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The Financial Situation.

In the present revival of interest in railroad properties on the Stock Exchange, where buoyancy has been regnant ever since the Presidential election early in November, stocks of Southwestern roads are commanding favor beyond all others. No other group of "rails" has had such a prodigious or sustained advance. No other group has to its credit such large or such persistent investment buying. Not merely the shares of one company in that section, but the shares of all companies have been participating in the activity and upward movement. The rise in prices has been prodigious, and yet these stocks are still being bought with the same enthusiasm and the same confidence as before. That the great improvement in values rests on very substantial grounds is evident from the initiation and resumption of dividend payments by so many railroad companies in that group. It is also a matter of common knowledge that that part of the country was blessed the past season with bounteous harvests of grain and cotton, which are finding a ready market, the former at extraordinarily high prices and the latter at good prices. Nevertheless, there has been such a complete transformation in the market values of the securities of these roads that it is impossible to ward off altogether a feeling of skepticism at times as to whether the thing is not being overdone—whether the future is not being discounted too fast and too furiously.

At this juncture there comes to us a glowing description of the growth and development of the territory which these roads serve and lo! our skepticism vanishes. We are printing to-day on subsequent pages a monthly record of the stock and bond

prices on the St. Louis Stock Exchange for the last two years, and in connection therewith have asked John G. Lonsdale, the well-known and highly distinguished President of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, to prepare for us an article appropriate to the occasion which we might publish in connection with said record. This he has courteously and graciously done, and the article appears on pages 634 to 636. No one can read this article without becoming infused with the enthusiasm that Mr. Lonsdale himself displays. He has selected for his title "Southwestward the Star of Empire—." The article must be perused in its entirety to be fully appreciated, and we quote here merely the opening and closing parts:

As the last big open space—the only remaining domain sufficient in area to absorb the enormous after-the-war development in this country—there is little wonderment involved in viewing the giant strides this section is making.

History reveals that the Southwest has reckoned well the coming of her "day" and prepared accordingly. Hers has been a stirring epoch of growth. Here is seen the passing of the last real frontier, the conquering of ramping wilderness, the urbanization of ranches and the industrializing of cities. Thus admirably equipped, the South and Southwest advances with becoming grace to the honors of being the regional background of our next decade of national progress.

Currently considered, this vast territory was never in more flourishing condition. Its productive wealth has been most bountiful. Nature has been liberal, in both natural resources and seasonal crops. In bulging barns and warehouses; in smoking stacks and, in fact, on every hand can be seen the accumulative advantages of such prosperity. Texas, the outstanding cotton-growing State, has, in value at least, registered its bumper crop. Arkansas' and Oklahoma's yield of cotton has been a boon to them, while agriculturally speaking in general, the land yield has been most abundant and remunerative, sufficient to justify basically their present importance.

Eldorado, Utopia and Potosi, symbolic names of plenty, are more than mere way stations on Southwestern lines; they characterize the golden touch of Fortunatus on a land of even still unexploited possibilities. For the most cursory examination of the uninitiated must bear out the deduction that no small portion of the country's wealth, and certainly a lion's share of its to-morrow, lies in that direction.

All hail to this glorious and thriving Southwestern Empire!

Commercial insolvencies in the United States during January were again somewhat more numerous as compared with the preceding month, and with

the corresponding months of both preceding years, while the indebtedness involved, in comparison with the periods mentioned above is also larger this year than in December or January of both of the preceding years. In other words, business failures last month numbered 2,317, these figures contrasting with 2,040 similar defaults for December, 2,108 in January 1924 and 2,126 two years ago. The liabilities reported last month were \$54,354,032—for December the amount was \$45,279,281 for January 1924, \$51,272,508, and in January two years ago \$49,210,497. In only three months last year (and two of the three were in the fourth quarter of that year) did the number of business defaults show a decrease from the preceding year, and after April until the close of the year the general tendency of the indebtedness of the insolvencies reported each month was to recede from the large sums previously reported. As to the latter, however, it is to be noted that a considerable part of the liabilities shown at the time of these heavy losses in the early months of 1924 was attributable to the number of larger defaults, especially in manufacturing lines. Some increase in the number of failures and in the amounts involved, is to be expected in the closing month of the year, and December of last year was no exception; also, the number of defaults and the indebtedness reported is generally larger in January than for other months in the year. The increase that occurred in January over December is also to be expected. Mention should be made of the fact, however, that the losses due to larger defaults in January this year, particularly in the manufacturing division, are considerably reduced as compared with earlier months, and except for one rather large failure of a financial nature, which is included among brokers, the large defaults for January would have no special significance.

Our comments on the statement of business failures in the United States are based on the tabulations compiled from the record of R. G. Dun & Co. For January this year there were 480 manufacturing defaults, with an indebtedness of \$11,909,187; 1,757 trading failures for \$24,654,579, and 80 insolvencies of agents and brokers, with liabilities of \$17,790,032; during January a year ago manufacturing defaults numbered 505, the indebtedness being \$28,875,260; trading defaults, 1,538, with \$19,525,282 of liabilities, and agents, 65, for \$2,871,966. The reduction in the number of manufacturing defaults in January of this year as compared with a year ago is quite marked; also, as to the amount of manufacturing indebtedness, the latter being nearly 60% less than a year ago. On the other hand, trading failures in January this year, as well as the failures of agents and brokers, are more numerous than they were in January of both preceding years, while trading liabilities were larger during the month just closed than they were a year or two years ago. As previously noted, one default last month, involving \$12,000,000, included with brokers, will account for the great part of the increase in liabilities shown for that classification—there were in all six of the larger defaults among agents and brokers, with liabilities of \$16,825,000.

The larger trading failures in January this year numbered 24, which is the same as in January 1924, and the indebtedness this year is \$4,821,328, practically the same amount as for the corresponding month of last year. On the other hand the reduction in the number of large manufacturing failures in January this year is from 38 in January 1924 to 23

last month, while the indebtedness is reduced this year from \$20,551,017, which it was a year ago, to only \$5,158,698, the latter an unusually small amount for a single month, at least for any month in the past five years. In the manufacturing division there were fewer defaults in most of the leading classifications into which that division is separated, especially as to the manufacture of clothing, leather and leather goods, and in printing and engraving. The noteworthy reduction in indebtedness was for machinery and tools, woollens and knit goods, and manufacturing of clothing. As to the trading classes, nearly all of the leading lines report more failures in January this year than a year ago, notably grocers, although liabilities for the grocery failures in January 1925 are considerably smaller than in January a year ago, there being a number of larger defaults in the grocery line in January 1924. An increase in the number of insolvencies last month over a year ago also appears among general stores, dealers in clothing, dry goods, shoes, furniture, hardware and jewelry. The indebtedness report in January this year by failures among general stores, clothing, dry goods and jewelry, and to some extent by the other trading classes, is also in excess of the amounts reported a year ago.

Relations between Greece and Turkey have been decidedly strained. The trouble arose from the expulsion from Constantinople of the venerable Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, the Most Reverend Constantinos. It was reported in a United Press dispatch from Athens on Jan. 31 that the Greek Government had "appealed to the League of Nations to intervene and broke off relations with Turkey, recalling the Greek Charge d'Affaires at Angora." It was claimed also that "a wave of indignation has swept over the Greek nation." The status of the clergyman was explained as follows in an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva on Jan. 31: "According to League of Nations officials, the mixed commission which has been supervising the exchange of populations of Greece and Turkey recently ruled that the Most Rev. Constantinos, Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Catholic Church, was technically exchangeable because he arrived in Constantinople after the armistice. The commission recommended that the Patriarch be permitted to remain in Turkey, but the Angora Government insisted it would only permit a Greek Patriarch who was a Turkish subject to reside in the country. The Turks, it was stated, disclaimed any intention of violating the Lausanne Treaty in forcing the abolition of the Patriarchate as an institution."

It became known in London on Feb. 2 that "dispatches from Constantinople say most of the Greek prelates and priests there probably will suffer the same fate as the Ecumenical Patriarch, the Most Rev. Constantinos, who was expelled by the Turks. The Turkish authorities, say the dispatches, are preparing to get papers of exchange ratified by the commission in charge of the exchange of minority populations between Turkey and Greece, after which the prelates and priests, numbering about 150 of the orthodox clergy, will be invited to leave." The reports relative to the attitude and feelings of the Greek people were substantiated by an Associated Press message direct from Athens. It stated that "public indignation is rapidly rising throughout the

country and everywhere associations and public bodies, religious and lay, are adopting resolutions of protest, assuring the Greek Government of the support of the entire nation in demanding satisfaction for the expulsion of the Greek Patriarch from Turkey by the Turkish Government." According to the dispatch also, "an imposing mass meeting was held this afternoon at the ruins of Jupiter's Temple in protest against the expulsion. The crowds subsequently paraded the streets shouting for vengeance against the Turks. Police measures were taken to protect the Turkish Legation."

That Greece could not count upon Great Britain for support in warlike proceedings against Turkey was emphasized in a special London cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune" on Feb. 1. The correspondent said that, "although the provocative character of the action is conceded in official circles, and it is recognized that developments in the situation eventually may call for some action by the Allies which signed the Lausanne Treaty, the attitude of the Government at present is one of watchful waiting. The dispute between Athens and Angora is clearly one for arbitration, in the opinion of this Government, and nothing should be done to prejudice a peaceful solution, it is held." Continuing to outline British sentiment, he said that, "it is conceded here that the circumstances and the indignity with which the Patriarch was expelled strongly reinforce the sentimental appeal which he has addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the heads of other Christian churches. At the same time, this Government, in view of the possible reactions on its millions of Moslem subjects, will proceed cautiously in taking sides in the quarrel which the Greeks seek to represent as a Turkish attack upon Christianity."

On Feb. 2 "Premier Herriot received both Djevad Bey, the newly appointed Turkish Minister to Paris, and M. Politis, the Greek Minister, and discussed with them the situation between their countries which has arisen from the action of the Angora Government in summarily expelling the Ecumenical Patriarch, Constantinos VI. Both Ministers laid before the French Premier their latest advices on the attitudes of their Governments and explained the reasons for the actions these had taken and intended to take." It was added that "M. Herriot will seek to act in accord with England in trying to obtain a pacific settlement of the incident. In French opinion generally there is a disposition to consider that the Angora Government has merited a reprimand for the manner in which it acted, and support will be given to the Greek request that The Hague Court intervene in accord with the treaty stipulations." From Athens came word the same day that "the Government is awaiting the Turkish reply to yesterday's note wherein it was proposed to the Turkish Government that the question of the Ecumenical Patriarch should be referred to The Hague. In spite of the bellicose tone of the local press and indignation which is general throughout the country, the Government is studying the matter calmly and it is hoped will find means of settling the dispute without a rupture of diplomatic relations." According to a special cablegram from Rome to the Chicago "Tribune," also on Feb. 2, "Italy is watching the war clouds gathering over Greece and Turkey with keener interest than any of the other nations, including Great Britain

and France. The general Italian sentiment is in favor of Turkey and against Greece."

It became known in Paris on Feb. 3 that "Djevad Bey, the Turkish Ambassador, formally notified the French Government to-day that the Angora Cabinet had decided to decline to place the dispute with Greece before The Hague Court. He explained that there was no desire on the part of the Turks to eliminate the Patriarch from Constantinople, but his expulsion was based on personal grounds. Djevad Bey added that the Patriarch was a 'suspicious character' and the Greek Government was well aware Turkey had 'every reason' to expel him." The Paris representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled that "Greek diplomats, on the other hand, maintained that they would carry their case before the court whether the Turks agreed or not. It is contended that Ismet Pasha, the Foreign Minister, gave a solemn pledge at the Lausanne Conference before the Allied and United States representatives that the Patriarch would be permitted to remain. In any event, the Greeks argue, if an exchange were permitted, a new Patriarch would not wield the moral authority and rule of the church." He declared that "Paris Government officials are exercising a placating influence on both sides, asking the Turks to cease further expulsions and appealing to the Greeks against any conflict."

