets of photosynthesis and atomic energy, our population may be trusted to increase to the point that will make full use of the new stores of power."

**President Coolidge Congratulates W. M. Ritter on His Gift to Employees of Fourth of Capital Stock of W. M. Ritter Lumber Company.**

President Coolidge, in a letter to William McClellan Ritter of Washington, founder of the W. M. Ritter Lumber Co., congratulated the latter upon his Christmas gift to 124

employees and friends, of 12,500 shares in W. M. Ritter Lumber Co., having a par value of \$1,250,000, and an estimated market value of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. The President's letter, which was under date of Dec. 26, ran as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 26 1924.

My Dear Mr. Ritter:—I have been very much interested in reading of the fine thing you have done for those in your employ at Christmas time. Such acts of generosity cannot help but lead to better co-operation and understanding between the employers and employees, and you are to be commended for the fine example you have shown.

Very truly yours,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Mr. William Ritter, 2223 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C.

In a message from Columbus, Ohio, where the executive offices of W. M. Ritter Lumber Co. are situated, Associated Press on Dec. 26 gave details regarding the nature of Mr. Ritter's gift. They follow:

Mr. Ritter is turning back to the men and women, most of whom are employees of the company, approximately one-fourth of the capital stock of the corporation which bears his name. Plans for distribution of the stock were completed by him last night.

**12,500 Shares Divided.**

The shares to be divided number 12,500 and have a par value of \$1,250,000. As the stock of the corporation is closely held no exact approximation of the real value of the gift could be obtained, but local bankers expressed the opinion that it might run between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

The stock will be held under a trust agreement for the beneficiaries, but the gift is without restrictions. The trust will be executed when those who will share in it meet in eight regional gatherings here on Saturday. These will be held in New York, Philadelphia, Columbus, Bluefield, W. Va.; Hughesville, Pa.; Washington, Colleton, S. C., and Asheville, N. C.

Of the list of beneficiaries ninety-four are officers and employees of the company. The balance of the list includes relatives and close personal friends of Mr. Ritter. The employees receiving the stock include many who were with Mr. Ritter in his early struggles in West Virginia to gain a foothold in the lumber industry. The Ritter company, now located to be one of the largest in the world, manufactures hardwood lumber.

**Course of Bank Clearings**

Bank clearings for the country as a whole again show an increase over a year ago, and this time it is a very substantial one. Many cities besides New York City contribute to the improvement this week but this city is responsible for the greater part, the exchanges at this centre showing an increase for the five days of 47.9% over 1924. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Jan. 10) 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 32.1% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,916,962,561, against \$8,261,797,939 for the same week in 1924. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending Jan. 10.	1925.	1924.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,404,000,000	\$3,653,841,406	+47.9
Chicago	618,793,800	507,953,798	+21.8
Philadelphia	515,000,000	387,000,000	+33.1
Boston	428,000,000	355,000,000	+20.6
Kansas City	123,537,762	104,870,038	+17.8
St. Louis	226,700,000	203,900,000	+11.2
San Francisco	151,900,000	139,400,000	+9.0
Los Angeles	129,764,000	133,972,000	-3.1
Pittsburgh	145,954,062	130,674,132	+11.7
Detroit	128,628,403	102,055,528	+26.0
Cleveland	102,240,226	87,916,414	+16.3
Baltimore	93,481,567	75,000,000	+24.6
New Orleans	81,602,716	68,291,635	+19.5
Thirteen cities, five days	\$8,149,602,536	\$5,949,874,951	+37.0
Other cities, five days	947,866,265	934,956,665	+1.4
Total all cities, five days	\$9,097,468,801	\$6,884,831,616	+32.1
All cities, one day	1,819,493,760	1,376,966,323	+32.1
Total all cities for week	\$10,916,962,561	\$8,261,797,939	+32.1

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 previous week—the week ended Jan. 3. For that week there is an increase of 14.3%, the 1924 aggregate of the clearings being \$9,925,027,157, and the 1923 aggregate \$8,685,584,751. Outside of New York City, however, the increase is only 1.4%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of 24.5%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is an improvement of 4.2%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 24.0% and in the

Chicago Reserve District of 3.8%. In the Philadelphia Reserve District, however, there is a decrease of 1.3%, in the Cleveland Reserve District of 2.4% and in the Richmond Reserve District of 1.8%. In the Richmond Reserve District the totals are smaller by 1.5% and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 6.6%, but the Kansas City Reserve District has a gain of 0.8%. In the Minneapolis Reserve District there is an increase of 11.9%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 13.0% and in the Dallas Reserve District of 12.0%

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

**SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS**

Week ending Jan. 3 1925.	1925.	1924.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.
<b>Federal Reserve Districts.</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
1st) Boston.....11 cities	503,509,758	489,155,480	+4.2	464,427,472	340,380,426
2nd) New York.....11 "	6,143,425,170	4,961,094,403	+24.0	4,984,171,339	4,370,022,655
3rd) Philadelphia.... 0 "	559,166,015	566,819,548	-1.3	538,347,004	428,841,794
4th) Cleveland..... 5 "	363,263,677	372,251,240	-2.4	362,034,341	339,138,571
5th) Richmond..... 5 "	188,374,281	191,810,410	-1.8	180,469,740	135,000,316
6th) Atlanta.....12 "	202,151,267	205,188,859	-1.5	191,080,160	164,567,535
7th) Chicago.....20 "	869,458,869	837,817,240	+3.8	857,107,210	673,681,960
8th) St. Louis..... 8 "	249,940,614	221,235,494	+13.0	77,700,082	56,564,730
9th) Minneapolis.... 7 "	115,360,097	103,114,891	+11.9	114,511,079	96,718,068
10th) Kansas City...12 "	219,491,005	217,693,883	+0.8	246,670,642	226,802,815
11th) Dallas..... 5 "	79,735,566	71,182,212	+12.0	64,522,229	55,897,087
12th) San Francisco..17 "	425,150,838	455,220,991	-6.6	403,343,245	349,498,491
Grand total.....125 cities	9,925,027,157	6,685,584,751	+47.3	8,484,414,543	7,236,124,448
Outside New York City.....	3,897,997,716	3,842,861,563	+1.4	3,613,401,401	2,959,754,266
Canada.....29 cities	317,200,054	336,706,480	-6.8	345,963,701	341,212,006

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of December. For that month there is an increase of 21.6%, the 1924 aggregate of the clearings being \$44,860,096,348 and the 1923 aggregate \$36,894,947,017. Outside of New York City the increase is only 10.5%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of 31.4%. In the Boston Reserve District the improvement is 15.9%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) 30.5% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District 16.5%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 8.9%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 7.1% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 8.3%. The Chicago Reserve District shows a gain of 8.8%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 9.4% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 22.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the total is better by 7.7%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 21.0% and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 3.3%. It will be noted that every one of these Federal Reserve districts, without exception, registers an increase for December 1924 as compared with the corresponding month of 1923.

Table showing Federal Reserve Districts (1st to 12th) and Canada, with columns for December 1924, December 1923, Inc. or Dec., December 1922, and December 1921.

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES. Table listing cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, etc., with columns for December 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, and Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the twelve months back to 1921:

Table showing Federal Reserve Districts for twelve months, with columns for 1924, 1923, Inc. or Dec., 1922, and 1921.

Table showing Total and Other cities for the twelve months, with columns for 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for December and the twelve months of 1924 and 1923 are given below:

Table showing Stock—Number of shares, Railroad & miscell. bonds, U. S. Government bonds, State, foreign, & c., bonds, with columns for 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1924 and 1923:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS. Table with columns for Month, Clearings, Total All, Clearings Outside New York, and percentage changes.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 in 1921 to 1924 is indicated in the following:

Table showing transactions in share properties by month from January 1921 to December 1924, with columns for No. Shares and values.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of December and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for December and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ending Jan. 3 for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR DECEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1 1924, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 3 1925.

Large table showing Clearings at— by city (Boston, New York, etc.) with columns for Month of December, Since January 1, and Week ending January 3.



CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of December (1924, 1923, Inc. or Dec.), Since January 1. (1924, 1923, Inc. or Dec.), Week ending January 3. (1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec., 1923, 1922). Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth) and various cities across different states.

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Main table showing clearing data for various US states and cities. Columns include 'Month of December', 'Since January 1', and 'Week ending January 3'. Rows list states like Minnesota, Kansas, Texas, and cities like Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, and Houston.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR DECEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31.

Table showing Canadian clearing data. Columns include 'Month of December', 'Since January 1', and 'Week Ended Dec. 31'. Rows list Canadian cities such as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Hamilton.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Dec. 31. d Week ended Jan. 1. e Week ended Jan. 2. \* Estimated. f No clearings; all banks closed.



## ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &amp; C.

Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week as follows: J. Edward Davis, deceased, to Max Strauss, consideration \$99,000; Edwin H. Mairs to John T. Williams, consideration \$101,000; Everett Tandy to Walter A. Hardy, consideration \$100,000. Last previous sale was at \$101,000.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Lemuel Ray Carter was reported sold this week to Richard T. Harriss, for another, the consideration being stated as \$30,000. This is the same as the last preceding sale.

The New York Curb Market membership of Roland B. Peacock was reported sold this week to Lawrence McK. Miller of Russell, Miller & Case for a consideration of \$9,500. This is an increase of \$250 from the last preceding sale.

Three Chicago Stock Exchange memberships were reported sold this week as follows: John J. Mitchell to Edward M. Bertha, consideration \$4,000; Allen Tobey to William F. Week, consideration \$4,000; Herbert W. Noble to Charles Swift, consideration \$4,800. The last preceding sale was at \$4,400.

Among the passengers sailing yesterday on the Munson steamship Munamar for Nassau, Bahamas, is Seward Prosser, Chairman of the board of directors of the Bankers Trust Co. of No. 16 Wall Street. Mr. Prosser is accompanied by Mrs. Prosser and the daughter.

It was announced on Jan. 8 that arrangements have been made, subject to approval of stockholders and banking authorities, for the consolidation of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank and the Metropolitan Trust Co. The name of the combined institutions will be the Chatham & Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., and the main office will be at 149 Broadway. General Samuel McRoberts, now President of the Metropolitan Trust Co., will be Chairman of the Board. Louis C. Kaufman, President of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank, will occupy the same office in the new bank. The Chatham & Phenix National Bank was a combination in the first instance, of the Phenix National Bank, established in 1812, and the Chatham National Bank, established in 1850. These two institutions were merged in 1911, when they received a Federal charter for 99 years to operate 12 branches, which are now established in various locations from the Battery to the Bronx, with two offices on Fifth Avenue, one at 18th Street and one at 30th Street. It was the first national bank to establish branches, preceding all others by four or five years.

The growth of the Chatham & Phenix under Mr. Kaufman's administration has been noteworthy. Mr. Kaufman, who was introduced to New York banking circles by Judge Gary, came into prominence as the reorganizer of General Motors Corporation, acting as Chairman of the Finance Committee up to 1920, when he decided to devote all of his time to the upbuilding of the Chatham & Phenix. Mr. Kaufman's first bank position was that of messenger in the Marquette County Savings Bank, of which he later became Cashier and Manager, and is still Chairman of the Board. By a special dispensation of the Federal Reserve Board, Mr. Kaufman is also President of the First National Bank of Marquette, with which he became connected after his term of service in the Marquette Savings Bank. Mr. Kaufman was elected President of the Michigan Bankers Association when he was 32 years old and has served as a member of the Council of the American Bankers Association, and on many of its most important committees.

The Phenix Bank, originally a State institution, was started as the New York Manufacturing Co. It was one of the banks in which the senior J. Pierpont Morgan was active, and it was due to his instrumentality that it became a national bank in 1865. The statement relative to the proposed merger also supplies the following information:

The several banks brought into the Chatham & Phenix by Mr. Kaufman were the Century Bank of New York, Consolidated National Bank, National Reserve Bank, Mutual Alliance Trust Co., Nineteenth Ward Bank, Twelfth Ward Bank, Gansevoort Bank, Security Bank, Monroe Bank, Jefferson Bank, Van Norden Trust Co. and the People's Bank. On Nov. 7 1921 the New York County National Bank was also taken over by the Chatham & Phenix and in July 1922 the Union Exchange National Bank was brought into the Chatham & Phenix system.

In 1911, when Mr. Kaufman became President, the Chatham & Phenix had resources of about \$22,000,000, as compared to resources at the present time of about \$227,000,000.

The Metropolitan Trust Co. moved from 60 Wall Street to its present location at 120 Broadway in October 1921, a few months before General Sam-

uel McRoberts became President. Since the end of 1921 the Metropolitan's deposits have more than doubled, and its individual and corporate trust business has been greatly expanded.

General McRoberts entered New York banking in 1909, as Vice-President of the National City Bank. Prior to this time he had practiced law in Chicago, and after acting as counsel to Armour & Co., became Treasurer in 1904. General McRoberts was the leader in the Armour reorganization, which is regarded as one of the notable accomplishments of recent years. He is now Chairman of the Finance Committee of Armour & Co. and a director of many corporations, including the American Sugar Refining Co., National Surety Co., American Alliance Insurance Co., Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Kansas City Southern and Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railways. During the war General McRoberts was Chief of the Procurement Division of the Ordnance Department, and commissioned a Brigadier-General in August 1918, when he was transferred to the A. E. F. He was awarded the D. S. M. and received the Legion of Honor.

The board of directors of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank includes: Charles K. Beekman, Samuel S. Childs, Harden L. Crawford, Eugene E. DuPont, Ellis P. Earle, Norborne P. Gatlin, John M. Hansen, George M. Hard, Bert L. Haskins, Frank J. Heaney, Richard H. Higgins, H. Stuart Hotchkiss, Louis G. Kaufman, John Ringling, Edward Shearson, William H. Strawn, J. Frederick Talcott, S. B. Thorne, Frederick D. Underwood, Hicks A. Weatherbee and Samuel Weil.

The directorate of the Metropolitan Trust Co. also contains some of the best known names in the financial and business world: Philip D. Armour, Vice-President Armour & Co.; William D. Baldwin, Chairman Otis Elevator Co.; Van Lear Black, President Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore; William Carpenter of W. & J. N. Carpenter; Pierre C. Cartier, New York City; Ralph Crews of Shearman & Sterling, lawyers; Cornelius Eldert, President Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co.; Haley Fiske, President Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; Erskine Hewitt, Vice-President Union Sulphur Co.; Arthur A. Houghton, director Corning Glass Works; Edward F. Hutton, Chairman Postum Cereal Co.; William B. Joyce, Chairman National Surety Co.; Raymond T. Marshall, director Johnson & Higgins; Bradley Martin, director, Hudson Trust Co., New Jersey; John H. Mason, Chairman Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia; Walter E. Maynard, New York City; Samuel McRoberts, President; Ogden Mills, director New York Central Railroad Co.; Charles W. Ogden, of Ogden & Wallace Iron & Steel; Herbert Parsons, of Parsons, Glosson & McIlvaine, lawyers; Harold I. Pratt, of Charles Pratt & Co.; William Ross Proctor, of Abbott, Hoppin & Co.; Cornelius A. Pugsley, President Westchester County National Bank; Charles G. Smith, President Great American Insurance Co.; Harold B. Thorne, Vice-President Pierce Petroleum Corporation; Alfred P. Walker, President Standard Milling Co.; Joseph Walker, of Joseph Walker & Sons; Clarence W. Watson, President the Consolidation Coal Co.; Charles W. Weston, Vice-President.

The board of the combined banks will be made up from these two lists.

The Chatham & Phenix National on Dec. 31 1924 reported capital of \$10,500,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$9,318,465, deposits of \$194,488,320 and total resources of \$226,901,582. The statement of the Metropolitan Trust Co. on the same date showed capital of \$2,000,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$4,207,453, deposits of \$53,320,483, and total resources of \$61,907,998.

Llewellyn Jones, for many years Cashier of Chatham & Phenix National Bank of New York, died on the 8th inst. Mr. Jones was associated with the bank for about ten years and during that time, through his own ability and merit, he worked his way from the position of a bookkeeper to that of Cashier, and filled the last named post at the time of his death. N. P. Gatling, Vice-President of the bank, in a tribute to Mr. Jones, says:

Mr. Jones was a gentleman of the highest standard. Courteous, genial, resourceful and a student of commercial banking. His death is a distinct loss to this organization, where he enjoyed the confidence of all of its 1,500 associates from the President to the office boys.

John K. Wallace, Ernest C. Haaren and William A. Eldridge have been appointed Assistant Secretaries of the Central Union Trust Co. of this city, and Franklin P. Mendenhall, Russell F. Thomes and Alexander T. Galloway have been made Assistant Treasurers of the company. At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Central Union Trust Co. on Jan. 8 the retiring trustees were re-elected.

At the regular meeting this week of the directors of the National City Bank of New York Gordon S. Rentschler, a director, was elected a Vice-President with the duties of Assistant to the President, and Lee E. Lowell was elected a Vice-President and Executive Assistant. The National City Co. made the same appointments.

The Corn Exchange Bank of this city has appointed Mathias J. Fischer, formerly the Accountant, an Assistant Cashier.

Charles L. Doty has been appointed Cashier of the Hamilton National Bank of New York. He assumed his new duties Jan. 1. In accepting the Cashiership of the Hamilton Mr. Doty relinquished his post in the Manufacturers' Trust Co. He was formerly assistant to James G. Cannon, President of the Fourth National Bank, and later held the same position with the Columbia Bank before the merger with the Manufacturers' Trust Co.

At a meeting of the directors of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York on Jan. 7 Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney was elected a director to succeed Samuel W. Reyburn, who

recently resigned to accept election as a Class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank. In distributing copies of the condensed statement of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York as of December 31 1924, William C. Potter, President, calls attention to the substantial business progress of the year 1924 reflected therein. This is strikingly illustrated in the deposits, which were \$621,425,391 on Dec. 31 1924, as compared with \$499,605,589 on the corresponding date a year ago, an increase of \$121,819,802. Total resources a year ago were \$621,455,549, as contrasted with \$753,231,281 as of Dec. 31 1924, an increase of \$131,775,732.

Frank J. Parsons, Vice-President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York, has just returned from a trip of inspection covering the territory comprised in the company's loaning activities in Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona and California. Mr. Parsons found general conditions greatly improved, and states that Los Angeles continues to grow at an astonishing rate; that new industries are constantly coming in, and many millions being expended to increase harbor facilities. He observes further that the Roosevelt Dam, near Phoenix, Ariz., is making possible the growth of long staple cotton and that improved railroad facilities give promise of a good future for that city.

The Harriman National Bank of New York declared on Jan. 2 a regular semi-annual dividend of \$5 upon its capital stock and also an extra dividend of \$5 per share, both dividends payable Jan. 3 to stockholders of record at the close of business Jan. 2. The numerous increases in dividends out of earnings for 1924 made by banks and industrial corporations would appear to reflect full confidence and optimism on the part of the administration of these corporations in the business future of the country.

The United States Trust Co. of New York in its statement of condition as of Jan. 1 1925, made public this week, shows some interesting figures bearing upon its holdings of investment securities. The statement in itself is unique in that it presents in detail a list of all of the varied assortment of security issues held for investment by the institution, with the present book value as compared with par value. The trust company reports total resources of \$77,407,992, compared with \$71,709,767 a year ago; cash in its vaults and in banks of \$8,746,168; capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$20,073,168; real estate owned, \$1,000,000; stock and bond investments of \$15,360,750 carried at book value; bonds and mortgages of \$3,701,132; collateral loans of \$44,272,174. The company's deposits at the beginning of the year stood at \$55,952,802. Among the stock and bond investments of the trust company as listed in the statement are \$3,000,000 par value United States Treasury 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % notes due 1927, \$2,000,000 par value of various issues of United States Government bonds, and \$1,325,000 of different maturities of New York City Corporate stock. The holdings of railroad equipment certificates include four different issues, and the holdings of railroad bonds number twenty-four. The largest single issue of railroad bonds consists of \$1,000,000 par value Louisville & Nashville first and refunding mortgage, series B, due 2003. The company also lists among its holdings \$500,000 par value of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 20-year sinking fund 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % gold debentures due 1943 and \$250,000 par value of Vacuum Oil 7% notes due 1936. The trust company also holds 8,400 shares of 6% stock of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which it carries at a book value of \$420,000.

Thomas Smidt, of Frederick Vietor & Achelis, has been elected a director of the Pacific Bank.

Between Feb. 15 and March 1 1925 the Morris Plan Co. of New York will move its main office from the downtown section of New York to the Winfield Building, 40th Street and Fifth Avenue, it is announced by Wallace D. McLean, Vice-President of the company. The present main office location at 261 Broadway will not be abandoned, but will be converted into a City Hall branch. The space to be occupied by the Morris Plan Co. in the Winfield Building comprises 20,000 square feet on the second and third floors of the building. In addition to the executive offices, this industrial banking organization will house its legal, banking, credit, advertising and personnel departments here. It will also have a large application department for borrowers and other equipment incidental to the promulgation of Morris Plan business in that section of the city.

On Dec. 31 the tenth year of this institution's activities in New York were completed. The company began operations the last day of 1914 in small offices in William Street. The capital at that time was \$100,000. It has now increased to \$1,000,000. Three hundred persons are employed in the eight offices and 24 information-application stations in Greater New York and vicinity. According to figures quoted by Vice-President McLean, more than 450,000 loans, totaling \$94,023,447, have been made since the start. These range from \$50 to \$5,000 and have been granted to wage earners, salaried men and small merchants of the metropolis. Over \$23,681,636 was loaned in 1924 and on specific days of the year as much as \$125,000 was paid out between the hours of 9 and 3. Mr. McLean also announced that the Bronx branch now at 361 East 149th Street will move early in January to larger quarters in the Areco Building, 391 East 149th Street, and that larger space had been secured for occupancy by the Brooklyn branch in the early spring. The lease on the Fifth Avenue site extends over a period of years.

Paul Duran, President of the French American banking Corporation, announces that the bank's surplus has been increased to \$1,000,000. The undivided profits exceed \$500,000, showing average earnings of 8% since the bank was established at the end of 1919, at which time it had a capital of \$2,000,000 and a surplus of \$500,000 paid up.

The American Trust Co. of New York begins the year with capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$4,899,011 and total resources of \$44,364,318. Deposits during the year increased from \$26,751,328, to \$38,784,700, or 45%.

At a meeting of the directors of the Nassau National Bank of Brooklyn on Dec. 30, Frank S. Hyatt was elected a director. Mr. Hyatt succeeds his brother, Herbert G. Hyatt, who died in October, and whom he also succeeds as President of the Brass Goods Manufacturing Co.

The Wakefield Trust Co. of Wakefield (Boston) formally opened its new building on Dec. 20, when numerous visitors, including representatives of other financial institutions, inspected the structure. The new building, which is of classic design, is at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets and has a frontage of 57 feet on the former thoroughfare and 118 feet on the latter. The street facades are faced with limestone variegated in color. The floor of the main banking room is of Tennessee marble and the surrounding counters are faced with marble, surmounted by a grille screen of ornamental wrought iron. The walls are of plaster painted in colors harmonizing with the surroundings, while the woodwork is of figured Mexican mahogany. At the rear of the banking room, from which it is separated by an ornamental iron grille partition and gate, is the safe deposit vault and the book vault. Another large storage vault is situated in the basement. In the basement also are locker rooms and dining and rest rooms for the employees. The directors' room and additional rooms for the bookkeeping department occupy the mezzanine floor. The entire second story of the building is given over to rented offices. The Wakefield Trust Co., which was formerly the Wakefield National Bank, was established in 1854. Its officers are: Julius Beebe, President; Arthur G. Walton, Vice-President; Frank C. Carter, Treasurer, and John D. Griffiths, Assistant Treasurer.

Hon. Channing H. Cox, who retired as Governor of Massachusetts on Thursday of this week (Jan. 8), will become a Vice-President of the First National Bank of Boston, and will assume his new duties upon his return next month from a vacation in California. On Jan. 6 the First National Bank made the announcement as follows:

Governor Cox has accepted the invitation of the First National Bank of Boston to join its staff.

He will be elected a Vice-President at the next regular meeting of the board of directors.

Governor and Mrs. Cox leave Thursday for a vacation in California. On his return in February he will take up his new duties at the bank and thereafter he will devote his time exclusively to the interests of that institution.

In this regard the Boston "Transcript" in its issue of Jan. 6 said in part:

The decision of the Governor to accept a post with the First National Bank, as Vice-President, has been made very recently, and puts an end to the many rumors that have been current regarding his future, for the past few weeks. Newspapermen have besieged him with questions for a week or more, but the Governor preferred to have the announcement come from the bank officers rather than from him.

At one of the recent dinners given in his honor it was suggested that his return to private life may be but temporary and that there will be a positive



demand for him to run for United States Senator a few years hence. This suggestion, apparently, was echoed in a letter which was read from President Coolidge, in which the hope was expressed that he might return to public life after a short business career.

Because of his long career in political life, Governor Cox probably has the largest acquaintanceship of any person in the State. He was born in Manchester, N. H., Feb. 28 1879; was graduated from Dartmouth College with the class of 1901 and from the Harvard Law School in 1904. He served in the Boston Common Council in 1908 and 1909. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1910 to 1918, being Speaker of the House from 1915 to 1918. He was Lieutenant-Governor in 1919 and 1920, in the administration of Governor Calvin Coolidge, and has been the Chief Executive for the past four years. His record of 17 years, consecutively, in public offices of such a character, is a record enjoyed by very few men of his generation.

Shareholders of the B. M. C. Durfee Trust Co. and the First National Bank, both of Fall River, Mass., will vote at their respective annual meetings on Jan. 13 on a proposed sale of the First National Bank to the B. M. C. Durfee Trust Co., according to a special press dispatch from Fall River on Jan. 2 to the New York "Journal of Commerce." The dispatch went on to say:

The trust company and bank are located in the same building and have practically the same directors and officers. The former institution has assets of over \$5,000,000 and the latter's assets are about \$4,000,000. Each corporation is at present capitalized at \$400,000 and it is proposed to increase the capital of the trust company to \$800,000, the new stock to be sold to the bank for distribution to its stockholders in return for the assets and business of that institution. In order to facilitate this arrangement it is proposed to bring the stock of each institution to a parity figure of \$200 per share by distributing in the way of dividends enough assets of each institution to bring down the value of the shares in each to the amount stated.

The trustees of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Hartford, at their regular weekly meeting on Dec. 31, elected Nathan D. Prince, for the past nine years a Vice-President of the institution, President to succeed the late Frank C. Sumner, whose death occurred on Dec. 9. At the same meeting Arthur P. Day, for several years a Vice-President in charge of the bank's trust department, was made Vice-Chairman of the institution, a newly-created position. Both Mr. Prince and Mr. Day, with Meigs H. Whaples, Chairman of the Board of Directors, have had an important part in the growth of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. Mr. Prince, the new President, began his banking career in the Windham County National Bank at Danielson, Conn., in 1898. In 1903 he became Cashier and the following year was elected a Vice-President of the institution. Eleven years later (1915) Mr. Prince accepted a Vice-Presidency in the then Hartford Trust Co. and continued in that capacity when the institution was united with the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Co. in July 1919 to form the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. In addition to his duties at the trust company, Mr. Prince is a member of the Committee on Public Relations of the American Bankers Association, a trustee of the Society for Savings, a director of the Terry Steam Turbine Co., and one of the public directors of the Connecticut Valley Tobacco Growers' Association. Mr. Day, the new Vice-Chairman, entered the employ of the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Co. in 1889 and became Secretary of the institution in 1905, in which capacity he served until 1919, when upon the consolidation of his bank with the Hartford Trust Co. he was appointed a Vice-President and head of the trust department of the enlarged bank. He is a director of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., the Spencer Turbine Co., the Smith-Worthington Co. and a trustee of the Mechanics Savings Bank. Mr. Day is a graduate of the Law School of Yale University, class of 1896.

George A. Finn, the defaulting Secretary and Treasurer of the Bankers' Trust Co. of Norwich, Conn., whose arrest on Oct. 25 1924 was reported in these pages on Nov. 1, was sentenced by Judge Allyn L. Brown in the Superior Court at Norwich on Jan. 6 to not less than five years nor more than nine years in the State Prison, following his plea of "guilty" to wrongfully appropriating and converting to his own use \$93,105 of the bank's money.

The Broad Street Trust Co. of Philadelphia formally opened its new Central Bank at the northeast corner of 12th and Arch streets on Monday, Jan. 5. The bank's uptown office is at Broad Street and Girard Avenue. The company began business on Dec. 1 1921 with a capital of \$250,000 and surplus of \$75,000, the latter having since been increased to \$150,000. As of Jan. 1 1925 the bank had in addition to its capital of \$250,000 and surplus of \$150,000, undivided profits of \$20,000 and a reserve for depreciation of \$14,400. Since its establishment it has paid out three dividends of 3% each, aggregating \$22,500, it is said. Joseph W. Salus is President; S. C. Kraus, Vice-President; H. J. McCaully, Secretary and Treasurer; J. Warren Vautier, Assistant Secretary and

Treasurer; Francis K. Hammon, Title Officer, and Hubert J. Horan Jr., Solicitor.

The proposed consolidation of two important Baltimore banks, namely the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co. and the Baltimore Trust Co., was reported in a special dispatch from that city yesterday to the "Wall Street Journal." The consolidated bank will continue the title of the Baltimore Trust Co. and will have combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$7,450,000; deposits of \$42,000,000 and total resources of \$54,000,000. A special reserve fund of \$450,000 will be created, it is said. Stock of the present companies will be exchanged for shares of the consolidated company on the basis of one new share for each share of Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co. and 1½ new shares for each share of Baltimore Trust Co. Waldo Newcomer, Chairman of the board of the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co., will hold the same position with the enlarged institution, while William Ingle, President of the Baltimore Trust Co., will be Vice-Chairman. Eugene L. Norton, now President of the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co., will head the new bank.

In order to take care of the increasing business of the Western National Bank of Baltimore, the stockholders of the institution at their annual meeting on Jan. 13 will be asked to ratify a proposed increase in the capital of the bank from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The new stock, the par value of which will be \$20 per share, is to be offered to the shareholders in the proportion of one-half of a new share for each full share now held at the price of \$32 per share, \$20 of which will go to capital and \$12 to surplus. The proposed increase will bring the total capital resources of the bank up to \$1,400,000, it is stated.

The International Bank of Washington, D. C., is increasing its paid-in capital from \$500,000 to \$2,447,200. The authorized capital of the bank is \$3,000,000. We are advised that the increase will become effective when and as sold. The par value of the stock is \$100 and it will be disposed of at the rate of \$190 a share. This institution has been on a 10% annual dividend basis since 1920, with two 10% and one 5% stock dividends since that time. Stockholders are represented in approximately 35 States.

The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh announces an increase of \$500,000 in its surplus, making a total surplus of \$6,000,000. The latest statement of the Mellon National Bank as of Dec. 31 1924, issued at the call of the Comptroller of the Currency, shows an increase in deposits of more than \$19,000,000 over their statement as of Oct. 10 1924.

The Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, celebrated its 30th birthday Dec. 10. Its eighth branch, Coventry office, located in Cleveland Heights, was opened during the past month, the members of the auxiliary board, officers and representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, the State Department of Banks and correspondent banks being guests of the bank at a dinner the evening following the opening of the new branch. Incorporated as the Guardian Trust Co., May 28 1894, the bank opened for business Dec. 10 1894, in a small office on lower Superior Avenue, with four employees and \$500,000 capital. The new trust company had 85 stockholders and no paid officers. To-day the bank has resources in excess of \$120,000,000 capital and surplus of \$8,000,000, nine offices, 625 officers and employees, and the trust department has under its care assets totaling more than the banking resources. The first officers were: President, the late John F. Whitelaw; Vice-Presidents, J. H. Wade, who continues as a member of the board of directors, and the late J. V. Painter; Secretary-Treasurer, E. W. Oglebay, partner of Oglebay, Norton & Co. The late Senator M. A. Hanna was among the original directors. H. P. McIntosh became President Feb. 28 1898. He resigned in December 1917 to become Chairman of the board of directors. J. A. House, who is the only one of the first four employees now on the bank's staff, succeeded Mr. McIntosh to the presidency. Mr. House began as a bookkeeper and rose through diligence and persistence to Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Fifth Vice-President, First Vice-President and then head of the Guardian.

The main office moved from lower Superior Avenue to its new building on Euclid Avenue in 1906 and in 1914 the bank bought the New England building, which, enlarged and rebuilt, became the present 17-story Guardian Building. Con-

solidations and the opening of branch offices began in 1919, so that to-day the Guardian has eight well-located branches. "A great change in the banking field has taken place in these 30 years," said J. A. House, President, in addressing guests at the bank's anniversary dinner. He added:

In Ohio a trust company was new, unknown and untried in 1895. The savings business was done by the strictly savings bank. Commercial banking was practically all done by the national banks, of which Cleveland had eleven, with deposits of \$23,390,699. The total assets of all Cleveland banks, 36 in number, were \$70,309,102.

Now the trust companies are the principal banking institutions in the city, doing a savings and commercial business. The principal national banks have merged with trust companies. The total deposits of Cleveland banks to-day are \$847,704,956, of which \$87,873,173 is in national banks and \$67,662,337 is in Cleveland's mutual savings bank, the Society for Savings.

At the organization meeting of the directors of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Detroit on Dec. 18, Thomas S. Clayton, the Manager of the Bond Department, was also elected a Vice-President, and the following were made junior officers: D. Braman and F. L. Day, Assistant Treasurer; F. W. Angell, Assistant Secretary; F. J. Freeman, Assistant Trust Officer; R. H. Merry, Assistant Manager of the Bond Department, and C. R. Powell, Auditor. The bank's officers re-elected are: Luther D. Thomas, President; George B. Yerkes, Vice-President and General Counsel; Richard W. Thomas, Vice-President; Scott E. Lamb, Vice-President and Trust Officer; R. R. McDanel, Treasurer; Freer W. Armstrong, Secretary, and Joseph A. Brandt, Manager of the Mortgage Department. The directors also authorized the transfer of \$25,000 from undivided profits to surplus, thereby increasing the same to \$150,000, and declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% and an extra dividend of 1%, both payable Jan. 2, to stockholders of that date.

In submitting to the stockholders the sixty-eighth annual statement of the First National Bank of Chicago and the 21st annual statement of the First Trust & Savings Bank, F. O. Wetmore takes occasion to state that it is the first time since the inauguration of annual statements to the stockholders that the report is not signed by James B. Forgan. Mr. Forgan's death, as has heretofore been noted, occurred on Oct. 28. In his report to the stockholders under date of Dec. 31, President Wetmore says:

The earnings of the First National Bank this year are somewhat more than in 1923, in spite of the low rates of interest prevailing during the last half year. The money market has been easier than it has been any time since our entrance into the World War. In the First Trust and Savings Bank there has been a substantial increase in earnings. The bond business and bond prices have been very satisfactory. The earnings of the First National Bank for the year were \$2,268,735 65, as compared with \$2,159,358 67 for the previous year, while the earnings of the First Trust and Savings Bank for the same periods were \$1,692,364 03 and \$1,451,321 31, respectively. The combined operations of the two banks show earnings for the year 1924 of \$3,961,099 68, as compared with \$3,610,679 88 for the year 1923. These combined profits show earnings for the year of 8 7-10% on the average capital employed, as compared with 8 1-10% last year. In the case of both banks, the profits shown are net after provision has been made for all losses realized or anticipated, including a liberal provision for contingencies, also for Federal and local taxes.

The dividends paid amount to \$2,750,000, leaving surplus earnings for the year of \$1,211,099 68.

While, as has been noted, interest rates were lower during most of the year, deposits increased and banks, therefore, have had a larger volume of funds to invest. Deposits in the First National Bank now amount to \$255,989,973 78 as against \$215,730,215 01 a year ago, while the loans at present amount to \$182,039,121 97, as against \$158,352,805 18 a year ago.

In the first Trust and Savings Bank savings deposits have continued to increase, being now \$76,331,053 80, as against \$74,497,675 83 a year ago. The total of all deposits in the First Trust and Savings Bank is now \$118,170,688 68, as against \$106,803,420 81 last year.

The Guardian National Bank of Chicago, to the initial opening of which on Jan. 2 we referred in last week's issue of the "Chronicle" (page 53), starts with a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$250,000. The new bank occupies the large loop quarters at Dearborn and Monroe streets in which the National City Bank had been housed. The Guardian National begins under the presidency of Henry R. Kent, formerly Vice-President of the Fort Dearborn National Bank and of the Continental and Commercial National Bank. As we indicated in our issue of Aug. 30 (page 912), Mr. Kent relinquished the latter post to become President of the Guardian. Emil E. Rose, formerly Vice-President and Cashier of the Hill State Bank of Chicago, is Vice-President and Cashier of the new bank. The other officials were given in our item of a week ago.

The National Bank of the Republic of Chicago announces a new plan under which the employees of that institution will participate in the earnings of the bank. The plan will be known as the National Republic Profit-Sharing Christmas Fund and the bank has inaugurated it by giving each mem-

ber of the organization credit in the fund for various amounts, based upon their years of service. During the year each employee will be given the opportunity to make monthly deposits into the fund not exceeding 10% of his salary. The money derived therefrom will be invested throughout the year and at Christmas the money deposited by employees, plus the earnings from the investment of the fund and plus an amount equal to 2½% of the regular cash dividends paid by the bank to its stockholders, will be paid to the employees as a "Christmas dividend." A short time ago the National City Bank of Chicago consolidated with the National Bank of the Republic and this new move is the first step in the plans of the larger institution to promote the welfare of its employees.

A special dispatch from Durant, Okla., on Dec. 29 to the "Oklahoman," stated that the American National Bank (capital \$100,000) of that place had been absorbed by the Durant National Bank (capital \$100,000). It was further stated that virtually all officers of the absorbed bank had been given positions in the enlarged Durant National Bank.

Following the discovery by Federal bank examiners of a shortage of \$70,100 in the funds of the First National Bank of Spring Hope, N. C., the institution was taken over and closed on Jan. 5 by E. F. Roebuck, Chief United States Bank Examiner, and George F. Walker, the bank's Cashier, placed under arrest. Later Mr. Walker was released in \$5,000 bail for appearance in April next before the United States District Court at Wilson, N. C.

Edward J. Nolan was elected a Vice-President of the Merchants' National Bank of Los Angeles on Dec. 30, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Dec. 31. Mr. Nolan, it is stated, went to Los Angeles from Rochester, N. Y., 25 years ago and for the past ten years, with the exception of 17 months spent as a Lieutenant in the Air Service overseas during the war, has been legal counsel for the Merchants' National Bank.

Donald Alexander Cameron, Assistant General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and widely known in Toronto financial circles, died suddenly of heart failure on the street on Jan. 2 while on his way to the bank. Mr. Cameron entered the employ of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1881, and since October 1911 had been Manager of the Toronto branch of the institution. He was recently appointed Assistant General Manager and was about to assume his new duties for the first time when death overtook him. For several years Mr. Cameron was actively connected with the Toronto Board of Trade, serving in turn as Second Vice-President, Vice-President and President in the years 1920, 1921 and 1922. He was 61 years of age.

The proposed consolidation of the Standard Bank of Canada and the Sterling Bank of Canada (both with head offices in Toronto) became effective Jan. 2, according to the Toronto "Globe" of the following day. Until Parliament authorizes the change in name during its coming session to the Standard-Sterling Bank of Canada, the enlarged bank will be known as the Standard Bank of Canada. The former head office of the Sterling Bank of Canada at King and Bay streets, Toronto, will be maintained for the present as a branch bank. The consolidated bank at present has 236 branches and very little change in the disposition of the branches, it is stated, is contemplated.

#### THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was active with the movement of prices irregular. Heavy profit taking in the opening session of the week caused considerable weakness, but there has been a recovery since the close to-day showing a continuation of the advance. Borden Co. common improved from 134½ to 140 and sold finally at 139½. Continental Baking, class A common, declined from 113½ to 111, recovered to 115 and ends the week at 113¾. Duz, Inc., class A stock, gained about four points to 30¾, with the final figure to-day 30. The new Electric Bond & Share Holding Co. was heavily traded in down from 91½ to 72¼ and up to 74¼ finally. Gillette Safety Razor rose from 58 to 67½ and reacted finally to 64¾. Nickel Plate common gained about three points to 88¾ and sold finally at 88½. American Gas & Electric after a loss of almost six points to 76½ recovered to 80¾ and ends the



week at 80. American Power & Light common fell from 66 3/4 to 59, sold up to 65 1/4 and closed to-day at 64. Appalachia Power common was up some four points to 80, the close to-day being at 79 1/4. Lehigh Power Securities receded from 117 to 111, sold back to 117 and finished to-day at 115 1/4. Radio shares were less active. Hazeltine dropped from 51 1/4 to 42 and recovered finally to 45 1/4. R. E. Thompson Radio fell from 25 to 19 1/8, recovered to 21 1/8 and closed to-day at 20 1/8. Oil stocks were in good demand and higher. Continental Oil, which is to absorb the Mutual Oil, was active and sold up from 25 1/2 to 27 1/4. Mutual Oil was also heavily traded in up from 12 1/8 to 13 3/4. Illinois Pipe Line advanced from 128 to 140 1/2 and Indiana Pipe Line from 75 to 78. Magnolia Petroleum gained seven points to 144, closing to-day at 142. Prairie Oil & Gas sold up from 214 to 220 1/2, then down to 211. To-day it moved up to 227, closing at 225. Standard Oil (Ohio) common declined from 351 to 338 and recovered finally to 350.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Table with columns: Week Ending Jan. 9, STOCKS (No. Shares), BONDS (Par Value). Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange was moderately active but very strong and under the impetus of foreign buying advanced to 4 79/100, or more than 3 cents above the pegged rate of the British Government during the World War. Continental exchange, on the other hand, continued dull and irregular. Moderate losses were reported in francs and lire, and good gains in the so-called neutrals.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 75/100 @ 4 76 3/4 for sixty days, 4 78 1/2 @ 4 79 1/4 for checks and 4 78 1/2 @ 4 79 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 78 @ 4 79 1/2, sixty days, 4 73 1/2 @ 4 75; ninety days, 4 73 1/2 @ 4 74 1/2, and documents for payment (60 days), 4 74 1/2 @ 4 75 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4 78 @ 4 79 1/2, and grain for payment, 4 78 @ 4 79 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5.28 1/2 @ 5.31 for long and 5.34 @ 5.36 1/4 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.13 @ 40.15 1/2 for long and 40.49 @ 40.51 1/2 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 89.15 francs; week's range, 87.55 francs high and 89.15 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Sixty Days, Cheques, Cables. Rows include Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, and Domestic Exchange.

PRICES IN 1924 AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The tables on the following pages show the lowest and highest prices at the New York Stock Exchange of Railroad, Industrial and Miscellaneous bonds and stocks, and also of Government and State securities, for each month of the past year. The tables are all compiled from actual sales. Under a resolution of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange, prices of all interest-paying bonds since Jan. 1 1914 have been on a new basis. The buyer now pays accrued interest in addition to the stated price or quotation. Previous to 1909 the quotations were "flat"—that is, the price included all accrued interest. Income bonds and bonds upon which interest is in default are still dealt in "flat."

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

1924.

Large table with columns: BONDS, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Rows list various bond types like Ala Great Sou 1st 5s Ser A, Albany & Susq conv 3 1/2s, etc.





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BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Cleve & Mahon Vall 5s. 1938			94	94½					95	95					98½	99					98½	98½			
Registered					93¼	93¼									84½	84½									
Cleve & Pitts gen 4½s, B. 1942					94¼	94¼																			
General 4½s, Series A. 1942																									
Gen 4½s, Series D. 1950																									
Cleve Short Line 4½s. 1961	90½	92½	91	92	91	92¼	92	93¼	93¾	94			83	84	84½	84½			83½	83½			87	87½	
Cleve Union Term 5½s. 1972	102½	104	102½	103½	101½	104¼	103½	104	104	105	104½	105½	105¼	106¾	104½	105½	104½	105½	105½	106	105½	106¼	106¼	106¼	106¼
St s f 5s, Series B. 1973	95½	97¾	96	97¼	96½	98½	96½	97¼	97	98¼			98½	100	99½	101	99	100½	98¼	100¼	99½	101	99½	101	101
Coal River Ry 1st 4s. 1945	80	82½			81½	81½	81	81½	81	81	83½	83½	82½	82¾	83	84	83¼	84½	84½	84½	84½	84½	84½	84½	84½
Colorado & South 1st 4s. 1929	92¾	93¾	93¼	94	92½	94¾	94	94¾	94	94¾	96½	96½	95¼	96¾	97	98	97¼	98½	97¼	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½
Refunding 4½s. 1935	80½	85½	83½	85	83	86½	84¾	86	86	88	87	89½	88¼	89¾	87	88	87¼	89½	87¼	89½	87¼	89½	87¼	89½	87¼
Col & Hock Vall ext 4s. 1948	81½	81½			82¼	82¼			83½	83½			84	86½			86½	87½	86½	87½			87½	87½	87½
Col & Toledo 1st ext 4s. 1955					82½	83	81½	81½									85¾	87½			84¼	84¼			84¼
Conn & Passumpsic Riv 4s 1943																									
Cuba RR 1st 5s. 1932	81¼	84¼	83	84½	82¾	84½	83½	84½	82½	84	82½	84	83	84	83	85	82½	84	82¼	83¼	82¾	85	82½	84½	82½
1st lien & ref 7½s, A. 1956	101	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101	103	101	102	101	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101
Cuba Northern 1st 6s. 1966																									
Dayton & Mich 1st 4½s. 1931	92½	92½			84¼	84¼			94	95			94½	94¾					96¾	97			96¾	97	96¾
Del & Hudson 1st & ref 4s. 1943	92¾	95	87¼	86½	92¾	94½	92¾	94½	92¾	94½	96¾	96¾	98	90	88¾	91	86¾	90½	87¾	89¾	88¼	90	90	91¼	89½
Convertible 5s. 1935	92¾	95	93¾	94	92½	94¾	94	94¾	94	94¾	96½	96½	95¼	96¾	97	98	97¼	98½	97¼	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½
15-year 5½s. 1937	97½	100½	99½	100½	98½	100½	98½	101¼	100	101	100	101½	100½	102½	100¼	101½	100½	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101	102½	101
Registered																									
10-year secured 7s. 1930	106½	108½	107	108½	106¾	107¾	107½	108½	107¾	108½	108½	110	109	109¾	109½	110	109	110	109	110	109	110	108	110	108
Delaware River RR & Bdge 4s 1936																									
Denver & Rio Grande 4s. 1936	67	70½	68½	70	67½	69½	67	70	69	71¾	70¼	71¾	70¼	71¾	70¼	71¾	70¼	71¾	70¼	71¾	70¼	71¾	70¼	71¾	70¼
Registered																									
Consol gold 4½s. 1936	72½	74½	73½	73½	74	75	73½	73¾	73½	75½	75½	81¼	81¼	81¼	82	83½	81½	85	84½	85	85½	87	86	86½	86½
Improvement gold 5s. 1928	79½	82½	81¼	83	81½	83	82½	85	83½	86	83½	86	83½	86	83½	86	83½	86	83½	86	83½	86	83½	86	83½
1st & refunding 5s. 1955	38	40	38	40	34½	39½	34¼	38¼	36	37	45½	43	45½	43	44	43	46½	43¼	46¼	43¼	46¼	44¼	56¼	55	60
Registered																									
Farm L & Tr Co cdfs of dep Bankers Tr Co cdfs of dep Under agree Feb 1922. Stamped	37½	37½	37½	38¼	34¼	35	32½	36½			33½	44	40¾	44½	42½	43	42	45½	42	44½	42	44½	44	54¼	54
Am Exch N B ctf Feb '22 cou Aug 1922 and all coupons Registered	38½	38½			35	35	35	35			39½	39½	37	43¼	40	41			43½	45	43½	43½	46	54	52
Des Moines & Ft Dodge 4s 1935	39½	42	43¾	47	43¾	45½	44	47¼	42	44½	39½	44¾	37½	41	38½	42	41½	43½	40½	40½	40½	40½	40½	40½	40½
Registered																									
Detroit & Mack 1st 4s. 1995	60	72			60	69	70	71	67	69½	60	67	70	71	70	70½	70	70½	70	70½	70	73			74
Mortgage gold 4s. 1995	60	60			62	62	62	62	62	68			70	70	65	65	92	92	92	92	92	92	67	69¾	67¼
Detroit River Tunnel 4½s 1961			87¼	89	87¼	89½	87¾	89½	89	90¼	89¾	93	92¾	93¼	90¾	93¼	90¾	92½	92	92	92	92	67	69¾	67¼
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s 1941																									
Duluth & Iron Range 5s. 1937	98	98½	99	99¼	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½
Registered																									
Duluth Sou Sh & Atl 5s. 1937	76	81¼	80	81½	80½	83¼	81	82½	81	82	80	83½	83	84¾	83½	84	81¼	83¼	81¾	84¼	81¾	84¼	83½	86¼	88
Eastern Ry Minn Nor Div 4s 48					83	83	83	84½	84½	86½	83½	89½	87	87	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96
East Tenn reorg lien 5s. 1938	93½	95½	93	93	94¼	95½	96	96	96	97	94¼	96½	97	97	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96
E Tenn Va & Ga div 1 5s. 1930	98¼	98¼	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾	98½	98¾
1st con gold 5s. 1956	98¼	99	98½	99	97½	99	98¾	99¼	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½
El Paso & East 1st 5s. 1941	97½	100	98½	100	97½	100	99¼	100¼	99½	100	99½	100	99½	100	99½	100	99½	100	99½	100	99½	100	99½	100	99½
El Paso & S W 1st 5s. 1965																									
Eric RR 1st con ext at 7% 1930	104½	105½	104½	105½	104½	106	105½	106¾	106½	106½	106½	107½	106½	108	106½	109	108½	109¼	108½	109¼	108½	109¼	108½	109¼	108½
1st cons 4s prior lien 1996	61¾	65¼	64	65½	63¾	65½	64¾	67½	65	67	65	71	66¼	74¼	70	74¾	70	72¾	69¼	71¼	69¼	71¼	70	71¾	70
Registered																									
1st con gen lien 4s. 1996	53½	56¼	53½	55½	54	56¼	55½	57½	55½	56¾	55½	56¾	55½	56¾	55½	56¾	55½	56¾	55½	56¾	55½	56¾	55½	56¾	55½
Registered																									
Penn coll trust 4s. 1951	88½	90½	91½	92½	91	91¾	88½	90½	90	93½	92¾	94½	93¾	94½	94½	95½	94½	95½	94½	95½	94½	94½	94½	94½	94½
50-year conv 4s, Series A 1953	54½	56	55	57	56½	60½	58	61¼	56	58	56	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58
Series B. 1953	54½	56½	55	57	56½	60½	58	61¼	56	58	56	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58	61½	58
General conv 4s, Ser D. 1953	59½	65	63¼	65	63¾	64¾	63½	66¾	63¾	64¾	64¼	71	67¾	77	68¾	76¾	68¼								





















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BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Keystone Telep 1st 5s.....1935	73 1/8	73 1/8	80	80	99 7/8	100	111 1/2	112	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Kings Co El L & Pow 5s.....1937	100	100			99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100
Purchase money 6s.....1997	110 7/8	111 1/8	111 1/2	112	111 1/2	112	111 1/2	112	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Kings Co Elec RR 1st 4s.....1949	72 1/4	73 1/4	73	73 1/2	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
Stamped guaranteed.....	72 1/4	73 1/4	73	73 1/2	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
Kings County Ltg 1st 5s.....1954	77 1/2	79	78 3/4	80	77 1/2	80 1/2	80	81	80	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81
1st 6 1/2s.....1954	95	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	96
Kinney (R G) Co conv 7 1/2s 1936	101 1/2	104	102 1/2	104	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2
Lackawanna Steel 5s A.....1950	88	91 7/8	90 5/8	92	92	93	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2
Laclede Gas-Light Ref 5s.....1934	92	94	91 1/2	94	92 1/2	95	94	95	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	95
Col & ref 5 1/2s Ser C.....1953	93 3/4	94	92 1/2	93 1/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/2	92 3/4
Lehigh Coal & Nav 4 1/2s A.....1954	91	91	91	91 1/8																				
Conv 4 1/2s.....2003			85 3/4	86 1/8																				
Lehigh Valley Coal 1st 5s.....1933	98 3/8	99 1/2	97 3/4	98 3/4	97 1/8	99	97 1/8	99	98 3/8	99 3/8	98 1/8	100 1/8	100 1/2	101	100	101	100 1/8	100 3/4	100 3/4	101	100 1/8	100 3/4	100 1/2	101
Registered.....			96 1/4	96 1/4																				
1st Int red to Ser 1st 5s.....1933			87 1/2	87 1/2																				
Lex Ave & Pys Fer 1st 5s.....1941	35	37	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2	32 3/4	34 1/2
Liggett & Myers Tob 7s.....1944	116 3/4	118	116 1/2	117 1/2	114 1/4	116 3/8	115	116 1/4	116 1/8	117 1/4	116 1/8	117 1/8	117 1/8	118 1/8	117 1/8	118 1/8	117 1/8	118 1/8	117 1/8	118 1/8	117 1/8	118 1/8	117 1/8	118 1/8
5s.....1951	96	97 3/4	96 1/4	97 1/2	96	96 3/4	95 7/8	96 3/4	96 3/8	97	96 3/8	97	96 3/8	97	96 3/8	97	96 3/8	97	96 3/8	97	96 3/8	97	96 3/8	97
Registered.....																								
Lorillard (P) 7s.....1944	116 3/8	117 1/4	115 5/8	116 3/4	114 1/4	116 1/8	115 1/4	116 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/4	117 1/4	116 1/4	117 1/4	116 1/4	117 1/4	116 1/4	117 1/4	116 1/4	117 1/4	116 1/4	117 1/4	116 1/4	117 1/4
5s.....1951	95	95 1/2	96	97 1/4	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2
Louis Gas & El 1st 5s A.....1952	88 1/8	91 1/4	88 3/8	90 3/8	88 1/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90	88 3/4	90
Lower Aus Hydro-El 1st 6 1/2s.....																								
Magma Cop conv 7s.....1932	111 1/2	117 1/2	112 1/2	117 1/2	114	117	111 3/4	116	109	111	108 1/2	112 3/4	110	116 1/2	115 3/4	119 3/8	117	119 3/4	113	117 1/4	114 3/4	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Manati Sugar 1st 7 1/2s.....1942	98 3/4	100 3/4	100 1/4	101	100 1/2	101 1/2	99 3/4	100 1/2	97 3/4	100 3/4	97 3/4	100 3/4	98	100	98 1/2	100	98 1/2	100	97 1/2	100	97 1/2	100 1/4	99	100 3/8
Manhattan Ry conv 4s.....1990	56	60	59 1/4	60 1/2	58 3/4	60 3/4	56 1/4	60 3/4	56 1/2	60 1/2	57 1/2	61 1/4	60	62 1/2	59 3/8	61 1/8	61	64	60 3/4	63 1/8	63	65	63 1/4	64 3/4
2d 4s.....2013	47	52	50 3/4	50 3/4	53	53	50	53	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	50	52 1/2	52	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/4	55 1/2	51 1/4	55 1/2	54	56 1/2
Manila Elec Co 1st 7s.....1936	101 1/4	104 1/2	101 1/4	104 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2
1st coll 5s.....1953	99 3/4	99 3/4	98	99	98	99	97 1/2	99 1/4	98	99 3/4	98	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 3/4	98	99	97 1/2	99 3/4	98 1/2	99 3/4	98 1/2	99 3/4	97 1/2	99 1/2
Manila El Ry & L 1st 5s.....1953	85	85	83 1/2	84 3/8	83 1/2	86	83	84 1/2	84	84	83 1/2	84 1/2	83	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2
Market St Ry 1st 7s A.....1940	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8	94 3/8	99 7/8
1st conv 5s.....1924	98 3/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100	99 7/8	100
5-yr coll tr 6s.....1924			99 7/8	101 1/2	99 7/8	100																		
Marland Oil 8s with war'ts 1931	130	130	136	140	122	125	120	120	116 3/4	120	118	118	122	125					126	126	129 3/4	130	127	132
Without warrants attached.....	103	105	103 1/2	105	104	105 1/4	103 1/4	105 1/4	103 1/4	105 1/4	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	105	105	106	104 1/2	106 1/2	105	106	106 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2
10-yr 7 1/2s with warrants 1931	98 3/4	102	135	141	120	125	120	121 1/2	117	118	119 1/2	120	120	121 1/2	122	123	123	123	117 1/2	120	120	120	125 1/2	125 1/2
Without war'ts attached.....			100	101 1/2	99 3/4	101	99 7/8	101	99 3/4	101	101 1/2	104 3/4	102	102 1/2	102	102 3/4	102 3/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Maxwell Motor s f 7s.....1934	98 1/2	100	98	100	98 1/2	100	99	101 1/4	100	100 1/4	97 1/2	102	100 3/8	102	98 7/8	101 1/4	100	101	100	101	100 1/4	100 3/4	101	102 1/2
Metropolitan Edison 1st 6s 1952	1st & ref 5s Ser C.....1953	86 1/2	87 1/4	85 3/8	87 1/4	88	90	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2
Metropolitan Power 6s A.....1953	94 1/2	96	95 3/8	97	96	96 3/8	96 1/8	97 1/2	96 1/4	97	96 3/8	99	98 1/2	100	98 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Met West Side Elec (Chic) 4s 38	62 1/8	62 3/8	62	62	62	64	62 1/2	64	63	67	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	69	70	70	70 3/4	70 1/4	72	70 1/4	72	70 1/4	72
Metropul conv 8s.....1936	101 1/4	104 1/2	101	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Mich State Telep 1st 5s.....1924	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2	95 3/8	99 1/2
Midvale St & Ord conv 5s.....1936	85 3/8																							







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[Compiled from sales made at the New York Stock Exchange.]

	COUPON BONDS.													
	Liberty Loan.								Treasury	Treasury	2s.	4s.	Panama Canal	Panama Canal
	1st 3 1/2s. 1932-47.	1st 4s. 1932-47.	1st 4 1/2s. 1932-47.	*4 1/2s. 1932-47.	2d 4s. 1927-42.	2d 4 1/2s. 1927-42.	3d 4 1/2s. 1928.	4th 4 1/2s. 1933-38.	4 1/2s. 1947-52.	4s. 1944-54.	1930.	1925.	2s. 1938.	3s. 1961.
<b>January</b>														
Opening	99 5/8	98 7/8	98 1/2	98 2/8	98 1/2	98 5/8	99 1/8	98 1/2	99 1/2					
High	99 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 7/8	100 1/2					
Low	99 1/8	98 7/8	98 1/2	98 2/8	98 1/2	98 5/8	99 1/8	98 1/2	99 1/2					
Closing	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100 1/2					
<b>February</b>														
Opening	99 1/2	99 5/8	99 1/2	99 5/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 3/8	99 1/2	100 1/2			100 3/4		
High	99 1/2	99 5/8	99 1/2	99 5/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2			100 3/4		
Low	98 7/8	99 1/2	98 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	98 7/8	99 1/2			100 3/4		
Closing	99 1/2	99 5/8	99 1/2	99 5/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2			100 3/4		
<b>March</b>														
Opening	99	99 5/8	99 5/8	99 5/8	99 5/8	99 5/8	100	99 5/8	100 5/8		102 3/4		102 3/4	
High	99 1/2	99 5/8	99 5/8	99 5/8	99 5/8	99 5/8	100 1/2	99 5/8	100 5/8		102 3/4		102 3/4	
Low	98 7/8	99 1/2	98 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 5/8	98 7/8	99 5/8		102 3/4		102 3/4	
Closing	98 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 5/8	100 5/8		102 3/4		102 3/4	
<b>April</b>														
Opening	98 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2					
High	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2					
Low	98 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100 1/2					
Closing	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2					
<b>May</b>														
Opening	99 3/8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	102					
High	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2					
Low	99 3/8	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 3/8					
Closing	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2					
<b>June</b>														
Opening	99 3/8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2					
High	101 1/2	101	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2					
Low	99 3/8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2					
Closing	101 1/2	101	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2					
<b>July</b>														
Opening	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2					
High	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	105 1/2					
Low	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2					
Closing	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	105 1/2					
<b>August</b>														
Opening	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	105 1/2					
High	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2					
Low	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	104 1/2					
Closing	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	104 1/2					
<b>September</b>														
Opening	100 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2					
High	100 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	107 1/2					
Low	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	105 1/2					
Closing	100 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2					
<b>October</b>														
Opening	100 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2					97 1/2
High	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	107 1/2					97 1/2
Low	100 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	105 1/2					97 1/2
Closing	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2					97 1/2
<b>November</b>														
Opening	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	107 1/2					
High	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	107 1/2					
Low	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	105 1/2					
Closing	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	105 1/2					
<b>December</b>														
Opening	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	105 1/2					
High	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	105 1/2					
Low	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	104 1/2					
Closing	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	105 1/2					

\* First Liberty Loan second converted (under the terms of the fourth loan).

COURSE OF PRICES OF STATE AND CITY SECURITIES DURING THE YEAR 1924.

BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
<b>New York State—</b>																									
Highway Improvement—																									
4s.....1960																		105	105						
4s.....1962													103	103				104 1/2	104 1/2						
4 1/2s registered.....1965									104 3/4	104 3/4															
4 1/2s.....1963															112 7/8	112 7/8							111	111	
Canal Improvement—																									
4s.....1960																									
4s registered.....1961															102 1/2	102 1/2	103 3/4	103 3/4							
4 1/2s.....1964	111 1/4	111 1/4			108 1/2	108 1/2	109	109					112	112							114	114		101 3/4	101 3/8
<b>New York City—</b>																									
Corporate Stock—																									
3 1/2s.....May 1954			86	86	85 1/4	86 1/2			87	88 1/4	88 5/8	88 5/8	89 3/8	89 3/4						89 3/4	90	88 3/4	89 7/8	88 3/4	89 1/4
3 1/2s.....Nov 1954		85 1/2	86		85 7/8	85 7/8			87	87 1/4					90 3/8	90 3/8				89 3/4	89 3/4				
4s registered.....1955									96 1/8	96 1/4															
4s.....1956																									
4s registered.....1956																									
4s.....1957		96 1/4	96 5/8																						
4s.....1958																									
4s.....1959		96 1/8	96 1/4																						
4 1/2s.....May 1960																									
4 1/2s.....1964		99 3/8	99 3/4	99 1/4	99 3/8	98 7/8	99 3/8	99 1/8	100	100 1/8	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/8	101 1/8	101	101 1/8	101	101 1/8	100 3/4	101 1/4	100 3/4	101 1/8	101 1/8	100 1/4	101
4 1/2s.....1966		99 3/8	99 3/4	99 1/4	99 3/8	98 7/8	99 3/8	99 1/8	100	100 1/8	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/8	101 1/8	101	101 1/8	101	101 1/8	102 3/4	102 3/4	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/4	101	
4 1/2s.....1972		99 3/8	99 3/4	99 1/4	99 3/8	98 7/																			

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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Par	\$ per share	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Beech Creek.....	50																								
Bklyn-Manhat tr cfts. (no par)	100	131 1/2	17 1/2	137 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	17 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	27 1/2	23 1/2	26 1/2	23 1/2	25 1/2	27 1/2	36 1/2	34 1/2	41 1/2	
Trust cfts pref. (no par)	100	49 1/2	56 1/2	51 1/2	55 1/2	53 1/2	60 1/2	57 1/2	61 1/2	57 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	70 1/2	72 1/2	70 1/2	77 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	75 1/2	
Buffalo Roch & Pitts.....	100	43 1/2	55 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2	43 1/2	62 1/2	43 1/2	62 1/2	40 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	60 1/2	55 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	63 1/2	68 1/2	87 1/2	
Preferred	100																								
Buffalo & Susquehanna.....	100	125	125																						
Preferred	100	50	50																						
Canadian Pacific.....	100	145 1/2	150 1/2	144 1/2	149 1/2	142 1/2	145 1/2	144 1/2	149 1/2	147 1/2	149 1/2	145 1/2	148 1/2	147 1/2	150 1/2	147 1/2	154 1/2	144 1/2	149 1/2	146 1/2	150 1/2	149 1/2	156 1/2	148 1/2	
Canada Southern.....	100	53 1/2	54 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	58 1/2	
Carolina Clinch & Ohio.....	100	207 1/2	212 1/2	206 1/2	210 1/2	199 1/2	206 1/2	200 1/2	210 1/2	204 1/2	210 1/2	210 1/2	232 1/2	228 1/2	234 1/2	228 1/2	253 1/2	239 1/2	246 1/2	230 1/2	247 1/2	240 1/2	252 1/2	249 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	100	71 1/2	75 1/2	67 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	76 1/2	73 1/2	80 1/2	77 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2	89 1/2	82 1/2	89 1/2	83 1/2	92 1/2	84 1/2	87 1/2	81 1/2	85 1/2	83 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	
Preferred	100	99 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	109 1/2	103 1/2	108 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	109 1/2	105 1/2	
Chicago & Alton.....	100	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	10 1/2	
Preferred	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	15 1/2	
Certificates	100																								
Chic & East Ill RR (new)	100	24 1/2	27 1/2	21 1/2	24 1/2	21 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	21 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	28 1/2	26 1/2	30 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	27 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	
Preferred (new)	100	48 1/2	51 1/2	43 1/2	49 1/2	40 1/2	48 1/2	40 1/2	45 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2	46 1/2	43 1/2	48 1/2	43 1/2	49 1/2	43 1/2	46 1/2	44 1/2	39 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	46 1/2	43 1/2	
Chicago Great Western.....	100	10 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	22 1/2	19 1/2	23 1/2	18 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	
Preferred	100	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	
Chic Milw & St Paul.....	100	13 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	17 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	13 1/2	16 1/2	11 1/2	14 1/2	11 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	17 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	11 1/2	16 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2	18 1/2	15 1/2	
Preferred	100	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	
Chicago & North Western.....	100	49 1/2	52 1/2	50 1/2	54 1/2	49 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2	57 1/2	55 1/2	63 1/2	61 1/2	64 1/2	58 1/2	63 1/2	58 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	67 1/2	65 1/2	
Preferred	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	110 1/2	108 1/2	
Chic Rock Island & Pac.....	100	100 1/2	103 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	110 1/2	108 1/2	
7% preferred	100	77 1/2	83 1/2	76 1/2	80 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2	77 1/2	81 1/2	77 1/2	81 1/2	77 1/2	84 1/2	77 1/2	84 1/2	77 1/2	84 1/2	77 1/2	84 1/2	77 1/2	84 1/2	77 1/2	84 1/2	81 1/2	
6% preferred	100	65 1/2	69 1/2	66 1/2	69 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	68 1/2	65 1/2	68 1/2	65 1/2	71 1/2	68 1/2	73 1/2	71 1/2	79 1/2	68 1/2	73 1/2	68 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	81 1/2	77 1/2	
Chic St P Minn & Omaha.....	100	29 1/2	35 1/2	32 1/2	37 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	34 1/2	31 1/2	35 1/2	32 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	44 1/2	42 1/2	47 1/2	34 1/2	44 1/2	34 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	50 1/2	47 1/2	
Preferred	100	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	
Clev Cinc Chic & St Louis.....	100	106 1/2	114 1/2	107 1/2	109 1/2	102 1/2	107 1/2	100 1/2	109 1/2	107 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2	139 1/2	130 1/2	150 1/2	130 1/2	140 1/2	135 1/2	146 1/2	137 1/2	146 1/2	139 1/2	
Cleveland & Pittsburgh.....	50	20 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	31 1/2	25 1/2	30 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2	36 1/2	34 1/2	37 1/2	33 1/2	42 1/2	40 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	49 1/2	41 1/2	49 1/2	43 1/2	
Colorado & Southern.....	100	50 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	64 1/2	61 1/2	
1st preferred	100	45 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	
2nd preferred	100	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	
Cuba RR preferred.....	100	107 1/2	111 1/2	109 1/2	112 1/2	104 1/2	112 1/2	106 1/2	111 1/2	107 1/2	120 1/2	113 1/2	118 1/2	115 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/2	134 1/2	123 1/2	131 1/2	117 1/2	128 1/2	124 1/2	134 1/2	129 1/2	
Del Lackawanna & West.....	50	111 1/2	113 1/2	110 1/2	115 1/2	112 1/2	124 1/2	113 1/2	119 1/2	114 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	141 1/2	128 1/2	146 1/2	135 1/2	146 1/2	130 1/2	139 1/2	137 1/2	146 1/2	139 1/2	
Denver & Rio Grande West pd	100																								
Detroit & Mackinac.....	100																								
Preferred	100																								
Duluth S S & Atlantic.....	100	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	
Preferred	100	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Erie.....	100	20 1/2	27 1/2	23 1/2	28 1/2	23 1/2	26 1/2	23 1/2	26 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	29 1/2	27 1/2	35 1/2	27 1/2	35 1/2	27 1/2	30 1/2	24 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	30 1/2	32 1/2	
First preferred	100	29 1/2	34 1/2	28 1/2	34 1/2	30 1/2	33 1/2	30 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	42 1/2	38 1/2	42 1/2	37 1/2	41 1/2	36 1/2	39 1/2	37 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	
Second preferred	100	25 1/2	30 1/2	26 1/2	30 1/2	26 1/2	29 1/2	26 1/2	30 1/2	26 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	42 1/2	37 1/2	41 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2	35 1/2	40 1/2	46 1/2	
Certificates	100																								