A new side to the situation developed on Wednesday. The Associated Press representative at Geneva, the seat of the League of Nations, cabled that "Turkey threw another bomb on the international stage to-day by protesting against the treatment of Turkish experts attached to the League of Nations special commission which is now investigating on the spot the dispute between Turkey and Great Britain over Mosul." He added that "Great Britain insists that the experts in question are ex-convicts who already have sown political discord in the Mosul vilayet, and declares that their lives will be endangered if they are allowed to remain with the commission in its travels of investigation." It seems that Shukri Bey, the Turkish Foreign Minister, "accused Great Britain of resorting to menace and coercion to force the people to tell the commission that they favor British dominion in Mosul, instead of Turkish." The correspondent further explained that "Great Britain rejoined through Austen Chamberlain, her Foreign Secretary, by charging not only that the Turks in question were ex-convicts, but that they recently had tried to excite the local population against the control of Great Britain, which, Mr. Chamberlain declared, exists by virtue of the fact that Great Britain has the mandate right over Irak, as well as over all of Mosul, until the Council of the League of Nations decides otherwise. Mr. Chamberlain added that the Turks were interned as a measure of safety, as their lives were imperiled by the angry populace."

The disturbing possibilities of the Greco-Turkish situation are said to have received careful consideration in London and Paris. On Feb. 5 it was stated in a special London cable message to "The Sun" that, "in view of the more menacing turn which the Greco-Turkish situation has taken through Turkey's refusal to submit to The Hague Court or the League of Nations the legality of the expulsion of the Patriarch of the Greek Church from Constantinople, an

exchange of views is taking place to-day between the principal Allied Powers in an effort to reach a common policy to dampen the Grecian ardor for revenge and bring Turkey to a more conciliatory frame of mind." He also stated that "British and French Ambassadors yesterday impressed upon the Greek Government the desirability of keeping calm at the present moment. This will be followed by an Allied move at Constantinople."

According to an Associated Press cablegram from Constantinople last evening, "the Turkish Government handed to-day to the Greek Charge d'Affaires in Angora its reply to the Greek note regarding the expulsion from Constantinople of the Most Rev. Constantinos, Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Catholic Church. The reply contains a reasoned exposition of the Turkish case, rejects the suggestion that the dispute be referred to the International Court at The Hague, insists that the question is purely internal, and declares that any intervention by outside Powers would be intolerable." The correspondent added that "it is believed here that the Powers will counsel moderation in order to permit a solution based on the election of a Patriarch not within the category of those liable to deportation under the minority populations provisions of the Lausanne Treaty."

Dr. Hans Luther, the new Chancellor of Germany, lost no time in making reply to a recent speech by Premier Herriot in which he denounced Germany to a considerable extent. The Chancellor did not wait for the reconvening of the Reichstag this week, but arranged a reception to foreign newspaper correspondents at the Foreign Office on the evening of Jan. 30. The Associated Press representative said that "the whole tenor of Dr. Luther's address, while staunchly upholding Germany's viewpoint that the failure of the Allies to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead and M. Herriot's accusations have not promoted an international understanding, evidently was intended to build a bridge between the Allies and Germany." The New York "Times" representative said that the Chancellor declared that "the desires of France regarding arbitration, security and disarmament as set forth by Premier Herriot are identical with Germany's desires." He proposed "a world congress to settle political problems, just as the London conference settled economic problems." The "Times" representative also stated that "Dr. Luther's speech bore strong resemblance to Foreign Minister Stresemann's, delivered four weeks ago in the Chancellory just across Wilhelmstrasse, but the new Chancellor spoke with none of Stresemann's oratorical fireworks. Throughout Dr. Luther was calm and dignified." He added that, "like Foreign Minister Stresemann, Chancellor Luther insisted Germany virtually was disarmed and laid special emphasis on the determination of the German Government headed by him to eliminate all violations of the Versailles agreement by Germany which may be brought to its attention by the Allies."

The accounts of the Chancellor's speech stated that he displayed a conciliatory tone. It was gratifying to note the following in a Paris cable message to the New York "Times" the very next day: "Sooner or later, it is admitted in French Government circles, the question of German disarmament must come to a round-table discussion in the same way that reparations did; and as Chancellor Luther declared yes-

terday, this was the only way in which it could be settled. But the French are not willing to admit that the time has yet come for such treatment of a matter so vital to them." According to the author of the message, "it is the French attitude that the Dawes reparations plan was only made possible by French consent to a very large reduction of what they considered their just claims against Germany and that they have received as yet no compensation for their generosity in the shape of a reduction of their debts by their Allies and Associates. Until they get some indication from these Powers that every round-table conference is not always to be for the benefit of Germany, the French take the position that they can hardly be expected to abandon their right to dictate the disarmament terms which were accorded them by the Treaty of Versailles."

The granting by the German Government, without Reichstag approval, of indemnities said to have totaled 700,000,000 gold marks, to large industrialists in the Ruhr, has continued to be one of the most discussed subjects in political circles in the German capital. On Feb. 1 the representative at that centre of the New York "Times" cabled that "the war of words concerning the Ruhr credits continues unabated here to-day, with the advantage, for the time being at least, on the side of those defending the huge payments by the German Government to the Ruhr industrialists against those denouncing the payments as legally unwarranted and tainted with gross favoritism." The next day, in a special cable message to "The Sun," it was asserted that "it has been paid out since Dec. 20 last, without Parliamentary sanctions and has never yet been discussed by the Reichstag. There is every likelihood, however, that it will form the subject of acrimonious debate when that body reassembles."

On Feb. 2 the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" sent word that "official announcement was made to-day that the Finance Ministry's full explanation of the burning question of Ruhr credits will be issued this week." It was also stated that "the Government will emphasize the absolute necessity of indemnifying the industrialists in accordance with previous Governmental promises, especially for burdens imposed on the industrialists by the 'Micum' agreements. The Government will also stress the point that the Governmental decision to grant Ruhr credits dates back to 1923 and that those now denouncing them have been fully aware all along of the Governmental course adopted, yet have not protested until now." The publication of the official explanation was not forthcoming at mid-week, as had been expected, and at that time it was said to have been postponed until yesterday or today. The cable advices received up to the time of going to press did not contain an outline of the document.

Otto Braun, who was re-elected Premier of Prussia only on Jan. 30, resigned again on Feb. 2. It was explained in a Berlin Associated Press dispatch that he took the step the second time "as a consequence of his inability to construct a workable Coalition Government." It was added that "the Diet will now have to elect a new Premier, and, unless a candidate is available who is assured of a majority support in Parliament, the legislative body will be dissolved." In explaining the situation in greater detail, the

Associated Press correspondent said: "Herr Braun resigned the Premiership after having failed to receive assurance of neutrality from the German People's Party, without which the present Coalition Government, comprising Socialists, Clericals and Democrats, would fail to command the necessary majority in the Diet. The re-election of Herr Braun last week by a majority of only a few votes was generally received as an indication of a desire by the other parties included in the present coalition to retain the good-will of the Socialists in the crisis, and unless a candidate for the Premiership is now forthcoming from the ranks of one of the bourgeois parties who would succeed in neutralizing the present hostile attitude of the German People's Party the only alternative suggested in the deadlock is dissolution of the Diet. While the active elimination of the Socialists from all participation in the Prussian Government is the obvious aim of the reactionary parties, a straight bourgeois Government is viewed as impossible of realization, owing to the determined attitude of both the Democrats and the Clericals. Therefore it is not unlikely that the crisis will terminate in a compromise similar to that effected in the national Government, which resulted in Chancellor Luther's partial non-partisan Ministry."

According to a special Berlin cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune" Thursday evening, "it was believed probable that the Diet, on reconvening Tuesday, would choose Herr Horion, Centrist, as Braun's successor. Horion would try to form a minority Cabinet of Centrists and Democrats, which would depend on the benevolent neutrality of the Socialist and People's parties for existence." It was added that "indications are that the Prussian crisis, like the recent Reich confusion, will be solved by a makeshift Ministry. Braun is likely to be elected President of the Diet."

Soviet leaders, according to Moscow cable dispatches, expect that their Government will be recognized by the United States during the present year. In an Associated Press cablegram from Moscow, the Soviet capital, on Feb. 3, it was claimed that "Soviet Russia is daily becoming more sanguine of American recognition and Bolshevik officials seldom lose an opportunity to tell the people the United States will be forced to re-establish relations with Russia before the end of the present year." The correspondent also reported that, "addressing a large gathering of Kharkov Communists yesterday, Christian Rakovsky, Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London, who is on a special speaking tour, said: 'I am audacious enough to prophesy that the United States will recognize us this year, not because I have received information from private sources, but because the prevailing international situation, brought about by the recognition of Soviet Russia by France, Japan, Italy and other countries, will compel America to recognize us, too. Acceptance by Europe of the Dawes plan means that the United States will play an increasingly large part in international affairs. It means indirectly that the United States will be obliged finally to recognize Soviet Russia.'"

The treaty recently entered into between Soviet Russia and Japan has caused widespread comment in Europe, and has not been overlooked by Americans who give attention to foreign affairs. On Feb. 1 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled

that "Japan's treaty with Soviet Russia has become since Premier Herriot's warning last week of the possibility of danger to Europe from Asia the subject of much comment in the French press. Whatever it may entail, the treaty gives Japan two very solid advantages in fishing rights at Sakhalian and an assured oil supply. With food and fuel thus obtained the country has achieved an independence which is very considerable, and that fact alone is sufficient to give the greatest importance to the treaty." He added that "one of the many points of a more technical character in the treaty which absorb French interest is the reported agreement by Japan not to engage in any hostile combination against Russia. Japan is one of the original members of the League of Nations, and as such is bound by the articles of the Covenant to take part with other nations in the coercion of Russia should she engage in any act of aggression against other members of the League, as for instance the Baltic States or Poland. But by this treaty the Japanese Government seems to have accepted an entirely contradictory engagement. From Japanese sources it is explained that the undertaking in respect to Russia's freedom of action is not as has been represented in Moscow and is merely a guarantee that neither country will engage in any future secret treaty directed against the other's interests. This explanation would make Japan's position under the Covenant perfectly correct, but it is worth remark that already within a few days of signature the Moscow version of the engagement is entirely different from that of the other signatory."

Evidently all who have to do with the finances of the French Government realize the dangers attending the tremendous increase in paper currency circulation since the beginning of the war. Governor Robineau of the Bank of France called special attention to this matter at the recent annual meeting of stockholders, at which, according to a Paris dispatch, "owing to the present interest attached to French finances, there was the largest attendance in the history of the bank." The accounts stated that "Governor Robineau admitted that the paper currency in circulation at the end of 1924 was nearly 41 billion francs, compared with 38 billions at the end of 1923. He said this was causing the bank considerable anxiety, but that all possible technical measures were being taken to combat inflation." He added that "among the technical measures taken by the bank to fight inflation was the raising of the discount rate from 6 to 7% and the wide encouragement given to the use of the check system." As a logical reason for the increase in the circulation, Governor Robineau suggested that "the general development of production and business provoked, as was inevitable, additional needs for paper currency, all the more important because the level of internal prices for necessary commodities had greatly risen under the pressure of the depreciation of the franc and foreign exchange."

Ambassador Frank B. Kellogg, at a farewell dinner given in his honor by the Pilgrims' Club in London on the evening of Jan. 30, "praised the accomplishments of the Washington Arms Conference and said he believed that other such conferences would follow, and that in time 'the world's great standing armies will be reduced and competitive armament will cease.'" Mr. Kellogg was also quoted as assert-

ing that "the peace of the world is not going to be kept by great standing armies or vast navies fostered by competition between nations." Continuing, he said: "I believe, sir, that the greatest step toward peace must be taken by removing the causes of war, racial hatreds and national jealousies. There must be a more enlightened spirit and the education of the people to the view that there is a better way to settle differences than by war. The records of history for two thousand years admonish us that mere armed alliances and treaties will not maintain peace." The retiring Ambassador is looking for the return of a free gold market in England. On this subject he was quoted as follows: "I look forward with hope to the day when there will be a free gold market in England and in all Europe. I remember talking with a distinguished banker in London within the last three months, and he said, 'Your country has most of the gold in the world. What are you going to do about it?' My answer was 'Bring the pound sterling to a gold basis and restore the currencies of Europe, and the gold question will settle itself.'" Referring to Germany, he said that there must be "a rehabilitated Germany and safety and security for the other countries. There must be born a spirit that will make for peace, and that will permit these peoples to work out their destiny and their future, secure and unafraid." Commenting upon the various international conferences that were held last year and to the adoption of the Dawes plan, he said: "I believe these events of the last year are evidence of the growing sentiment that more good can come to the world by fair and honorable adjustments and concessions, by recognizing the rights and aspirations of all people, than by the dominating power of arms, or the strength and vastness of empire." Winston Churchill, who proposed the toast to the retiring Ambassador, suggested that as the latter is soon to become Secretary of State, "what he thinks of us is more important than what we think of him. I hope, first of all, that Mr. Kellogg will tell his fellow citizens that the British people are people of a true democracy—that any Government of this country rests on popular will." The dinner was attended by "the Prince of Wales, Winston Churchill, the Earl of Balfour, several Cabinet officers, the Ambassadors of Belgium, Italy and France, and scores of men prominent in the civic, commercial and military life of Great Britain."

The British Cabinet, at its meeting on Feb. 2 considered "the terms of the proposed memorandum outlining the British ideas on France's payment of her war debt." Two days later the London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled that "the British note to France on the debt question will be forwarded possibly by the end of the week. The note has received the approbation of the Cabinet, except on matters of detail. If, when it is sent, it is substantially in the form of its present draft, it will not contain definite figures, but after a re-statement of the British views on inter-Allied debts generally, it will invite offers from France." In outlining further the communication as he understood it, the correspondent said that "the Cabinet had abandoned its position that any deficiencies in German payments to this country should be made up by France and Italy. The present note, in reaffirming that Great Britain seeks from all her debtors an amount sufficient to cover her liability to the United States, will make it plain that this country is prepared to

take risks on German default under the Dawes program, and that French and Italian payments may be calculated as definite sums." Going into considerable detail, he explained that "the Treasury does not look favorably upon calculations seeking to establish 'the present value' of the debt total, but is confining its requests simply to demand for annuities from all British debtors sufficient to pay the United States. This country pays under the funding agreement approximately £35,000,000 annually. If the Dawes plan were in full operation the British share would amount to £20,000,000 annually, exclusive of prior charges, which would reduce it somewhat. This, for a theoretical Dawes year, would leave £15,000,000 for France and Italy to pay each year. As France owes Great Britain £623,000,000 and Italy owes £553,000,000, their shares in this £15,000,000 would be in proportion of six to five. This would make France's annual liability to Britain £8,000,000 and Italy's £7,000,000. Payments more or less closely approximating these amounts are contemplated by the British Treasury. The Cabinet, however, has proved adamant on the French counter-suggestion that their debt should rise and fall in direct proportion to the German payments. 'Each debt will be treated as a separate transaction,' is the slogan under which the British are working."

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, and 4% in London, Holland and Switzerland. The open market discount rates in London were slightly easier and short bills finished at 3⅝@3 11-16%, against 3 13-16%, while three months' bills went down to 3¾@3 13-16%, against 3 13-16@3⅞% last week. Money on call at the British centre was likewise reduced, closing at 2⅜%, as compared with 3⅝% a week ago. At Paris and Switzerland open market discounts remained at 6¼@2¾%, respectively, the same as heretofore.

A small gain in gold of £3,591 was reported by the Bank of England in its statement for the week ending Feb. 4, which brings total gold reserves to £128,573,186, as compared with £128,081,178 last year and £127,490,819 in 1923. Reserve, however, declined £1,005,000 as a result of an increase in note circulation of £1,008,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities fell sharply—to 15.66%, as against 18.30% a week ago. At this time a year ago the ratio stood at 18¼% and in 1923 at 20⅞%. Striking changes were shown in all of the deposit items, mainly in consequence of the strain of meeting Feb. 1 disbursements. Public deposits declined £11,502,000, but "other" deposits expanded no less than £27,642,000. The bank's temporary loans to the Government increased £17,466,000, although loans on other securities fell £303,000. Reserve now stands at £22,856,000, as against £21,950,308 in 1924 and £24,459,719 a year earlier. Loans total £73,687,000. This compares with £69,328,478 last year and £65,812,176 in 1923, while note circulation aggregates £125,465,000, against £125,880,870 and £121,481,100 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £883,669,000, as against £766,102,000 a week ago and £880,742,000 last year. The 4% minimum discount rate remains unchanged. We append herewith comparisons of the several

items of the Bank of England statement for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1925. Feb. 4.	1924. Feb. 6.	1923. Feb. 7.	1922. Feb. 8.	1921. Feb. 9.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	125,465,000	125,880,870	121,481,100	122,666,755	123,989,545
Public deposits.....	11,048,000	15,801,191	17,895,285	14,721,329	20,176,592
Other deposits.....	134,914,000	104,197,950	130,344,618	154,413,877	106,331,532
Government securities.....	67,503,000	46,797,032	49,067,299	82,223,688	50,202,016
Other securities.....	73,687,000	69,328,478	65,812,176	80,425,481	76,588,152
Reserve notes & coin.....	22,856,000	21,950,308	24,459,719	24,531,605	17,743,539
Coin and bullion.....	128,573,186	128,081,178	127,490,819	128,784,360	128,283,084
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	15.66%	18½%	20½%	14½%	14%
Bank rate.....	4%	4%	3%	5%	7%

According to the weekly statement of the Bank of France an expansion of 342,815,000 francs occurred in note circulation during the week. The total outstanding is thus brought up to 40,858,675,000 francs, or very close to the record high figure of 40,885,178,000 francs reached on Jan. 2. The amount contrasts with 39,174,101,660 francs at this time last year and with 37,409,365,890 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 register small gains, the increase this week being 47,725 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,545,597,675 francs, comparing with 5,540,976,009 francs at the corresponding date last year and with 5,535,580,984 francs the year before; of these 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, silver increased 229,000 francs, bills discounted expanded 395,459,000 francs and general deposits rose 40,590,000 francs. Advances, on the other hand, fell off 11,867,000 francs, while Treasury deposits were reduced 36,902,000 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.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of—		
		Feb. 6 1925. Francs.	Feb. 7 1924. Francs.	Feb. 8 1923. Francs.
In France.....Inc.	47,725	3,681,276,768	3,676,655,102	3,671,236,057
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,344,927
Total.....Inc.	47,725	5,545,597,675	5,540,976,009	5,535,580,984
Silver.....Inc.	229,000	304,787,000	297,152,091	290,323,861
Bills discounted.....Inc.	395,459,000	6,301,187,000	3,603,552,019	1,258,689,015
Advances.....Dec.	11,867,000	2,937,905,000	2,474,981,140	2,134,375,447
Note circulation.....Inc.	342,815,000	40,858,675,000	39,174,101,660	37,409,365,890
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	36,902,000	9,284,000	14,880,507	57,537,239
General deposits.....Inc.	40,590,000	2,006,475,000	2,446,086,027	2,292,046,546

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of Jan. 31, reported an expansion in note circulation of 351,240,000 marks. This brings the total outstanding up to 1,901,255,000 marks. Other maturing obligations declined 243,450,000 marks; loans from Rentenbank decreased 30,832,000 marks, and other liabilities 78,174,000 marks. On the assets side holdings of bills of exchange and checks were heavily increased, viz. 163,021,000 marks, while large reductions were shown in "other assets," 240,971,000 marks. Gold and bullion gained 21,105,000 marks and reserve in foreign currencies 7,036,000 marks. In advances there was an addition of 74,353,000 marks and in investments of 105,000 marks. Silver and other coins fell 1,948,000 marks, and notes on other banks decreased 23,917,000 marks. As a result of additions during recent weeks, the bank's stock of gold now stands at 834,231,000 marks, which compares with 467,031,000 marks last year and 1,004,832,000 marks in 1923. The above figures are given in gold marks, each gold mark being the equivalent of one trillion paper marks.

Considerable losses in gold and further additions to the volume of rediscounting were the features of the Federal Reserve Banks' statements, issued late on Thursday afternoon. For the System as a whole gold holdings fell off \$18,500,000, while rediscounts of Government secured paper expanded \$42,400,000 and "other" bills \$6,200,000. Consequently, total bills discounted mounted \$48,600,000, to \$322,367,000, which compares with \$487,296,000 a year ago. Holdings of bills purchased in the open market showed only a minor change, but earning assets were materially larger—\$43,600,000. An increase of \$6,000,000 was reported in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation and of \$2,300,000 in deposits. At New York the report followed along parallel lines. Gold fell \$31,700,000. Rediscounting of all classes of paper increased \$48,700,000. The amount of the bill holdings for the first time in a long period exceeds the amount held in the corresponding week of 1924—\$133,246,000, comparing with \$108,234,000. Open market purchases changed only slightly from last week. Total earning assets were expanded \$47,700,000 and deposits \$1,600,000. Both locally and nationally, member bank Reserve accounts increased—\$11,700,000 and \$22,000,000, respectively. Falling off in gold reserves brought about a lowering in the ratio of reserve, which in the combined report dropped .6%, to 77.4%, and at New York no less than 3.4%, to 76.4%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed declines in both loans and deposits, accompanied by a substantial addition to surplus reserve. In detail, loans and discounts were reduced \$29,515,000. Net demand deposits declined \$41,938,000, to \$4,662,675,000, which total is exclusive of \$18,111,000 in Government deposits. Time deposits fell to \$591,472,000, a loss for the week of \$14,130,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank fell \$1,827,000, to \$46,084,000, but this is not counted as reserve. Reserve of State banks and trust companies in own vaults declined \$295,000, but reserves of these institutions kept in other depositories increased \$210,000. There was an increase in the reserve of member banks with the Reserve Bank of \$4,602,000; and this in combination with shrinkage of deposits was the means of bringing about a gain in surplus reserve of \$10,417,760, to \$52,029,100, as compared with \$41,611,340, the previous week. The above figures for surplus are based on 13% legal reserves for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in vault amounting to \$46,084,000 held by these member institutions on Saturday last.