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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December			
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High		
Southern Ry. (Concluded) Par																										
Mobile & Ohio cdfs. 100																										
Texas & Pacific 100	19	22 1/2	22 1/2	26	24	29 1/2	25 1/2	30	26 1/2	30 1/2	28 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	34 1/2	30 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	38 1/2	32 1/2	38 1/2	36 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	48 1/2		
Third Avenue 100	9 1/2	12 1/2	9 1/2	11	9 1/2	11 1/2	10	11	8 1/2	10	9 1/2	12	11	18 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	13	10 1/2	14 1/2	11	16 1/2		
Twin City Rapid Transit 100	61 1/4	66	61 1/2	62 1/2	60	61 1/2	60	61 1/2	59 1/2	61 1/2	58 1/2	61 1/2	59 1/2	61 1/2	58 1/2	61 1/2	58 1/2	61 1/2	58 1/2	61 1/2	58 1/2	61 1/2	58 1/2	61 1/2		
Preferred 100																										
Union Pacific 100	128	131 1/2	128	132 1/2	126 1/2	130 1/2	128 1/2	132	130 1/2	133 1/2	129 1/2	137 1/2	135	143 1/2	141	146 1/2	137 1/2	143 1/2	136	140 1/2	138 1/2	150 1/2	145 1/2	151 1/2		
Preferred 100	71 1/4	73 1/2	70 1/4	74	70	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/4	72	71 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	75 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	73 1/4	74 1/2	73 1/4	74 1/2	73 1/4	74 1/2	73 1/4	74 1/2		
United Rys Investment 100	9 1/2	11 1/4	7 1/4	10 1/4	8	9 1/2	7 1/2	9	7 1/4	10 1/4	10	10 1/4	11	20 1/2	17	20 1/2	15 1/2	23 1/2	15 1/2	23 1/2	19	26 1/2	24 1/2	31 1/2		
Preferred 100	36 1/4	40 1/2	28 1/2	39 1/2	29	33 1/2	26 1/2	32 1/2	29 1/4	35 1/2	34 1/4	41	37 1/2	54 1/2	42	50 1/2	34 1/4	51 1/2	41	51 1/4	46 1/4	57 1/2	53 1/2	64 1/2		
Virginia Ry & Power 100	37	39	36	36	36 1/2	37	37 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/4	39	49 1/4	59	54 1/2	72 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	89	89	51	59	67	62 1/2	67 1/2	63	72 1/2	
Preferred 100																										
Wabash 100	10 1/4	13 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/4	17 1/4	14 1/2	16 1/2	13 1/2	16	13 1/2	16	14 1/2	16 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/4	14 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	23 1/2	20 1/4	24 1/2		
Preferred A 100	34	39 1/2	33 1/2	45 1/2	42 1/4	47 1/4	44	47 1/2	43 1/2	46 1/2	42 1/2	46 1/2	41 1/2	45 1/2	41 1/2	45 1/2	41 1/2	45 1/2	41 1/2	45 1/2	41 1/2	45 1/2	41 1/2	45 1/2		
Preferred B 100	22 1/2	26	25 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	32 1/2	29 1/2	32 1/2	30	31 1/2	29 1/2	32 1/2	27 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	30	31		
Western Maryland (new) 100	9 1/2	11 1/2	9 1/2	11	9 1/2	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	10	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	16 1/2		
Second preferred 100	17	20 1/4	17	20	16	18 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	18 1/2	17	21 1/2	19	21 1/2	18	20 1/2	16 1/4	19 1/2	18	23 1/2	21 1/2	26 1/2		
Western Pacific 100	14 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/4	18	15 1/4	17 1/4	15 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	20 1/2	18 1/2	24 1/2	21 1/2	23 1/2	20	22 1/2	20 1/2	25 1/2	20 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	36 1/2	32 1/2	36 1/2		
Preferred 100	58	59	58 1/2	62 1/2	59 1/2	62 1/2	59 1/2	66 1/4	61	67	65 1/2	72 1/2	70	73 1/2	67 1/2	71 1/2	69	72 1/2	69 1/2	73 1/2	80	89	85 1/2	86 1/2		
West Penn 100	47 1/2	51 1/2	48	50	50	54 1/2	53 1/2	59	56 1/4	58 1/2	66 1/2	69 1/2	66 1/2	73 1/2	68 1/2	71 1/2	69	72 1/2	68 1/2	73 1/2	80	89	85 1/2	86 1/2		
7% preferred 100	89 1/2	91	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	87 1/2	91	88 1/2	91	89 1/2	92	92 1/2	94 1/2	91 1/2	92	91	93 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	91	92 1/2	91	92 1/2		
Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry 100	7 1/2	9	7 1/2	9 1/4	8	9 1/2	8	9 1/2	8	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2		
Wisconsin Central 100	14 1/4	19 1/4	17 1/2	20 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	15 1/2	19	15 1/4	18 1/4	17 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	24 1/2	21 1/4	26 1/2	20	24 1/2	20	24 1/2	23 1/2	31 1/4	27	32 1/2		
Certificates 100	34	37 1/2	35 1/2	37 1/2	36	36 1/2	36	37 1/4	36	36 1/4	36 1/2	37 1/2	36	36												
INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS																										
Abitibi Power & Paper no par																										
Adams Express 100	73 1/2	77 1/2	76	82 1/2	76	80	75	78 1/2	77	80	77 1/2	82 1/2	82	89 1/2	85 1/2	88 1/2	85 1/2	89 1/2	85 1/2	87	87	93	88 1/2	93 1/2		
Advance Rumely 100	10	12 1/2	10	11 1/2	7 1/2	9 1/4	7 1/4	8 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	9 1/2	11	10 1/4	12 1/2	12 1/2	16 1/2		
Preferred 100	36 1/4	41 1/2	34 1/2	37	30 1/2	39	31	35	29 1/2	30 1/2	28 1/4	34 1/2	34 1/2	41	37 1/2	40 1/2	37 1/2	40 1/2	38	40 1/2	37 1/2	47 1/4	45 1/2	54 1/2		
Air Reduction, Inc. no par	67 1/4	81 1/2	75 1/2	81	73 1/2	79 1/2	69 1/2	75	73	77 1/2	74	80 1/2	78 1/2	82 1/2	76 1/2	82 1/2	77	83 1/2	79 1/2	85 1/2	81 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	93		
Ajax Rubber Inc. 50	6 1/4	10 1/2	7 1/2	9 1/2	6 1/2	8 1/4	5 1/4	7	4 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	6	9 1/4	8 1/2	11 1/4	8 1/2	11 1/4	8 1/2	10 1/4	12 1/2	15 1/2	11 1/2	15 1/2		
Alaska Gold Mines 100	1 1/8	1 1/2	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4		
Alaska Juneau Gold Mines 100	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2		
Allied American Cables 100	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2		
Allied Chemical & Dye no par	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2		
Allis Chalmers Mfg 100	45 1/2	50 1/2	45 1/2	50 1/2	42 1/2	46 1/4	41 1/4	44	41 1/4	43 1/2	42 1/2	50 1/2	50	58 1/2	55	58 1/2	55	58 1/2	55	58 1/2	55	58 1/2	55	58 1/2		
Preferred 100	92 1/2	96 1/2	93 1/2	96	90 1/4	95	90	92 1/2	91 1/4	93	91	95 1/2	95	98	97 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	103	102	104 1/2		
Amer Agricul Chemical 100	14	17	13 1/2	15 1/2	14	15 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2		
Preferred 100	37 1/2	49 1/2	33	41 1/2	25 1/4	35 1/4	18 1/2	28 1/2	21 1/2	25	22 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	42 1/4	34 1/4	41 1/2	31 1/4	37 1/4	33 1/4	37 1/4	34 1/4	44 1/2	38	44 1/2		
American Bank Note 50	98	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104	107	105	106 1/2	103 1/2	105	104	122 1/2	112 1/2	135 1/2	130	133	130	144	130	141	141	157	155	160		
Preferred 50	53 1/2	54 1/4	54	54 1/2	54	55	53 1/2	53 1/2	52	53	54	54 1/2	54	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	54	54	55 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2		
American Beet Sugar 100	40 1/2	44 1/4	40	49 1/2	36	43 1/2	37	43	38	40 1/2	37 1/2	41 1/2	40	43 1/2	40	42 1/4	39 1/4	43 1/2	38	40 1/2	37 1/2	45	43 1/2	43 1/2		
Preferred 100	75 1/2	76	75	75	70	76	77	77	73 1/2	77	74 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	75	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2		
Amer Bosch Magneto no par	32 1/2	37 1/2	32 1/2	37 1/2	26	35 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2		
Am Brake Shoe & Fdy no par	77	81 1/2	77 1/2	81 1/2	76	79 1/2	76	79 1/2	76	79 1/2	76	79 1/2														

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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December			
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High		
Emerson-Brantingham	10 1/2	11 3/8	1 2/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2		
Preferred	100	104 1/2	11 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/4	11 1/2	7 1/2	10	7 1/4	8 3/4	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	15	13	13	7 1/2	11	7 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	16		
Endicott-Johnson	50	63 1/2	67 1/2	62 1/2	65 1/2	58	63 1/2	57 1/2	60 1/2	55 1/2	60	58	62	61	62 1/2	61 1/4	66 1/2	62 1/2	66 1/4	62	64 1/2	63	73	68 1/2	73 1/2	
Preferred	100	112	115	113 1/2	114 1/2	111 1/4	113 1/2	110 1/4	112	110	112	105 1/2	110	106 1/2	108 3/4	107 1/2	108 1/4	108	109	109 1/2	109	109 1/2	109 1/2	112 1/2	115	
Exchange Buffet Corp	25	22	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	20	21 1/2	20	20	18 1/2	19 1/4	18 1/2	24	20 1/2	24 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	20 1/2	22	20 1/2	22	21	23 1/2	18	21	
Fairbanks Co (The)	100	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/4	3	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	
Fairbanks-Morse tem cfts.	25	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/4	3	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	
Famous Players-Lasky	no par	61	72 1/4	64	68 1/2	64 1/2	70 1/4	65 1/2	71 1/4	68 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	79 1/2	76	87	75	87 1/2	75	80	77	87 1/2	82	91	80 1/4	111 1/4	
Preferred	100	87 1/2	91 1/2	88	90	89	90 1/2	88 1/2	91	90	94	94 1/2	97 1/2	95	97 1/2	95	97 1/2	95	97 1/2	95	97 1/2	95	97 1/2	95	97 1/2	
Federal Lt & Trac tem cfts	100	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
Preferred	100	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
Federal Min & Smet	100	9 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	13	11	11	5 1/2	8	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	14	11 1/2	14	11 1/2	14	11 1/2	14	11 1/2	14	11 1/2	
Preferred	100	41 1/2	47 1/2	42 1/2	47 1/2	42 1/2	46 1/2	42 1/2	44	42 1/2	45 1/2	42	49 1/2	44	48 1/2	46 1/2	54 1/2	49 1/2	52 1/2	48 1/2	53	52 1/2	56 1/2	55	64 1/2	
Fidelity-Phenix Fire Ins	25	118 1/2	127	120	126 1/2	118	122	118	119	119	119	121	128	134	139	130	133	130	133	130	133	135	139	139	146	
Fifth Avenue Bus	no par	9 1/2	13	10 1/2	12 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	12	
Certificates																										
Fisher Body Corp	no par	16 1/2	17 1/4	17	20 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	19	21 1/2	16 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	18	19 1/2	18	19 1/2	18	19 1/2	18	19 1/2	18	19 1/2	20 1/2	24	
Fisher Body Ohio, pref	100	98	98 1/2	98	100 1/2	98 1/4	102 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	98 1/4	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	
Fisk Rubber	25	8 1/4	10 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	7	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7 1/2	
First preferred	100	61	65	59 1/2	62	61 1/2	61	61	61	60	62 1/2	60 1/2	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	
Fleischman Co	100	44 1/2	50 1/2	46 1/2	50 1/2	47	49	47 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	
Foundation Co	100	66 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	74 1/2	71 1/4	75 1/4	68 1/2	72 1/2	69	75 1/2	70 1/2	72 1/2	70	73 1/2	72 1/2	78 1/2	72 1/2	78 1/2	72 1/2	78 1/2	72 1/2	78 1/2	72 1/2	78 1/2	
Rights																										
Franklin Simon preferred	100	10 1/4	13 1/2	9 1/2	11 1/2	9 1/2	11 1/2	8	10 1/2	8 1/2	10 1/4	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	10 1/4	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	
Freeport Texas Co	no par	6	7	6	6	6	6	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	4 1/2	5	
Gardner Motor	100	43 1/2	46 1/2	42	46	39 1/2	44	38	41 1/2	35 1/2	40 1/2	37 1/2	40 1/2	38 1/2	42 1/2	41	49 1/2	43 1/2	46 1/2	43 1/2	46 1/2	43 1/2	46 1/2	43 1/2	46 1/2	
7% preferred	100	92 1/4	94 1/2	92	92 1/2	93	96	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	94 1/2	93	95 1/2	94	97 1/2	97	98 1/2	96	97 1/2	95 1/2	97	96 1/2	98	97 1/2	99 1/2	
General Asphalt	100	39 1/2	46 1/2	37 1/2	46 1/2	36 1/2	42 1/2	31 1/2	40 1/2	33 1/2	37	34 1/2	42 1/2	40 1/2	45	42	47 1/2	39	44	38 1/2	43	40 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	63 1/2	
Preferred	100	71 1/2	76 1/2	73 1/2	81	73 1/2	77 1/2	71 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	76	76	78 1/2	77	78 1/2	78	85	81	84	80 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	82	92	90	
General Baking Co	no par	93	110	101	106	95	99	96	98 1/2	94 1/2	97	97	109	101 1/2	112	108 1/2	134	122 1/2	160	140	155	140	153	140	160	
Preferred	100	91	97 1/2	90 1/4	93 1/2	84 1/2	91 1/2	82 1/4	87 1/4	83 1/2	84 1/2	83	88 1/2	88 1/2	92	87	89 1/4	86 1/2	91 1/4	87 1/2	89 1/4	87	96 1/2	94	95 1/2	
General Cigar, Inc	100	106	107	106	106 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/4	100	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	105	104	104	105 1/2	106	107	108 1/2	106	107	107	108	107	109	
Debenture pref (7%)	100	193 1/2	223 1/2	202	218 1/2	206	231 1/2	204 1/2	223 1/2	212	223 1/2	216	239 1/2	235	260 1/4	260 1/4	281	251	275 1/2	239 1/2	262 1/2	252	278	266 1/2	322	
General Electric	100	10 1/4	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	10 1/2	11 1/4	
Special when issued	100	14 1/2	16	14 1/2	16 1/4	14 1/2	15 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	
General Motors Corp	no par	81 1/2	83	83	84	82 1/2	84 1/2	81 1/2	83	81 1/2	83 1/2	80	84	82 1/2	87	86 1/2	87 1/2	86	88	88 1/2	89 1/2	89	89	89 1/2	93 1/2	
New	100	81	83	83	84	82 1/2	84 1/2	81 1/2	83	81 1/2	83 1/2	80	84	82 1/2	87	86 1/2	87 1/2	86	88	88 1/2	89 1/2	89	89	89 1/2	93 1/2	
6% debenture stock	100	98	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	95	100 1/2	96 1/2	99 1/2	93 1/2	97 1/2	92	94 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	
7% debenture stock	100	51 1/2	55	51 1/2	52 1/2	47	52 1/2	46 1/2	49 1/2	42	47	31	42 1/2	34	36	37 1/2	35 1/2	35	36 1/2	35	36 1/2	35	36 1/2	35	36 1/2	
Preferred	100	47 1/2	51 1/2	48 1/4	51 1/4	48 1/2	51 1/4	49	51 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/4	47 1/2	53 1/2	49 1/2	55	52 1/2	59 1/2	55	61 1/4	53 1/2	60 1/4	53 1/2	59	64 1/2		
General Petroleum	100	99	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100	102	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2	102 1/2	106 1/2	
General Refractories	no par	51 1/2	55 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2	47	52 1/2	46 1/2	49 1/2	42	47	31	42 1/2	34	36	37 1/2	35 1/2	35	36 1/2	35	36 1/2	35	36 1/2	35	36 1/2	
Gimbel Bros	100	47 1/2	51 1/2	48 1/4	51 1/4	48 1/2	51 1/4	49	51 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/4	47 1/2	53 1/2	49 1/2	55	52 1/2	59 1/2	55	61 1/4	53 1/2	60 1/4	53 1/2	59	64 1/2		





1924—Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and price ranges (Low, High). Includes various stock names like Pacific Teleg & Teleg, Packard, Pan Amer Pet & Transp, etc.

1924—Concluded.

STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Tidewater Oil.....100	120	142 1/2	134	151	129	141 1/2	120 1/2	134	125	128 1/2	119	124 1/2	118 1/2	126 1/2	119	127 1/2	120	125	110 1/2	123 1/2	121 1/2	132	123 1/2	133
Timken Roller Bearing.....no par	38 1/2	41	37 1/2	41	35	39 1/2	33	36 1/2	31 1/2	36 1/2	33 1/2	35	33 1/2	35 1/2	33 1/2	36 1/2	34 1/2	37 1/2	34 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2
Tobacco Products Corp.....100	65	69 1/2	60 1/2	70 1/2	54 1/2	66	53	57 1/2	55 1/2	59 1/2	57 1/2	63 1/2	59 1/2	65	63 1/2	66 1/2	63 1/2	68 1/2	62 1/2	66 1/2	64 1/2	72 1/2	68 1/2	73 1/2
Preferred.....100	114 1/2	117	113	116 1/2	115 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
Temp cts Class A.....no par	88 1/2	90 1/2	88	91 1/2	83 1/2	89 1/2	84	86 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	87	90 1/2	89 1/2	93 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	93	91 1/2	93 1/2	90 1/2	93	92	93 1/2
Transcon Oil cts.....no par	4	6 1/4	4	6 1/4	4	4 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/4	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/4	4	6	4 1/2	5 1/4	4	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2
Rights.....100	33 1/2	35 1/2	33	34	33	34	33	34	25 1/2	25 1/2	28	28	32 1/2	34	32 1/2	33	31	32	28 1/2	30 1/2	29	32	30 1/2	32 1/2
Transue & Williams Steel.....*	33 1/2	35 1/2	33	34	33	34	33	34	25 1/2	25 1/2	28	28	32 1/2	34	32 1/2	33	31	32	28 1/2	30 1/2	29	32	30 1/2	32 1/2
Underwood Typewriter.....100	25	40	43	40 1/2	42 1/2	38 1/2	40 1/4	38	39	37 1/2	38 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2	37	39 1/4	37 1/2	39 1/2	36 1/2	39	37	38 1/4	36 1/2	41 1/4	39
New.....100	40	43	40 1/2	42 1/2	38 1/2	40 1/4	38	39	37 1/2	38 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2	37	39 1/4	37 1/2	39 1/2	36 1/2	39	37	38 1/4	36 1/2	41 1/4	39	
Preferred.....100	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Union Bag & Paper new.....100	59 1/2	63 1/2	59	64 1/2	52	60	49 1/2	54	46 1/2	50	47	55	48	51 1/2	42	50	33 1/2	43	37	41	35 1/2	50 1/2	40 1/4	51
Union Oil.....no par	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Union Oil Co. Calif.....no par	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Union Tank Car.....100	94	102 1/2	94	99 1/2	96	103	100	104	99	101	97 1/2	100	99	109 1/2	116	132	118	132 1/2	120	127 1/2	120 1/2	127 1/2	119	129
Preferred.....100	107 1/2	108	106 1/2	108 1/2	107	109 1/2	107	109 1/2	107	109 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	112	116 1/2	114	114 1/2	112 1/2	114	111	114	113 1/2	114 1/2	112 1/2	115
United Alloy Steel.....no par	32	35	32 1/2	37	27	34	25	27 1/2	25	26	21 1/2	25 1/2	22 1/2	23	23 1/2	24	23 1/2	23 1/2	20	22 1/2	21	29 1/2	26	29
United Cigar Stores.....100	205 1/2	207	190	190	190	190	180	185	171	171	115	115 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	117	119	117 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117	117	118 1/2	117	118 1/2
Preferred.....100	113	113	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
New.....25	40	43	40 1/2	42 1/2	38 1/2	40 1/4	38	39	37 1/2	38 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2	37	39 1/4	37 1/2	39 1/2	36 1/2	39	37	38 1/4	36 1/2	41 1/4	39	41 1/4
United Drug.....100	80	85 1/2	80	86	75 1/2	79 1/2	74 1/2	77	71	77	42 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2	54	51 1/2	54 1/2	50	60	63 1/2	60
1st preferred.....50	48	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	49	48	48 1/2	48	50	49	50 1/2	50 1/2	52	51 1/2	53
United Dyewood.....100	43	43	40	40	42	42	38	38	35	35	35	35	35	35	34 1/2	34 1/2	34	34	25	26	27	27 1/2	20	26 1/2
Preferred.....100	113	113	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
United Fruit.....100	182	201 1/4	189	197 1/2	185	195	186	194	189	193	186 1/2	198 1/2	195	211	211	224 1/2	203 1/2	216	198 1/2	208	204	214 1/2	202	217
United Paperboard Co.....100	19 1/2	21 1/2	20	20 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	17	17	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	18 1/2	25	21 1/2	25 1/2
United Retail Stores.....no par	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4
Unly Pipe & Rad tem cts.....no par	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4	2 1/2	4
Preferred.....100	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2
U S Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy.....100	65 1/2	84 1/2	64	76 1/2	70	81 1/2	69 1/2	94 1/2	79	92 1/2	84 1/2	97 1/2	94 1/2	102 1/2	92	109 1/2	100 1/2	118 1/2	104 1/2	118 1/2	104 1/2	118 1/2	104 1/2	118 1/2
Preferred.....100	81 1/2	87 1/2	85	89	86 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	94 1/2	90	93 1/2	90 1/2	93	93	94 1/2	93 1/2	95 1/2	95	97	98	104 1/2	100	103 1/2	99	104
U S Distributing Corp.....no par	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Preferred.....100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
U S Express.....100	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2
U S Food Products.....100	17 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	16 1/2	20 1/2	17	18 1/2	16 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18
U S Hoffman Mach.....no par	17 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	16 1/2	20 1/2	17	18 1/2	16 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18
Rights.....100	17 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	16 1/2	20 1/2	17	18 1/2	16 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18
U S Indus Alcohol.....100	67 1/2	83 1/2	73	83 1/2	65 1/2	77 1/2	63 1/2	70 1/2	61 1/2	69 1/2	63	71	68 1/2	74 1/2	71	77 1/2	67	73 1/2	67 1/2	74 1/2	70 1/2	86 1/2	80 1/2	87 1/2
Preferred.....100	95	102	102 1/2	103 1/2	103	103	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
U S Realty & Improvt.....100	99 1/2	103 1/2	100 1/2	107 1/2	95 1/2	102	92 1/2	99 1/2	93 1/2	99 1/2	90	97 1/2	94	97	95 1/2	100 1/2	92	99 1/2	94	99 1/2	94	92 1/2	101 1/2	104
Preferred cts w l.....100	103 1/2	105 1/2	104	109	102 1/2	104	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	104	100	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102	104 1/2	102	104 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
U S Rubber.....100	37 1/2	42 1/2	35 1/2	39 1/2	29	35 1/2	25	32 1/2	22 1/2	30 1/2	24 1/2	29	26 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2	36 1/2	32	36	31 1/2	40	37 1/2	42 1/2
1st preferred.....100	87	94 1/2	84 1/2	88 1/2	76 1/2	87 1/2	69	83 1/2	66 1/2	77 1/2	68 1/2	78 1/2	74 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	89 1/2	86 1/2	89 1/2	86 1/2	92 1/2	97 1/2	95 1/2
U S Smelt Refg & Mfg.....50	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	18 1/2	22 1/2	19 1/2																	



DEALINGS IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1924.—Concluded.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bonds (Chili, Cuba, Denmark, etc.). Each cell contains a range of values representing price fluctuations.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Speculative activity in the New York stock market continued at a rapid pace the present week, though on Monday the market suffered a severe setback. Steel shares have been strongly in the foreground, closely followed by railroad issues and industrials.

Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry and General Electric were conspicuous in the afternoon decline, the former dropping 10 points to 160 and General Electric declining 10 points below its opening price. Railroad shares were the centre of interest on Tuesday, the features of the trading being Southern Pacific, which sold around 105, Mo.-Kan.-Tex., which reached a new high, and Southern Ry., which hung up a new top at 81.

Steel common, which advanced to 124. The buoyancy of this issue extended to the general list which moved vigorously forward. Baldwin Locomotive was conspicuous by its rapid rise to a new high at 136 1/2. Railroad shares continued strong, Chesapeake & Ohio reaching a new top at 98 1/4. Rock Island went briskly forward to 48, making a new high for the present movement. The final tone was buoyant.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing weekly stock exchange transactions for the week ended Jan. 9, 1925, categorized by Stocks, Railroad & Bonds, State Municipal & Foreign Bonds, and United States Bonds.

Table showing annual sales at the New York Stock Exchange for 1925 and 1924, broken down by Stocks, Government bonds, State & foreign bonds, and Railroad & misc. bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions for Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, including shares and bond sales for various dates in 1925.

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 of English financial market data including silver, gold, consols, British and French government securities, and French war loans.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Table showing the price of silver in New York for various categories: Silver in N.Y., Foreign, and other metrics.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Large table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including their names, addresses, and financial details.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing realty and surety companies in New York City, including their names and financial information.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including maturity dates, interest rates, and bid/ask prices.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Pittsburgh Stock Exchange transactions from Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, 1925, listing various stocks and their prices.

Note.—Sold last week and not reported; \$2,000 Pittsburgh Brewing 6s at 88.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of St. Louis Stock Exchange transactions from Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, 1925, listing various stocks and their prices.

\* No par value.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table listing applications to organize, approve, or convert national banks, including bank names, locations, and dates.



Table of liquidations and consolidations with columns for date, description, and amount.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table of voluntary liquidations including Harrisburg National Bank and Westmoreland National Bank.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Table of consolidations including First National Bank of Waco and Sussex National Bank.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table of securities sold at auction by Muller & Sons, listing shares, stocks, and prices.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table of securities sold at auction by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, listing shares, stocks, and prices.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table of securities sold at auction by R. L. Day & Co., listing shares, stocks, and prices.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table of securities sold at auction by Barnes & Lofland, listing shares, stocks, and prices.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Main table of dividends with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table of dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid, with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Railroads (Steam) (Concluded).</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>			
Gulf Mobile & Nor., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a	American Ice, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Kansas City Southern Ry., pref. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Louisville & Nashville	*4	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2	Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 2	Feb. 22 to Mar. 2
Michigan Central	10	Jan. 29	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 7 to Jan. 15
Missouri-Kansas-Texas, pref. A (No. 1)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	American Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
New York Ontario & Western	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Amer. Seeding Mach., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Norfolk & Western, adj. pref. (quar.)	1	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a	American Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 '25
Northern Central	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Common (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15 '25
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Common (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15 '25
Northern Securities (quar.)	4	Jan. 10	Dec. 25 to Jan. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Pere Marquette, prior preference (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a	American Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Five per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a	Amer. Ty. & Founders, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Philadelphia & Trenton (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 10	Jan. 1 to Jan. 11	American Vitified Products, com.	1	Jan. 15	Dec. 20 to Jan. 8
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a	American Woolen, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 16 to Dec. 25
Pittsburgh & West Virginia pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a	Anaconda Copper Mining	75c	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Reading Company, common (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Archer-Daniel-Midland Co., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
St. Louis & San Francisco, com. (No. 1)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Associated Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a	Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Associated Industrials, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Southern Railway, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Associated Oil (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Atlantic Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Troy Union Railway	6	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a	Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
United N. J. R.R. & Canal Cos. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 10	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31	Austin, Nichols & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
<b>Public Utilities.</b>				Babcock & Wilcox Co. (quarterly)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
All America Cables (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Balaban & Katz, com. (monthly)	*25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
American Electric Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a	Common (monthly)	*25c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Amer. Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Preferred (quar.)	*25c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Amer. Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Barnhart Bros. & Spindler	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Quarterly	2 1/2	Apr. 5	Holders of rec. Mar. 17	First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26a
Associated Gas & Electric, pref. (extra)	12 1/2c	April 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Bayuk Cigars, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (extra)	12 1/2c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Second preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (extra)	12 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Convertible preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (extra)	12 1/2c	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Beech-Nut Packing, com. (quar.)	60c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Bell Telephone of Pa., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Belding-Corticelli, Ltd., common	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Boston Consolidated Gas, pref.	3 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Belgo-Canadian Paper, common (No. 1)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Brooklyn Borough Gas, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Boyd-Welsh Shoe (quar.)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit, pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Bond & Mortgage Guarantee (stock div.)	*66 2/3	Feb. 5	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Carolina Power & Light, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	British American Tobacco, ordinary	60	Jan. 19	See note w
Central Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Ordinary (interim)	60	Jan. 19	See note w
Cent. Illinois Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Rurns Brothers, prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Ches. & Potomac Teleg. of Balt., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Bush Terminal Co., common	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Chicago Rapid Transit, prior pf. (mthly)	65c	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 13a	Preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Cin. Newp't & Cov. Lt. & Tr., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15	Canada Cement, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15	"Canada Dry" Ginger Ale, cl. A (qu.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Commonwealth-Edison (quar.)	*2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Canada Iron Foundries, Ltd., pref.	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Consolidated Traction of New Jersey	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Canadian Car & Foundry, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Pref. (acct. & in full of acum. divs.)	45 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Dominion Power & Transm'n, pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 22 to Dec. 31	Canadian Industrial Alcohol (quar.)	32c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
East Bay Water, pref. Cl. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Central Steel, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1 to Jan. 9
Preferred, Class B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Chicago Wilm. & Franklin Coal, pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Edison Elec. Illum. of Boston (quar.)	3 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
El Paso Electric Co., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	33 1/3-36	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Monthly	33 1/3-36	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
International Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27a	Cleveland Stone (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Internat. Utilities, pref. cl. A (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Quarterly	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Kentucky Securities, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a	Quarterly	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Manufacturers Light & Heat (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Congoleux Co., common (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Massachusetts Ltg. Cos., 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 31
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Consolidated Mining & Smelt. of Canada	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Meligan Gas & Elec., 7% prior pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Continental Motors, com. (quar.)	20c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Corn Products Refining, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Middle West Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Montpelier & Barre Light & Power, pref.	\$19.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Crane Co., common (extra)	50c	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Montreal Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15	Cresson Package Mfg., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Mountain State Power, common	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Crown Cons. Gold M. & M. (quar.)	10c	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
National Fuel Gas (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Crex Carpet	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Nevada-California Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Crucible Steel, com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
New York Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Cudahy Packing, common (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Jan. 6 to Jan. 15
Niagara Falls Power, preferred (quar.)	43 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Davis Coal & Coke	*3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Northern Indiana Gas & Elec., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Delaw. Lack. & West. Coal (quar.)	*\$2.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Northern States Power (Del.), com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Extra	*\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Detroit Brass & Malleable Wks. (mthly)	3 1/2	Jan. 10	Dec. 26 to Dec. 31
Ohio Edison, 6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Diagraph Products Corp., com. (No. 1)	5c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
6.6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.65	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Preferred (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a	Dome Mines, Limited (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Oklahoma Natural Gas (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a	Dominion Textile, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Pacific Gas & Electric Co., com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. Powd. & Co.	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
Pacific Teleg. & Teleg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
Peoples Gas Light & Coke (quar.)	2	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Eastern Rolling Mill, common	\$1	Jan. 24	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Philadelphia Rapid Transit (quar.)	75c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Preferred	2	Jan. 24	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Phila. & Western Ry., pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Eastern Steamship, pref. (no par value)	87 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a
Public Service Elec. Power, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Eastern Theatres (Toronto), pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Puget Sound Pow. & Lt., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Elgin National Watch (quar.)	*2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Extra	\$2.50	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Famous Players-Lasky Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Quebec Power, com.	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Federal Food Stores, Inc., preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Fifth Avenue Bus Sec. Corp. (quar.)	16c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 3a
San Diego Consol. Gas & Elec., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Firestone Tire & Rubber, common (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Shawinigan Water & Power (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	8% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
South Pittsburgh Water, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Southeastern Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Francisco Sugar (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21a
Southern Canada Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Quarterly	\$1.50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Southern New England Teleg. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Quarterly	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a
Standard Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	General Electric, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 3a
Seven per cent prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Special stock (quar.)	15c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 3a
Texas Electric Ry., com. (quar.)	1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	General Motors, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Six per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
United Gas & Elec. Co., preferred	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
United Gas Improvement, common (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	General Refractories (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c	Mar. 14	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a	Gibbel Brothers, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
United Light & Power, com. A & B (qu.)	40c	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Gossard (H. W.) Co., common (mthly)	25c	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Virginia Ry. & Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Common (monthly)	25c	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Washington Wat. Pow., Spokane (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Hamilton-Walker (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8	Harbison-Woolen Refract., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Western Power Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Hillcrest Collieries, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Western States Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a	H			



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 Jan. 3. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Table with columns: Week Ending Jan. 3 1925, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed. Reserve Bank, various banks like Bk of Manhattan, Nat City Bank, etc., and Grand Aggr. Averages.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average total Jan. 3, \$23,250,000; actual totals Jan. 3, \$23,250,000; Dec. 27, \$23,250,000; Dec. 20, \$23,182,000; Dec. 13, \$14,144,000; Dec. 6, \$20,211,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities: average for week Jan. 3, \$599,377,000; Dec. 27, \$617,953,000; Dec. 20, \$550,917,000; Dec. 13, \$546,812,000; Dec. 6, \$529,475,000. Actual totals Jan. 3, \$537,537,000; Dec. 27, \$650,384,000; Dec. 20, \$558,402,000; Dec. 13, \$616,972,000; Dec. 6, \$532,223,000.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve Bank, Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies. Rows show Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve for various dates from Jan. 3 to Dec. 13.

\* 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: Jan. 3, \$15,896,070; Dec. 27, \$15,924,660; Dec. 20, \$66,204,560; Dec. 13, \$16,307,850

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like McCrory Stores Corporation, National Biscuit, etc., with their respective financial details.

\* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. § Transfer books not closed for this dividend. ¶ Correction. \* Payable in stock / Payable in common stock. † Payable in scrip. ‡ On account of accumulated dividends. § Payable in preferred stock. ¶ Payable in Canadian funds. † On account of accumulated dividends and being in full of all accumulations. ‡ Dividend is at rate of 5% per annum for period from May 26 to Dec. 31 1924. § Final dividend is two shillings and interim dividend is ten pence. ¶ Transfers received in London up to Jan. 3 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees. \* Payable to holders of Coupon No. 7

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	b Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	6,375,000	4,407,000	10,782,000	10,774,440	7,560
Trust companies*	2,424,000	5,913,000	8,337,000	8,323,950	13,050
Total Jan. 3	8,799,000	636,288,000	645,087,000	648,192,510	def3105,510
Total Dec. 27	9,731,000	651,230,000	660,961,000	635,594,850	25,366,150
Total Dec. 20	9,195,000	615,240,000	624,435,000	639,454,530	-15,019,530
Total Dec. 13	8,857,000	697,091,000	705,948,000	634,921,210	71,026,790

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.  
 b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Jan. 3, \$15,950,940; Dec. 27, \$15,816,000; Dec. 20, \$15,975,750; Dec. 13, \$16,193,040.

**State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.**—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City *not in the Clearing House* as follows:

**SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.**

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Jan. 3.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments	\$1,002,488,600	Inc. \$21,763,500
Gold	4,778,300	Dec. 31,000
Currency and notes	29,400,700	Inc. 3,065,800
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	91,110,400	Inc. 4,280,800
Total deposits	1,076,282,300	Inc. 22,280,500
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange and U. S. deposits	1,019,527,000	Inc. 18,574,500
Reserve on deposits	162,516,400	Inc. 6,938,900
Percentage of reserve, 21.3%.		

  

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$33,741,200 16.69%	\$91,548,200 16.42%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	12,688,800 6.23%	24,638,200 4.42%
Total	\$46,330,000 22.92%	\$116,186,400 20.84%

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Jan. 3 was \$91,110,400.

**Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.**—The averages of the New York City Clearing House Banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

**COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.**

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Sept. 6	6,189,878,800	5,413,636,100	80,217,700	722,157,200
Sept. 13	6,171,331,700	5,428,157,800	83,772,900	739,130,000
Sept. 20	6,245,090,200	5,544,643,300	80,731,400	828,036,100
Sept. 27	6,380,981,700	5,544,168,600	81,522,500	749,472,300
Oct. 4	6,482,535,800	5,616,832,400	81,794,900	748,565,400
Oct. 11	6,413,396,600	5,568,625,300	87,219,200	749,029,900
Oct. 18	6,406,300,400	5,572,477,300	85,602,500	765,528,200
Oct. 25	6,455,020,500	5,649,960,400	83,921,000	807,706,900
Nov. 1	6,471,127,800	5,627,593,900	83,783,000	750,335,800
Nov. 8	6,426,927,200	5,591,046,400	84,099,700	751,013,300
Nov. 15	6,433,204,400	5,663,989,100	88,084,800	773,736,400
Nov. 22	6,474,249,900	5,684,532,300	85,378,900	764,712,200
Nov. 29	6,518,724,600	5,708,337,400	87,856,300	759,845,500
Dec. 6	6,528,290,100	5,760,687,300	89,895,100	775,979,000
Dec. 13	6,511,329,700	5,757,800,800	93,756,200	764,940,900
Dec. 20	6,467,071,000	5,767,935,500	98,888,600	785,191,000
Dec. 27	6,499,441,100	5,745,656,500	104,910,200	766,967,300
Jan. 3	6,517,941,600	5,790,937,000	102,032,000	783,386,400

**New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.**—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

**RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.**

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank	\$	\$	Average \$	Average \$	Average \$	Average \$	Average \$
Grace Nat Bank	1,000	1,685	9,931	54	625	3,335	4,489
Total State Banks Not Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank	1,000	1,685	9,931	54	625	3,335	4,489
Bank of Wash. Hts. Colonial Bank	200	481	7,473	882	368	6,139	2,080
Total Trust Company Not Member of Fed'l Res'v Bank	1,000	2,541	25,100	3,048	1,532	22,630	3,183
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	500	508	8,680	392	60	2,926	5,971
Grand aggregate	2,700	5,216	51,184	4,376	2,585	35,030	15,723
Comparison with prev. week			+63	+204	+189	+41	+822
Gr'd agr., Dec. 27	2,700	5,172	51,121	4,172	2,396	34,989	15,401
Gr'd agr., Dec. 20	2,700	5,113	52,185	4,213	2,398	36,133	15,200
Gr'd agr., Dec. 13	2,700	5,113	52,830	4,331	2,545	37,014	15,276
Gr'd agr., Dec. 6	2,700	5,172	52,503	4,207	2,525	36,281	15,403

a United State deposits deducted, \$251,000.  
 Bills payable, red accounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$731,000.  
 Excess reserve, \$380,710 increase.

**Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.**—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Jan. 7 1925.	Changes from previous week.	Dec. 31 1924.	Dec. 24 1924.
Capital	\$ 57,300,000	Unchanged	\$ 57,300,000	\$ 57,300,000
Surplus and profits	81,157,000	Dec. 1,354,000	82,511,000	82,591,000
Loans, disc'ts & Investments	911,536,000	Inc. 12,162,000	899,374,000	898,562,060
Individual deposits, incl. U. S.	669,546,000	Inc. 18,757,000	650,789,000	652,506,000
Due to banks	157,743,000	Inc. 18,854,000	138,889,000	132,771,000
Time deposits	165,032,000	Inc. 2,853,000	162,179,000	161,173,000
United States deposits	29,381,000	Dec. 379,000	29,740,000	29,732,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	43,660,000	Inc. 10,672,000	32,988,000	32,046,000
Due from other banks	98,875,000	Inc. 17,477,000	78,398,000	78,333,000
Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank	78,894,000	Inc. 1,558,000	77,336,000	76,065,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank	11,988,000	Dec. 2,004,000	13,992,000	13,484,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank	2,234,000	Inc. 232,000	2,002,000	1,235,000

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Jan. 3, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Jan. 3 1925.			Dec. 27 1924.	Dec. 20 1924.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies	1925 Total.		
Capital	\$41,839.0	\$5,000.0	\$46,839.0	\$46,819.0	\$46,819.0
Surplus and profits	123,709.0	16,526.0	140,235.0	140,192.0	140,192.0
Loans, disc'ts & Invest'ts	805,223.0	44,470.0	849,693.0	856,762.0	857,067.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	45,661.0	1,248.0	46,909.0	37,147.0	39,618.0
Due from banks	120,783.0	26.0	120,809.0	103,355.0	112,463.0
Bank deposits	151,779.0	989.0	152,768.0	145,204.0	149,388.0
Individual deposits	595,364.0	27,223.0	622,587.0	600,177.0	614,593.0
Time deposits	98,191.0	1,539.0	99,730.0	95,444.0	96,110.0
Total deposits	845,334.0	29,751.0	875,085.0	840,825.0	860,091.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)			15,368.0	15,370.0	15,768.0
Res'v with legal depositories		4,330.0	4,330.0	3,418.0	3,651.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	65,940.0		65,940.0	62,692.0	63,580.0
Cash in vault	12,167.0	1,396.0	13,563.0	14,762.0	15,099.0
Total reserve & cash held	78,107.0	5,726.0	83,833.0	80,872.0	82,330.0
Reserve required	64,164.0	4,116.0	68,280.0	66,639.0	67,700.0
Excess res. & cash in vault.	13,943.0	1,610.0	15,553.0	14,233.0	14,630.0

\* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

**Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.**—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Jan. 7 1925 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Jan. 7 1925.	Dec. 31 1924.	Jan. 9 1924.
<b>Resources—</b>			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	\$ 424,263,000	\$ 384,307,000	\$ 583,551,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	10,316,000	11,557,000	7,717,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	434,579,000	395,864,000	591,268,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	282,372,000	286,475,000	150,269,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	289,645,000	277,263,000	202,272,000
Total gold reserves	986,596,000	959,602,000	943,809,000
Reserves other than gold	24,635,000	21,868,000	29,002,000
Total reserves	1,011,231,000	981,470,000	972,811,000
Non-reserve cash	23,032,000	18,517,000	16,414,000
Bills discounted—			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	44,442,000	68,745,000	109,850,000
Other bills discounted	8,915,000	12,577,000	17,710,000
Total bills discounted	53,357,000	81,322,000	127,560,000
Bills bought in open market	66,567,000	101,823,000	59,862,000
U. S. Government securities			
Bonds	12,440,000	12,440,000	1,202,000
Treasury notes	117,716,000	120,495,000	2,929,000
Certificates of indebtedness	23,189,000	36,963,000	4,524,000
Total U. S. Government securities	153,345,000	169,898,000	8,655,000
Foreign loans on gold	1,746,000	1,746,000	
Total earning assets	275,015,000	354,789,000	196,077,000
Uncollected items	162,464,000	156,377,000	121,926,000
Bank premises	16,243,000	16,243,000	13,301,000
All other resources	8,645,000	8,657,000	1,390,000
Total resources	1,496,680,000	1,536,053,000	1,321,919,000
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Fed. Res. notes in actual circulation	374,478,000	387,353,000	403,003,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	878,284,000	883,861,000	716,100,000
Government	9,089,000	16,904,000	1,327,000
Other deposits	30,951,000	28,195,000	12,194,000
Total deposits	918,304,000	928,960,000	729,621,000
Deferred availability items	113,094,000	129,055,000	98,048,000
Capital paid in	30,167,000	30,167,000	29,454,000
Surplus	58,749,000	58,749,000	59,299,000
All other liabilities	1,838,000	1,769,000	1,864,000
Total liabilities	1,496,630,000	1,536,053,000	1,321,919,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed. Res. note liabilities combined	78.2%	74.6%	85.9%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	13,042,000	12,421,000	6,118,000

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—F. B. Keech & Co. announce the opening of a Chicago office in charge of John E. May, for many years a partner of Curtis & Sanger and formerly in charge of their Chicago office, and Thomas Miller, formerly a partner in Harris, Winthrop & Co., as resident partners. This office will be connected by direct private wire with the New York and Washington offices of F. B. Keech & Co. and equipped for the handling of orders on the New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges and a general investment banking business.

—J. Stanley Davis, who has been in charge of the Albany office of Hemphill, Noyes & Co., has been admitted as a general partner in that firm.

—Henry E. Greene, member of Chicago Stock Exchange, has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Paul H. Davis & Co., Chicago.



Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 8, 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 139, 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 JAN. 7 1925

	Jan. 7 1925.	Dec. 31 1924.	Dec. 24 1924.	Dec. 17 1924.	Dec. 10 1924.	Dec. 3 1924.	Nov. 26 1924.	Nov. 19 1924.	Jan. 9 1924.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,729,267,000	1,702,306,000	1,747,218,000	1,822,424,000	1,836,288,000	1,905,730,000	1,926,215,000	1,933,981,000	2,106,705,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	45,854,000	41,245,000	45,756,000	47,048,000	32,093,000	45,788,000	42,136,000	38,620,000	51,448,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,775,121,000	1,743,551,000	1,792,974,000	1,869,472,000	1,868,381,000	1,951,518,000	1,968,351,000	1,972,601,000	2,158,153,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.	637,330,000	679,464,000	637,240,000	589,390,000	647,643,000	588,036,000	591,026,000	610,131,000	583,522,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.	538,493,000	513,518,000	482,605,000	495,256,000	481,474,000	488,376,000	486,873,000	468,086,000	389,867,000
Total gold reserves.....	2,950,944,000	2,936,533,000	2,912,819,000	2,954,118,000	2,997,498,000	3,027,930,000	3,046,250,000	3,050,818,000	3,131,542,000
Reserves other than gold.....	124,397,000	110,521,000	84,694,000	94,467,000	95,218,000	89,963,000	87,701,000	92,411,000	106,965,000
Total reserves.....	3,075,341,000	3,047,054,000	2,997,513,000	3,048,585,000	3,092,716,000	3,117,893,000	3,133,951,000	3,143,229,000	3,238,507,000
Non-reserve cash.....	74,479,000	62,567,000	37,668,000	40,418,000	41,643,000	40,023,000	34,307,000	43,005,000	67,756,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	146,698,000	186,840,000	239,230,000	158,413,000	127,279,000	124,656,000	96,204,000	84,680,000	306,373,000
Other bills discounted.....	117,710,000	127,288,000	157,199,000	125,398,000	126,977,000	124,272,000	125,204,000	149,164,000	300,548,000
Total bills discounted.....	264,408,000	314,128,000	396,429,000	283,811,000	254,256,000	248,928,000	221,405,000	233,844,000	606,921,000
Bills bought in open market.....	340,978,000	387,100,000	389,574,000	336,827,000	352,838,000	354,606,000	281,001,000	275,245,000	319,166,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds.....	75,505,000	75,265,000	74,756,000	64,578,000	46,358,000	44,785,000	44,320,000	44,243,000	19,903,000
Treasury notes.....	342,533,000	349,354,000	342,552,000	341,485,000	361,082,000	390,876,000	390,079,000	397,568,000	62,089,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	77,991,000	115,541,000	120,571,000	158,099,000	144,456,000	139,282,000	147,816,000	145,266,000	18,366,000
Total U. S. Government securities.....	496,029,000	540,160,000	537,879,000	564,162,000	551,896,000	574,943,000	582,215,000	587,077,000	100,358,000
Foreign loans on gold.....	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
All other earning assets.....	2,550,000	2,050,000	2,050,000	2,050,000	2,050,000	2,050,000	2,550,000	2,550,000	51,000
Total earning assets.....	1,109,965,000	1,249,438,000	1,331,932,000	1,192,850,000	1,167,040,000	1,186,527,000	1,087,171,000	1,098,716,000	1,026,496,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	702,909,000	656,197,000	674,514,000	831,419,000	649,131,000	663,892,000	615,240,000	713,720,000	606,178,000
Uncollected items.....	57,595,000	57,595,000	61,819,000	61,768,000	61,741,000	61,555,000	61,555,000	61,085,000	54,006,000
Bank premises.....	24,049,000	23,529,000	23,827,000	23,458,000	26,239,000	27,299,000	27,363,000	27,179,000	15,576,000
All other resources.....	24,049,000	23,529,000	23,827,000	23,458,000	26,239,000	27,299,000	27,363,000	27,179,000	15,576,000
Total resources.....	5,043,338,000	5,096,380,000	5,127,273,000	5,198,498,000	5,038,510,000	5,097,189,000	4,959,585,000	5,086,934,000	5,008,547,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	1,805,383,000	1,862,062,000	1,941,747,000	1,871,453,000	1,853,614,000	1,849,006,000	1,845,308,000	1,823,460,000	2,147,064,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net.									456,000
Deposits—									
Member banks—reserve account.....	2,247,745,000	2,220,436,000	2,222,870,000	2,214,744,000	2,192,333,000	2,252,475,000	2,148,137,000	2,215,346,000	1,941,006,000
Government.....	26,040,000	51,197,000	58,081,000	8,542,000	35,975,000	22,911,000	26,723,000	24,667,000	20,343,000
Other deposits.....	42,748,000	39,035,000	30,233,000	33,022,000	31,002,000	30,007,000	27,856,000	30,432,000	23,406,000
Total deposits.....	2,316,533,000	2,310,668,000	2,311,184,000	2,256,308,000	2,259,310,000	2,305,393,000	2,202,716,000	2,270,445,000	1,984,755,000
Deferred availability items.....	581,799,000	584,716,000	526,992,000	723,943,000	578,685,000	595,581,000	564,340,000	646,230,000	532,205,000
Capital paid in.....	112,228,000	112,038,000	112,026,000	112,036,000	112,123,000	112,159,000	112,169,000	112,241,000	110,506,000
Surplus.....	217,837,000	217,837,000	220,915,000	220,915,000	220,915,000	220,915,000	220,915,000	220,915,000	220,915,000
All other liabilities.....	9,558,000	9,059,000	14,409,000	13,843,000	13,863,000	14,135,000	14,137,000	13,643,000	12,646,000
Total liabilities.....	5,043,338,000	5,096,380,000	5,127,273,000	5,198,498,000	5,038,510,000	5,097,189,000	4,959,585,000	5,086,934,000	5,008,547,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	71.6%	70.4%	68.4%	71.5%	72.8%	72.8%	75.2%	74.5%	75.8%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	74.6%	73.0%	70.5%	73.9%	75.2%	75.1%	74%	76.8%	78.4%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	44,720,000	42,683,000	41,754,000	42,725,000	37,297,000	31,229,000	27,179,000	27,177,000	18,175,000
<b>Distribution by Maturities—</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	88,656,000	241,603,000	101,937,000	81,993,000	100,198,000	107,856,000	75,403,000	68,123,000	107,911,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	185,841,000	240,000	313,715,000	200,751,000	174,476,000	170,178,000	138,102,000	149,052,000	399,948,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....			341,000	40,000,000	55,426,000	53,346,000			401,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....									41,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	76,288,000	75,192,000	70,548,000	59,338,000	54,043,000	58,458,000	53,412,000	49,011,000	69,227,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	20,220,000	18,335,000	22,988,000	27,796,000	23,755,000	23,750,000	23,604,000	25,528,000	49,268,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....							63,720,000	68,240,000	
16-30 days municipal warrants.....									10,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	114,313,000	111,099,000	114,184,000	105,192,000	108,012,000	96,668,000	80,240,000	84,907,000	88,168,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	29,211,000	26,413,000	30,116,000	26,816,000	28,835,000	28,674,000	32,397,000	33,175,000	74,461,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....								100,000	
31-60 days municipal warrants.....									
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	51,830,000	71,576,000	90,046,000	78,504,000	78,724,000	78,322,000	61,807,000	60,941,000	49,620,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	18,789,000	17,343,000	18,989,000	18,159,000	17,303,000	17,018,000	17,761,000	16,433,000	54,984,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	2,772,000	13,012,000	18,012,000	24,067,000	241,000				9,569,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....									
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	9,891,000	11,657,000	12,859,000	11,800,000	11,861,000	13,302,000	10,139,000	12,263,000	5,140,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	10,347,000	10,434,000	10,621,000	10,289,000	9,887,000	9,308,000	9,541,000	9,596,000	28,260,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness.....	75,219,000	102,289,000	102,218,000	94,032,000	88,789,000	85,936,000	84,096,000	76,926,000	8,396,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....									
<b>Federal Reserve Notes—</b>									
Outstanding.....	2,202,002,000	2,244,961,000	2,253,234,000	2,216,729,000	2,200,892,000	2,262,896,000	2,248,213,000	2,254,425,000	2,756,251,000
Held by banks.....	396,619,000	382,899,000	311,487,000	345,276,000	347,278,000	413,890,000	402,905,000	430,965,000	609,187,000
In actual circulation.....	1,805,383,000	1,862,062,000	1,941,747,000	1,871,453,000	1,853,614,000	1,849,006,000	1,845,308,000	1,823,460,000	2,147,064,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent.....	3,165,660,000	3,181,478,000	3,195,722,000	3,189,942,000	3,203,711,000	3,185,685,000	3,186,031,000	3,170,639,000	3,620,140,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks.....	963,658,000	936,517,000	942,488,000	973,213,000	1,002,819,000	922,789,000	937,818,000	916,214,000	863,889,000
<b>How Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates.....	280,494,000	279,494,000	278,494,000	278,904,000	278,904,000	279,104,000	289,504,000	289,504,000	326,584,000
By eligible paper.....	472,735,000	542,655,000	506,016,000	394,305,000	364,604,000	357,166,000	321,998,000	320,444,000	649,546,000
Gold redemption fund.....	117,533,000	114,918,000	116,771,000	118,314,000	113,954,000	113,627,000	122,731,000	111,111,000	115,533,000
With Federal Reserve Board.....	1,331,240,000	1,307,894,000	1,351,953,000	1,425,206,000	1,443,430,000	1,512,999,000	1,514,380,000	1,533,366,000	1,664,588,000
Total.....	2,202,002,000	2,244,961,000	2,253,234,000	2,216,729,000	2,200,892,000	2,262,896,000	2,248,213,000	2,254,425,000	2,756,251,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.....	584,219,000	668,793,000	742,865,000	577,093,000	578,283,000	571,620,000	478,862,000	487,126,000	885,309,000

\* Includes Victory notes.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 7 1925

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>													

RESOURCES (Concludea) — Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Foreign loans on gold		\$ 1,746.0	\$ 582.0	\$ 702.0	\$ 342.0	\$ 264.0	\$ 894.0	\$ 294.0	\$ 216.0	\$ 276.0	\$ 228.0	\$ 456.0	\$ 6,000.0
All other earning assets			2,050.0							500.0			2,550.0
Total earning assets	107,950.0	275,015.0	73,130.0	143,735.0	35,929.0	29,239.0	143,909.0	44,076.0	29,176.0	53,350.0	53,200.0	121,256.0	1,109,965.0
Uncollected items	60,259.0	162,464.0	62,113.0	59,642.0	59,787.0	35,204.0	84,050.0	41,407.0	15,046.0	44,370.0	35,961.0	42,606.0	702,909.0
Bank premiums	4,190.0	16,243.0	1,114.0	12,746.0	2,446.0	2,780.0	8,099.0	3,182.0	2,901.0	3,968.0	1,833.0	3,266.0	57,595.0
All other resources	231.0	8,646.0	254.0	371.0	394.0	1,768.0	1,858.0	314.0	3,499.0	703.0	1,859.0	4,152.0	24,049.0
Total resources	418,780.0	1,496,631.0	373,478.0	458,348.0	225,049.0	247,687.0	634,288.0	197,824.0	154,882.0	215,176.0	168,090.0	453,105.0	5,043,338.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	197,298.0	374,478.0	159,267.0	193,460.0	83,721.0	140,314.0	192,163.0	56,637.0	70,622.0	71,536.0	54,020.0	211,867.0	1,805,333.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.	139,462.0	878,284.0	129,598.0	176,633.0	66,860.0	67,683.0	321,704.0	83,659.0	57,812.0	90,120.0	65,222.0	170,708.0	2,247,745.0
Government	1,451.0	9,069.0	1,187.0	1,104.0	760.0	1,605.0	2,633.0	2,039.0	1,202.0	1,805.0	855.0	2,330.0	26,040.0
Other deposits	350.0	30,951.0	322.0	1,474.0	129.0	148.0	1,791.0	1,354.0	508.0	670.0	173.0	4,870.0	42,748.0
Total deposits	141,271.0	918,304.0	131,107.0	179,211.0	67,749.0	69,436.0	328,128.0	87,052.0	59,522.0	92,595.0	66,250.0	177,908.0	2,316,533.0
Deferred availability items	55,574.0	113,094.0	52,360.0	49,659.0	55,356.0	23,754.0	68,804.0	38,633.0	13,084.0	37,300.0	35,371.0	38,810.0	581,799.0
Capital paid in	8,004.0	30,167.0	10,522.0	12,642.0	5,900.0	4,502.0	15,358.0	5,129.0	3,270.0	4,333.0	4,131.0	8,106.0	112,228.0
Surplus	16,382.0	58,749.0	20,059.0	22,462.0	11,701.0	8,950.0	30,426.0	9,971.0	7,487.0	8,377.0	7,592.0	15,071.0	217,837.0
All other liabilities	251.0	1,839.0	163.0	810.0	622.0	671.0	1,409.0	402.0	489.0	435.0	726.0	1,343.0	9,558.0
Total liabilities	418,780.0	1,496,631.0	373,478.0	458,348.0	225,049.0	247,687.0	634,288.0	197,824.0	154,882.0	215,176.0	168,090.0	453,105.0	5,043,338.0
Memoranda													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.	70.9	78.2	80.9	64.7	80.2	82.4	74.3	72.9	79.4	66.8	60.4	71.3	74.6
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents		13,042.0	4,468.0	5,138.0	2,591.0	1,966.0	6,657.0	2,234.0	1,564.0	1,966.0	1,698.0	3,386.0	44,720.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 7 1925.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. L.	Minn.	K. City.	Dallas	San Fr.	Total.
Resources— (In Thousands of Dollars)													
Federal Reserve notes on hand	49,350	331,940	41,400	56,650	23,095	57,045	254,038	25,660	15,725	26,753	16,802	65,200	963,658
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	233,572	523,313	204,620	220,807	102,901	165,374	210,500	64,135	73,730	80,610	61,237	261,203	2,202,002
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding													
Gold and gold certificates	35,300	188,531	6,000	8,780	---	3,500	---	10,775	13,052	---	14,556	---	280,494
Gold redemption fund	17,736	29,732	13,203	13,364	3,282	6,899	5,217	3,350	1,102	4,086	3,295	16,287	117,533
Gold Fund—Federal Reserve Board	112,000	208,000	149,389	135,000	74,795	132,500	160,645	43,000	59,500	58,380	18,500	181,551	4,667,760
Eligible paper (Amount required)	68,536	99,050	36,028	63,663	24,824	22,475	44,638	7,610	76	18,164	24,886	63,385	472,735
Excess amount held	7,075	9,498	1,545	21,933	3,982	4,157	23,608	22,987	3,921	2,384	4,253	6,141	111,484
Total	523,569	1,388,064	452,185	520,197	232,879	391,950	698,646	176,917	167,106	190,357	143,529	593,747	5,479,146
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from													
Comptroller of the Currency	282,922	855,253	246,020	277,457	125,996	222,419	464,538	89,795	89,455	107,363	78,039	326,403	3,165,660
Collateral received from (Gold)	165,036	424,263	168,592	157,144	78,077	142,899	165,862	57,125	73,654	62,446	36,351	197,818	1,729,627
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper)	75,611	108,548	37,573	85,596	28,806	26,632	68,246	29,997	3,997	20,548	29,139	69,526	584,219
Total	523,569	1,388,064	452,185	520,197	232,879	391,950	698,646	176,917	167,106	190,357	143,529	593,747	5,479,146
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	233,572	523,313	204,620	220,807	102,901	165,374	210,500	64,135	73,730	80,610	61,237	261,203	2,202,002
Federal Reserve notes held by banks	36,274	148,835	45,353	27,347	19,180	25,060	18,337	7,438	3,108	3,074	7,217	49,336	396,619
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	197,298	374,478	159,267	193,460	83,721	140,314	192,163	56,637	70,622	71,536	54,020	211,867	1,805,333

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 738 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 139

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Dec. 31 1924. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	42	108	55	76	75	36	100	33	25	71	50	66	737
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	10,396	71,719	11,266	22,446	7,224	7,692	30,421	11,806	8,339	4,461	3,870	9,834	194,974
Secured by stocks and bonds	291,485	2,200,809	306,818	410,397	122,282	66,489	666,132	177,592	54,961	93,928	67,397	209,470	4,667,760
All other loans and discounts	639,456	2,619,329	355,161	415,467	345,353	384,953	1,219,403	310,315	213,114	337,976	233,834	830,314	8,205,684
Total loans and discounts	941,337	4,891,857	673,245	1,148,289	475,889	459,134	1,915,956	499,713	271,914	436,365	305,101	1,049,618	13,068,418
U. S. pre-war bonds	13,446	52,526	10,672	45,101	25,733	15,001	21,837	14,341	8,481	10,432	18,698	25,051	261,319
U. S. Liberty bonds	88,217	634,613	52,733	175,557	36,916	10,191	162,616	27,207	27,094	38,641	13,014	120,798	1,387,597
U. S. Treasury bonds	12,417	177,464	27,016	20,585	5,005	2,368	40,100	5,782	3,533	6,402	4,327	50,686	361,515
U. S. Treasury notes	9,661	209,673	20,501	55,183	2,655	2,158	111,380	10,965	19,474	23,389	8,069	28,480	501,588
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	2,281	65,349	7,526	6,714	400	2,144	16,211	2,025	6,520	3,177	2,286	18,663	133,296
Other bonds, stocks and securities	195,280	1,136,153	256,720	343,992	64,874	43,463	419,300	103,409	37,163	72,945	20,599	191,643	2,885,541
Total loans & disc'ts & Investm'ts	1,262,639	7,167,635	1,048,413	1,795,421	611,472	534,459	2,687,400	663,442	379,999	591,351	372,094	1,484,949	18,599,274
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	95,500	803,192	79,400	108,773	38,102	36,119	238,367	49,601	26,921	57,094	32,785	113,923	1,679,777
Cash in vault	24,257	93,460	19,792	33,389	15,560	13,216	60,566	9,390	6,553	13,185	11,581	22,894	323,849
Net demand deposits	891,936	5,937,157	753,070	972,457	366,155	317,287	1,744,237	414,041	260,896	483,386	288,585	805,121	13,254,328
Time deposits	316,587	1,156,537	182,331	680,065	181,577	191,956	922,018	212,287	101,614	133,412	89,330	681,132	4,848,846
Government deposits	29,476	37,314	18,748	15,307	4,792	4,804	26,539	7,814	2,117	1,474	2,979	14,539	165,906
Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations	2,782	54,797	10,030	17,025	5,999	668	12,925	1,000	---	102	131	8,600	114,059
All other	8,454	3,603	3,060	6,765	8,845	5,511	172	716	50	---	1,936	1,314	40,426

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York City.		City of Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities		F. R. Branch Cities		Other Selected Cities		Total.		
	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 24 '24.	Jan. 2 '24.
Number of reporting banks	67	67	46	46	254	254	193	193	290	291	737	738	766
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations	67,447	73,363	23,212	24,686	133,527	137,520	33,560	31,913	27,887	26,840	194,974	196,273	238,929
Secured by stocks and bonds	1,973,919	1,970,909	500,625	509,117	3,437,867	3,426,795	674,365	665,912	555,528	548,307	4,667,760	4,641,014	4,029,958
All other loans and discounts	2,320,390	2,305,487	718,744	712,462	5,132,478	5,120,099	1,69						



Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 9 1925.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 181.

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 Ended Jan. 9, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock categories.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ending Jan. 9, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Indus. & Miscell. Par, Metallurgical, and various stock categories.

\* No par value.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Jan. 3, Jan. 5, Jan. 6, Jan. 7, Jan. 8, Jan. 9. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 23 1st 3 1/2's, 15 1st 4 1/2's, 25 2d 4 1/2's, 101 1/2's to 101 1/4's, 144 3d 4 1/2's, 61 4th 4 1/2's, 101 1/2's to 101 1/4's, 1 Treasury 4 1/2's, 104 1/2's.

Quotations for U. S. Treasury Notes and Certificates of Indebtedness.—See page 182.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 162. A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 163.

OCCUPYING FOUR PAGES.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), share prices, and stock names. Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'Industrial & Miscellaneous'.

\* Bid and asked prices xEx-dividend bEx-rights



For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their share counts.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1924. On basis of 100-share lots' and 'PER SHARE Range or Previous Year 1923.' listing price ranges for various stocks.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), share prices, and stock names. Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1924'.

Bid and ask prices: no sales this day. Ex-dividend. Par value changed from \$100 to \$50 and prices on cost basis beginning Jan 1. Ex-table



For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1924, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923. Rows include various stock listings like Pan-Amer Petr & Trans., Phillips Petroleum, etc.

Bid and asked prices on this day are divided by ex new rights. No par.



Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1924, and Bid/Ask/High/Low prices.

1 35-8. a Due Jan. s Due April. Due May. e Due June. b Due July 5 Due Aug Due Oct. p Due Nov. f Due Dec. o Option sale.



BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Jan. 9.

Table of bond listings for the first section, including columns for Bond, Price, Range, and Week's Range. Includes entries like 'Chic St P M & O cons 6s', 'Cons 6s reduced to 3 1/2s', etc.

BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Jan. 9.

Table of bond listings for the second section, including columns for Bond, Price, Range, and Week's Range. Includes entries like 'Illinois Central (Concluded)', 'Calro Bridge gold 4s', 'Litchfield Div 1st gold 3 1/2s', etc.

Due Jan. Due Feb. Due June Due July Due Sept. Due Oct. Option sale



Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Range Year, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.



Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Year, and various other financial metrics. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

Market status indicators: a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. i Option sale.



New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 5

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of Bond Record with columns: STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Jan. 9, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Yield 1924.

Table of Sundry Securities with columns: Standard Oil Stocks Par, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Sugar Stocks, Short Term Securities, Industrial & Miscellaneous.

Due Jan. 4 Due April. Due March. Due May. Due June. Due July. Due Aug. Due Oct. Due Dec. Option sale. \*New share. f No par value. b Basis. c Flat price. d Last sale. e Nominal. f Ex-dividend. g Ex-rights. h Purchaser also pays accrued dividends. i Ex-stock dividend. j Sale price. k Canadian quotation.



BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE—Stock Record

BONDS See Next Page

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 3, Monday Jan. 5, Tuesday Jan. 6, Wednesday Jan. 7, Thursday Jan. 8, Friday Jan. 9), Sales for the Week, STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Miscellaneous), Range for Year 1924 (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923 (Lowest, Highest).

\*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \*R-rights. \*Dx-div and rights. \*Dx-dividend. \*E-stock dividend. \*a Assessment paid. Price on new basis.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, both inclusive.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel 5s, Conv 6s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama Co., Amer Wholesale, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama C & I 5s, Central Ry cons 5s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Abbots A1 Dairies pref., Alliance Insurance, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Grant Portl Cement, Preferred, Insurance Co of N A, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, Elec & Peoples tr cts 4s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Pub Serv, American Shipbuilding, etc.

\* No par value.



Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1924 (Low, High), Industrial and Miscellaneous Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Rio Motor, Ryan Car Co, Standard Gas & Elec Co, etc.

Pittsburgh and St. Louis Stock Exchanges.—This week's record on the Pittsburgh and St. Louis Stock Exchanges will be found on page 182.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Jan. 3 to Jan. 9, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilation below.

Table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 9, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1924 (Low, High). Includes entries like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acme Coal Mining, Acme Packing, Adirondack P&L, Allied Packers, etc.

\* No par value.



Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1924.				Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.	Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1924.				
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.				Low.	High.			
Galena-Signal Oil com.100	57 3/4	56 3/4	58 3/4	570	52	Sept	70	July	58c	55c	58c	800	40c	Apr	75c	Feb
Humble Oil & Refining...25	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 3/4	11,400	34 1/2	Aug	43 1/2	Mar	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	6,000	1 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Oct
Illinois Pipe Line.....100	140 1/2	128	140 1/2	440	120	Sept	161	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,180	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	July
Imperial Oil (Can) coup.25	121	121	123 1/2	6,470	98 1/2	Apr	119	Jan	22c	22c	25c	5,000	3c	Feb	16c	Nov
Coupon new w l.....50	78 3/4	70 3/4	81 1/2	3,600	66	Sept	100	Jan	22c	22c	25c	5,000	2c	May	80c	Jan
Indiana Pipe Line.....100	142	137	144	980	122	July	162	Jan	22c	22c	25c	5,000	2c	May	80c	Jan
Magnolia Petroleum.....100	125	23	23 1/2	900	20 1/2	June	27 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	1,500	2	Apr	3 1/2	Dec
National Transit.....12.50	68 1/2	67	70	420	55	Aug	97	Jan	2 1/2	2	2 1/2	8,700	1	Apr	2 1/2	Dec
New York Transit.....100	68 1/2	67	70	420	55	Aug	97	Jan	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	1,500	2	Apr	3 1/2	Dec
Northern Pipe Line.....100	100	81 1/2	83 1/2	510	72	Nov	107 1/2	Jan	15c	17c	17c	7,000	2c	May	33c	Sept
Ohio Oil.....25	68	65	68 1/2	8,600	58	June	79 1/2	Jan	15c	17c	17c	7,000	2c	May	33c	Sept
Penn Mex Fuel.....25	38 1/2	36 1/2	39	2,000	27	July	43	Jan	6c	6c	6c	1,000	2c	Mar	10c	Sept
Prairie Oil & Gas.....100	225	211	227	8,500	193	Oct	269	Jan	7c	7c	7c	1,000	1c	June	6c	Nov
New when issued.....25	100	75	81 1/2	9,300	50 1/2	Nov	54 1/2	Dec	16	15	16	400	15	Feb	16	Dec
Prairie Pipe Line.....100	108	106	108	2,790	100	Feb	111	Feb								
Solar Refining.....100	212	200	214	340	175	July	230	Jan								
South Penn Oil.....100	156 1/2	140	157 1/2	2,760	117	June	171	Jan								
Southern Pipe Line.....100	94	92	94	250	80 1/2	Oct	100	Jan								
South West Pa Pipe L.....100	77	77	80	190	68	Dec	89	Jan								
Standard Oil (Indiana).....25	63 1/2	62 1/2	64	116,500	54 1/2	July	68 1/2	Jan								
Standard Oil (Kansas).....25	39 1/2	37	40	6,500	32 1/2	Aug	50 1/2	Jan								
Standard Oil (Ky).....25	120	117 1/2	120	3,500	101	May	121 1/2	Nov								
Standard Oil (Neb).....190	251	244	252	300	199	Jan	262	Nov								
Standard Oil of N Y.....25	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	25,800	37 1/2	May	48 1/2	Jan								
Stand Oil (Ohio) com.....100	117 1/2	117 1/2	118	30	115 1/2	Oct	120	May								
Preferred.....100	117 1/2	117 1/2	118	30	115 1/2	Oct	120	May								
Swan & Finch.....100	100	23	23	70	20	Nov	81	Jan								
Vacuum Oil.....25	82 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2	12,700	58 1/2	Jan	83 1/2	Nov								
Washington Oil.....10	20	25	30 1/2	20	25	Jan	30	Aug								
<b>Other Oil Stocks</b>																
Arkansas Nat Gas.....10	6	5 1/2	6	1,200	4	Oct	7	Jan								
Atlantic Lobos Oil com.....*	3 1/2	3	4	2,900	2 1/2	Dec	4 1/2	Jan								
Preferred.....		7 1/2	9 1/2	600	5	July	11	Jan								
British-American Oil.....25	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	400	32	June	36 1/2	Jan								
Carb Syndicate.....1		3 1/2	3 1/2	900	2 1/2	Oct	6 1/2	Jan								
Consolidated Royalties.....1		1	1	25,500	1	Jan	1 1/2	Feb								
Croole Syndicate.....5	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	500	2 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Dec								
Derby Oil & Refg com.....1		4 1/2	5	500	2 1/2	June	7 1/2	Dec								
Engineers Petroleum.....1		4c	5c	6,000	3c	Mar	13c	Jan								
Eucild Oil Co.....90c	90c	90c	93c	2,300	80c	Oct	1 1/2	Dec								
Gibson Oil.....1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	16,400	56 1/2	May	67 1/2	Nov								
Gulf Oil Corp of Pa.....25	67 1/2	65 1/2	67 1/2	11,200	56 1/2	May	67 1/2	Nov								
International Petroleum.....*	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	54,700	16 1/2	June	24 1/2	Nov								
Kirby Petroleum.....*	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	43,400	1 1/4	Apr	7	Dec								
Lago Petroleum Corp.....*	6	5 1/2	6 1/2	78,700	2 1/2	Jan	6 1/2	Dec								
Lance Creek Royalties.....1		2c	2c	49,000	1c	Aug	1 1/2	Feb								
Latin-Amer Oil.....1	2c	2c	2c	4,000	2c	Mar	3c	Dec								
Lone Star Gas.....25	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	1,000	11c	Aug	7 1/2	Nov								
Lyons Petroleum.....1		1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	1c	Dec	4 1/2	Jan								
Marland Oil of Mex.....1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,100	1c	Dec	4 1/2	Jan								
Mexican Eagle Oil.....5		3 1/2	3 1/2	200	2 1/2	June	4 1/2	Feb								
Mexican Panuco Oil.....10	74c	76c	76c	1,700	50c	Sept	1 1/4	Apr								
Mountain & Gulf Oil.....1		1 1/2	1 1/2	280	97c	Dec	1 1/4	Mar								
Mountain Producers.....10	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	18,400	16	Feb	20 1/2	Oct								
Mutual Oil vot trust cts.....5	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	201,100	9 1/2	July	13 1/2	Jan								
National Fuel Gas.....*	107	107	107	20	85	Jan	110 1/2	Sept								
New Bradford Oil.....5	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	1,400	3 1/2	Dec	6 1/2	Jan								
New England Fuel Oil.....5	21 1/2	20 1/2	24 1/2	500	17	Oct	44	July								
New York Oil.....25	9	8 1/2	9	500	8 1/2	Dec	14	Feb								
Noble (C F) Oil & G com.....1	11c	11c	11c	2,000	6c	Sept	16c	Feb								
Northwest Oil.....1		3c	3c	1,000	2c	Nov	9c	Jan								
Peer Oil Corp.....*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	6,900	96c	Nov	6	Jan								
Pennock Oil Corp (new).....*		18	19 1/2	3,000	12 1/2	Oct	18 1/2	Nov								
Pennsylvania Beaver Oil.....1	12c	10c	13c	43,000	9c	Dec	62c	Feb								
Red Bank Oil.....25	28	24 1/2	28 1/2	3,900	5 1/2	Jan	58	Aug								
Royal Can Oil Syndicate.....*	7 1/2	7 1/2	8	24,700	2 1/2	Apr	8 1/2	Dec								
Ryan Consol Petroleum.....*	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3 1/2	Jan	5 1/2	Mar								
Salt Creek Consol Oil.....10	7	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,700	6	Dec	10 1/2	Jan								
Salt Creek Producers.....10	26	24	26	14,200	19 1/2	Feb	27 1/2	Sept								
Sapulpa Refining.....5		1 1/2	1 1/2	300	82c	Jan	2 1/2	Mar								
Savoy Oil.....5		1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Oct	3 1/2	Jan								
Tidal-Osage Oil n-vot stk.....*		8 1/2	8 1/2	200	8	Jan	16 1/2	Jan								
Voting stock.....*	10	10	10	1,100	8	Jan	16 1/2	Jan								
United Cent Oil Corp.....*		2 1/2	3	600	2 1/2	Sept	4 1/2	Nov								
Venezuelan Petroleum.....*	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	12,500	2 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Nov								
Waco Oil & Gas.....1	5 1/2	5 1/2	6	13,200	4 1/2	May	8 1/2	Feb								
Woodburn Oil Corp.....*		70c	70c	200	50c	Jan	75c	Oct								
Woodley Petroleum Co.....*	6	5 1/2	6 1/2	2,000	5	Nov	13	May								
WY Oil & Gas.....1		5c	6c	2,000	3c	Dec	14c	Feb								
<b>Mining Stocks</b>																
American Exploration.....1		50c	50c	100	25c	Mar	1 1/2	Feb								
Arizona Globe Copper.....1	7c	7c	9c	26,000	3c	Oct	12c	Jan								
Calumet & Jerome Copper.....10	4 1/2	25c	25c	1,000	7c	Feb	38c	Dec								
Canario Copper.....10		4 1/2	4 1/2	16,100	1 1/2	May	4 1/2	Dec								
New.....		3 1/2	4 1/2	6,400												
Chino Extension.....45c	40c	45c	45c	4,000	35c	Dec	40c	Dec								
Comstock Tun & Drain 100	37c	34c	37c	20,000	15c	Aug	34c	Dec								
Consol Copper Mines.....1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	17,900	1 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Nov								
Cortez Silver.....1 1/2	10c	10c	11c	5,000	10c	June	70c	Mar								



**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of December. The table covers 13 roads and shows 5.84% decrease from the same week last year.

Fourth Week of December.	1924.	1923.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ann Arbor	131,227	154,641	-----	23,414
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	418,208	505,038	-----	86,830
Canadian Pacific	4,296,000	5,534,000	-----	1,238,000
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	126,036	130,628	-----	4,592
Great Northern	2,248,738	2,203,339	-----	45,399
Minneapolis & St. Louis	286,937	324,021	-----	37,084
Mobile & Ohio	371,846	431,733	-----	59,887
Nevada-California-Oregon	8,973	9,440	-----	467
St. Louis San Francisco	2,396,243	2,156,280	-----	239,963
St. Louis Southwestern	707,966	729,944	-----	21,978
Southern Railway System	5,258,739	5,153,442	-----	105,297
Western Maryland	1,678,251	1,710,618	-----	32,367
<b>Total (13 roads)</b>	<b>17,941,485</b>	<b>19,054,616</b>	<b>391,488</b>	<b>1,504,619</b>
<b>Net decrease (5.84%)</b>			<b>1,113,131</b>	

In the following we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
	\$	\$	\$	
1st week October (16 roads)	20,743,925	22,525,076	-1,781,151	7.90
2d week October (16 roads)	20,567,810	22,435,931	-1,868,121	8.32
3d week October (16 roads)	23,294,670	21,936,283	1,358,387	6.19
4th week October (16 roads)	31,627,038	35,092,977	-3,465,938	10.95
1st week November (16 roads)	21,523,466	22,971,811	-1,448,345	6.16
2d week November (16 roads)	20,905,122	23,411,584	-2,506,462	10.70
3d week November (16 roads)	20,734,931	22,568,666	-1,833,735	8.84
4th week November (16 roads)	24,470,236	27,366,760	-2,896,524	10.58
1st week December (16 roads)	19,379,076	20,782,125	-1,403,049	6.75
2d week December (16 roads)	18,620,438	20,042,471	-1,422,033	7.09
3d week December (16 roads)	13,038,076	19,648,054	-6,609,978	8.29
4th week December (13 roads)	17,941,485	19,054,616	-1,113,131	5.84

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), these being very comprehensive, they including all the Class A roads in the country, with a total mileage each month as stated in the footnote to the table.

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1924.	1923.	Increase or Decrease.	1924.	1923.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Jan	467,887,013	501,497,837	-33,610,824	83,953,867	93,386,257	-9,432,390
Feb	477,809,944	445,870,232	+31,939,712	104,117,278	70,729,908	+33,387,370
Mar	504,016,114	534,644,454	-30,628,340	114,754,514	117,668,590	-2,914,076
Apr	474,094,758	522,336,874	-48,242,116	101,680,719	122,974,961	-21,294,242
May	476,458,749	546,934,882	-70,476,133	96,048,087	126,496,150	-30,448,063
June	464,759,956	540,202,295	-75,442,339	101,527,990	124,374,592	-22,846,602
July	507,704,944	534,222,102	-26,517,158	112,626,696	122,228,450	-9,601,754
Aug	507,406,011	533,358,029	-25,952,018	124,669,714	136,817,995	-12,148,281
Sept.	539,853,860	544,970,083	-5,116,223	165,049,184	134,911,897	+30,137,287
Oct.	571,405,130	586,540,887	-15,135,757	168,750,421	142,540,585	+26,209,836

*Note.*—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been January, 10.08% decrease; February, 47.19% increase; March, 2.47% decrease; April, 17.32% decrease; May, 24.07% decrease; June, 18.37% decrease; July, 7.86% decrease; August, 1.57% decrease; September, 22.33% increase; October, 18.38% increase. In January the length of road covered was 238,698 miles in 1924, against 235,830 miles in 1923; in February, 235,506 miles, against 235,876 miles; in March, 235,715 miles, against 236,520 miles; in April, 235,963 miles, against 235,665 miles; in May, 235,894 miles, against 234,452 miles; in June, 236,001 miles, against 235,691 miles; in July, 235,145 miles, against 235,407 miles; in August, 235,172 miles, against 235,445 miles; in September, 235,178 miles, against 235,640 miles; in October, 235,189 miles, against 235,625 miles.

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the third week of December.

Third Week of December.	1924.	1923.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Previously reported (15 roads)	17,929,755	19,531,881	315,168	1,917,294
Ann Arbor	108,321	116,173	-----	7,852
<b>Total (16 roads)</b>	<b>18,038,076</b>	<b>19,648,054</b>	<b>315,168</b>	<b>1,925,146</b>
<b>Net decrease (8.29%)</b>			<b>1,609,978</b>	

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Achison Topeka & Santa Fe—						
Panhandle & Santa Fe—						
November	1,201,554	1,017,707	694,518	369,898	611,550	347,859
From Jan 1.	10,010,298	8,012,537	3,116,770	1,573,115	2,736,934	1,304,153
Atlanta & West Point—						
November	251,158	268,972	53,159	71,155	37,799	55,317
From Jan 1.	2,649,520	2,710,693	58,081	639,585	417,869	475,145
Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine—						
November	205,328	202,702	46,963	29,610	35,963	32,110
From Jan 1.	2,290,941	2,388,956	65,299	88,002	-55,701	-41,998
Chicago Peoria & St. Louis—						
November	111,378	124,311	-3,399	3,809	-8,280	3,721
From Jan 1.	1,191,738	1,291,899	55,698	31,842	12,621	-34,874
Colorado Southern—						
Trinity & Brazos Valley—						
November	354,277	741,901	148,323	243,740	141,207	236,053
From Jan 1.	2,104,211	3,233,073	9,519	914,267	-71,472	834,966
Detroit Terminal—						
November	174,756	171,341	42,267	58,130	26,722	34,178
From Jan 1.	2,131,768	1,979,154	586,137	707,025	373,453	513,985
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic—						
November	414,548	490,452	61,870	106,588	29,870	78,588
From Jan 1.	5,523,207	5,439,393	1,082,982	1,068,727	735,879	754,599
Lake Superior & Ishpeming—						
November	119,375	186,298	24,268	77,441	12,920	66,390
From Jan 1.	1,743,726	2,213,814	496,037	817,160	354,894	693,235
Louisiana Ry & Navigation—						
November	350,923	341,892	33,224	87,465	11,212	61,301
From Jan 1.	3,794,478	3,596,154	413,262	586,501	210,512	386,414
Monongahela Connecting—						
November	143,464	185,302	482	11,780	-4,434	-10,005
From Jan 1.	1,763,234	2,490,240	105,583	443,627	50,567	417,318
Nevada Northern—						
November	91,551	102,265	44,596	61,408	7,202	54,176
From Jan 1.	997,616	938,280	506,246	525,011	404,869	448,526

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Pennsylvania System—						
Toledo Peoria & Western—						
November	138,756	140,682	-7,886	-22,150	-2,886	-33,188
From Jan 1.	1,767,287	1,693,003	171,082	-131,954	63,773	-254,217
Peoria & Pekin Union—						
November	160,196	165,644	2,575	61,436	-13,425	46,436
From Jan 1.	1,647,048	1,640,531	300,450	367,541	154,450	232,541
Pittsburgh & Shawmut—						
November	109,069	72,189	21,234	-26,257	9,257	-26,372
From Jan 1.	1,036,261	1,172,110	50,236	-127,040	14,341	-144,155
Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern—						
November	150,045	106,625	37,426	-6,799	34,772	-9,184
From Jan 1.	1,360,021	1,283,261	108,654	-164,744	79,117	-192,560
Pullman Co.—						
November	5,242,188	5,384,030	65,758	61,500	-178,742	-38,342
From Jan 1.	66,870,509	66,523,809	10,792,477	12,452,213	7,542,685	8,062,613
Quincy Omaha & Kansas City—						
November	78,685	105,419	-10,201	20,147	-18,862	16,143
From Jan 1.	963,980	1,156,548	-70,338	-74,865	-119,817	-122,145
St. Louis Transfer—						
November	60,383	72,597	12,804	15,300	12,074	12,912
From Jan 1.	716,774	803,163	112,329	247,616	109,153	

**Swift & Company.**

(40th Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 1 1924.)

Excerpts from the address by Pres. Louis F. Swift at the 40th annual meeting of shareholders at Chicago, Jan. 8, follow:

This meeting marks the rounding out of 40 years for Swift & Co., and I am glad to express the opinion that the company is now in a better position and has better prospects than ever before. We have had a good year and look forward hopefully to the future. The year was fairly normal and free of the unusual problems of the several previous years. The members of our organization are entitled to credit for having done very good work during the year and our strong position is due largely to their efforts.

During the past year our sales were over \$775,000,000. The receipts of hogs during the year 1924 were practically the same as during the year 1923, which was a record year in the industry, and this means that we have had to provide an outlet for an enormous quantity of pork. The first week of December, 1924, when the International Live-Stock Exposition was being held, broke all records for hog receipts at Chicago. The receipts of cattle and sheep during 1924 were about the same as during 1923.

Cattle prices in 1924 averaged about the same as in 1923. Hog prices averaged about 7% higher than for 1923. Lamb prices, which have been on a high level since early in 1922, averaged 5% higher in 1924 than in 1923. Increasing prices for by-products have helped the company considerably. Higher prices for hides have made it possible to show good results on cattle and beef operations.

During the fiscal year ended Nov. 1 the company paid out for live stock \$357,000,000, and slaughtered 17,509,946 animals.

The company's stock is now owned by over 47,000 shareholders, of whom more than one-third are employees of the company.

The coming year promises to be a good one in the packing industry. Indications are that the country will enjoy general prosperity, in which case there will undoubtedly be a good demand for meat and all our other products. Our relations with employees have continued to be harmonious. There has been no change in the general scale of wages during the past year.

**OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR.**

	Nov. 1 1924.	Nov. 3 1923.	Nov. 4 1922.	Nov. 5 1921.
12 Months ending—				
Business done	\$775,000,000	\$750,000,000	\$650,000,000	\$800,000,000
Trading profit	(?)	(?)	(?)	12,187,708
Loss on inventory				20,000,000
Net earnings	\$14,125,988	\$13,184,619	\$13,049,217	loss \$8,122,292
Cash divs. (8%)	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Balance, surplus, & A After interest and depreciation.	2,125,988	1,184,619	1,049,217	df19,812,292

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.**

	Nov. 1 1924.	Nov. 3 1923.	Nov. 4 1922.	Nov. 5 1921.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Real estate & improv'ts, including branches	\$115,088,438	\$9,422,843	\$92,665,422	\$6,942,769
Stocks and bonds	25,014,722	42,155,316	42,998,171	37,696,253
Cash	7,806,098	7,934,410	22,051,890	12,067,488
Accounts receivable	84,757,494	107,697,908	110,903,672	121,365,893
Live cattle, sheep, hogs, dressed beef, &c.	105,124,252	90,653,967	86,424,828	93,771,464
Total assets	337,791,003	337,864,443	355,043,986	361,843,867
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Capital stock	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000
1st Mtge. 5% bonds	26,921,000	27,588,500	28,256,000	28,923,500
7% gold notes due 1931			25,000,000	25,000,000
7% gold notes				40,000,000
5% gold notes, 1932	49,000,000	49,500,000	50,000,000	
Notes payable	16,469,033	21,240,650	16,140,000	33,853,100
Accounts payable	17,804,463	14,742,407	11,804,493	11,331,603
General reserves	11,520,693	10,819,058	11,054,285	10,995,672
Surplus	66,099,815	63,973,827	62,789,208	61,739,991
Total liabilities	337,791,003	337,864,443	355,043,986	361,843,867

—V. 119, p. 2891.

**Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit, Michigan.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended November 30, 1924.)

President R. B. Jackson Dec. 26 wrote in brief:

You will be pleased with the profits, the substantial gains and financial soundness, amply justifying the cash and stock dividend policy pursued during the year. The outlook for the new fiscal year is very encouraging. Orders are plentiful and our domestic and export shipments for December will total about 12,000 cars.

**PRODUCTION AND SALES OF CARS FOR YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.**

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Hudson	128,715	46,186	26,271	13,411	23,631	18,821
Essex	41,998	34,962	12,004	24,808	20,465	

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.**

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross profits from sales of autos and parts	\$16,247,873	\$14,472,351	\$12,631,176
Int. earned and other income	396,195	380,675	317,666
Total income	\$16,644,067	\$14,853,026	\$12,948,843
Selling, adv., admin. & general expenses, &c.	5,719,217	4,423,113	3,339,661
Depreciation	1,730,792	1,282,890	1,220,387
Interest paid			133,917
Prov. for Fed'l taxes	1,120,600	1,143,400	1,012,200
Net income	8,073,458	8,003,624	7,242,677
Previous surplus	9,459,979	5,289,475	10,508,287
Cash divs. paid	3,781,394	3,601,255	
Stock div. during year	1,500,625		
Conting. reserve	250,000		1,761,489
Surp. tr. to cap. stock account	1,800,000		10,700,000
Adj. Fed. taxes prior years			231,865
Profit & loss surplus Nov. 30	\$10,201,419	\$9,459,979	\$5,289,475

Note.—Hudson Motor Car Co. acquired Essex Motors on May 27 1922.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.**

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Real estate, plant and equipment	\$10,862,992	\$10,050,272		
Cash	6,876,721	5,354,486		
Sight drafts	2,050,652	115,587		
Accts. rec. & trade acceptances	556,764	486,488		
Inventories	6,118,173	6,453,355		
Investments	84,110	69,110		
U. S. securities	6,000,000	4,000,000		
Deferred charges	954,706	857,450		
Total	33,504,119	27,386,747		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Capital stock			\$16,501,625	\$13,201,000
Current accounts payable, not due			4,410,386	2,516,504
Taxes, pay-rolls, &c., accrued			1,020,088	1,065,864
Reserve for Federal taxes payable			1,120,600	1,143,400
Res. for conting.			250,000	
Surplus			10,201,419	9,459,979
Total			33,504,119	27,386,747

\* Real estate, plant and equipment, \$17,276,781 (incl. equity in land purchased, subject to \$225,700 balance of purchase price not due); less reserves for depreciation, \$6,413,795. y Capital stock, 1,320,050 shares, without par value, and 100 shares, \$10 par value.—V. 119, p. 3016.

**International Shoe Co.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 30, 1924.)

The financial report showing the results of operations for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30 1924 says in substance:

The company's net sales to customers for fiscal year ending Nov. 30 1924 were \$110,240,651.

The subsidiary plants (such as tanneries of sole leather and upper leather, carton and box factories, heel factories, chemical, rubber cement, etc.), produced, during 1924, shoe materials and shoe supplies amounting to \$44,517,840 which combined with the sales made an aggregate of \$154,758,491 business transacted. Net earnings (after taxes) for the fiscal year were \$13,060,795.

Many economies result from the operation of the subsidiary plants. They are run solely for company's own consumption and furnish to its shoe factories materials and supplies of superior quality and at prices below those of the open market.

The company has recently bought from C. C. Smoot & Sons, a sole leather tannery located at North Wilkesboro, N. C. This, in the opinion of officers and directors, will prove a valuable adjunct to its tanning industry.

The Mark Twain Rubber Tire Plant at Hannibal, Mo., has been lately purchased. The plant was built about three years ago and is equipped with a line of modern machinery. It is a well constructed building, in good physical condition and well adapted for making rubber heels. It will be used for this purpose as soon as the special machinery necessary for making rubber heels can be installed.

Plans are now being drawn and work will soon begin on the construction of a shoe factory at Perryville, Mo. This factory will produce about 3000 pairs of shoes daily. It will give to the Company a total manufacturing capacity of 180,000 pairs of shoes per day.

Company's shoe prices for 1924 were lower than in 1923. The reduction in prices applied to 1924 shipments amounted to approximately \$5,000,000 or about 4 1/2% on net sales. The difference made it increasingly difficult to show a gain in volume of shipments for the year. Shipments for 1924 were \$317,913 greater than last year's shipments. The number of pairs shipped in 1924 were greatly in excess of any other year and bear testimony to the increasing popularity of our shoes.

In view of the satisfactory operating results and financial condition of the company, directors felt warranted in voting an increase in the annual dividend on the common stock from \$4 to \$5 per share. Commencing Jan. 1 1925 the increased dividend will be paid quarterly at the rate of \$1.25 per share.

From several standpoints, 1924 is of unusual interest—it not only set a new high standard in volume of sales and in earnings, but despite the disconcerting influence of a presidential election, when buying generally lagged, our organization found itself and showed an unparalleled spirit of co-operation and accomplishment.

We look forward with conservative optimism to a good year in 1924. [Signed Jackson Johnson, Chairman; Frank C. Rand, President.]

**INCOME ACCOUNT—YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.**

	1924.	1923.	1922.
x Purchases of shoes and other manu- factured mdse.	\$110,240,651	\$109,922,738	\$97,366,404
y Cost of shoes & mdse. sold	94,968,964	100,498,151	87,315,254
Operating profit	\$15,271,687	\$9,424,587	\$10,051,150
z Miscellaneous earnings	see y	2,766,151	2,145,581
Gross earnings	\$15,271,687	\$12,190,738	\$12,196,731
Interest charges on notes payable	148,424	486,750	456,910
Provision for income taxes	2,062,468	1,405,347	1,502,864
Preferred dividends (8%)	1,424,000	1,421,753	1,414,945
Common dividends	3,680,000	2,523,539	1,825,788
Rate per share	\$4	\$2.75	\$2
Surplus for year	\$7,956,795	\$6,353,351	\$6,996,224

x After deducting returns and allowances for prepayments. y After charging operating expenses, depreciation (\$938,086 in 1924, \$689,940 in 1923 and \$618,332 in 1922) and maintenance of physical properties, selling administrative, and warehouse expenses, and credit loss (less discounts on purchases and other miscellaneous earnings in 1924). z Discounts on purchases, interest and dividends received, rentals charged to factories and other receipts.

**BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.**

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Physical prop.	\$12,015,973	\$11,876,196		
Good-will, trade marks & brands	12,750,000	12,750,000		
Inv. in stocks & bds. of other cos.	203,329	309,791		
Cash	11,191,869	2,194,475		
Notes receivable	94,226	101,500		
Accts. rec. & adv.	19,035,518	17,439,750		
Inventories	25,258,305	31,030,418		
U's & adv. to emp.	68,978	163,955		
Def. charges, &c.	184,302	277,556		
Total	\$80,802,499	\$76,143,643		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
8% Cum. stk.	17,800,000	17,800,000		
Com. stk. equity	56,417,748	48,460,953		
Notes payable			4,102,500	
Accounts payable	3,501,785	3,473,610		
Officers & empl. bal., dep., &c.		793,966	617,580	
Reserve for taxes	2,200,000	1,600,000		
Prof. stk. div. res.	89,000	89,000		
Total	\$80,802,499	\$76,143,643		

x Physical properties at tanneries, shoe factories, supply departments and sales branches, as follows: Land and water rights, \$857,923; buildings and structures, \$11,508,683; machinery and equipment, \$9,119,558; total, \$21,486,164. Less reserve for depreciation, \$9,470,191.

y Common stock authorized, 1,400,000 shares no par value, issued and outstanding, 920,000 shares.—V. 120, p. 92.

**GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.**

**STEAM RAILROADS.**

Annual Statistical Number of "Railway Age" Issued Jan. 3.—Some of the more noteworthy contents of this issue, reviewing the year 1924, are indexed as follows: Editorial: (a) The Outlook for Railway Prosperity; (b) Business Prospects and Capital Expenditures (c) Railway Executives on Railway Problems and Outlook; (d) Danger in Tendency to Make Consolidations too Large; (e) Railway Expenditures will Establish new Records in 1925, pages 1 to 32. General Review Section: (a) New Transportation Records, p. 34; (b) Canadian Railways Hold their Own, p. 37; (c) Outcome in Mexico Still in Doubt, p. 44; (d) The Progress of Consolidation, p. 48; (d) Status of Accounts with the Government, p. 50. Statistical Section: A Statistical Review of the Railroad Year 1924, p. 51; (b) Construction Activities in 1924, p. 59; (c) Locomotive Orders in 1924, p. 69; (d) Freight Car Orders in 1924, p. 75; (e) 1924 Passenger Car Orders Large, p. 83; (f) Material Costs Lower in 1924, p. 88; (g) Receiverships and Foreclosure Sales, p. 95; (h) Automatic Train Control Progress, p. 97; (i) Dividend Changes on Stocks in 1924, p. 112. Foreign Railway Section, pp. 113 to 162. General News Section, p. 163.

Twelve-Year Strike Called Off.—Bangor & Aroostook trains operated over Maine Central tracks between Bangor and North Main Junction for first time since 1912, Maine Central's 12-year sympathetic strike of engineers who refused to handle Aroostook trains having been called off.—"Wall St. Journal" Jan. 2, p. 3.

Western Pacific RR. Concludes New Wage Agreement with Firemen, Enginemen and Hostlers.—Terms not yet announced.—"New York News Bureau" Jan. 9.

Supporters of Howell—Barkly Bill to Abolish U. S. RR. Labor Board Will Rally Behind Some Senate Measure was dropped in House but Representative Barkley reports chances for early consideration by Senate are good.—"New York Times" Jan. 3, p. 4.

Repair of Freight Cars.—Freight cars in need of repair on Dec. 15 totaled 189,104, or 8.2% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 36 under the number reported on Dec. 1, at which time there were 189,140, or 8.2%. Freight cars in need of heavy repair on Dec. 15 totaled 145,241, or 6.3%. This was a decrease of 1,045 compared with Dec. 1. Freight cars in need of light repair totaled 43,863, or 1.9%, an increase of 1,009 compared with Dec. 1.

Repair of Locomotives.—Locomotives in need of repair on Dec. 15 totaled 12,009, 18.7% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 435 locomotives over the number in need of repair on Dec. 1, at which time there were 11,574, or 18%. Of the total number, 6,348, or 9.9%, were in need of classified repairs, an increase compared with Dec. 1 of 220, while 5,661, or 8.8%, were in need of running repair, an increase of 215 during the same period. Class I railroads on



Dec. 15 had 4,808 serviceable locomotives in storage, a decrease of 96 under the number in storage on Dec. 1. The railroads during the first half of December repaired and turned out of the shops 36,018 locomotives, a decrease of 130 compared with the number repaired during the last half of November.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 3 1925:** (a) Revenue freight still the heaviest for the season, V. 120, p. 22. (b) S. Davies Warfield's analysis of the railroad section of President Coolidge's message to Congress—Asks to be relieved of presidency of National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities—Pooling of box cars suggested, p. 47. (c) Resolution of National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities acknowledging services of S. Davies Warfield—Milton W. Harrison new President, p. 48. (d) Operating efficiency of railroads of U. S. during 1924 results in saving of approximately \$600,000,000 to shippers, p. 49. (e) I.-S. C. C. endeavoring to bring about rate scale standards, p. 50. (f) I.-S. C. C. on reimbursements under Transportation Act of deficits under Federal control, p. 50. (g) I.-S. C. C. finds railroad construction not keeping pace with abandonments, p. 50. (h) I.-S. C. C. on lack of funds to carry on work, p. 51.

**Alabama & Vicksburg Ry.—Stock.**—The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$2,100,000 Common stock to be distributed as a 100% stock dividend.—V. 120, p. 83; V. 119, p. 2757, 2405.

**Ashland Coal & Iron Ry.—Control and Lease.**—See Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. below.—V. 119, p. 577.

**Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Common Dividend Increased.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Common stock, payable March 2 to holders of record Jan. 30. This places the Common stock on a 7% annual basis, compared with 6% per annum (1 1/2% quarterly) paid from 1910 to 1924, incl. Div. record follows:

**Dividends**—'00. '01. '02-'05. '06. '07. '08. '09. 1910 to Dec. 1924.  
Common (%) 0 3 1/4 4 yrly. 4 1/2 6 2 5 1/2 6% yrly. (1 1/2% Q-M)  
Preferred (%) 4 5 5 yrly. 5 5 5 5 5% yrly (2 1/2% F&A)

President W. B. Storey in discussing the increase said that it was done in justice to the holders of the Common stock on which the company had been earning much more than 6% for many years. He said that the conservative policy of holding the rate at 6% even when the earnings were much higher had enabled the company to continue the 6% rate through the uncertain period following the war, when many other railroads were forced to cut their disbursements.

In 1925 the company expects to spend \$60,000,000 for improvements, including \$26,000,000 appropriated last year, but not spent. Among the larger items in the budget are \$2,500,000 for rail and track material, \$1,500,000 for bridges, additional yard tracks, \$4,500,000, and new equipment to the amount of \$8,200,000. The larger part of this equipment has been ordered. Mr. Storey said that no new financing was contemplated to care for these improvements because it was believed that the earnings of the property would take care of them.

When asked if the increase in the dividend rate bore any relation to the recent request to the Kansas P. U. Commission for the right to sell \$100,000,000 of Common stock (V. 118, p. 2040), he replied that there was no intention to dispose of this stock during the year but that it was being held ready for future needs.

**Operation of Line.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 27 issued a certificate authorizing the company to operate a line of railroad in Tulare County, Calif., which extends from Richgrove station in a westerly direction, a distance of approximately 4 miles, and known as the Richgrove spur.—V. 119, p. 1951, 322.

**Atlanta Terminal Co.—Seeks Bond Issue.**—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$200,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 5% Gold bonds to be guaranteed by the Southern Ry., the Atlanta & West Point RR. and the Central of Georgia RR. The bonds are to be sold to Clark Dodge & Co. of New York at 98.—V. 110, p. 260.

**Birmingham & Southeastern Ry.—Plan of Readjustm't.** A plan of readjustment, dated Dec. 3, 1924, has been adopted by the committee for the 1st mtge. 50-year 6% gold bonds. This committee consists of George C. Van Tuyl, Jr., Chairman, H. A. Smith, Frederick Gates and Ernest C. Rollins, with I. Howard Lehman, Counsel, and H. M. DeLanote, Sec., 66 Broadway, New York. The Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York, is depository.

The plan of readjustment is briefly stated as follows:  
**Bonds in Default.**—There are now outstanding \$539,000 1st Mtge. 50-Year 6% Gold Bonds dated May 1, 1911 and an issue of \$161,000 General & Equipment Mtge. 10-Year 6% Gold Bonds dated Nov. 1 1913.

The committee of holders of 1st Mtge. Bonds, (Geo. C. Van Tuyl, Jr., Chairman), holds \$513,600 of the First Mortgage Bonds.  
The Nov. 1 1916 and subsequent coupons on the First Mortgage Bonds has not been paid and the Aug. 1 1915 and subsequent coupons on the General Mortgage Bonds remains unpaid.

**Foreclosure Sale Jan. 12.**—The properties of the company are in receivership, and a decree has been entered for the foreclosure of the First Mortgage and of the General Mortgage, and for the sale of the properties covered thereby. The special masters appointed by the court have fixed Jan. 12 as the date of sale of the properties.

**Contract of Sale.**—Under date of Nov. 22 1924, the committee entered into a contract of sale with Winton M. Blount, Roberts Blount, Ada S. Blount and E. J. Pierce, of Union Springs, Ala., F. J. Lisman & Co., N. Y. City, representing General Mortgage Bonds, are also parties to the contract of sale.

The contract of sale provides, in substance, among other things, as follows:

(a) At the foreclosure sale the committee will bid for the railway properties \$134,750 and to such greater amount as the purchasers may request or approve, provided, however, that in the event of any purchase at a greater amount pursuant to any such request or approval, the purchasers will, in addition to the amounts to be paid by them under the contract of sale, pay to the committee an amount equal to such additional sum which the committee will be compelled to pay in cash to the special masters in respect of any First Mortgage Bonds not held by the committee, by reason of such bid being in excess of the sum of \$134,750.

If the railway properties shall be purchased by the committee, the committee agrees to sell the same to the purchasers and the purchasers agree to purchase the same from the committee, on the following terms:

(1) The purchasers will pay to the committee the sum of \$168,957 in cash. (2) The purchasers will pay or cause the receivers to pay the expenses of sale, including the expenses and compensation of the special masters, as well as all expenses, allowances and disbursements of the receivers, &c. (3) The purchasers will acquire from or through F. J. Lisman & Co. (not beyond one year from the date of the closing of the transaction) General Mortgage Bonds at 16.16% of the principal amount thereof. (The maximum obligation of the purchasers in this respect if all of the outstanding General Mortgage Bonds are tendered to them is, accordingly, \$26,917.)

As security on the part of the purchasers that they will faithfully perform the covenants of the contract of sale they have deposited with the committee \$5,000 in cash and certificates of deposit representing \$60,000 of deposited First Mortgage Bonds.

In the event that the railway properties shall not be purchased by the committee because of a bid therefor in excess of \$134,750, or if the railway properties shall be purchased by the committee at a higher price without the consent or approval of the purchasers, the contract of sale, at the option of the committee, shall be terminated.

**\$250 to be Paid to Each Holder of \$1,000 First Mtge. Bonds.**—It is the intention of the committee and the purpose of this plan to carry out the provisions of the contract of sale, and after or subject to the payment and discharge of all the obligations and expenses of the committee, including the reasonable compensation of its members, Secretary, Counsel, Depository, and their New York and Alabama counsel, expenses in connection with the promulgation and effectuation of this plan and agreement, cash to be paid into court with respect to undeposited First Mortgage Bonds, and any other incidental outlays, to distribute the cash to be received by it *pro rata* among the holders of the deposited First Mortgage Bonds, and this plan of adjustment involves the carrying out of the contract of sale and the settlement of the obligations and expenses and the making of such distribution.

The sum of \$168,957 to be received by the committee from the purchasers is expected to provide for all of the items aforesaid and to leave for distribution by the committee among the holders of the deposited First Mortgage Bonds the sum of \$134,750, or at the rate of 25% of the principal amount of the outstanding First Mortgage Bonds. Accordingly, it is expected that promptly upon the consummation of this plan there will be distributed to the holders of the deposited First Mortgage Bonds a sum equal to \$250 for each \$1,000 deposited First Mortgage Bonds.

**A New Road to Acquire Property.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 23 issued a certificate authorizing the Birmingham & Southeastern R.R. to acquire and operate the line of railroad of the railway company extending from Union Springs to Eclectic, a distance of 46.89 miles, all in the State of Alabama. The Commission on Dec. 20 authorized the company to issue \$300,000 capital stock in connection with the acquisition.

The report of the Commission says in part:  
The indebtedness of the Birmingham to creditors other than the holders of its bonds is small. The bondholders have been negotiating with Winton M. Blount, one of the receivers, with a view to having him guarantee that the property will bring a certain specified amount and have agreed to ask the court to confirm the sale if this amount is bid and paid into court. Winton M. Blount and three other individuals, together designated hereinafter as the prospective purchasers, have agreed to bid at the sale the amount specified by the bondholders, who are to accept \$225,000 for their interest in the property. The prospective purchasers have arranged to borrow the \$225,000 from the Western Ry. Co. of Alabama and as evidence of the proposed indebtedness will give their notes secured by a purchase-money mortgage covering the property to be acquired. They also propose to pay or assume the payment of certain indebtedness of the Birmingham amounting to \$26,961 and in this connection to give additional notes in the amount of \$25,000, also secured by mortgage.

The prospective purchasers expect to acquire the property of the Birmingham at the foreclosure sale. They propose to organize, under the laws of Alabama, a new corporation under the name of the Birmingham & Southeastern Railroad, and transfer to it the property to be acquired. In payment for the property the new corporation is to issue \$300,000 Capital stock and assume the indebtedness to be incurred by the incorporators in making the purchase at foreclosure.

It is obvious that the interests served by the railroad under consideration require that its operation be continued. The termination of the existing receivership is desirable. The proposed acquisition of the railroad by the new company will result in a great reduction in capitalization and in the amount of securities bear fixed interest. The new company is to be organized on a basis that should enable it to finance such additions and betterments as may be needed, improve the service of the railroad, and earn a fair return on the proposed investment.—V. 119, p. 3004.

**Boston & Maine RR.—Valuation—Readjustment.**—The dispatch from Washington on Dec. 30 giving the valuation of the road as of "June 30 1924," should have read June 30 1914. Compare V. 120, p. 83.

The first meeting of the General Readjustment Committee was held Jan. 3. The financial situation of the road was discussed, particularly regarding the bonds maturing within the next five years.

W. Rodman Peabody was elected Chairman of the committee, and was authorized to appoint a sub-committee to prepare a tentative financial readjustment plan to be presented to the full committee at their next meeting.

According to Boston advices, a contest is on in the affairs of the B. & M., pertaining to the proposed readjustment of the road's financial structure. At the request of the voting trustees—representing about 85,000 shares of Common and Preferred—a committee has been organized representing large Boston savings banks, insurance companies, leading banking interests, together with a director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford RR. "to serve without compensation as a general committee representing bondholders and stockholders of the B. & M., to decide upon and carry out a plan for the readjustment of the finances of the road."—V. 120, p. 83; V. 119, p. 3005.

**Canadian National Rys.—General Manager.**—W. C. Muir has been appointed General Manager of the express department of the system, effective Dec. 15 1924.—V. 119, p. 2405.

**Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Acquisition of Control.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 23 authorized the company to acquire control by lease of the Ashland Coal & Iron Ry., the Long Fork Ry. and the Millers Creek RR.

The company owns all of the capital stock of the Ashland Co., the Long Fork Co. and the Millers Creek Co. It proposes to acquire control of the railroads of the three companies under separate leases, for the term of one year, and thereafter, subject to the right of either party to the respective leases to terminate the lease at any time after one year by giving 30 days' notice to the other party. The proposed leases will recite a rental of \$1 a year, with other good and valuable considerations. The lessee agrees to pay all taxes and assessments that may be levied upon the demised properties, and to maintain the railroads in as good repair as they now are. Each of the three proposed leases gives the lessee an option to purchase the properties of the lessors at any time during the term, or any renewal thereof.—V. 120, p. 83.

**Chicago & Alton RR.—Receivers' Certificates.**—The receivers have applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue and sell \$1,000,000 receivers' 5 1/2% notes to be sold to the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago at par. The proceeds will be used to settle with the Director-General of Railroads for advances made during the period of Federal control.—V. 119, p. 1394.

**Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Asks Reduction on Interest Rate on Government Loan.**—

A Washington dispatch of Jan. 7 states: Early legislative action toward reducing the interest charges on Government loans to the company will be necessary to prevent a receivership by June 1, the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee was told to-day by Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the Association of Railway Executives. Mr. Thom cited the case of the St. Paul as an "emergency matter" in view of the approaching maturity of an issue of \$48,000,000 in 4% bonds.

He urged the committee to expedite action on the bill introduced by Senator McLean, Republican, of Connecticut, which would authorize the Treasury to reduce interest charges on railroad loans to a rate not exceeding 1/2% more than the money lent the Government.

A similar bill pending in the House would fix a minimum rate of 4 1/4% Mr. Thom said he understood the Treasury had informed the House committee in charge of that measure that it would prefer a fixed minimum rate and had suggested 4 1/4%. Chairman Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, said the committee would endeavor to give its early attention to the question. The St. Paul loan of \$55,000,000 now bears 6%.—V. 119, p. 2525.

**Chicago & North Western Ry.—Bonds.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 2 authorized the company to procure authentication and delivery to it of \$1,000,000 Gen. Mtge. gold bonds of 1927, to be held by it until further order of the Commission.—V. 119, p. 2642, 2282.

**Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR.—Sale Confirmed.**—The Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Ill., has confirmed the sale in 18 parcels of road as of Nov. 20. The sale of the road, equipment and investments totaled about \$3,560,000. See also V. 119, p. 2525.

**Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—New Vice-Pres.**—F. M. Hammill has been elected Executive Vice-President. This is a newly created office involving general supervision over all the road's activities under the direction of the President.—V. 120, p. 83.

**Cuba Railroad.—New President.**—See Cuba Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 119, p. 1843.

**Cuba Northern Rys.—Chairman of the Board.**—See Cuba Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 119, p. 1063.

**Delaware & Hudson Co.—Loses Valuation Case.**—A decision upholding tentative valuations of railroad property made by the I.-S. C. Commission, by authority of the Esch-Cummins Act, was handed down Jan. 6 by the U. S. Supreme Court in an opinion read by Justice McReynolds.



The opinion was in the case of the Delaware & Hudson, the Albany & Susquehanna and the Rensselaer & Saratoga RR. companies, appellants, against the Government and the I.-S. C. Commission.

The roads comprise the system operated by the Delaware & Hudson Co. More than a year ago the Commission made a tentative valuation of the properties owned by the system on June 30 1916. The roads protested the Commission's valuation, but before the protests could be acted upon they filed a suit to block the action of the Commission in the District Court of the Southern District of New York. The plea was made that in arriving at its valuation, the Commission refused to investigate, ascertain and report many facts in relation to values required by the law.

In its opinion Jan. 5 the U. S. Supreme Court held that there is nothing to indicate "that the Commission willfully disregarded the law as honestly interpreted, or failed to proceed in an orderly manner, or that it will not consider all the matters set up in the protest."

Justice McReynolds pointed out that there must be further proceedings before the tentative valuation becomes final and that the roads "must pursue the remedy provided by the statute and give the Commission opportunity to take final action before they can properly ask interposition by the Courts."—V. 120, p. 83.

#### Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 31 authorized the company to issue \$159,000 1st Mtge. 50-Year 5% bonds; the bonds to be sold at not less than par and int. to Henry Ford, Edsel Ford and Clara J. Ford, and the proceeds used for corporate purposes.—V. 119, p. 2642, 578.

#### Erie RR.—Terms of Lease Next Week.—

It is announced that the terms under which the Erie RR. will be leased to the Nickel Plate System, proposed by the Van Sweringen interests, will be officially announced next week. The terms, it is said, will provide a sliding scale of dividends for the holders of Preferred and Common stock who do not deposit their shares, so arranged as to induce them to deposit them.

The lease to the Nickel Plate, it is stated, will provide that for minority shares undeposited the Nickel Plate shall pay the same percentage as if they had joined in the plan; namely, \$3 a share for the first and second Preferred and \$2.40 a share for the Common stock, provided dividends are paid on the Preferred and Common shares of the Nickel Plate. The funds so received are to be pooled for distribution to minority stockholders in order of preference. This would give the first Preferred stockholders \$4 per share, with the second Preferred stockholders the second lien on these shares at \$4 per share, and the remainder would go to the Common stockholders.

As an example of the way this plan would work out if all the stock excepting 10,000 shares of first Preferred, 10,000 shares of second Preferred and 10,000 shares of Common stock were deposited, the Nickel Plate would pay \$84,000 into the pool. Of this \$30,000 would come from the first Preferred, \$30,000 more from the second Preferred and \$24,000 from the Common stock. This is the amount the holders of these shares would receive if they changed their stock for the new Nickel Plate at the terms of offer.

Under the plan the 10,000 shares of 4% first Preferred would receive \$4 a share, or \$40,000; the holders of 10,000 shares of 4% 2d Pref. would receive \$40,000, and the holders of the Common stock would receive the remaining \$4,000, amounting to 40 cents a share.—V. 119, p. 3006.

#### Glasgow Railway.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 30 authorized the company (1) to procure authentication and delivery of \$33,000 of 30-year 6% mortgage bonds, and (2) to sell for cash, at not less than par and interest, the \$33,000 bonds and \$7,000 of such bonds now in its treasury, the proceeds to be used to pay \$40,000 of 2d mtge. bonds which mature April 1 1925.

The company is a corporation of the State of Kentucky. Its railroad properties, including a line approximately 10 miles long, extending from Glasgow to Glasgow Junction, in Barren County, Ky., are leased to the Louisville & Nashville RR.

#### Gulf & Ship Island RR.—Sale.—

The Mississippi Valley RR., a subsidiary of Illinois Central, has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire the stock of the Gulf & Ship Island RR. for a consideration said to be \$5,000,000.—V. 119, p. 2874.

#### Houston & Texas Central RR.—Consrv. of Extension.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 23 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension of a line of railroad to complete a second track or loop track, known as the Dallas Loop, which will pass around the east side of the city of Dallas, Tex. The proposed extension will extend from the present terminus of the loop near its intersection with the main line of the Texas & Pacific Ry. east of Dallas in a northerly and north-westerly direction, to a connection with the company's main line north of the city, a distance of 8.8 miles, all in Dallas County, Tex. See Southern Pacific Co. below.—V. 112, p. 1519.

#### Illinois Central RR.—May Acquire Road.—

See Gulf & Ship Island RR. above.—V. 120, p. 84.

#### International-Great Northern RR.—New Chairman.—

William H. Williams has been elected Chairman of the board.—V. 119, p. 2757.

#### Maine Central RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$4,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5½% gold bonds, Series "E," to be sold at not less than 97 and int. The report of the Commission says in substance:

The applicant represents that it has outstanding \$3,123,000 of notes payable to the United States, secured by the pledge of \$3,867,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "D." In addition, it had in its treasury \$133,000 of such bonds, \$50,000 of which had not been authorized to be issued. The applicant proposes to retire the notes, whereupon the bonds will be released from pledge, and they, together with the other Series "D" bonds, will be delivered to the trustee under the 1st & Ref. Mtge. to be canceled. The Series "E" bonds will be issued in lieu of an equal amount of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "D."

The proceeds will be used to the extent available to retire notes to the United States, amounting to \$3,123,000; to reimburse the applicant for expenditures made in retiring underlying bonds, amounting to \$380,000, and to reimburse it in part for expenditures for additions and betterments, amounting to \$579,223.

The applicant has arranged to sell \$1,000,000 of the bonds to Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston, Mass., at 97 and int. On that basis the annual cost to the applicant will be approximately 5.875%. It has also given that company a three months' option to purchase the remaining bonds at the same price.—V. 119, p. 2758, 2176.

#### Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Registrar for Iowa Bonds.—

The bondholders' protective committee of the Iowa Central Ry. Co. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due June 1 1928, has appointed the National Bank of Commerce in New York registrar of the certificates to be issued by the Bankers Trust Co. against bonds deposited with the committee. See also V. 119, p. 2758.

#### National Rys. of Mexico.—Interest on Bonds Defaulted.—

See under "Current Events" this issue, on a preceding page.—V. 119, p. 1733.

#### New York Central RR.—Stock Offered to Employees.—

The company on Jan. 7 offered to its employees an opportunity to purchase capital stock at \$110 a share on the partial payment plan. Approximately 175,000 employees and officers received the right to subscribe. Subscriptions will be received until Jan. 31, incl. A feature of the plan is the option of cancellation of subscription before full payment is made, in which case the company will refund the full amount paid in plus interest at the rate of 4%.

The official announcement of the plan said in part: "The stock is offered at \$110 per share, whereas the market price of the stock Jan. 5 was above \$120 a share. The plan provides that the stock be paid for in monthly installments of from \$5 to \$15 per share. During the period of payment interest at 4% will be charged on deferred payments and dividends will be credited to the account of the subscriber.

"Each employee is entitled to subscribe for one share of stock for every \$200 of his annual rate of pay, but no subscription may be for more than 20 shares."

G. C. Woodruff, General Freight Agent of the road, at the open Motor Truck Convention held on Jan. 5, pointed out that in the Harlem Division and the Hudson Division near New York the motor truck is being used

to save freight train operation, at the same time giving improved service on all the stations affected. It is also being used on cross hauls from one division to another, as from Mt. Vernon to Yonkers. Similarly, motor trucks are being operated at Buffalo between the New York Central RR. and the connections. The railroad now has 50 separate trucking activities under way. These are being handled by established trucking concerns on a contract basis.—V. 119, p. 2758.

#### N. Y. New Haven & Hartford RR.—Bus Lines Restrained.

Judge Barrows in the Superior Court at Providence, R. I., has issued a preliminary injunction on the application of the United Electric Rys. and the New Haven RR., restraining seven bus lines from operating in Rhode Island (see also V. 119, p. 3007).—V. 120, p. 84.

#### Norfolk & Western Ry.—Equipment Trusts and Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 30 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$6,000,000 Equipment Trust certificates, series of 1925, to be issued by the Bank of North America & Trust Co. under an equipment trust agreement to be dated Jan. 2 1925; the certificates to be sold at not less than 97 and divs. and the proceeds used solely in connection with the acquisition of the following equipment:

Description—	Units.	Unit Price.	Estimated Total Cost.
Automobile box cars	1,000	\$2,400	\$2,400,000
Gondola cars	3,000	1,750	5,250,000

Total-----\$7,650,000

No contracts, underwritings or other arrangements for the sale of the certificates have been made, but they will be offered for sale by the Virginia Holding Corp. so as to net not less than 97 and divs. On this basis the annual cost to the applicant will be approximately 5.125%.

The Commission on Dec. 31 authorized the company to issue \$6,000,000 Divisional 1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. 4% bonds, the bonds to be sold at not less than 88 and int. and the proceeds used solely for capital expenditures, &c. (See offering in V. 119, p. 2643.) Action on request for authority to issue \$6,000,000 additional of such bonds was deferred by the Commission.—V. 119, p. 2643, 2526.

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now ready to deliver definitive Divisional First Lien & Gen. Mtge. 4% bonds, due July 1 1944, upon the surrender of outstanding interim receipts. The interest warrants, due Jan. 1 1925, should be detached and collected prior to surrender of interim receipts. See offering in V. 119, p. 2643.

#### Northwestern Pacific RR.—Bids for Sale of Bonds.—

The company will receive bids for the sale of \$250,000 1st & Ref. bonds, These bonds are a part of a series of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4½% Gold bonds of the company, issued and to be issued for a principal sum not exceeding \$35,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time outstanding. The bonds mature Mar. 1 1957. No bid will be considered if submitted for a price less than \$950 and int. to date of sale for each \$1,000 bond.

Bids must be addressed and submitted to W. S. Palmer, President, 64 Pine St., Room 602, San Francisco, Calif., by 12 o'clock noon Jan. 19 1925.—V. 117, p. 440.

#### Pennsylvania RR.—Definitive Certificates Ready.—

Definitive Gen. Equip. Trust 4½% Series "C" certificates are now ready for delivery and will be exchanged for temporary certificates at the Fidelity Trust Co., trustee, 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., or at the offices of the company, 85 Cedar St., N. Y. City. (See offering in V. 119, p. 1510.)

On Jan. 1 1925 stock purchased by employees totaled 68,438 shares, against 30,241 on Jan. 1 1924, an increase of 38,197 shares or over 126%. This compares with 66,721 on Dec. 1 1924, 64,135 on Nov. 1, 58,523 on Oct. 1, 64,588 on Aug. 1, and 50,675 on July 1. Of the total Jan. 1 1925, 44,528 shares were purchased through the Employees' Provident & Loan Association and 23,910 shares through the Mutual Beneficial Association. Purchases average about 4.3 shares.—V. 120, p. 84.

#### Pittsburgh & West Va. Ry.—Definitive Cts. Ready.—

Dillon, Read & Co. announce that interim receipts for the 4½% Equip. Trust Gold certificates, Series of 1924, due Nov. 1 1925 to 1934, incl., are now exchangeable for definitive certificates at the office of the Chase National Bank, 507 Broadway, N. Y. City. (See offering in V. 119, p. 1734.)—V. 119, p. 3007.

#### Railroad Receiverships and Foreclosure Sales, 1924.—

The "Railway Age" compilation shows that on Dec. 31 1924 there were in the hands of receivers 53 railway properties, operating a total of 10,487 miles of line. The number of roads was 10 less than at the end of 1923, and was the smallest number of roads in the hands of receivers since the end of 1912.

The mileage of roads in the hands of receivers at the end of the year was some 2,500 less than at the end of 1923. It was the lowest figure reported since 1912 and was but one-third the total mileage in the hands of receivers on Dec. 31 1916, when railway adversity as reflected in figures of this kind was at the worst point it had reached since the hardships of the nineties.

During the year 1924 11 companies went into the hands of receivers. No important railroad was included and the total miles of line operated by all was less than 1,000.

#### Receiverships Established in 1924 (Mileage Included, 930 Miles).

Alabama Florida & Gulf	Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf
Alabama Northern	Muscle Shoals Birm. & Pensacola
Atlantic & Yadkin	San Luis Southern
Chicago Palatine & Wauconda	Wabash Chester & Western
Ensley Southern	Washing North & South
Kan. City Kaw Valley & Western.	

During the year there were foreclosure sales of 14 roads, the only large road included being the Denver & Rio Grande Western.

#### Foreclosure Sales in 1924 (Mileage Included, 3,992 Miles).

Atlantic Waycross & Northern	Keokuk & Des Moines
Chicago Peoria & St. Louis	Midland & Northwestern
Cleveland Southeastern & Columbus	Midland Railway
Colorado Wyoming & Eastern	Ocella Southern
Cumberland Railroad	Randolph & Cumberland
Denver & Rio Grande Western	Salina Northern
Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR.	West Virginia Midland

—V. 118, p. 312.

#### St. Louis Brownsville & Mexico Ry.—Assumption.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 30 authorized the company to assume, as assigned obligation and liability in respect of \$1,740,000 of New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. Equip. Trust certificates, Series "A." The report of the Commission says in part:

"By an order Nov. 25 we authorized the New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$1,740,000 Equip. Trust certificates, Series A." (See V. 119, p. 2643, 2064.)

The application is a subsidiary of the New Orleans company, which owns all of the applicant's outstanding bonds and all of its outstanding capital stock, except director's shares. It appears that the applicant has never sold its securities on the open market and therefore has established no public credit. It is represented that the applicant could not advantageously sell its securities to the public, and therefore the New Orleans company procured the equipment required by the applicant, under to assign its interest thereunder and in the equipment to the applicant.

"The applicant will enter into an assignment and agreement with the New Orleans company and the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., as trustee assign and transfer to the applicant all its right, title and interest in the equipment and in the lease and agreement. The applicant will agree to perform all obligations of the New Orleans company under the trust agreement and lease, but such an assignment will not release the New Orleans company from its guaranty of the trust certificates or from its primary liability to make the rental payments required by the lease, or from any of its other obligations and covenants under such lease and agreement. The trustee will consent to the assignment as proposed."—V. 119, p. 2065.

#### St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 7 placed a tentative valuation of \$135,753,722 on the total owned property of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. system, as of June 30 1918, and \$186,337,063 on the total owned and used properties. The latter figure, however, does not include the Texas lines.



The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred Stock (6% non-cumul.) will be paid Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 15. See also V. 119, p. 2644.

**San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry.—Lease.**—The stockholders on Dec. 15 authorized the leasing of the road to the Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio RR., a Southern Pacific property. The proposition is now awaiting the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission.

The Southern Pacific Co. recently acquired through Kuhn, Loeb & Co. 9,854 shares of stock of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry. for \$236,560. —V. 119, p. 2644.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Texas Rail Suit Ends 35 Years of Court Life.**—Under the above heading the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Dec. 31 says:

With the handing down of a decision favorable to the plaintiff in the case of Bogert versus the Southern Pacific Co., the United States District Court of Brooklyn has written the final chapter in a litigation that will take its place among the most remarkable, in point of duration, in legal history. The suit dates back to 1889, and marks efforts of the minority stockholders of the old Houston & Texas Central Ry., long defunct, to set aside the reorganization of that property. Plaintiffs are a committee, of which Russel H. Lansdale is chairman.

Back in 1888, when the Houston & Texas was just passing into oblivion, the Southern Pacific, which owned about 75% of the road's stock, decided that the only thing that could save it was a major financial operation in the form of a reorganization. A group of smaller stockholders objected to terms suggested by the majority, and when the Southern Pacific went ahead with the plans for the resuscitation of the property, they stayed out and fought the plan.

For 22 years this group of shareholders pushed the legal battle to have the refinancing scheme set aside, but court after court decided against them. Then, in 1911, they resorted to different tactics. Instead of attempting to set aside the reorganization, they approved it, but insisted that the Southern Pacific Co. had acted as trustee in their behalf and that, therefore, they were entitled, on paying an assessment at the same rate per share, to receive their pro rata share of stock in the new company, the present Houston & Texas RR.

The case was carried to the U. S. Supreme Court, which sustained the minority in their contention and decreed that the Southern Pacific should turn over to them the 24,000 shares to which they claimed title in the new company. The Supreme Court then turned the case over to the District Court for the adjudication of the details. This court has just decided that the value of participation in the new road is worth about \$61 a share, and as the book value of the shares is approximately \$460 the legal victory is substantial for the plaintiffs.

The court arrived at its terms for the minority stockholders by assessing them the \$36 a share paid in by the Southern Pacific at the time of the reorganization, then making allowance for interest on the one hand and dividends on the other, together with certain other adjustments. The minority stockholders will, of course, now have representation on the board of directors of the road as well.

Prominent attorneys, many of whom died in the course of litigation, have from time to time represented the plaintiffs, among whom were Mr. Lansdale, the late Judge Dittenhoefer, the late Edward M. Shepard, Dudley F. Phelps, H. Snowden Marshall, George Gordon Battle, Charles E. Hughes and Frank M. Swacker. The Southern Pacific has been represented by the late Charles H. Tweed, Joline, Larkin & Rathbone, Gordon B. Buck and, latterly, by its general counsel, Joseph P. Blair.—V. 120, p. 84.

**Tallahul Falls Ry.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,795,000 on the company's property owned and used, as of June 30 1916, and \$132 on the property used but not owned. The road extends from Cornelia, Ga., to Franklin, N. C.—V. 117, p. 89.

**Wheeling & Lake Erie RR.—Notes Offered.**—F. J. Lisman & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 10-Year Secured 6% Gold notes dated Jan. 1 1923; due Jan. 1 1933. Authorized and issued, \$1,000,000. Interest payable J. & J. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee. Redeemable at par and int. on any coupon day on 30 days' notice.

These notes are secured by a pledge with the trustee of \$2,000,000 bonds, representing the entire issue of a closed first mortgage on 25 miles of railroad affording the Wheeling & Lake Erie system its entrance into the City of Lorain.—V. 120, p. 84.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

A survey covering 777 high-tension transmission lines showing past and present engineering practice and the development of interconnection has been compiled by the "Electrical World" and issued as a supplement to its issue of Jan. 3 1925.

**Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—Rights.**—The corporation is offering to its stockholders of record Dec. 31 1924 for pro rata subscription, subject to authorization by the New York P. S. Commission, an issue of 5,000 shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock at par (\$100 a share). The right to subscribe will expire Jan. 21.—V. 120, p. 84.

**American Electric Power Co.—Bonds Called.**—Certain of the outstanding American Railways Co. 5% Refunding Conv. Gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1911, aggregating \$1,620,500, have been called for payment Feb. 1 at 102 and interest at the Integrity Trust Co., 717 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. All of the outstanding American Railways Co.-National Gas Collateral Trust 6% (formerly 5%) Gold bonds, due 1927, have been called for redemption March 1 at 102 1/2 and interest. Payment will be made at the Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 120, p. 84.

**American Light & Traction Co.—Stock Dividend.**—The directors have declared a cash dividend of 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, a cash dividend of 1% on the Common stock and a dividend at the rate of one share of Common stock on every 100 shares of Common stock outstanding, all payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 15. Cash dividends of 1% and stock dividends of 1% each have been paid quarterly on the Common stock since Feb. 1921.—V. 119, p. 2283, 2177.

**American Public Utilities Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.**—A. B. Leach & Co., New York and Chicago, and Pearsons-Taft Co., Chicago, are offering at \$92 per share, to yield over 7.60%, \$1,000,000 Prior Preferred (a. & d.) 7% Cumul. stock (par \$100).

Additional Prior Preferred may not be issued unless net earnings for 12 consecutive months out of the 14 preceding months equal at least twice the annual dividend on the Prior Preferred then outstanding and to be issued. Dividends are cumulative and payable Q.-J. Redeemable at 110 and dividends. Dividends on this stock are exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, Union Trust Co., Chicago; registrar, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

**Capitalization.**

Prior Preferred stock (including this issue)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Participating Preferred stock	\$10,000,000	\$2,619,770
Common stock	10,000,000	3,534,680
Collateral Trust 5% Gold bonds, due 1942	15,000,000	2,822,400
	Closed	455,800

The outstanding amounts of Prior and Participating Preferred stocks include a negligible amount of warrants issued in connection with exchange of old Preferred stock for these issues.

**Company.**—Incorporated in June 1912 in Delaware. Owns the entire Common stock of the Central Indiana Power Co. of Indiana and the Albion Gas Light Co. of Albion, Mich., more than 99% of the Common stock of the Utah Gas & Coke Co. of Salt Lake City, Utah; also the Holland Gas Works of Holland and Zeeland, Mich., which is held in trust for the American Public Utilities Co., and will shortly be the property of a corporation controlled by that company.

**Earnings Year Ended June 30 1924.**

Consolidated gross earnings of subsidiaries	\$7,262,255
Net income, available for depreciation and dividends on American Public Utilities Co. stock	601,813
Dividend requirements of Prior Preferred stock outstanding, including this issue	183,383

The above net income is in excess of 3 1/4 times the annual dividend requirements on the Prior Preferred stock outstanding, including this issue. No earnings are included above from the new power station, which began operations in July 1924.

**Management.**—Controlled through ownership of the majority of the Common stock by Samuel Insull and associates.—V. 119, p. 1170, 1174.

**Asheville (N. C.) Power & Light Co.—Cuts Electric Rates.**—The readjustment of rates for commercial and residential electricity by the company, announced in November, became effective Jan. 1 1925, the proposal having received the approval of both the North Carolina Corporation Commission and the City Commission of Asheville, N. C. The rates superseded were 15 cents per kilowatt maximum with a 7 1/2 cents minimum per kilowatt and a 3.15 cents special minimum for large commercial users. The new rates have a maximum of 10 cents per kilowatt with a minimum of 3 cents per kilowatt, the rate graduated down from the maximum to the minimum according to the amount of electricity used and the size of the home or business establishment. The readjustment does away with the discount of 5%.—V. 117, p. 552; V. 113, p. 70.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Issue of \$125,000,000 5% Debentures Sold.**—J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., First National Bank, New York, National City Co., Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., and Lee, Higginson & Co., have sold at 95 and interest, to yield over 5.30%, an issue of \$125,000,000 35-Year Sinking Fund 5% Gold Debentures, dated Jan. 1 1925, due Jan. 1 1960.

Issued under indenture dated Jan. 1 1925; Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee. Interest payable J. & J. in New York or Boston. Redeemable all or part at 110 and interest on any interest date on or prior to July 1 1956; thereafter at 100% and interest. A sinking fund of \$1,250,000 annually is to be set aside in equal semi-annual installments beginning July 1 1925, such fund to be used in purchasing debentures of this issue if obtainable at not exceeding 102 1/2 and interest; otherwise, to be used for capital expenditures. Denom. c\* \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and r\* \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

**Data from Letter of President H. B. Thayer, New York, Jan. 7.**

**Purpose.**—Proceeds of these debentures will be used to provide the Bell Telephone system with funds for additions and betterments and for other capital expenditures. The American Tel. & Tel. Co. is the parent company of the Bell System and, among other functions, serves as a financing agency for the system. In this capacity it makes loans to its associated companies or acquires their securities, and the greater part of the proceeds of this issue will be so utilized.

**Assets.**—The total assets of the company on Sept. 30 1924 were carried on its books at more than \$1,463,000,000. Stocks and bonds of associated and affiliated companies, carried at valuations which are distinctly conservative, amount to more than \$954,000,000, and the company's long distance telephone plant, telephone instruments and real estate have a book cost of over \$186,000,000. All the property of the company is free from lien, except that stocks and bonds having a book value of about \$257,000,000 have been pledged under indentures securing Collateral Trust bonds, which are now outstanding in the amount of approximately \$161,000,000.

**Capital Stock and Funded Debt.**—Since the end of 1920 the relation between funded debt and capital stock of the company has changed materially, due chiefly to the sale to stockholders of large amounts of capital stock. The most recent sale, that of June 1924, was of \$150,000,000 stock at par, believed to be the largest operation of its kind ever carried out, and resulting in 193,000 subscriptions averaging about 7.7 shares each. After giving effect to the present issue of debentures, the company's funded debt will have increased less than \$81,000,000 since Dec. 31 1920, whereas Capital stock (including installments) has increased by over \$457,000,000. Funded debt, giving effect to this financing, will be less than \$400,000,000, while Capital stock amounts to more than \$900,000,000. Thus, funded debt will comprise only about 30% of the company's total capital liabilities (as compared with 42% on Dec. 31 1920) and will amount to little more than 25% of the book value of the company's total assets.

**Net Earnings of Company Available for Interest, Interest Charges and Net Income, Calendar Years.**

	Net Avail'le for Interest.	Interest.	Net Income.	Times Int. Was Earned
1914	\$40,557,977	\$8,223,163	\$32,334,814	4.9
1915	41,117,487	6,498,850	34,618,637	6.3
1916	44,743,376	6,730,099	38,013,277	6.6
1917	48,940,466	10,469,360	38,471,106	4.7
1918	54,293,017	10,391,695	43,901,322	5.2
1919	60,243,887	15,847,596	44,395,791	3.8
1920	70,686,904	18,865,688	51,821,216	3.7
1921	73,523,813	19,521,109	54,002,704	3.8
1922	81,668,440	15,498,012	66,170,428	5.3
1923	95,389,918	13,697,737	81,692,181	6.9

During the ten-year period, net earnings available for interest averaged more than 4 1/2 times interest charges, and in each one of these years they have exceeded 3 1/4 times interest charges. It is estimated that for the year 1924 net earnings available for interest were in excess of \$105,000,000, which is more than six times the estimated interest charges during 1924 and more than five times the annual interest charges on the company's total funded debt to be outstanding after the issue of these debentures, without regard to the earnings which will be derived immediately from the investment of the proceeds of this issue.

**Dividends.**—Dividends on the Capital stock of the company and of its predecessor have been paid at the rate of at least \$7.50 per share in each of the past 45 years. For approximately 15 years, ended in 1921, the dividend rate was \$8 per share annually, since then, \$9 per share per annum has been paid. During this entire period net income in each year has been larger than dividend payments, leaving a balance annually for surplus.

**Company.**—Company owns directly or indirectly more than 90% of the voting stock of its 25 associated operating companies, and nearly all the voting stock of the Western Electric Co., Inc., which is the manufacturing, supply and warehousing organization for the Bell Telephone System. It also owns and operates directly the long distance telephone plant which, with more than 1,300,000 miles of toll wire, joins together the systems of the local telephone companies and makes a nationwide service possible. Under contract with its associated companies, it furnishes and maintains the telephone instruments used by them and performs for these companies important services in the fields of research and development work, as well as providing assistance and advice along engineering, operating, financial, accounting and other lines, all of which services are essential to the operation and continued success of the Bell System. The company owns, controls or is licensed under more than 7,500 U. S. letters patent and applications covering every phase of the telephone business. The company's statement of assets does not include any valuation of these patents.

**Bell Telephone System,** which furnishes telephone service throughout the United States, comprised at the end of Dec. 1924 more than 15,850,000 telephone stations, of which more than 11,200,000 were owned by the associated companies of the system and the remainder by their connecting companies. The business of the system continues to grow steadily (about 800,000 stations having been added in 1924) in response to the urgent demand of the public for increased telephone service. It is a business dependent on no single industry, community or class of population. The service provided is nationwide, reaching all industries and all classes. It is an essential service, worth much more to the subscriber than it costs him, and it has become indispensable to the economic and social life of the nation.

**Business and Financial Policy.**—The business and financial policy of the Bell Telephone System has always been conservative. High standards of plant construction and maintenance have been adhered to, and adequate provision has been made from current revenues for depreciation and obsolescence. The capital structure of the system is conservative. The capital stock and obligations outstanding in the hands of the public on Sept. 30 1924 amounted to approximately \$1,832,000,000, of which capital stock (and installments) comprised over \$1,073,000,000, or more than 58%. The book value of the net assets devoted to earning interest and dividends amounted, on the same date, to over \$2,517,000,000, or more than 137% of the total capital liabilities of the system on which interest and dividends are paid. The excess of net assets over total capital liabilities (including stock), about \$684,000,000, represented the combined surplus and reserves of the American Tel. & Tel. Co. and of its associated companies, accumulated over a long period of years and invested in the properties of the companies. This is a factor which contributes in a very large measure to the great financial strength of the Bell Telephone System.



Listing.—Application for listing the debentures on the New York Stock Exchange will be made in due course.

Balance Sheet (Company Proper).

	Sept. 30 1924.	Dec. 31 1923.
<b>Assets</b>		
Stocks of associated companies	\$846,983,531	\$756,463,932
Bonds & notes of & net adv. to assoc. cos.	200,764,026	178,147,274
Stocks & notes of & advs. to other cos.	100,886,983	102,211,723
Telephone plant and equipment	171,451,399	158,946,514
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	15,490,689	13,052,833
Bills and accounts receivable	10,990,877	10,443,626
Cash and temporary investments	116,689,876	87,436,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,463,257,381</b>	<b>\$1,306,702,232</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Capital stock (including installments)	\$900,095,485	\$753,501,507
4% Collateral Trust bonds, 1929	78,000,000	78,000,000
Western Tel. & Tel. Collat. Trust 5s	9,969,000	9,970,000
5% Collateral Trust bonds, 1946	73,205,000	73,979,500
5 1/2% Debenture bonds, 1943	99,507,400	100,000,000
6% Convertible bonds, 1925	5,951,100	9,617,900
4% Convertible bonds, 1933	3,723,200	5,200,700
4% Convertible bonds, 1936	2,589,000	2,589,000
6% 5-Year Gold notes, 1924		30,468,400
Dividends payable	x19,831,263	16,539,124
Acc'ts payable & accrued liabil. not due	42,642,924	15,923,745
Reserve for employees' benefit fund	5,940,182	6,000,000
Reserve for depreciation & contingencies	79,152,148	77,985,329
Surplus (including capital stock premiums)	142,650,674	128,927,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,463,257,381</b>	<b>\$1,306,702,232</b>
x Paid Oct. 15 1924.		

Bell System Balance Sheet (All Inter-Company Duplications Excluded).

	Sept. 30 1924.	Dec. 31 1923.
<b>Assets</b>		
Telephone plant	\$2,187,545,350	\$1,978,947,543
Supplies, tools, &c.	65,022,583	59,761,345
Stocks and bonds	159,980,175	150,059,850
Receivables	93,715,286	87,000,676
Cash and temporary cash investments	137,375,491	124,279,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,634,638,885</b>	<b>\$2,400,048,325</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Common stock, Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$900,095,485	\$753,501,507
Common stock, associated companies	72,671,143	63,094,513
Preferred stock, associated companies	100,607,747	74,938,547
Mortgage bonds, associated companies	485,694,474	409,025,259
Collateral trust bonds	161,537,200	161,925,500
Convertible bonds and notes	12,344,100	17,829,600
Debentures and notes	99,628,400	164,080,175
Bills payable	180,217	248,294
Accounts payable	47,684,220	50,890,971
Accrued liabilities not due	69,702,707	62,307,904
Reserve for employees' benefit fund	20,460,137	20,552,875
Surplus and reserves	664,033,055	621,853,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,634,638,885</b>	<b>\$2,400,048,325</b>

Price of Stock to Employees Increased.

Effective Jan. 2 1925, the price of stock sold to employees was changed to \$121 a share. The previous price was \$118 a share.—V. 119, p. 2875.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Class "A" Stock Offered.

—John Nickerson & Co. are offering at \$26 per share 200,000 shares Class "A" stock (no par value). Has priority over Class "B" stock both as to assets and dividends. Fully participating and not redeemable.

Shares are fully paid and non-assessable. Dividends not subject to normal Federal income tax. Priority dividends of \$2 per annum on the Class A stock, when and as declared, payable Q-F. Dividends on the Class A stock are non-cumulative. After the full priority dividend on the Class A stock shall have been declared and set apart for the current dividend period and dividends for the Class B stock shall have been declared and set apart for the same dividend period to the extent of the total amount required for such priority dividend on the Class A stock, one-half of the amount of any further dividends in such dividend period shall be paid to Class A stock and one-half to Class B stock. Class A stock has priority in liquidation or dissolution over the Class B stock up to \$35 per share. After this preferential payment to the Class A stock is provided for and provision has been made for the distribution to the Class B stock of an amount equal in the aggregate to the total of such preferential payments to the Class A stock, one-half of the remaining assets shall be distributed ratably among the holders of the Class A stock and one-half among the holders of the Class B stock. Transfer agent: Seaboard National Bank, New York City.

Dividends.—It is the intention of the management to recommend to the directors inauguration during the quarter ending May 1 1925 of dividends on the Class A stock at the annual rate of \$2 per share.

Listing.—It is the intention of the corporation to make application immediately to list the Class A stock on the New York and Boston Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of President J. I. Mange, Jan. 1925.

Company.—Company and subsidiary and affiliated companies, own and operate public utility properties which have been in continuous and successful operation for long and varying periods, the largest company having been in existence over 72 years, during 66 years of which it or its constituent companies have paid dividends. The operating companies supply over 112,000 consumers, in 368 communities in New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Ohio, Connecticut, Vermont, Kentucky and Tennessee, serving a total population estimated at more than 500,000. The principal operating subsidiary companies are New York State Gas & Electric Co., and Kentucky-Tennessee Light & Power Co., substantially all of whose stocks are owned by the company. The principal affiliated company is Staten Island Edison Corp., a majority of whose stock is held by the company and affiliated interests, from whom the company or its subsidiaries is entitled by virtue of existing agreements to receive all dividends thereon and proceeds thereof.

Properties.—The New York up-State operating properties serve electricity and (or) gas in 236 communities, of which the greater number are located in the rich agricultural district in the central and southern portion of the State. A long-term contract has recently been concluded for the purchase of power on favorable terms from the Adirondack Power & Light Corp.

The Staten Island Edison Corp. serves electricity without competition on Staten Island. It also furnishes power for the operation of all the electric railways on Staten Island, and through subsidiaries supplies a substantial portion of the electric railway service and operates a ferry line between New York and New Jersey. Its business is experiencing very rapid growth, and it has recently concluded an arrangement with the Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry. (controlled by the Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) to furnish electricity (estimated at 17,000,000 k. w. h. annually), for the electric operation of the steam railroad lines on Staten Island.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Light & Power Co. serves 42 communities in agricultural districts in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The Van Wert (Ohio) Gas Light Co. owns a gas plant and distributes gas in the city of Van Wert.

Electricity is distributed in 67 communities located in the southern section of Cape Cod and on Martha's Vineyard. The operating property includes a steam generating plant located on Martha's Vineyard. Electricity for the Cape Cod territory generated in the plants of the New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. is purchased under a satisfactory contract.

In New Hampshire and Maine the Portsmouth Power Co. serves over 6,000 consumers in 13 communities in New Hampshire and Maine largely devoted to manufacturing. In addition the company furnishes power at wholesale to the following electric distributing companies: Raymond Electric Light Co., Twin States Gas & Electric Co., and Exeter & Hampton Electric Light Co. The total population served is approximately 40,000.

The properties include a 15,500 k. w. steam station located at tidewater in the city of Portsmouth. In addition the company owns undeveloped water rights on the Lamprey River, near New Market. Electricity is distributed over 84 miles of high tension transmission lines.

The combined properties include steam and hydro-electric stations with a generating capacity of 66,000 k. w. (construction now under way will in-

crease it to 81,000 k. w.); gas plants with a daily capacity of 4,195,000 cu. ft.; 824 miles of high-tension transmission lines and 192 miles of gas mains.

Capitalization After This Financing—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Bonds 6 1/2% 30-Year, due 1954	x	\$4,000,000
Preferred stock	200,000 shs.	87,256 shs.
Class A stock	300,000 shs.	200,000 shs.
Class B stock	300,000 shs.	300,000 shs.

\*The issuance of additional bonds is limited in accordance with the terms and restrictions of the indenture, under which an additional \$5,000,000 of bonds have been authenticated but not sold by the company.

Capital Securities of Operating Properties Outstanding in the Hands of Public.

Funded debt	\$15,190,812
Preferred and Common capital stocks	2,390,249

Consolidated Earnings Twelve Months Ended Oct. 31 1924.

[Including properties now operated by subsidiary and affiliated cos.]	
Gross revenues *	\$8,012,667
Oper. exp., maint., renewals & replacements, taxes, incl. Fed'l inc	5,424,103
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>\$2,588,564</b>
Interest and Preferred stock dividend payments of operating companies, income reserved for minority interests and annual interest requirements of Associated Gas & Electric Co. upon completion of present financing	\$1,211,930
Associated Gas & Electric Co. annual Preferred stock dividend requirements at \$4 per share	349,024
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,027,610</b>

\*The records of recently acquired municipal plants being incomplete, it was necessary to make calculations in some cases, the revenues of such plants approximating 1.3% of the total revenue. The balance of the combined net earnings for this 12 months period as shown is at the rate of \$5 13 per share on the Class A stock presently to be outstanding.

Equity.—The present value (after depreciation) of the operated properties of subsidiary and affiliated companies as valued by Edward J. Cheney, plus net additions at cost and net current assets, and after deducting all liabilities and equity for minority interests, is over \$60 per share of Class A stock.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures against new properties heretofore acquired, for the purchase of additional properties and for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet at November 30 1924.

(Reflecting acquisition of new properties and giving effect to new financing.)

Assets	Liabilities
Properties & investm'ts. c	Capital stock
Cash and special deposits	Preferred stock
Notes & acc'ts receivable	Preferred stock subscrip.
Materials and supplies	Int. bearing stock scrip
Prepayments	Stocks of sub. & affil. prop
Unamortized debt disc't and expense	6 1/2% secured gold bonds
Other suspense	Fund. debt of sub. & affil. properties
	Accounts payable
	Accrued interest
	Accrued taxes
	Consumers' deposits
	Reserves
<b>Total (each side)</b>	<b>\$43,513,781</b>

a Class A and Class B stocks and surplus Class A stock, authorized, 300,000 shares; outstanding, 200,000 shares; Class B stock, authorized and outstanding, 300,000 shares. b Retirement reserves, &c., \$2,518,469; future Preferred stock dividends, &c., \$236,571; other optional reserves, \$293,007. c The replacement cost of the properties has been estimated by Edward J. Cheney at \$44,690,168, which, plus miscellaneous investments amounting to \$745,035, gives a total for the replacement cost of properties and investments of \$45,435,203.