The calling of loans was reported on Thursday, but that the money market was decidedly easy was shown by the single fact that the only quotation for call loans in the local market that day was 3%. Earlier in the week the rate had been 3½%, and this figure was regarded as perfectly normal also. Yesterday afternoon there was an advance to 4%, following a renewal rate of 3%. There has been no real change in the time money market. It continued easy and quiet. As transactions in stocks on the New York Stock Exchange increased considerably as the week progressed, exceeding 2,000,000 shares on Thursday, it was natural to assume that brokers' loans were increasing also. No

trustworthy information was obtainable on this point. The offerings of new securities were larger, as were the dealings in bonds on the Stock Exchange. It was reported that the floating of foreign loans soon, totaling \$100,000,000, was being considered. The offerings of foreign securities in this market since Jan. 1 already exceeds \$150,000,000. It is gratifying to note in passing that the Wabash, a recently reorganized railroad, was able to sell a block of 5½% bonds under its new refunding mortgage at 96. Many of the railroads are able to finance on the most satisfactory terms in years. The demand for funds from the other customary sources appears to remain largely unchanged. As has been true for some months, there are no specific indications of important changes in the money market in this country in the near future.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week ranged between 3 and 4%. Last week the range was 3@4½%. Monday and Tuesday 3½% was the only figure named and the level at which renewals were made on both days. Wednesday the ruling rate was still 3½%, the high for the day, but before the close a low rate of 3% was recorded. Increased ease prevailed on Thursday and all loans on call were put through at 3%. Loans again renewed at 3% on Friday, and this was the low; but a small flurry in the late dealings carried the rate up to 4% for a time. In time money very little change is noted. The undertone has been steady on dull, narrow trading. For the shorter maturities quotations continue at 3½% for sixty days and 3½@3¾% for ninety days. Four and five months were quoted at 3¾%, against 3¾@4%, with six months at 3¾@4% the same as a week ago. The former differential between all-industrial money and regular mixed lateral is no longer observed.

Commercial paper was in active demand, chiefly from out-of-town banks, but trading was restricted by shortage in the supply of prime names. Four to six months' names of choice character remain at 3½@3¾% with 3¾@4% asked for names not so well known. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at 3½%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have been only moderately active. Banks, both local and out-of-town, as well as individual investors, have been in the market as buyers, but as the demand has been in excess of the supply the aggregate turnover has not been large. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council has been lowered to 2¾%, against 3% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running 30, 60 and 90 days, 3⅜% bid and 3¼% asked for bills running 120 days, and 3⅝% bid and 3½% 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.....	3¼@3	3¼@3	3@2¼
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.		
Eligible member banks.....	3 bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¼ 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
FEBRUARY 6 1925.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.			After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months.	
	Com'rcial Agric'l & Livestock Paper n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul.* 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.

There was very little in the way of important news developments to mark trading in sterling exchange this week, and the market was thin and irregular with a continued trend toward lower levels; albeit price changes were again confined to fractions. In the initial dealings light offerings of commercial bills helped to maintain rates and demand opened and ruled for a while at a trifle above 4 79. Subsequently, selling pressure developed that drove prices down to 4 77⅜. Lack of interest on the part of buyers was in some measure responsible for the recessions; also liquidation of long accounts. The selling was attributed almost wholly to the movement of gold to Australia, which is necessitating sales of sterling against gold purchases. As a matter of fact the marked dullness in the sterling market is thought to be directly traceable to the huge shipments of the precious metal to both Australia and India, since exchange transactions arising from the shipments are being arranged through London. Ultimately, the effect of this movement on sterling will be practically nil for the reason that the purchases and sales will offset each other, but the point is raised that this buying and selling may not take place simultaneously; hence no surprise will be felt should sterling experience more or less sharp fluctuations, either up or down. With the huge volume of foreign loans now being negotiated or in prospect, extensive reaction downward is not regarded as a probability, however, and the undertone of the market remains optimistic in the main. Some operators are holding aloof to await the return of Great Britain to sterling parity, but confidence appears to be increasing that this step cannot be far off. Many financiers are of the opinion that the recent visit of Governor Norman to the United States has done a great deal to cement closer the relations between the two countries. A feature of an otherwise dull week was the announcement that Japan intends to ship gold here for exchange stabilization purposes.

As regards the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was slightly higher, although the volume of transactions was light; demand ranged between 4 79¼@4 79⅝, cable transfers at 4 79⅞ and sixty days at 4 76¾@4 77⅞. Monday's market was reactionary in tone and rates declined to 4 78⅝@4 79½ for demand, to 4 78⅞@4 79¾ for cable transfers, and to 4 76⅞@4 77 for sixty days; offerings were freer but trading continued dull. Irregular weakness prevailed on Tuesday and demand bills declined to 4 78¼@4 79 1-16, cable transfers to 4 78½@4 79 5-16 and sixty days to 4 75¼@4 76 11-16; no increase in activity was noted. On

Wednesday the undertone was firm but fluctuations very narrow on light trading; the range was 4 78 7-16 @ 4 78 15-16 for demand, 4 78 11-16 @ 4 79 3-16 for cable transfers and 4 75 15-16 @ 4 76 7-16 for sixty days. Dulness featured Thursday's dealings and demand bills receded slightly to 4 78³/₈ @ 4 78³/₄; the range for cable transfers was 4 78⁵/₈ @ 4 79 and for sixty days 4 75⁷/₈ @ 4 76¹/₄. Friday the undertone was irregular and weak with a further small decline to 4 77³/₈ @ 4 78¹/₂ for demand, to 4 77⁵/₈ @ 4 78³/₄ for cable transfers and to 4 74⁷/₈ @ 4 76 for sixty days. Closing quotations were 4 75 for sixty days, 4 77¹/₂ for demand and 4 77³/₄ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 77³/₈, sixty days at 4 73¹/₄, ninety days at 4 73¹/₄, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 73¹/₂ and seven-day grain bills at 4 76⁷/₈. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 77³/₈.

Gold exports were again large, consisting mainly of shipments to India, as follows: Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., \$4,700,000 for Europe and the Far East; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$3,000,000; Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, \$1,905,000; Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, \$1,000,000, and the International Banking Corporation, \$500,000, all for India. J. P. Morgan & Co. announced two shipments of \$2,500,000 gold each to Germany for account of the Reichsbank, making a total of \$42,250,000 shipped to Germany to date. It is understood that an import movement of substantial proportions is impending from Japan and that shortly the Japanese Government will send \$5,000,000 to stabilize yen exchange. Yesterday's engagements also included \$1,000,000 by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. for Holland, \$1,000,000 to India by the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, \$1,000,000 by the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., the destination not being announced.

Trading in Continental exchange was only intermittently active and price variations were narrow and meaningless, for the most part. French francs were adversely affected by increased estimates of the amount of wheat France must buy before the next harvest and there was a decline of about 5 points to 5.37. Later dispatches, intimating as an offset that the French sugar crop was large enough to meet all domestic requirements during the current year, had a reassuring effect, and quotations rallied to 5.41, but closed at 5.37¹/₄. Belgian francs showed the effects of realizing sales and the quotation, after opening at 5.19¹/₂, receded to 5.17, ruling alternately between 5.16 and 5.15 for the rest of the week, and finished at 5.13. Italian lire were dealt in to a limited extent and quotations hovered around 4.17 and 4.15. Much of the week dealers displayed virtually no interest even in the leading European exchanges and the market appeared to be marking time pending some new lead. German and Austrian exchange remain dormant at nominal figures. Greek drachmae reflected the alarm felt over the possibility of a new crisis as a result of the expulsion of the Greek Patriarch by Turkey. The incident is believed to contain elements of grave danger and Greek currency broke to 1.62, a loss of nearly 11 points. The minor Central European exchanges were quiet and slightly easier, especially Czechoslovakian crowns, which lost more than 2 points. Some interest was displayed in an announcement that Austria had begun to transfer its currency system from a paper krone to a gold shilling basis, the shilling to be worth 10,000 paper

krone at the current fixed rate. It is thought that actual replacement may be completed about May 1.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 88.80, which compares with 88.60 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5.37¹/₄, against 5.41¹/₂; cable transfers at 5.38¹/₄, against 5.42¹/₄; commercial sight at 5.36¹/₄, against 5.40¹/₄, and sixty days at 5.31, against 5.35 last week. Final quotations on Antwerp francs were 5.13 for checks and 5.14 for cable transfers, in comparison with 5.15¹/₂ and 5.16¹/₂ the week preceding. Reichsmarks closed at 23.81 for both checks and cable transfers, the same as last week. Austrian krone have not been changed from 0.0014¹/₈. Lire finished at 4.14 for bankers' sight bills and at 4.15 for cable transfers. Last week the close was at 4.15¹/₂ and 4.16¹/₂. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.95⁵/₈, against 2.97⁵/₈; on Bucharest at 0.51⁷/₈, against 0.52¹/₈; on Poland at 19¹/₄ (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.53 the previous week. Greek exchange finished at 1.62 for checks and at 1.62¹/₂ for cable transfers, as compared with 1.72¹/₂ and 1.73 a week earlier.

Trading in the neutral exchanges, formerly so-called, was also dull and rates all but motionless. With the exception of Spanish pesetas, which were steady, declines were noted in guilders, francs and the Scandinavian currencies. Danish kronen were firmly held throughout, showing a range of only 1 point up to yesterday, when there was a decline of 7 points. No specific reason was assigned for the stability in Spanish rates other than that the problem of exchange stability is receiving serious attention by the Madrid Government. Financial affairs, notwithstanding recent reforms, are still far from satisfactory, and the Moroccan campaign just ended, is still an item of expense. The Government in Spain has run at a deficit every year since the beginning of the World War. In the later dealings weakness set in and there was a decline of 4 points.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 40.22, against 40.28; cable transfers at 40.26, against 40.32; commercial sight at 40.16, against 40.22, and commercial sixty days at 39.80, against 39.86 last week. Closing rates on Swiss francs were 19.28¹/₂ for bankers' sight bills and 19.29¹/₂ for cable remittances, which compares with 19.30 and 19.31 a week ago. Copenhagen checks finished at 17.75¹/₂ and cable transfers at 17.29¹/₂, against 17.83 and 17.87. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.91 and cable transfers at 26.95, against 26.91¹/₂ and 26.95¹/₂, while checks on Norway finished at 15.24 and cable transfers at 15.28, against 15.26¹/₂ and 15.30¹/₂ last week. Spanish pesetas closed the week at 14.28 for checks and at 14.30 for cable transfers. This compares with 14.32 and 14.34 a week ago.

As to South American exchange very little real change has taken place, although the trend was appreciably lower and Argentine checks closed at 40.03 and cable transfers at 40.08, against 40.14 and 40.19, while Brazilian milreis finished at 11.39 for checks and 11.44 for cable transfers, as compared with 11.68 and 11.73 the week before. Chilean exchange continued to lose ground and declined to 10.88, but rallied and closed at 11.03, against 11.00 last week. Peru, on the other hand, was firm throughout, closing at 4 21, against 4 12 last week.

In Far Eastern exchange a feature of the week was increased strength in rupees coincident with the heavy

influx of gold into India. The Chinese currencies were not affected by gyrations in silver. Japanese yen improved slightly on announcement that the Japanese Government intends to ship gold to New York for the purpose of stabilizing exchange. Buying developed, though it was attributed more to covering of shorts than to official operations. It has been expected for some time that a movement along these lines would be attempted. Bankers here, however, doubt whether yen quotations can be much advanced, since Japan's trade position is an unfavorable one. Closing rates were as follows: Hong Kong, 55.78@56 1/8, against 56 1/8@56 3/4; Shanghai, 75 7/8@76 7/8, against 76@77; Yokohama, 38 3/4@39, against 38 1/2@39; Manila, 49 3/4@50 (unchanged); Singapore, 56 1/4@56 1/2 (unchanged); Bombay, 36 1/4@36 1/2 (unchanged), and Calcutta, 36 1/2@36 3/4 (unchanged).

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JAN. 31 1925 TO FEB. 6 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 4.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 6.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0520	.0518	.0516	.0517	.0516	.0513
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007338	.007344	.007329	.007313	.007338	.007320
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029735	.029704	.029564	.029547	.029558	.029531
Denmark, krone.....	.1786	.1787	.1786	.1786	.1785	.1781
England, pound ster-						
ling.....	4.7974	4.7933	4.7910	4.7872	4.78883	4.7811
Finland, marka.....	.025212	.025198	.025203	.025197	.025195	.025200
France, franc.....	.0543	.0541	.0541	.0541	.0541	.0538
Germany, reichsmark*	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380
Greece, drachma.....	.017048	.016954	.016890	.016830	.016436	.016248]
Holland, guilder.....	.4031	.4031	.4029	.4029	.4029	.4027
Hungary, krone.....	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014
Italy, lira.....	.0418	.0416	.0416	.0416	.0416	.0415
Norway, krone.....	.1531	.1531	.1531	.1530	.1530	.1528
Poland, zloty.....	.1918	.1917	.1918	.1918	.1920	.1919
Portugal, escudo.....	.0489	.0485	.0486	.0488	.0492	.0490
Rumania, leu.....	.005197	.005180	.005177	.005179	.005173	.005170
Spain, peseta.....	.1432	.1431	.1431	.1431	.1431	.1430
Sweden, krona.....	.2695	.2695	.2695	.2695	.2695	.2694
Switzerland, franc.....	.1931	.1930	.1930	.1930	.1930	.1929
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.016311	.016270	.016254	.016186	.016189	.016134
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael.....	.7796	.7796	.7788	.7763	.7779	.7771
Hankow, tael.....	.7788	.7784	.7778	.7753	.7766	.7759
Shanghai, tael.....	.7588	.7563	.7563	.7545	.7550	.7550
Tientsin, tael.....	.7896	.7896	.7888	.7867	.7879	.7904
Hong Kong, dollar.....	.5573	.5579	.5570	.5554	.5554	.5548
Mexican, dollar.....	.5581	.5567	.5560	.5554	.5565	.5539
Tientsin or Peiyang, dollar.....	.5613	.5583	.5588	.5558	.5567	.5571
Yuan, dollar.....	.5713	.5679	.5675	.5683	.5675	.5675
India, rupee.....	.3585	.3583	.3582	.3582	.3586	.3584
Japan, yen.....	.3851	.3852	.3854	.3859	.3861	.3881
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5546	.5546	.5550	.5550	.5546	.5546
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	.999118	.999189	.999017	.999108	.998869	.998200
Cuba, peso.....	.999777	.999799	.999866	1.000188	.000281	1.000281
Mexico, peso.....	.489833	.489750	.490083	.489750	.489917	.490333
Newfoundland, dollar	.996438	.996354	.996042	.996250	.996250	.995573
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9136	.9127	.9131	.9120	.9107	.9101
Brazil, milreis.....	.1160	.1163	.1159	.1153	.1147	.1142
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1081	.1080	.1078	.1080	.1085	.1092
Uruguay, peso.....	.9766	.9782	.9779	.9645	.9636	.9692

* The new reichsmark is equivalent to 1 Rentenmark or 1 trillion paper marks

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,252,430 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Feb. 5. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,498,688, while the shipments have reached \$1,246,258, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ending Feb. 5.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$5,498,688	\$1,246,258	Gain \$4,252,430

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. 31.	Monday, Feb. 2.	Tuesday, Feb. 3.	Wednesday, Feb. 4.	Thursday, Feb. 5.	Friday, Feb. 6.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 71,000,000	\$ 88,000,000	\$ 78,000,000	\$ 73,000,000	\$ 72,000,000	\$ 72,000,000	Cr. 454,000,000

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

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

Banks of	Feb. 6 1925.			Feb. 7 1924.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 128,573,186	£ -----	£ 128,573,186	£ 128,081,178	£ -----	£ 128,081,178
France a.....	147,251,071	12,160,000	159,411,071	147,065,243	11,880,000	158,945,243
Germany c.....	31,779,500	d994,600	32,774,100	28,391,150	3,475,400	31,866,550
Aus.-Hun.....	b2,000,000	b-----	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b-----	b2,000,000
Spain.....	101,435,000	26,293,000	127,728,000	101,106,000	26,186,000	127,292,000
Italy.....	35,583,000	3,374,000	38,957,000	35,551,000	3,415,000	38,966,000
Netherl'ds.....	42,043,000	1,175,000	43,218,000	48,479,000	730,000	49,209,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,890,000	2,966,000	13,856,000	10,819,000	3,079,000	13,898,000
Switzerl'd.....	20,227,000	3,579,000	23,806,000	21,479,000	3,544,000	25,023,000
Sweden.....	13,057,000	-----	13,057,000	15,094,000	-----	15,094,000
Denmark.....	11,640,000	1,154,000	12,794,000	11,643,000	353,000	11,996,000
Norway.....	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,182,000	-----	8,182,000
Total week.....	552,658,757	51,695,600	604,354,357	557,890,571	52,662,400	610,552,971
Prev. week.....	551,596,007	51,557,600	603,153,607	557,891,329	52,485,400	610,376,729

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 £11,531,600 held abroad. d As of Oct. 7 1924.

An Economic World Conference—Trade Barriers to Be Overcome.

One can only wonder what a world conference on economics would not talk about. Yet Senator Borah is right in contending the elements in perpetual peace contain much more than mere disarmament. That is the immediate, necessary, and possible step. And the President is right in his alleged position that an economic world conference at this time would be so broad in its nature as to become inconclusive if not inoperative. But when gradual disarmament is agreed upon, a conference might, and indeed should, be called, to consider the world's economic relations out of which contest and conflict arise. So comprehensive are the questions involved in the world's economics that they stagger the reason while they thrill the imagination. Here is the human race composed of peoples; mankind, we may say, composed of special strains or races, of varying degrees of advancement, of unequal numbers, gathered together under varying and often opposing forms of government; white, black, brown and yellow men, savage, civilized and half-civilized, all, under the best judgment of the best of them, entitled to continuous existence on the planet; and this composed of territories or stretches of land, joined by oceans and threaded by rivers, that are variously productive, naturally divided into zones, torrid, temperate and frigid, affording, under any circumstances of life, an unequal physical sustenance; and, in all, population increasing by no controlled relation to the possibilities of necessary or equal subsistence. What a colossal task to harmonize human effort with the nature of environment!

Of course, man will come into such a conference in organized societies by means of Governmental representation. Of course, the strong, the civilized, will feel the responsibility of caring for the rights and interests of the uncivilized or weak. And of course, since life and sustenance are necessary to all, the considerations will begin with production, distribution or exchange, and consumption or the uses of things. And perhaps the first difficulty encountered will come with a realization that production, distri-

bution and consumption are not consonant with the powers of territorial government that now obtain, that they are beyond the control of races or Governments. But beginning, as such a conference must, with things as they are, we may expect that the first question to be considered will be distribution—distribution of products and populations. How may these be brought into harmony so that no race or people will be compelled through the natural increase of population to fight for existence? And coming now to these specialized aspects of this tremendous problem, we are not without light from the thought of the world. A conference, then, beginning in things as they are, compelled to recognize the nature of things, must find that one of the important first considerations is an economic law already evolved which declares that "the increase in population is against the weight of subsistence." In other words, the natural increase in numbers is not in a parallel ratio to man's power, through thought and toil, to make the earth afford adequate sustenance. Not a burning question at this period of time, but an inevitable one in any *understanding* of and for future peace. What will he do about it; what can he do? For beyond our present attempts through immigration and emigration laws to control the temporary distribution of the population of the globe, this question looms before any world economic conference.

And already it lies behind and pushes itself into any efforts to harmonize the present current commerce of the world. But since the conference will deal with the world as it finds it, production, distribution and consumption will first come into relation to Governments in two ways, first as partially controlled *by* Governments, and second as independent in their fundamentals and essentials of all Governments. All civics is builded upon economics. A hundred interlocking relations between the two exist. But man at work precedes man at law. And contradictorily man must have the protection of law that he may work. And it will soon appear, as the attempt is made to declare the proper relations of men and peoples who toil that they may live, that this "protection" is the chief end of law and government since neither produces a single man or a single acre. And the flow of trade is now and ever has been independent of both in its *essential* nature. Exchange is of products and by persons. Migration and trade are inextricably blended.

Production is not measured primarily by territorial boundaries. At once a conference of Governments will find that at its first step in the consideration of production it is ill adjusted to its task. Valleys, climes and soils of earth control the production of foodstuffs. From these to less favored portions trade must flow in order to bring equal happiness to all. In the same way mining and manufacture are primarily independent of territorial boundaries, or of States. Beyond domestic trade, which each Government may foster for its own benefit but cannot control, exchange is of resources naturally possessed for others not possessed. Racial genius applied to the exploitation of natural resources is an important factor in the advance of particular peoples. This, Governments nor laws can generate, or control save by obvious forms of interference. Immediately it is seen that trade not only flows, but overflows national bounds, and spreads life and contentment throughout the earth. Prohibited, or unduly fostered in one

portion of earth, in one valley or one continent, even one portion of a productive zone named a State, it strains at the leash to be away on its mission of goodwill and mutual benefit, and failing in its natural power to aid both parties to the exchange, it engenders in the human mind of peoples a condition of distrust, selfishness, rivalry, opposition, hate and conflict, all the seeds of wars. The first great principle to be enunciated by an economic conference is the natural and essential *independence of world trade* from the restrictions of Governments. Stated in the terms of a familiar declaration, the principle would read: "Trade is and of right ought to be free and independent!"

Curious anomalies, contradictions and opposing conditions appear at this point. States exist unrelated to productive areas. Each of them, if we may use the phrase, conscious of the overwhelming importance of trade to the common welfare of its citizens or subjects, seeks to foster and control trade in its own interest. Here appear the tariff laws that seek to protect those inside imaginary boundary lines from those outside. All want to sell in high markets and buy in low. A theory is tenaciously held that building a tariff wall will force the development of internal resources. If so, and if this were the only means of encouraging the development of natural resources at home, it inevitably prevents their flow or spread abroad. Tariffs are the pet laws of all the trading peoples, with a few exceptions. Inherently they are against the free flow of products, agriculture or manufacture. We now witness arbitrarily formed States having no original relation to production attempting the role of controlling the free flow of products and articles according to the natural law of supply and demand. Economists and philosophers tell us this is one of the chief causes of war. As the world stands to-day, men cannot seek the open spaces for work, cannot follow the demands for labor. And that which they produce by initiative, effort and enterprise must pay tribute at the ports and custom houses before these products can exercise their natural power of spreading benefit and help to those who need it. Nor can production and distribution be guided or co-related by an artificial organism with no natural affinity for either. How long will it be before an economic world conference will declare for the dismantling of the custom houses as a second step after the disarmament of the forts?

If it be decided that the breaking down of national boundaries for trade's freedom is essential to the general harmony of human effort and a preventative of war, will this affect the private ownership of property inside the State as it ultimately must affect national appropriation of the unoccupied or sparsely occupied territories outside? And with racial genius free upon a free field to exploit the trade of the world, in so far as property is power, what is to prevent ultimate domination by a single race, or by one people? Though no eye can see this far into the future, at least one effect will follow—so long as *trade* is really a transaction involving *mutual benefit* such domination, if it come, must be *peaceful and beneficent* and in this it is forever unlike that of military force in war. It is essentially a constructive overlordship and not a tyranny of rule by a State formed on military lines of conquest. Trade uplifts, but at the same time levels. All this that we comment upon is upon a material plane. Can any economic conference refuse to include in its considera-

tions that other and mightier factor which informs all effort and electrifies all things—the spiritual emprise of human love which adventures every sea and shore that others more dear than self may live, prosper and enjoy? Life is worship as well as work.

The Return to State Rights—The Child Labor Amendment.