Creates Class "A" and Class "B" Stock—New Financing.

The directors have authorized an amendment to the articles of incorporation to provide for the creation of Class "A" and Class "B" Common stocks. The new Class "A" stock will be entitled to priority dividends of \$2 per share and in liquidation up to \$35 per share. [The company on Jan. 15 filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., increasing the authorized Capital stock from 400,000 to 800,000 shares, no par value, of which 200,000 shares are Preferred; 300,000 shares Class "A" and 300,000 shares Class "B."] Prior to this change in the company's financial structure there was outstanding 110,000 shares of Common stock on which the final dividend of \$1 per share was declared by the directors at the last meeting, making a total dividend payment of \$4 per share for 1924. The old Common stockholders will receive Class "B" stock in exchange for their stock.

The company also has issued 200,000 shares of the Class "A" stock, which is being offered by a banking syndicate headed by John Nickerson & Co. (see above).

The proceeds from the Class "A" stock offering will be used to reimburse the company for new properties which were recently acquired (V. 119, p. 3008), including those of the Portsmouth Power Co. (V. 118, p. 1676). The treasury of the company will also be reimbursed in part for approximately \$3,000,000 construction expenditure during 1924, involving the building of over 200 miles of transmission lines and 15,000 k. w. increased generating capacity. This construction included a 40-mile line from the Adirondack power system to the company's properties in the Mohawk Valley. Power from the Adirondack system will be turned on this week, bringing the cheap hydro-electric power from the Adirondacks down as far as Liberty, N. Y.

The Staten Island Edison Corp. has been increasing its generating capacity by 15,000 k. w., and recently completed transmission lines extending across the island. This construction was undertaken to enable the company to fulfill its contract for power delivered to the Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry., a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio R.R., which during the past year has been engaged in electrification of its steam lines which are expected to be in electric operation by May 1. Approximately 140 miles of transmission lines were built in Kentucky and Tennessee, interconnecting the various properties of this section.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend on the Pref. stock as well as the extra dividend for the first quarter of 1925.—V. 119, p. 3008, 2875.

Auburn (N. Y.) Gas Co.—Tenders.

The New York Trust Co., trustee, will until Jan. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds due Jan. 1 1927 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$14,023 at a price not to exceed that at which the bonds will, if held until maturity, yield an interest to return at least 3 1/2% per annum.—V. 118, p. 206.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Gas Output (Cu. Ft.).

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
January	859,697,000	884,461,000	600,214,000	615,312,000
February	802,134,000	804,426,000	608,054,000	626,838,000
March	790,589,000	846,047,000	624,311,000	697,919,000
April	730,589,000	742,358,000	594,184,000	627,000,000
May	740,055,000	741,064,000	567,614,000	622,036,000
June	676,068,000	655,823,000	587,705,000	622,045,000
<b>Total for 12 months</b>	<b>8,965,846,000</b>	<b>8,998,022,000</b>		

—V. 119, p. 2177.

Brooklyn City RR.—Halsey Stuart & Co., Inc., announce

the purchase of \$3,750,000 5% Equip. Trust Certificates, issued under the Philadelphia plan. A public offering will be made at an early date.

Funds derived from the transaction will be used to pay in part for 335 new cars recently contracted for at a cost in excess of \$5,000,000.

Referring to premature and inaccurate statements with reference to the transaction obtained from unauthorized sources, an official of Halsey, Stuart & Co. said that the company is not a subsidiary or in any way controlled by the Brooklyn Heights RR. or the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Co.

In view of the inaccurate statements that have been published with reference to the ownership and control of the company, it should be understood that these properties were leased for a period of 999 years to the Brooklyn Heights RR. in 1893, which was placed in the hands of a receiver in July, 1919. In Oct. 1919 the receiver defaulted in the payment of rentals and the lease was terminated. Since Oct. 1919, therefore, our properties have



been independently operated. Since 1919, including the equipment to be acquired under this car trust, we have expended or arranged to expend over \$9,000,000 for new rolling stock.

The company owns and operates a total trackage of 210 miles, covering more than 40% of the surface mileage in the Borough of Brooklyn, N. Y. City, and including a great many of the principal car lines of the Borough operating in the important down town districts. The company has outstanding in the hands of the public, bonds of the face value of \$4,898,000, whereas the real estate alone is assessed for purposes of taxation by the City of New York at more than \$7,300,000.—V. 119, p. 2177, 1509.

**Buffalo General Electric Co.—To Increase Stock, &c.—**

The stockholders will vote Feb. 2 on changing the authorized capital stock from 250,000 shares, all one class, (par \$100) to 1,250,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, and 400,000 shares of Preferred stock, par \$25. It is proposed to issue 5 new shares of Common stock of no par value for each share of capital stock (par \$100) now held.

The stockholders will also vote on authorizing the execution and delivery of an unlimited mortgage on all the properties and franchises of the company to secure bonds to be issued at times and in such amounts as the discretion of the board of directors, and to be sold or disposed of, also at the directors' discretion.

President C. R. Huntley, in a letter to the stockholders dated Dec. 31 1924, says in part:

The improvement and enlargement of the company's operations require each year a large expenditure for new capital improvements. These expenditures have hitherto been largely financed by the sale of bonds issued under our present mortgages. We have issued practically all the bonds permissible under these mortgages. It appears to the directors that it may be desirable to issue Preferred stock in financing at least some of these capital expenditures. While it is not the purpose of the board to issue this stock at the present time, the board deems it highly essential that the power should be given to it to issue the stock if it should hereafter appear desirable and expedient to do so. This method of financing, aside from other advantages, would expand our stockholding list and thus fortify the company's position.

It seems to the board that the time has arrived to put the financing of the larger part of the future capital expenditures and the refunding of the outstanding mortgages on a permanent basis, and that the way to accomplish this is through a mortgage of the general character suggested. The outstanding mortgages limit the amount of bonds issuable thereunder and, as above suggested, the limit has been practically reached.

Under the proposed mortgage, the directors will be authorized to issue bonds from time to time as they deem expedient to finance new capital expenditures and provision will be made therein for the issuance of bonds to refund existing mortgages when they become due in 1939, at which time the new mortgage would automatically become and remain the only mortgage on the properties of the company.

The results of the operations of the company during the year 1924 will show a steady and substantial growth in the business of the company and in earnings.

**Announces Reduction in Electric Light Rates.—**

The company has announced the reduction of the maximum base rate from 6 to 5 cents a k. w. hr., effective Feb. 10. The decrease will affect approximately 99% of all customers and applies to residences, apartment houses, small stores, small business houses and small power users. The previous decrease was made in Dec. 1922, for the same classification of power users, from 7 to 6 cents per k. w. hr. According to the company, the new rate brings the average price paid by customers for residential lighting service down to less than 3 1-3 cents per k. w. hr.—V. 118, p. 797.

**Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd.—Pref. Stock Sold.—**

Nesbit, Thompson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, have sold \$3,500,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock. The stock was offered at 99 and div., to yield over 7%, and carried a bonus of 3 shares of Common stock of no par value with each 10 shares Preferred. Further details in V. 119, p. 3008.

**Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Notes Offered.—**

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at prices ranging from 4 1/2% to 5%, according to maturity, \$4,800,000 Serial gold notes. The notes, which bear 4 1/2% int. to Jan. 1 1926 and 5% thereafter, are dated Jan. 2 1925 and are due \$400,000 quarterly April 1 1925 to Jan. 1 1928, incl.

Principal and interest (Q.-J.) payable at Chicago and New York offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Red., all or part, at any time upon 10 days' notice at par and interest.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Marshall E. Sampell, Chicago, Dec. 26.**

Company.—An Illinois corporation. Supplies, without competition of like service, 233 communities in the State of Illinois with one or more classes of public utility service. It is now acquiring all of the outstanding capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of the companies serving the City of Quincy, Ill., with electricity, gas and heat, the street railway service in Joliet, Ill., and an interurban railroad from Joliet to the City of Chicago. Company's business will remain essentially that of supplying service other than transportation, as over 98% of the consolidated net earnings, reflecting the above acquisitions, is now being derived from such sources.

The company now serves an estimated combined population of 450,000 in 229 communities in central and southern Illinois with electrical energy for lighting and power purposes, 9 communities with gas, 11 with water, 5 with heating, and 5 with street railway service.

Company's main generating stations are located practically at the mouth of some of the largest and best equipped coal mines in central and southern Illinois. With the acquisition of the Quincy Gas, Electric & Heating Co. a very advantageous contract will be obtained for the purchase of power from the Mississippi River Power Co.'s large hydro-electric station at Keokuk, Iowa. After interconnection of the companies' properties, this additional important source of energy will be available to the combined high-voltage systems. From its own stations, and through its present contracts for the purchase of wholesale power, the company now has a total available capacity of 177,610 k. w. The total connected load on the company's system is now approximately 173,653 k. w. Company owns 1,706 miles of high-tension transmission lines, all of which are of modern and recent construction, and 15 ice plants, with a combined daily capacity of approximately 850 tons, are also owned and operated.

**Consolidated Capitalization Outstanding with Public (after this Financing).**

6% Cumulative Preferred stock	121,787 shs.
Common stock (owned by Middle West Utilities Co.)	117,440 shs.
Underlying divisional bonds (mortgages closed)	\$12,542,000
1st Mtge. & Ref. Gold bonds	\$14,195,000
Bonds of companies being acquired	\$2,472,000
Serial Gold notes (this issue)	4,800,000

Issuance of additional bonds limited by the conservative restrictions of the mortgage or mortgages securing the same.

Company has jointly and severally with the Interstate Public Service Co., guaranteed the payment of principal, interest and sinking fund of \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds of the Indiana Hydro-Electric Power Co.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to acquire securities of the Quincy Gas, Electric & Heating Co. and the Chicago & Joliet Electric Ry. Co., and certain real estate and other property used in connection therewith.

**Consol. Statement of Earnings and Expenses (upon completion of Acquisitions).**

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1923.	1924.
Gross revenue (including other income)	\$9,633,685	\$10,617,191
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	6,579,961	7,147,821

Net earnings before depreciation	\$3,053,724	\$3,469,370
Ann. int. on the consolidated funded debt to be presently outstanding in the hands of the public, including the maximum annual interest requirement on this issue, requires		\$1,857,860

Balance. \$1,611,510  
**Management.**—Company is controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co.—V. 120, p. 85.

**Central New York Gas & Electric Co.—Tenders.—**  
 The Philadelphia Trust Co., trustee, Broad and Chestnut Sts., Phila., Pa., will until Jan. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated March 15 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$11,012 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 119, p. 201.

**Central States Gas Co., El Dorado, Ark.—Receivership.**  
 The company, headed by W. C. Busch, of St. Louis, has been thrown into receivership by Chancellor John M. Elliott, of the Jefferson Chancery Court. The company is the parent company of the El Dorado Gas Co., but the litigation is over stock and transfers which do not affect the local concern.

The receivership petition was brought by M. B. Morgan, of El Dorado, against the Central States, charging mismanagement, misappropriation of funds, and sale of unauthorized stock by W. C. Busch, Pres. of the company. Chancellor Elliott appointed Ernest Osborne, former Manager of the Smackover Ice & Water Co., as receiver.

**Charlestown (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—**  
 F. L. Dabney & Co. and Curtis & Sanger, Boston, have placed privately \$200,000 1st Mtge. 5% Series "B" 25-Year bonds, dated Jan. 1 1925, due Jan. 1 1950, but callable up to July 1 1940 at 107 1/2. American Trust Co., trustee.—V. 119, p. 2877, 2178.

**Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR.—Notes Offered.—**Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$750,000 2-Year 6 1/2% Secured Gold notes.

Dated Dec. 1 1924, due Dec. 1 1926. Int. payable J. & D. at office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago and New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Red. all or part upon 30 days' notice at any time prior to Dec. 1 1925 at 100 1/2 and int. and on and after Dec. 1 1925 at 100 and int. Company will agree to reimburse the holders of these notes, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Penna. and Conn. 4 mills and Maryland 4 1/2 mills taxes, and for the District of Columbia personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills per dollar per annum, and for the Mass. income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% of such int. per annum.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Thomas Conway Jr., Philadelphia, Dec. 26.**

Company.—An Illinois corporation. Owns and operates the third-rail electric railroad properties extending from Chicago through Wheaton to Aurora, Elgin, Geneva and Batavia, and from Bellwood to Hillside, Ill. Company's business includes passenger, freight and express service. Through traffic agreements the company has acquired an entrance into the loop district of Chicago and now carries passengers both by local and high speed limited trains to and from the Chicago Rapid Transit Co.'s terminal station in Chicago on Wells St. near Jackson Boulevard. The population of the area directly served, according to the 1920 Census, was approximately 200,000, exclusive of Chicago.

Security.—Secured by pledge with the trustee of \$1,000,000 Ref. & Impt. Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds, Series C, due Dec. 1 1934.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to fund current loans and towards additions and betterments to the company's property.

Capital stock (par \$100)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First Mortgage, 5%, due April 15 1941	\$9,500,000	\$9,500,000
Ref. & Impt. Mtge. 7% Gold bonds, 1947	(Closed)	2,100,000
2-Year 6 1/2% Secured Gold notes (this issue)	a	1,050,000
	(Closed)	750,000

a Additional bonds in series, but not to exceed an aggregate of \$50,000,000; principal amount at any time outstanding, may be issued only in accordance with the restrictions of the mortgage.

Earnings 12 Months Ended October 31.

Revenue from transportation	1924.	1923.
	\$2,084,848	\$2,000,945
Other revenue	273,877	489,212
Total revenue	\$2,358,726	\$2,490,158
Oper. exp., maint., rentals & general taxes	1,855,399	2,000,826
Net earnings before depreciation	\$503,327	\$489,331

Annual interest on funded debt to be presently outstanding in the hands of the public requires \$232,200.—V. 119, p. 3009.

**Citizens Gas Co. of Indianapolis.—Tenders.—**  
 The Bankers Trust Co., primary trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Jan. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds dated July 1 1912 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$32,980 at a price not exceeding 108 and int.—V. 119, p. 328.

**Citizens Water Supply Co., Newtown, L. I.—**  
 The company recently received an award of \$4,758,954 for its property in Flushing and Douglaston, L. I., under condemnation proceedings brought by New York City. The company demanded \$9,608,871.—V. 119, p. 2644, 201.

**Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Registrar.—**  
 The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the 6% Pref. and Common stock. See offering in V. 119, p. 2409.

**Clinton (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Stock Authorized.—**  
 The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issue by the company of 353 additional shares of capital stock (par \$500) at \$750 a share. The proceeds are to be used to pay for \$110,000 1st Mtge. bonds maturing Jan. 1 1925 and for obligations already incurred by improvements and additions.—V. 81, p. 843.

**Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co.—Recapitalization.**  
 The stockholders will vote Jan. 27 on approving a recapitalization plan by which it is proposed to eliminate the present authorized Prior Preference stock and substitute for the present outstanding Series A Preferred, Series B Preferred and Common stock three new classes of stock on the following basis, to wit:

(a) An authorized amount of 250,000 shares of First Preferred stock, par \$100 each, of which 20,276 shares will be immediately exchanged, share for share, for the present outstanding Series A Preferred stock, the balance held unissued, subject to the sale thereof from time to time to the public. The new First Preferred stock carries 6% cumulative dividends and receives upon voluntary dissolution the sum of \$110 per share, and has priority in dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution over any other class of stock now existing or hereafter created.

(b) An authorized amount of 50,300 shares of Series B Preferred stock, par \$100 each, all of which will be immediately exchanged, share for share, for the present outstanding Series B Preferred stock. The new Series B Preferred stock carries 6% cumulative dividends and receives upon voluntary dissolution the sum of \$105 per share, and has priority in dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution over the Common stock.

(c) An authorized amount of 300,000 shares of no par Common stock, of which 120,276 shares will be immediately exchanged for the outstanding Common stock, each share of present outstanding Common stock receiving 2 shares of the new Common stock, the balance remaining of the authorized Common stock to be held in the treasury and sold to the public from time to time.

President Charles L. Kurtz in a circular letter Jan. 5, says: The rapid increase in the company's business has resulted in the necessary extension of its plant and power facilities. A new power plant is being erected. The officers estimate that approximately \$6,000,000 of new money will have to be raised for additions and improvements during 1925.

The directors could, without any authority from stockholders, borrow this money and issue the company's notes therefor. These notes would be obligations prior to all classes of stock, and on account of the necessity of refinancing such notes from time to time, would, in the opinion of the directors, be an expensive and unwise method of raising the necessary funds.

The other alternative is the one now proposed to stockholders and recommended by the directors, i. e., the sale of mortgage bonds and Preferred and Common stock. The officers have the assurance that if the proposed recapitalization is approved by the stockholders a sale of new First Preferred stock and of Common stock at prices beneficial to the company and approved by the Ohio P. U. Commission will be available.



The company's local bankers have unanimously approved the proposed procedure.

In a letter to stockholders dated Dec. 24, Pres. Kurtz said: The financial structure of the company has not been for some years for the best interests of the company and its stockholders. On account of the very low prices at which the company's stock was long offered on the market it has been impossible heretofore to correct this fault. Our present outstanding bonds amount to 58% of the total outstanding securities, while our present outstanding stocks amount to but 42% thereof.

Several years ago when the officers were seeking funds with which to save the company, they succeeded only after great difficulty and after a promise to correct the company's financial structure as speedily as possible. The time has now come when it is believed that the company's Capital stock structure can be reformed with full justice to all the stockholders. Any plan of reorganizing the finances of a corporation will almost necessarily bear hardest upon the holders of the Common stock. The proposed plan has the approval of Cyrus S. Eaton, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Continental Gas & Electric Corp., which has recently acquired a large majority of the Common stock of Columbus Railway, Power & Light Co., as well as substantial amounts of the outstanding Series A and Series B Preferred stocks.

Sufficient funds for the company's needs cannot be raised by the sale of bonds. The only alternatives then for the raising of sufficient funds for the company's needs are: (a) The sale of debentures; (b) the sale of Preferred and Common stocks.

During the past four years company has spent \$13,000,000 in the rehabilitation, betterment and extension of its properties. A new up-to-date power plant, known as the Picway station, is now being installed. This station will provide for the company's expansion and the needs of the power and light users in Central Ohio.

A stockholders' protective committee has been formed to fight the proposed reorganization plan. The committee in a circular letter Jan. 5, says in part:

**Stockholders' Protective Committee Formed to Oppose Plan.**

The proposed change is objectionable upon the following grounds: First, with the large increase of the Common stock and the issue of two shares for one to holders of the present Common stock and the denial of the right to vote to the new First Preferred stock, the interests which recently purchased 43,000 or more shares of Common stock, or about one-third of the Capital stock of your company, will gain complete control. This control they do not now possess.

Holders of the Series A Preferred stock will receive the amount of their holdings in the new First Preferred stock, but they will give up their right to vote as long as they receive dividends thereon. They also give up a redemption price of \$120 per share and accept a redemption price of \$110 per share.

Holders of Series B Preferred stock receive even less consideration in the proposed reorganization, and their position, if they accept the provisions of the reorganization, will be worse than the position of either the holders of A Preferred stock or of Common stock. Holders of Series B Preferred stock will have a new authorized issue of approximately \$22,887,500 placed ahead of their stock. This of itself would condemn the proposed reorganization so far as holders of the present Series B Preferred stock are concerned. They will also give up a redemption price of \$112.50 per share and will accept instead a redemption price of \$105 per share.

We do not think that the proposed plan of reorganization is a good one, and we think it is particularly unfair to the Series B Preferred stock.

In our opinion any reorganization should offer the exchange of new Preferred stock of one class for the present Series A and Series B Preferred stocks protected in the same manner as such issues usually are, namely, by providing for cumulative dividends, preference as to assets and proper restriction as to issue; or the option of accepting the redemption price of \$120 per share for Series A stock and \$112.50 per share for Series B stock.

Committee.—Edward W. Strong (Chairman), Stephen H. Wilder, Marmion K. Lewis, Edmund Kerper, Harold C. Eustis (Sec.).—V. 119, p. 1843, 1623.

**Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Interests Acquire Control of Two Meriden Companies.**

Control of the Meriden (Conn.) Electric Light Co. and the Meriden Gas Light Co. will be acquired on Jan. 20 by a syndicate composed of large stockholders of the Connecticut Light & Power Co.

The Meriden Electric Light Co. is capitalized at \$1,000,000 (\$750,000 outstanding). The Meriden Gas Light Co. is capitalized at \$1,000,000 (all outstanding). Companies have no funded or floating debt.—V. 119, p. 2759.

**Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—New Financing.**

The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$50,000,000 20-year 5½% debentures. An early offering of the issue is expected.

The purpose of the issue is to discharge obligation of money borrowed amounting to \$8,500,000 as of Aug. 31 last; for acquisition of stocks and bonds, application for which is now pending or is about to be made, of the Astoria Light, Heat & Power Co., Northern Union Gas Co., New York Edison Co., New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co. and Westchester Lighting Co. amounting to \$14,048,881. All these companies are Consolidated Gas subsidiaries. Also, to reimburse the company's treasury, for moneys expended from income amounting to \$27,451,118.—V. 119, p. 2877.

**Continental Gas & Electric Corp.—Consol. Earnings.**

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—		
	1924.	1923.
Gross revenue	\$21,432,018	\$20,836,728
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	11,997,071	11,918,766
Total interest and dividend charges on subsidiary companies and other prior deductions	3,747,183	3,413,621
Int. on 1st Lien 5% bonds, 1927, and Ref. Mtge. 6% bonds, 1947	522,375	422,232
Int. on \$5,700,000 Coll. Trust 7s, 1954	399,000	399,000
Int. on \$11,700,000 Sec. 6½% bonds, 1964	760,500	760,500
Dividend on \$10,329,400 Prior Pref. 7% stock	723,058	723,058
Dividend on \$1,919,700 Part. Pref. 6-8% stock	134,379	134,379

Bal. avail. for deprec. and Common stk. div.	\$3,148,452	\$3,065,172
Outstanding Capitalization Nov. 30—	1924.	1923.
1st Lien S. F. 5% bonds, 1912	\$4,049,300	\$4,138,000
Ref. Mtge. 6% bonds, 1922	5,461,200	5,276,000
Coll. Trust 7% bonds, 1924	5,700,000	—
Secured 6½% bonds, 1924	11,700,000	—
Prior Preference 7% stock	10,329,400	3,609,700
Participating Preferred 6-8% stock	1,919,700	—
Common stock (no par)	152,631 sh.	56,487 sh.

**Continental Power & Light Co.—Stock Increased.**

The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its stated capital from \$1,300,000 to \$2,000,000. See also V. 119, p. 2069.

**Eastern Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Maine.—Bonds Offered.**

Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Me., is offering at 96¼ and int., yielding 5¼%, \$128,500 5% Debentures. Dated March 1 1922; due March 1 1947. A legal investment for Maine savings banks. A circular shows:

Company.—Incorp. in Maine in 1911, and in March 1922 acquired from the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. that portion of its property comprising all of its lines in Washington County east of Cherryfield, including the coast cities and towns, the more important of which are Calais, Eastport, Lubec, Machias, Woodland, Cherryfield, Harrington and Millbridge. Population served, 40,000. At Calais the lines of company connect with the New Brunswick Telephone Co., being the connecting link between the American Tel. & Tel. Co. and the Providence of New Brunswick and easterly points. Connection is made with the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. at Millbridge. Valuation of property Oct. 31 1924, \$324,000.

Purpose.—For the property acquired the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. received \$50,000 in cash and this issue of \$128,500 in bonds, since which time these bonds have been in the treasury of the New England company.

**Capitalization.**

Capital stock (paying 8% dividends)	\$132,000
Bonds	128,500

Ownership.—Company is a subsidiary of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co., as approximately 47% of its Common stock is owned by that company.

The remainder is owned by the directors and investors in the communities served.

	12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 1923.	10 Mos. End. Oct. 31 1924.
Earnings—		
Total revenue	\$118,544	\$102,936
Operation	58,664	50,081
Current maintenance	15,599	11,468
Depreciation	17,172	15,271
Taxes	5,447	4,267
Net telephone earnings	\$21,661	\$21,848
Sundry net earnings	297	39
Total	\$21,958	\$21,887
Bond interest	\$6,425	\$5,354

**Edison Electric Co. of New Orleans.—Tenders.**

The American Trust Co., trustee, 50 State St., Boston, Mass., will until Jan. 12 receive bids for the sale to it of First Mtge. 5% bonds due Jan. 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$21,388.—V. 116, p. 182.

**Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.**

The company, according to reports in the financial district, is negotiating for the sale of \$30,000,000 3-Year Coupon notes to be dated Jan. 15.—V. 119, p. 3009.

**Electric Railway Lines.—Receiverships, &c., in 1924.**

The "Electric Railway Journal" Jan. 3 reports in substance:

During the past year the financial status of electric railways has been generally favorable. This has been reflected even in the weaker properties. In fact the situation was so good in the earlier part of the year that it appeared that the number of receiverships for the year and the value of the securities involved would be less than for 1923. The uncertainty due to the developments of the Presidential campaign, particularly with the dire prophecies of results to follow the election of a radical candidate, caused a falling off in general business that was nationwide. Incidentally there was a loss in electric railway traffic great enough that some of the weaker roads were unable to withstand the pressure, and receiverships resulted.

Even with the general situation as it was, the record would have been almost as good as that for last year had not application been made for a receiver for the Union Traction Co. of Indiana in the closing hours of 1924. This road, an important property, which consists of 455 miles of interurbans in central Indiana, is capitalized at \$28,181,000. Adding it to the list of new receiverships threw the totals, both for the amount of track and the securities involved, considerably above those for 1923. It also brought the total number of companies thrown into receivership during the year up to 12, or the same number as for the year previous. All told, the 12 companies include 1,022 miles of track and \$64,000,000 of securities.

**Record of Electric Railway Receiverships.**

	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
No. of cos.	27	15	21	29	48	19	14	14	12	12
Miles track	1,152	359	1,177	2,018	3,781	1,065	986	695	334	1,022

**Record of Electric Railway Foreclosure Sales.**

	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
No. of cos.	27	15	26	23	29	13	13	13	15	14
Miles track	308	430	745	524	2,675	259	778	324	927	869

**Electric Railway Receiverships in 1924.**

	Miles Involved.	Miles Involved.	
United Traction Co. of Ind.	455.0	Long Island Electric Ry. Co.	24.97
K. C. Kaw Vall. & West. Ry.	42.31	Port Jervis Traction Co.	4.78
Joplin & Pittsburg Ry.	94.52	Maumee Valley Ry.	23.21
Milford Attl. & Woon. St. Ry.	29.73	Columbus New. & Zanes. Ry.	91.05
Grd. Rap. Holl. & Chic. Ry.	76.40	Charl.-Isle of Palms Trac. Co.	9.00
Michigan RR.	159.44		
Ithaca Traction Corporation.	11.47	Total for 1924 (13 cos.)	1,021.88

The financial difficulties of 22 companies were straightened out in whole or in part. In 18 of these cases the receiverships were terminated, the companies totaling 1,608 miles of track and \$174,000,000 in securities. The net result of the receivership operations is thus decidedly favorable, the properties released to their owners representing nearly three times as much capital as those that went into receiverships.

The leading property to have the receivership terminated during the year was the Pittsburgh Railways. This city property, with 600 miles of track and \$94,000,000 of securities, was put in such excellent condition by the receiver that it was possible to return it to its original owners without the necessity for a reorganization.

**Receiverships Terminated and Foreclosure Sales During 1924.**

Receivers Discharged with or without Foreclosure Sales or Following Abandonment—	Miles of Track.
Birmingham Railway, Light & Power Co.	154.70
Birmingham Tidewater Ry.	31.25
Shore Line Electric Ry.	28.22
Chicago & Oak Park Elevated RR.	22.66
DeKalb-Sycamore & Interurban Traction Co.	6.5
Winona Interurban RR.	70.00
Atlantic Shore Ry.	49.93
Concord Maynard & Hudson Street Ry.	18.15
Binghamton Ry.	50.25
Coney Island & Brooklyn RR.	32.88
Pennsylvania & Ohio Traction Co.	24.00
Cleveland Southwestern & Columbus Ry.	18.00
Lima-Toledo RR.	82.90
Norwalk & Shelby RR.	24.00
Northampton Easton & Washington Traction Co.	16.8
Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Co.	168.00
Ephrata & Lebanon Street Ry.	23.00
Pittsburgh Railways	599.75
Total of receiverships terminated (18 companies)	1,607.99

**Foreclosures But Receivers Not Yet Discharged—**

Connecticut Valley Street Ry.	47.05
Northern Massachusetts Street Ry.	44.09
Ohio River Electric Railway & Power Co.	12.70
Cleveland Alliance & Mahoning Valley RR.	46.00
Total of foreclosure sales without receivers' discharge (4 cos.)	149.84

**Entire Properties Abandoned in 1924.**

	Miles of Track.
Gadsden Bellevue & Lookout Mountain Ry.	3.1
Shore Line Electric Ry.	28.22
Brunswick & Interurban Ry.	6.25
Caldwell Traction Co.	11.00
DeKalb-Sycamore & Interurban Traction Co.	6.5
Milford Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Ry.	29.73
Kansas City Power & Light Co.	2.00
Glen Cove RR., Far Rockaway, N. Y.	3.00
Great South Bay Ferry Co.	2.92
Walkill Transit Co.	12.84
Sunk Traction Co.	11.61
Port Jervis Traction Co.	4.78
Goldsboro Electric Ry.	3.5
Ashtabula & Lake Shore Ry.	3.5
Pennsylvania & Ohio Traction Co.	24.00
Norwalk & Shelby RR.	0.4
Ohio River Electric Railway & Power Co.	12.70
Pacific Power & Light Co.	5.6
Berwick & Nescopeck Ry.	1.66
Corry & Columbus Traction Co.	4.00
Titusville Traction Co.	16.71
Montoursville Passenger Ry.	5.5
Cheyenne Electric Ry.	5.5
Total for 1924 (23 companies)	225.52

—V. 118, p. 310.

**General Fuel Corp. Terre Haute, Ind.—New Finance.**

The company recently created a new issue of \$600,000 8% 5-Year Sinking Fund Gold notes, dated Dec. 1 1924, divided into two series: Series "A", \$200,000, to be issued only in exchange for the company's outstanding Preferred stock at the option of the holders up to, but not after, Aug. 31 1925, and Series "B", \$400,000, the greater part of which have been pur-



chased by the present officers and directors and the balance of which are being held in the treasury.

John H. Beasley, Sec., in a letter to the stockholders says:

For more than two years the bituminous coal industry has passed through one of the most extended and trying depressions in its history, and in addition was subjected to a general miners' strike lasting approximately five months. In face of these conditions, however, company has continued the developing and equipping of its properties and has maintained its mines in thoroughly efficient condition, but in so doing it incurred additional unfunded indebtedness which it was deemed advisable to convert into a reasonably long time funded debt. This the directors have succeeded in doing, so that with the improved business conditions, with no immediate capital obligations to meet, and with ample working capital, the board believes that the future outlook for a profitable operation of the company's property is very bright.

The exchange of Series "A" notes for the Preferred stock is offered because the directors feel that a Preferred stockholder should have the opportunity of placing himself in an equal credit position with new note-holders. The privilege of converting the Preferred stock into Common stock has been extended from March 1 1925 to Aug. 31 1925, at which latter time the privilege of exchanging for the Series "A" notes will also expire. The Series "B" notes are being issued for refunding or for cash at par.

In view of the improved financial condition of the company as a result of the permanent financing just accomplished, its present increased business and the bright outlook for industrial business in the near future, the directors feel justified in declaring and paying the past due accumulated dividends on the Preferred stock amounting to 4%, which were due on Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, respectively.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1924 (After New Financing):	
Assets	Liabilities
Total current assets	Common stock
Inv. in Higrade Coal Co.	Preferred stock
Plant, equip. & develop.	1st M. 8% bonds, ser. "A"
Minerals	1st M. 8% bonds, ser. "B"
Deferred charges	5-Year 8% notes, ser. "B"
	Vendors lien
	E. I. & T. H. Ry. maturity
Total (each side)	Accrued liabilities
	Reserves
	Surplus

-V. 116, p. 2136.

**Geneva Seneca Falls & Auburn RR.—Abandonment.**—The company has filed a certificate in the office of the Secretary of State at Albany, N. Y., declaring a portion of its route of about a mile on Stevenson Street (Geneva, N. Y.) abandoned.—V. 119, p. 197.

**Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd. (Daido Denryoku Kabushiki Kaisha).—Definitive Bonds Ready.**—

Dillon, Read & Co. announce that interim receipts for the First Mtge. 7% Sink. Fund Gold bonds, Series "A," due Aug. 1, 1944 are now exchangeable for definitive bonds of the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City. (See offering in V. 119, p. 330.)  
Holders of interim receipts bearing serial numbers corresponding to the numbers of the bonds of said issue called for redemption through the sinking fund on Feb. 1 1925, will be entitled to receive in exchange for such interim receipts, at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., 28 Nassau St., New York City, definitive bonds bearing the same serial numbers.—V. 120, p. 86.

**Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Two Stockholders Bring Suit to Void Merger of 1920.**—

A suit was filed Jan. 5 by John J. O'Leary and John A. Bell, stockholders, seeking nullification of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s ownership of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. In their petition filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, it is stated Mr. Bell owns 10 shares and Mr. O'Leary 78 shares.

A statement concerning the suit was issued by the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., which said:  
"After a delay of four years, two stockholders of the company have filed proceedings attempting to rescind the purchase by the company in 1920 of the property of the Central Union Telephone Co. in Illinois and attacking the validity of the contracts between the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Western Electric Co. the."

"The Illinois P. U. Commission in 1920 authorized the purchase of the Central Union property by the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., and approved the purchase price, after a hearing in which all the facts were given the Commission. Inter-corporate contracts similar to those questioned have been in effect in the Bell System for many years, and have been repeatedly investigated and approved by courts and State utility commissions. The value of the Western Electric contract has been uniformly recognized, and the U. S. Supreme Court has in two recent decisions approved the license contract between the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Bell companies throughout the United States.

"If the Circuit Court of Cook County in this case should hold it proper to reopen these questions at the request of stockholders, the company will again submit its evidence, with confidence that the Illinois Courts will follow the decisions of other Courts."—V. 119, p. 2645.

**Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.**—

Net Earnings of the Interborough System Under the Plan.				
	—Month of November—	—5 Mos. end. Nov. 30—	—1923.	—1924.
	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Total revenue	\$4,889,223	\$4,962,202	\$23,311,852	\$22,919,307
(a) Oper. exp., taxes & rentals paid city for old subway	3,135,438	3,243,283	15,562,304	16,097,106
	\$1,753,784	\$1,718,919	\$7,749,548	\$6,822,201
(a) Maint. in excess of contractual provisions	41,177	210,184	525,561	1,275,271
'Inc. for all purposes	\$1,712,608	\$1,508,735	\$7,223,987	\$5,546,932
Fixed charges—Int. on 1st Mtge. 5s	\$672,557	\$672,138	\$3,362,563	\$3,360,390
Int. on Man. Ry. bds.	150,687	150,687	753,433	753,433
Int. on 7% sec'd notes	198,346	186,921	989,205	934,020
Int. on 6% 10-yr. notes	30,906	19,642	148,191	\$5,829
Int. on equip. trusts	17,787	7,000	56,632	26,320
Miscell. deductions	33,799	52,070	174,234	240,430
(b) Sk. fd. on 1st M. 5s	184,757	180,788	923,783	903,735
Totals	\$1,288,839	\$1,269,246	\$6,408,042	\$6,304,157
Balance after actual maintenance	\$423,769	\$239,490	\$815,944	def\$757,225
Reserve to cover amt. of add'l rental which may become payable to owners of Man. Ry. Co.'s stock not assenting to the plan of readjustment	5,000		25,655	
Div. rental on \$60,000,000 Man. Ry. stock under plan	250,000	200,000	1,250,000	1,000,000

(a) From the commencement of operations under Contract No. 3 and the related certificates, respectively, it has been the practice to include in all reports of operating expenses 14% of the gross operating revenue upon the Manhattan Division and 17% of the Subway Division, to cover maintenance and depreciation. These are the percentages fixed for the first year of operation in each case. Negotiations have been pending between the company and the Commission ever since the end of the first year to determine what, if any, changes in these percentages should be made for subsequent years. Prior to July 1 1923 the amount expended in excess of 14% upon the Manhattan Division was approximately offset by the amount under 17% expended upon the Subway Division. The net expenditures for maintenance in excess of the amounts therefor, included in "operating expenses, taxes and rental paid city for the old subway," are shown hereinabove as "maintenance in excess of contractual provisions."

(b) Under the plan of readjustment payment of the sinking fund is deferred until July 1 1926 on condition that, prior to that date, an amount equal to the deferred sinking fund be expended on additions or improvements to the property.—V. 119, p. 2761.

**International Utilities Corp.—Acquisition.**—The corporation has acquired control of the Coffeyville Gas & Fuel Co. of Kansas. See also V. 119, p. 3009.

**Jamaica (N. Y.) Water Supply Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Janney & Co., New York and Philadelphia, are offering at 99½ and int. to yield over 5½%, \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 30-Year 5½% Gold bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1925; due Jan. 1 1955.—V. 119, p. 2878.

**Kentucky-Tennessee Light & Power Co.—Application.**—The company has applied to the Federal Power Commission for a preliminary permit to install a power plant at each of the four navigable jams on the Barren and Green Rivers, in Butler, Warren and Edmundson counties, Ky.—V. 119, p. 1177.

**Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Financial Reorganization Approved—New Financing.**—

The shareholders on Dec. 18 authorized a reduction in the par value of the 2,525,000 outstanding shares from \$2 50 to \$1 00 each. The stockholders also increased the number of authorized shares of capital stock from 3,000,000 to 7,500,000 shares. This reduction in the par value of the existing capital stock will enable the company to write off obsolete plant and the new stock which it is planned to dispose of will put the company in a strong liquid position and provide new equipment.

The new stock will be offered pro rata to present stockholders. It is stated that arrangements have been made with the English company to take up a sufficient number of shares at par, \$1, to finance the construction of the present program and also to enable the Canadian company to pay off certain large advances and current liabilities as well as to provide it with working capital.—V. 119, p. 3010.

**Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., Eng.—Div.**—A dividend of 7%, being 1s. 4.8d. per share, less income tax (for the year 1924), was payable Jan. 1 1925 on the 7% Cumul. Partic. Preference shares. A similar payment (for the year 1923) was made on Sept. 18 1924.

Coupons may be lodged at the head office of the company, Marconi House, Strand, London, W. C. 2. Coupons are also payable at the following places at the exchange of the day: Banco di Roma, Rome, and branches; Banque d'Outremer, 48 Rue de Namur, Brussels; Hanover National Bank, New York.—V. 119, p. 1402.

**Meriden (Conn.) Gas Light Co.—New Control.**—See Connecticut Light & Power Co. above.—V. 97, p. 890.

**Memphis Power & Light Co.—Pref. Shares Offered.**—Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, is offering at 99 and div. 10,000 shares Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock (no par value). Dividend \$7 per share per annum.

Red. on any div. date after Jan. 1 1926 on 30 days' notice at \$110 per share and divs. Preferred as to assets in case of liquidation up to \$100 and divs. Dividends payable Q-J. Under the present Federal income tax law (Revenue Act of 1924), dividends on this stock are exempt from the normal tax and are entirely exempt from all Federal income taxes when the stock is held by an individual whose net income is \$10,000 or less. Dividends on this stock when received by corporations are entirely exempt from all Federal income taxes.

**Company.**—Incorp. Dec. 16 1922 and acquired the property formerly owned and operated by the Memphis Gas & Electric Co. The company does the entire central station power and light and the entire gas business in the City of Memphis, Tenn., and vicinity, serving a total population estimated to be more than 200,000. Electric power and light service is supplied to over 35,000 consumers and gas service to over 27,400. During the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1924 the company's output was 111,818,000 k.w.h. of electricity, a gain of 20% over the calendar year 1923.

Capitalization Outstanding on Completion of Present Financing.	
Common stock (no par value)	400,000 shs.
Preferred stock (no par value)	30,000 shs.
First & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds: Series A 5s, due 1948	\$7,500,000
do do Series B 6s, due 1948	2,000,000
Underlying bonds (closed)	1,810,000

Comparative Statement of Earnings.			
	Year ended	Calendar	Years—
	Nov. 30 '24.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings from operation	\$4,382,140	\$3,951,588	\$3,362,159
Operating expenses and taxes	2,716,203	2,520,913	2,160,084
Net earnings	\$1,665,937	\$1,430,675	\$1,202,075
Other income	127,204	129,765	1,526
Total income	\$1,793,141	\$1,560,440	\$1,203,601
Total interest charges	667,612	506,939	601,723

Balance for Pref. divs., renewals & replacements and surplus—\$1,125,529 \$1,053,501 \$601,878 Preferred dividend requirement on the total amount of stock to be outstanding, including the present offering, amounts to \$210,000. See also V. 119, p. 3009.

**Michigan Bell Telephone Co.—Stock Approved.**—The Michigan P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$15,000,000 additional common stock. This will be taken by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. in payment for a like amount of demand notes.—V. 119, p. 3010.

**Monongahela Valley Water Co.—Bonds Offered.**—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co. Inc. and W. C. Langley & Co. are offering at 97½ and int., to yield about 5.70%, \$600,000 1st Mtge. 5½% gold bonds, Series "A." Principal and int. guaranteed by written endorsement on each bond by American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

Dated Jan. 1 1925 due Jan. 1 1950. Int. payable J. & J. at the office or agency of the company in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Interest payable without deduction for that portion of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% and without deduction for the Penna. 4 mills tax on the bonds. Reimbursement of the Conn. 4 mills tax, Maryland 4½ mills tax and Mass. income tax not in excess of 6%. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Red. all or part at any time upon 60 days' notice to and incl. Jan. 1 1930 at 103 and int., thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1945 at 101 and int., and thereafter at 100 and int.

In the event that any municipal corporation or other governmental subdivision, within the limits of which the company operates, acquires all or any part of the plant of the company, all or any part of the bonds, in principal amount not exceeding the price so paid to the company for its property, may, at the election of the company, be declared due and payable at 100 and int. In the event that any such municipal corporation or other governmental subdivision assumes, as a valid and binding general obligation, payment of the principal and interest of the bonds, in connection with its acquisition of the company's property, all liability of the company upon the bonds and all liability of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., as guarantor of the bonds, shall forthwith terminate.

**Data from Letter of D. M. Watt, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Company or its predecessors has since 1894 been supplying water without competition for all purposes to industrial and residential sections on both sides of the Monongahela River, in which are situated the City of Clairton, the boroughs of Elizabeth, West Elizabeth, Glassport, Dravosburg and parts of the townships of Forward, Lincoln, Elizabeth, Jefferson and Mifflin. Total population served about 30,000. Company supplies more than 4,450 consumers with filtered water from the Monongahela River, assuring an unflinching source of supply for all present and future requirements. Company's equipment includes 51 miles of distributive mains. The total daily distributive pumping capacity is 6,000,000 gallons; as compared with present average requirements of only 1,776,000 gallons.



Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
1st Mtge. 5 1/2% gold bonds, Ser. "A," due Jan. 1 '50		\$600,000
7% Cumulative Preferred stock	\$750,000	
Common stock	250,000	250,000

\* The mortgage securing these bonds provides that additional bonds may be issued thereunder for not in excess of 80% of the cost or fair value, whichever is the lower, of permanent improvements, extensions or additions to the property made subsequent to Dec. 31 1924, provided annual net earnings have been at least 1 1/4 times the annual interest charges on all bonds outstanding and those to be issued.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on the physical property of the company, consisting of land, water mains, pumping stations and other equipment which is used and useful in the business of the company. The value of the company's property is in excess of \$1,100,000, as compared with the total funded debt of \$600,000.

Earnings Year Ended Nov. 30 1924.	
Gross revenue	\$128,443
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	47,966

Net earnings \$80,477  
 Annual interest on the company's entire funded debt (this issue) \$33,000

Purpose.—To provide funds for the retirement of the present outstanding bonded debt and partially to reimburse the company for expenditures made for additions, improvements and extensions to its property.

Management.—Company is controlled through ownership of its entire Common stock by the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—V. 95, p. 1545.

**Montana Power Co.—Tenders.**

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 13 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series "A," due July 1 1943, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$322,171, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 119, p. 2762.

**New Haven Gas Light Co.—Rates Reduced.**

Effective Jan. 1 1925, the company reduced rates for gas within the New Haven (Conn.) district which, it is estimated, will amount to a net saving to gas customers of approximately \$100,000 a year. For consumption between 1000 cu. ft. and 40,000 cu. ft. per month the reduction is from \$1 05 per 1,000 cu. ft. to \$1 per 1,000 cu. ft.—V. 119, p. 2287.

**Ocean Shore RR.—Liquidating Dividend of \$2 50.**

A liquidating dividend of \$2 50 per share is now being paid. This is the twelfth payment to be made to shareholders since the company went out of business.—V. 115, p. 437.

**Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—Redeems \$5,000,000 of Notes.**

A total of \$3,000,000 5% Gold notes, dated April 30 1924 (out of an authorized issue of \$5,000,000) were called for redemption Jan. 2 at par and interest at the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee.  
 The Bankers Trust Company has been appointed Transfer Agent for the capital stock of the corporation.—V. 119, p. 2879.

**Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Preliminary Earnings, 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1924.**

Gross earnings	\$44,516,128
Net after taxes, &c.	16,440,571
Surplus for common stock after prior charges and depreciation	3,556,549
Dividends on common stock (8%)	2,999,426
Surplus over common stock dividends	557,123

—V. 120, p. 88.

**Philadelphia Electric Co.—Conowingo Power Plans.**

President Walter H. Johnson says: "My attention has been called to a newspaper article regarding this company's connection with the development of the water power of the Susquehanna River at Conowingo, Md. Any detailed announcement at this time would be premature because the Federal Power Commission has not finally passed upon the matter, although it is expected they will do so in the near future.

"In order, however, that the company's stockholders may be informed as far as possible, I may say that negotiations have been in progress for over a year, as a result of which the company has arranged to secure the electrical energy which will be developed on the Susquehanna River, at Conowingo, Md., as soon as possible after the necessary governmental authorities have approved the various inter-corporate agreements which are shortly to be submitted to them.

"The financing of this development will be accomplished by the sale of securities of a new corporation and the stockholders of this company will be given an opportunity to subscribe to the Preferred and Common stock of the new corporation. No further details can properly be given until the plans now under discussion are finally approved by the public authorities concerned; but an official announcement will be made at the earliest practicable date."

[Plans before Federal Water Power Commission, it is understood, authorize the Susquehanna Power Co. of Belair, Md., and the Susquehanna (Pa.) Water Power Co., to construct a dam and power plant costing about \$52,000,000 in Cecil and Hartford counties, Maryland, and York, Lancaster, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, Pa. The power generated will be sold to the Philadelphia Electric Co. The primary power capacity is placed at 280,000 h. p., and the ultimate capacity at 450,000 h. p. The dam and power house will be in Maryland, but the Pennsylvania corporation, it is said, will undertake to finance the project.—V. 120, p. 88.]

**Portsmouth (N. H.) Power Co.—Sale of Properties.**

See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 118, p. 1676.

**Public Service Co. of Mo.—Acquisition of Properties.**

See Union Electric Light & Power Co. below.—V. 119, p. 334, 206.

**Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—Progress—Outlook.**

President Thomas N. McCarter is quoted as saying: "Important improvement of its financial structure, notable increase in business of its subsidiaries, material betterment of transportation situation, progress in construction program, large additions to the number of stockholders brought about through customer ownership, and a distinctly favorable attitude on the part of the public, combine to make the year 1924 one of the most eventful in the history of the corporation. We have largely overcome the obstacles placed in the path of our progress by the war and have resumed our march forward in pace with the growth both in population and industrially of the busy territory which we serve.

The year was a good one for all of the subsidiary companies of the corporation. Increase in electric and gas customers broke all records. Through the policy of co-ordinating street car and bus service the position of the railway company was materially improved and at the same time a motor bus system of magnitude has been created. The Public Service Production Co. in its field of engineering and construction has extended its profitable activities.

The construction of the new electric power station at Kearney (N. J.) proceeded satisfactorily and the first of the units will be placed in service in the summer of 1925. The extension and interconnection of the gas system has been completed and the corporation's properties as a whole are in better shape than ever before. The excellent condition of business and issues made in 1924 is reflected in the position of its securities. The rapid increase in population and growth of industry is finding a counterpart in southern New Jersey where the construction of the Delaware River bridge connecting Camden and Philadelphia promises a large measure of prosperity.

The corporation's plans for expansion of plant and equipment are being justified by increased business and the outlook for the future is promising.

**Preferred Stock Offering.**

The holders of the 7% and 8% Preferred stocks of record Jan. 16 will be offered the right to subscribe at par (\$100 a share) and div. for 7% Preferred stock to the extent of one share for each 10 shares held. The right to subscribe expires Mar. 31.—V. 119, p. 2648.

**Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—New Director.**

John R. Macomber has been elected a director and a member of the executive committee.—V. 120, p. 88.

**Railways Company General.—Dissolution.**

In order to facilitate the delivery of the Victory Park Land & Improvement Co., Inc., stock to the Railways Company General stockholders, the company has arranged with the West End Trust Co. of Philadelphia to receive deposits of Railways Co. stock and to issue against the same a trust certificate entitling the depositing stockholder to receive two shares of Victory Co. stock for each share of Railways Co. stock so deposited when the latter is received from the Secretary of State of New Jersey that the Railways Co. has been legally dissolved and its charter surrendered. See V. 119, p. 2763, 2880.

**San Antonio Water Supply Co.—Tenders.**

The Mississippi Valley Trust Co., trustee, St. Louis, Mo., up to and including Jan. 15, will receive written offers for the sale to it, at prices of not to exceed 105 and interest, outstanding First & Ref. Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1908, to an amount sufficient to invest approximately \$22,509.—V. 118, p. 2961.

**San Jose (Calif.) Water Works.—To Issue Stock.**

The company has applied to the California Railroad Commission for authority to issue 5,891 shares of additional Capital stock (par \$100) at not less than \$105 per share for the purpose of refunding notes.—V. 105, p. 1903.

**South Pittsburgh (Pa.) Water Co.—Bonds Offered.**

P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co. are offering at 91 and int., to yield about 5.60%, \$600,000 First Lien & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series "A." Principal and int. guaranteed by written endorsement on each bond by American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

Dated Jan. 1 1925; due Jan. 1 1960. Int. payable J. & J. at the office or agency of the company in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100\*. Int. payable without deduction for that portion of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% and without deduction for the Penna. 4-mill tax. Reimbursement of the Conn. 4-mills tax, Maryland 4 1/2-mills tax and Mass. income tax not in excess of 6%. Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee. Red., all or part, at any time, upon 60 days' notice to and incl. Jan. 1 1930 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1940 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1950 at 101 and int., and thereafter at 100 and int.

In the event that any municipal corporation or other governmental subdivision, within the limits of which the company operates, acquires all or any part of the plant of the company, all or any part of the bonds, in principal amount not exceeding the price so paid to the company for its property may, at the election of the company, be declared due and payable at 100 and int. In the event that any such municipal corporation or other governmental subdivision assumes, as a valid and binding general obligation, payment of the principal and interest of the bonds, in connection with its acquisition of the company's property, all liability of the company upon the bonds and all liability of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., as guarantor of the bonds, shall forthwith terminate.

**Data from Letter of D. M. Watt, President of the Company.**

Company.—Company, or its predecessor companies, has been serving a large territory situated in and adjacent to the City of Pittsburgh since 1892. The property has been operated as a unit since 1904 and furnishes water without competition for all purposes in the industrial and residential region south of the Monongahela and Ohio rivers, including the 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 23rd wards of the City of Pittsburgh, the boroughs of Bridgeville, Brentwood, Carrick, Carnegie, Grafton, Dormont, Greentree, Hays, Heidelberg, Ingram, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver, Munhall, Rosslyn Farms, Thornburg, Westwood, West Homestead, Whitaker, Castle Shannon, Lower St. Clair and Overbrook, and in whole or in part the townships of Baldwin, Chartiers, Mt. Lebanon, Mifflin, Scott, Union, Collier, Robinson, Snowden, Bethel and Jefferson.

Company supplied more than 25,800 consumers with filtered water from the Monongahela River. Company's equipment includes 393 miles of distributive main and the fourth largest and one of the most complete water softening plants in the United States. The total daily distributive pumping capacity is 31,000,000 gallons as compared with the present average requirements of only 12,300,000.

The company's mains now serve 175 sq. miles of territory, having a population of about 200,000. Parts of territory traversed by the company's mains have been sparsely populated. It is generally conceded that this territory is the only location in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, easily accessible from the downtown section, towards which the city can expand. With increased growth new consumers are being supplied with a minimum expenditure for extensions to the distributing system.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
1st Lien & Ref. M. 5% Gold bds., due Jan. 1 1960	b	\$600,000
1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1955	Closed	\$3,349,000
Chartiers Valley Water Co. 6s, 1927	Closed	473,000
Cumulative Preferred stock	\$2,750,000	645,300
Common stock	2,750,000	2,750,000

a \$600,000 1st Mtge. 5s will be pledged under the indenture securing the new issue of 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. 5s. The total authorized issue of 1st Mtge. 5s is \$5,000,000, and no additional bonds may be issued except for pledge under the refunding mortgage. b The mortgage securing these bonds will provide that additional bonds may be issued thereunder to refund an equal amount of underlying bonds or of bonds issued under this mortgage, or for not in excess of 80% of the cost or fair value of permanent improvements, &c., made after Oct. 31 1924, provided annual net earnings shall have been at least 1 1/4 times the annual interest charges on all bonds outstanding.

Security.—Secured by a direct mortgage upon the entire property of the company, and through the deposit with the trustee of \$600,000 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, the new issue will share in the security of the first mortgage lien of the underlying bonds, of which there are \$3,822,000 now outstanding in the hands of the public.

The fair value of the company's property, for rate-making purposes, is in excess of \$8,500,000, but engineers have reported the depreciated reproduction cost of the property to be substantially in excess of that amount.

Net Earnings—Year Ended Nov. 30 1924.	
Gross revenue	\$858,541
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	396,478

Net earnings \$462,063  
 Annual int. on the entire funded debt (incl. this issue) \$225,830

Purpose.—To reimburse company for expenditures made for additions, improvements, and extensions to its property.

Company is controlled through ownership of over 82% of its Common stock by the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—V. 119, p. 1181.

**Southern California Telephone Co.—Rates Increased.**

The Company has been authorized by the California RR. Commission to increase rates and establish independent suburban exchanges to yield \$3,000,000 additional revenue annually. The decision includes a new rate structure involving an aggregate increase of about 25%.—V. 112, p. 1625

**Southern Gas & Power Co.—Acquisition.**

The Public Service Commission of Maryland has approved the merger of the West Virginia & Maryland Gas Co. of Maryland and the Northern Natural Gas Co. into one company, to be known by the name of Cumberland & Allegheny Gas Co. (West Virginia), and the issuance of \$1,800,000 First Mortgage bonds under the trusteeship of the Atlantic Bank & Trust Co. of Baltimore.

This company has been purchased by the Southern Gas & Power Co.—V. 119, p. 3011, 2763.

**Standard Power & Light Corp.—Initial Dividend.**

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 75 per share on the Cumul. Pref. stock, payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 16. (See offering in V. 119, p. 2075.)—V. 120, p. 88.

**Titusville (Pa.) Traction Co.—Sale.**

All the property of the company was sold Jan. 2 to W. P. Latta & Co. of Pittsburgh and B. and Lessor Levy of Titusville for a consideration of \$22,250. The new owners, it is said, will junk the line. The sale was made to satisfy the first mortgage of \$106,000 on which \$24,000 interest had accrued.—V. 119, p. 2649.



**Union Electric Light & Power Co.—Sale Proposed.**—This company and the Missouri Public Utilities Co. of St. Louis have filed application with the Missouri P. S. Commission for authority to sell to the Public Service Co. of Missouri electric properties and other utilities in 18 southeast Missouri towns. The proposed purchase price is said to be \$2,750,000. The properties involved are largely owned by Missouri Public Utilities Co., but have been recently operated by the Union Electric Co. with option to purchase.—V. 119, p. 2076, 2764.

**United Electric Securities Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Jackson & Curtis and Parkinson & Burr, Boston, are offering at 95 and int., to yield about 5.35%, \$1,000,000 Collateral Trust Sinking Fund gold 5% bonds (Fortieth Series).

Dated Jan. 2 1925; due Jan. 1 1955. Denom. \$1,000\*. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Principal and int. payable at the office of Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee. Red. on any int. date, all or part, at 103 and int.

**Data from Letter of Pres. C. N. Mason, New York, Dec. 27.**  
Company.—Incorporated in 1890. Devotes itself to investing in public utility securities.

**Capitalization.**—At various times the company has issued series of Collateral Trust bonds, collateralized by pledge of securities of public utility companies. Excluding the present issue, 39 series have been issued to date, with a total par value of \$22,500,000. Of these, 21 series, aggregating \$13,500,000, have been wholly retired, and the remaining 18 series, issued to the amount of \$9,000,000, through the sale of underlying collateral and operation of sinking funds, have been reduced to a present outstanding amount of \$3,622,000.

The company has outstanding \$1,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock on which full dividends have been paid annually since its issuance in 1893, and \$1,000,000 Common stock, all owned by the Electrical Securities Corp. (a very successful subsidiary of the General Electric Co.), on which the present dividend is at the rate of 10% per annum.

**Security.**—As security for these collateral trust bonds there will be pledged with Bankers Trust Co., trustee, Pref. and (or) Common stocks of public utility companies having an aggregate market value at all times at least 25% in excess of the principal amount of the collateral trust bonds outstanding. The stocks of successful public utility companies to be initially pledged have a present market value of over 126% of the principal amount of these Collateral Trust bonds.

At present rates dividends on the above stocks aggregate \$94,000 annually, or almost twice the annual interest requirements of these bonds.

Earnings of each company are sufficient to cover dividend requirements of the stocks pledged with a substantial margin.

**Sinking Fund.**—A sinking fund of \$1,000,000 annually, beginning in 1930, will retire at least 36% of this issue before maturity.

Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30 1924 (before new financing).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Investments.....	\$6,083,361	Collateral Trust bonds.....	\$3,622,000
Treasury bonds.....	77,170	Capital stock.....	2,000,000
Cash.....	82,211	Accounts payable.....	1,041
Accrued interest.....	160,692	Accr. int. & divs.....	66,200
		Reserves.....	81,561
Total (each side).....	\$6,353,434	Surplus.....	582,632

Earnings.—For the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1924 net earnings available for interest were \$585,945.—V. 119, p. 335.

**United States Public Service Co.—Sale of Sub. Co.**  
See Union Electric Light & Power Co. above.—V. 118, p. 2457.

**Watertown Light & Power Co.—Tenders.**—The Empire Trust Co., trustee, 120 Broadway, New York City, will until Jan. 27 receive bids for the sale to it of First Mortgage 50-Year Gold bonds dated Jan. 1 1909, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$15,523, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 118, p. 321.

**West Penn Traction Co.—Tenders.**—The Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., New York City, will until Jan. 14 receive bids for the sale to it of First Mtg. 5% Gold bonds, due June 1 1960, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$862,894.—V. 104, p. 2453.

**Western Power Corp.—Stock Increase Approved.**—The stockholders on Jan. 6 approved an increase in the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock from 70,800 shares to 150,000 shares (par \$100), and an increase from 146,700 to 300,000 shares in the Common stock (no par value). Of the authorized new stock, 25,125 shares of Pref. and 72,500 shares of Common will be issued.

The increased capitalization follows the purchase of control of the San Joaquin Light & Power Corp. and two affiliated companies. See also V. 119, p. 2881.

**Wisconsin Electric Power Co.—Stock Authorized.**—The Wisconsin RR. Commission has authorized the issuance of \$1,000,000 6½% Pref. stock. See offering in V. 119, p. 2412.

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.**

**Refined Sugar Prices.**—On Jan. 5 Federal reduced price 25 pts. to 6.50 @ 6.55c. per lb. On Jan. 6, Arbuckle, McCahan, Pennsylvania and Warner reduced price 25 pts. to 6.50c. On Jan. 7, American and National reduced 85 pts. to 6.25c. per lb.; Federal, 25 pts. to 6.25@6.30c., Arbuckle, McCahan, National, Pennsylvania, Revere and Warner, 25 pts. to 6.25c. On Jan. 9 Federal reduced 10 pts. to 6.15c. per lb. Arbuckle quotes 6.10c. per lb. for shipment on or before Jan. 31.

**Lead Price Advances.**—The American Smelting & Refining Co. has advanced lead 25 pts. to 10c. per lb. and again 25 pts. to 10.25 c. per lb.—"Wall St. News" Jan. 6, p. 1 and Jan. 9, p. 1.

**Wallham Watch Co. Employees End Strike.**—After strike against wage cut which lasted 22 weeks, 3,000 employees ratified agreement accepting 10% wage cut.—"New York Evening Post" Jan. 8, p. 19.

**Fall River (Mass.) Wage Cut.**—10% cut announced by Fall River Cotton Mfr's Ass'n effective Jan. 12 is accepted by Fall River Textile Union, representing 6 unions, 2 of which voted to strike but decided to be governed by majority.—"New York Times" Jan. 8, p. 29.

**Warren Mfg. Co. (Warren, R. I.) Also Announces 10% Wage Cut.**—"Sun" Jan. 9, p. 9.

**Coal Wagon and Truck Drivers Strike in Chicago.**—3,000 members of Coal Teamsters Union vote to deliver coal only to hospitals and orphanages after 2 weeks' negotiation fails to win them \$2 a day increase in wages.—"Sun" Jan. 5, p. 1.

**Lee Rubber & Tire Employees Get 10% Wage Increase.**—Plant is running day and night.—Philadelphia "News Bureau" Jan. 8, p. 3.

**Thread Co. Cuts Wages.**—American Thread Co. announces 10% wage reduction effective Jan. 12, in Holyoke and Fall River, Mass. This will restore 1921 wage scale.—Boston "News Bureau" Jan. 7, p. 3.

**J. & P. Coats Thread Plants, Pawtucket, R. I., Will Resume 48-Hour and 54-Hour Weekly Schedules.**—Boston "News Bureau" Jan. 7, p. 3.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 3.**—(a) To finance Studebaker dealers—Industrial Acceptance Corp., p. 36. (b) Summary of activities of New York Curb Exchange during 1924, p. 37. (c) Senate committee approves bill for increases in postal rates—Second-class matter charged less than in original proposals, p. 46.

**Admiral Beatty Hotel Co., Ltd., St. John, N. B.—Bonds Offered.**—Kelly, Drayton & Converse are offering at 100½ and int., to yield 6.95%, 1st Mtg. 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds dated Sept. 1 1924 and due Sept. 1 1944. Total issue, \$600,000. See original offering in V. 119, p. 2412.

**Aeolian-Weber Piano & Pianola Co.—Reg. Div. of 1¼%.**  
The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the Preferred stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 10. It is expected according to announcement, that this dividend will now be continued. On Dec. 20 last an interim dividend of 2% was paid.—V. 119, p. 2882.

**Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Output.**—Gold output in December 1924 totaled \$175,000 and silver \$8,000. Operating profit was \$43,500. After deducting interest and development expenses, net profit was \$1,750.—V. 119, p. 1845.

**Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Unfilled Orders.**—Unfilled orders on Dec. 1 aggregated \$9,674,000, as compared with \$10,026,000 on Nov. 1, \$10,376,527 on Sept. 30, \$11,014,000 on Sept. 1, \$11,052,000 on Aug. 1, and \$11,049,000 on July 1. A decided increase in unfilled orders is reported for December.—V. 119, p. 2649.

**American Car & Foundry Co.—To Change Par.**—The directors have unanimously resolved to recommend to the stockholders to change the present Common stock, consisting of 300,000 shares of \$100 par value with one vote for each share, into 600,000 shares of no par value Common stock with one vote for each two shares. The holders of the present par value Common stock will receive for each share of stock held, two shares of the new Common without par value.—V. 120, p. 89.

**American Ry. Express Co.—Earns 9 Mos. end. Sept. 30.**  
[As filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission.]

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Charges for transportation.....	\$209,987,518	\$228,375,527	\$207,169,857
Express privileges—Dr.....	98,194,141	111,829,612	97,868,212
Revenue from transportation.....	\$111,793,377	\$116,545,915	\$109,301,644
Rev. from oper. other than transp.....	2,475,969	2,679,172	2,560,948
Total operating revenues.....	\$114,269,347	\$119,225,088	\$111,862,592
Operating expenses.....	111,914,320	116,937,121	109,318,249
Net operating revenue.....	\$2,355,027	\$2,287,966	\$2,544,343
Uncollected revenue from transp'n.....	37,040	18,767	34,145
Express taxes.....	1,565,689	1,622,250	1,663,596
Operating income.....	\$752,298	\$646,949	\$846,603

**American Smelting & Refining Co.—Common Dividend Increased.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the outstanding \$60,998,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 16. This places the stock on a 6% per annum basis, compared with 5% per annum (1¼% quarterly) paid since Aug. 1 1923. A statement issued by the company says:

The directors felt that the company's showing during the past year, together with the good business prospects for the present year, justified an increase in the Common dividend. Earnings applicable to Common stock were in excess of \$12 per share for the first 11 months of 1924. The company's cash position is greatly improved over its position at the beginning of 1924.—V. 119, p. 1839, 2882.

**American Sugar Refining Co.—Attorney-General Stone Against Sugar Merger Plan.**—It was made known by the Department of Justice Jan. 7 through the release of a letter from Attorney-General Stone to Willett & Gray, 82 Wall St., N. Y. City, that the Government is opposed to the merger of the National Sugar Refining Co. with the American company. The letter of the Attorney-General, dated Jan. 5, reads:

Receipt is acknowledged of your [Willett & Gray] telegram of the 30th ultimo requesting a statement as to my attitude toward the proposed acquisition by the American Sugar Refining Co. of the assets of the National Sugar Refining Co. of New Jersey, for publication in your journals.

When application was made to me for my consent to a modification of the decree in the case of United States vs. American Sugar Refining Co. which would permit of such acquisitions, I caused a careful investigation to be made of the considerations presented in justification of the proposal.

This inquiry did not disclose such a change in competitive conditions in the sugar industry since 1922 (when the decree was entered) as to warrant my consent to the proposal. I conceive it to be my duty to uphold decrees under the Sherman law, especially where there is no showing of a radical change in the conditions upon which they were entered, rather than attempt to substitute my judgment for the wisdom of my predecessors and of the courts which entered such decrees.

Under the decree in this case, however, there is reserved to the companies in question the right to apply to the United States District Court for such a modification based upon a showing of changed conditions, so that the question may be judicially determined.

**American Sugar Has Not Decided on Modification Procedure of Court Decree.**—

Commenting on the report that the American Sugar Refining Co. would file suit in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, to set aside the decree restraining it from purchasing the properties of the National Sugar Refining Co., Earl D. Babst, President of American, said: "The American Sugar Refining Co. has not determined upon its course as to filing a petition in the U. S. District Court asking for an amendment to the existing decree which would permit it to purchase the assets of the National Sugar Refining Co. The matter is one requiring study from both a business and legal point of view."

A Washington dispatch, Jan. 8, stated that the Department of Justice has been advised that the American Co. will institute suit in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York for a modification of the decree restraining it from acquiring the assets of the National Sugar Refining Co.

**Protective Committee for Minority Stockholders of National Company Protests Merger.**—

The stockholders' protective committee in a letter to the stockholders of the National Sugar Refining Co. says:

"The committee has presented the grounds of its opposition to the proposed merger to the Department of Justice, and believes that this merger will not receive official sanction because of the decree of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which prohibits the American Sugar Refining Co. from acquiring additional properties or stocks of the National Sugar Refining Co."

"The committee again states its opinion that an appraisal of the property, including its net current assets, will show a valuation of approximately \$30,000,000. The offer of the American Sugar Refining Co. to purchase the assets of your company for \$16,500,000 is therefore, in the opinion of the committee, wholly inadequate. We desire to call attention to the fact that no financial statements have been given to the stockholders other than inadequate and partisan information contained in the letter dated Dec. 12 1924 (V. 119, p. 2883) and signed by Mr. Post as President. This committee believes that it is an imposition on the stockholders to ask them to vote on a matter of such importance as this without the full information to which they are entitled."

"This committee is prepared to oppose in the courts the dissolution of the company and the sale of its assets, and, if necessary, to compel an appraisal of the property, in order that the stockholders dissenting to this sale may receive adequate compensation for the value of their shares."

"The committee wishes to impress upon stockholders the necessity of voting against this proposed dissolution and sale at the special meeting of stockholders which has been called for Jan. 12."—V. 119, p. 2882, 2765.

**Andes Copper Mining Co.—Capital Increase.**—The company has filed notice with the Secretary of State of Delaware of an increase in its authorized capital stock to 3,600,000 shares of no par value. See offering of bonds in V. 119, p. 3012.

**Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp.**—A London dispatch, Jan. 2, says: "The stockholders of the Anglo-Chilean Nitrate & Railways Co. at a meeting to-day, unanimously approved the agreement with the Guggenheim interests of New York for the sale of the company's assets under the terms announced Dec. 23. These provided for the sale of the assets for £3,600,000. The chairman announced that the name of the new company would be the Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp., with a capital of £3,600,000, in 7% mortgage debenture stock, \$12,500,000 Preference stock and \$1,600,000 in Common no-denomination shares. See also V. 119, p. 3013."



**Apco Manufacturing Co., Providence, R. I.—Stock Sold.**—Henry D. Lindsley & Co., Inc., and Throckmorton & Co., New York, have sold at par (\$25) 25,000 shares Class "A" stock.

Class A shares are entitled to preferential and cumulative dividends at the rate of 8% per annum, payable Q.-J., and, after \$1 a share is declared and paid to Common in any calendar year, participates share for share with the Common in all further dividends. In the event of liquidation each share of Class A stock will receive \$35 a share before any amount is paid to holders of Common, and after a like amount has been paid on the Common both classes participate equally. Transfer agent, Metropolitan Trust Co., N. Y.; registrar, Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. Free from normal Federal income tax—tax exempt in Rhode Island.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list on the New York Curb Market.

**Data From Letter of Pres. Thomas F. Wilson, Providence, Dec. 31.**

**Company.**—Manufactures accessories for two of the largest markets open to modern specialty merchandising, viz.: Owners of radio sets and Ford cars. Radio products include chargers for "A" and "B" batteries, rectodynes ("B" battery eliminators), switches and transformers. Automotive accessories include electric windshield cleaners, rear-wheel brakes, foot accelerators, shock absorbers, anti-rattlers, steering wheel horn buttons, &c.

Plant at Providence, R. I., comprises modern type one-story fireproof buildings, covering 36,000 sq. ft. of a total of approximately 136,000 sq. ft. of land owned, allowing ample room for expansion. Sales branches are maintained at New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Atlanta, Dallas and Montreal.

The business was established in 1909 with \$400 capital by Thomas F. Wilson and was incorp. in 1917. Business has been built up principally from reinvestment of earnings. Gross sales since incorporation indicate the consistent and rapid growth of the business:

1917	\$97,076	1920	\$281,964	1923	\$937,075
1918	141,592	1921	534,396	1924 (Dec. est.)	1,250,000
1919	243,390	1922	602,309		

**Earnings.**—Company has never had an unprofitable year and has a continuous dividend record on its preference shares (now Class A) since first issued in 1917. Net earnings in 1924 partly estimated, amount to over 8 times the 8% dividend on preference shares then outstanding and twice the 8% dividend on Class A shares presently to be outstanding. With the additional working capital provided by the present financing the company estimates for 1925 a large increase in gross sales and net earnings.

**Purpose.**—Present financing is to provide larger production of radio accessories to meet increasing demand.

**Capitalization (No Bonds)**—  
 Class A shares (par \$25) 50,000 shs. a33,000 shs.  
 Common (no par) 65,000 shs. 62,000 shs.

a 8,000 shares to be exchanged for \$200,000 old Preferred stock (now Class A).

**Condensed Balance Sheet Nov. 1 1924 (After Financing).**

Assets		Liabilities	
Land, bldgs. & equip.	\$263,972	Class A stock	\$825,000
Patents & trade marks	52,440	Common stock (62,000 shares no par value)	178,000
Cash	265,382	Notes & accounts payable	93,894
Notes & accts. receivable	126,434		
Inventories	373,609	Total (each side)	\$1,096,894
Investments	2,405		
Prepaid & deferred items	12,652		

—V. 120, p. 89.

**Arizona Commercial Mining Co.—Copper Output.**

December	November	October	September	August	July
627,000 lbs.	702,600 lbs.	609,370 lbs.	688,500 lbs.	683,000 lbs.	588,000 lbs.

—V. 119, p. 2765.

**Armour & Co. (Ill.)—Grocers Oppose Plea of Packers.**

The National Wholesale Grocers' Association has filed a protest in the District of Columbia Supreme Court against the proposed changes in the packers' consent decree. By the terms of the decree, dated Feb. 27 1920, the meat packers were required to divest themselves of all holdings unrelated to the meat business. Swift & Co. and Armour & Co. and the California Co-operative Canneries are now trying to have the decree modified or set aside as invalid and confiscatory.—V. 120, p. 90.