The rejection of the proposed child labor amendment by the Legislatures of more than one-fourth of the States is an event of deep significance. For a number of years an active propaganda in behalf of the Federal regulation of child labor has been in progress, and the appeal to the alleged welfare of the nation's children, always and properly an effective social argument, has been made with persistence and force. When a Federal child labor law, the first fruit of the agitation, was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, a constitutional amendment was framed and carried through Congress, and it is this amendment which the State Legislatures have now rejected in sufficient numbers to insure its defeat. The advocates of the amendment, it is reported, intend to continue the agitation, but it appears to be a settled principle of our constitutional law that the action of a State regarding a proposed amendment, once it has been taken, cannot be changed, and the proposed amendment may accordingly be regarded as dead. In view of the emphatic rejection which the amendment has already encountered, and of the constitutional discussion which the question has aroused, the outlook for a reversal of the decision of the State Legislatures, in case a similar amendment should again be brought forward, cannot be regarded as encouraging.

Two considerations in particular appear to have weighed with the Legislatures which thus far have rejected the proposed amendment. One is the sweeping inclusiveness of the proposition. "The Congress shall have power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age," is the language of the first section of the amendment submitted. It is a matter of common knowledge that the primary reason for the enactment of the Federal child labor law which the Supreme Court set aside, and for the proposed constitutional amendment whose ratification was sought, was a laudable desire to put an end to the employment of children for unduly long hours or under improper conditions in factories or mines, and it is to this phase of the subject that the advocates of the amendment have called particular attention. The language of the amendment, on the other hand, when carefully studied, was at once seen to go far beyond this limited purpose, and to embrace child labor of every kind—labor in offices or shops, labor on the farm, even domestic service—if performed by persons under 18 years of age. Moreover, the amendment was discriminating as well as inclusive. Most of the States, it has been pointed out, do not require school attendance much beyond the fourteenth year, so that under the amendment, had it been adopted, a considerable class of persons who are recognized by State laws as entitled to work for wages would have been removed from the control of the States, and subjected in all respects to Federal authority, merely because they were not yet 18 years of age. Perhaps it is ideally desirable that all young persons, of both sexes, should attend school until they are 18 years old, but it has not been seriously contended that such a requirement is at all likely to

be set up, nor has it been shown, wherein the community would benefit by the part-time idleness, for two, three or four years, of persons who had not attained their eighteenth year.

A second objection, in its larger bearings even more weighty, is the palpable encroachment of the proposed amendment upon the reserved rights of the States. On that subject the public mind is distinctly more sensitive than it has been for a long time, and the marked revival of interest in the rights of the States under the Constitution carries a lesson which may well be pondered.

The Constitution of the United States defined with much care the powers of the Federal Government, and the limitations which the grant of such powers necessarily imposed upon the States. It did not at first, however, make clear the principles upon which the general powers of Government were distributed. So great was the apprehension lest the Federal Government, in the absence of such a statement of principle and of a so-called bill of rights, should encroach upon the domain which the States, without exception, regarded as belonging exclusively to themselves, that the Ninth Amendment, one of the group of ten adopted in 1791, declared that "the enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage other retained by the people," while the Tenth Amendment added the principle that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

It was inevitable that the Federal Government should grow, and that the scope of its authority should expand as the country and its interests became larger and more diversified. It is also true that each State, by agreeing in advance to accept amendments to the Constitution to which three-fourths of the States should agree, waived its right to object to such further limitations of its powers as the amendments might contain. It was never intended, however, that the States should be subjected to systematic encroachment by the Federal Government in domains in which the States were abundantly able to act, or that diversity of policy, which is the right of every State under a Federal Government, should give way to a centralized uniformity disguised as the common good. The right of every State to regulate such of its affairs as do not, from their nature, require to be dealt with in the same way throughout the nation, is of the essence of a Federal system, and to substitute Federal centralization for constitutional State rights is to transform the States from self-governing communities to little more than administrative subdivisions.

Ever since the Civil War, however, the Federal Government has been steadily encroaching, sometimes by constitutional amendments and sometimes by Federal laws, upon the reserved rights of the States. The Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments, the latter brought forward when the former broke down, undertook to force negro suffrage upon the States by prescribing certain voting conditions in State as well as Federal elections. The drastic extension of the Federal taxing power under the income tax amendment is too well known to call for comment, and the extraordinary situation which has been created by the prohibitory amendment is a matter of daily observation. The multiplication of Federal commissions and boards, some of them with vast

inquisitorial powers, has subjected the people and the States to a mass of administrative regulations hardly less imperative than the law itself, all steadily restricting the field in which the States may act, and weakening devotion and respect for the Governments in whose welfare the citizen ought to be vitally concerned.

It is against the further extension of Federal powers at the expense of the States that Governor Ritchie of Maryland, in a number of able addresses, has vigorously protested. The rejection of the child labor amendment is a protest of a larger and more effective kind, because it represents the deliberate conviction of a considerable number of States and not the opinion of an individual. Whether it be individuals or Commonwealths that speak out, however, there can be no doubt that the issue of State rights is again before the country. The incidents are not the same as before the Civil War, when alien and sedition acts, protective tariffs, and nullification were the subjects of debate and protest, but the principle is the same. Wherever the Federal authority supplants State authority in a matter which the State is competent to administer, it weakens respect for law by weakening respect for the State. It substitutes a centralized administration, relatively remote from the people, for a State authority which the people, if they choose, can much more easily control. It tends to enforce an arbitrary uniformity in procedure or detail, irrespective of local or sectional conditions or needs, thereby interfering with the natural operation of economic laws. Because the control of inter-State commerce, for example, is vested exclusively in the Federal Government, it does not follow that the wages of the various classes of railway employees ought to be uniform throughout the country, in face of the obvious differences in the cost of living in different States or sections.

For the main purpose which the child labor amendment sought to attain, namely the abolition of discrimination or injustice in the treatment of child labor, there can be nothing but approval. The matter, however, is one for the States and not for the Federal Government to deal with. It is better that the States, each according to its own enlightened judgment, should regulate the conditions of labor within its borders, than that the United States should be given the power to regulate labor of every kind when performed by persons of a particular age. If the States cannot be trusted to deal with matters coming peculiarly within their province, then the whole theory on which republican institutions rests falls to the ground and popular government becomes a failure. The defeat of the amendment is a step towards the preservation of the Constitution in its integrity, and the country may well be grateful that the amendment has been rejected and the constitutional rights of the States strengthened and emphasized.

Lord Milner's Questions of the Hour.

When a great statesman, wise, experienced, trusted and honored above many, nearly or quite the last of the generation of his compeers, marks his retirement from public life by writing out his views even of a few great problems which are perplexing the nations he is rendering service to all.

Though he could speak with authority on many of the world's chief problems the fact that in the book before us he has confined himself to the economic

relations which underlie so many of them gives his judgment the greater weight.*

We cannot recount his public service, which has been long and varied and always effective and highly valued, nor stop to refer to his personal history. There is nothing of these in his book. We must also pass over his eager discussion of the local politics of England in which as a keenly thoughtful statesman he had always deep interest, being known as a Tory by tradition, but Liberal in his feelings and having many points of contact with Labor. His main interest is in Britain in her position as a great Empire. He deals with her local problems chiefly in their relation to her dependent Empire. The Dominions now that they have become independent States he can leave to be considered after the other lands which as protectorates, colonies and dependencies he groups as "the Dependent Empire," where Britain's responsibilities are chief, and in relation to which she is dealing with questions which press upon all the great nations and concern the world.

England's fundamental position, established through her thousand years of historic development is respect for the individual by the State, coupled with the largest individual freedom possible within the State; and this as leading to the settled policy of maintaining the sea open and free for all nations, and to the establishing of justice, uniform law for all, and industrial and commercial prosperity for such people as are in any way under her control. With her dependent population of 400,000,000 spread over a large portion of the globe, she faces sorrowful failure in some directions, but on the whole her achievement in giving established peace, just laws and honest administration to multitudes who never before had them is known of all. In single instances Lord Milner recognizes, as in the wonderful development of Morocco by the French under General Lyautey and the Germans in their administration of their section of East Africa, that other nations have accomplished remarkable results. The modern world has unfolded rapidly. Both at home and abroad England has not always acted with the promptness of some other peoples in availing herself of the amazing discoveries which science has placed at the disposal of man for the satisfaction of his material wants. But slowly and surely a new and higher conception of the economic solidarity of the nation has come, which sees it not as a mere multitude of competing individuals, but as a genuine household.

With this in mind our author takes up the economic question. England's policy is to be worked out in connection with that of the Empire. Take for example the passion for economy which swept over England in 1921. Economy as arrest of wasteful expenditure was lost sight of; it was a fever for reducing outlay in every direction, and it was ruthless and destructive. It has run its course and the nation is now striving to undo the evil. A single illustration will suffice. In England after the war the extension of the system of continuation schools was decreed in the Act of 1918, and then was postponed for the sake of economy. Unemployment soon began to assume formidable proportions; the youths who could not get work thronged the streets; as month followed month idle habits led to alarming demoralization, especially in the big industrial centres, till a great outcry arose and spasmodic efforts were made to put

*"The Questions of the Hour," by Viscount Milner. George H. Doran & Co.

the School Bill into effect. That could not be done offhand; and the inevitable waste is still to be estimated in both the actual outlay of money and the thousands of lads who cannot now be reached and are filling the army of the hoodlums and the unemployed. Supervision of Departmental demands is always necessary to secure the minimum of outlay consistent with honest expenditure, but service curtailed or suppressed under pressure for economy may from the national point of view be worth all the money that would be spent for it.

England finds herself required to take this view when it comes to the question of the Empire, and especially of the Dependencies. Revival and maintenance of their economic prosperity are necessary for England no less than for them, though this has by no means been always recognized. A wise policy requires a continued and often increasing expenditure, which is sometimes hard to maintain. Without it keeping the peace and protecting local rights is not sufficient. Lord Milner speaks of this with feeling when, without referring to himself, he writes of such men as Cromer, Chamberlain, Rhodes and Kitchener, whose work while they were doing it was little understood and had little support at home. Illustration of the need of this support is to be seen to-day in the failure to develop the cultivation of cotton in colonies like British Guiana and Honduras, of which there are a number. It is certain that far more than 3% of the world's supply of cotton now furnished by them will be needed, and they are helpless to procure for themselves the railways, engines, tractors, roads and often the irrigation which are indispensable. The great irrigation works already in partial operation in the Eastern Sudan and in the region of the Blue Nile are in recognition of this special need.

England's great problem for years to come will be how to raise an adequate revenue. Individual demands may not be unreasonable, many ought to be met which are costly and for which private enterprise will not suffice. The bulk of the money required for a broad policy must come from the public funds, and various schemes are advocated for securing these. Laying hands on private wealth by direct taxation, however plausibly advocated, quickly becomes confiscation. This soon defeats itself; large fortunes disappear, and whether this is well or not it is fatal as a means of obtaining revenue. Abusing the goose may empty the nest of eggs as effectively as killing her. Let incomes be whittled down, and supertaxes and graduated death taxes will shrink away.

Lord Milner suggests that the State will have to secure income from properties that are its own. Some way should be found for this with due regard for existing rights and without any revolutionary change of policy or attempt at bureaucratic control of business, but by some arrangement of sleeping partnership to give the State a share in the product of industry before it all goes into private pockets, rather than to lay hands on it later. Various methods he passes in swift though sufficiently detailed review. The underlying fact is that the more largely the Government is in the hands of the public and the more widely that public is extended the more numerous will be the demands for State aid. "Democracy," he quietly quotes, "is never a cheap form of government."

The growing strength of the spirit of social justice and the emphasis now given to the rights of the indi-

vidual coupled with hostility to the abusive power of wealth and of the public official, and the desire to have national resources properly guarded and used for the general good give point to the experience of the British and their Dependencies.

So soon as the Dominions were cast upon their own resources in obtaining complete self-government they awoke to the possibilities within their reach. They saw with their own eyes what men at a distance could not see, and they set about creating prosperity and wealth for themselves. It was not long before capital came within their reach. Not only was this well repaid, but Great Britain found that in many ways besides immediate profit on investments the Empire was strengthened by a new sense of solidarity as well as by the realization of growing commercial security. Employment was offered to scientific and highly trained men, as well as to labor. More and new lines, both of goods and of transportation, were required and new demands arose for colonial products. England was getting tin and rubber from Malaya, vegetable oils, seeds and kernels from Nigeria, cocoa from the Gold Coast, tea from Ceylon, gold, gums, sugar, coffee, spices, from other parts, why should not these supplies be increased and shared? Schools of scientific research and instruction, geological, botanical, entomological, and of tropical medicine, attracted new attention and acquired a new value.

To-day it is suggested that under existing conditions the heavy debts resulting from the war may find readiest ultimate settlement by the commercial relations in which, with the growth of the productiveness and business of the Dominions and Colonies, America's purchases in her intercourse with them will have an excess over her sales to them, which will be an item of importance in the account between Great Britain and America, an assistance helpful to us both as the balance of trade is so unequal now when England's importations from the United States are much heavier than her exports.

The security and welfare of Britain is bound up with the maintenance of the co-operative commonwealth of the Empire, and this large-minded statesman sees in this only what makes for good-will and fellowship with all nations, and a support of international justice and universal peace and of the agencies that aim to promote them.

For its significance to us we recall that at the last annual dinner in London of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, at which Lord Milner was Chairman, the burden of the address of his colleague, Lord Grey, was that the future of the world depends upon the British Empire and the United States pulling together. The problems of the future, he said, are not problems of republics or monarchies, but whether free government is to continue and liberty is to be preserved. The danger that threatens in some parts of Europe, if it applies at all, applies equally to us both, and he believes it is to be met by the desire of both countries to have the same kind of world to live in, and by their holding the same ideal of freedom and liberty.

Bringing Governments and Peoples Into Harmony for Peace.

Whenever the time comes round for the annual appropriation for the Navy, there is a war scare. Whence comes this furtive fear it would be hard to say. But it faithfully appears. This time Japan, in substance, is secretly arming, is disregarding the

Pacific Peace Pact. England is building cruisers of various types, though maintaining the agreement not to increase the number of battleships, or so we are informed by mysterious authorities. England already has supremacy, we are told, because of elevation and consequent range of guns. And we are woefully lacking, we are not keeping up to the 5-5-3 ratio agreed upon—a suggestion, by the way, which the Naval committees of the two houses of Congress have taken pains quite recently emphatically to deny. We must elevate our guns on those ships we have, we must build additional ships of some type or other. We must not lag behind in the race. And this is competitive armament!

President Coolidge meets this talk with characteristic common sense. He indicates that competition in armament inevitably leads to war—that so long as the country is sufficiently “protected” we may reasonably fall even a little short of the 5-5-3 ratio without danger to ourselves, and that the proper use of our Navy is as a police power to protect life and property in foreign seas and lands and not as an exhibition of a frowning monster abroad to show our preparedness and power to engage in war. But out of the jungles of fear comes this persistent rumor of war, and Secretary Hughes found it desirable on the news of the appointment of a new Japanese Ambassador to reiterate and emphasize the “cordial relations” existing between the two countries. To top the whole thing a resolution was introduced in the House for the calling of a “conference” of the “white peoples” of the Pacific, looking to closer defense, an utterly indefensible movement which the House promptly squelched.

Senator Borah, consistent and persistent advocate of peace, but a few days before this resolution, over in Philadelphia, in an address to the Philadelphia Forum, was quoted as saying: “We confine our love of peace to paper, our war spirit finds its expression in deeds. We profess friendship and practice vengeance. Under such policies and practices, leagues and courts not only prove ineffective, but hope sickens and the morale of the whole human family is broken and demoralized.” And contemporaneously with these facts and statements, David Starr Jordan was awarded a \$25,000 prize for a “peace plan” which has as its base a complete and exhaustive study by committees of the causes of war and of the conditions and forces which bring it about—advocating as a cure a scheme of protracted education of far-reaching import. Yet in the face of all this our Navy must have its scores of millions in money for fear a war will come and find our country in the second class of war powers!

May we ask this question: Are the peoples of the earth forever to sit supine while their Governments prepare them for a war they do not want and will never engage in if they can have free expression in advance to prevent it? Now, we have taken occasion to say before concerning our own part in war and peace, that our naval and military forces in so far as they may be held responsible for this everlasting talk of “preparedness” are for the most part sincere in advocating these appropriations and increases in equipment. We, as Government and people, hire them to protect us in time of war. A charge is given them which they may not disregard. We are not individually or collectively engaged in these preparations. But Government, as our “agent,” is in a similar condition to our Army and Navy—it would not

be fairly “representative” if it did not act so that the people would be safe did war come. The first and greatest step in favor of a new interpretation of the attitude of Governments toward war was without doubt the Disarmament Conference. Here for the first time was an interpretation by Governments of the overwhelming public opinion against war and the necessity for war. An interpretation, we feel assured, was warmly endorsed by peoples the world over, those immediately concerned and all others.

Senator Borah would have created “an independent tribunal with jurisdiction and power to determine all controversies involving construction of international law or treaties”; and the “Declaring by said tribunal that war is a crime no longer to be recognized at any time as a legitimate instrument for settlement of international disputes.” “In other words,” he is quoted as saying, “if war comes, it must be without the shield or sanction of law, but in violation of it, as piracy or slavery, or peonage, or murder.” But are military men and Governments thinking in these terms when navies and armies are up for appropriations? “Ah,” they say, “would you, the people, have us lacking in preparedness for defense? Defense against what or whom? It is always defense that is talked about, almost never aggression—and, indeed, after or when war does come! But in the doing this—is the charge that some time in some manner another people or nation will commit this atrocious “crime of war” against us. If the preparation of others be thus interpreted as against us, why may not our preparation be thus interpreted as against others? It is thus that the whole world is filled with distrust and suspicion by these spectacular demonstrations of the *power to make war*. We commend the position of President Coolidge that the United States Navy is to appear in foreign waters as an ally and friend to *preserve the peace*. And by that token it need not forever be on the increase in size and strength. It is in keeping with the proper interpretation of the purposes of government as delegated by the people, that the Government itself give visible announcement to the world that in “keeping the peace” we are not preparing for war—that we are not instructing our representatives in Congress to make extra and needless preparations for defense, that we the people believe that other peoples love peace even as we do ourselves.

There is here a change of attitude which may do vast good in the ultimate determination of war and peace. Unconsciously we live under a tyranny by our own Government in this matter. It is admitted that it is Governments that make war, not peoples. It is believed, despite certain dictatorships, that democracy is in the ascendant. If so, why does not democracy instruct all liberal and representative Governments to present a peace side to the world rather than a war side? We are still living in a way under the old autocratic forms that could make war without consulting peoples. Would it not help if all Governments, all delegated powers, were to know that they make preparations for defense-wars upon the *sufferance of the people* and not under the idea that this is expected of them? A people thinking peace, and a Government thinking war are not in harmony. One or the other must sometime become dominant. And there is little doubt which, when upon navies and armies is put the test of a justification for their existence. And this constant personal

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tion of this sort in the last decade are commencing to produce a system of overland transportation that is not only adequate, but anticipates the added volume that lies ahead.

Similarly considered are the drainage and irrigation projects that are increasing the rising tide of productive riches. These issues are now—as they always have been—unusually attractive because of the sound resources and commanding value back of them.

This glowing epitome is in no wise a mere conjecture. Hard-headed facts, impressive to the investment world, are at hand on all sides.

Where once this was considered a region of high rates, there is now to be found a tendency toward lower rates of interest on all kinds of obligations, largely brought about through their increased wealth; based on their own productiveness. This substantial position is reflected in a most pronounced fashion in the investment field, particularly in two directions. Where once this territory was dependent mostly upon outside capital, it now shares the task of financing its own progress, having become an investment market of acknowledged value. Secondly, in the wake of a position of such security, wealth and outlook comes the augmented need for issues with which to finance a continuance of their affluent march.

We must, then, regard the South and Southwest as a new-come and major factor in summarizing the investment policies of the nation. It has passed beyond the mere stir of faith and hope of zealous champions into the banker's realms of actuality. Eldorado, Utopia and Potosi, symbolic names of plenty, are more than mere way stations on Southwestern lines; they characterize the golden touch of Fortunatus on a land of even still unexploited possibilities. For the most cursory examination of the uninitiated must bear out the deduction that no small portion of the country's wealth, and certainly a lion's share of its to-morrow, lies in that direction.

Characteristics of St. Louis Business.

By J. L. JOHNSTON, President Liberty Central Trust Co.

Business conditions in St. Louis and the surrounding territory have always been influenced by two important factors—conservatism and diversification.

St. Louis itself—we mean here the metropolitan district—is a city of many interests. It depends not upon one industry, but a considerable number, varying widely in character. Manufacturing and wholesale trade have developed in accordance with the principle so vehemently preached to the farmers throughout the country—diversification—and the results constantly demonstrate the wisdom of this policy. For St. Louis it has meant a relatively even trend of business from year to year—in the flush times, less of the spectacular “boom,” and in seasons of depression, safe weathering of the storm. All this is accentuated by the spirit of conservatism which, for various reasons, characterizes our people.

The Chamber of Commerce estimates 1924 business among St. Louis wholesalers and manufacturers to have amounted to nearly \$2,000,000,000. There are no less than 19 lines for which the figures exceed \$25,000,000; of these, 7 show totals of more than \$100,000,000. Among the most important are boots and shoes, dry goods, groceries, lumber, meat packing, and iron and steel products. It will be seen clearly

that with such a variety of activities there can be few years in which the city's industrial horizon will not show bright spots.

In the matter of agricultural resources, diversification again is a governing influence. The St. Louis trade territory is both northern and southern. It embraces the grain regions of southern and central Illinois, Missouri, and much of the Southwest; on the other hand, it stretches into the cotton fields of Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Texas. The region produces almost every crop to be found within the country's borders.

The volume of agricultural production in this district in 1924 was satisfactory on the whole, and higher prices for grain caused considerable enhancement in crop values over 1923, in some cases even where yields were relatively small. Oklahoma, with unusually large totals for both wheat and cotton, ranked fifth in the United States in estimated value of all crops, having advanced from twelfth place in 1923. Illinois rose from third place to second; Arkansas from twenty-second to twentieth. Texas, as usual, stood at the top of the list, and Missouri held ninth place.

Oklahoma ranked second among the 48 States in the production of winter wheat; third in all wheat; second in cotton; second in grain sorghums, and first in broom corn. Illinois was second in corn and third in oats. Texas was first in cotton, as always, by a large margin, and Arkansas is in a close race for third place. Missouri was fourth in corn, eighth in winter wheat and hay, and twelfth in oats. These figures are given to show how each State in the territory gives a good account of itself in one or more respects.

While cotton prices are lower than a year ago, higher yields are making up for this fact in part or totally. In Texas the crop is even larger than in 1923, approaching five million bales. To Jan. 16, Oklahoma ginnings were about a million and a half, and in Arkansas and Mississippi they exceeded a million. Missouri has the largest crop in the State's history.

On the whole, conditions in manufacturing, wholesale trade and agriculture are quite satisfactory in the St. Louis district, and, as has been emphasized at the beginning, this fact is due in no small measure to the diversified character of our efforts and resources.