**Armour Leather Co. (and Subsidiaries).—Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 27 1924.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip.	\$9,208,692	7% Cumul. Preferred stock	\$10,000,000
Cash	1,699,939	Common stock	15,000,000
Notes & accts. receivable	2,904,927	Founders' stock	500,000
(less discount)	2,904,927	Notes & accounts payable	17,271,037
Inventories	14,162,917	Reserve for contingencies	77,993
Miscellaneous securities	69,244		
Investment in Eastern Leath. Co. Common stock	4,490,873	Total (each side)	\$42,849,030
Deferred charges	369,641		
Deficit	69,948,797		

a 100,000 shares no par value sold for \$500,000. b Deficit Dec. 29 1923, \$9,427,431; loss for 9 months ending Sept. 27 1924 (incl. proportionate interest in operations of Eastern Leather Co.), \$521,366.

For terms of offer of Armour & Co. (Ill.) to exchange its Preferred stock for Armour Leather Co. share for share, see V. 119, p. 3013.

**Ashworth-Odell Worsted Co., Salamanca, N. Y.**

This company, which has been in equity receivership since last September has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving liabilities of \$759,000, and assets of \$206,000, of which real estate and machinery is \$175,000.—V. 119, p. 1284.

**Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co.—66 2-3% Stock Div.**

The directors have declared a 66 2-3% stock dividend payable Feb. 5 to holders of record Jan. 21.

The stockholders on Jan. 7 approved the recommendation of the directors to increase the capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000, par \$100.—V. 119, p. 3013.

**Boston-Montana Corp.—Sale—Plan Operative.**

The reorganization committee announce that the sale of the properties of the Boston-Montana Corp., Boston-Montana Milling & Power Co., Montana Southern Ry., Boston & Montana Development Co. (in accordance with the reorganization plan—V. 118, p. 2953) will be held Jan. 19 at the property in Coolidge, Montana.

Holders of a sufficient amount of the securities of the various classes having assented to the plan the committee declared the plan operative Sept. 2 last. The committee believes that sufficient funds have been assured by (1) the amount of cash already paid on deposited securities, (2) the agreements of participating depositors to make further payments, and (3) the definite agreements for underwriting new stock.

A. K. Merrill has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Boston-Montana Mining Corp., the new company organized in accordance with the reorganization plan.—V. 118, p. 2953; V. 119, p. 2883.

**Briggs Mfg. Co., Detroit.—Div. of 87 1/2 Cents.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 87 1/2c. per share on the new capital stock, no par value, payable Jan. 26 to holders of record Jan. 20. This is in accordance with the company's announced dividend policy of \$3.50 per annum on this stock. See V. 119, p. 3014.

**Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.—Common Div. of 90c.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 90 cents per share on the present outstanding 500,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 5. This is at the rate of \$1.80 per annum on the 123,750 shares of Common stock (par \$100) outstanding prior to the payment of a 50% stock dividend and the issuance of two shares of no par Common for each \$100 par share of Common stock owned, on which the dividend rate was 7% per annum. (See also V. 119, p. 2414).—V. 120, p. 90.

**Butterick Co.—Sales Policy Checked.**

An order of the Federal Trade Commission directing the company to cease forcing resale contracts and agreements with 20,000 stores which

handled the company's patterns was affirmed Jan. 5 by the Circuit Court of Appeals. It was alleged that the company insisted that the retailers should sell no patterns except those of the company, and to sell only at an established price. The Court stated that the methods complained of amounted to unfair competition. The petition of the company stated that it sold 27,000,000 patterns a year.—V. 119, p. 945.

**Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.—Rights, &c.**

The shareholders will be given the right to subscribe at par (\$50) to a new issue of \$2,600,000 Common and \$2,600,000 Preferred stock, the proceeds to be applied to the retirement of \$5,000,000 of 6% Debentures now outstanding.

The shares will be allotted on the following terms: (1) Preference shareholders of record Jan. 15 may subscribe for the additional Preference shares at par in the proportion of 3 shares of additional stock for each 7 shares of stock held. (2) Common shareholders of record Jan. 15 may subscribe for the additional Common shares at par in the proportion of 3 shares of additional shares for each 8 shares of stock held.

**Income Account for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1924, Compared with Cal. Years.**

	10 Mos. End		Calendar Years	
	Oct. 31 '24	1923	1923	1921
Operating income	\$1,024,222	\$1,482,234	\$532,791	\$1,707,340
Depreciation	529,797	400,000	599,417	599,417
Interest	358,429	404,151	428,227	401,831
Preferred dividends		x175,000	140,000	140,000
Common dividends	442,722	647,985	701,879	787,038
Balance, deficit	\$306,726	\$144,902	\$737,315	\$220,946
Previous surplus	6,629,769	6,820,411	7,557,726	5,778,672
Total surplus	\$6,323,043	\$6,675,509	\$6,820,411	\$5,557,726
Transf. to gen. plant reserve & spec'l reserve	3,951,909			
Investment written off		45,740		
Profit and loss, surplus	\$2,371,132	\$6,629,769	\$6,820,411	\$5,557,726

x Includes special dividend of \$35,000. y Adjusted to include \$2,000,000, being \$3,800,000 of excess depreciation charges deducted in previous years, less Common stock dividend of \$1,800,000.—V. 119, p. 2650.

**Cellulose Silk Co., Chester, Pa.—Little to Creditors.**

Frank B. Rhoades, special master appointed by the U. S. District Court to pass upon the account of S. P. Stevenson, receiver of the company, announces that of the \$77,450 for distribution \$50,000 had been paid on the first mortgage and there was a balance of \$27,450 to satisfy claims far in excess of \$100,000.—V. 115, p. 2908.

**Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production.**

Month of—	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.
Copper output (lbs.)	3,650,000	4,028,000	4,444,000	3,448,000	3,802,000

—V. 119, p. 2650.

**Celotex Co.—Bonds Offered.**—An offering of \$1,250,000

1st Mtge. Convertible 15-Year 6 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series "A," due Dec. 1 1939, is being made by Donoghue, Krumsick & Co., Inc., and the Michigan Guaranty Corp. of Grand Rapids at 100 and int.

The bonds constitute the company's sole funded debt. Celotex is a thermal insulating lumber and is made by converting the tough spiny fibres of bagasse (sugar cane fibre) into a firmly felted board, and as an insulator against heat and cold is the approximate equal of cork.

**Central Coal & Coke Co.—Guaranty, &c.**

See Cora E. Wheeler below.—V. 118, p. 1669, 1140.

**Chicago Mill & Lumber Co.—Acquires Paepcke Co.**

President Walter P. Paepcke on Jan. 2 announced that the company has acquired substantially all of the properties, plants, contracts and accounts, including good will, subject to all liabilities, of the Paepcke Leicht Lumber Co. The consideration was \$1,400,000, paid in Chicago Mill & Lumber Co. Common stock, par \$100, substantially all of which had been held in its treasury. This brought the outstanding Common stock of the Chicago Mill company to \$6,000,000 (the total authorized).

President Paepcke said in part: "The lumber products of the mills of both companies have for many years been marketed in the name of the Paepcke Leicht Lumber Co. It will be a part of the permanent policy of the Chicago Mill & Lumber Co. to exercise the same care in the production and marketing of high-grade Southern hardwoods, which has given the Paepcke Leicht Co. its reputation. This change has evolved so naturally that the same staff of sales executives which has served in the past on behalf of the Paepcke Leicht Co. will continue to serve under the name of the Chicago Mill & Lumber Co."

The Paepcke Leicht Lumber Co. was established in 1881 and has band mills at Helena, Ark., Blytheville, Ark., and Greenville, Miss. Gross earnings of the Paepcke Co. in the fiscal year ended April 30 1924 were \$134,103 after deducting operating expenses, doubtful accounts, administrative charges and interest. After depreciation, taxes and reserves for contingencies there was a net of \$64,997. Preferred dividends paid amounted to \$19,061, while the Common received \$28,000, leaving a surplus of \$17,936.

**General Balance Sheet of Paepcke Leicht Co. April 30 1924.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Land and timber	\$1,124,709	Common stock	\$700,000
Real estate, plant & equip.	209,056	Preferred stock	272,300
Investments	373,323	Notes & accounts payable	485,835
Cash	119,559	Reserve for contingencies	21,791
Notes & accounts receiv.	493,079	Capital surplus	207,895
Inventory	266,830	Earned surplus	931,542
Deferred charges	32,807		
		Total (each side)	\$2,619,363

—V. 118, p. 2442.

**City Ice & Fuel Co., Cleveland.—Ice Merger.**

The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" Jan. 6 says: A \$30,000,000 consolidation of 62 ice plants in 31 cities in the United States and Canada, including Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Detroit, has been effected through a merger of the Hygienic Ice Co. of Chicago and the City Ice & Fuel Co. of Ohio and subsidiary companies, it was announced Jan. 5 by L. B. Patterson of Chicago, who will be President of the enlarged corporation.

There will be no bond financing necessary, although cash payment will be made to some of the stockholders agreeing to the merger. A limited amount of stock will be offered to present stockholders.

The companies to be merged are the Hygienic Ice Co. of Delaware and Illinois; the Peoples Ice & Cold Storage Co. of Omaha; the Hornell Ice & Cold Storage Co. of New York; the Empire State Ice Co., Inc.; the Empire State Ice Co., Ltd., of Canada; the Bellevue Ice Co. of Ohio, all subsidiaries of the Hygienic Ice Co. of Delaware; the City Ice & Fuel Co. of Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, and its subsidiary, the Federal Ice Refrigerating Co.

The consolidation will be known as the City Ice & Fuel Corp. It will serve both as a holding company and an operating company, and will have an authorized capitalization of 1,000,000 shares of no par value, of which about \$40,000 shares will be issued in connection with the consolidation.

Holders of Hygienic Ice Co. stock agreeing to the merger will receive \$25 a share in cash and one-half share of new City Ice & Fuel stock for each share of Hygienic Ice held. The present stock of the City Ice & Fuel Co. will go in on a basis of five new shares for one of the old, which has a current market value of \$120 and \$123 a share.—V. 120, p. 90.

**Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.—New Director.**

John M. Hancock of Lehman Bros. has been elected a director.—V. 119, p. 697.

**Commercial Solvents Corp.—Notes Sold.**—Tucker, Anthony & Co. and Huntington, Jackson & Co. announce the sale of \$3,200,000 5-Year Convertible 6 1/2% Gold notes.

These notes were first offered for subscription to stockholders at par and int. (see V. 119, p. 2885, 2651).

Dated Jan. 1 1925; due Jan. 1 1930. Int. payable J. & J. in New York without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom.



\$1,000, \$500 and \$100c\*. Callable as a whole at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 during 1925, the premium thereafter decreasing 1% for each succeeding year. Penna. 4-mills tax refunded. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Convertible into the Class "B" stock, without par value, at any time prior to maturity, unless previously redeemed, at the rate of one share of stock for each \$110 of notes. If called for redemption, the notes may be converted up to the date set for redemption.

**Data from Letter of Pres. P. G. Mumford, New York, Dec. 31.**

**Company.**—Organized in December 1919 in Maryland and purchased the Government's fully equipped plants and research laboratories at Terre Haute, Ind. Production began in May 1920. Many refinements in manufacturing methods were needed before the present standards of efficiency were reached, so that it was not until the latter part of 1923 that operations became stabilized. In the meantime, the demand for the company's products had grown so rapidly that it was found necessary to secure additional facilities and a new plant was bought and equipped at Peoria, Ill. This plant began operations in January 1924. The monthly capacity of the two plants is now approximately 3,500,000 lbs. of combined solvents. The money for the new plant was obtained by the sale of Pref. stock at par to customers.

Company manufactures chiefly Butanol (normal butyl alcohol) and acetone, superior solvents widely used in the manufacture of lacquers, varnishes, films, automobile and other finishes, explosives, celluloids, artificial silks, textiles, artificial and patent leathers, drugs, dyes and other products. Butanol has almost completely replaced refined fusel oil, which formerly served somewhat the same purpose that Butanol now serves. The company is the only manufacturer of Butanol on a commercial scale in this country. The Weizmann (fermentation) process which it uses was developed and successfully used during the war by the British and American Governments. The company has exclusive rights in this country to the manufacturing process it uses and owns patents and rights for the process in the principal countries of the world.

**Purpose.**—The recent development of many new uses for the corporation's products has made necessary a further expansion of plant facilities. The proceeds of this issue will be used for extensions and additions to the present plants, for the construction of a new plant which will practically double the present output of the company, and for other corporate purposes, including additional working capital.

<b>Capitalization.</b>	<b>Authorized.</b>	<b>Outstanding.</b>
5-Year Conv. 6 1/2% notes (this issue).....	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
Pref. stock, 8% Cumul. (par \$100).....	1,000,000	1,000,000
Class "A" Common stock \$4 Cumul. Conv. (no par value).....	40,000 shs.	40,000 shs.
Class "B" Common stock (no par value).....	x110,000 shs.	40,000 shs.

x 40,000 shares of Class "B" stock are reserved for the conversion of 40,000 shares of Class "A" stock and 30,000 shares are reserved for the conversion of this issue of notes.

**Earnings**—12 Months Ending Dec. 31 1924 (December Estimated).  
Operating profit after expenses, taxes and depreciation.....\$1,186,000  
Other income.....194,530

Total income.....\$1,380,530  
Miscellaneous deductions.....200,280

Net earnings before Federal taxes, interest, &c.....\$1,180,250  
Estimated net earnings, as shown, are equivalent to over 5.6 times annual interest requirements of \$208,000 on these notes.

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture provides that as a sinking fund the company, on or before April 1 1926 and on or before April 1 in each year thereafter, shall pay to the trustee out of its net earnings for the preceding year the sum of \$214,000. These payments shall be cumulative but shall be credited with the aggregate principal amount of notes converted, any excess over the sinking fund requirement for any year to be credited against subsequent payments. All payments received by the trustee shall be applied to the purchase of notes at not more than their then redemption price and interest.

**Conversion Feature.**—Notes may be converted at the option of the holder into the Class "B" stock at any time prior to maturity, unless previously redeemed, at the rate of one share of stock for each \$110 of notes. Cash adjustments of accrued interest and of fractions will be made at the time of conversion. If called for redemption, the notes may be converted up to the date set for redemption.

**Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1924 (after Present Financing).**

<b>Assets.</b>		<b>Liabilities.</b>	
Land, bldgs. & equip. (after depreciation).....	\$2,295,848	1st Preferred stock.....	\$1,000,000
Good-will & patents.....	1	5-Yr. Conv. 6 1/2% notes.....	3,200,000
Rights, processes & securs.....	168,466	Pur. money mtge. notes.....	140,000
Cash.....	3,025,668	Accounts payable.....	109,368
Accounts receivable.....	353,394	Accrued payroll, taxes, royalties, &c.....	90,890
Inventories.....	538,581	Federal taxes (1924).....	103,875
Deferred assets.....	296,659	Divs. declared & payable.....	59,000
		Res. for Federal taxes due after one year.....	34,625
<b>Total (each side).....</b>	<b>\$6,678,618</b>	Surplus.....	x1,940,860

x Consisting of: Capital surplus, \$1,195,833; appreciated surplus, \$115,190; earned surplus, \$629,838. Company has outstanding 40,000 Class "A" and 40,000 Class "B" Common stock.—V. 119, p. 2885, 2651.

**Consumers Co. of Atlanta (Del.).—Bonds Offered.**—Citizens & Southern Co., Atlanta, Ga., are offering at 100 and int. \$625,000 1st Mtge. 7% Serial gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 2 1925; due serially Jan. 2 1928 to 1939. Interest payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Interest payable in Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, Savannah and Charleston without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Citizens & Southern Bank, trustee. Callable on any interest date upon 60 days' notice up to 1930 at 105 and interest; from 1930-1935 at 103 and interest, and thereafter at 101 and interest.

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1924 in Delaware. Is a consolidation of the Ponce de Leon Ice Co., Consumers Ice Co., Southern Ice & Fuel Co., and the Polar Ice Co., located in or near Atlanta, with a total productive capacity of 425 tons daily. Plants are located at Decatur and Jackson streets, North Ave. and State streets, Walker and Mangum streets, all in Atlanta, and one plant in Kirkwood near Atlanta.

<b>Capitalization.</b>	<b>Authorized.</b>	<b>Outstanding.</b>
First Mortgage bonds.....	\$1,000,000	\$825,000
First Preferred stock.....	750,000	375,000
Common stock (no par value).....	60,000 shs.	

**Earnings.**—Net earnings from the manufacturer and sale of ice during the past five years by the four plants forming this company have averaged \$170,000. It is conservatively estimated by the management that savings as a result of reduced overhead, delivery expenses, manufacturing costs, &c., will amount to more than \$30,000 annually—thus showing an earning power of almost five times interest requirements on the entire issue.

**Consumers Co., Chicago.—Capital Stock Reduced.**—The company has filed a certificate at Springfield, Ill., decreasing its authorized Capital stock from \$11,000,000 to \$7,750,000. This has been brought about by the reduction in the par value of the 325,000 shares of Common stock from \$20 to \$10 per share. The \$4,500,000 7% Cumul. Preferred stock (par \$100 per share) remains unchanged. See also V. 120, p. 90.

**Continental Baking Corp.—Acquires Standard Bakeries.** The corporation has acquired the Standard Bakeries Corp., it is announced by Chairman George G. Barber. The Standard Bakeries Corp. owns bakeries located at Akron, Ohio; Pueblo and Denver, Colo.; Omaha, Neb.; El Paso Texas; Long Beach and Los Angeles, Calif., and Hammond, Ind. See also V. 120, p. 90.

**Corn Products Refining Co.—Sale of Plant.**—The company is reported to have sold its corn starch plant at Oswego, N. Y., to a syndicate headed by Erastus T. Tefft, of Tefft, Halsey & Co., New York bankers. The plant was disposed of under the Government decree of 1921.—V. 119, p. 2536, 2069.

**Cuba Co.—New Financing.**—The company in an announcement says: "Various news items which have appeared respecting the financing by this company are unauthorized and incorrect."

"The company has concluded negotiations with Blair & Co., Inc., and W. A. Harriman & Co. for the sale to them of \$10,000,000 notes, the proceeds of which are to be used to retire existing obligations to the extent of \$7,500,000 and the remainder for other corporate purposes.

"The details of the financing will be announced by the bankers in due course."

**Interested in Additional Enterprises.**

In connection with the consolidation of the Cuba RR. and the Cuba Northern under the name of the Consolidated RR. of Cuba, it is announced that the number of enterprises in which the Cuba Company is interested has been increased. A change is made in the plan of organization of the Cuba Company and its subsidiaries. H. S. Rubens becomes President of the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba, Chairman of the board of the Cuba Northern Rys. and President of the Cuba RR. H. C. Lakin retires as President of the Cuba RR. and will become President of the Cuba Company and Compania Cubana, its sugar producing subsidiary, and in addition has been appointed General Counsel of the Cuba Company and all its subsidiaries.—V. 119, p. 1393.

**Dodge Bros. (Automobile Mfrs.), Detroit.—Production.**

For the first ten months of 1924 the company increased production and sales 35.6% over the corresponding period of 1923. The figure for the remaining two months of the year will show about the same percentage of gain, according to John A. Nichols Jr., General Sales Manager.

Mr. Nichols further stated: "Our 1924 shipments to dealers aggregated 225,104 cars, of which 193,861 were passenger and 31,243 commercial. Practically this entire total represents retail sales, as dealers' stocks at the close of the year were unusually low. The company ended their tenth year with a total of 1,250,000 cars built and sold."—V. 119, p. 2184.

**Dome Mines Co., Limited.—Gold Production.**

<b>Month of—</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>October.</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>August.</b>
Gold produc'n (value).....	\$361,508	\$365,388	\$355,129	\$360,968	\$369,032

—V. 119, p. 2767.

**Elkhorn Piney Coal Mining Co.—Bonds Called.**

Certain First Mtge. Coll. 7 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds dated Dec. 15 1921, aggregating \$112,000, have been called for redemption Feb. 1 at 103 and interest at the Union Trust Co., 814 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.—V. 118, p. 89.

**Fajardo Sugar Co.—Extra Dividend of 1 1/2%.**

An extra dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2%, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 12. The extra dividend is payable out of earnings of Fajardo Sugar Growers Association of Porto Rico.

The company during 1924 paid the following extra dividends: 2 1/2% on May 1; 1 1/4% on Aug. 1 and 2 1/2% on Nov. 1.—V. 119, p. 2402.

**Franklin Mining Co.—Assessment of 50c. Levied.**

An assessment of 50c. a share has been levied on capital stock, payable Jan. 26, by stockholders of record Jan. 24. This will make \$20 70 a share paid in on the outstanding 166,519 shares, par \$25. No transfers of the stock will be made after Jan. 24 unless the assessment has been paid. An assessment of \$1 per share was levied by the company in June 1923 and one of \$2 per share in August 1920.—V. 118, p. 437.

**(Chas.) Freshman Co., Inc.—December Sales.**

During December 1924 the company shipped 22,876 "Masterpiece" radio receiving sets and 14,822 "Masterpiece" kits, which with sales of parts products manufactured by the company amounted to \$815,000, or more than twice the volume of sales for the entire year of 1923. See also V. 120, p. 91.

**General Electric Co.—Reduces Lamp Prices.**

The company has announced another reduction in the prices of incandescent lamps. Effective Jan. 1, the prices of all large size lamps from 100 to 1,000 watts was reduced approximately 10%. This reduction is the sixth since 1922.—V. 120, p. 91.

**General Motors Corp.—Foreign Sales, &c.**

President Alfred P. Sloan Jr. says in part: "By co-ordination, we sold overseas last year \$50,000,000 of General Motors products. The General Motors Acceptance Corp. serves all members of the family; it has enabled more than 650,000 individuals to pay for General Motors products out of income."

On Dec. 12 General Motors mailed dividend checks to 36,686 Common stockholders of record Nov. 17. The total number of stockholders is now 66,097, compared with 69,427 in the preceding quarter.

<b>Total Number of General Motors Stockholders by Quarters.</b>				
<b>Calendar Years—</b>	<b>1st Qu.</b>	<b>2d Qu.</b>	<b>3d Qu.</b>	<b>4th Qu.</b>
1917.....	1,927	2,525	2,669	2,902
1918.....	3,918	3,737	3,615	4,739
1919.....	8,012	12,523	12,358	18,214
1920.....	24,148	26,136	31,029	36,894
1921.....	49,035	59,059	65,324	66,837
1922.....	70,504	72,665	71,331	65,665
1923.....	67,115	67,417	68,281	68,063
1924.....	70,009	71,382	69,427	*66,097

\* Senior securities of record Oct. 6 1924; Common, Nov. 17 1924.—V. 120, p. 92.

**Ginter Co., Boston.—Regular Common Dividend.**

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents a share on the Common stock, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 10. A regular quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 c. a share, together with a dividend of 8 1/4 c. a share as a pro rata payment for the period from July 1 to July 20, were both paid Oct. 20 last on the Common stock.—V. 119, p. 2768.

**Glidden Company.—Annual Report.**

	<b>Year ending Oct. 31 '24.</b>	<b>Year ending Oct. 31 '23.</b>	<b>10 Mos. end. Oct. 31 '24.</b>	<b>Year ending Dec. 31 '21.</b>
Sales.....	\$19,614,396	\$19,372,277	\$14,113,495	\$13,916,506
Cost of sales, exp., &c.....	17,595,032	17,276,792	13,042,765	15,235,041
Operating profit.....	\$2,019,364	\$2,096,085	\$1,070,730	loss\$131,853
Interest, &c.....	533,900	695,017	626,182	1,050,470
Depreciation.....	276,558	284,566	251,823	246,287
Federal tax.....	130,000			
<b>Net profit.....</b>	<b>\$1,078,906</b>	<b>\$1,116,502</b>	<b>\$192,725</b>	<b>loss\$261,529</b>

—V. 119, p. 2415.

**(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.**

1924—December.....	1923	Increase.	1924—12 Mos.....	1923	Increase.
\$1,171,184	\$1,012,885	\$158,299	\$5,690,914	\$5,428,161	\$1,162,753

—V. 119, p. 2653.

**(W. T.) Grant Co.—December Sales.**

The company reports sales for December 1924 of \$4,630,390, an increase of 26% over December 1923. Sales for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1924 were \$24,842,007, a gain of 22% over 1923.—V. 119, p. 2768.

**(David) Grimes Radio & Cameo Record Corp.—Stock Sold.**—P. F. Cusick & Co., New York, have sold at \$19 per share 80,000 shares Common stock (no par value). The stock, according to the bankers, was offered as a speculation.

It is expected that application will be made in due course to list this stock on the New York Curb Market.

<b>Capitalization.</b>	<b>Authorized.</b>	<b>Presently Issued.</b>
Common stock (no par value).....	300,000 shs.	235,000 shs.

**Data from Letter of President Henry Waterson, Dec. 27.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in Delaware Dec. 23 1924 to acquire all of the issued and outstanding Common stock of the Cameo Record Corp. and the balance of the Common stock of the American Record Mfg. Co. not now owned by the Cameo Record Corp. The latter company, in addition to its ownership of 50% of the Common stock of the American Record Mfg. Co., owns all of the issued and outstanding stock of the Cameo Corp. and of the Lincoln Record Corp., as well as five-sixths of the outstanding stock of David Grimes Inc., the remaining 1/6 2-3% of such stock being owned by the Grimes Radio & Engineering Corp.



The new company will not acquire \$205,700 8% Cumul. Pref. stock of the Cameo Record Corp. or \$17,738 Preferred stock of the American Record Mfg. Co.

Upon the completion of the organization, the new company will accordingly own and control (either directly or through its subsidiary, Cameo Record Corp.) all of the issued and outstanding stock of the various companies above enumerated, with the exception of the Preferred stocks of Cameo Record Corp. and American Record Mfg. Co., and the one-sixth interest in David Grimes, Inc., above referred to.

The Cameo Corp. was incorp. in New Jersey in Jan. 1923 to manufacture popular priced phonograph records to retail at 35c. each (\$3 for \$1). Plant is located in Jersey City. Has about 540 employees. At present time is manufacturing at the Jersey City plant approximately 40,000 records a day. Business has increased to such an extent that company has been obliged to contract with outside firms to press additional records for it in order to supply the demand.

Has under way the manufacture of the Cameo Kid record, a 7-inch record for children retailing at 15 cents.

The Cameo Record Corp., incorp. in New York as a sales organization, began operations April 1922. Company is the distributor of Cameo, Lincoln and Cameo Kid records.

The American Record Mfg. Co., incorp. in Mass., has a fully equipped plant at Framingham, Mass. Began operations April 1922. Has a productive capacity of approximately 5,000,000 records a year. The company has entered into an advantageous contract under which it has an exclusive 3-year contract with the Boy Scouts of America to manufacture one new subject record, educational and otherwise, each month. This contract should prove advantageous.

The Lincoln Record Corp., incorp. in New York, began operations Aug. 1923. Manufactures Lincoln records. Through Cameo Record Corp. company sells a record which retails at 50c. each.

David Grimes, Inc., incorp. in New York in July, 1924, manufactures radio receiving sets under the Grimes inverse duplex patents. The first shipment was made Sept. 22 1924. Present production is at the rate of about 120 complete sets per day.

It is the present intention to market during 1925 a complete line of radio sets with retail prices ranging from \$50 to \$250.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide company with funds for necessary expansion of its manufacturing facilities for phonograph records and radios and radio parts, and with additional working capital.

Earnings.—Net profits of all companies for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1924 (David Grimes, Inc., in operation only since Sept. 22) were \$402,742 (before taxes), of which amount \$123,988 has been realized by placing a value at this amount on the phonographic masters and mothers, not carried as an asset prior to Jan. 1 1924. The estimated net profit for the month of Dec. 1924 is about \$75,000, or a total approximate net profit for the entire year of \$475,000 (before taxes), on the basis herein indicated.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1924 (After Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed assets.....	\$262,461	Capital and surplus.....	\$1,419,633
Cash.....	47,853	Capital stock & surplus of sub. cos. which will not be owned by new co....	x261,812
Accts & notes receivable.....	1,042,056	Accounts payable.....	269,791
Investments.....	345,120	Notes payable.....	136,789
Inventories.....	2,010	Appropriated reserves.....	45,893
Deferred charges.....	407,943		
	26,472		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,133,918</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,133,918</b>

x 2,057 shs. Pref. stock Cameo Record Corp., callable at \$110 per share, \$226,270; 177 38-100 shs. Pref. stock American Record Mfg. Co., callable at \$105 per share, \$18,624; 1,666 2-3 shs. (no par value) David Grimes, Inc., book value, \$16,916. y Authorized, 300,000 shs. of no par value; outstanding, 235,000 shs. of no par value.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—December Net Sales.—

1924—Dec.—1923.	Increase.	1924—12 Mos.—1923.	Increase.
\$1,904,447	\$1,562,503	\$341,944	\$19,658,992
		\$18,029,440	\$1,629,552

Homestake Mining Co.—Extra Div. of \$1.—  
The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular monthly dividend of 50 cents per share, both payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 20. The company paid a similar extra dividend on April 25 1924.—V. 118, p. 1780.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Shipments—Annual Report.—

In an analysis of the company Auerbach, Pollak & Richardson state: In December, the first month of the current fiscal year the company shipped over 12,000 cars. The January production scale has been set at 17,600 cars; February, 18,700; and March, 20,400, making a total for the first four months of the fiscal year of 68,700. This rate of production, if maintained for the entire year, would give an output in excess of 200,000 cars, with an indicated profit of over \$12,000,000.

See also report for fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1924 under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.—V. 119, p. 3016.

Hupp Motor Car Co.—Shipments.—

Month of—	Dec. 1924.	Nov. 1924.	Dec. 1923.
Shipments.....	2,718 cars	1,062 cars	1,812 cars

The total shipments for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1924 were 31,004, against 33,279 for 1923.—V. 119, p. 2768.

Hygienic Ice Co. (Del.), Chicago.—Merger.—

See City Ice & Fuel Co. above.—V. 118, p. 317.

Intertype Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents on the Common stock, both payable Feb. 16 to holders of record Feb. 2. Extras of like amount were paid in cash in Feb. and Aug. 1924, while on Nov. 17 1924 the company paid a 10% stock dividend on the Common stock.—V. 119, p. 2295.

Internat. Combustion Engineering Corp.—Operations.

President George E. Learnard says in substance: "The corporation is operating near capacity both here and abroad. Our Vickers-International plant is operating over 90% and our Darby plant in England at 100%. The situation in France is improving and we shall have to arrange new facilities at Rouboux. The German situation is very promising.

We have very good business in the offing at present and our orders in hand approximate \$7,000,000. Any increase in earnings will not be paid in increased dividends during 1925, but will be ploughed back into the company."—V. 119, p. 2768.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Production.—

In December the company produced 475,900 tons of coal. This brings production for 1924 up to 4,971,216 tons of coal, a new high mark.—V. 119, p. 2769.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Stock to Employees.—

Employees have been offered the privilege of subscribing to 6,000 shares of 7% Cum. Pref. stock at \$109 a share.—V. 118, p. 1144.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—New Director.—

John M. Hancock, of Lehman Bros., has been elected a director.—V. 119, p. 1850.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—December Sales.—

1924—Dec.—1923.	Increase	1924—12 Mos.—1923.	Increase.
\$2,173,324	\$1,912,113	\$261,211	\$16,345,633
		\$14,104,116	\$2,241,517

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—December Sales.—

1924—December—1923.	Increase.	1924—12 Mos.—1923.	Increase.
\$14,592,148	\$13,070,059	\$1,522,089	\$90,096,248
		\$81,843,233	\$8,253,015

The company has distributed bonus payments totaling \$237,685 to all employees who are wage earners. This is \$40,000 more than was distributed last year. Under the plan, salaried officers and store managers are not entitled to participate.—V. 119, p. 2769.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—December Sales.—

1924—Dec.—1923.	Increase.	1924—12 Mos.—1923.	Increase.
\$7,302,106	\$5,962,333	\$1,339,773	\$40,259,211
		\$34,005,467	\$6,253,744

—V. 119, p. 2769.

Laclede Steel Co., St. Louis.—Sale of Plant.—

President Thomas R. Aken announced on Dec. 24 that the company has sold its forging plant at East St. Louis, Ill., to a new company to be known as the St. Louis Forging Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Forging Co. of Chicago.—V. 118, p. 91.

Land Co. of Florida.—Makes Initial Land Payment.—

This company (formed in connection with the Florida Western & Northern RR.) has made initial payments of \$515,000 for 160,000 acres of land which it has contracted to purchase along the line of the new road. The land is said to have a large tract of timber and to be adaptable for intensive agricultural development.

Of the 140,000 shares of the Common stock of the Land company, 70,000 shares have been pledged for the holders of the \$7,000,000 Florida Western & Northern RR. bonds. The Seaboard Air Line Ry. has subscribed for all of the 20,000 shares of Cumul. Pref. stock and has paid \$400,000 on that account. The Seaboard Air Line Ry. will not be required to purchase any more Pref. stock unless the land sales of the Land Co. of Florida are not sufficient to meet deferred payments on the land which it has contracted for. (See also Florida Western & Northern RR. in V. 119, p. 942, and Seaboard Air Line Ry. in V. 119, p. 943.)—V. 119, p. 948.

Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Report.—

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings.....	\$2,574,195	\$2,358,251	\$1,980,100
Expenses.....	1,072,987	977,460	842,640
Net profits.....	\$1,501,208	\$1,380,791	\$1,137,460

—V. 118, p. 210.

Liberty Radio Chain Stores, Inc.—Expanding.—

The corporation has just opened its 10th store. This unit is located at Port Richmond, Staten Island. In addition, the company announces negotiations to purchase 5 stores situated in New York City, Brooklyn and Newark.—V. 119, p. 2295.

Liggett & International, Ltd., Inc.—Offer to Pref. Stockholders to Exchange Stock for United Drug Pref. Stock.—

See United Drug Co. below.—V. 118, p. 2958.

Locke Insulator Corp.—To Redeem Bonds—New Financ'g

The corporation has called for redemption on April 1 next at 107½ and an original issue of \$750,000. This follows the redemption on Dec. 31 last at 105 and divs. of the \$1,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock. This Preferred stock, which had been held for several years in the treasury of the T. H. Symington Co. was recently sold to shareholders of the latter company at par and divs. (see V. 119, p. 2420), but before it was delivered the Locke Insulator Corp. exercised its privilege to redeem it. The stockholders of the Symington Co. instead of receiving certificates for this stock received checks for the full amount they paid for it plus the premium of \$5 a share.

To carry out these financial arrangements, the Locke Insulator Corp. has sold to stockholders \$1,000,000 6% 6-Year notes and 20,000 shares of additional Capital stock of no par value.—V. 119, p. 2417.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—December Sales.—

1924—December—1923.	Increase.	1924—12 Mos.—1923.	Increase.
\$4,290,121	\$3,578,631	\$711,490	\$25,231,430
		\$21,367,827	\$3,863,603

—V. 119, p. 2769.

Magma Copper Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 26 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 350,000 to 410,000 shares without par value. If the increase is authorized the stockholders of record Jan. 31 will be given the right to subscribe at \$36 50 per share for the 60,000 shares of capital stock created. Rights to subscribe will terminate Feb. 24. Payment for the stock is to be made in full at the time of subscribing and not later than Feb. 24 1925.

There were 245,165 shares of outstanding capital stock on Jan. 5 1925, but this amount is subject to increase through conversion of bonds on or before Jan. 31.

The offering has been underwritten by a syndicate organized for the purpose, which has agreed to purchase from the company the stock which is not subscribed for by the stockholders.

H. E. Dodge, Sec., in a letter to stockholders, says:

The company started operating its smelter the latter part of March 1924 and on March 29 poured its first copper bullion. The metal contents of the bullion produced from that date to Sept. 30 was 15,766,225 lbs. of copper, 360,966.62 ozs. of silver and 5,203.70 ozs. of gold. The production for the three months ended Dec. 31 1924 is estimated to be 7,401,525 lbs. of copper, 170,412.86 ozs. of silver and 2,364.161 ozs. of gold, making the total production for the year, all from the mines of the company, of 23,167,750 lbs. of copper, 531,379.48 ozs. of silver and 7,567,861 ozs. of gold.

After crediting to production costs the value of the gold and silver, the average cost of all the copper produced to Sept. 30 1924, was 8c. per pound, not including any allowance for depreciation or interest. The average cost of the copper produced during the three months ended Sept. 30 1924 from ores mined, milled and smelted during that period, computed with the same allowances, was 7.41c. per pound. It is expected that about the same costs for the three months ended Dec. 31 1924 have been obtained.

The company has realized an average price of 12.981c. per pound in excess of all commissions and delivery charges on all of the copper delivered to buyers during the year.

The company at Jan. 1 1924 had borrowed from banks on its notes \$900,000. In order to complete its construction and development program and finance its metals in process and in transit it became necessary to steadily increase its borrowings until it reached the maximum amount of \$2,400,000 on July 3 1924. Since that date these borrowings have been reduced to \$1,800,000 at Dec. 31 1924, by applying the proceeds from the sale of metals above that required to pay all interest, taxes and current expenses falling due in that period.

At Dec. 31 1924 the company had about \$300,000 cash on hand and also had bullion in transit and in process and metals undelivered or not paid for of an estimated value of about \$1,360,000.

On Sept. 12 1924 the company sold at \$35 per share 5,150 shares of its capital stock not required for conversion of its bonds and \$115,024 of the proceeds of this sale was used in paying indebtedness incurred in purchasing \$105,000 of bonds which had been delivered to the trustee for cancellation on March 31 1924.

It is believed the earnings of the company will justify the early resumption of dividends after the bank loans are retired.

The earnings of the company for 1924, not considering depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes are estimated to be about \$840,000.—V. 119, p. 2296.

Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.).—To Change Par Value of Com. Shares—Rights to Com. Stockholders—Underwritten.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 21 on approving an increase in the authorized common shares to 200,000 from 130,000 shares and on changing the par value from \$50 to no par value. If the increase is authorized the common stockholders of record Jan. 26 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 10 at \$45 per share to 23,543 shares in the ratio of one new share for each 5 shares now held. Payments must be made in full in New York funds at Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York. The offering has been underwritten.

Stockholders desiring to buy or sell fractional warrants may communicate with Hayden Stone & Co., 25 Broad St., New York.

President E. M. Allen, New York, Jan. 2, says:

During the latter part of 1922, the directors determined that the Saltville plant required large expenditures in order that it might be made a modern low-cost producing plant, of a capacity that could be operated most efficiently. The board also realized the necessity of expanding the liquid chlorine capacity of the Niagara Falls plant to replace bleaching powder, and the advisability of developing a process for the manufacture of synthetic ammonia to utilize a valuable by-product that was then going to waste.

In 1923 and 1924 more than \$1,850,000 have been expended to these ends, and notwithstanding the substantial earnings of the company, these expenditures have rendered it impossible for the directors to consider favorably the payment of dividends except on the preferred stock.

The completion of this program of improvements will require the expenditure of approximately \$2,500,000 during the years 1925 and 1926, but



when completed should result in substantial additional profits. If all such contemplated expenditures are to be obtained from earnings and any necessary bank loans, dividends on the Common stock must necessarily be postponed until after they are completed and the additional earnings anticipated therefrom are realized. If, however, additional capital can now be made available toward these improvements, the demands upon income will be correspondingly reduced, and the position of the Common stockholders greatly improved.

Accordingly, the directors have determined to increase the Common stock, and to offer 23,543 shares thereof to the common stockholders at \$45 per share.

The Board also deems it advisable that 10,000 shares of the new Common stock be reserved for officers and employees from time to time. The additional shares of Common stock not used for the purposes mentioned, will be retained in the treasury for future corporate purposes.—See also V. 120, p. 93.

**Mathews Steamship Co., Ltd.—Bonds Sold.**—R. A. Daly & Co. and Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Toronto, have sold at 100 and int. \$1,500,000 6% 10-Year Serial First Mortgage gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1924, maturing \$150,000 annually Dec. 1 1925 to Dec. 1 1934, inclusive. Principal and int. payable in gold in Toronto, Montreal or New York at the holder's option. Denom. \$1,000. C\* Calable all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 101½ and int. National Trust Co. Ltd., Toronto, trustee.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Issued.
Common stock	\$2,000,000	\$600,000
6% 1st Mtge. Serial bonds (closed issue)	1,500,000	1,500,000

**Data from Letter of Pres. A. E. Matthews, Toronto, Nov. 29.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in Sept. 1905, under Ontario laws. Operates a line of freight boats from Fort William to Montreal. Since incorporation company has gradually expanded, having built up largely out of earnings, until to-day its combined capital, surplus and reserves amount to practically \$3,000,000, and the company owns a fleet of steel steamers having a dead-weight tonnage of 75,000 tons, engaged almost exclusively in the carrying of grain from the head of the lakes to Montreal. The total carrying capacity of the fleet is about 2,200,000 bushels of wheat per trip.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct and specific first mortgage on the following steel freighters having an aggregate tonnage of 69,500: Royalton, Mathewston, Berryton, Laketon, Riverton, Bayton, Easton, Malton, Brookton and Yorkton.

The above boats cost the company \$3,864,439, and, after applying liberal depreciation stand on the company's books at \$3,425,854, and are conservatively valued at \$4,340,000.

**Earnings.**—Earnings of company available for bond interest, Federal taxes and depreciation have been as follows: For the year ending Jan. 31 1924, \$651,838, or over 7 times the annual interest charges on the bonds now being issued. Average annual earnings for five years ending Jan. 31 1924, \$364,748, or over 4 times the interest charges on the bonds now being issued.

Earnings available for bond interest, Federal taxes and depreciation for the year ending Jan. 31 1925, it is estimated, should be in the neighborhood of \$450,000.—V. 119, p. 2889.

**Maytag Co., Newton, Ia.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—Hitchcock, Bard & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. the 7% Cum. Prior Pref. stock of this company.

The company, with plant at Newton, Ia., is one of the largest producers of washing machines in the United States.—V. 119, p. 2296.

**Mercantile Stores Co., Inc.—To Reclassify Shares—Stock Dividend Proposed, Payable in Common and Preferred Stocks.**—President Alexander New, in a recent letter to the stockholders, said in substance:

For some time past the management has had under consideration the advisability of making certain changes in the capital structure of the company so as to capitalize a portion of the surplus.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 14 on increasing the authorized capital from 54,000 shares, par \$100 each, to 216,000 shares, divided into 54,000 shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100 each, and 162,000 Common shares of no par value.

Dividends on the Pref. stock shall be cum. from Feb. 1 1925. Redeemable all or part, at 105 and dividends. Not entitled to vote unless default was made in the payment of dividends on the Pref. stock for a period of two years, when it will have concurrent voting power with the Common stock.

If the stockholders vote in favor of the proposed increase and re-classification of the Capital stock, it is the intention of the directors to re-classify the 54,000 shares of Capital stock now outstanding, as Common stock, and to issue certificates for new no par value Common stock, in exchange, share for share, for outstanding certificates. Thereafter, it is the intention of the management to declare a stock dividend payable in Preferred and Common stock, each holder of one share of non-par Common stock receiving two additional shares of Common stock and one share of Preferred stock, par \$100. Upon the completion of the proposed readjustment in the Capital stock of the company, each stockholder would hold one share of Pref. stock and three shares of no par value Common stock in place of each share of Capital stock now held by him.

It is the intention of the directors to pay quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share upon the new Common stock of no par value during 1925, which will aggregate \$3 per share, or \$9 upon the three shares of Common stock. This amount, added to the annual dividend of \$7 per share upon the Preferred stock, will enable stockholders to receive as dividends for the year the equivalent of \$16 upon one share of old stock, being the same amount paid during 1924.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$4 per share, payable Feb. 16 to holders of integral shares of Capital stock of record Jan. 20.—V. 120, p. 93.

**Montgomery Ward & Co.—Declares Dividend of \$5 25 on Account of Arrearages on Class "A" Stock.**—The directors have declared a dividend of \$5 25 on the Class "A" stock on account of arrears, payable Jan. 26 to holders of record Jan. 15. This covers unpaid dividends of the last three quarters of 1921. Payment of this dividend will leave \$12 25 a share accumulated dividends on the Class "A" stock. Dividends were resumed on this issue Feb. 18 1924, the first since Oct. 1 1920. (See also V. 119, p. 2417, 1743.)—V. 120, p. 93; V. 119, p. 2656.

**Munsingwear, Inc.—Annual Report.**

	Year Ended	8 Mos. End.
	Nov. 30 '24.	Nov. 30 '24.
a Net sales	\$13,384,923	\$10,419,899
b Cost of merchandise produced and sold	12,595,431	9,103,795
Net operating profit	\$789,491	\$1,316,104
c Miscellaneous earnings	73,796	110,043
Gross earnings	\$863,287	\$1,426,147
Interest charges	285,913	132,927
Provision for Federal taxes	90,000	175,000
Net income (consolidated)	\$487,374	\$1,118,220
Capital and surplus (Munsingwear, Inc., as at Nov. 30 1923)	\$13,706,217	
Miscellaneous credits	6,549	x
Total capital and surplus	\$14,200,142	
Proportion of net income applicable to minority stockholders of Wayne Knitting Mills		456
Dividends on Preferred stock of subsidiaries	87,202	61,333
Dividends paid by Munsingwear, Inc.	600,000	150,000
Capital and surplus Nov. 30	\$13,512,940	\$13,706,217

a Of the Munsingwear Corp. and Wayne Knitting Mills, including both underwear and hosiery, after deducting returns, discounts and allowances.

b Including maintenance and depreciation of physical properties, advertising and distribution expenses and general and administrative expenses.  
c Discounts on purchases, rentals, interest earned and other income (net).  
x Company was organized May 8 1923.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30 (Including Subsidiary Cos.).**

	1924.	1923.		1924.	1923.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	5,542,630	5,641,672	Capital stock (200,000 shs, (no par)	13,512,940	13,706,217
Goodwill, trade marks, pat'nts, &c.	3,000,000	3,000,000	Minor stockholders interest in subs.:		
Cash	390,609	367,095	Muns. Corp. 7% pref. stock		800,000
Customers' accts & notes receiv'le	2,331,895	2,312,728	Wayne Knitting Mills 6% pref.	1,325,000	600,000
Other accounts receivable	119,391	118,518	Min. com. stock at par plus prop'n of surp. appl'd thereto.		7,832
Inventories	9,224,885	7,315,969	Notes payable	5,379,000	2,826,000
Prepaid expenses	120,690	63,987	Acc'ts pay'le, accr. expenses, &c.	275,230	503,325
Invested in stocks of other cos.	9,900	7,500	Res. for Fed'l taxes		
			Current year	90,000	233,018
			Prior years	150,000	150,000
<b>Total (each side)</b>	<b>20,740,002</b>	<b>18,826,569</b>			

x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, less provision for depreciation.—V. 119, p. 81.

**Milwaukee Coke & Gas Co.—Bonds Called.**

One hundred sixty-seven (\$167,000.) 1st Mtge 7½% Coll. Sinking Fund Gold bonds dated Feb. 1 1921 have been called for redemption Feb. 1 at 103 and int. at the Union Trust Co., 814 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.—V. 118, p. 91.

**Mutual Oil Co.—To Change Name, &c.**

The stockholders will vote Jan. 27 on changing the name of the corporation to Continental Oil Co. and changing the par value of the shares from \$5 to \$10 per share. If the change is approved stockholders will receive one share of \$10 par for each two shares of \$5 par.

One reason for the change in the name, it is pointed out, is the fact that about 90% of the stock of the Continental Oil Co. has been exchanged for Mutual Oil Co. stock under the merger which was accomplished last year.

The Continental and Mutual Oil companies combined maintain more than 1,000 service and distributing stations in Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota. They have a daily production of 17,000 barrels of crude oil, and 1,040 tank cars and 20,000 barrels of refining capacity at its plants located at Glenrock and Cowley, Wyo.; Florence, Col.; Chanute, Kan., and Supulpa, Okla.

The consolidated balance sheet of the two companies as of June 30 1924 was given in V. 119, p. 1409.—V. 119, p. 1392.

**Nash Motors Co.—Extra Dividend—Annual Report.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2.50 a share on the outstanding 273,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of \$3.50 a share, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. On Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 1924 extras of \$1.50 a share were paid on the Common stock.

	Income Account—Year Ended Nov. 30.			
	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.
Net income	Not available	\$10,722,263	\$8,845,509	Not stated
Prov. for Federal taxes		1,442,231	1,232,263	
Net income after exp., reserve and taxes		\$9,280,541	\$7,613,246	\$2,226,078
Preferred dividends		1,103,262	1,207,850	288,750
Common dividends	(\$10) 2,730,000	(\$6) 1,638,000	(\$16) 873,600	(\$16) 873,600
Balance, surplus	\$5,447,279	\$6,434,182	\$6,477,146	\$1,063,728
Adjustments		Dr. 295,668	Cr. 231,931	Dr. 177,471
Previous surplus	8,793,686	20,127,172	13,418,095	12,531,837
Total surplus	\$14,240,965	\$26,265,686	\$20,127,172	\$13,418,095
x Stock divs.—Com. stock—		16,380,000		
Paid in Pref. "A"		1,092,000		
Paid in Common stock				
Profit and loss surp.	\$14,240,965	\$8,793,686	\$20,127,172	\$13,418,095

x On Dec. 28 1922 the company paid a stock dividend of three shares of new Preferred "A" stock, par \$100, and four shares of no par Common stock on each share of Common stock then outstanding. y Net income after deducting expenses of mfg., selling, administration and local taxes, but before Federal taxes.—V. 120, p. 93.

**National Enameling & Stamping Co.—Declares Four Quarterly Divs. on Pref. Stock.**

The directors have declared the regular annual dividend of 7% on the outstanding Preferred shares, payable 1¼% each on Mar. 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 to holders of record Mar. 11, June 10, Sept. 10 and Dec. 11, respectively.—V. 119, p. 2656.

**National Ice & Cold Storage Co., Calif.—Tenders.**

The Union Trust Co., Ltd., trustee, Toronto, Canada, will, until Feb. 2, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 6% 30-Year Gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1912, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$43,500.—V. 118, p. 915.

**National Sugar Refining Co.—Attorney-General Stone Against Merger With American Company—Committee Advises Against Merger.**

See American Sugar Refining Co. above and V. 119, p. 2889, 3017.

**New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.**

	Month of—	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.
Copper output (lbs.)		6,713,520	5,703,506	5,069,899	5,096,158	5,627,261

—V. 119, p. 2656.

**Old Dominion Co. (Maine)—Copper Output (Lbs.).**

	December.	November.	October.	September.	August.	July.
	2,376,000	2,244,000	2,404,000	1,943,000	1,872,000	1,823,000

—V. 119, p. 2771.

**Oregon-Washington Bridge Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Wm. P. Harper & Sons, Seattle, are offering at par and int. \$300,000 7% 1st Mtge. gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Aug. 22 1923. Maturities Sept. 1 1926 to 1938. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100 c\*. Red. before maturity (in reverse numerical order) upon 30 days' notice on or before Sept. 1 1929 at 102 and int., or on or before Sept. 1 1933 at 101 and int., and thereafter at any interest date at par and int. Int. (M. & S.) and principal payable at offices of Wm. P. Harper & Son, Seattle, Wash.

**Security.**—Secured by closed 1st mtge. on all assets (now owned or hereafter acquired) of company, consisting of bridge across the Columbia River between Hood River, Ore., and White Salmon, Wash., approaches, franchise, &c. Company holds franchise from U. S. Government by Act of Congress passed 1923 and by permit from U. S. War Department to build and operate this bridge. Bridge will consist of 10 steel spans resting upon reinforced concrete piers with wooden approaches. Bridge was constructed by Gilpin Construction Co. of Portland, Ore., contractors. Construction was begun in August and contractors were under bond to complete bridge by fall of 1924.

**Earnings.**—Count of traffic carried by ferry now operating between Hood River and White Salmon has been taken periodically and at schedule of tolls allowed by War Department is estimated will produce income of twice overhead, interest charges and bond redemption. Where a bridge replaces a ferry, as will be the case in the present instance, experience shows traffic has promptly and greatly increased. This was the case with both the Portland-Vancouver and the Pasco-Kennewick toll bridges across the Columbia. Actual traffic has been far in excess of all anticipation since the opening Dec. 6 1924, resulting in earnings greatly in excess of estimate for this time of year.

**Capitalization at Completion of This Financing.**  
 1st Mortgage 7% Serial bonds (this issue).....\$300,000  
 Cumulative and Participating Preferred stock..... 175,000  
 Common stock..... 25,000  
 The Pref. stock was sold at par and the full \$175,000 is available for financing this bridge.—V. 117, p. 1671.

**Orpheum Circuit, Inc.—Dividend Rate Increased.**  
 The directors have declared three monthly dividends of 15c. per share on the Common stock, par \$1, payable Feb. 1, March 1, and April 1 to holders of record Jan. 20, Feb. 20 and March 20, respectively. This is an increase in the annual dividend rate from \$1.50 to \$1.80. Dividends were resumed Feb. 1 1924 by the payment of a monthly dividend of 12½%, which rate has been paid to Jan. 1 1925 incl.—V. 119, p. 1744.

**Owl Drug Co., San Francisco.—To Offer Stock.**  
 The company will shortly offer to stockholders the unsubscribed portion of the 8% Cum. Pref. stock, which was offered to the stockholders July 1 1924 in the ratio of one share of Pref. for each 2 shares of stock held.—V. 117, p. 335.

**Pacific Coast Steel Co.—Acquisition.**  
 The company has announced the acquisition of the plant of the Southern California Iron & Steel Co., Los Angeles, Calif.—V. 119, p. 820.

**Pacific Development Corp.—Receivership.**  
 Federal Judge A. N. Hand on Jan. 6 appointed Waldo S. Reed as receiver in an equity action instituted by the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. The company owes the plaintiff \$815,000 on notes which matured Dec. 31 last. The complaint states that the liabilities aggregate \$12,000,000 and that the assets, at a nominal valuation, greatly exceed the liabilities. It was said that many of the securities of the corporation consist of stocks and bonds of companies which are being liquidated or are in financial difficulties. In a statement issued Jan. 6 it was explained that the corporation had been in process of liquidation for several years and that the appointment of the receiver was to expedite matters. The statement also said:  
 "The company was formed in 1917 to acquire control of companies engaged in exporting, importing and industrial development in the Orient, but because of the changed conditions prevailing after the war, liquidation was determined upon by the interested parties. The number of creditors is small, consisting principally of banking creditors who have cooperated in the liquidation."—V. 119, p. 1965.

**Pacific Steamship Co.—Sells \$5,000,000 Issue.**  
 Peirce, Fair & Co. and other Pacific Coast banking houses have contracted to purchase from the company \$5,000,000 1st Mtge. bonds, the proceeds to be used to pay off all existing indebtedness against the company's properties. Approximately \$3,500,000 of the proceeds of this loan will be paid in cash to the Pacific Coast Co., New York, in liquidation of the outstanding balance due it on the sale of its fleet of steamers to the Pacific Steamship Co. in 1918. It is understood that public offering of these bonds will be made by the underwriters some time next week.—V. 118, p. 2314.

**Packard Motor Car Co.—Balance Sheet.**

Nov. 30 '24. Aug. 31 '24.		Nov. 30 '24. Aug. 31 '24	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Property acct.....	19,538,379	7% cum. pref. stk.....	11,057,500
Rights, privileges, franchises, &c.....	1	Common stock.....	23,770,200
Inventories.....	8,790,598	Accts. payable, &c.....	740,934
Accts. rec. (net).....	2,093,863	Fed. taxes & other misc. liab (not due).....	2,479,560
Def. install. notes & bills receivable.....	1,729,293	Reserve for contingencies.....	3,000,000
Misc. market. secs.....	1,470,504	Surplus.....	9,686,280
U. S. securities.....	11,716,843		
Cash.....	4,968,230		
Deferred charges.....	426,763		
	389,597		
		Total (each side).....	50,734,474 51,537,550

x Land, buildings, machinery, plant and equipment, less depreciation.—V. 119, p. 3018.

**Paepcke Leicht Lumber Co.—Sale of Properties.**  
 See Chicago Mill & Lumber Co. above.—V. 114, p. 2124.

**Palace Hotel Co. of San Francisco.—Bonds Offered.**  
 Mercantile Securities Co. of San Francisco is offering at 96¾ and int., to yield 5.26%, \$2,500,000 1st Mtge. 5% Realty Gold bonds.  
 Dated Feb. 1 1925; due Feb. 1 1945. Int. payable F. & A. at Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco, trustee, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable all or part, on 20 days' notice on any int. date at par and int. Denom. \$1,000c. Authorized issue, \$4,000,000. The additional bonds may be issued with such interest rates and maturities (but not later than 1945) as the company may decide. Exempt from personal property tax in California.  
**Company.**—Owns an entire square block of San Francisco real estate fronting 275 ft. on Market St., between New Montgomery and Annie Sts., with a depth of 343 ft. to Jessie St., constituting one of the largest and most valuable holdings on the city's main traffic artery. The Palace Hotel, an eight-story, class "A" building, one of the leading hostleries in the United States, covers the entire frontage on Market St.  
**Security.**—This issue will be secured by a first mortgage on the above-described property, which has been appraised at \$7,789,300. Of the appraised value, \$3,421,000 represents land and \$4,368,300 the present worth of the hotel building.  
**Earnings.**—Average earnings of the company for the past two years, available for the payment of bond interest, have been in excess of \$390,000 per year, or more than three times interest requirements on this issue.  
**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire \$2,800,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds due Aug. 1 1928.—V. 109, p. 1279.

**Peerless Portland Cement Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.**  
 Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., New York and Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 95.40 and int. to 100.93 and int., to yield from 6% to 7%, according to maturity, \$1,750,000 1st Mtge. Serial 6½% Gold bonds.  
 Dated Jan. 2 1925; due in annual series, Jan. 2 1927 to 1940. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago and New York, or the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, Mich., trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company agrees to pay the Michigan mortgage tax and to refund Mass. State income tax and also the Conn. and Penna. 4-mills tax and the Maryland 4½-mills tax. Red. on any int. date on 60 days' notice, in reverse order of maturities at 105 until Jan. 2 1935 and at a premium of 1% less for each year thereafter until maturity.  
**Data from Letter of Col. William M. Hatch, President of Company.**  
**Company.**—Established in 1897. Owns at Union City, Mich., a completely equipped Portland cement manufacturing plant having an annual productive capacity of over 500,000 barrels and is among the oldest and best known of the cement manufacturing companies in the Great Lakes region.  
 Company has under construction (now over 70% completed) on the River Rouge in the city limits of Detroit, Mich., a modern cement plant which will have an annual productive capacity in excess of 1,600,000 barrels. It will have a market within a radius of 15 miles of its plant estimated at 3,000,000 barrels cement annually, distributed there at an average freight rate of 40c. per barrel and a minimum rail freight rate from the nearest competing plant of 25c. per barrel. This plant will obtain its supply of stone by a long-time contract for crushed limestone delivered on its dock in Detroit by the Michigan Limestone & Chemical Co. in its fleet of self unloading boats.  
**Security.**—Secured by a direct first mortgage on all the physical assets of the company, including finished cement plants having an annual productive capacity of 2,000,000 barrels and valued in excess of \$4,786,000, or more than \$2,734 per \$1,000 bond.  
**Earnings.**—The present management purchased control of the company in 1920 and in the succeeding two years doubled the production of the Union City plant. For the two years ending Oct. 31 1924 the company produced an annual average of over 530,000 barrels of finished cement at an average profit, available for depreciation, interest charges and taxes,

of \$184,528, or an average profit before charges of over 34½c. per barrel. Company's earnings similarly computed on the combined capacity of the Union City and the new Detroit plant, approximately 2,000,000 barrels, would be approximately \$690,000.

**(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—December Sales—New Stores.**  
 1924—December—1924 Increase. 1924—12 Mos.—1923 Increase.  
 \$9,946,713 \$8,474,682 \$1,471,991 \$74,237,612 \$62,188,978 \$12,048,634  
 The company expects to open 18 stores between now and March 15 and approximately 50 additional stores will be opened this coming fall.—V. 119, p. 3018.

**Penn Mary Steel Co.—Tenders.**  
 The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa., will until Jan. 28 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 20-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds, due 1937, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$145,397 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 118, p. 212.

**Punta Alegre Sugar Co.—New Director.**  
 Charles E. Spencer, a Vice-President of the First National Bank of Boston, has been elected a director, succeeding Clifton H. Dwinell.—V. 119, p. 2188.

**Pure Oil Co., Columbus, O.—Had Prosperous Year.**  
 The company earned its dividends for its full fiscal period ending Mar. 31 1925 in the first 6 months of the year. This was during the most trying conditions the oil industry has experienced in years. The company's gross earnings were greater by 31%, net income by 74%, and the amount remaining for surplus after payment of the Pref. and Common dividends was 271% greater than in the corresponding period of the previous year.  
 Unless a number of large producing, new oil pools are brought in to again cause overproduction of crude, officials of the company believe the year 1925 will bring more favorable conditions than the oil industry has seen in several years. Discovery of the new pool in the locality of Wortham, Tex., is regarded as untimely in this respect, although the company has holdings that will make it one of the foremost participants in the possible profits from production there.  
 The company is in a stronger position than at any time in recent years, in the opinion of executives. The directors have just created the position of Chairman of the board to which Beman G. Dawes has been elected. Henry M. Dawes, formerly Comptroller of the Currency, was elected President to succeed him.  
 The company gained 9,777 new stockholders in 1924. The company's stock transfer office reports 37,595 stockholders compared with 27,818 stockholders a year ago. There are 27,883 holders of the Common shares and 9,712 holders of Preferred, including 1,863 French stockholders. Employees of the company have regularly invested in Pure Oil shares during the last several years. Of the total 7,500 employees of the company, 4,542 are now stockholders.  
 The company's production from the Humphrey's Oil Co. properties which were purchased outright in August 1923, totaled 9,700,000 barrels from Sept. 1923 to June 30 1924. Net profits before depreciation and depletion from these 10 months' output, including the operations of the Smiths Bluff refinery and the pipe line from the Mexia field to Smiths Bluff, aggregated substantially \$14,000,000.  
 The company owns the Cabin Creek producing fields of Boone and Kanawha Counties, W. Va., practically in their entirety. Production of the Cabin Creek properties has averaged more than 2,500 barrels daily during the last six years, and it is at present showing a daily average in excess of 2,800 barrels. The Ohio producing properties of the company are making approximately 1,500 barrels daily. The company has about 600 barrels daily production in the Illinois fields. Its producing properties in the Mid-Continent territory are making over 12,000 barrels daily, nearly all of this production being of the lighter grade crude.  
 Reserve acreage of the company, undeveloped but well located with relation to proven areas, is represented by large holdings in the eastern fields and larger holdings in the Mid-Continent territory.—V. 119, p. 2890.

**Quaker City Tank Line, Inc.—Equip. Trusts Offered.**  
 Stix & Co., St. Louis, are offering at prices to yield from 5% to 6%, according to maturity, \$1,150,000 6% Equip. Trust gold certificates, Series "E," issued under the Philadelphia plan.  
 The certificates are guaranteed by endorsement both as to principal and dividends by the Quaker City Tank Line, Inc.  
 Dated Dec. 1 1924; due serially \$115,000 (J. & D.) June 1 1925 to Dec. 1 1929, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Divs. payable J. & D. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4 mills tax refunded. Principal and divs. payable at Bank of North America & Trust Co., Phila., trustee. Redeemable on any div. date at 102 and div.  
 These certificates are specifically secured by title to 550 re-conditioned, double-deck stock cars which are leased for a period of two years to and operated by the Swift Live Stock Transportation Co., a subsidiary of Swift & Co., and 700 reconditioned refrigerator cars which are leased for a period of four years to Swift & Co., and operated by the Swift Refrigerator Transportation Co., a subsidiary of Swift & Co. Charles Bossert, Assistant Chief of the Chicago Interchange Bureau, has placed a valuation on these cars of \$1,755,000. See also V. 119, p. 2657.

**Reo Motor Car Co. Lansing Co.—Shipments.**  
 Shipments during Dec. 1924 were reported to be about 25% above Dec. 1923.—V. 119, p. 2754.

**Rickenbacker Motor Co., Detroit.—Defers Div. Action.**  
 The directors have deferred action on the dividend due Jan. 15. Since April 15 1923 the company had been paying quarterly dividends of 2%. In a letter to the stockholders Chairman B. F. Everitt says in part:  
 "The year 1924 has been one of conservative activities in nearly all industries and perhaps the automobile business has been more directly affected than any other. In spite of this, the company has had a very successful year. We have enjoyed prosperity and have been able to pay dividends amounting to 6% on our securities. This has been and will be the policy of the company as long as dividends can be paid out of earnings. The automobile business is a seasonal business and the company will need all the money it has at its command for the next four months, so that in the future dividends will be paid semi-annually, the dates of payment being July 1 and Jan. 1."

**Acquires Control of Trippensee Closed Body Corp.**  
 The company has acquired complete control of the Trippensee Closed Body Corp. through the exchange of Rickenbacker stock for the entire 145,000 shares of stock (par \$10) of the Trippensee company on the basis of one for one. The Trippensee company supplies all the body requirements of the Rickenbacker company and does a substantial business with the outside trade. It has capacity for about 4,000 bodies a month.  
 Frank Trippensee has been elected a director of the Rickenbacker company succeeding B. L. Comber.—V. 118, p. 2835.

**Salt Creek Producers Association.—Extra Dividend.**  
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 16. Like amounts were paid May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1924. Compare V. 119, p. 1635.

**Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Acquires Add'l Property.**  
 The 1922 Realty Corporation, a subsidiary, has purchased seven buildings at the corner of Third Ave. and East 83d St., N. Y. City.—V. 119, p. 3019

**Seneca Copper Corp.—Deposits Urged.**  
 The reorganization committee (Thomas F. Cole, Chairman) says: Under the Plan of Reorganization, Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, and Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, are the depositaries, and are now receiving deposits of stock certificates, cash, payments and other securities. The time limit is fixed for the close of business on Feb. 2 1925. All stockholders desiring to avail themselves of the plan should deposit their stock certificates, and pay at least the first instalment of \$2 per share, with either depositary on or before said date. The plan provides that the full payment of \$6 per share may be made at any time if desired. The plan contemplates a speedy reorganization, and all unsubscribed stock has been underwritten. See plan in V. 119, p. 3019.

**Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Dividend.**  
 The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has received a dividend on the Ordinary shares held by it of 2s. per Ordinary share, par £1 sterling each.



The equivalent thereof distributable to holders of "American shares" under the terms of an agreement is 95c. on each "American share." The dividend will be distributed by the trust company on Jan. 24 to the registered holders of "American shares" of record Jan. 15.—V. 119, p. 2540.

**Sieberling Rubber Co.—Declares Three Dividends of 2% on the Preferred Stock.**

The directors have declared three dividends of 2% on the 8% Cumul. Preferred stock, payable Jan. 15, Feb. 16 and March 15 to holders of record the 5th of each month.

President F. A. Sieberling in a recent letter to the Preferred stockholders stated: "It is the policy of the management to pay past due dividends, and those that may accrue, as soon as resources permit and we have reason to believe that this result will be accomplished within the year 1925." Accruals, after payment on Oct. 15 1924 of a dividend covering accumulations to July 1 1922, amounted to 18% up to Oct. 1 1924.—V. 119, p. 1965.

**(S.) Slater & Sons, Inc.—Stock Dividend.**

According to Boston advices, the company has increased its capital stock from \$1,100,000 to \$2,200,000 by issuing 11,000 shares as a 100% stock dividend. The company recently reduced its authorized capital from \$3,000,000 to \$1,100,000 by canceling 19,000 shares of stock held in the treasury.—V. 120, p. 94.

**Southern Box & Lumber Co.—Bonds Sold.—Citizens & Southern Co. and the Investment Co. of Atlanta, Ga., recently sold at 100 and int. \$75,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7% Serial gold bonds.**

Interest payable on A. & O. at Citizens & Southern Bank, Savannah, trustee, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% per annum. Dated Oct. 1 1924, due serially Oct. 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1933.

**Company.**—Organized in 1909 by A. W. Morehouse and others, and has been in successful operation since that date. The timber supply available for the plant in the immediate vicinity is sufficient to assure continuous operations for a period of at least 20 to 25 years. An appraisal has just been made by the American Appraisal Co., placing the fixed assets at a sound value of \$182,000 and the current assets at \$56,000, making a total of \$238,000.

**Earnings.**—For the last 7 years net earnings have averaged \$15,677 per year, or about 5 times the average interest requirements on these bonds. For the current year, based on 10 months' reports, net earnings will be at the rate of \$28,000.

**Management.**—Company will be entirely under the control and direction of G. H. Bierbaum and T. I. Foster, who have purchased the property.

**Southern California Iron & Steel Co.—Merger.**

See Pacific Coast Steel Co. above.—V. 116, p. 3007.

**Standard Bakeries Corp., Chicago.—New Control.**

See Continental Baking Corp. above.—V. 118, p. 2191.

**Standard Slag Co. (of Ohio).—Notes Offered.—Wick & Co., Youngstown, Ohio, are offering at par and int. \$500,000 6 1/2% Serial gold notes.**

Dated Jan. 1 1925, due serially \$100,000 each Jan. 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. all or part at any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. for the first year and thereafter decreasing 1/4% for each year to maturity. Int. payable (J. & J.) without deduction for normal income tax up to 2%. Penna. 4 mills tax refunded. Mahoning Savings & Trust Co., Youngstown, O., trustee.

**Data From Letter of L. A. Beeghly, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Organized in Ohio. Chief products are slag for roads, street improvement work, roofing material, bridges, slag for concrete.

Company operates 14 plants in the following cities: Ashland, Ky.; Bellaire, Youngstown, Dover, Hubbard, Ironton, Jackson, Leetonia, Lowellville, Youngstown, Struthers, Steubenville, West Middlesex and Sharpville, Ohio.

Company has a working arrangement for the disposal of slag with the National Tube Co. at Berwode, W. Va., and the Carnegie Steel Co. at Bellaire, Mingo Junction, O., and New Castle, Pa.

Company maintains stock yards at Akron, O., and 2 in Cleveland, O. Has 4 waste dumps located at McMechen, W. Va.; Niles, O.; Plaski, Pa., and Wierton, W. Va.

**Earnings.**—Earnings over the last 6 years after taxes, depreciation and all reserves have averaged \$228,609 per annum or approximately 7 1/3 times the maximum interest charges on the notes. During the last three years earnings have averaged \$355,250 or over 11 1/3 times the maximum interest charges.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the treasury for expenditures for additions and improvements already completed and in operation and to provide additional working capital.

**Ownership.**—All of the outstanding \$330,300 Common stock is owned by the employees who have had a great many years of experience in the stone and slag business.

*Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1924 (After This Financing).*

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Inventories and supplies..	\$342,566	Common stock.....	\$330,300
Accts. & notes rec., less res	674,155	Preferred stock.....	75,900
Due from employees.....	2,215	5-Year Serial notes.....	500,000
Cash.....	250,011	United Iron & Steel Co.....	29,775
Subsidiary notes receivable..	319,068	Land contracts.....	57,630
Property accounts.....	1,571,962	Accounts payable.....	103,543
Inv. in other corp. at cost.....	279,817	Accumulated freight.....	8,354
Prepaid ins., taxes, &c.....	32,018	Accumul. int. & insurance	5,758
Furniture and fixtures.....	6,394	Reserves.....	830,717
		Surplus.....	1,536,229
<b>Total (each side).....</b>	<b>\$3,478,208</b>		

**Struthers (Ohio) Furnace Co.—Bondholders' Committee.**

F. F. Brooks, First National Bank, Pittsburgh, has been named permanent Chairman of the bondholders' protective committee. Company is in default on interest on \$1,500,000 of bonds due Nov. 1.—V. 119, p. 2300.

**Sun Oil Company.—Tenders.**

Lee, Higginson & Co., 43 Exchange Place, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 15-year 5 1/2% S. F. Gold Debentures, dated Sept. 1 1924 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$133,500 at prices not exceeding 102 1/2 and int. (See offering in V. 119, p. 151.)—V. 119, p. 1518.

**Superior & Boston Copper Co.—Annual Report.**

<b>Years End, Sept. 30—</b>	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	
Total receipts, &c.....	\$361,135	\$307,868	\$225,876	\$244,022	
General development.....	310,025	310,816	185,116	244,831	
General expenses.....	21,318	21,501	18,498	21,961	
General equip. & furn.....	—	1,635	273	2,563	
Mining claims.....	—	100	2,301	1,854	
Mining claims.....	—	—	—	6,250	
Call No. 10, acct. treas. stock.....	—	—	—	2,590	
<b>Balance, surplus.....</b>	<b>\$29,792</b>	<b>def\$26,184</b>	<b>\$19,689</b>	<b>def\$36,065</b>	
	<i>Balance Sheet Sept. 30.</i>				
<b>Assets—</b>	1924.	1923.	<b>Liabilities—</b>	1924.	1923.
Mach., equip., &c.....	\$326,247	\$326,246	Capital stock.....	\$2,978,270	\$2,650,443
Cash.....	138,245	53,757	Accounts payable.....	4,957	10,398
Inventories.....	31,440	51,422	Unpaid freight.....	3,107	1,367
Accts. receivable.....	871	935	Ord sales to date.....	2,501,384	2,240,297
Unpaid calls.....	201,067	—	Paid in surplus.....	455,101	455,101
Treas. stk. purch.....	21,421	18,397	Profit and loss.....	63,306	62,192
Mining claims.....	775,328	775,328			
Patent expense.....	11,261	11,262			
Gen. development.....	4,086,037	3,819,560			
General expense.....	414,208	392,890			
<b>—V. 119, p. 1518.</b>			<b>Tot. (each side).....</b>	<b>\$6,006,126</b>	<b>\$5,449,799</b>

**Symington Co. (of Md.).—Locke Insul. Pref. Stock Retired.**

See Locke Insulator Corporation above.—V. 119, p. 2772.

**Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad.—Tenders.**

The Central Union Trust Co., trustee, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 19 receive bids for the sale to it of Gen. Mtge. Gold bonds dated

1901 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$119,323 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 118, p. 86.

**(August) Thyssen Iron & Steel Works (August Thyssen-Hutte Gewerkschaft) and Affiliated Mining and Sales Companies.—Bonds Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co. have sold at 98 1/2 and int., to yield over 7.35%, \$12,000,000 5-year 7% Sinking Fund (closed) Mtge. Gold bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1925; due Jan. 1 1930. A circular issued by the bankers says:**

Authorized and issued, \$12,000,000. Interest payable J. & J. Principal and interest payable at International Acceptance Bank, Inc., N. Y. City, in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Callable at the option of the companies, as a whole or in part by lot, after 60 days' notice, on any interest date to and including Jan. 1 1926 at 102 1/2 and int., with successive reductions in call price of 1/2 of 1% during each year thereafter to maturity. The companies will agree to pay \$1,200,000 per annum, commencing with \$600,000 on or before July 1 1925 and \$300,000 quarterly thereafter, to be used as a sinking fund for the purchase of bonds, if available, at prices not exceeding 100 and int., any unexpended balances to revert periodically to the companies. Principal, interest and sinking fund payable without deduction for any taxes levied by German Governmental authorities.

**Business and Security.**—These bonds will be the joint and several obligations of August Thyssen Iron & Steel Works (August Thyssen-Hutte Gewerkschaft) and affiliated mining and sales companies. They will be secured by closed mortgage lien on properties valued by H. A. Brassert, American consulting engineer, at \$117,183,500 (based on German costs), and constituting a complete unit for the production of coal and coke and for the manufacture of iron and steel from blast furnace operations to finished product. The mortgage will be subject to underlying liens securing less than \$1,250,000 of obligations, and to reparation charges under the Dawes plan, which, under existing arrangements, are to be met by annual payments estimated at not exceeding \$152,000 for the year ending Aug. 31 1926, increasing to a maximum annual amount estimated at not exceeding \$330,000 for the year ending Aug. 31 1928 and for each year thereafter.

The properties to be mortgaged to secure these bonds constitute the principal and most valuable group of the total Thyssen steel and coal holdings, which are the outgrowth of an investment of less than \$5,000 in 1871, the assets and business having increased to their present proportions under the ownership and management of the same family through the reinvestment of earnings. Mr. Brassert reports:

"The properties of the August Thyssen Iron & Steel Works constitute one of the most modern and best equipped steel plants in the world. I consider the company one of the most efficient steel manufacturers in Europe. The plant occupies the most favored position in one of the largest steel centers and can assemble its raw materials as cheaply as any of its strongest competitors. It has a good market for its products both in Germany and abroad. Competition from German or other plants can therefore be met successfully and profitably.

"But few plants in the world are quite so favorably placed in respect to coal. The Thyssen family control coal properties forming a block of 95,000 acres of high-grade coal lands, the largest private holding of its kind in the world. The affiliated mining companies control and the bonds are to be secured by mortgage on exclusive mining rights in the developed portions of these properties, containing at the present rate of mining over 100 years' supply. The companies' collieries are considered the best equipped deep coal mines in the world.

"I estimate it would cost \$249,946,500 to replace new in the United States the properties to be mortgaged, and \$165,928,500 to replace them new in Germany; and that the present sound value based on German costs is \$117,183,500.

Operations include the mining of coal from the extensive coal reserves adjoining the steel plants, the production of coke, the manufacture of pig iron, steel ingots and a large variety of semi-finished and finished steel products, and the sale of coal, iron and steel products by branch organizations in important German cities, and directly or through dealers, in various other parts of the world. Except during the period of the recent war, no part of production has ever consisted of munitions of war.

The companies employ more than 37,000 operatives. The present annual capacity of the Thyssen harbor on the Rhine, adjoining the works, is equivalent to nearly one-half of the normal annual tonnage of the Port of Rotterdam.

**Production and Earnings.**—Because of rapid inflation and extreme fluctuations of German currency during the post-war period, it is practically impossible to state the companies' recent earnings in dollars. Operations are now exclusively on a gold mark basis.

Annual net earnings available for bond interest, after all charges including reparation payments, as at present estimated, taxes and depreciation, are estimated by Mr. Brassert at \$6,500,000, on the basis of an annual production of 5,000,000 tons of coal and 1,000,000 tons of finished steel. The aggregate annual interest charge on total funded debt to be outstanding on issue of these bonds will be less than \$900,000.

Export sales in the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1924 were at the annual rate of approximately \$12,000,000, resulting in an amount of foreign exchange at the rate of nearly 6 times maximum annual interest and sinking fund requirements on these bonds.

**Proceeds of Financing.**—The proceeds of these bonds are to be used for additional working capital, the further development of the companies' collieries and for other improvements.—V. 119, p. 3020.

**(R. E.) Thompson Radio Corp.—December Sales.**

Total sales for December were \$415,655, compared with \$203,403 for the preceding month.—V. 118, p. 3089.

**Union Oil Co. of California.—Dividend of 45 Cents.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 45 cents per share on the new Capital stock, par \$25, payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 16. This is equivalent to \$1.80 per share quarterly on the old stock (par \$100) which was exchanged for new stock on the basis of four new for one old. This latter rate was paid by the company from April 28 1923 to Oct. 28 1924, inclusive.—V. 119, p. 2300.

**Union Tank Car Co.—Note Redemption.**

The company has elected to redeem on Feb. 1 next \$2,500,000 of its Equipment Trust 7% Gold notes, Series "A," due Aug. 1 1930, at 102 1/2 and int. Payment will be made at the Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Certain notes aggregating \$174,500, which were called for redemption Aug. 1 1924, have never been presented for payment.—V. 119, p. 952.

**United Drug Co.—To Increase Pref. Stock—To Allow Holders of 8% Cumulative Preferred of Liggett International Privilege of Exchange.**

The directors have voted to call a special meeting of stockholders to ratify the following proposal of the board: To offer holders of the approximately \$13,000,000 Cumulative 8% Preferred stock of Liggett's International, Ltd., the privilege of exchanging for First Preferred 7% Cumulative stock of the parent company, the United Drug Co., in the ratio of 1 1/7 shares of the United Drug First Preferred for each share of Liggett's International Preferred.

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for Jan. 21 to ratify this action and to increase the authorized First Preferred stock from its present \$20,000,000 to \$35,000,000 to effect the exchange.

The company at present owns all the outstanding \$5,000,000 Class A Common stock and the \$2,000,000 Class B Common stock of Liggett's International, Ltd.

The company has notified the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations that the company is to issue 180,817 additional common shares for cash. The proposed issue, according to an official, is not needed at present and therefore may not be sold for some time. The issue may be sold from time to time, as company's business may require.—V. 119, p. 3021.

**United States & Foreign Securities Corp.—Initial Div.**

An initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared on the full-paid 1st Pref. stock (no par value), payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. A dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share has been declared on the certificates marked 25% paid, payable as of the same dates. (See offering in V. 119, p. 1966.)—V. 119, p. 2658.

**U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Sues City—Charges Delay in Subway Building.**

A suit by the company against New York City for \$1,040,000 due to damages alleged to have been caused by delay in constructing a section of the B. M. T. subway between 28th and 38th streets along Broadway began Jan. 7 before Federal Judge Goddard. The complaint alleges that neglect by the city engineers to make available on specified dates the necessary maps and data, resulted in the loss.—V. 119, p. 2892, 2841.

#### Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.—Sale of Securities, &c.

Federal Judge Runyon at Newark, N. J., has authorized the receivers of the company to sell 125 shares of the Independent Guano Co. for \$265 a share to Avery Patton, who already owns 125 shares, or half the Independent company's stock.

Judge Runyon also authorized the receivers for the Southern Cotton Oil Co. (a subsidiary of the Virginia company) to sell 110,170 shares of the stock of Southern Oil Co., Ltd., to W. A. Pratt, managing director of the Southern Oil Co., Ltd., at 25 c. a share.

The receivers of Southern Cotton Oil Co. have asked Judge Runyon for permission to pay creditors 10% of their claims. As yet, claims totaling only \$2,025,574 have been approved out of a total of \$9,832,403.—V. 119, p. 2773.

#### Washburn-Crosby Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Assets—		Liabilities—			
July 31 '24	Oct. 31 '23.	July 31 '24	Oct. 31 '23.		
Real est., plant and equipment—	7,500,322	7,357,468	7% cum. preferred stock—	6,886,900	7,000,000
Water power and water rights—	1	1	Common stock—	6,988,500	6,798,000
Trade marks, good will, &c—	1	1	Notes payable—	500,000	4,606,030
Cash in bank and on hand—	1,765,773	4,606,452	Accounts payable—	1,911,417	1,007,695
Call loans and accrued interest—		1,250,000	Savings acct's of officers and employees—	1,321,520	2,317,182
Arriv. & slight draft	671,644	949,820	Accrued taxes—	585,839	619,656
Cut's r's not rec'd	751		Other expenses—	126,695	53,818
Cut's r's acct's rec'd	1,856,798	2,115,596	Special and current reserves—	2,140,260	1,862,876
Misc. acct's rec'd.	54,800	70,106	Surplus—	1,000,000	1,000,000
Adv. on grain purchases, &c.—	2,081,962	90,962	Undivided profits.	3,500,038	4,148,106
Inventories—	10,597,304	11,873,522			
Prepaid expenses—	197,930	257,458			
Due from stockh'rs and employees—	21,522	544,805			
Stocks & bonds (at cost)—	99,361	209,352			
Exch. memberships—	50,000	87,820			
			Total (each side)	24,961,169	29,413,363

x After deducting \$1,905,903 reserve for depreciation. **Contingent Liabilities.**—In respect of drafts discounted, \$945,293. In the majority of cases the drafts are secured by bills of lading for flour, &c., and in such cases the possibility of loss is limited to the extent of unfavorable fluctuations in the market prices.

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 119, p. 3021.

#### Wells Fargo & Co.—Offer to Stockholders.—

In a letter addressed to stockholders President G. D. Mellor says: On Nov. 20 stockholders were advised that an offer had been made by responsible parties for the purchase of all the Capital stock of the company at \$12 50 a share. Because of the character of the assets and liabilities of the company, it would probably take several years to liquidate its affairs and to make final distribution. In the opinion of the directors, the price offered is approximately the ultimate liquidation value of the stock and has the advantage of immediate cash payment.

This offer has been submitted to various of the larger stockholders and accepted by them. It was left open for acceptance by other stockholders until Dec. 20 1924, and a large proportion of the stock has been sent in.

The time during which the offer of \$12 50 a share will be open has been extended until Jan. 31 1925.—V. 119, p. 2892.

#### Western Quebec Paper Mills, Ltd.—Stock Changed.—

The company has changed its authorized capital stock from 2,500 shares, par \$100, to 10,000 shares of no par value. It is provided that shares which have not yet been issued may be allotted for a consideration not exceeding \$25 per share.—V. 116, p. 3008.

#### Westinghouse Machine Co.—Tenders.—

The Colonial Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will until Feb. 2 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% Gold bonds dated Nov. 1 1910 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$81,000.—V. 104, p. 2457.

#### Willys-Overland Co.—Outlook.—

President John N. Willys is quoted in substance: Based on our dealer commitments for the next 12 months, the company will produce 250,000 Overland and Willys-Knight cars, of both 4 and 6 cylinder types, valued at about \$300,000,000. [The company has added a line of 6-cylinder models to its former 4-cylinder Willys-Knight and Overland cars.]—V. 119, p. 2421.

#### (F. W.) Woolworth Co.—December Sales.—

1924—Dec.—1923.	Increase.	1924—12 Mos.—1923.	Increase.
\$35,020,921	\$32,630,185	\$215,493,736	\$193,441,661
			22,051,914

The gain in sales for the month of Dec. 1924 in the old stores was \$440,472, or 1.35%. For the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1924 the old stores gained \$11,921,995, or 6.16% over 1923.—V. 119, p. 3021, 2773.

#### Zellerbach Corp.—New Holding Company Formed—Exchange Plan.—

President I. Zellerbach of the Zellerbach Corp. has issued a circular regarding the anticipated reorganization plan to the stockholders of Zellerbach Paper Co., American Investment & Realty Co. and Olympic Paper & Power Co. The circular says in substance:

The Zellerbach Corp., incorp. in Nevada, has been formed for the purpose of acting as a holding company for the Zellerbach Paper Co., American Investment & Realty Co. and Olympic Paper & Power Co. New company has an authorized capital of 1,000,000 shares of no par value.

The directors of the above mentioned companies have all agreed upon a plan which, under the Revenue Act of 1924, is considered a reorganization. This law provides that no gain nor loss shall be recognized in the exchange of stock as proposed herewith, either to the individuals making the exchange or to the corporation. In order to fully comply with the Revenue Act a majority of the Pref. stock of the Olympic Paper & Power Co. will be acquired by the Zellerbach Corp.

**Exchange Arranged.**—Individuals holding the majority of the stock in all the companies mentioned have already signified their intention to exchange stock, and others are now given the opportunity to declare their intention whether or not they wish to exchange their stock on the same basis, which is as follows:

The Zellerbach Paper Co. Common stockholders are to receive 7 shares of Zellerbach Corp. stock for each share of Zellerbach Paper Co. Common stock now held.

The American Investment & Realty Co. stockholders are to receive 6½ shares of Zellerbach Corp. stock for each 100 shares of American Investment & Realty Co. stock now held.

The Olympic Paper & Power Co. Common stockholders are to receive 4½ shares of Zellerbach Corp. stock for each share of Olympic Paper & Power Co.'s Common stock now held.

**Book Value \$25.**—The book value of Zellerbach Corp. stock will be approximately \$25 per share, and on this basis it would show book value per share on the stock you now hold as follows:

\$175 00 for each \$100 Zellerbach Paper Co. Common stock.  
\$162 50 for each \$100 American Investment & Realty Co. Common stk  
\$112 50 for each \$100 Olympic Paper & Power Co. Common stock.

It is expected that the new company will pay \$1 50 per share annual dividends, payable quarterly, beginning April 15 1925, which would be equivalent to paying on present stock as follows:

10½% on Zellerbach Paper Co. Common stock.  
9¾% on American Investment & Realty Co. Common stock.  
8¼% on Olympic Paper & Power Co. Common stock.

**To Offer Stock to Public.**—In addition to the stock of the new company that will be issued in exchange for other stock, it is proposed to offer a block of stock to the public. An application for permission to do so is now on file with the Corporation Commissioner. It is the intention to list this stock on the San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange. As the stock of the various companies at interest are now very closely held, there is

very little likelihood of any of it being offered for sale, but in order to insure a firm market for the new stock the present stockholders are asked not to offer any stock for sale before 6 months from date unless they receive notice before that time releasing them from this provision.

#### Zellerbach Paper Co.—Exchange Offer.—

See Zellerbach Corp. above.—V. 120, p. 97.

#### CURRENT NOTICES.

—Samuel H. Barker has resigned the position of financial editor of "The North American," which he has held since 1907, to take effect Jan. 11, 1925, on which date he will have been continuously connected with that newspaper for 24 years. As financial editor of "The North American," Mr. Barker had entire independence and complete freedom in his work and in what he wrote. He has for some years engaged in and been employed in various activities besides newspaper work, acting as advisory, suggestive and other ways in business association with leading financial and corporate interests here, in New York and elsewhere. He leaves "The North American" because his work along financial lines has become more important and now opens forward with such demands upon his time and energies that he feels he must give it undivided attention.

—Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants, and Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., accountants and auditors, two internationally known firms, have combined their professional practices in Canada, Cuba and Mexico under the firm name of Deloitte, Plender, Haskins & Sells. These arrangements bring together two of the oldest accounting concerns in existence and effect the most complete accounting organization in the world. It brings into contact the sixty-two branches operated by the firms in five continents.

—Announcement has been made of the formation of C. C. Collings & Company, with offices in the new Packard Building, Philadelphia, for the transaction of a general investment business. Clifford C. Collings, Thomas H. Barker, 2d, and Joseph C. Chapman, all formerly with Brooke, Stokes & Company of Philadelphia are the officers. Clayton F. Banks, formerly a Vice-President of the Guaranty Company of New York, is a director of the company.

—To provide investors with a simplified and convenient record of income and expenses for income tax purposes, the William R. Compton Co., is distributing its new Personal Income Record Book for 1925. This Book, which consists of an Expense Register, an Income Register, and a Security Register, has been designed by accountants to provide a comprehensive record of all facts required for the preparation of tax returns.

—Charles C. Lawrence, R. Lawrence Oakley and Richard S. Maynard, all of whom have been with Hemphill, Noyes & Co. for a number of years, have organized an investment firm under the name of Maynard, Oakley & Lawrence, with offices at 24 Broad Street, for the transaction of a general investment business.

—Harry H. Neuberger, formerly with Ames, Emerich & Co., is now with Jerome J. Danzig, 200 5th Ave., New York, in charge of his investment department. Arthur W. Ackerman, formerly with Ames, Emerich & Co., has also become associated with Danzig's organization.

—Charles E. Doyle & Company, 44 Wall Street, New York, have issued the year end edition of their quarterly quotation Bulletin giving current prices dividend rate and other statistics on over 500 Public Utility, Railroad and Miscellaneous Stock and Bond issues.

—Hoffman & Co., dealers in municipal bonds, 115 Broadway, New York, announce that their firm name has been changed to Hoffman, O'Brien & Co. Arthur M. Hoffman, A. Vincent O'Brien and Francis J. Hoffman remain partners as heretofore.

—Stanley & Bissell of Cleveland have incorporated their business under the same firm name with C. B. Stanley, Pres., Howard M. Bissell, Sec. & Treas.; Edward S. Little, Vice-Pres.; Robert R. Mallard, Vice-Pres., and Charles D. Kintner, Asst. Sec.

—Adam & Peck, specialists in guaranteed stocks, with offices at 20 Exchange Place, New York are distributing a circular on guaranteed stocks and on merger and minority stocks which are in a position to benefit from railroad consolidations now planned.

—Nathaniel F. Glidden of Glidden, Morris & Co., has been elected Vice-President and director of the Southern Cities Utilities Company. His firm has been identified with the recent financing of the subsidiaries of that Company.

—Alex. Brown & Sons of Baltimore are distributing in booklet form copies of the 1925 edition of their "Handy Digest, Federal Income Tax," presenting the more important features of income tax procedure for individuals.

—William R. Bacon and Harold Brayton, formerly with Potter, Freeman & Co., San Francisco, have formed the firm of Bacon & Brayton, with offices in the Kohl Building, San Francisco, to deal in investment securities.

—The Bank of America, New York, has been appointed depository for \$950,000 bond and mortgage on property 120 West 44th Street, New York City, against which Prudence First Mortgage Certificates are issued.

—Gilbert L. Fuller & Co., members Columbus Stock Exchange, Columbus, Ohio, dealers in investment securities are continuing the business of Fuller & Rounsevel which firm was discontinued on Dec. 31 1924.

—Palmer, Hayes & Co., 150 Broadway, New York, have issued a descriptive circular on the Garod Corporation, manufacturers of various types of Neutrodyne Radio sets under Hazeltine Patents.

—Percy C. Healy, who has been identified with the sales department of Dominick & Dominick for the past five years, has been appointed sales manager of the firm's investment department.

—F. W. Baumhoff & Co., St. Louis, dealers in investment securities, have established an office in the Fleming block, Phoenix, Arizona. E. G. Baumhoff is in charge.

—The Bank of America has been appointed Trustee under a Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated Nov. 15 1924, securing an issue of Mail and Express Printing Company, Inc., 6% bonds, due 1934.

—The Chatham and Phenix National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 225,000 shares of capital stock of Chas. Freshman Co., Inc.

—Carman, Fox & Snider, Chicago, announce that Herbert W. Bartling has been appointed sales manager.

—John F. Brennan has been admitted as a general partner in the firm of Stein, Alstrin & Co., Chicago.

—J. T. Hennigan & Co. announce the opening of their offices at 108 S. La Sale St., Chicago.

—Wm. F. Ingold has been admitted to the firm of Pynchon & Co. as a general partner.

—Paul Frankfurter is now associated with Messrs. Halle & Stieglitz, 25 Broad Street.



# 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, Jan. 9 1925.

COFFEE on the spot was rather quiet, and at times more or less nominal. Rio No. 7 was 23 $\frac{3}{8}$  to 24c.; No. 4 Santos, 28 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; fair to good Cucuta, 28 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Honda, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 31c. Robusta, washed, 25 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. To-day spot business showed more life and snap. Prices were firm. No. 7 Rio ws held at 24 to 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. No. 4 Santos at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Early in the week cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to  $\frac{1}{8}$ c. lower. There was a resale offer of No. 7 Rio at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Prompt shipment bourbon 4s were held at 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., 5s at 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., and 5s and 6s at 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; part bourbon 4s and 5s at 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Santos Peaberry 4s at 27.10c.; 4s and 5s at 26.85c.; 7s grinders at 24.95c. As to mild coffees some take the ground that the spot market, while not active, is strong, and stocks are decreasing, though arrivals should soon begin to increase. With the Brazilian market so firm, and the prices of mild coffees closer to Brazilian prices than usual, they contend that the near future holds out no promise of any material decline, to say the least. Spot was considered firm with only 30 to 40 days supply on hand. Some estimates of the Santos crop range from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 bags; some others think these figures are far too low and they expect the total to be nearer 13,000,000 bags. Futures declined under liquidation, talk of a Western boycott of coffee, owing to high prices, and finally an apparently increasing belief that stocks in Brazil are being persistently understated.

The world's visible supply on Jan. 1 as compiled by the Exchange was expected to show a decrease as E. Laneville's figures showed a decrease of about 300,000 bags. The visible supply is nevertheless 865,000 bags more than last year. The stock of coffee was stated as 470,000 bags against 326,000 a year ago; at Santos 1,773,000 against 637,000 last year. At Rio receipts on one day were 11,000 against 13,000 last year; at Sao Paulo against 35,000 last year; Jundiahy 19,000 against 22,000 last year. On Monday private cables saying that 1,250,000 bags of coffee had been declared for shipment from Brazil in advance of the increased duty on coffee caused selling, which carried prices 40 to 50 points net lower. Laneville of Havre makes the world's visible supply figures on Jan. 1 1925, 5,274,000 bags against 5,572,000 on Dec. 1 last and 4,410,000 on Jan. 1 1924. Arrivals of coffee in Europe during Dec. were: Brazil 722,000 bags, milds 236,000 bags, total of 953,000 against 759,000 last year and 725,000 two years ago. He makes the total world's deliveries 6 months, United States 5,445,000 bags, Europe 5,259,000 and southern ports 610,000, total 11,314,000 bags against 19,975,000 bags last year and 9,191,000 bags in 1922.

It is believed that prohibition has increased coffee consumption, though there are reports that a buyers' strike had been started in Chicago against coffee. Some think, however, that in an effort to economize the housewife will drop some other article rather than coffee. The trade here would be glad to see lower prices. They would be better for all concerned. But the producer seems to have the whip hand. The United States, as is well known, grows no coffee. It is insisted that present prices are the result of the law of supply and demand—demand overlapping supply due to insufficient crops. They do not seem to keep pace with the growth of population and consumption. Of course the policy of restricting receipts at Brazilian ports and levying an increased export tax by Brazil partly explain the high prices. But this country cannot dictate its economic policy to Brazil.

The Brazilian receipts are still restricted to about the average quantity needed for export, but those of Rio and Victoria are expected to drop sharply or disappear before the end of the season, especially as 10% of the planters' crops are being held back for home consumption. All grades and growths of coffee here are still below replacement costs in growing countries, and exporters show little disposition to press coffee on the market. Most estimates of the crop of Santos are not over 10,000,000 bags. That would not contribute much, if anything, it is contended, to reserve stocks. The world's consumption has for several years exceeded the production. Therefore the world's surplus has steadily fallen. Some take the ground that Brazilians have not resorted to questionable means to advance prices. The intimation in some quarters that they have is controverted, it is contended, by the facts of supply

and demand. It is intimated that it is largely the old story of the foolish virgins. Some consumers in this country delayed till the eleventh hour to get supplies and found the market in a sense shut against them. London cabled on Tuesday that Brazilian loans in the English markets were unsettled by reports of further political disturbances in Brazil. This seemed to explain in a measure the weakness in futures here on that day.

To-day futures advanced 50 to 70 points, with Brazilian exchange higher. The rate on London was 6 1-32d. in Rio and 6 3-32d. in Santos. This is a rise of 1-32 to 3-32d. The dollar rate fell 110 to 180 reis to 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ 00. Santos coffee market advanced 100 to 500 reis neutralizing a drop of 50 to 500 reis in Rio. Exports of coffee from Brazil were reported as 125,000 bags and inferentially considerable was shipped to Europe. Grinding 7-8s sold at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Rain damaged coffee sold to New Orleans at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Early firm offers here were  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$ c. higher, namely Santos 3s. at 28.35c. and 4s at 27.75 to 28c.; Rio 7s-8s sold at 22.60c. In New York spot business was better at firm prices. Net changes in futures for the week are trifling, namely a decline of 2 to 5 points on March and May.

Spot (unofficial)	24c.	May	21.40@	Sept	18.70@
March	21.40@	July	19.48@	Dec	18.20@

SUGAR.—Prompt raws declined to 2 13-16c. for Cuban and refined was down to 6.25c. Later Cuba was 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Some 100,000 bags of Cuba prompt shipment sold partly at 2 13-16c. Later 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. was asked for prompt and January. In Europe 3,000 tons of Cuba February and first half of March shipment sold at 13s. 9d. c. i. f. It is stated that 30,000 tons of Java white have been sold for July-August shipment to India at 17s. 3d. Licht revised his estimate of the European crop to 7,175,000 tons, against his previous total of 71,340,00. On the 7th inst. it was stated that the number of Cuban mills grinding was 130, against 122 last year. Receipts of new crop Cuban raws for the week ending Jan. 6 were 55,905 tons, exports 37,777 tons, stock 40,569 tons. Futures on Monday were dull and easier on Wall Street and scattered selling. Prompt raws were firmer with buyers of early arrival sugars at 2 15-16c. c. & f., with sellers asking 3c. Europe sold distant months. Refined was in more demand at 6.75c. Europe was quiet with sellers for February-March shipments at 14s. 3d. c. i. f. United Kingdom.

Cuban interests sold May and were buying September at 22 points. A house with English connections sold March and May. Some of the local refineries were idle for a time at least on account of a lack of raw material or to make their annual clean-up. Others were working on part time. Sales of raw were reported early in the week of 19,000 bags of Cuba now loading at 3c. and 12,000 bags February clearance at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. In New York it is suggested that while Germany has liberated 100,000 tons of raw sugar for export this sugar will probably have to go to Holland and other neutral markets because of the high reparations tax in Allied countries. The cut in granulated sugar on Jan. 7 to 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. a pound, the lowest price quoted in this city since Oct. 1922, was something of a sensation in the trade. It dropped  $\frac{5}{8}$ c. a pound on Tuesday, or in 48 hours of no less than  $\frac{1}{8}$ c. It was recalled that not since the days of the inflated sugar market of 1920 has there been so sharp a decline in so brief a time. In the Southwest sugar sells at 6.10c. The causes are given as the high record crop. The Cuban crop, which is now being ground, will be much larger than the output of last year. That is generally agreed. The United States may have to take most of it, as Europe will have a larger output of beet sugar in Germany, and other European countries to draw upon.

More mills resumed grinding in Cuba. The Amistad central began cutting it is said on Jan. 3. The Nombre de Dios the first in the Guines zone to accept the wage basis presented by the Union has started; also the Alva with an estimated production of 300,000 bags, the Clenegulta with 250,000; the Santa Gertrudis Santa Rosa, San Antonio; El Triunfo and Covadonga. Havana has been a bit gloomy over the relatively low price current for sugar. Cuban receipts last week were 53,711 tons against 15,380 tons the same week last year. Meltings were 38,000 against 32,000 tons and total Cuban stocks 31,667 tons against 15,956 a year ago. The reductions in granulated prices came a little earlier than had been expected and may stimulate consumption and lead to the accumulation of normal invisible stocks. The Cuban crop is put at 4,700,000 tons against 4,067,000 last year. Cuba had no carry-over and recent stocks in the United States were only 5,390 tons. Invisible supplies of refined held by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers are believed to be small.

The United States consumption in 1924 was called 5,300,000 to 5,400,000 tons, an increase of about 500,000 tons over 1923. The increase in the consumption in the Far East has

been large. The present crop year closes, it is argued, with no carry-over in Cuba. The total stocks of raw in the United States is moderate. Invisible supplies of refined held by sholesalers, retailers and manufacturers are believed to be at a very low stage following a protracted abstention from buying in a falling market. Receipts for the week ended Jan. 7 at United States Atlantic ports were 53,711 tons, against 15,380 in the previous week, 13,247 in the same week last year and 45,710 in the same week two years ago; meltings were 38,000, against 22,000 in the previous week, 14,000 last year and 30,000 two years ago; total stocks, 31,667 tons, against 15,956 in the previous week, 26,681 last year and 28,114 two years ago.

It is pointed out that the tariff in the United States for 96 degrees centrifugal Cubas remains at 1.768c. per pound and that at current quotations this represents an ad valorem duty of about 60%. The duty, curiously enough, in uncut diamonds, a luxury, not a necessity like sugar, is only 10% ad valorem. Under the flexible provision of the tariff law the President is permitted to adjust this sugar tariff as the need arises. A material reduction was proposed by the Tariff Commission in Washington last year, but no action has yet been taken. Cuba furnishes the United States with over 3,000,000 tons of raw sugar annually; Hawaii 550,000 tons, Porto Rico 350,000 tons, the Philippines 250,000 tons, Louisiana 150,000 tons and the domestic beet crop is about 850,000 tons.

Members of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange at their annual meeting recommended to the Board of Managers that all trading in refined sugar futures be officially discontinued as no business had been done in this product during the past year. Trading in raw sugar futures will continue as in the past. The price of memberships has advanced from \$6,200 to \$8,000 during the year, the high price having been paid in December. Thirty-eight memberships changed hands within the year. The annual election of officers will be held Jan. 15.

To-day it was reported that Cuba had sold overnight for January shipment at 2 3/4. Another report said that what had really happened was that a cargo had sold on Wednesday at 2 3/4c. Havana reported 5,000 tons sold for Feb.-March shipment at 2.62c. f.o.b., equal to 2 3/4c. c. & f. Late Thursday 2,600 tons of Porto Rico sold at 4.55c., equal to 2.25-32c. for Cuba, clearing Jan. 16. To-day 4,600 tons more of Porto Rico, Jan. 22 loading, sold at equal to 2 3/4c. for Cuba. Other lots of Cuban were obtainable, it seems, at the same price. The British markets were weaker. Cuba was offered for Feb.-Mar. shipment at 13s. 6d. c. i. f., a decline of late of 1 1/2 to 3d. About 1,000 tons of Peru, part afloat and part prompt, sold at 14s. 9d., and 800 tons of prompt transshipment from New York at 14s. 10 1/2d. Refined was somewhat more active here at 6.10 to 6.15c. Texas refined was offered at 6c. here. British refined for March delivery was 9d. lower. The number of Cuban mills grinding is 140, against 131 a year ago. Futures to-day were 1 to 2 points lower and for the week 12 to 13 points lower. Prices follow:

Spot (unofficial)	2 13-16	May	2.88@2.89	Sept	3.13@
March	2.76@	July	3.02@	Dec	3.12@nom

LARD on the spot was in fair demand and firm; Prime Western, 16.55c.; refined Continent, 16.75c.; South America, 17.75c.; Brazil, 18.75c. To-day there was a moderate spot business at steady prices here, whatever might be the case at Chicago. Prime Western was quoted at 16.60c. Futures declined fully 2c. from the recent top, owing to large hog receipts, dulness of the cash trade and liquidation. Later came a sharp rally with grain. Western receipts on the 6th inst. were 250,000, against 209,000 on the same day last year. On the 7th inst. prices advanced with grain. Hog products were active. Packers were buying. Profit-taking sales were quickly snapped up by commission houses. Not that there was any great pressure to sell. It is true that export demand was light. Receipts of hogs at the West were again large. For all that the tone was distinctly stronger. Some traders in large have turned bearish, it is stated. A slow cash demand and heavy hog receipts, indicating another marked increase in stocks this week, did not help matters. The movement was quite heavy. To-day futures declined 7 to 10 points. The closing was not very steady. The receipts of hogs were large. Trade in products was not altogether satisfactory. Packers were understood to be selling. Cash trade was only moderate. New York cleared something over 10,000,000 pounds of lard for export, however. But the Western receipts of hogs were far larger than those of a year ago. Some of the trade look for a bullish Government crop report on live stock in about a week. Final prices show a decline for the week of 80 to 83 points on January and May. Closing prices as follows:

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery in elevator	16.30	15.75	15.75	15.97	15.90	15.82
May delivery in elevator	16.83	16.30	16.30	16.50	16.42	16.35
July delivery in elevator	17.07	16.45	16.55	16.75	16.70	16.60

PORK has been steady with stocks very light; mess, \$34 to \$35; family, \$33 to \$35; short clear, \$38 to \$42. Beef quiet; mess, \$17 to \$18; packet, \$17 to \$18; family, \$20 to \$22; extra India mess, \$34 to \$36; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2 75; No. 2, 6 lbs., \$17 50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$65 nominal. Cut meats firm; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 16 3/4 to 21 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 17 to 19c. Butter, creamery, lower grades to high scoring, 34 to 43c. Cheese,

flats, 23 to 25 1/2c. Eggs, fresh gathered, mediums to extras, 46 to 65c.

OILS.—Linseed has been in rather better demand but there has been little change in prices. Consumption is up to expectations. Inquiries for forward delivery have been numerous. Most of the buying at the preset, however, was for prompt shipment. Flaxseed of late has been steady. Leading crushers quoted Jan.-Feb. at \$1 15; March-April at \$1 16 and May-June at \$1 17. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 11 1/2; Cochin, bbls., 11 3/4. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 10 1/2@10 3/4; 100-bbl. lots, 14.68. Olive, \$1 20. Soya bean, crude, tanks, 12. Lard, prime, 19 3/8; extra strained, winter, New York, 18. Cod, domestic, 60@62; Newfoundland, 62@65. Cotton seed oil sales to-day, including switches, 8,000 P. Crude S. E. 9 5/8c. asked. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	11.00@	March	11.32@11.35	June	11.70@11.85
January	11.19@11.25	April	11.49@11.56	July	11.88@11.90
February	11.19@11.30	May	11.64@11.66	August	11.90@12.00

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline demand has improved a little. The Mid-Continent market advanced to 8c. for navy and 10 1/2c. for 64 gravity in tank cars at refinery. The Gulf markets were also stronger. Kerosene was rather quiet and easier at 6 3/4c. for water white and 5 3/4c. for prime, at the Gulf. Locally at refinery 7c. in tank cars was asked. Bunker oil was in good demand and firm at \$1.60 for Grade C. oil at the Gulf and \$1.80 f. o. b. local refineries. Gas oil has been quiet with 36-40 quoted at from 5 1/4 to 5 1/2c. refinery. Wooster crude was advanced 10 cents and Waterloo 15 cents by the Ohio Oil Co. New prices are \$1.50 for Wooster and \$1.90 for Waterloo. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Navy specifications, \$26.65; bulk, 12.50c.; export naphtha in cargo lots, 14.75c.; 64-66 deg., 16c.; 66-68 deg., 17.50c.; kerosene in cargo lots, cases 16.90c.; petroleum, refined, tank wagon to store, 13c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 15c.

Pennsylvania	\$3 00	Bradford	\$3 10	Illinois	\$1 37
Corning	1 50	Corsicana, lgt.	1 25	Orrichon	1 00
Cabell	1 45	Lima	1 58	Plymouth	75
Somerset, light	1 70	Indiana	1 38	Mexia	1 25
Wyoming	1 20	Princeton	1 37	Calif., 35 & above	1 40
Smackover, 25 deg. 0 95		Canadian	2 23	Gulf Coastal	1 50

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas		Mid-Continent	
Under 30 Magnolia	\$0 75	Below 30 deg.	\$ 75
30-32.9	90	30-32.9	90
33 and above	1 25	33-35.9	1 10
Below 30 Moran	75	36 and above	1 25
33-35.9	1 10	Canada	
36 and above	1 25	Below 32 deg.	1 00
		32-34.9	1 15
		35 and above	1 35

RUBBER declined early in the week in sympathy with lower London and Singapore markets. Yet there was a pretty good manufacturing demand. Ribbed smoked ribbed sheets sold at 39c. for spot to June delivery, and July-Dec., 38 3/4c. Early on Tuesday there was a further decline of 3/4c. on the easier tone of London but later on the market here recovered the loss and wound up at about the previous day's closing. On the next day London sent higher prices and the market here advanced about 3/4c. Ribbed smoked sheets spot to March delivery, 39 3/4c.; April-June, 39 1/2c. July-Dec., 38 3/4c. The London c. i. f. market was firm with Jan.-Feb. and Feb.-March shipments 19 3/4d., buyers c. i. f. New York. One report placed the American consumption last year at 310,160 tons, an increase of about 91,000 tons. The Rubber Association for 1923 put it at 220,952 tons. Late in the week a decline in London and the failure of a leading importing house sent prices down here 1 1/2c. Sales were made in Feb.-March and April-June at 38 1/4c. July-Dec. was quoted at 37 1/2c. Reports from Akron stated that the output of tires was about 100,000 a day and that as soon as extensions were completed the total would be increased to 125,000. The London c. i. f. market was easy with Jan.-Feb. shipments and Feb.-March from Eastern ports 18 3/4d., buyers c. i. f. New York.

HIDES have been firmer but quiet; 600 Central American sold at 21c., a rise of 1c. River Plate hides are firm with 2,000 Smithfield extreme light steers at \$40. In common dry hides a sale was reported of 300 Orinocos at 21c., and 500 La Guayras at 20 1/2c. Stocks of steers are estimated at 81,000 hides and cows at 1,000 hides. At Chicago good quality of branded cows brought 13c., or 1/2c. advance. Some 10,000 more Dec.-Jan. light native cows were sold at 15c. Moderate quantities of butt branded steers sold at 16c., and native bulls at 12 1/2c., both advances of 1/2c. Other descriptions were quiet but considered worth about 1/2c. more than recently, especially branded, though it is hard to get anything except the poorer grades. Many independent packers were sold up to Jan. 1 for all weight native cows and steers on the basis of 14 3/4c. The January production is expected to sell at higher prices than this as big packers' prices are strong. Calkskins firm with packers holding for 26c. for December production from all points. First salted Chicago city calkskins firm on the basis of 25c. Packer kipskins very firm. Country hides were firm with sales good of extreme weights at 15c. Choice buffweights have been selling at 13 1/2c. All weight country hides firm at 13 1/2c. selected.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been in moderate demand and fairly steady. The supply is ample. Sugar and time charters became more active in later business. General cargo business increased towards the close of the week. New Orleans and Galveston reported an active demand for cotton room. The demand is coming from all the leading European markets, but Bremen is the heaviest buyer of cotton.



Charters included flour to Reval or Libau at more than 30c.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 23s. Jan.-Feb.; from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 21s. Feb.; from Cuba to United Kingdom 22s. Feb.; clean oil from Gulf to Certe and or Azet 45s. Jan.-Feb.; six months time charter 907 ton steamer West Indies trade \$2 Jan. delivery; 35,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to Mediterranean 16½c., 17c. and 17½c. according to number of ports, Jan. 20-Feb. 10; 35,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to Greece, 21½c. Jan.; grain from Atlantic range to Mediterranean 3s. 9d., equal to about 19c. Jan.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom and Continent 21s. 9d.; grain from South Australia or Victoria to United Kingdom-Continent-Mediterranean 46s. 6d. Feb.-March; grain from San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent with options base rate 25c. Jan. 10-31st.; coal from Wales to Village Constitution 11s. 9d., option Rosario 12s. 3d.; grain from San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent basis 24s. Dec.-Jan.; refined oil and (or) spirits from Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent 37s. 6d. Feb.; case oil from Minaritian to Brazil-Plate 11½c. one port Jan.; lumber from North Pacific to Australia 7s. 3d.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 20s. Feb.; from Cuba to United Kingdom 24s. Jan.-Feb.; from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 23s. first week Feb.; Panuco crude from Tampico to Boston 32c. Jan.; grain from San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent 25s. 6d. Feb. 10; from San Lorenzo or Bahia Blanca to United Kingdom-Continent 24s. two ports 25s. Jan. 15-Feb. 15; crude from Houston to Hamburg 26s. 6d. Feb.; clean products from North Hatteras to Marseilles Jan. and repeat trip 37s. 6d. option Gulf 42s. 6d.; gasoline from Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent 45s. Feb.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 23s. 6d., 3d. less for direct orders, Jan.

COAL has been steady and in fair demand. Hampton Roads' standard quotation at \$4 50 has latterly been inflexible, with stocks smaller and shipments to the West larger. Also some increase in shipments to New England was a feature, not to mention those to some other districts on the Atlantic seaboard. New York is rather more active and firm. At Chicago and Cincinnati the tone is firmer on lump and "run of mine." Screenings are somewhat lower there. Some big mills and factories find it necessary to replenish their supplies, as industry revives.

TOBACCO was, in the main, quiet as is apt to be the case at this time of the year. Recently, however, there has been a fair business in some directions. Indeed, in some cases a pretty good business for this period is now being done. The outlook for the season is generally regarded as favorable in the tobacco business as in so many others. The season for open grown tobacco in Conn. is later than usual. Prices in general are firm. Wisconsin binders 22 to 25c.; northern 45 to 50c.; southern 25 to 35c.; New York seconds 40 to 60c.; Conn. topleaf 20 to 25c.; No. 1 seconds 90 to 95c.; seed fillers, 12c.; medium wrappers, 75c.; dark, 40 to 50c.; seconds, 70c.; light wrappers \$1 to \$1.25; Havana seed, 50c.; Ohio Gefhardt B 26 to 30c.; Little Dutch, 32c.; Zimmer Spanish, 30 to 35c.; Havana first remadios, \$1.05 to \$1.10; seconds, 85 to 95c.; Penn. broad filler, 12 to 15c.; broad leaf B, 26 to 30c.; Porto Rico, 45 to 85c.

COPPER advanced early in the week on the strength of London and higher sterling. There was a fair foreign demand but domestic business was small. Some think the rise in prices has been too rapid. Producers were quoting 15½c. delivered in Connecticut Valley. On the 6th inst. London dropped 5s. on electrolytic and 12s. 6d. on standard. Sterling also declined. The decline in the stock market was attributed to the easier London market. Copper production increased to 1,300,322 tons in 1924, against 1,165,885 in 1923. Surplus stocks held in the United States at the close of 1924 totaled 136,434 tons, against 136,756 last year, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. During the last quarter of 1924, 333,672 tons were produced, of which 323,333 tons was primary copper and 10,339 tons scrap. In the third quarter of this year and the last quarter of 1923, 316,197 and 340,152 tons were produced, respectively. Shipments from refineries during the last quarter of 1924 were 333,994 tons, of which 158,788 tons were exported. For the year 1924 shipments totaled 1,319,784 tons, of which 753,389 tons were consumed in the United States and 566,395 exported. In 1923 the shipments were 1,157,393 tons, of which 735,521 tons were for domestic consumption and 421,872 for export.

TIN was higher in sympathy with London where prices rose £3 on the 5th inst. Sterling exchange was also stronger. Straits sold at 60½c. While consumers are purchasing very sparingly dealers on the other hand are buying freely. On the 6th inst. there was a recession here of ½c. when London and sterling exchange fell. But on the next day London sent higher prices and prices here followed. Straits were quoted at 60½c. on that day. Later on prices declined both here and in London. Jan.-Feb. Straits shipment sold at 59½c. per pound. Spot and January were sold at 59¾c. There was considerable buying by dealers on the decline.

LEAD was advanced \$5 a ton to 10c. per pound on the 5th inst. by the American Smelting & Refining Co. In the Middle West the minimum price was 9.75c. In the outside market the highest prices were 10.60c. at New York and 10¼c. at East St. Louis. The advance in sterling and higher London prices were the strengthening factors in the situation. Consumption continues at a steady rate. On the 8th inst. the American Smelting & Refining Co. marked the price up \$5 per ton, which brought the price up to 10.25c. New York. In the Middle West prices were advanced to 10c. Prices in the outside market advanced slightly. Spot New York, 10.25 to 10.62½c.; East St. Louis, 10 to 10.37½c.

ZINC has been rather quiet but steady at 8.15 to 8.20c. for New York and 7.80 to 7.85c. for East St. Louis. Galvanized sheets were reported in good demand, and many in the trade look for higher prices. A drop of 10s. in London caused an easier market here late in the week, and one large interest was said to be quoting 7.80c. East St. Louis. Spot New York was quoted at 8.15 to 8.17½c.

STEEL has been quiet in many directions so far as new business is concerned. Inventories is the explanation, which does not fully explain. The truth is that trade remains under the spell of a cautious sentiment; "slow but sure" is the word. Men are afraid of chasing rainbows, though nobody seems to doubt that sooner or later 1925 will fulfill all reasonable expectations of increased activity. Consumers' stocks are believed to be none too abundant. Prices are relatively low, i. e., \$6 to \$10 a ton lower than a year ago on bars, shapes and plates. A good business is expected during the present quarter. Production of steel ingots at 85%. The steel output is said to be at 90% to 95% in the Chicago district. Buyers are feeling out the situation. They do not blink the fact that the outlook points to a firm market, yet in many cases they are not looking for anything better than in 1922 and they are not anxious to take the aggressive in buying at this time. But railroads continue to buy equipment freely. Recent sales are 21,000 tons of rails and 7,000 cars, with indications of sales in the near future by Chicago of 70,000 tons of rolled steel and 10,000 tons of axles. Over 140,000 railroad cars were sold in 1924, compared with 103,500 in 1923. Steel plates in the Pittsburgh district have surprised everybody of late by a sudden firmness after having lagged behind other essential products. It is stated that one of the large independent plate makers is now booked up for the first quarter on plates and is holding out for 2.10c. per pound Pittsburgh, the same figure as for bars and shapes. Heavy melting steel in the Chicago district is quoted at between \$20 and \$20 50 a ton, an advance of 25 cents.

PIG IRON has been 50c. higher at Chicago and firm elsewhere, with coke relatively high and iron ore likely it seems to be 80 cents per ton higher than in 1924. The rise in Connellsville coke workers' wages increased the pig iron cost of output \$1. As to dearer ore, it is supposed to take about 2 tons of ore to make 1 ton of pig iron. Increasing costs of manufacture give the pig iron producer no alternative but to stand his ground. Not only that but higher prices are expected. Buffalo was steady at \$23 per ton. Most Eastern producers quote \$23 50 to \$24, the lower figure for large orders. A maker about to blow in a furnace in the Pennsylvania district was said to be offering No. 2 plain iron at \$24 and No. 2X iron at \$25. Birmingham iron is 50c. higher now, being \$20 50. Chicago iron was firm at \$24. At the moment new buying is mostly for filling in tonnages. Big buying by large consumers was done at recent lower levels. They are looking on now. Ferro-manganese may advance because of the rise in sterling exchange. The quotation at the moment is \$110, Atlantic seaboard, duty paid

WOOL has remained firm but quiet. Many await events abroad. At Christchurch, New Zealand, on Jan. 5, prices were unchanged from those at Dunedin on Dec. 22. England and America were the largest buyers. Super 48s were sold at 25½d. for wool, shrinking about 30%, or approximately 29d. landed in the grease. The next sale will be held at Wanganui Jan. 9, when 18,000 bales will be offered. The crop of wool in Australia, according to estimates, promises a record yield. At Boston the British steamer, Tremere, arrived from Australia with 8,000 bales of Australian wool, the largest shipment received there for some months. Other cargoes from that part of the world are expected. Here quotations include:

Domestic unwashed, Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 70 to 72c.; XX, 66 to 67c.; ½ blood, 67 to 70c.; ¾ blood, 67 to 70c.; territory, clean basis, staple, \$1 60 to \$1 65; fine medium French combing, \$1 50 to \$1 55. Carpet wools: Orfa Aleppo, Damascus, 44 to 46c.; Awassi, Karadi, washed, 40 to 42c.; Kandahar white, 36 to 40c.; Khorassan, 39 to 41c.; China combing, Hsining No. 1, 32 to 34c.; Hsining ass'm't 80-20%, 31 to 33c.; willowed open ball, 30 to 33c.; No. 1 ball, 47 to 50c.; No. 2 ball, 30 to 33c.; unwillowed 3d, 27 to 30c.; willowed, 32 to 34c.; sun-dried Szechuen, best, 30 to 32c.; Mongolian Urga, washed, 42 to 44c.; Mongolian Hilar, washed, 37 to 40c.

Boston sales have recently been only moderate. Contracting in the West has fallen off. Foreign markets have been quiet. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 1924 to Dec. 31 1924 inclusive were 170,993,000 lbs., against 148,880,000 lbs. for the same period in 1923. The receipts from Jan. 1 1924 to Dec. 31 1924 inclusive were 322,014,800 lbs., against 416,103,100 lbs. for the same period in the previous year. Boston quotations are:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine, unwashed, 70 to 72c.; ½ blood combing, 69 to 70c.; ¾ blood combing, 69 to 70c.; fine unwashed, 60 to 61c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine, unwashed, 67 to 68c.; ½ blood, unwashed, 67 to 68c.; ¾ blood combing, 68 to 69c.; fine unwashed, 57 to 58c. Wisconsin, Missouri, and average New England ½ blood, 65 to 66c.; ¾ blood, 68 to 69c.; ½ blood, 68 to 69c. Scoured basis: Texas, fine, 12 months (selected), \$1 70 to \$1 75; fine, 8 months, \$1 55 to \$1 60. California Northern, \$1 60 to \$1 65; middle county, \$1 40 to \$1 45; southern, \$1 36 to \$1 40. Oregon, Eastern No. 1, staple, \$1 60 to \$1 65; fine and F. M. combing, \$1 50 to \$1 55; Eastern clothing, \$1 45 to \$1 50; valley No. 1, \$1 40 to \$1 42. Territory, Montana and similar fine staple, choice, \$1 65 to \$1 70; ½ blood combing, \$1 50 to \$1 55; ¾ blood combing, \$1 30 to \$1 35; ¼ blood combing, \$1 25 to \$1 28. Pulled delaine, \$1 70; AA, \$1 65 to \$1 70; A supers, \$1 45 to \$1 50; mohairs, best combing, 85 to 90c.; best carding, 75 to 80c.

## COTTON.

Friday Night, Jan. 10 1925.

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 234,091 bales, against 306,967 bales last week and 232,346 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1924 6,390,308 bales, against 4,950,709 bales for the same period of 1923-24, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1924 of 1,439,599 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	17,876	14,248	26,599	13,927	10,312	13,307	96,269
Texas City	---	1,294	1,318	---	---	1,092	3,704
Houston	17,627	---	1,628	7,808	11,715	---	38,778
New Orleans	7,095	9,656	13,509	11,545	14,003	8,573	64,381
Mobile	379	128	797	941	215	967	3,427
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	207	---	207
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	28	28
Savannah	1,642	2,559	2,952	3,036	821	2,145	13,155
Charleston	235	286	432	671	515	432	2,571
Wilmington	347	104	88	51	63	1,481	2,134
Norfolk	1,811	567	1,898	280	418	1,138	6,112
New York	---	77	---	---	---	---	77
Boston	10	1,725	217	857	---	---	2,809
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	439	439
<b>Totals this wk.</b>	<b>47,022</b>	<b>30,644</b>	<b>49,438</b>	<b>39,116</b>	<b>38,269</b>	<b>29,602</b>	<b>234,091</b>

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1924 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

Receipts to Jan. 9.	1924-1925.		1923-1924.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1923.	1925.	1924.
Galveston	96,269	2,810,723	60,267	2,337,640	648,593	332,825
Texas City	3,704	40,909	216	20,178	32,271	784
Houston	38,778	1,106,926	8,346	824,619	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	64,381	1,317,549	47,476	841,782	438,741	240,970
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	3,427	106,037	829	36,399	16,026	12,716
Pensacola	207	8,393	828	10,109	---	---
Jacksonville	28	2,312	---	1,663	959	2,882
Savannah	13,155	450,325	6,350	267,040	81,957	73,545
Brunswick	---	539	---	606	130	181
Charleston	2,571	150,728	2,415	145,682	33,904	34,735
Georgetown	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	2,134	87,863	1,497	103,245	29,026	26,451
Norfolk	6,112	258,265	6,806	325,196	118,877	91,288
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York	77	19,138	---	5,664	206,296	176,562
Boston	2,809	12,963	1,344	13,798	538	5,726
Baltimore	439	17,007	229	16,227	1,736	3,007
Philadelphia	---	631	---	861	4,115	3,619
<b>Totals</b>	<b>234,091</b>	<b>6,390,308</b>	<b>136,603</b>	<b>4,950,709</b>	<b>1,613,169</b>	<b>1,003,841</b>

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Galveston	96,269	60,267	40,483	41,264	55,894	68,574
Houston, &c.	38,778	8,346	29,589	329	48	12,429
New Orleans	64,381	47,476	29,923	21,374	43,801	40,156
Mobile	3,427	829	1,408	3,825	1,647	8,690
Savannah	13,155	6,350	6,766	12,895	11,367	37,993
Brunswick	---	---	700	650	---	11,000
Charleston	2,571	2,415	3,788	1,332	1,327	4,859
Wilmington	2,134	1,497	638	1,225	703	4,170
Norfolk	6,112	6,806	5,702	6,507	6,195	14,518
N'port N., &c.	---	---	---	---	28	243
All others	7,264	2,617	4,955	10,551	3,458	6,532
<b>Total this wk.</b>	<b>234,091</b>	<b>136,603</b>	<b>123,952</b>	<b>93,515</b>	<b>124,468</b>	<b>209,074</b>
Since Aug. 1.	6,390,308	4,950,709	4,181,211	3,609,953	3,683,836	4,235,761

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 179,597 bales, of which 71,790 were to Great Britain, 13,938 to France, 36,350 to Germany, 6,909 to Italy, 10,348 to Russia, 35,240 to Japan and China and 5,022 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 102,744 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 4,631,508 bales, against 3,413,040 bales in the same period of the previous season.

Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Jan. 9 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger many.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	15,931	---	17,509	---	---	16,607	50	50,097
Houston	17,627	9,764	4,062	3,746	---	---	650	35,840
New Orleans	29,284	2,984	8,163	2,913	10,348	11,725	3,130	68,547
Pensacola	207	---	---	---	---	---	---	207
Savannah	---	---	5,388	---	---	---	---	5,388
Norfolk	2,350	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,350
New York	6,218	1,190	1,228	250	---	---	1,192	10,078
Boston	173	---	---	---	---	---	---	173
Los Angeles	---	---	---	---	---	200	---	200
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	4,708	---	4,708
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	2,000	---	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,790</b>	<b>13,938</b>	<b>36,350</b>	<b>6,909</b>	<b>10,348</b>	<b>35,240</b>	<b>5,022</b>	<b>179,597</b>
Total 1924	35,136	4,252	22,805	4,512	---	25,413	10,626	102,744
Total 1923	45,229	9,205	16,770	24,081	---	8,659	8,622	112,566

From Aug. 1 1924 to Jan. 9 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger many.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	517,227	261,388	346,189	148,811	21,000	189,676	246,105	1,730,396
Houston	361,878	219,853	244,962	95,213	27,500	53,695	85,884	1,088,985
Texas City	8,760	---	8,034	---	---	---	---	16,794
New Orleans	284,207	48,791	121,104	86,663	15,143	75,672	59,861	691,441
Mobile	19,865	500	15,748	15	---	---	700	36,828
Jacksonville	549	---	---	---	---	---	60	609
Pensacola	5,949	80	600	---	---	---	200	6,829
Savannah	115,769	6,351	126,768	2,530	---	9,200	6,843	267,461
Charleston	58,299	---	31,810	---	---	8,000	5,726	103,835
Wilmington	21,066	---	25,500	6,250	---	---	---	52,816
Norfolk	55,357	---	48,191	---	---	300	400	104,248
New York	125,505	30,317	80,416	28,387	---	10	42,393	307,028
Boston	3,337	---	78	---	---	---	2,390	5,805
Baltimore	---	50	38	---	---	---	---	88
Philadelphia	329	114	4	50	---	---	---	635
Los Angeles	22,758	400	1,301	---	---	13,303	50	37,812
San Diego	15,947	---	---	---	---	600	---	16,547
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	93,420	---	93,420
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	69,816	115	69,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,616,802</b>	<b>567,844</b>	<b>1,050,743</b>	<b>367,919</b>	<b>63,643</b>	<b>513,692</b>	<b>450,865</b>	<b>4,631,508</b>
Tot. 1923-24	1,267,408	470,456	645,567	294,950	---	503,813	352,616	3,413,040
Tot. 1922-23	1,922,896	453,074	536,371	280,750	---	290,305	253,396	3,400,294

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 November the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 30,853 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 24,463 bales. For the four months ending Nov. 30 1924 there were 69,400 bales exported, as against 52,079 bales for the corresponding four months of 1923.

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.

Jan. 9 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger many.	Other Cont'nt.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	16,633	14,000	13,000	35,800	6,000	85,433	563,160
New Orleans	22,710	5,459	4,957	17,157	4,087	54,370	384,371
Savannah	2,000	---	---	---	300	2,300	79,657
Charleston	---	---	---	---	359	359	33,545
Mobile	5,174	---	---	3,500	200	8,874	7,152
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	118,877
Other ports*	3,500	1,000	2,000	5,000	500	12,000	263,071
<b>Total 1925</b>	<b>50,017</b>	<b>20,459</b>	<b>19,957</b>	<b>61,457</b>	<b>11,446</b>	<b>163,336</b>	<b>1,449,833</b>
<b>Total 1924</b>	<b>54,028</b>	<b>17,652</b>	<b>28,413</b>	<b>44,060</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>151,853</b>	<b>851,988</b>
<b>Total 1923</b>	<b>29,509</b>	<b>6,839</b>	<b>17,800</b>	<b>49,904</b>	<b>10,616</b>	<b>114,668</b>	<b>880,778</b>

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been small, with fluctuations irregular and on the whole tending towards lower levels. It is true that early in the week there was a sharp advance on an oversold market. But it was a fleeting improvement. It was followed by a decline when it was found that the short interest had been largely covered. Liverpool has hung fire. It seems as little inclined to take the aggressive on the bull side as New York is. It was said that in the middle of the week New England mills had withdrawn from the Southern spot markets. Certainly there was a very noticeable falling off in Southern business, and prices declined. There was a story that Bremen was reselling some of its imports. Though Germany was declared to be buying low grades at the South, it is also said to be buying East Indian cotton together with Japan. Both Japan and China have been taking a good deal of the East Indian staple. Interior receipts in this country have kept up well. At times there was noticeable liquidation of January. Local selling was a feature. Board room operators showed a leaning towards the bear side. The notion of not a few in the trade was that there is plenty of cotton, if not too much. The idea is that the world's supply is much more than is requisite to meet any probable demand. Worth Street at times has been rather depressed. It seemed hardly to know what to make of the mercurial fluctuations in the raw cotton. It is up one day and down the next. Speculators give it the cold shoulder. They prefer stocks and grain and have, as everybody knows, for many weeks past. The prolonged and extraordinary activity in stocks has attracted wide attention in the speculative world of this country and some of the Cotton Exchange houses have joined the Stock Exchange. These houses have extensive private wire systems, which are being actively utilized now-a-days in stock and grain speculation rather than in cotton. Such business was stimulated by the rise in U. S. Steel to 124, the increase in the Atchison common dividend and cheaper money, i. e. 2% to 2½% on call. An upward turn in the grain market also tended to hurt cotton speculation by elbowing it aside. Japanese interests at one time were understood to be free sellers of cotton. Bearish hopes revived. There was a renewal of talk of a decline to possibly 18 or 20c this season. Believers in lower prices point out that there has been no decided revival of the textile industry in this country, whatever may be said about increasing working time here and there. The fact that the movement is spreading in New England for a reduction in wages of 10% is cited as an indication that conditions in the textile business there are still none too favorable. Hedge selling here has been more or less noticeable from time to time. New Orleans was inclined to sell. January notices here on one day were for 9,000 bales. Early in the week uptown operators were said to have sold out some 25,000 to 30,000 bales. Other interests were also understood to have closed out good-sized lines. Liverpool at times has sold as well as Wall Street and the West. The market seemed to lack staying power. Finally, pretty much everybody seemed to agree that it was a trading affair, pending some definite change in the outlook one way or the other.

On the other hand, there was a good spot business early in the week and exports make an excellent showing. Some of the large spot houses are understood to be looking for higher prices later on. For a time spot markets were quite firm, with the basis strong. Dallas said it was the highest of the season. There was a demand even for the low grades, to say nothing of staple of one inch and better. Now and then Liverpool showed more strength. The Continent early in the week resumed buying in Liverpool and it had for a time a noticeably bracing effect. Manchester was optimistic. Tattersall predicts a good year. Quite a good business was reported in cloths with India and some minor markets. Bremen's selling was said to have been of cotton bought at lower prices. There were reports at times that not only Germany but Russia was buying at the South. Russia was even said to be taking considerable cotton. Another thing was the continued drought in Texas. The deficiency in rainfall



for three months past is said to be something over three inches, though here and there in that State the rainfall has been somewhat larger than the normal. Taking the State as a whole, however, the impression is that Texas would be the better for more rain. Of course it is well known that that State depends largely on winter rains for its cotton crop, and there is beginning to be considerable talk about the dry weather. Also, it is said that the next major move in prices may hinge upon the question of the outlook for the next crop. In some quarters it is insisted that there is very little likelihood of 40,400,000 acres being planted this year for the reason that grain and wheat are so high that the South will be compelled to diversify its crops as a matter of self-protection. Corn is 50c. a bushel higher than a year ago. Pork and bacon are much higher than then. This fact has to be taken into account in connection with field labor.

To-day prices opened lower with reports of rains in Texas, cables irregular after a very favorable enough opening, a falling off in spot business at Liverpool, total sales at Fall River this week of only 25,000 pieces of print cloths and expectations of rather bearish weekly figures. Moreover, there was more or less selling by Liverpool, Wall Street and the South. Later it turned out that Texas had had comparatively little rain over most of its area, although the eastern belt had quite a good deal. Moreover, the forwardings from Liverpool to Manchester this week were the largest in about 18 months. Spot markets were firmer on this side, with rather more demand. The into-sight figures were not so large as expected. Spinners' takings were larger than expected. In a word, the weekly figures were on the whole considered bullish, or at any rate more bullish than had been expected. The forwardings from Liverpool to Manchester for the week were 84,000 bales of all kinds, against 57,000 last week, 67,000 last year and 54,000 in 1922; of American 59,000, against 41,000 last week, 40,000 last year and 34,000 in 1922. All the advices tended to encourage the idea that Manchester's future is brightening. Yet, while there was an advance from the early low of some 20 to 25 points, the net rise for the day was only 5 to 10, though the ending was steady. For the week, however, there has been remarkably little change. To be exact, there is a net decline on January, March, May and July of 2 to 8 points, while October, largely because of the Texas drought and reports of delayed crop preparations, ends 17 points higher. Spot cotton advanced here 10 points to-day ending with a net decline, however, for the week of 5 points, with middling 24.15c.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figures from the Jan. 8 quotations of the ten markets, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Jan. 15, 1925.

Middling fair.....	1.03 on	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	2.93 off
Strict good middling.....	.79 on	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.35 off
Good middling.....	.57 on	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.80 off
Strict middling.....	.35 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.68 off
Low middling.....	.65 off	Good middling spotted.....	.15 on
Strict low middling.....	1.50 off	Strict middling spotted.....	.16 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	2.65 off	Middling spotted.....	.62 off
*Good ordinary.....	3.85 off	Strict low middling spotted.....	1.45 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	0.04 off	*Low middling spotted.....	2.60 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.32 off	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.98 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.74 off	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.49 off
*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.55 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	2.24 off
Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	2.48 off	Good middling "gray".....	.41 off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	3.58 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	.85 off
Good middling "yellow" stained.....	1.63 off	*Middling "gray".....	1.40 off
*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	2.13 off		

\* These grades are not deliverable.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 4 to Jan. 9.....	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 3.	Monday, Jan. 5.	Tuesday, Jan. 6.	Wednesday, Jan. 7.	Thursday, Jan. 8.	Friday, Jan. 9.
January.....	23.50-23.85	23.30-23.87	23.45-23.74	23.40-23.62	23.40-23.65	23.45-23.70
Range.....	23.80-23.85	23.36-23.38	23.72	23.45-23.47	23.55	23.65
Closing.....	23.96	23.49	23.88	23.58	23.65	23.75
February.....	23.77-24.14	23.57-24.15	23.75-24.06	23.66-23.98	23.71-23.91	23.77-24.01
Range.....	24.13-24.14	23.63-23.67	24.04-24.06	23.75-23.78	23.87-23.88	23.91-23.93
Closing.....	24.28	23.78	24.18	23.91	24.02	24.06
March.....	24.10-24.46	23.86-24.45	24.03-24.34	23.99-24.24	24.03-24.23	24.12-24.33
Range.....	24.44-24.46	23.93-23.95	24.32-24.33	24.08-24.10	24.18-24.19	24.22-24.23
Closing.....	24.50	24.00	24.39	24.17	24.26	24.31
April.....	24.25-24.58	24.02-24.60	24.18-24.48	24.15-24.38	24.20-24.40	24.28-24.50
Range.....	24.56-24.57	24.06-24.07	24.47-24.48	24.25-24.27	24.35-24.36	24.40-24.42
Closing.....	24.10-24.10	23.68	24.07	23.88	23.98	24.05
May.....	24.20	23.61	24.10	23.98	24.10	24.20
June.....	23.50-23.92	23.40-23.96	23.51-23.88	23.63-23.83	23.70-23.88	23.78-23.98
Range.....	23.88-23.90	23.43	23.86-23.88	23.72-23.76	23.82-23.85	23.92
Closing.....	23.50-23.59	23.36-23.36	23.54-23.55	23.56-23.72	23.70-23.76	23.70-23.75
Range.....	23.77	23.32	23.75	23.63	23.76	23.79
Closing.....						

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Jan. 9 1925 and since trading began on each option.

Option for	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Jan. 1925.....	23.30 Jan. 5	23.87 Jan. 5
Feb. 1925.....	22.69 Oct. 25	25.60 Aug. 20
Mar. 1925.....	23.57 Jan. 5	24.15 Jan. 5
Apr. 1925.....	24.02 Jan. 5	24.22 Dec. 24
May 1925.....	23.86 Jan. 5	24.46 Jan. 3
June 1925.....	22.55 Sept. 11	22.55 Sept. 11
July 1925.....	24.02 Jan. 5	24.60 Jan. 5
Aug. 1925.....	24.10 Jan. 5	22.45 Oct. 24
Sept. 1925.....	21.80 Oct. 15	21.80 Oct. 15
Oct. 1925.....	23.40 Jan. 5	23.98 Jan. 9
Nov. 1925.....	24.07 Dec. 16	24.40 Dec. 27
Dec. 1925.....	23.36 Jan. 5	23.76 Jan. 8

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.

January 9—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Stock at Liverpool.....	764,000	691,000	858,000	1,001,000
Stock at London.....	2,000	1,000	5,000	1,000
Stock at Manchester.....	78,000	83,000	74,000	72,000
Total Great Britain.....	844,000	775,000	937,000	1,074,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	2,000	3,000	2,000	2,000
Stock at Bremen.....	223,000	60,000	127,000	318,000
Stock at Havre.....	210,000	153,000	220,000	198,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	10,000	14,000	10,000	9,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	82,000	106,000	113,000	137,000
Stock at Genoa.....	99,000	49,000	55,000	39,000
Stock at Ghent.....	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	2,000	7,000	3,000	32,000
Stock at Trieste.....	---	---	---	18,000
Total Continental stocks.....	633,000	394,000	532,000	751,000
Total European stocks.....	1,477,000	1,169,000	1,469,000	1,825,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	93,000	163,000	125,000	56,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	603,000	422,000	319,000	352,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	117,000	108,000	100,000	109,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	256,000	292,000	335,000	342,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	400,000	457,000	599,000	859,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,613,169	1,003,841	995,446	1,267,258
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,474,156	1,043,974	1,300,285	1,595,588
U. S. exports to-day.....	---	7,950	---	11,265
Total visible supply.....	6,033,325	4,666,765	5,242,731	6,417,111

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:	American	Foreign	Total
Liverpool stock.....	608,000	440,000	496,000
Manchester stock.....	48,000	57,000	48,000
Continental stock.....	591,000	315,000	490,000
U. S. port stocks.....	603,000	422,000	1,319,000
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,613,169	1,003,841	995,446
U. S. exports to-day.....	1,474,156	1,043,974	1,300,285
Total American.....	4,937,325	3,289,765	3,648,731

East Indian, Brazil, &c.—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Liverpool stock.....	156,000	251,000	362,000	424,000
London stock.....	2,000	1,000	5,000	1,000
Manchester stock.....	30,000	26,000	26,000	20,000
Continental stock.....	42,000	79,000	42,000	105,000
India afloat for Europe.....	93,000	163,000	125,000	56,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	117,000	108,000	100,000	109,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	256,000	292,000	335,000	342,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	400,000	457,000	599,000	859,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,096,000	1,377,000	1,594,000	1,916,000
Total American.....	4,937,325	3,289,765	3,648,731	4,501,111

Total visible supply.....	6,033,325	4,666,765	5,242,731	6,417,111
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	13.03d.	19.32d.	15.60d.	10.70d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	24.15c.	34.35c.	27.45c.	18.25c.
Egypt, good saket, Liverpool.....	31.70d.	23.80d.	19.00d.	23.50d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	20.75d.	24.00d.	17.50d.	13.50d.
Broad fine, Liverpool.....	12.00d.	17.00d.	13.00d.	10.25d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	12.55d.	18.15d.	14.40d.	11.25d.

Continental imports for past week have been 231,000 bales. The above figures for 1924 show an increase over last week of 231,875 bales, a gain of 1,366,560 from 1923, an increase of 790,594 bales from 1922, and a falling off of 383,786 bales from 1921.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 9 1925.				Movement to Jan. 11 1924.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Jan. 9.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Jan. 11.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham.....	1,481	52,783	995	9,537	446	26,014	847	10,042
Eufaula.....	564	16,787	363	6,556	900	6,349	—	2,700
Montgomery.....	376	72,100	1,185	22,129	411	45,747	1,347	14,783
Selma.....	356	60,453	2,222	20,614	218	31,020	188	7,020
Ark., Helena.....	2,117	59,834	3,197	19,378	330	12,635	266	9,718
Little Rock.....	3,733	184,693	8,777	41,351	1,911	98,447	4,145	40,427
Pa., Albany.....	3,587	125,463	4,258	46,488	4,224	68,102	1,135	38,377
Athens.....	1,628	3,843	---	2,590	2	2,052	---	2,195
Atlanta.....	5,004	34,792	1,350	16,636	1,623	34,152	1,329	28,887
Augusta.....	3,940	171,017	7,595	63,569	2,263	109,852	6,322	38,757
Columbus.....	3,399	49,099	5,546	7,304	1,998	155,700	6,288	48,009
Macon.....	800	34,336	508	10,953	213	21,366	801	8,721
Rome.....	450	39,282	1,617	14,839	550	28,415	350	7,692
La., Shreveport.....	500	92,500	3,000	25,500	1,000	104,000	4,000	32,000
Miss., Columbus.....	---	33,813	---	9,760	476	78,106	942	8,315
Clarksdale.....	517	105,720	5,164	33,545	308	74,433	1,294	34,445
Greenwood.....	224	131,232	5,620	39,501	410	94,142	3,177	41,064
Meridian.....	424	34,695	1,110	15,064	123	18,961	575	7,858
Natchez.....	268	37,788	816	7,675	129	29,366	---	7,764
Vicksburg.....	115	29,966	1,406	11,028	286	15,766	563	8,498
Yazoo City.....	17	32,718	1,161	9,067	17	19,006	---	10,873
Mo., St. Louis.....	32,195	417,684	32,460	4,041	18,160	372,308	17,806	62,803
N.C., Grnsboro.....	3,730	39,334	19,567	1,697	1,697	48,049	2,588	28,881
Raleigh.....	182	5,529	150	907	48	9,759	100	88
Okl., Altus.....	6,527	146,559	8,463	28,507	6,696	88,078	7,290	31,111
Chickasha.....	4,257	108,946	4,186	13,241	6,617	68,441	7,440	13,166
Oklahoma.....	3,931	120,244	9,131	19,768	5,539	45,384	2,429	28,291
S. C., Greenville.....	3,966	120,279	6,277	36,597	5,267	85,370	3,965	34,786
Greenwood.....	---	12,105	---	6,107	127	10,497	74	10,291
Tenn., Memphis.....	43,259	832,839	51,597	126,149	40,249	597,095	44,059	118,897
Nashville.....	14	730	68	368	---	---	---	---
Texas, Abilene.....	2,588	57,583	3,101	1,034	1,698	60,177	1,576	2,305
Brenham.....	200	17,289	200	5,356	22</			

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 35,500 bales and are to-night 430,182 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 105,666 bales more than the same week last year.

**NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.**

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Jan. 9 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1925	32.00c.	1917	18.40c.	1909	9.40c.	1901	10.12c.
1924	35.00c.	1916	12.60c.	1908	11.45c.	1900	7.56c.
1923	26.75c.	1915	8.00c.	1907	10.80c.	1899	6.00c.
1922	18.35c.	1914	12.60c.	1906	11.75c.	1898	5.94c.
1921	18.25c.	1913	13.10c.	1905	7.15c.	1897	7.38c.
1920	39.25c.	1912	9.45c.	1904	13.70c.	1896	8.31c.
1919	30.90c.	1911	14.95c.	1903	8.90c.	1895	5.75c.
1918	33.25c.	1910	15.45c.	1902	8.25c.	1894	8.19c.

**MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.**

	Spot Market Closed	Futures Market Closed	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 45 pts. dec.	Steady	500		500
Tuesday	Steady, 35 pts. adv.	Firm	9,600		9,600
Wednesday	Quiet, 25 pts. dec.	Steady	200		200
Thursday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	200		200
Friday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total			10,500		10,500

**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:

	1924-25		1923-24	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	32,460	331,434	17,806	368,851
Via Mounds, &c	10,000	150,160	6,360	121,280
Via Rock Island	2,857	18,052	1,282	10,223
Via Louisville	1,147	32,695	643	16,433
Via Virginia points	7,240	114,878	5,657	108,626
Via other routes, &c	14,908	285,380	10,855	208,224
Total gross overland	68,612	982,599	42,603	833,637
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c	3,325	50,689	1,573	36,550
Between interior towns	657	12,994	576	13,482
Inland, &c., from South	17,311	268,813	21,947	349,310
Total to be deducted	21,293	332,496	24,096	399,342
Leaving total net overland*	47,319	650,103	18,507	434,295

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 47,319 bales, against 18,507 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 215,808 bales.

	1924-25		1923-24	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings.				
Receipts at ports to Jan. 9	234,091	6,390,308	136,603	4,950,709
Net overland to Jan. 9	47,319	650,103	18,507	434,295
Southern consumption to Jan. 9	115,000	1,972,000	85,000	1,945,000
Total marketed	396,410	9,012,411	240,110	7,330,004
Interior stocks in excess	335,500	1,299,402	13,039	783,083
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Dec. 1		353,760		385,711
Same into sight during week	360,910		227,071	
Total in sight Jan. 9		10,665,573		8,498,798
North. spinn's takings to Jan. 9	46,221	941,518	52,945	1,107,246

\* 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 Jan. 9.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Jan. 3.	Monday, Jan. 5.	Tuesday, Jan. 6.	Wed. day, Jan. 7.	Thurs. day, Jan. 8.	Friday, Jan. 9.
Galveston	24.15	23.65	24.05	23.75	23.85	23.85
New Orleans	23.95	23.45	23.85	23.60	23.80	23.80
Mobile	23.75	23.25	23.65	23.35	23.50	23.60
Savannah	24.13	23.63	24.04	23.76	23.88	23.83
Norfolk	23.88	23.38	23.75	23.50	23.63	23.75
Baltimore		24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.40
Augusta	23.81	23.38	23.75	23.50	23.56	23.63
Memphis	24.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
Houston	24.10	23.70	24.00	23.70	23.80	23.85
Little Rock	23.62	23.38	23.88	23.62	23.62	23.62
Dallas	23.40	22.90	23.30	23.00	23.01	23.20
Fort Worth		22.90	23.30	23.00	23.10	23.15

**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, Jan. 3.	Monday, Jan. 5.	Tuesday, Jan. 6.	Wednesday, Jan. 7.	Thursday, Jan. 8.	Friday, Jan. 9.
January	23.95-23.96	23.43-23.46	23.83-23.84	23.63-23.65		23.75
March	24.02-24.03	23.50-23.54	23.92-23.95	23.71-23.72		23.89-23.90
May	24.31-24.34	23.77-23.80	24.19-24.22	23.98-23.99		24.16-24.18
July	24.33-24.34	23.83-23.85	24.28-24.29	24.07		24.29-24.31
October	23.51	23.08-23.10	23.53	23.37-23.38	HOLIDAY	23.60
December			23.30 bid	23.14 bid		23.37 bid
Tone						
Spot	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Steady		Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady		Steady

**WORLD COTTON PRODUCTION INCREASED.**—Cotton production in countries that grow between 93 and 96% of the world crop is estimated at 22,211,000 bales of 478 pounds net, as compared with 17,928,000 bales last year, according to late reports received by the United States

Department of Agriculture, says a statement issued by the latter under date of Dec. 31 1924, which continues as follows:

The total world cotton crop will probably be about 23,600,000 bales, provided all other countries produced the same quantity as last year, the department says. World production last year was 19,300,000 bales, and the average for the 1909-13 five-year pre-war period was 23,580,000 bales. Brazil is the only important producing country not yet heard from. The indicated world supply of American cotton for the 1924-25 season, based on official production figures and trade estimates of carryover approximates about 16,080,000 bales, the department says. If this estimated carry-over figure is approximately correct, the total supply of American cotton for 1924-25 would be somewhat larger than the official estimate for last year and slightly larger than for 1922-23, but smaller than for 1921-22. Total consumption in the United States for the four months ending Nov. 30 was 1,818,000 running bales of lint cotton as compared with 2,054,000 bales for the same period in 1923. This decrease, however, has been more than offset by increased exports, the department points out. The export of domestic cotton, excluding linters for the four months August to November this year, was 3,237,000 running bales as compared with 2,459,000 bales during the same period last year.

**WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.**—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that the early part of the week the weather was cloudy and rainy with many places reporting snow and sleet. The latter part of the week the temperatures were somewhat higher and many localities reported thawing.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer	
	days	in.	high	low
Galveston, Texas	2 days	0.45 in.	high 69	low 47
Arlene		dry	high 76	low 22
Brenham	2 days	0.06 in.	high 73	low 46
Corpus Christi	1 day	0.01 in.	high 74	low 28
Dallas		dry	high 74	low 28
Delrio		dry	high 82	low 32
Palestine	1 day	0.12 in.	high 68	low 40
San Antonio		dry	high 76	low 40
Taylor		dry		low 34
New Orleans	2 days	0.82 in.		mean 57
Shreveport	2 days	0.49 in.	high 68	low 26
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	0.09 in.	high 71	low 36
Selma	3 days	0.45 in.	high 65	low 29
Savannah, Ga.	2 days	0.43 in.	high 71	low 38
Charleston, S. C.	7 days	0.18 in.	high 68	low 36
Charlotte, N. C.	1 day	0.02 in.	high 58	low 30

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:

	Jan. 9 1925.	Jan. 11 1924.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	2.1
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	9.4
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	12.5
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	5.4
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	14.4

**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		
	1924-25	1923-24	1922-23	1924-25	1923-24	1922-23	1924-25	1923-24	1922-23
Oct. 17	441,485	287,213	326,020	898,351	946,192	1,186,813	543,806	422,317	445,288
24	339,292	277,177	297,539	1,057,209	1,060,002	1,280,881	498,150	390,987	391,607
31	388,465	349,036	365,080	1,196,181	1,086,495	1,355,653	527,437	375,529	439,852
Nov. 7	383,258	235,636	294,227	1,307,376	1,165,368	1,408,301	494,453	314,509	346,875
14	373,902	307,467	251,578	1,411,260	1,179,333	1,461,019	477,489	321,432	304,296
21	432,208	224,528	217,983	1,486,392	1,244,773	1,484,662	487,588	289,968	241,626
28	370,024	298,211	215,436	1,545,601	1,251,785	1,457,156	429,233	305,222	242,942
Dec. 5	370,752	265,509	158,801	1,583,955	1,225,801	1,445,005	409,106	239,525	146,650
12	333,821	264,183	138,941	1,565,764	1,178,745	1,426,330	315,630	217,127	120,266
19	330,647	214,353	136,866	1,558,379	1,132,917	1,384,130	328,262	168,525	94,666
26	232,346	199,767	113,035	1,577,997	1,119,113	1,391,872	251,964	185,963	120,777
Jan. 2	306,967	134,224	94,390	1,514,450	1,067,013	1,355,894	246,118	82,124	58,412
9	234,091	136,603	123,952	1,474,156	1,043,974	1,300,285	198,591	123,564	68,343

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1924 are 7,692,786 bales; in 1923 were 5,632,069 bales, and in 1922 were 5,030,716 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 234,091 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 35,500 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 198,591 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 123,564 bales and for 1922 they were 68,343 bales.

**WORLD 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.	1924-1925		1923-1924.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 2	5,801,450		4,701,433	
Visible supply Aug. 1		2,190,493		2,024,677
American in sight to Jan. 9	360,910	10,665,573	227,071	8,498,798
Bombay receipts to Jan. 8	155,000	779,000	213,000	1,025,000
Other India ships to Jan. 8	28,000	127,000	65,000	227,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 7	34,000	1,121,800	33,000	1,017,400
Other supply to Jan. 7	11,000	167,000	8,000	128,000
Total supply	6,390,360	15,050,866	5,247,504	12,920,869
Deduct—				
Visible supply Jan. 9	6,033,325	6,033,325	4,666,765	4,666,765
Total takings to Jan. 9 a		357,035		9,017,541
Of which American		229,035		6,661,741
Of which other		128,000		2,355,800

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,972,000 bales in 1924-25 and 1,945,000 bales in 1923-24—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,045,541 bales in 1924-25 and 6,309,104 bales in 1923-24, of which 4,689,741 bales and 4,117,704 bales American. b Estimated.



**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:

January 8. Receipts at—	1924-25.		1923-24.		1922-23.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	155,000	779,000	213,000	1,025,000	168,000	989,000

  

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1924-25—	3,000	33,000	68,000	104,000	22,000	118,000	446,000	586,000
1923-24—	1,000	42,000	59,000	102,000	65,000	342,000	349,000	756,000
1922-23—	15,000	23,000	24,000	62,000	56,000	244,500	546,500	847,000
Other India—								
1924-25—	1,000	27,000	—	28,000	13,000	114,000	—	127,000
1923-24—	10,000	27,000	—	37,000	42,000	157,000	—	199,000
1922-23—	—	10,000	—	10,000	15,000	107,550	—	122,550
Total all—								
1924-25—	4,000	60,000	68,000	132,000	35,000	232,000	446,000	713,000
1923-24—	11,000	69,000	59,000	139,000	107,000	499,000	349,000	955,000
1922-23—	15,000	33,000	24,000	72,000	71,000	352,050	546,500	969,550

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 58,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 7,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 242,000 bales.

**ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.**—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, January 7.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	170,000	165,000	155,000
Since Aug. 1	5,667,082	5,089,901	4,708,272

Exports (bales)—	1924-25.		1923-24.		1922-23.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	7,000	124,080	6,000	142,199	7,000	131,664
To Manchester, &c.	12,000	141,978	11,250	112,187	—	79,307
To Continent and India.	21,000	208,355	6,750	198,376	8,500	144,989
To America	2,000	67,094	1,250	61,455	15,500	136,970
Total exports	42,000	541,507	25,250	514,217	31,000	492,930

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 7 were 170,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 42,000 bales.

**MANCHESTER MARKET.**—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for India is good. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1924-25.						1923-24.					
	32s Cop Twist.		8½ lbs. Shirts to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.		8½ lbs. Shirts to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's	
Oct. 17	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	
24	23½ @ 25¼	17 5 @ 18 1	13.53	23 @ 24¼	16 5 @ 17 2	17.04	23½ @ 25¼	17 5 @ 18 1	13.45	24 @ 24¼	16 7 @ 17 3	
31	24½ @ 26½	17 5 @ 18 1	13.58	24½ @ 26½	16 5 @ 17 3	17.63	24½ @ 26½	17 5 @ 18 1	13.58	24½ @ 26½	16 5 @ 17 3	
Nov. 7	23½ @ 26	17 4 @ 18 0	13.25	26 @ 27	17 0 @ 17 7	19.02	23½ @ 26	17 4 @ 18 0	13.25	26 @ 27	17 0 @ 17 7	
14	23½ @ 26	17 3 @ 17 7	13.27	27 @ 27½	17 4 @ 18 0	19.89	23½ @ 26	17 3 @ 17 7	13.27	27 @ 27½	17 4 @ 18 0	
21	23½ @ 25½	17 4 @ 18 0	13.63	27½ @ 28½	17 4 @ 18 0	20.14	23½ @ 25½	17 4 @ 18 0	13.63	27½ @ 28½	17 4 @ 18 0	
28	23½ @ 25½	17 4 @ 18 0	13.59	29½ @ 30½	20 2 @ 21 0	21.37	23½ @ 25½	17 4 @ 18 0	13.59	29½ @ 30½	20 2 @ 21 0	
Dec. 5	23 @ 24½	16 5 @ 17 1	12.98	27½ @ 29¼	19 4 @ 20 2	19.42	23 @ 24½	16 5 @ 17 1	12.98	27½ @ 29¼	19 4 @ 20 2	
12	23 @ 24½	16 5 @ 17 0	13.11	28 @ 30	19 6 @ 20 4	19.48	23 @ 24½	16 5 @ 17 0	13.11	28 @ 30	19 6 @ 20 4	
19	23 @ 24½	16 4 @ 16 7	13.28	27½ @ 29	19 6 @ 20 2	19.68	23 @ 24½	16 4 @ 16 7	13.28	27½ @ 29	19 6 @ 20 2	
26	23 @ 24½	16 5 @ 17 0	13.24	27½ @ 28½	19 7 @ 20 3	20.62	23 @ 24½	16 5 @ 17 0	13.24	27½ @ 28½	19 7 @ 20 3	
Jan. 2	23½ @ 25	16 7 @ 17 1	13.57	27 @ 28½	19 7 @ 20 2	19.93	23½ @ 25	16 7 @ 17 1	13.57	27 @ 28½	19 7 @ 20 2	
9	23½ @ 25	16 7 @ 17 1	13.03	26½ @ 28	19 5 @ 20 0	19.32	23½ @ 25	16 7 @ 17 1	13.03	26½ @ 28	19 5 @ 20 0	

**SHIPPING NEWS.**—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 179,597 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

NEW YORK	To	Ship	Date	Bales.
	Manchester	Archimedes	Dec. 30	740
	Liverpool	Cedric	Jan. 2	1,039
	Bremen	Am-rica	Jan. 2	1,692
	Piraeus	Nobles	Jan. 3	1,058
	Havre	Suffern	Jan. 5	1,081
	Rotterdam	Ryndam	Jan. 5	1,190
	Barcelona	P. de Satrustegui	Jan. 6	900
	Antwerp	Montana	Jan. 7	100
	Bristol	Wells City	Dec. 29	200
	Naples	Edda	Dec. 19	250
NEW ORLEANS	Venice	Antonio Trepcovich	Dec. 31	1,655
	Japan	Steel Worker	Jan. 1	1,655
	Liverpool	Kornesit	Dec. 31	11,725
	Norwegian	Author	Jan. 2	25,632
	Manchester	Kornesit	Dec. 31	1,917
	Havre	Carplaka	Jan. 1	2,984
	Antwerp	Carplaka	Jan. 1	1,875
	Rotterdam	Maasdam	Jan. 3	819
	Porto Colombia	Herodia	Jan. 3	236
	Murmansk	Sanga	Jan. 6	10,348
	Hamburg	Tripp	Jan. 6	1,230
	Bremen	Tripp	Jan. 6	6,933
	Genoa	Gonzaga	Jan. 6	1,258
	Barcelona	Barcelona	Jan. 6	200
GALVESTON	Liverpool	Dramatist	Jan. 3	13,446
	Manchester	Dramatist	Jan. 3	2,485
	Japan	Bloemfontein	Jan. 3	11,100
	Bremen	Roedelheim	Jan. 5	4,733
	Hamburg	Roedelheim	Jan. 5	2,022
	Rotterdam	Madoera	Jan. 5	50

HOUSTON	To	Ship	Date	Bales.
	Liverpool	Medion	Jan. 3	15,159
	Manchester	Medion	Jan. 3	2,468
	Copenhagen	Pennsylvania	Jan. 3	650
	Bremen	West Durfee	Jan. 6	3,862
	Hamburg	West Durfee	Jan. 6	200
	Genoa	Ida Zo	Jan. 6	3,746
	Havre	De la Salle	Jan. 7	9,764
BOSTON	Liverpool	Nubian	Dec. 20	173
NORFOLK	Liverpool	West Quechee	Jan. 6	2,350
PENSACOLA	Liverpool	Malden Creek	Jan. 8	119
	Manchester	Malden Creek	Jan. 8	88
SAN FRANCISCO	Japan	Siberia Maru	Jan. 5	4,708
SAN PEDRO	Japan	Siberia Maru	Jan. 3	200
Savannah	Bremen	Grete	Jan. 8	5,148
	Hamburg	Grete	Jan. 8	240
SEATTLE	Japan	Ayaha Maru	Jan. 6	2,000

**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. Density.	High Density.	Stand. Density.	High Density.	Stand. Density.	
Liverpool	.30c.	.45c.	Stockholm	.50c.	.65c.	Bombay	.50c.
Manchester	.30c.	.45c.	Trieste	.45c.	.60c.	Gothenburg	---
Antwerp	.35c.	.50c.	Flume	.45c.	.60c.	Bremen	.45c.
Ghent	.41½c.	.56½c.	Lisbon	.50c.	.65c.	Hamburg	.38½c.
Havre	.50c.	.65c.	Oporto	.75c.	.90c.	Piraeus	.60c.
Rotterdam	.40c.	.55c.	Barcelona	.30c.	.45c.	Salonica	.70c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	Japan	.62½c.	.77½c.		
Christiania	.50c.	.65c.	Shanghai	.67½c.	.82½c.		

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 19.	Dec. 26.	Jan. 2.	Jan. 9.
Sales of the week	33,000	16,000	16,000	39,000
Of which American	20,000	11,000	10,000	26,000
Actual export	1,000	1,000	---	1,000
Forwarded	84,000	42,000	57,000	84,000
Total stock	582,000	627,000	708,000	764,000
Of which American	446,000	487,000	557,000	608,000
Total imports	80,000	108,000	167,000	138,000
Of which American	66,000	84,000	121,000	108,000
Amount afloat	445,000	376,000	392,000	352,000
Of which American	327,000	280,000	310,000	263,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12 15 P. M.	Quiet.	Quiet.	More demand.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	Quieter.
Mid Upl'ds	13.27	13.23	13.04	13.12	13.01	13.03
Sales	2,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	10,000	6,000
Futures.						
Market opened	Barely steady.	Quiet 1 to 5 pts. decline.	Quiet but st'dy, 7 to 10 pts. adv.	Quiet 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Quiet but st'dy; 1 to 4 pts. adv.	Quiet, 2 to 4 pts. advance.
Market, 4:00 P. M.	Quiet 16 to 19 pts. decline.	Easy 16 to 26 pts. decline.	Steady 10 to 14 pts. advance.	Easy 5 to 9 pts. decline.	Barely st'y 1 to 5 pts. advance.	St'dy 2 pts. decline to 6 pts. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 3 to Jan. 9.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.
January	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
February	13.02	13.03	12.76	12.84	12.88	12.92	12.79	12.81	12.81	12.83	12.81	12.83
March	13.04	13.05	12.79	12.86	12.89	12.94	12.80	12.83	12.83	12.85	12.81	12.85
April	13.09	13.10	12.84	12.92	12.96	13.00	12.87	12.89	12.89	12.91	12.89	12.91
May	13.11	13.12	12.87	12.95	12.98	13.03	12.89	12.92	12.90	12.92	12.91	12.92
June	13.15	13.17	12.91	13.00	13.04	13.08	12.96	12.97	12.97	12.99	12.96	12.99
July	13.13	13.15	12.89	12.98	13.03	13.07	12.95	12.97	12.97	12.99	12.93	12.99
August	13.14	13.16	12.91	13.00	13.05	13.10	12.98	13.00	13.00	13.03	13.04	13.04
September	13.04	13.08	12.84	12.94	12.97	13.02	12.90	12.94	12.94	12.97	12.97	12.97
October	12.95	13.00	12.76	12.86	12.89	12.94	12.82	12.85	12.86	12.89	12.90	12.90
November	12.81	12.85	12.62	12.71	12.75	12.80	12.69	12.72	12.74	12.78	12.81	12.81
December	12.71	12.76	12.54	12.62	12.66	12.71	12.61	12.63	12.65	12.69	12.70	12.70
	12.67	12.72	12.51	12.59	12.63	12.67</						

from abroad for Duluth spring and winter. The taking of another 4,000 tons of American wheat for Bulgaria was confirmed, making 10,000 tons up to date taken for that country. A cargo of 150,000 bushels of Duluth spring wheat sold store at 2½c. over May. Early prices declined, but at one time rallied 1¾c. from the Monday low, but was ¾ to 2c. net lower. Winnipeg was 2½c. lower. Liquidation and selling died down and the tone grew steady with buying and covering and a fair export trade. On the 6th inst. prices closed 2½ to 4c. higher in Chicago and 3c. higher in Winnipeg. The market looked sold out. Exporters were said to have taken 500,000 bushels and at Kansas City 1,000,000. Receipts were light. Northwestern mills bought in Buffalo. Southwestern mills took 200,000 bushels at Kansas City. No. 1 dark hard wheat at Kansas City sold at 22c. over May, the highest premium this season. Winnipeg May closed 9½c. over Chicago, against 10c. over on Monday. On Jan. 7 the highest prices for the crop were paid for cash wheat at Minneapolis, \$2 27½ for No. 1 dark northern spring, or 51c. over May. No. 2 amber durum was \$2 13¼, also a new high. One of the largest shorts was buying all grains. Yet some irregularity was noticed on the 7th inst., prices ending at Chicago ½c. lower to 1¾c. higher. Winnipeg was up 1 to 1¾c. Trading was active. Prices, however, were very volatile in their movement. The undertone seemed to be quite strong, but there was a good deal of realizing. May wound up only 4c. under the high of the season. Distant months, however, hung fire under selling pressure with favorable Southwestern crop news. Also export demand that day were reported at only 200,000 bushels. Northwestern markets were strong. Durum ran up 3c. That was in some degree a stimulus. Persistent reports of a Russian inquiry for flour had their effect. Rather disappointing cables had no great influence. Leading bulls profess to be confident as to the outlook. Some think the domestic situation is cutting loose from foreign conditions. Interior receipts of 658,000 bushels were more than offset by interior shipments of 900,000 bushels. On the same day seaboard receipts of only 468,000 were neutralized by seaboard exports of 1,316,000. The world's visible supply decreased, according to Bradstreet, 3,632,000 bushels for the week. The total is put at 234,000,000, against 253,000,000 a year ago. As to a Kansas City rumor of a million bushels taken for export there on Tuesday, they were denied on Wednesday. On the 8th inst. an unexpected decline of 1¾ to 2d. in Liverpool pulled down American markets. The Liverpool drop was due to pressure of Argentine wheat and offerings of low grade of Manitobas by Canadian interests at relatively cheap prices. Export sales were estimated at only 250,000 bushels in all positions, including some durum to Italy. France was said to have resold 200,000 bushels American wheat to exporters at 4½ to 5c. under replacement costs. Elevator interests took 250,000 bushels of January wheat at 3¾c. under Chicago May. Murray estimated that on Jan. 1 there were 387,000,000 bushels of wheat in all positions in this country, against 420,000,000 last year. He says that if domestic consumption during the last six months of the crop year equals that of 1924 there are 127,000,000 bushels available for export and for carryover. On the basis of a carryover of 75,000,000 bushels, this would leave 52,000,000 bushels for export. India is expected to ship a million bushels a week the remainder of the season (to April 1). No. 2 red wheat at St. Louis sold at \$2, while red wheat basis at Chicago was a cent better, with sales at \$1 88½ to \$1 89, or 10c. over May. Eastern mills bought spring wheat at Buffalo at higher premiums. The Clement-Curtis report was criticized by bears, as it showed only 127,000,000 bushels of wheat available for export and carryover as of Jan. 1. It is 25,000,000 bushels more than the carryover last year, with six months of the season still left to ship any surplus, which some declare cannot be more than about 50,000,000 bushels. The American visible supply decreased last week 2,999,000 bushels, against a decrease of only 29,000 in the same week last year. It left the total 91,492,000 bushels, against 74,804,000 a year ago. There were again complaints of ice-covered fields in parts of the West and a lack of snow elsewhere. Monday's export business was later estimated at 600,000 to 1,000,000 bushels. That Bulgaria, which usually exports, should have to import American wheat impressed many as decidedly suggestive. The Buenos Aires situation was firmer, though larger receipts are expected at the seaboard, as the weather is better. Indian wheat shipments for the week were 600,000 bushels, against 680,000 last week. Since April the movement is 29,760,000, against 23,674,000 for the same period last year. Black Sea shipments for the week were nil. The Australian crop, according to estimates, promises a record yield. Wheat on passage for the week was 38,720,000 bushels, against 40,984,000 last week and 32,664,000 last year. World's shipments of wheat for the week amounted to 10,105,000 bushels, against 9,453,000 last week and 12,887,000 last year. Visible stocks of wheat at Duluth were 9,770,000 bushels, an increase of 4,242,000 for the week. Chicago's sales of grain futures in 1924 were 18,837,581,000 bushels of wheat, corn, oats and rye, of which more than 50%, or 9,607,417,000 bushels were wheat, 5,758,533,000 bushels corn, 1,766,276,000 oats and 765,355,000 bushels rye. In 1923 the sales were 13,930,286,000 bushels, including 8,573,111,000 bushels of wheat. In 1922 there were 17,492,381,000 bushels sold, of which 11,072,545,000 were wheat. These figures look large, but are not dispro-

portionately so, when the size of the crops and the fact that Chicago carries the hedges of the world are considered. Today prices advanced, and closed 1¼ to 1¾c. net higher for the day at Chicago and Winnipeg. The cables were stronger than expected. The exports this week are 7,256,882 bushels from this country, against 4,178,233 last week and 9,034,596 last year. The total thus far this season is 265,934,388 bushels, against 220,034,651 for the same time last year. Last prices show an advance for the week of 1½ to 3½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.						
No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 199¾	197	201	202¾	200¾	202¼	202¼
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.						
May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 177¼	174	177¾	179¾	177¾	179¼	179¼
July delivery in elevator	153¾	152	154¾	155	153¼	154
September delivery in elevator	144¾	144¾	147¾	147¼	145¾	146¾
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.						
May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 187¾	184¾	187¼	188¾	186¾	188¾	188¾
July delivery in elevator	184¾	181¾	184½	185¾	184¼	185¾

Indian corn was irregular. It declined early in the week and then rallied with wheat. Receipts were moderate, although the weather was favorable for the movement. Business in general was moderate. On the 7th inst. prices ended ¼ to 1¾c. higher. They were unexpectedly firm. They felt the repercussion of a strong wheat market. Also, there was no great inclination to sell, despite the fact that the cash markets hung back. Country bids were said to have been reduced 2½c. The Pacific Coast was said to have bought 400,000 to 500,000 bushels of Manchurian and Argentine corn per month for the past five months. Receipts were fair. After all, however, there was a division of sentiment as to the outlook. Some are bearish, others quite as plainly look for higher prices. Black Sea shipments were 978,000 bushels for the week. Of the exports 213,000 bushels were of Russian growth. Argentine crop reports were better following recent needed rains. Also, the American visible supply last week increased as much as 2,271,000 bushels, against 904,000 in the same week last year. The total now is nearly double that of a year ago, i. e. 18,573,000 bushels, against 9,703,000 at this time in 1924. Receipts have been larger and cash demand light. The increase in the visible supply impressed many. Corn declined at times in Chicago. Scattered liquidation was a factor. There was some aggressive buying. Rallies ran into renewed selling. There was some pressure from a leading local operator at Chicago. Corn on passage to Europe for the week was 16,516,000 bushels, against 18,335,000 last week and 13,863,000 last year. World's corn exports totaled 3,275,000 bushels, against 3,101,000 last week and 3,160,000 last year. To-day prices wound up ½c. higher. It felt the lifting power of other grain. At one time it was still higher, however. Realizing caused the setback; also selling for short account. Some of the commission houses at Chicago are bearish on the situation. Receipts were large. Cash demand was light. Cash prices were only fairly steady. The weather was favorable for moving the crop. Also, it is true, the low temperatures tended to increase feeding. Final prices for the week show practically no change as compared with last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.						
No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 141¼	140¼	141¼	142¾	142¼	142¾	142¾
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.						
May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 127¾	126	127¾	128¾	128¼	128¾	128¾
July delivery in elevator	128¾	126½	128¼	129¾	129¼	129¼
September delivery in elevator	127¾	125¾	127¾	129	128¾	129¾

Oats declined for a time and then rallied on covering, small receipts, steady cash markets, a fair demand, a little export business, and last but far from least, the firmness of wheat. The Continent bought a little United States oats. Germany also bought some. Early in the week prices were 1 to 1½c. lower, with selling general and receipts fair. The cash demand was small. Weakness in other grain was a depressing factor. On the 7th inst. prices closed 1 to 1½c. higher. They felt the stimulus from other grain, although they were lower early in the day. Buying by commission houses helped to brace the market later. Also covering, the moderate receipts and very light offerings from the country. Cash markets were steady, though there was no particular snap to business. Export demand was light. Prices closed only ½ to ¾c. lower on Thursday, despite the drop in wheat. Receipts were again light, cash demand fair and cash prices steady. Oats on passage to Europe for the week were 3,110,000 bushels, against 2,970,000 last week and 3,100,000 a year ago. World's shipments for the week were 982,000 bushels. The American visible supply increased last week 691,000 bushels, against 682,000 a year ago. The total is over 50,000,000 bushels larger than then; that is 72,128,000 bushels, against 20,621,000 bushels a year ago. The cash business was small. Receipts were not large; yet the "visible" increased last week, as we have seen, nearly 700,000 bushels; cash trade lagged very plainly. To-day prices advanced and then reacted somewhat, ending ¼ to ½c. net higher, on a good business. There was a larger cash trade. Receipts were moderate. The rise in other grain helped oats. Only realizing caused a setback. It is more or less of a two-sided affair, to be sure, but bears are not aggressive. The ending for the week showed a drop of ½c. on May, with other months ½ to 1¾c. higher, the latter on September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.						
No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 68½	67½	67½	68½	70	70	70



DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	62 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	62	61 1/2	62
July delivery in elevator	60 7/8	59 3/4	60 1/2	62	61 1/2	61 3/4
September delivery in elevator	57	56 1/2	57	58 3/8	58 3/8	59

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	69	67 3/4	68 1/4	68 3/4	68 3/4	69
July delivery in elevator	70	68 3/4	69 1/4	69 3/4	69 1/2	69 3/4

Rye advanced on the 6th inst. 3 3/4 c. after an early sharp decline. A steady foreign demand explained the upturn. It came from Germany, Norway, Denmark and Finland, taking 600,000 to 700,000 bushels over night. Prices were 1 1/4 to 2 1/2 c. lower at one time early in the week, with liberal selling. Export sales were estimated at 100,000 to 200,000 bushels, with Finland and Norway buying. Liquidation on weakness in wheat was a telling feature, however. On the 7th inst. prices closed 2 to 2 1/2 c. higher, though the export demand fell off. The estimated foreign business that day was 250,000 bushels. Commission houses bought steadily. The seaboard took a good deal of realizing without shaking the price much. The rise in wheat was a stimulating factor. Well-known exporters were buying anything that looked like cheap rye at the seaboard. Premiums moved up 1c. The American visible supply last week increased 1,067,000 bushels, against an increase of only 264,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 21,999,000 bushels, against 19,316,000 a year ago. The "visible" of barley decreased last week 171,000, against 71,000 last year; total 5,469,000 bushels, against 3,143,000 last year. Prices on Thursday declined 1 1/4 to 1 7/8 c. with other grain, and with export demand poor. Support appeared at the bottom. Cash rye at the seaboard was reported stronger. To-day prices were up 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 c. There were sales reported of 300,000 bushels to Norway and Finland. Germany was asking prices on January shipments of rye over night. Most of the selling was to take profits. The strength in other grain tended to brace up rye. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 3/4 to 2 7/8 c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	153 1/4	149 3/4	153 3/4	155 1/2	154	155 1/2
July delivery in elevator	134 1/2	132 1/2	136	138	136 3/4	137 1/2

The following are closing quotations:

WHEAT.

Spring patents	\$9 00 @ \$9 50	Rye flour, patents	\$7 50 @ \$8 55
Clears, first spring	7 50 @ 8 25	Seminola No. 2, lb	3 45 @ 3 60
Soft winter straights	8 60 @ 8 90	Oats goods	3 40 @ 3 50
Hard winter straights	8 75 @ 9 25	Corn flour	3 40 @ 3 50
Hard winter patents	9 25 @ 9 75	Barley goods	4 50
Hard winter clears	7 50 @ 8 50	Nos. 2, 3 and 4	4 50
Fancy Minn. patents	10 45 @ 11 10	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 3 and 4	7 50
City mills	10 60 @ 11 10		

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York:	Oats:	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	No. 2 white	70
No. 1 northern	No. 3 white	69
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	Rye, New York:	
	No. 2 f. o. b.	159 1/2
Corn:	Barley, New York:	
No. 2 mixed	Malting	109 to 113
No. 2 yellow	Chicago	96 to 100

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	259,000	348,000	1,881,000	1,217,000	157,000	88,000
Minneapolis	1,425,000	386,000	551,000	221,000	77,000	77,000
Duluth	412,000	1,000	887,000	8,000	193,000	193,000
Milwaukee	12,000	20,000	149,000	345,000	218,000	49,000
Toledo	28,000	39,000	24,000	24,000	—	8,000
Detroit	48,000	12,000	46,000	—	—	—
Indianapolis	33,000	269,000	94,000	—	—	—
St. Louis	95,000	716,000	482,000	534,000	—	—
Peoria	38,000	16,000	424,000	146,000	4,000	—
Kansas City	479,000	595,000	111,000	—	—	—
Omaha	178,000	443,000	212,000	—	—	—
St. Joseph	243,000	189,000	6,000	—	—	—
Wichita	131,000	95,000	—	—	—	—
St. Louis City	7,000	200,000	72,000	1,000	—	—
Total wk. '25	404,000	4,084,000	5,143,000	4,245,000	609,000	415,000
Same wk. '24	290,000	3,058,000	5,158,000	2,503,000	379,000	284,000
Same wk. '23	411,000	9,564,000	8,172,000	4,575,000	888,000	1,523,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1924	10,533,000	373,588,000	111,552,000	164,932,000	42,254,000	46,079,000
1923	9,679,000	223,301,000	122,275,000	126,933,000	24,364,000	17,655,000
1922	12,310,000	266,644,000	155,524,000	117,129,000	22,168,000	27,557,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 3 1925, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	200,000	1,488,000	14,000	142,000	267,000	444,000
Portland, Me.	21,000	184,000	—	40,000	—	—
Philadelphia	39,000	727,000	5,000	27,000	—	—
Baltimore	27,000	500,000	21,000	38,000	69,000	336,000
N'port News	4,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	60,000	257,000	171,000	20,000	—	—
Galveston	—	159,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	25,000	56,000	1,000	66,000	3,000	—
St. John, N. B.	43,000	270,000	—	—	—	50,000
Boston	24,000	1,000	2,000	32,000	1,000	—
Total wk. '25	443,000	3,642,000	214,000	365,000	340,000	1,331,000
Since Jan. '25	443,000	3,642,000	214,000	365,000	340,000	1,331,000
Week 1924	542,000	3,525,000	432,000	932,000	389,000	45,000
Since Jan. '24	542,000	3,525,000	432,000	932,000	389,000	45,000

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 3 1925, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,017,831	—	143,654	195,897	122,473	699,887	—
Portland, Me.	184,000	—	21,000	40,000	—	8,000	—
Boston	51,000	—	4,000	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	982,000	—	4,000	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	146,000	—	4,000	—	116,000	137,000	—
Newport News	—	—	4,000	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	428,000	65,000	38,000	36,000	—	—	—
Galveston	275,000	—	1,000	—	—	—	—
St. John, N. B.	270,000	—	43,000	—	50,000	—	—
Total wk. 1925	3,353,831	65,000	262,654	271,897	288,473	844,887	—
Same week 1924	4,619,399	192,570	350,436	709,849	194,005	377,541	—

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1924 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Jan. 3 1925.	Since July 1 1924.	Week Jan. 3 1925.	Since July 1 1924.	Week Jan. 3 1925.	Since July 1 1924.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	55,699	2,594,370	878,876	69,596,135	—	—
Continent	152,610	5,079,889	2,134,955	124,704,887	—	70,961
So. & Cent. Amer.	28,115	581,641	—	338,100	—	786,530
West Indies	21,230	738,567	—	80,150	65,000	669,810
Brit. No. Am. Cols.	—	6,135	—	—	—	21,000
Other countries	5,000	363,599	340,000	1,065,332	—	3,900
Total 1925	262,654	9,364,201	3,353,831	195,784,604	65,000	1,552,501
Total 1924	350,436	8,208,915	4,619,399	142,815,423	192,570	2,113,783

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Jan. 2, and since July 1 1924 and 1923, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1924-25.		1923-24.	
	Week Jan. 2.	Since July 1.	Week Jan. 2.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	5,775,000	269,551,000	236,450,000	16,000
Black Sea	—	3,048,000	27,698,000	1,615,000
Argentina	2,706,000	47,278,000	44,990,000	1,644,000
Australia	944,000	19,564,000	19,784,000	125,066,000
India	680,000	23,480,000	12,408,000	—
Other countries	—	—	1,584,000	639,000
Total	10,105,000	362,921,000	342,914,000	3,275,000
1923-24.	140,418,000	99,739,000	—	—

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 3 1925, were as follow:

	Wheat.		Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
United States—						
New York	3,611,000	127,000	951,000	2,635,000	784,000	—
Boston	—	—	43,000	601,000	26,000	—
Philadelphia	1,600,000	77,000	114,000	196,000	—	—
Baltimore	2,498,000	49,000	287,000	5,626,000	368,000	—
Newport News	—	—	116,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	2,054,000	547,000	561,000	38,000	2,000	—
Galveston	1,811,000	—	—	97,000	—	—
Buffalo	5,090,000	1,215,000	1,003,000	653,000	291,000	—
Toledo	12,989,000	106,000	4,710,000	1,767,000	605,000	—
Detroit	1,618,000	270,000	576,000	75,000	3,000	—
Chicago	1,402,000	—	540,000	—	—	—
Milwaukee	240,000	20,000	275,000	16,000	—	—
Duluth	9,148,000	8,214,000	19,490,000	3,011,000	385,000	—
Indianapolis	992,000	—	1,151,000	—	—	—
St. Louis	384,000	110,000	2,443,000	484,000	395,000	—
Peoria	8,761,000	84,000	10,656,000	3,816,000	219,000	—
Wichita	1,009,000	—	—	1,383,000	—	—
Minneapolis	13,146,000	280,000	22,198,300	1,218,000	2,325,000	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	360,000	323,000	532,000	7,000	13,000	—
St. Louis	2,494,000	991,000	356,000	20,000	3,000	—
Kansas City	14,813,000	3,946,000	2,261,000	132,000	23,000	—
Wichita	2,585,000	—	—	—	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	1,005,000	527,000	260,000	11,000	4,000	—
Peoria	—	25,000	960,000	—	—	—
Indianapolis	580,000	604,000	416,000	73,000	—	—
Omaha	3,352,000	1,058,000	2,232,000	242,000	23,000	—
Total Jan. 3 1925	91,492,000	18,573,000	72,128,000	21,999,000	5,469,000	—
Total Dec. 27 1924	94,491,000	16,302,000	71,437,000	20,932,000	5,640,000	—
Total Jan. 5 1924	74,804,000	9,703,000	20,621,000	19,316,000	3,143,000	—

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 328,000 bushels; Boston, 339,000 bushels; Buffalo, 317,000; Buffalo afloat, 683,000; Duluth, 72,000; total, 1,739,000 bushels, against 1,821,000 bushels in 1924. Barley, New York, 1,736,000 bushels; Boston, 151,000; Baltimore, 185,000; Buffalo, 982,000; Buffalo afloat, 282,000; Duluth, 13,000; total, 3,349,000 bushels, against 4,190,000 bushels in 1924. Wheat, New York, 2,503,000 bushels; Boston, 219,0

northwestern States, while an extensive "high" prevailed over northern districts, extending from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. The southwestern "low" moved slowly northeastward during the following few days, and the northwestern disturbance advanced rapidly southeastward to Texas and thence northeastward over the Great Lakes, while the northern "high" drifted slowly eastward.

This pressure distribution and adjustments resulted in widespread precipitation during the first half of the week over nearly all sections of the country, occurring generally in the form of snow over the northern half and rain over the southern. Rainfall was heavy in parts of the South at the beginning of the week and heavy snow fell in the middle Atlantic area about the middle; fair weather was the rule in most sections thereafter. The mean temperature for the week was near normal in most sections of the country, in marked contrast to the preceding two weeks, which had abnormally cold weather generally. The greatest plus departures from normal occurred in the extreme northern Great Plains and more northwestern States, which had the coldest weather previously, while high temperatures for the season continued in the extreme Southeast. The week was unusually cold, however, locally in the upper Colorado River Valley, while the minus departures of temperature from normal ranged from 3 deg. to 8 deg. over the Great Plains from South Dakota southward. The line of freezing did not reach the immediate south Atlantic or east Gulf districts, while the lowest temperature reported in the southern portion of the Florida Peninsula was above 60 deg. The subzero area for the week was also much smaller than previously and included only the more northeastern States, the extreme upper Mississippi Valley, the west-central and northwestern Great Plains, and a few localities in the Rocky Mountain sections. The lowest temperature reported for the week was 20 deg. below zero at Devils Lake, N. Dak., and Northfield, Vt.

While precipitation was widespread it was mostly light in amount, except in the middle and south Atlantic areas, the east Gulf States, and locally in the far Northwest. Little or no rain occurred in the more southwestern districts and the south Pacific coast sections. A general covering of snow continued over the greater part of the country, extending southward over the Middle Atlantic and northern Ohio Valley States, the southern Great Plains, and southern Rocky Mountain districts.

The widespread reaction to warmer weather during the week made better conditions for outdoor work, and marketing and other seasonal operations made fairly good progress. In the Northern States it was especially favorable for harvesting of ice and the cutting of a good crop of excellent quality was begun. Frequent rains, however, interrupted farm work in the south Atlantic and east Gulf areas, but at the same time the increased moisture was favorable where it had been too dry in some extreme southeastern districts.

The additional snowfall in the North and many of the central valley States was favorable for winter grains and grass, but the ice sheet continued over fields in the western Lake region and some interior districts, while high winds drifted the snow badly in parts of the Northwest. In the South Atlantic and east Gulf States winter crops were favorably affected by the freeze and there was on complaint of material damage from the recent freezes, but late reports from the Southwest, particularly Texas, indicate that much harm was done to hardy truck crops in that area and considerable damage to citrus fruit.

Over the great western grazing districts the warmer weather was very beneficial to stock, though considerable shrinkage was noted, and a continuation of heavy feeding has been necessary because of the snow-covered range and the more or less weakened condition of livestock through their subjection to the long period of abnormal cold. Truck grew slowly in the far Southwest, and some damage resulted from the recent cold in north Pacific districts.

**Small Grains.**—Wheat fields were well covered in the principal producing areas, except in the more southeastern portions of the belt, but in Missouri, west-central Illinois, and in much of the western Lake region the covering still consists of an ice sheet, and the condition of the wheat beneath remains problematical. Reports from Missouri vary as to the state of the soil under the ice layer, but it appears that no material damage has been done to wheat in the northwestern and southeastern portions of the State, while considerable optimism prevails in Illinois.

In the southern portion of the Wheat Belt, especially in the area immediately south of the Ohio River, alternate thawing and freezing with bare ground unfavorably affected small grains and grass, but wheat had not lifted badly. The Great Plains area has an ample snow cover of good quality, which assures sufficient moisture when it melts, while the heavy snowfall in the Middle Atlantic States was very beneficial. Fields were well protected also in the Rocky Mountain districts, though much snow disappeared during the week in the North Pacific States; wheat apparently withstood the recent cold without material harm in this area. Winter oats did well in the Southeast, but made generally poor progress in west Gulf sections.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Cold and wet with little sunshine until last of week. Snow in middle and western counties beneficial to winter grains, but considerable damage to trees and telephone and telegraph lines by ice storm first of week. Unfavorable for outdoor work, but favorable for preparation of tobacco for market.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Cold and cloudy with wet soil. Little farm work done, though conditions more favorable under clearing and warmer at close of week. Winter grains doing fairly well. Truck slow growth. Dirt roads fair.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: West first of week; nights generally cold. Winter cereals in good condition generally. Cabbage, lettuce, and spinach in trucking regions growing nicely; winter cabbage being cut. Not much outdoor work, except considerable hog killing.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Heavy rains at close of December caused pronounced rise in the rivers with moderate flooding of lowlands; rains also occurred at close of week in south and southeast. Mild weather continues. Oats, wheat, rye, and winter truck crops thrifty and growing well. No plowing and very little other farm work accomplished.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Unseasonably warm with heavy rains in west and extreme north and beneficial showers in central and coast districts of south. Oats and strawberries improved throughout section. Potato planting advanced in Hastings district. Seeding tobacco beds continued in north and west. Truck improved generally; shipping tomatoes and beans from south; planting continued. Groves in Peninsula and satsuma trees in west in good condition.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Temperature somewhat above first half; nearly normal remainder; rains general, locally heavy at beginning, but scattered, light to moderate thereafter. Farm work in most sections retarded. Oats doing fairly well; planting progressed slowly. Truck and vegetables doing well in more southern portions; little growing elsewhere. Pastures improved in southwest portion; elsewhere mostly dead or poor. Planting cabbage, beets, and turnips made good progress in coast region.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Generally deficient sunshine with temperature near normal. Precipitation adequate to excessive in east and extreme south; somewhat deficient elsewhere. Little farm work accomplished. Progress of pastures and truck generally poor.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Temperatures averaged near normal; light to moderate rainfall, except heavy in southeast. Little farm work, except some plowing in southwest. Cane grinding progressed slowly; completed in some places. Pastures poor to fair. Truck making little progress.

**Texas.**—Houston: Soil wet in eastern and coastal sections; dry elsewhere. Plowing made slow progress. Progress and condition of winter wheat oats, truck, and pastures mostly poor. Later reports indicate recent freezes did much damage to spinach and other hardy truck, except slight to moderate in lower Rio Grande; considerable damage to leas, oranges, and lemons on trees, but damage slight and spotted to grapefruit; damage to citrus trees still undetermined.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Ground frozen and mostly covered with sleet and snow, but melting slowly latter part of week. All farm activities suspended. Reports indicate wheat not seriously injured. No losses to livestock reported. Dirt roads rough and slippery.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Little farm work during week due to frozen ground in north; unfavorable conditions most of week elsewhere. Some plowing in central and southern portions, but too dry in extreme southwest. Favorable for wheat, rye, and fruit. Oats injured some by freezing and thawing.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Normal temperature and light precipitation favorably to wheat, oats, rye, barley, and clover, but progress slight owing to severe cold of preceding week. Crops generally in fair condition.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Day thaws and night freezes unfavorable; wheat not badly lifted yet, but discolored and weakened by past severe weather. Good progress in tobacco shipping. Roads fair condition, but softening.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Jan. 9 1925.

The first week of the new year was a comparatively quiet one in textile markets, but prices as a rule held steady. Furthermore, sentiment continued optimistic, and activity is expected to develop within the near future. It is claimed that buyers are not well supplied with merchandise, and proof of this is found in the large lists of buyers arriving in the markets. According to reports, some of the largest retail houses throughout the country are sending every available buyer to the markets with liberal purchasing instructions. This is particularly true in regard to houses located in the agricultural districts, where prosperity prevails—hence the optimism. Basing their predictions almost entirely on the general economic outlook, merchants are prophesying a very active year in the dry goods business. With employment conditions much better and still improving in all parts of the country, and the industrial situation improving, prospects are for a much larger volume of retail activity during the current year. The instability of raw cotton markets during the week had little effect upon the manufactured products, as trading in the latter has not been active. Instead, reports told of a steadier price condition in unfinished lines, with some of the combed yarn cloths displaying a marked tendency toward greater firmness. The silk goods market reflects confidence in every direction. Spring lines have been well booked, and it is quite apparent that both cutters and retailers have been very generous in anticipating first quarter requirements as a result of the sharp advance in raw material prices. Woolens, while quiet, maintained a firm tone, influenced by the strength of raw material.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS:** Despite the fact that trading in domestic cottons remained quiet during the week, prices held steady. The instability of the raw material markets had no effect. Indications all pointed towards increased activity within the near future. There are more buyers of wash goods in the markets who have been sampling and making purchases of additional lots in a small way. Percales and ginghams are also in better request, though new orders placed are not large. The fine cotton goods markets are firm. Converters have operated conservatively, and the volume of goods offered by domestic mills, in keeping with current retail requirements, has been very satisfactory. The finishers are becoming busier, and it is generally expected that cloths of this description will move more freely than they did last spring. In regard to napped goods, conditions favor the naming of the new prices about the 15th of the current month. The silk and cotton mixture division of the market found business quiet. A few spot sales were booked, and prices went off in second hands for the single-end crepes. Wide cotton blankets have sold well for fall delivery, and it is expected that something will be done shortly about opening narrow cotton flannels for the wholesale trades. Business on the wide goods exceeded expectations. During the early part of the week, heavy snow storms played havoc with house business and shipments due the early part of the year. Transportation was difficult, and it is expected that the highway tie-ups will delay deliveries for some little time. Buying of print cloths in a fair way featured activities in the gray goods market. Most of the business booked, however, was for delivery during the current month. Light weights, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7½c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6¾c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 10½c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 13¾c.

**WOOLEN GOODS:** Predictions were for increased activity in the markets for woolens and worsteds. Woolen goods, it was claimed, would be in active demand, while there would be a revival of activity in worsteds. Retailers have reported that the consumer is buying good merchandise, and apparently has plenty of money to spend. Garment and clothing producers, although having gone through a very trying year, appear to be in a sound financial position. The spring trade is developing, salesmen are preparing for the road with new lines, and they appear confident that a good business will result. It is hoped that retailers will be prepared to take on additional merchandise after the holiday and special January sales have depleted their stocks. Firm conviction that 1925 will prove to be a successful year for the woolen and worsted industry was also expressed by John W. Burrows, who at the turn of the year succeeded William M. Woods as President of the American Woolen Co.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS:** Markets for linens were moderately active at advancing prices during the week, due to the rapid rise in sterling exchange, which offset a slight reaction in the Belfast markets. Many of the leading houses marked prices up from 10 to 15%, while predictions were for still further advances next month. The fact that the market was definitely heading for higher levels was, of course, unpleasant to retailers who were looking for supplies. Some expressed the opinion that the advance in prices would have a tendency to check demand. On the other hand, a number of selling agents claimed that the upward tendency of prices was stimulating new inquiries. Burrows failed to develop any activity, as buyers, being fairly well supplied, were holding off for lower prices. Light weights are quoted at 8.05 to 8.10c., and heavies at 9.80c.



# State and City Department

## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER AND FOR THE YEAR 1924.

During the month of December, State and municipal bonds were disposed of in amount of \$86,314,807, bringing the aggregate of the new issues of this class for the calendar year 1924 up to the imposing total of \$1,366,745,579—a record figure. The total is subject to change and will be moderately increased by later additions. The past year constitutes the fourth successive year during which the new financing on the part of the country's municipalities called for over a thousand million dollars, and at \$1,366,745,579 for 1924 comparison is with \$1,063,119,823 for the calendar year 1923, \$1,100,717,313 for 1922 and \$1,208,548,274 for 1921.

The December total at \$86,314,807 compares with \$113,645,909 for December 1923 and with \$71,141,055 for November 1924. The larger sales during December were:

\$9,000,000 4½% State of New Jersey bonds, sold to various New Jersey banks. The amount was made up of \$5,000,000 highway extension, Series F, bonds of 1920, sold at prices ranging from 101.375 to 102.60; \$1,000,000 highway extension, Series A, bonds of 1924, for which the prices ranged from 101.68 to 102.60; \$2,000,000 road, Series D, bonds at prices running from 101.501 to 102.60; and \$1,000,000 bridge, Series C, bonds at prices ranging from 101.68 to 102.60.

\$5,320,000 5% bonds of Los Angeles City School Districts, California, awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York as follows: \$3,000,000 grammar school bonds at 103.04, and \$2,320,000 high school bonds at 102.87.

\$4,000,000 4% highway bonds of the State of Illinois, purchased by Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York at 97.5575, a basis of about 4.28%. \$3,000,000 4% Philadelphia, Pa., public improvement contract payment bonds, bought by the city's sinking fund at public offering at 102.29, a basis of about 3.88%.

Other large bond issues placed during the past month included the following:

Cleveland, Ohio, bonds consisting of \$336,000 5s, \$600,000 4½s and \$2,000,000 5s, successfully acquired by a syndicate headed by Eldredge & Co. of New York on a bid of 102.19, a basis of about 4.32%.

\$2,500,000 Chicago South Park District, Ill., 4% bonds purchased at 97.69, a basis of about 4.29%, by the William R. Compton Co. of Chicago and associates.

Four issues of Buffalo, N. Y., bonds in the aggregate of \$2,140,000, and bearing 4¼% interest, awarded at 101.86, a basis of about 4.01%, to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York.

Canton School District, Ohio, 4½% bonds, \$1,725,000 in amount, sold to a syndicate headed by Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., Inc., of Chicago, at 105.74, a basis of about 3.97%.

\$1,500,000 4% school bonds of Hartford, Conn., awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston at 99.19, a basis of about 4.02%.

\$1,429,000 4½% Bergen County, N. J., bonds placed with Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia and associates, who paid 101.43, a basis of about 4.34%.

\$1,400,000 Syracuse, N. Y., bonds, representing four separate issues, awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York and the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse at 100.01 for 4s, a basis of about 3.99%.

\$1,350,000 Spartanburg, So. Caro., 4¾% water bonds bought at 101.14, a basis of about 4.68%, by Caldwell & Co., Nashville.

\$1,350,000 Raleigh, No. Caro., bonds, made up of \$1,000,000 4½s and \$350,000 4¾s, purchased by White, Weld & Co. of New York and associates at 100.05, a basis of about 4.61%.

\$1,300,000 Lincoln County Consolidated Road District No. 4, Tex., bonds, bought by C. Edgar Honnold of Oklahoma City, Okla., at 102.07.

\$1,150,000 Asheville, No. Caro., bonds (\$600,000 street improvement and \$550,000 water), sold to a syndicate headed by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., of Chicago at 101.09 for 4¾s, a basis of about 4.66%.

\$1,100,000 6% Roosevelt Water Conservation District, Ariz., bonds, awarded to a syndicate headed by Geo. H. Burr & Co. of New York.

\$1,000,000 bonds of Multnomah County School District No. 1, Ore., purchased by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., of New York and associates at 100.45 for 4½s, a basis of about 4.44%.

\$1,000,000 York County, So. Caro., road and bridge bonds, awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville and associates at 100.21 for 4¾s.

There also came on the market during December \$600,000 4½% Government of Porto Rico bonds. These were bought by J. A. Sisto & Co. of New York and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago on their joint bid of 102.517, a basis of about 4.32%. Also, \$500,000 5% bonds of Honolulu (City and County of), Hawaii, awarded to the Guaranty Company of New York at 102.47, a basis of about 4.45%.

In addition to the long-term bonds placed during December, loans of a temporary nature were negotiated in the amount of \$131,062,791. This includes \$121,050,000 borrowings of New York City, besides which New York City also issued \$39,500,000 3% general fund bonds for taking up the surplus revenues of the sinking fund.

Canadian bond disposals during December amounted to no more than \$3,185,195. A temporary loan of \$5,000,000 was also negotiated by the Province of Ontario.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations sold in December during the last five years:

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Perm. mun. loans (U.S.)	\$ 86,314,807	\$ 113,645,909	\$ 66,149,400	\$ 220,466,661	\$ 55,476,631
*Tem. mun. loans (U.S.)	131,062,791	95,632,746	36,558,900	50,574,400	46,385,000
Canadian loans (perm.)	5,000,000	10,000,000	119,000	None	500,000
Placed in Canada	3,185,195	1,907,260	26,408,284	4,285,634	17,638,988
Placed in U. S.	None	None	None	2,700,000	8,525,000
Gen. fd. bds. (N. Y. C.)	39,500,000	4,250,000	3,500,000	2,000,000	7,500,000
N. Y. C. pension and sinking fund takings	1,100,000	975,000	13,286,000	51,115,500	262,000
Bds. of U. S. Possess'ns	1,100,000	975,000	13,286,000	2,123,000	262,000
Total	266,162,793	226,410,915	146,021,584	333,265,195	136,287,619

\* Includes \$121,050,000 temporary securities issued by New York City in December 1924, \$70,842,000 in December 1923, \$29,050,000 in December 1922, \$43,400,000 in December 1921 and \$41,967,000 in December 1920.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during December 1924 were 377 and 513, respectively. This contrasts with 330 and 444 for November 1924 and with 438 and 627 for December 1923.

The following table shows the aggregate of permanent issues for December, as well as the twelve months, for a series of years. The 1924 figures are subject to revision by later advices:

	Month of December.	For the 12 Months.	Month of December.	For the 12 Months.
1924	\$86,314,807	\$1,366,745,579	1907	\$13,718,505
1923	113,645,909	1,063,119,823	1906	21,260,174
1922	66,149,400	1,100,717,313	1905	8,254,593
1921	220,466,661	1,208,548,274	1904	9,935,785
1920	55,476,631	683,188,265	1903	13,491,797
1919	62,082,922	691,518,914	1902	11,567,812
1918	22,955,088	296,525,458	1901	15,456,958
1917	32,559,197	451,278,762	1900	22,160,751
1916	35,779,384	437,140,655	1899	4,981,225
1915	34,913,362	498,557,993	1898	7,306,343
1914	29,211,479	474,074,395	1897	17,855,473
1913	44,635,028	403,246,518	1896	10,664,287
1912	27,657,909	386,551,828	1895	8,545,804
1911	36,028,842	396,859,646	1894	13,486,374
1910	36,621,581	320,036,181	1893	17,306,564
1909	31,759,718	339,424,560	1892	3,297,249
1908	28,050,299	313,797,549		

The monthly output in each of the years 1924 and 1923 is shown in the following table:

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
January	94,273,946	96,995,609	July	\$113,698,059
February	94,698,665	80,003,623	August	106,437,620
March	100,158,442	69,575,262	September	87,195,285
April	131,818,443	81,426,486	October	89,230,473
May	115,371,017	95,088,046	November	71,141,055
June	276,407,567	161,711,897	December	86,314,807

Total \$1,366,745,579 \$1,063,119,823  
Average per month 113,895,465 88,593,319

The total of all municipal loans put out during the calendar year 1924 was \$2,629,803,203, including \$1,366,745,579 of new issues of long term bonds by the States, counties and minor civil divisions of the United States, \$885,571,225 temporary municipal loans negotiated, \$329,156,399 obligations of Canada, its provinces and municipalities, \$1,500,000 of the Government of the Philippine Islands, \$4,045,000 of the Government of Porto Rico and its municipalities, \$2,285,000 of the Territory of Hawaii, \$1,000,000 of the City of Honolulu, and \$39,500,000 "general fund bonds" of New York City. In the following table we furnish a comparison of all these forms of securities put out in each of the last five years:

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Permanent loans (U. S.)	\$ 1366,745,579	\$ 1063,119,823	\$ 1100,717,313	\$ 1208,548,274	\$ 683,188,265
*Temporary ins. (U. S.)	885,571,225	712,366,991	453,431,823	730,596,914	577,512,948
*Canadian loans (perm. ins.)	5,000,000	10,000,000	119,000	None	500,000
Placed in Can.	180,141,634	310,021,824	225,857,917	133,687,857	111,041,543
Placed in U. S.	149,014,765	50,249,679	73,282,000	75,982,000	53,278,232
Bds. U. S. Pos'ns	8,830,000	8,186,000	47,023,000	27,145,000	16,277,000
N. Y. C. pension & s. f. takings	None	None	None	51,115,500	None
Gen. fund bonds (N. Y. C.)	39,500,000	38,500,000	37,500,000	34,000,000	32,500,000
Gen. fund bonds (Balto., Md.)	None	None	None	None	300,000
Total	2629,803,203	2182,444,317	1937,812,053	2261,075,545	1474,097,978

\* Includes \$718,626,440 temporary securities issued by New York City in 1924, \$491,692,800 in 1923, \$329,474,281 in 1922, \$635,612,150 in 1921 and \$497,417,344 in 1920.

\* 1924 includes a Dominion loan of \$175,000,000; 1923 a Dominion loan of \$200,000,000.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

### NEWS ITEMS.

**California (State of).—Legislature Ratifies Federal Child Labor Amendment.**—According to an Associated Press dispatch dated Jan. 8, from Sacramento to the New York "Times," both the Senate and the Assembly of the California Legislature adopted on that day the resolution ratifying the child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution, adding California to the list of States which have taken this action. In the Senate there were only 3 votes in opposition, with 36 in favor of ratification. In the Assembly the vote was 69 for to 9 against. The General Assembly of California convened in a regular biennial session on Jan. 5.

**Chicago Sanitary District, Ill.—Injunction Reducing Flow Into Sanitary Canal Originally Granted by Federal Judge**

**Carpenter at Illinois Upheld by U. S. Supreme Court.**—The U. S. Supreme Court on Jan. 5 affirmed the decree entered by the District Court of the United States in the case brought by the United States against the Chicago Sanitary District to prevent the city of Chicago from diverting enormous quantities of water from Lake Michigan for purposes of drainage and sanitation. The effect of the decree is to reduce the water flow into the sanitary canal from Lake Michigan from about 10,000 cubic feet a second to 4.167 cubic feet. The opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court was prepared by Associate Justice Holmes, but was read by Chief Justice Taft. The following letter regarding the Supreme Court's decision has been sent out by Lawrence F. King, President of the Chicago Sanitary District, to different organizations and citizens:

Chicago Jan. 5 1925.

Dear Sir—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day affirmed the decree entered by the District Court of the United States in the case brought by the United States against the Sanitary District of Chicago. The decree enjoins the Sanitary District from diverting in excess of 4.167 cubic second feet of water from Lake Michigan and the Supreme Court decision makes this decree effective within sixty days from this date. By this decision, the people not alone of Chicago but of the entire State of Illinois and those of the surrounding States face a crisis which will very seriously endanger the health and lives of the people of this great community unless prompt, vigorous and effective co-operation and assistance are given to the Sanitary District of Chicago by all official and civic organizations in this community.

Recognizing the gravity of this situation, the Sanitary District of Chicago at a special meeting to-day called upon you to attend a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber at the City Hall in Chicago on Saturday Jan. 10 at 1 o'clock P. M. You are urged to attend and to appoint a committee from your organization to be present at this meeting.

The imperative needs of Chicago and surrounding communities will be presented to those present at this meeting.

Please advise me immediately upon receipt of this letter if you will attend and also give me the names of the members of any committee appointed by you to represent your organization.

This community is now face to face with the greatest crisis the people of any community have ever been called upon to solve.

With reference to the emergency meeting outlined in the above, a dispatch from Chicago to the New York "Times," under date of Jan. 5, had the following to say:

Energetic measures will be taken at once to protect the Chicago area from a probable increase in disease, which it is expected would result from the reduction of the flow of Lake Michigan water through the Chicago sewage system as ordered by the Supreme Court to-day.

These steps will be outlined at an emergency meeting called for next Saturday. It was decided by the Sanitary District Trustees late to-day. Mayor William E. Dever, the Aldermen and all public officials of this city and of villages in the Sanitary District as well as commercial, industrial and civic leaders, will be present to consider the emergency.

The Sanitary Trustees and Major Rufus W. Putnam, Regional Army Engineers, considered applying to the Secretary of War for a permit to continue the present flow until new steps had been taken to dispose of Chicago's sewage. A move to ask Congress to enact a law making the present flow of 10,000 cubic feet of water per second legal, was also started.

In discussing the decision itself, newspaper dispatches from Washington Jan. 5 said:

The Federal Government, the State of New York and other Commonwealths bordering on the Great Lakes won a notable victory to-day when the United States Supreme Court upheld their fight to prevent the City of Chicago from diverting enormous quantities of water from Lake Michigan for purposes of drainage and sanitation.

In an opinion ordered by Associate Justice Holmes and read by Chief Justice Taft, the Court decreed that the injunction limiting the Chicago Sanitary District to a water flow from the lake of 4.167 cubic feet per second, originally granted by Federal Judge Carpenter, should become effective within sixty days.

The Chicago Sanitary District is now, and has been for several years, withdrawing 10,000 cubic feet per second from Lake Michigan, despite the issuance of a permit by the Secretary of War limiting the diversion to 4.167 cubic feet per second.

The Federal Government accordingly entered suit to enforce the terms of the permit of the Secretary of War, and an injunction was issued by the Federal Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The sanitary district took an appeal to the Supreme Court, which to-day upheld the injunction granted by the lower Court.

In the appeal to the Supreme Court, the States of New York, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and the Lake Carriers' Association joined the Government in contending that the Chicago diversion tended to lower lake levels and therefore was prejudicial to the interests of navigation as well as the development of power.

#### All Contentions Sustained.

To-day's decision sustained the contention of the Federal and State Governments in all particulars, the Court declaring the case to be one of gravity and importance.

The only loophole left to Chicago in its fight to continue to use 10,000 cubic feet per second for sanitation purposes was contained in the last clause of the decree, which stipulated that the decision should be "without prejudice to any permit that may be issued by the Secretary of War in accordance to law."

Ultimately Congress will be asked to enact legislation legalizing the 10,000-foot water flow. Bills to this effect are now pending with the endorsement of the Illinois delegation in Congress. After the decision was announced, members of Congress concerned in the situation were called to meet in the office of Chairman Madden of the House Appropriations Committee.

"This case concerns the expenditure of great sums and the welfare of millions of men," Justice Holmes said in the opinion.

"But cost and importance, while they add to the solemnity of our duty, do not increase the difficulty of decisions except as they induce argument upon matters that with less mighty interests no one would venture to dispute. The law is clear and when it is known the material facts are few."

Referring to the fact that the lower Court, over which Judge Kenesaw M. Landis presided, withheld a decision in the controversy for about six years, Justice Holmes observed that "no valid excuse was offered for the delay."

#### Treaty Obligation Emphasized.

The Court ruled that as the law stands the injunction prayed for must be granted.

"Probably the dangers to which the citizens of Chicago will be subjected, if the decree is carried out, are exaggerated," said Justice Holmes, "but in any event we are not at liberty to consider them here as against the edict of a paramount power."

In the course of his opinion Justice Holmes said:

"The United States is asserting its sovereign power to regulate commerce and to control the navigable waters within its jurisdiction. It has a standing in this suit, not only to remove obstruction to inter-State and foreign commerce, the main ground, but also to carry out treaty obligations to a foreign Power bordering upon some of the lakes concerned, and it may be also on the footing of an ultimate sovereign interest in the lakes."

It was pointed out that the 1909 treaty with Great Britain expressly provides against uses affecting the natural level of flow of boundary waters without the authority of the United States or the Dominion of Canada within their respective jurisdictions and the approval of the international joint commission agreed upon therein.

**Connecticut (State of).**—*Legislature Convened—John T. Trumbull Becomes Governor.*—On Jan. 7 the General Assembly of Connecticut convened in a regular biennial session. On the same day Colonel Hiram Bingham was inaugurated as

the 69th Governor of the State, but served in that capacity only 19 hours and 26 minutes, after which he resigned to become United States Senator, to which office he had been elected on Dec. 16 last. On Jan. 8 Lieut.-Gov. John T. Trumbull was sworn in as the new Governor and Senator J. Edwin Brainard, the newly elected President of the State Senate, virtually became Lieutenant-Governor.

The Hartford "Daily Courant" on Jan. 8 gave the following as the chief recommendations made by Colonel Bingham in his inaugural speech to the legislators:

Further reduction in the State tax on towns.

Opposition to tinkering with the Constitution to satisfy socialistic, communistic and idealistic theorists.

A clear definition by the Legislature with regard to the future purpose of the Connecticut Agricultural College, with the intent of confining its activities solely to the preparation of young men and women for successful farming.

A stiffening of the medical practice Act to require every practitioner of all healing methods to be thoroughly grounded in scientific knowledge.

Increased facilities for seaside sanatoriums for children.

The fireproofing of all State institutional buildings.

The elimination of the billboard nuisance by the quickest and most effective means.

Amendment to the law so that women may not be committed to an institution for a longer period than thirty days without a right to trial by jury.

An appropriation for a new State armory at New Haven.

A State police bureau for criminal identification and police records, and an increase in the State police force.

Extension of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Legislation to remedy inequality of taxation of users of State highways.

Codification of the highway laws and new laws to take care of parking and building lines.

Change in the laws regarding the power of the State Treasurer and the creation of an investment board for State funds.

The passage of no laws which will so curtail personal liberty as to increase disrespect for all law and create a new body of lawbreakers.

**Illinois (State of).**—*General Assembly Convened.*—The Legislature of this State met in regular biennial session on January 7.

**New York City.**—*Mayor Hylan Signs Two Bills for Salary Increases.*—Mayor Hylan on Jan. 8 signed two bills for salary increases. One of them empowers the Board of Aldermen, upon recommendation by the Board of Estimate, to increase during the fiscal year the salary of any person paid out of city funds. The other bill fixes the salaries paid to all commissioners at \$10,000. Reporting the action taken by the Mayor the New York "Times" on Jan. 9 said:

Mayor Hylan signed two important bills yesterday which were passed under the powers conferred upon the municipality by the Home Rule statute. One of them empowers the Board of Aldermen, upon recommendation by the Board of Estimate, to increase during the fiscal year the salary of any person paid out of city funds.

The other bill fixes the salaries paid to all commissioners at \$10,000. This is an increase of \$2,500 over their former salaries, which smaller sum Comptroller Craig has been paying to those commissioners who were in office when the bill raising salaries was passed.

Mayor Hylan's signature makes both new bills laws under the Home Rule Act. The so-called Steinberg law, a State statute, had hitherto prohibited city authorities from increasing salaries during any fiscal year between budget-making periods. It had prohibited salary increases to incumbent office-holders, and also prohibited the fixing by city officials of the salaries of commissioners or bureau heads at any time. It was under that law that Comptroller Craig has held up the salaries of several commissioners whose pay had been raised to \$10,000 from \$1,000.

The two bills signed by the Mayor yesterday morning become effective in the city at once, superseding all previous conflicting State laws, including the Steinberg Act.

**Murray Hulbert Disqualified as President of Board of Aldermen.**—Murray Hulbert, by a decision handed down on Jan. 8 by Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, is deprived of his position as President of the Board of Aldermen. The Court's decision was on a petition by Mr. Hulbert for peremptory writ of mandamus to compel Comptroller Craig, who had withheld Hulbert's monthly pay check, to make the payment claimed to be due. The Comptroller withheld the money, contending that the former President has not legally held that position since April 9 last, when he automatically forfeited it under the statutes (Section 1549, Greater New York Charter) by accepting Governor Smith's appointment as a member of the Finger Lakes Park Commission. This contention the Court upholds. William T. Collins, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, would ordinarily have succeeded Mr. Hulbert as President of the Board of Aldermen, but his eligibility to the office at the present time is held to be in doubt. On Jan. 9 the New York "Times" said in part:

Murray Hulbert, according to a decision handed down yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, is no longer President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York and has not legally held that position since April 9 last, when he automatically forfeited it under the statutes by accepting Governor Alfred E. Smith's appointment as a member of the Finger Lakes Park Commission.

Judge Proskauer sustained the contention put forward several months ago by Comptroller Charles L. Craig when the latter withheld Mr. Hulbert's monthly pay check on his yearly salary of \$15,000 as President of the Board of Aldermen, and announced that Mr. Hulbert had been serving illegally since last April in that capacity. Mr. Hulbert, through counsel, began a mandamus action to compel the Comptroller to pay to him the sum due him. The Court yesterday denied the application for mandamus and sustained the validity of the Comptroller's contention.

Under Section 23 of the City Charter, which prescribes the order of succession in the event of an official retiring, being removed by death, incapacity or other cause, William T. Collins, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, automatically succeeded to the Presidency of that body from the moment of Mr. Hulbert's disability. Upon the question whether or not Mr. Collins's title to the office remains valid since Jan. 1 1925, however, there developed last night a difference of opinion among persons versed in the law.

#### Collins's Title Questioned.

In the office of Corporation Counsel George P. Nicholson, who promptly announced that he would appeal from the ruling of Justice Proskauer, it was explained that Mr. Collins's automatic succession to the office was limited to midnight of Dec. 31 1924, or the expiration of the calendar year within which Mr. Hulbert's disability occurred. On and after Jan. 1 1925, it was held, a legitimate successor to Mr. Hulbert could be designated only by one of two processes. One of these would be by a general or special election and the other by appointment of the Governor.

In the office of the Corporation Counsel and in other quarters friendly to Mayor Hylan it was argued that Governor Smith, under the Public Officers' Act, now has power to appoint a President of the New York Board of Aldermen to serve until the next general election, in November 1925. In some quarters it was even suggested that Governor Smith, who is personally friendly to Mr. Hulbert and who had urged his acceptance of the Finger Lakes Park Commissionship on the mistaken assurance that his New York office would not be jeopardized, could accept Mr. Hulbert's resignation of



the State Commission and thereupon restore him immediately by appointment to his post at the head of the New York City legislative body.

Among lawyers no less well informed but less friendly to the Hylan administration this view was disputed. By them it was declared that the Governor possessed no appointive power in the situation whatever, but that Mr. Collins would inevitably continue to serve as the Acting President of the Board until the expiration of Mr. Hulbert's term of office at the close of the current year.

**New York (State of).**—*Legislature Convenes—Governor's Annual Message.*—On Jan. 7 the State Legislature convened in regular annual session. Governor Smith on the same day read his annual message to the lawmakers. One of the features of his message was the recommendation to submit the Child Labor Amendment to Federal Constitution to a statewide referendum. The Governor also recommended an amendment to the Labor Law to reduce the hours of labor for women and minors in industrial establishments from fifty four to forty-eight hours a week.

He also urged the continuation of the 25% reduction in the personal income tax.

The legislators were likewise asked by the Governor to adopt the constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$300,000,000 bonds for grade crossing elimination and another which would empower the State Legislature to issue \$100,000,000 bonds to finance public improvements. These bonds would be issued within a period of 10 years, no more than \$10,000,000 to be issued in any one year. Both of these amendments have already been passed once by the legislature. He again recommends adoption of constitutional amendments for an executive budget and increasing the Governor's term of office from two to four years. He also renewed his previous appeal for a short ballot. He further recommended the restoration of direct primaries as the medium for nominating candidates for state and judicial offices. In his message the Governor offered a new procedure in amending the State Constitution, involving initiative by voters.

He again referred to his previous remarks on the water power problem and urged the creation of a State water power authority to take over and develop the power resources which are now the State's property.

With reference to the Barge Canal the Governor after the submission of figures showing the amount of investment, the comparatively little use made of the waterway and the increasing cost of maintenance and aggregate of damage claims recommended also the erection of a temporary state commission made up of members of the Legislature, with some appointees of his own, to study the whole operation of the Barge Canal and its possibilities to determine what can be done to promote its usefulness.

The Governor declared himself in favor of the enforcement of the law in reference to prohibition, but is against the enactment of a new State prohibition enforcement bill to take place of the Mullin-Gage Law, repealed in 1923. He holds that the State now has sufficient prohibition enforcement law.

In referring to the State's financial condition, the Governor pointed out that on July 1 1924 the bonded debt of the State was \$308,491,000 with \$86,832,087 69 in various State funds to meet such indebtedness, and that the cash balance on July 1 1925 in the General Fund, as estimated by the Comptroller, will amount to \$68,000,000.

**North Carolina (State of).**—*Legislature Convenes.*—On Jan. 7 the General Assembly of North Carolina met in regular biennial session.

**Texas (State of).**—*Official Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendment Referred to Voters on Nov. 4.*—We are advised by Henry Hutchings, Secretary of State, that the official returns, with eleven counties not making returns therein, on the proposed amendment to Section 51, article 3 of the State Constitution, submitted to the voters on Nov. 4 (see V. 119, p. 1423) are 198,646 for to 78,919 against.

**BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS**  
this week have been as follows:

**ANDERSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Palestine), Tex.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 27 by W. C. Quick, County Judge, for \$500,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 30 years. Legality approved by the Attorney General of Texas and Chapman, Cutler and Parker of Chicago. A certified check for \$10,000 is required.

**ARCHER CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Archer County, Tex.**—*BOND SALE.*—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, Kan., purchased an issue of \$75,000 school bonds recently.

**ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Port Allen), La.**—*CERTIFICATE SALE.*—The Canal-Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans have purchased an issue of \$246,000 6% coupon certificates of indebtedness. Date Nov. 25 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 25 as follows: \$7,000 1928, \$30,000 1927, \$71,000 1928, \$113,000 1929 and \$25,000 1930. Principal and interest (M. & N. 25), payable at the Bank of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, La.

*Financial Statement.*

Actual valuation of all property in district	\$125,000,000
Assessed valuation 1923	78,744,800
Total bonded debt, outstanding	2,500,000
Estimated population	175,000

**ATLANTIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Atlantic), Cass County, Iowa.**—*BOND DESCRIPTION.*—The \$86,000 5% school bonds purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at 101.36, a basis of 4.78%—V. 118, p. 818—are described as follows: Date March 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1926 to 1936 incl., and \$9,000, 1937. Interest payable M. & S.

**ATTALA COUNTY SUPERVISORS ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Koscusko), Miss.**—*BOND SALE.*—The \$200,000 road and bridge bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 119, p. 2204—were awarded to the Marine Bank & Trust Co., Whitney-Central Banks and Caldwell & Co., all of New Orleans, as 5 1/8%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due serially Jan. 1 1926 to 1950. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National

Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

*Financial Statement.*

Estimated value taxable property	\$4,500,000
Assessed valuation, 1924	2,491,306
Total bonded debt, this issue only	200,000
Population, officially estimated	6,000

**AUSTIN, Mower County, Minn.**—*DESCRIPTION—CORRECTION IN AMOUNT.*—The \$240,000 sewer bonds purchased by Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at 101.48 are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1924. Interest at the rate of 4 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable (M. & N.) Due serially 1926 to 1946. The amount of this issue is \$240,000, and not \$250,000, as given in V. 119, p. 3037.

**BOND SALE.**—The \$10,000 refunding bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 119, p. 2909—were awarded to the First National Bank of Austin, Minn., as 4 1/8 at a premium of \$52, equal to 100.52, a basis of 4.40%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1926 to 1935, inclusive.

**AVON, Bon Homme County, So. Dak.**—*BOND ELECTION.*—An election will be held on Jan. 31 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$55,000 public school building bonds.

**BAILEY COUNTY (P. O. Muleshoe), Texas.**—*BOND SALE.*—Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas have purchased an issue of \$60,000 coupon bonds at a premium of \$700 equal to 101.16. Purchaser agreed to point bonds and pay attorney fees.

**BALLINGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Runnels County, Tex.**—*BOND SALE.*—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City purchased an issue of \$100,000 5% school building bonds at a premium of \$390, equal to 100.39.

**BANGOR, Penobscot County, Me.**—*TEMPORARY LOAN.*—The Eastern Trust & Banking Co. of Bangor, has purchased a temporary loan of \$200,000 on a 2.897 discount basis. Due Oct. 1 1925.

**BAY SHORE FIRE DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF ISLIP (P. O. Bay Shore), Suffolk Co., N. Y.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received by Frank B. Welcher, Fire Commissioner, until 8 p. m., Jan. 16 for \$25,900 5 1/2% coupon or registered fire bonds. Denom. \$5,000. Date Feb. 1 1925. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 Feb. 1 1926 to 1930 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the South Side Bank of Bay Shore. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to the Fire Commissioners, required.

**BELLE CENTER, Logan County, Ohio.**—*BOND SALE.*—The \$1,500 6% registered village refunding bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 120, p. 110, have been awarded to Ward Swelland for \$1,650 10 equal, to 110.006. Date Sept. 15 1924. The bonds mature six years from date.

**BEMENT, Piatt County, Ill.**—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$18,000 water works bonds has been sold A. L. Wilkinson, Commissioner of Water Works.

**BERNE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sugar Grove R. F. D. No. 1), Fairfield County, Ohio.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received by R. J. Conrad, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Jan. 5 for \$6,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$600. Date Jan. 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due \$600 every six months from Sept. 1 1925 to March 1 1930, incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of Education, required.

**BEVERLY, Washington County, Ohio.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 24 by C. W. Johnson, Village Clerk, for \$1,561 12 5/8% village's share Ferry Street paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$561 12. Date Dec. 1 1924. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$561 12 1926, and \$500 1927 and 1928. Certified check for \$100, payable to the Village Clerk, required.

**BLAIRSVILLE, Indiana County, Pa.**—*BOND SALE.*—The Mellon Nat. Bank of Pittsburgh has purchased \$125,000 4 1/4% water bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 119, p. 2909—for \$129,052.65, equal to 103.34. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due in 1937, 1949 and 1954. Other bidders were as follows:

	Premium.	Rate.
Halsey, Stewart & Co., Inc.	\$2,070.00	(101.656)
Graham, Parsons & Co.	662.50	(100.53)
J. H. Holmes & Co.	2,355.00	
Redmond & Company	1,987.50	
The Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh	2,782.50	
Lewis & Snyder	2,218.72	
National City Company	2,136.25	(101.709)
First National Bank, Blairsville	2,746.25	
Harris, Forbes & Co.	1,422.50	(101.138)
M. M. Freeman & Company	3,311.25	(101.138)
Mellon National Bank	4,052.65	

**BLOUNT COUNTY (P. O. Maryville), Tenn.**—*BOND SALE.*—The \$380,000 5% coupon road bonds favorably voted upon Sept. 28—V. 119, p. 1982—were purchased by I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson at a premium of \$9,538 equal to 102.51. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 yearly for 38 years. Interest payable J. & J.

**BLUE ASH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blue Ash), Hamilton County, Ohio.**—*BOND SALE.*—Well, Roth & Irving of Cincinnati purchased the \$35,000 5 1/4% school bonds offered on Dec. 16—V. 119, p. 2671. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1925 and 1926 and \$1,500 1927 to 1948, inclusive.

**BOWIE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Boston), Tex.**—*BONDS REGISTERED.*—On Dec. 31 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$1,500 6% school bonds. Due 10 to 20 years.

**BOWIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montague County, Tex.**—*BONDS VOTED.*—At the election held on Dec. 27—V. 119, p. 2787—the voters authorized the issuance of \$175,000 school building bonds by a vote of 280 for and 100 against.

**BRADY, McCulloch County, Tex.**—*BOND SALE.*—J. E. Jarrett & Co. of San Antonio have purchased the following improvement bonds aggregating \$175,000: \$100,000 water works extension. 75,000 street paving.

**BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.**—*BOND SALE.*—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston have purchased the \$926,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered series "D" school bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 119, p. 2909—at 100.529, a basis of about 4.21%. Date Jan. 2 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 2 as follows: \$31,000, 1926 to 1954 incl., and \$27,000, 1955.

**BRIGHTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Iowa.**—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$12,000 5% school bonds was purchased by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport. Date Dec. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 1930. Principal and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the above mentioned company. Legality approved by F. C. Duncan of Davenport.

**BRIGHTON SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Brighton), Monroe County, N. Y.**—*BOND SALE.*—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York on Jan. 6 purchased \$192,000 4 1/2% storm water system bonds at 101.52, a basis of about 4.34%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Payable at the Seaboard Nat. Bank of New York. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$9,000 1930 to 1941 incl., \$10,000 1942 to 1946 incl., \$11,000 1947 and 1948, and \$12,000 1949. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

**BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.**—*TEMPORARY LOAN.*—Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston have purchased a temporary loan of \$300,000 on a 3.12% discount basis plus a \$3 premium. Due Oct. 20 1925.

**BRUNSWICK, Glynn County, Ga.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 21 by N. D. Russell, Secretary of the City Commission, for \$50,000 5% street bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1930 to 1954, incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.), payable in gold in Brunswick, Ga. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal alone on both principal and interest. Legality approved by C. B. Masslich, New York City. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

**BURBANK SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Los Angeles County, Calif.**—*BIDS.*—Following is a list of bonds received for the 2 issues of 5% school bonds awarded as stated in V. 120, p. 110:

Burbank School District.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Premium. Items include Capital National Bank, Bank of Italy, California Security Co. and First Security Co., etc.

Burbank High School District.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Premium. Items include Capital National Bank, Bank of Italy, California Securities Co. and First Securities Co., etc.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Eldorado), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Clerk will receive sealed bids until Jan. 19 for \$50,000 4 1/2% road bonds.

BUTTE COUNTY RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 833 (P. O. Oroville), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$331,000 6% reclamation bonds offered on Dec. 20—V. 119, p. 2909—were awarded to Dean, Witter & Co. of San Francisco at a discount of \$7,679 20, equal to 97.60, a basis of 6.25%. Date Jan. 11 1923. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$32,000, 1937; \$87,000, 1938 and 1939; \$93,000, 1940, and \$86,000, 1941.

CAMERON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Brownville), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 5% road bonds registered on Dec. 19 by the State Comptroller—V. 119, p. 3037—were purchased by N. C. Burt & Co. of Houston on Dec. 29 at a premium of \$215, equal to 100.26, a basis of 4.99%. Date Dec. 10 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 10 as follows: \$20,000, 1957 to 1960 incl.; optional Dec. 10 1934. Int. payable A. & O.

CANON CITY PAVING DISTRICT NO. 3, Fremont County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$48,000 5% paving bonds was purchased by Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 1945. Interest payable (J. & J.) in New York.

CAROLINE COUNTY (P. O. Denton), Md.—BOND SALE.—Strother, Brogden & Co., of Baltimore, have purchased the \$100,000 4 1/2% public school bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 119, p. 2909) at 100.93—a basis of about 4.39%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due \$5,000 Feb. 1 1926 to 1949, inclusive.

CELINA, Collin County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 1/2% water works bonds registered on Dec. 18 by the State Comptroller of Texas—V. 119, p. 3037—were purchased by Garrett & Co. of Dallas at par. Date Nov. 15 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

CHEHALIS, Lewis County, Wash.—BIDS.—Following is a list of bids received for the \$35,000 4 1/2% general obligation bonds purchased by Bond, Goodwin & Tucker of Seattle at 101.50—V. 120, p. 110:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Interest, Rate Bid. Items include Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, Lumbermens Trust Co., Portland, etc.

CHELLENHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elkins Park), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth B. Scarborough, District Secretary, until 8 p. m. Feb. 4 will receive sealed bids for \$70,000 4 1/2% tax-free coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$134,000 Jan. 1 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950 and 1955. Certified check for 2% of the par value of bonds, payable to the School District, required.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chesterland), Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charles A. Sweet, Clerk of Board of Education, until 12 m. (Central standard time) Jan. 31 for \$100,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Chardon Savings Bank of Chardon. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1926 to 1934, incl.; \$5,000, 1935; \$4,000, 1936 to 1938, incl.; \$5,000, 1939; \$4,000, 1940 and 1941; \$5,000, 1942; \$4,000, 1943, and \$5,000, 1944 to 1948, incl. Certified check on a solvent bank for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

CHICAGO, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 119, p. 110) were sold to a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., the National City Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., of New York, First Trust & Savings Bank, Illinois Merchants Trust Co. and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 97.81—a basis of about 4.29%:

- \$1,080,000 Ashland Ave. street impt. bonds. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due \$270,000 Jan. 1 1929 to 1932 incl. Voted on Nov. 4 1919.
3,500,000 Southwater St. improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$200,000, 1927; \$195,000, 1928 to 1943 incl., and \$180,000, 1944. Voted on Jan. 2 1924.
1,000,000 street lighting extension system bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$55,000, 1927 to 1943 incl., and \$65,000, 1944. Voted on Nov. 4 1924.
1,500,000 street improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$55,000, 1927, and \$85,000, 1928 to 1944 incl. Voted on Nov. 4 1924.
350,000 East 100th St. bridge construction bonds. Date July 1 1924. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1927; \$20,000, 1928 to 1942 incl., and \$35,000, 1943.
100,000 La Salle St. bridge bonds. Date Jan. 1 1924. Due Jan. 1 1927. Voted Nov. 6 1923.

CHINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. China), Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 school bonds registered on Dec. 18 by the State Comptroller of Texas—V. 119, p. 3037—were purchased by Stranahan, Harris & Oatis Inc. of Toledo on Nov. 15, as 5s, par. Date Nov. 15 1924. Denom. \$1,000 & \$250. Due serially 1 to 40 years. Interest payable M. & N. 15. We reported in the above reference the interest rate of these bonds as 5 1/2% which was incorrect.

CISCO, Eastland County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on Dec. 30 registered \$175,000 6% bonds. Due serially.

CLEARWATER COUNTY (P. O. Bagley), Minn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$15,308 6% ditch bonds purchased by Drake, Jones & Co., of Minneapolis (V. 118, p. 2343) are described as follows: Date July 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$1,308. Due 1930 to 1943. Interest payable J. & D. The price paid was par.

CLYMER, Indiana County, Pa.—DESCRIPTION.—Following is a description of the \$50,000 4 1/2% refunding and paving bonds sold to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at 101.39, as was reported in V. 119, p. 3037. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1925. Interest J. & J. Due 1925 to 1946, inclusive.

COMANCHE COUNTY (P. O. Comanche), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$120,000 road bonds at an election held recently.

CORNING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Adams County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 15 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$170,000 school building bonds.

CRAFTON, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$159,500 4 1/2% coupon tax-free borough bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 119, p. 3037—were sold to Kay, Richards & Co. and J. H. Holmes & Co., both of Pittsburgh, at 102.17, a basis of about 4.07%. Date Apr. 1 1925. Due \$8,000 yearly on Apr. 1 1935 to 1943, incl. and \$7,500 1954.

CUYAHOCA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Commissioners until 11 a. m. Jan. 14 for the following issues of 5% County Sewer District No. 1 assessment bonds:
\$77,000 Water Supply Impt. No. 42 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 Oct. 1 1926 to 1936, incl.
9,000 Water Supply Impt. No. 63 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1926 to 1934, incl.

188,000 Sewerage Impt. No. 38 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1926 to 1941 incl., and \$12,000, 1942.
7,500 Sewerage Impt. No. 25 bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1926 to 1930, incl.
58,000 Sewerage Impt. No. 59 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926; \$4,000, 1927 to 1932 incl.; \$3,000, 1933, and \$4,000, 1934 to 1940, incl.
Date Feb. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.
The first three of the above issues were mentioned in last week's edition on page 111.

DEKALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The sale of the \$17,000 4 1/2% Roy Tremin et al. highway improvement bonds to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis at 101.13 (see V. 119, p. 3037), was not completed, owing to a defect in the notice of publication of the offering of these bonds. The bonds will be re-offered on Jan. 28.

DE LEON ROAD DISTRICT, Comanche County (P. O. Comanche), Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 road bonds was purchased by J. T. Bowman of Austin.

DEL RIO, Val Verde County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 16 (V. 119, p. 2555) the voters authorized the issuance of \$50,000 5% sewer bonds and \$100,000 5% paving bonds.

DESCHUTES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bend), Ore.—NOTE DESCRIPTION.—The \$70,000 5 1/2% 1-year school notes purchased by A. D. Wakeman & Co. of Portland—V. 119, p. 3037—are described as follows: Date Jan. 2 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 2 1926. Interest payable (J. & J.) in V. 119, p. 3037, we incorrectly gave the interest rate as 5%.

ELK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, McKenzie County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 17 by (Mrs.) Henry Roen, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office, Schafer, N. D., for a \$2,278 40 7/8 certificate of indebtedness. Date Jan. 17 1925. Due Jan. 17 1926. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

ELM CREEK, Buffalo County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha during the month of August purchased an issue of \$17,382 28 5/8% sewer bonds. Date June 9 1924. Due June 9 1925 to 1934.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 119, p. 3038) have been sold as follows:

\$1,095,000 (\$1,100,000 offered) county vocational school bonds to the Fidelity Trust Co. of Newark at 100.48, a basis of about 4.22%. Int. 4 1/4%. Date Jan. 2 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 2 as follows: \$25,000, 1926 to 1930 incl.; \$26,000, 1931 to 1940 incl.; \$32,000, 1941 to 1945 incl.; \$33,000, 1946 to 1950 incl.; \$30,000, 1951 to 1962 incl., and \$25,000, 1963.

242,000 (\$250,000 offered) county vocational school bonds to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., W. A. Harriman & Co., Ames, Emrich & Co., Lehman Bros., Penn & Co. of New York at 103.32, a basis of about 4.14%. Int. 4 1/4%. Date June 1 1924. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1925 to 1939 incl.; \$7,000, 1940 to 1962 incl., and \$6,000, 1963.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND ELECTION DECLARED VOID.—The election held on July 2, at which \$500,000 5 1/2% auditorium bonds were voted—V. 119, p. 22—has been declared void by Judge Kelly of Albany. The "Oregonian" of Dec. 31 says:

"Judge Kelly in his decision cited several points upon which his verdict was based. The election was illegal in that the election order was not an ordinance in the true sense, but was a resolution the opinion stated."

"The point raised by the plaintiff that 30 days had not elapsed between the passing of the ordinance and the day of the election also was upheld. Only 21 days were allowed, it was stated."

According to C. N. Foster, one of the attorneys, retained by the city, immediate appeal will be taken.

FARMINGTON, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston have purchased the \$120,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding bonds offered on Dec. 31 (V. 119, p. 2911) at 102.13, a basis of about 4.07%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$4,000 Jan. 1 1926 to 1955 incl. Other bids were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Bidder, Rate Bid. Items include Putnam & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Roy T. H. Barnes, etc.

FARRAGUT, Fremont County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 19 by W. S. Coy, Town Clerk, for the following 5% bonds aggregating \$10,000:

\$5,000 sewer bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1931, incl., and 1933 to 1937, incl.
5,000 sewer outlet bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1931, incl., and 1933 to 1937, incl.

Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Town Treasurer. A certified check on a solvent bank for \$250, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.

FLAGSTAFF, Coconino County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 19 by C. Cullum, Town Clerk, for \$475,000 5 1/2% water-works system bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1936; \$6,000, 1937 to 1939, incl.; \$7,000, 1940 to 1942, incl.; \$9,000, 1943; \$8,000, 1944; \$9,000, 1945; \$10,000, 1946 and 1947; \$12,000, 1948; \$15,000, 1949; \$16,000, 1950 and 1951; \$17,000, 1952; \$19,000, 1953 and 1954; \$20,000, 1955; \$21,000, 1956 and 1957; \$23,000, 1958 and 1959; \$25,000, 1960 and 1961; \$27,000, 1962 and 1963; \$29,000, 1964, and \$30,000, 1965. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legal proceedings prepared by Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver. Their fee is 1/2 of 1%, they to furnish blank bonds. A certified check for 5% of bid, drawn on a national bank, is required. Official notice of offering states: No previous litigation pending or threatened concerning the validity of these bonds, the corporate existence or boundaries of the municipality, or the title of the present officers to their respective offices.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Actual value of real and personal property (approximate), Assessed value, equalized, 1924, Total bonded debt, including this issue (over), etc.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Dec. 17 the taxpayers authorized the issuance of \$300,000 school building bonds.

FORT MEYERS, Lee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$226,000 5 1/2% improvement Series "A" bonds offered on Dec. 30 (V. 119, p. 2788) were awarded to J. G. White & Co., N. Y. City, at a premium of \$9,243 40, equal to 104.09, a basis of 4.71%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1925 to 1928, and \$23,000, 1929 to 1934 incl. Following is a list of other bidders:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Amount. Items include W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo, First National Bank, Fort Meyers, etc.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Opha Moore, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 28 for the following issues of bonds:



\$125,000 addition to Franklin County Tuberculosis Hospital bonds in the denom. of \$1,000 each, dated Jan. 15 1925, bearing interest at the rate of 4 3/4%.

2,900 S. D. Franklin No. 4 Watermain Bonds, Improvement No. 55 bonds in the denom. of \$1,000 each, and one bond in the denom. of \$900, dated Jan. 15 1925, bearing 5%.

10,700 S. D. Clinton No. 2 Watermain Bonds, Improvement No. 54, bonds in the denom. of \$1,000 each and one in the denom. of \$700, dated Jan. 15 1925, bearing 5% interest.

26,400 S. D. Clinton No. 2 Sewer Bonds, Improvement No. 52, bonds in the denom. of \$1,000 each, one bond in the denom. of \$400, dated Jan. 15 1925, bearing 5% interest.

Int. A. & O. 15. Said watermain and sewer improvements to be made under the provisions of Section 6602-1 and Section 6602-17 et seq. of the General Code of Ohio; and bonds to be issued under and by authority of Section 6602-4 and Section 6602-20, General Code of Ohio, and other sections of the General Code applicable thereto, and by resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners adopted on the 20th and 31st days of December 1924, respectively.

GADSDEN, Etowah County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 5% municipal bonds was purchased by Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham, at a discount of \$7,500, equal to \$5.

GERMAN FLATS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Iilon), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING CANCELED.—We are informed by Earl P. Watkin, Clerk Board of Education, that the offering of the \$160,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds which had been scheduled for Jan. 3 (see V. 119, p. 2911) was canceled.

GOULD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, Lincoln County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The Merchants Planters Bank of Pine Bluff on Sept. 30, purchased \$25,000 6% water works bonds. Due \$1,250 1927 to 1946, incl.

GRAND RAPIDS, Itasca County, Minn.—CORRECTION.—W. L. Robinson, City Recorder, informs us that the report of the sale of \$20,000 refunding bonds given in our issue of July 5, page 111, is erroneous, as no bonds have been sold by this city for the past few years.

GRADY COUNTY (P. O. Chickasha), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 22 (V. 119, p. 2556) the voters authorized the issuance of \$650,000 road bonds.

GRANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Granville), Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clara F. Owens, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Jan. 23 for \$10,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1925. Interest A. & O. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1926 to 1935, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, required.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Montesano), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 school bonds offered on Aug. 30—V. 119, p. 972—were awarded to the State of Washington as 4 1/4's at par. Date Sept. 15 1924. Due serially for 21 years.

GREAT BEND, Barton County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. Jan. 12 by Edward Opie, City Clerk, for \$20,500 4 1/2% sewer bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$500. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1926, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1945 incl. Interest payable J. & J. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

BOND SALE.—The \$17,600 4 1/2% street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 29—V. 119, p. 3038—were awarded to the American State Bank of Great Bend at a premium of \$125, equal to 100.71, a basis of 4.46%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,600, 1926; \$1,000, 1927 and 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.

GREENFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenfield), Adair County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$110,000 4 1/2% school building bonds sold as stated in V. 118, p. 2219, were purchased by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at par, and are described as follows: Date May 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 1925 to 1944. Interest payable M. & N.

HAMBURG, Berks County, Pa.—DESCRIPTION.—Following is a description of the \$50,000 school bonds sold to the First Nat. Bank and the Hamburg Savings & Trust Co., both of Hamburg, for \$51,904, equal to 103.80, as was reported in V. 119, p. 3038. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1924. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 15 1927 to 1951, incl.; optional, Dec. 15 1930. The bonds were awarded on Dec. 12 1924 as 4 1/2's.

HARDEMAN COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Quanah), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 17 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$600,000 5% road bonds.

HARRISON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrison), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati have purchased the \$110,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 119, p. 112—for \$116,121, equal to 105.56, a basis of about 4.85%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due every six months as follows: \$2,000 Oct. 1 1926, and \$3,000 each Apr. 1, and \$2,000 each Oct. 1, from April 1 1927 to Apr. 1 1948, incl.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit purchased the two issues of 5% bonds offered on Jan. 2 (V. 119, p. 2912) as follows:

\$7,500 Hanna Road No. 226 bonds for \$7,631, equal to 101.74, a basis of about 4.74%. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1933 incl.

28,000 Romes Road No. 214 bonds for \$28,527, equal to 101.88, a basis of about 4.54%. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926 to 1933 incl., and \$4,000, 1934.

Date Jan. 2 1925. Bids were as follows:

28,000 Issue. \$7,500 Issue

HOMER AND CORTLANDVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Homer), Cortland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 20 will be received by C. Lawrence

Oteque, Clerk Board of Education, for \$190,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the Homer National Bank of Homer. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1926 to 1929, incl.; \$4,000 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$6,000 1935 to 1938, incl.; \$6,000 1939 to 1942, incl.; \$7,000 1943 to 1945, incl.; \$8,000 1946 to 1948, incl.; \$9,000 1949 to 1951, incl.; \$10,000 1952 and 1953 and \$11,000 1954 and 1955. Bids to be on forms furnished by the above Clerk. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York. Certified check for 2% of par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

HOPEDALE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hopedale), Harrison County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals until 12 m. (Central standard time) Jan. 16 will be received by W. C. Kerr, Clerk Board of Education, for \$42,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$2,100. Date Feb 1 1925. Int. semi-ann. Due \$2,100 every six months from Apr. 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1925 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid, upon some solvent bank, payable to the Bd. of Education, required.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On election will be held on Feb. 28 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$500,000 water bonds.

IDEAL FARMS DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$246,000 6% drainage bonds offered on Dec. 17—V. 119, p. 2557—were purchased by Fred. M. Crane Co. at 95. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially for 25 years. Interest payable F. & A.

ILLINOIS (State of).—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York were the successful bidders for the \$4,000,000 4% coupon highway bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 119, p. 2912—at 97.5575, a basis of about 4.287. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$500,000 May 1 1932 to 1939 incl. These bonds, it is stated, are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other states, and their legality is approved by Messrs. Wood & Oakley. The financial statement of the State of Illinois shows assessed valuation fixed by the State Tax Commission, 1923, \$3,181,019,188; assessed valuation equalized for purposes of taxation, 1923, \$4,090,509,594; and total bonded debt, including this issue, \$116,053,600, or less than 3% of the equalized valuation. The population of Illinois according to the 1920 census was 6,485,280.

Other bidders were as follows: First National Bank of New York and associates, E. H. Rollins & Sons of New York and associates, Guaranty Trust Co. and associates, Speyer & Co. and associates and the Continental National Bank of Chicago and associates. There was less than \$7,000 difference between the six highest bids. This is one of the first, it is stated, of all recent issues of State of Illinois bonds to bear interest semi-annually.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Minn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$23,000 5% ditch bonds purchased by the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis (V. 118, p. 2733) are described as follows: Date June 1 1924. Denom. \$500. Due 1930 to 1943, inclusive. Interest payable (J. & D.)

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3:30 p. m. Jan. 20 by M. B. Herlong, Chairman City Commission, at Room 13, City Hall, Jacksonville, for \$50,000 5% redeemable bonds. Date Jan. 15 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$10,000, 1927 to 1929, incl., and \$20,000, 1930. Coupon bonds, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (J. & J. 15) payable at Jacksonville or at the fiscal agency of Jacksonville in New York City, at option of holder. Legality to be approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. A certified check on one of the banks of Jacksonville or upon some national bank, payable to the order of the City Treasurer of Jacksonville, for 2% of bid is required.

JASONVILLE, Greene County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 19 will be received by A. E. McCullough, City Clerk, for \$25,000 5% school coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1924. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1938 incl. and \$1,000 1939. Cert. check for \$500 payable to the City Treasurer, required.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH (P. O. Jennings), La.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of \$75,000 road bonds.

JIM WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Alice), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 2 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$72,000 5 1/2% special road bonds. Due serially.

JOHNSON CITY, Washington County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$53,200 6% street paving bonds was purchased by the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at 103. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$100 and \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,500, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$30,700 in 1945. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in New York. Purchaser to print bonds and furnish legal opinion. Legality approved by Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati.

KENYON, Goodhue County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 14 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$7,000 4 1/2% sewer system bonds.

KLAMATH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Klamath Falls), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Ida B. Momyer, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 19 for \$150,000 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000 1925, \$15,000 1926 to 1928, incl., and \$95,000 Jan. 1 1945. Optional July 1 1930. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

KNOX COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Benjamin), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Dallas purchased an issue of \$16,000 6% school bonds during April.

LA MESA, Dawson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 20 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$150,000 water and sewer bonds.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds offered on Dec. 29—V. 119, p. 2912—have been sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York for \$1,057,511, equal to 100.71, a basis of about 4.327: \$150,000 bridge bonds. Due \$15,000 Jan. 2 1932 to 1941, incl. 30,000 sewer bonds. Due \$30,000 Jan. 2 1926 to 1935, incl. 600,000 paving bonds. Due \$120,000 Jan. 2 1926 to 1930, incl. Date Jan. 2 1925. Bids were as follows:

Table listing bidders for Lansing bonds, including Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Lehman Bros., W. A. Harriman & Co., and others, with bid amounts and percentages.

LAWDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—Following is a list of bids received for the \$44,000 5% school bonds awarded to the Bank of Italy of Los Angeles (V. 120, p. 113):

Table listing bidders for Lawdale bonds, including Capital National Bank, Wm. R. Staats Co., and others, with bid amounts and percentages.



LIBERTY CENTER SPECIAL VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Liberty Center), Henry County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, have purchased the \$12,958 84 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 119, p. 2790—for \$12,997 54, equal to 100.29, a basis of about 4.95%. Purchaser to print bonds. Date Dec. 15 1924. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$958 84 1926, \$1,000; 1927 to 1929, incl., and \$1,500 1930 to 1935, incl.

LIMESTONE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Mexia), Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,300,000 road bonds was awarded to C. Edgar Honnold, of Oklahoma City, at a premium of \$27,000, equal to 102.07.

LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Springville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 26 by M. E. Wascom, President School Board, for the following 6% bonds: \$4,000 School District No. 28 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due serially Feb. 1 1926 to 1933. A certified check for \$250 is required. 50,000 School District No. 27 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1926 to 1945. Interest payable F. & A. A certified check for \$1,250 is required.

Date Feb. 1 1925. Legality approved by Martin & Campbell of New Orleans, and Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

LONGVIEW, Cowlitz County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 17 (V. 119, p. 2913) the voters authorized the issuance of \$95,000 school building bonds. In our notice of election (V. 119, p. 2913) we reported the amount of bonds to be voted on as \$120,000, which was incorrect.

LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 35, Los Angeles County, Cal.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert Dominguez, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10.30 a. m. Jan. 14 for \$275,000 improvement bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5 1/2%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1926 to 1963, incl., and \$9,000, 1964. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York City. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. A certified check for 2% of bid payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

LYON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 public drainage ditch bonds offered on Dec. 29 (V. 119, p. 3039) were awarded to the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis as 4 1/2% at a premium of \$471, equal to 101.30. Following is a list of other bidders:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Premium, and Amount. Wells-Dickey Co. \$385, N. W. Trust Co. 227, Paine, Webber & Co. 470.

McALESTER, Pittsburg County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of the following bonds, aggregating \$85,000, at the election held on Dec. 30 (V. 119, p. 3039): \$35,000 water bonds. \$5,000 fire station building bonds.

MAHANAY CITY, Schuylkill County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, have purchased the \$300,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds offered on Sept. 8 (V. 119, p. 1200) at 100.375—a basis of about 4.45%. Due \$10,000 May 1 1925 to 1954, inclusive.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Atlantic National Bank has purchased a temporary loan of \$300,000, payable July 1 1925, on a 2.97% discount basis.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$650,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 119, p. 2913) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the International Trust Co. and James N. Wright & Co., both of Denver; Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, and the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City, at 103.51. Date Jan. 5 1925. Due in 20 years.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Marshalltown), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$800,000 5% road bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 120, p. 113—were awarded to Ballard, Hassett & Beh of Des Moines at a premium of \$100 equal to 100.01, a basis of 4.99%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due May 1 as follows: \$53,000, 1928 and 1929; \$56,000, 1930; \$59,000, 1931; \$62,000, 1932; \$65,000, 1933; \$67,000, 1934; \$70,000, 1935; \$74,000, 1936; \$77,000, 1937; \$80,000, 1938, and \$84,000, 1939, optional on any interest payment date after five years.

MARYLAND (State of)—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John M. Dennis, State Treasurer, at his office in Annapolis, until 12 m. Feb. 11 for \$275,000 4 1/2% coupon Certificates of Indebtedness "General Construction Loan of 1924." Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1925. Bonds may be registered as to principal. Int. F. & A. 15. Due on Feb. 15 as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Series, Amount, Series, Amount. 'N' \$15,000, 'O' 17,000, 'P' 18,000, 'Q' 18,000, 'R' 19,000, 'S' 20,000, 'T' 21,000. 'U' \$22,000, 'V' 23,000, 'W' 24,000, 'X' 25,000, 'Y' 26,000, 'Z' 27,000.

This loan and the interest payable thereon is exempt from the Federal income tax and from State, County and Municipal taxation. Each bid must be for cash on delivery, and must be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer for 5% of the par value of the amount bid for.

MATADOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Motley County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 12 by B. M. Sudduth, Secretary School Board, for \$70,000 5 1/2% high school bonds. Due as follows: \$500 1925 to 1944, \$2,500 1945 to 1954 and \$3,500 1955 to 1964, incl. Principal and interest payable in New York City. A certified check for \$3,000 is required.

MEDINA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Medina), Medina County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. F. Gibbs, Clerk Bd. of Education, until 10 a. m. Jan. 21 for \$14,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Clerk Bd. of Education. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1926 and 1927; and \$1,500 1928 to 1935, incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official required.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE SALE.—The \$500,000 4 1/2% school revenue notes offered on Jan. 6—V. 119, p. 3039—were awarded to the Bank of Commerce of Memphis at 100.48, a basis of 4.00%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Oct. 1 1925.

NOTE SALE.—The \$750,000 4 1/2% coupon revenue notes offered on Jan. 6—V. 117, p. 3039—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank and Kissell, Kinnicut & Co., both of New York; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston and Central State National Bank of Memphis at 100.45, a basis of about 3.79%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Sept. 1 1925.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (Memphis) and Hallgarten & Co. and Curtis & Sanger \$3,217 50, Union & Planters Bank & Trust Co. and Bankers Trust Co. 2,767 50, F. S. Moseley & Co. (basis) 3.98%, Harris Trust & Savings Bank 2,419 00, Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., and Horwitz & Co. 2,164 03, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and Illinois Merchants Trust Co. 1,708 00, S. N. Bond & Co. 1,453 00, National City Co. 1,192 50, Geo. H. Burr & Co. 916 00.

MESA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Grand Junction), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held soon, \$39,000 4 1/2% school building bonds have been sold to Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver. Due \$1,500, 1940 to 1945 incl., and \$3,000, 1946 to 1955 incl.

MEXICO, Limestone County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 27 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$40,000 water bonds.

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rupert), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$47,000 5% refunding bonds was purchased by the Childs Bond & Mortgage Co. of Boise.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Jan. 21 by Chas. E. Deall, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners, for the following special park and parkway improvement bonds aggregating \$574,981 20: \$85,000 00 4 1/2% bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1924 to 1934.

239,981 20 4 1/2% bonds. Date Oct. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$981 20. Due Oct. 1 1923 to 1933. (Bonds due Oct. 1 1923 and 1924 will be paid by city at time of delivery.) 250,000 00 4 1/2% bonds. Date April 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1925 to 1935.

A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, is required.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 21 by Geo. M. Link, Secretary Board of Estimate and Taxation, for \$1,340,000 permanent improvement bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$35,000, 1926, and \$45,000, 1927 to 1955, inclusive. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the fiscal agency of the City of Minneapolis in New York City or at office of City Treasurer, Minneapolis. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, is required.

MITCHELL, SCURRY AND FISHER COUNTIES COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—\$5,000 6% school bonds were registered on Dec. 31 by the State Comptroller of Texas. Due 10 to 20 years.

MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monclova), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit has purchased the \$55,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 119, p. 2913—for \$55,635, equal to 101.15, a basis of about 4.84%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1926 to 1930, incl., and \$4,000 1931 to 1940, incl.

MONONA, Clayton County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 29 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing improvement bonds not exceeding \$14,000.

MORGANFIELD, Union County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$120,000 5% water-works bonds was purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at par. Legality approved by Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati.

MOUNT KISCO, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Jan. 20 sealed bids will be received by T. Rockwell Matthews, Village Clerk, for \$4,500 5% improvement bonds. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1925 to 1933 incl.

NAMPA, Canyon County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—REPORT ERRONEOUS.—We have been informed by the City Clerk that no refunding bonds to the amount of \$67,000 were sold recently as stated, in V. 119, p. 3039.

NEW KNOXVILLE, Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 15 by Walter A. Kuck, Village Clerk, for \$12,000 6% electric works bonds. Denom. \$400 and \$500. Date Oct. 1 1924. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$800, 1926 to 1935 incl., and \$1,000, 1936 to 1939 incl. Certified check for \$100, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

NEW LEXINGTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Lexington), Perry County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Herrick Co. of Cleveland has purchased the \$240,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 119, p. 2790—for \$245,476, equal to 101.12, a basis of about 4.89%. Date Dec. 20 1924. Due \$10,000 Sept. 20 1926 to 1949, incl.

NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madison County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—James J. Wachob & Co. of Omaha purchased an issue of \$40,000 5% refunding bonds. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due Oct. 1 1944; optional in 1929.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received by Alice N. Leonard, City Treasurer, until 5 p. m. Jan. 8 for \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon "Broadway and Bellevue Ave. Permanent Payment Series D" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$3,000 Jan. 1 1926 to 1941 incl., and \$2,000, Jan. 1 1942. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of the City Treasurer, Newport, or at holders' option at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston. These bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Jan. 9 1915 at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston.

Table with 2 columns: Valuation 1924, \$81,544,900 00. Sinking fund bonds \$616,000 00. Less sinking funds 381,724 84. Serial bonds (including issue advertised) 1,585,500 00.

Total net debt \$1,819,775 16. Population, 1920, 30,255.

NEWTON, Harvey County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Adella Martin, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 17 for \$65,000 4 1/2% internal improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000, \$700 and \$800. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,500 1926 to 1935, incl. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Wise, Hobbs & Arnold of Boston have purchased the \$50,000 4% tax-exempt coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 119, p. 113—at 100.703, a basis of about 3.85%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 1926 to 1934 inclusive.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Rate Bid, Name, Rate Bid. Estabrook & Co. 100.65, F. S. Moseley & Co. 100.621, Arthur Perry & Co. 100.583, National City Co. 100.58, Kiddier, Peabody & Co. 100.539, Curtis & Sanger 100.52, Blodget & Co. 100.48, Merrill, Oldham & Co. 100.46. Old Colony Trust Co. 100.446, R. L. Day & Co. 100.39, Edmunds Brothers 100.355, Geo. A. Bernard Co. 100.327, F. L. Dabney & Co. 100.166, Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc. 100.119, First Nat. Bk., W. Newton 100.10, Bonbright & Co., Inc. 100.071.

NEW YORK CITY.—TEMPORARY LOANS ISSUED DURING DECEMBER.—During the month of December this city issued short-term securities, all bearing 2 1/2% interest, in the aggregate of \$121,050,000, consisting of revenue bonds and bills, tax notes and corporate stock notes, as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Maturity, Issued, Corporate Stock Notes. Revenue Bills of 1924: \$5,000,000 May 21 1925 Dec. 9, \$10,000,000 May 28 1925 Dec. 9, \$10,000,000 June 4 1925 Dec. 9, \$10,000,000 June 11 1925 Dec. 9. Special Revenue Bonds of 1924: \$5,000,000 June 15 1925 Dec. 15, \$5,000,000 June 17 1925 Dec. 29. Tax Notes of 1924: \$1,050,000 June 16 1925 Dec. 16. Corporate Stock Notes: \$1,300,000 Mar. 10 1925 Dec. 1, \$50,000 Mar. 10 1925 Dec. 1, \$3,250,000 Mar. 10 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 Mar. 10 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 Mar. 24 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 Mar. 31 1925 Dec. 1, \$2,400,000 Apr. 7 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 Apr. 14 1925 Dec. 1. Various Municipal Purposes (Concluded): \$5,000,000 Apr. 21 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 Apr. 28 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 May 5 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 May 12 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 May 19 1925 Dec. 1, \$5,000,000 May 26 1925 Dec. 1, \$470,000 June 16 1925 Dec. 1. Water Supply: \$5,000,000 June 2 1925 Dec. 1, \$3,250,000 June 9 1925 Dec. 1. Rapid Transit: \$1,750,000 June 9 1925 Dec. 1, \$680,000 June 16 1925 Dec. 1, \$3,769,500 June 16 1925 Dec. 1, \$30,500 June 16 1925 Dec. 1, \$50,000 June 16 1925 Dec. 1. Dock Purposes: \$2,600,000 Apr. 7 1925 Dec. 1.

GENERAL FUND BONDS.—This city also issued during December \$39,500,000 3% general fund bonds, due Nov. 1 1930; \$26,000,000 were issued on Dec. 30 and \$13,500,000 on Dec. 31.

NEW VIRGINIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Virginia), Warren County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$65,000 4 1/2% school bonds purchased by Ringheim, Wheelock & Co. of Des Moines at 100.66—V. 118, p. 1309—are described as follows: Date March 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due 1943. Int. payable M. & N.



NILAND WATER DISTRICT, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 27 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$140,000 drainage bonds.

NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$1,500,000 revenue notes was purchased on Jan. 7 by F. S. Moseley & Co. and the First National Bank, both of New York. Date Jan. 8 1925. Due July 8 1925.

OCEAN COUNTY (P. O. Toms River), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by David O. Parker, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, until 12 m. Jan. 20 for an issue of 5 1/2% temporary road impt. bonds not to exceed \$7,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$7,000. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1926, optional on any int.-paying date. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Ocean County Trust Co. of Toms River. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of New York. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

OIL CITY, Venango County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 4 p. m. Jan. 12 sealed bids will be received by W. W. Holt, City Treasurer, for the following issues of series of 1924 4 1/2% coupon tax free bonds: \$125,000 permanent improvement bonds. Due \$25,000 Dec. 15 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944 and 1949. 60,000 permanent improvement bonds. Due \$15,000 Dec. 15 1930, 1935, 1940 and 1945.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1924. Bonds may be registered as to principal only. Principal and semi-annual interest, payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the city required.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Omaha have purchased an issue of \$90,000 4 1/2% land appropriation and street opening bonds. Date Jan. 2 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 2 1945. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Treasurer. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, of Chicago.

ONEONTA, Madison County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Charles H. Bowdish, City Chamberlain, until 1 p. m. Jan. 9 for the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds: \$37,337 47 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$1,337 47. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,337 47 1925 and \$4,000 1926 to 1934, incl.

124,617 35 paving series "A" bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$1,617 55. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$13,617 55 1925, \$13,000 1926 to 1928 incl. and \$12,000 1929 to 1934 incl.

Date Nov. 1 1924. Int. M. & N. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York City.

ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Lehman Bros. and E. H. Rollins & Sons of New York have purchased the issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 119, p. 3040—on a bid of \$971,030, equal to 102.53, a basis of about 4.30% for \$947,000 bonds (\$971,000 offered). Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$25,000 1927 to 1956, incl., \$30,000 1957 to 1962, incl., and \$17,000 1963.

Financial Statement. (as officially reported.)

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation, Total bonded debt, Less Water bonds, Less Sinking funds, Net bonded debt, and Population.

OREGON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Toledo, R. F. D. No. 1), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo have purchased the \$300,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 119, p. 2791—for \$309,025, equal to 103.008, a basis of about 4.69%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$12,000 1926 to 1920 incl.

OYSTER BAY (P. O. Oyster Bay), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The North Shore Board of Oyster Bay on Dec. 16 purchased \$15,000 4 1/2% shore road sidewalk for \$15,075, equal to 100.50.

PALESTINE, Anderson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on Jan. 2 registered \$110,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

PAOLA, St. Louis County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The following impt. bonds, aggregating \$12,144 35, offered on Dec. 30—V. 119, p. 3040—were awarded to the Prescott, Wright, Snyder Co. of Kansas City, Mo., as 4 1/2% at par and accrued int. Bonds were originally offered as 6s.

Bond No. 1, \$744 35, due Jan 1 1926. Bond No. 2, \$600, due Jan. 1 1926. Bonds No. 3 to 20 incl., \$10,800. Denom. \$600. Due \$1,200 Jan. 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1935.

Table with 2 columns: Firm and Bid Amount. Lists various firms and their bids for 5% bonds.

PAYETTE, Payette County, Idaho.—CORRECTION.—Upon writing for verification of the sale of \$40,000 5% refunding bonds—V. 119, p. 3040—the City Clerk has informed us that no such bonds have been issued.

PECOS COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Fort Stockton), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 31 \$5,000 school bonds were registered by the State Comptroller of Texas. Due serially.

PEEKSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT (P. O. Peekskill), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York have purchased the \$120,000 school bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 119, p. 2914) as 4-20s at 100.207, a basis of about 4.19%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$3,000 Jan. 1 1939 to 1978 incl.

PERRIS, Riverside County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$9,500 6% water bonds was purchased recently by the Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Los Angeles. Date Jan. 2 1925. Due after 1930.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4% bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 119, p. 2791—have been awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Bankers Trust Co.; Graham, Parsons & Co.; Janney & Co.; Bank of North America & Trust Co., and West & Co at 100.3047, a basis of about 3.985%.

\$11,000,000 20-50-year 4% registered and coupon bonds. Due Jan. 1 1975 with the option of the city to redeem at par and accrued interest at the expiration of 20 years from the date of issue of this loan, or at any interest period thereafter, upon 60 days' notice by public advertisement. 1,000,000 15-year 4% registered and coupon bonds. Due Jan. 1 1940. Date Jan. 1 1925.

PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Magnolia), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 119, p. 279—were awarded to the Magnolia Bank of Magnolia at par. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$500, 1926 to 1930; \$1,000, 1931 to 1935; \$1,500, 1936 to 1940, and \$2,000, 1941 to 1945 incl.; optional after 5 years. Purchaser agreed to furnish blank bonds and legal opinion.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Jan. 15 sealed bids will be received by J. N. Brown, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$998,000 road and bridge bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1929 to 1931; \$25,000, 1932 to 1934; \$35,000, 1935 to 1937; \$45,000, 1938 to 1940; \$55,000, 1941 and 1942; \$65,000, 1943 and 1944; \$75,000, 1945 to 1947; \$85,000, 1948 and 1949. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in gold in New York City. Legality to be approved by C. B. Masslich, New York City. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the order of the Clerk Board of County Commissioners and drawn upon a bank or trust company doing business in Florida or upon a national bank in any place, is required.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on Dec. 11—V. 119, p. 2318—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$662, equal to 104.41, a basis of 5.19%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1949. Principal and interest payable in New York.

PITT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Greenville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 19 by R. D. Whithurst, Chairman Board of Drainage Commissioners, for \$50,400 6% refunding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,100, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$4,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$5,000, 1933 to 1938 incl. A certified check for \$250, payable to the order of the Board of Drainage Commissioners, is required.

PITTSBURG, Crawford County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. Jan. 16 by Leonard Boyd, City Clerk, for \$69,497 95 4 1/4% improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$497 95. Due serially from 1 to 10 years. Bonds are sold subject to their rejection by the School Fund Commission of the State of Kansas. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required.

PITTSBURG, Camp County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION CANCELED.—The election to be held on Jan. 7—V. 119, p. 2914—for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$55,000 school bonds was canceled. The amount of bonds to be issued is to be changed to \$100,000 and a new election is to be called soon.

PITTSBURGH, SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by G. W. Gerwig, Secretary, in the office of the Board of Public Education, 725 Fulton Bldg., Pittsburgh, until 3 p. m. Jan. 26 for \$5,000,000 school loan for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for procuring sites and erecting and equipping buildings and additions for elementary and high schools in the school district under the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled, "An Act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, &c.," approved May 18 1911 (P. L. 309); authorized by resolution of the Board of Public Education of the School District of Pittsburgh, adopted Dec. 2 1924 (see V. 120, p. 113). The bonds are serial, with maturities beginning on Jan. 1 1926 and annually thereafter until and incl. Jan. 1 1956. Bonds will be in denomination of \$1,000 in coupon form, which may be registered only as to principal and be payable, prin. and int., in gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness. The principal sum will bear interest at the rate of 4.10% payable semi-annually (J. & J.); the first payment of int. to be on July 1 1925; said loan and int., it is stated, are payable free from all taxes in Pennsylvania and free from Federal income tax. The School District of Pittsburgh will submit a bid for Bonds Nos. 1 to 500 incl., aggregating the sum of \$500,000, and maturing Jan. 1 1926, 1927 and 1928, and if awarded, these bonds will be purchased for the sinking fund of the school district. Proposals must be unconditional and made upon the prescribed form of blanks, to be obtained upon application at the office of the Secretary. No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the School District for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for. No interest allowed on check until acceptance of bid, and thereafter interest will be allowed thereon at 4%. Settlement in full for the loan awarded must be made with the Treasurer on or before Feb. 24 1925 at 3 p. m. and include payment of accrued int. from Jan. 1 1925 to day of settlement. The Board of Public Education reserves the right to award any portion of the loan, as it may deem best for the school district. The proceedings for this loan and the legality of the issue have been approved by J. Rodgers McCreery of Pittsburgh, and Barnes, Bidde & Morris of Philadelphia, and a copy of their letters attesting legality may be had on application.

PLAIN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Albany), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 17—V. 119, p. 2558—have been sold to Prudden & Co. of Toledo for \$204,127, equal to 102.063. Date Dec. 1 1924.

PLAINVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Plainview), Hale County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 5% school bonds registered on Dec. 19—V. 119, p. 3040—were purchased by the Branch-Middlekauff Co. of Wichita at a premium of \$1,210, equal to 11. Date Dec. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable J. & D. Due serially from 1 to 40 years. Date of award Nov. 21 1924.

PLANKINTON, Aurora County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 2 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$43,000 school building bonds.

PLANT CITY, Hillsborough County, Fla.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$30,000 8% municipal improvement certificates offered on Dec. 15—V. 119, p. 2791—were awarded to Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando.

PLOVER, Pocahontas County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport have purchased an issue of \$12,000 4 1/2% water works system bonds. Date Jan. 2 1925. Interest payable J. & J. Due serially 1926 to 1945.

POLK COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1.30 p. m. Jan. 20 by J. D. Raulerson, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, for \$210,000 6% road bond. Date July 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1933; \$20,000, 1934 to 1938; \$30,000, 1939 and 1940. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in the City of Bartow, Fla., or in New York City, at option of holder. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the order of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for \$2,000, is required.

PORTO RICO (Government of)—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000,000 5% Series "G" to "I" public improvement bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 119, p. 2791—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Hallgarten & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co. Inc., and Hornblower & Weeks, at 107.165, a basis of 4.56%. Date July 1 1923. Coupon bonds due July 1 as follows: \$500,000 Series "G," 1950; \$500,000 Series "H," 1951; \$500,000 Series "I," 1952; \$500,000 Series "J," 1953; \$500,000 Series "K," 1954; \$500,000 Series "L," 1955. Legality approved by the Attorney-General of the United States. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$6,000,000, the other half having been sold in February. Following is a list of other bidders:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Bid Amount. Lists various banks and financial institutions and their bids for Porto Rico bonds.

PORTSMOUTH, Rockingham County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$100,000, due Sept. 1 1925, has been purchased by the Portsmouth Savings Bank of Portsmouth on a 3.23% discount basis.

PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—BONDS AWARDED.—The \$170,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Dec. 19—V. 119, p. 2791—were awarded by the American National Bank of Portsmouth for the account of Austin Grant & Co. of New York at 97.27, a basis of 4.73%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1930 to 1934 and \$7,000 1935 to 1954, incl. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. Notice that the American National Bank of Portsmouth had submitted the highest bid for the above bonds was given in V. 119, p. 3040.

PORT WASHINGTON-SALEM VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Washington), Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5% school bldg. bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 119, p. 2914—have been sold to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo for \$76,188, equal to 101.58, a basis of about 4.83%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 1926 to 1950, incl.



PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Cookeville), Tenn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$8,000 5% highway bonds awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville were purchased at 100.47, a basis of 4.96%. Date Sept. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 1944. Interest payable Aug. 1.

RALEIGH, Wake County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following improvement bonds, aggregating \$1,350,000, offered on Dec. 29—V. 119, p. 2914—were awarded to White, Weld & Co., Blodget & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., all of New York, jointly, at 100.05, a basis of 4.61%: \$1,000,000 street improvement bonds as 4 1/2%. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1926 to 1945 incl. 350,000 water bonds as 4 3/4%. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1926 to 1935 incl.; \$8,000, 1936 to 1945, and \$11,000, 1946 to 1965 incl.

Date Jan. 1 1925. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal alone, or both principal and interest.

REYNOLDSBURG RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Reynoldsburg), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by C. G. Smith, Clerk and Treasurer Board of Education, until 10 a. m. Jan. 21 for \$100,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 21 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O. 15) payable at the office of the above official. Due one bond each six months from April 15 1926 to Oct. 15 1945 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, on a solvent bank in Franklin County, required.

RICHMOND COUNTY (P. O. Augusta), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Lawton B. Evans, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 27 for \$350,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$11,000 on Jan. 1 in each of the even years, 1926 to 1954, and \$12,000 on Jan. 1 in each of the odd years 1927 to 1953, and \$17,000 in 1955. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Georgia Railroad Bank, Augusta, or the American Exchange National Bank, New York City, at option of holder. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal on the bonds. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the order of the County Board of Education, is required.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/4% coupon, with privilege of registration, bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 120, p. 114—have been sold to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, Remick, Hodges & Co., Eldredge & Co., Roosevelt & Son, Kean, Taylor & Co. and Ames, Emerich & Co., all of New York, at 101.644, a basis of about 4.07%:

\$2,000,000 Transit Subway Construction bonds, serial, 1 to 30 years; \$66,000 payable each year except \$86,000 payable in last year.

300,000 Municipal Hospital bonds, serial, 1 to 30 years; \$10,000 payable each year.

1,400,000 Local Impt. bonds, serial, 1 to 20 years; \$70,000 payable each year.

400,000 Water Works Impt. bonds, serial, 1 to 30 years; \$13,000 payable each year, except \$23,000 payable in last year.

100,000 Municipal Land Purchase bonds, serial, 1 to 20 years; \$5,000 payable each year.

600,000 School Construction bonds, serial, 1 to 30 years; \$20,000 payable each year.

The bonds will be dated Feb. 1 1925. Other bidders were: Sherwood & Merrifield, H. L. Allen & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., New York City (jointly) \$4,878,720 Bankers Trust Co., National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York City, and Converse, Hough & Co., Rochester (jly.) 4,873,392 First National Bank, Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., White, Weld & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Redmond & Co., W. R. Compton Co., Barr Bros. & Co., of New York City, and Sage, Wolcott & Steele of Rochester (jointly) 4,865,232

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, until 2.30 p. m. Jan. 9 for City of Rochester notes as follows:

\$550,000 general revenue notes, as per ordinance of the Common Council Dec. 9 1924.

600,000 school revenue notes, as per ordinance of the Common Council Dec. 9 1924.

Notes will be made payable 5 months from Jan. 14 1925 at the Central Union Trust Co., New York City, will be drawn with interest, and will be deliverable at the said trust company Jan. 14 1925. Bidders to state rate of interest and denominations desired, and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable. No bids will be accepted at less than par.

RUSKIN, Nuckolls County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$20,000 water bonds at the election held on Dec. 30—V. 119, p. 2915.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. Centreville), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 road bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 120, p. 114—have been sold to Joel Stockark & Co. of Detroit as 6s at 101.04, a basis of about 4.79%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1926 to 1933 incl., and \$3,000, 1934.

ST. HELENA PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Greensburg), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% road bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 119, p. 2676) were awarded to the Amite Security Co. at par. Date Nov. 1 1924. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1934 incl., and \$2,000, 1935 to 1944 incl.

ST. MARTIN PARISH (P. O. St. Martinsville), La.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 14 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$200,000 drainage bonds.

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BIDS.—Following were the bids received for the \$120,000 4 1/4% general water bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 30, as was stated in V. 120, p. 114:

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium, Rate Bid. Bank of Detroit, Detroit, 4 1/4, \$228, 100.19; Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo, 4 1/2, 1.704, 101.42; Detroit Trust Co., First National Co., Detroit, 4 1/2, - , 100.42

\* For part 4 1/8s and part 4 1/4s.

SALEM TOWNSHIP SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clarington), Monroe County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 119, p. 2915—have been sold to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo at 101.03, a basis of about 4.87%. Date Dec. 15 1924. Due every six months as follows: \$1,000, each March 15 and \$1,500 each Sept. 15 from March 15 1926 to Sept. 15 1949 inclusive.

SALINAS, Monterey County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Dean, Witter & Co. of San Francisco were awarded an issue of \$40,000 5% municipal improvement bonds at a premium of \$1,160, equal to 102.90. Due serially 1926 to 1945. These bonds were offered on May 5 (V. 118, p. 1951), but the sale was called off (V. 118, p. 2222).

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$1,800,000 4% tax anticipation notes was purchased by the Central Trust Co. of Salt Lake City and Eldredge & Co. and Curtis & Sanger, both of New York, at 99.96, and expenses.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$11,000 6% sewer bonds purchased by E. L. Burton & Co. of Salt Lake City at 100.11—V. 119, p. 3041—are described as follows: Date Nov. 10 1924 and Nov. 21 1924. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Due Nov. 10 1925 and Nov. 21 1925.

SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION (P. O. Phoenix), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$250,000 water bonds voted on Dec. 23—V. 120, p. 114—has been purchased by the New York Life Insurance Co.

SAN DIEGUITO SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on Dec. 29 (V. 119, p. 2792) were awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco at a premium of \$58, equal to 100.58. Date Dec. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable J. & D. Due 1926 to 1935.

SANTA PAULA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 12 by L. E. Hollowell, County Clerk, for \$225,000 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1926 to 1949 incl.; \$6,000, 1950 to 1961 incl.; \$7,000, 1962; \$8,000, 1963; \$9,000, 1964 and 1965. A certified check for 3% of bid, payable to the order of the County Clerk, is required. Bonds will be ready for delivery on or about Feb. 15 1925.

SARPY COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Papillion), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% road improvement bonds aggregating \$65,782.71 were sold to James T. Wachob & Co. of Omaha: \$35,704.61 Road District No. 1. 5,458.08 Road District No. 2. 24,620.02 Road District No. 3. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due Oct. 1 1925 to 1944.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of December the city of Seattle sold the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$49,228.96 at par:

Table with 5 columns: Dist. No., Amount, Purpose, Date, Due. Lists various bond issues for Seattle, including Sewer, Grade, Paving, and Water mains.

Bonds subject to call on any interest date. \*Notice of this sale has already been given—see V. 119, p. 2676.

SHELLEY, Bingham County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Jan. 17 sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk for \$20,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$2,000, 1936 to 1945, inclusive. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

SHENANDOAH, Page County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Two bond issues aggregating \$42,400, were purchased as follows: \$20,000 4 1/4% improvement bonds purchased by the Shenandoah National Bank at par. Denom. \$1,000. 22,400 4 3/4% street improvement bonds purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at par. Denom. \$1,000, except four for \$100.

Date Nov. 1 1924. Due 1927 to 1943. Interest payable M. & N. In V. 119, p. 2097, we reported the sale of two issues of bonds of \$20,000 each. This report was incorrect, the correct amounts being as given above.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Clinton), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The United States Bond Co. of Denver purchased an issue of \$10,000 5 1/2% compromise bonds during 1924. Date Sept. 1 1924. Due Sept. 1 1944; optional in 1934.

SOUTH CHARLESTON-MADISON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Charleston), Clark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. Jan. 12 sealed bids will be received by F. A. Barmann, Clerk and Treasurer, Board of Education, for \$170,000 5% school erection bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1924. Int. M. & S. Due every six months as follows: \$3,000 on every Mar. 1 and \$4,000 on every Sept. 1 from Mar. 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1945 incl., and \$3,000 Mar. 1 1946 to Sept. 1 1950 incl. Certified check for \$8,500, payable to the above official, required.

SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Manteca), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 5 1/2% improvement bonds was purchased by Bayley Bros. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$750, equal to 101.50.

SPARTANBURG, Spartanburg County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,350,000 water bonds offered on Dec. 30 (V. 119, p. 2915) were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville as 4 3/4s at a premium of \$15,485, equal to 101.14, a basis of 4.68%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1930 to 1933; \$30,000, 1934 and 1937; \$35,000, 1938 to 1945; \$40,000, 1946 to 1955, and \$45,000, 1956 to 1965 incl. Legality approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 10 by Harold S. Nichols, Town Treasurer, for a temporary loan of \$100,000. Due July 15 1925. The notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

STAMFORD, Jones County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 6 (V. 119, p. 2915) the proposition to issue the following bonds aggregating \$105,000, carried: \$70,000 paving bonds. 35,000 auditorium bonds.

TAYLORVILLE, Christian County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$125,000 sanitary sewer district bonds has been sold.

TEXAS (State of).—NO BONDS TO BE ISSUED.—In answer to our inquiry regarding the reported offering of \$300,000 highway maintenance equipment bonds on Dec. 30 (V. 119, p. 2792), the Secretary, State Board of Control, informs us that no bonds are to be issued. The State is merely to purchase highway equipment and will not issue any bonds.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. Lafayette), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 119, p. 3041) have been sold to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis as follows: \$8,000 William Putnam et al. highway construction bonds at 101.31, a basis of about 4.23%. Denom. \$400. Date Oct. 11 1924. Due \$400 every six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl. 93,000 Frank Bubb et al. highway construction bonds at 101.32, a basis of about 4.23%. Denom. \$930. Date Nov. 8 1924. Due \$4,650 May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl.

TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of Tipton has purchased \$75,000 bonds issued for the purpose of building a new county infirmary.

TODD COUNTY (P. O. Long Prairie), Minn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$20,000 4 1/4% trunk highway reimbursement improvement No. 2 road bonds purchased by the Peoples National Bank of Long Prairie (V. 118, p. 1823) are described as follows: Date April 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1935 to 1944, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O.

TOLEDO, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Walter R. Stewart, Director of Finance, until 12 m. Jan. 30 for \$172,000 4 1/4% University refunding coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable at the United States Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$7,000 1926 to 1937, incl., and \$8,000 1938 to 1948, incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Commissioner of the Treasury, required.

TRINITY, Trinity County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$77,500 5 1/2% water works and sewer system bonds awarded to H. O. Burt



& Co. of Houston at par—V. 119, p. 3041—are described as follows: Date April 15 1924. Denom. \$500. Interest payable (A. & O 10). Due serially.

**TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 15 by James A. McCarthy, City Comptroller, for \$50,000 4 1/4 % Bureau of Water and Department of Public Safety Building Bonds of 1925. Denom. 40 for \$1,000 and 20 for \$500. Date Feb. 1 1925. Interests semi-annual. Bonds will be issued as registered or coupon bonds and shall be payable in twenty equal annual installments, the last of which shall become due at the end of twenty years after its issue, and shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest from their date. All bids and proposals shall be accompanied with a certified check, payable to the order of the City of Troy, for not less than 1 % of the par value of bonds. Notice of award will be given to the successful bidder as soon as made. Accrued interest between date of bonds and the actual payment therefor must be paid by the bidder.

*Financial Statement Jan. 5 1925.*

General debt	\$3,552,820 79
Water debt	2,087,936 24
Sinking fund	154,365 89
Certificate of indebtedness for harbor and dock and public improvements (temporary loan)	1,563,000 00
Revenue bonds for liquor tax rebates	1,600 00
Real estate assessed valuation for 1925	61,559,991 00
Franchise assessed valuation for 1925	3,775,190 00
Total assessed valuation for 1925	65,335,181 00
Population (1920 Census), 72,013. The city, it is stated, has never defaulted in any of its obligations.	

**TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—CORRECTION IN BASIS.**—The correct basis for the \$100,000 4 1/4 % registered bonds sold to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. of New York, at 100.380 (see V. 119, p. 114) is 4.08 % and not 4.68 %, as incorrectly reported in above reference, due to a typographical error.

**TUSCALOOSA, Tuscaloosa County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by D. B. Robertson, President Board of Commissioners, until Jan. 20 for \$175,000 5 % water-works bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

**WALKER COUNTY (P. O. Huntsville), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—\$6,000 5 1/2 % special road bonds were registered on Jan. 2 by the State Comptroller of Texas. Due serially.

**BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Jan. 2 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$20,000 5 % Series B special road bonds. Due serially.

**WARD COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Barstow), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$27,000 6 % improvement bonds on Jan. 3. Due serially.

**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received at the office of T. Howard Duckett, Chairman Suburban Sanitary Commission, at 1420 New York Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., for \$250,000 4 1/4 % sanitary district, Series "J" bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 1975, optional Jan. 1 1955. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (J. & J.), payable in Baltimore and New York. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York. Payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Certified check for \$2,500 required.

**WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Washington County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$220,000 5 % high school bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 119, p. 2916—were awarded to the Dahinden, Schmitz, Platner Co. and the Bankers Finance Corp. of Milwaukee, jointly, at a premium of \$10,307, equal to 104.68, a basis of about 4.48 %. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1926, \$4,000 1927 and 1928, \$6,000 1929, \$8,000 1930, \$10,000 1931 and 1932, \$13,000 1933, \$15,000 1934, \$22,000 1935 and 1936, \$23,000 1937 and 1938, \$28,000 1939 and \$30,000 1940.

**WILLARD, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The Home Savings & Banking Co. of Willard purchased the following issues of 5 1/2 % bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 119, p. 2916—at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$377, equal to 100.20, a basis of about 5.45 %: \$12,971 50 Emerald St. Impt. assessment bonds. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,300 1925 to 1933, incl., and \$1,271 50 1934.

5,060 00 Emerald St. Impt. village portion bonds. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$560 1926 to 1933, incl., and \$580 1934.

Date Dec. 1 1924. Other bidders were as follows:

	Premium.		Premium.
Seasongood & Mayer	\$240 00	Otis & Co.	\$197 15
Prov. Savs. Bk. & Tr. Co.	211 03	Ryan, Bowman & Co.	182 50
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	135 23	W. L. Slayton & Co.	171 00
Durfee, Niles & Co.	276 00		

**WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The Ohio State Teachers' Retirement System has purchased the \$4,150 5 % school bonds offered on Dec. 26 (V. 119, p. 2794) at par and accrued interest.

Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1932, inclusive, and \$650, 1933.

**WOOSTER, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Ryan, Bowman & Co. of Toledo have purchased the \$7,500 5 % University Street assessment bonds offered on Jan. 2 (V. 119, p. 2916) for \$7,505, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 4.99 %. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$750 Oct. 1 1926 to 1935 incl.

**YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Robert D. Ferguson, City Comptroller, in the City Hall, until 12 m. Jan. 14 for the purchase of the following 4 1/4 % bonds of the city of Yonkers:

\$1,000,000 school bonds, payable \$26,000 Feb. 1 1927 to 1951, incl., and \$25,000 Feb. 1 1952 to 1965, inclusive.

240,000 public building bonds, payable \$6,000 Feb. 1 1926 to 1965, incl.

400,000 water bonds, payable \$10,000 Feb. 1 1926 to 1965, incl.

306,000 refunding bonds, payable \$16,000 Feb. 1 1926 to 1931, incl., and \$15,000 Feb. 1 1932 to 1945, incl.

Bonds will be dated Feb. 1 1925 and will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each. They will be coupon in form and at the option of the holder may be surrendered for a bond registered as to both principal and interest. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer in gold coin of the United States of America, or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, or at the option of the holder in New York exchange. The bonds will not be sold for less than par, and in addition to the amount bid the successful bidder 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, less interest on the deposited check as provided below. As a condition precedent to the reception and consideration of the proposal of any bidder, he shall deposit with the Comptroller with his proposal a certified check, drawn to the order of Robert D. Ferguson, Comptroller, Yonkers, on a solvent bank or trust company for 2 % of the amount of bonds bid for. Interest will be allowed on the checks of the successful bidders at the rate borne by the bonds from the date of the award to the date of delivery and such checks will be retained and be applied in part payment for the bonds. The legality of the bonds will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City, and a duplicate original of their opinion will be furnished to each successful bidder.

**YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. York), York County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on Dec. 27 (V. 119, p. 2794) the voters authorized the issuance of \$200,000 school bonds. In the election report we gave the amount of bonds to be voted on as \$220,000, which was incorrect (V. 119, p. 2794).

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**CHIPPEWA, Ont.—AMOUNT OF ISSUE.**—An issue of \$15,000 20-installment water works bonds guaranteed by the County of Welland was sold to MacNeill, Graham & Co. during the month of December. We previously reported this sale in V. 120, p. 115, but in that reference the amount of bonds sold was not mentioned.

**HULL, Que.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—In connection with the \$365,000 5 % 30-year school bonds sold to A. E. Ames & Co. at 100.13, a basis of about 4.99 %, as was stated in V. 119, p. 3042, we are now in receipt of the following: Date July 1 1924. Due July 1 1954.

**LEAMINGTON, Ont.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—The following information in connection with the \$78,000 5 1/4 % 15-year installment bonds sold to A. E. Ames & Co. at 101.40, as reported in V. 120, p. 115, has come to hand: Date Jan. 16 1925. Due Jan. 16 1926 to 1940 incl.

**MIDLAND, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$18,000 Town of Midland 5 1/2 % bonds maturing in 30 installments, it is stated, has been awarded to Worthington, Savage & Co. on a bid of 103.52. These bonds bear the unconditional guarantee of the County of Simcoe. The following bids were received: Worthington, Savage & Co., 103.52; H. R. Bain & Co., 103.38; C. H. Burgess & Co., 103.28; Municipal Bankers' Corp., 103.23; MacNeill, Graham & Co., 103.09; McLeod, Young & Weir, 102.90; Gairdner, Clarke & Co., 102.61; Dominion Development Corp., 102.57; Matthews & Co., 102.55; Dymont, Anderson & Co., 102.42; Toronto Bond Exchange, 102.38; W. C. Brent & Co., 101.87.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.—BOND SALE.**—We learn that this city sold \$83,000 5 % 10 to 30-year bonds locally at 101.50. Another block of \$204,000 5 % 10 to 30-year bonds has been sold to the sinking fund.

**SIMCOE, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—A. E. Ames & Co. during December purchased the following issues of bonds: \$5,300 5 1/4 % bonds. Due Dec. 22 1925 to 1954 incl. 44,600 5 % bonds. Due Dec. 22 1925 to 1954 incl. Date Dec. 22 1924.

**SMITHS FALLS, Ont.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—We are now in receipt of the following information in connection with the \$104,526 5 % 20-installment bonds sold to A. E. Ames & Co. at 98.29, a basis of about 5.20 %, as was reported in V. 119, p. 2794. Date Dec. 15 1924. Due Dec. 15 1925 to 1944 incl.

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