The St. Louis Stock Exchange.

By HARRY F. STIX, President of the St. Louis Stock Exchange.

The St. Louis Stock Exchange was organized in 1899, as the outgrowth of an unorganized group of brokers who had been meeting daily for a number of years to trade and establish quotations in local securities.

Our Exchange functions for St. Louis and surrounding territory in the same manner that the New York Stock Exchange does for the entire country. The constitution and by-laws of the Exchange, listing requirements and details of trading are patterned upon those used in New York.

In the early days of the Exchange, trading was limited and centred principally in bank stocks, street railway securities and mining shares. With the rapid industrial growth of St. Louis in the past few years, our market has broadened materially, and we have listed securities representing a wide diversifica-

tion of industry, and are constantly receiving new applications from our varied local enterprises to list their securities.

Trading on the St. Louis Stock Exchange is done principally on an investment basis, owing to the fact that the bulk of the business transacted by the public is for cash and not on margin.

The past year has shown the largest volume of business ever transacted on the Exchange. With the desire manifested by our business enterprises in seeking an open and public market for their securities, and the evident interest evinced in these issues by local investors, the coming year will unquestionably far exceed 1924.

Bringing Governments and Peoples Into Harmony for Peace.

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talk in every country that "war is inevitable," that "there will be another war," that men "will fight as long as time lasts" not only bolsters up Legislatures to make appropriations for increasing armaments but it condones this great and colossal crime, the crime of war!

Men say to one another—"Would you not fight to protect your family, your home?" The reasoning here is from the particular to the general. It is unjustified. A police force is not an army. Grave crimes that sometimes spring up in civilized society against individual members are not on the same plane as the deliberate crime of war by one people against another. How many men are called on in the defense of home and family to commit murder? If every man took the same view of preparedness against possible personal enemies that a Government takes in preparations for war against Government enemies, every home would become an arsenal and every man would go armed to the teeth. Are peoples believed to be filled with the unholy passions of and for war and citizens so filled with trust and goodwill that one must "prepare" and the other not? It is unbelievable. But annually we have our "war scare," and we are indifferent while these hundreds of millions which we earn are appropriated to foster distrust among peoples and to actually breed wars in the holy name of peace. When our Governments are taught to limit themselves to and by the spirit of peoples loving peace alone, we will have made one advance that leads to universal good-will!

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Feb. 6 1925.

There is some increase in business, though the note of conservatism is still clear and unmistakable. The undertone in American business is confident, with a disposition not to overdo matters or to trade too far ahead. Transactions have increased, the most notably from special causes at the Northwest, where particular efforts have been made to stimulate business. The automobile trade is doing very well for this time of the year, though it appears that spring dating of bills has been used to facilitate business. Building has naturally fallen off, owing to the severity of the winter all over the country. But the remarkable and unexpectedly big record of 1924 in the building trades of this country is believed not without reason to have been the forerunner of another big building period in 1925. When the weather permits, the construction is likely to be on a large scale, not only to make up arrears in housing wherever they still exist, but also to meet the wants of the natural increase in population of this country. Retail trade has suffered more or less from stormy weather, what with cold and snows at the West and rains and floods and bad roads in the South Atlantic States and unusually low temperatures and frequent snows in this part of the country. But employment is so general and wages so high that the future of retail business for 1925 seems to be promising. Jobbing trade is on a conservative scale, though there is a fair business in various parts of the country; that is to say in the Northwest, the Southwest, the Central West and parts of the Pacific Coast, and in certain sections of New England.

It is gratifying to notice that the textile trades, though still not up to the normal, begin to show some signs of improvement. The buying of print cloths here in New York during the past week has been large and Fall River is doing at least a fair business. Moreover, there is a tendency towards somewhat higher prices. Fall worsteds and woolens have been opened at 6½ to 15% advance over previous prices. Raw silks have been firmer. Cotton has advanced somewhat and the world's consumption of the American product continues on a liberal scale. Exports of cotton make an excellent showing, the best, in fact, for some years past. Some of the New England mills are increasing their working time, and a gratifying feature is that for the most part reductions in wages of 10% have been accepted by the mill workers. In reducing the overhead charges of the mills the situation is naturally on a securer basis. Wool has been quiet and recently somewhat easier. At the auctions in London and Australian markets prices have declined. The woolen goods

business still leaves much to be desired. It is evident that the consumer balks at the current high prices, no matter how reasonable they may seem to be from the standpoint of supply and demand. The coal trade shows no improvement despite the noticeable tendency towards an increased output of iron and steel. Coke has declined somewhat with a larger production. Pig iron has been in only moderate demand. It still feels the effects of persistent competition from Holland and East India, notably in New England. The output of pig iron is increasing, but it is none too clear that the consumption is keeping pace with it. In steel there has been some advance, but new business has to all appearances, falling off for the time being, including that with railroads. In fact, there is a noticeable decrease in the sales of steel rails, and scrap metal has continued to decline, a circumstance which is by no means disregarded in the steel business.

A big feature of the week has been the break in wheat. It is down 21 cents from the recent high level for the season. To-day prices fell some 9 to 10 cents per bushel in Chicago from the early quotations of the day and 12 cents in Winnipeg. The causes may be traced to over-trading on a prodigious scale. Everybody far and wide has been buying wheat. The market became overbought. And there have been big world's shipments to the markets of Europe. In the natural course of things the European markets ought to be pretty well supplied before long. It is true, however, of late, that the export business in New York has been at the rate of 600,000 to 700,000 bushels per day. Many dispatches from Washington assert that Congress is likely to take measures of some sort looking to the curbing of speculation in wheat, especially as bakers throughout the country have begun to advance the price of the bread loaf 1 to 2 cents. Complaints of the increased cost of bread come from England, France and Italy. It would probably be regarded as good politics for Congressmen to inveigh against the wheat speculator in Chicago, conveniently ignoring speculators in Winnipeg, Liverpool, London, Buenos Aires and other parts of the world. But there is admittedly a marked decrease in the world's crop this year and many countries which are usually exporters have this year had to import. In reality it has been a question of supply and demand. Not the wealthiest operator nor the most powerful clique of speculators could have manipulated the market to a point where it would rise some 80 to 90 cents a bushel as compared with the prices of a year ago. Economic law has fixed the price. If speculation overdoes the matter it will pay the penalty in such breaks as have occurred during the past week, or worse.

There is a natural law of markets, as there is a natural law governing everything else. And it would be going very far to say that the opening of the 1925 season in July will see the same state of affairs as that which existed at the corresponding date in 1924. Not improbably Europe will have better crops this year and import less. The whole matter of prices may be better left to economic laws. In all likelihood the farmer will increase his acreage in this country this year. Not improbably prices will decline sharply as a result of larger crops both in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia and South America under the spur of remarkably profitable prices. Paternalism at Washington is not wanted, either now or at any other time. At the West, especially in the Chicago district, there are big shipments of steel, the largest in five years, and the mills there are working at 100%, or close to it. It is stated that reports from some 1,200 retail dealers in 30 different States are in the main encouraging. They feel the stimulus of high prices for wheat, corn and other grain as well as live stock, and the consequent increase in the buying power of the farmer. Mail order houses feel it also as a matter of course. To have total sales in January of some \$34,735,800, an increase over the same month in 1924 of nearly 14%. Western railway lines feel it. Their January loadings increased nearly 7% over those of December and 6% over the total for January 1924. Money is in good supply throughout the country, and it is a suggestive circumstance that the demand for it is apparently increasing. Call loans rose here to-day to 4%, as compared with a recent rate of 3%. Bank clearings in January exceeded all monthly records at New York, as well as at many other cities. The export trade is on a large scale. The exports of wheat are thus far some 286,140,000 bushels, or 40,000,000 bushels more than during the same period last year. Stocks have been active and on the whole stronger and rising, with a return from time to time to 2,000,000-share days. Foreign exchange rates have eased somewhat, but the general tendency of European currencies is towards betterment. It becomes more and more clear that England is approaching the gold basis. The gradually increasing buying power of Europe is one of the hopeful circumstances of contemporaneous history. It bids fair in the long run to bring about an equalization of the supply of gold money in the world. It will relieve, sooner or later, the plethora of gold in this country and remove the danger of inflation.

From New England some reports said that the textile industry seemed to be at the point of revival. That is called rather remarkable in view of the great troubles, financial and otherwise, manufacturers there have encountered in the last few years. At Fall River, Mass., striking weavers in the Granite mills returned to work Feb. 2 as a result of a settlement reached last week over wage readjustment incidental to the recent 10% general reduction in pay scales. At Lawrence, Mass., the Acadia mills of the Arlington Mills Co. will cut wages 10% effective Monday next. This follows action taken by other cotton manufacturers of New England, and brings all the mills into line on this wage reduction in the cotton end of the business. The mill employs some 2,500 operatives. Treasurer Parker states that while business in yarns leaves much to be desired, the future looks bright generally, and with the lower operating cost the mills have a better prospect than they have had for some time past. At East Boston more than 700 employees of the Haverick mills, who have been on strike for two weeks, returned to work Feb. 2, accepting a 10% wage cut and obtaining certain concessions from the company. At Pawtucket, R. I., 400 employees of the Greenhalgh mills did not return to work Feb. 2. The action was taken as a result of the wage cut of 10% imposed two weeks ago. In Rhode Island more than 95% of the textile plants are running part time, said a Pawtucket dispatch. At Manchester, N. H., no change has been announced in the running schedule that was in effect prior to last week in the mills of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. It is understood that there are 9,600 people employed, compared with 9,300, the previous figures given out. At Suncook, N. H., all three mills of the Suncook mills, the fifth largest textile concern in the State, will be running at capacity in six weeks. This increase is considered justified because of the new orders. At Utica, N. Y., on Feb. 1 ring spinners, loom fixers, weavers and carders of the Utica Steam cotton mill and the Mohawk Valley mill, both conducted by the Utica Steam & Mohawk Cotton Co., two of the largest textile plants in central New York, voted to strike rather than accept a 10% reduction in wages. Tire fabric

mills are reported working full time in the South and slightly better than recently in the East.

At Montreal 1,500 cloak, suit and skirt makers, all members of three Montreal locals of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, decided Monday night to strike at once for the closed shop and a 44-hour week.

F. W. Woolworth & Co.'s sales in January were 17.06% larger than in January last year. Some of the large chain bakeries and practically all of the middle-class or wholesale bakers here are, it is said, likely to advance the price of bread and rolls. Despite increasing economy in operations, bakers express the opinion that they could not further stave off higher prices for their products. Increases in the price of bread are planned in Philadelphia as a result of the high cost of flour. A statement issued by the flour committee of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia was that 1,100 smaller bakeries in the city are threatened with business ruin under present conditions. New York bakers will increase the price of bread.

The weather has been mostly mild here of late and clear and pleasant, with something of the traditional February thaw. There have been rains within the last 24 hours in the middle and northern sections of the United States west of the Rocky Mountains and local snows in the lower lake region and New England. Elsewhere fair weather has prevailed. The temperature was higher in the middle of the week almost generally, east of the Rocky Mountains, and it was more than 20 degrees above normal Wednesday night from the plateau region eastward to the Mississippi Valley. New York has latterly been 22 to 33, St. Paul 22 to 48, Chicago 30 to 46, Cleveland 28 to 44, Cincinnati 24 to 36, Boston 18 to 26, Albany zero to 24. To-day it was up to 46 degrees here. But San Francisco reported much damage as the result of a storm which swept the Pacific Coast States. Rivers and streams on the coast were running bank full, and thousands of cattle were drowned.

Engineers Forecast Big Paving Year.

Telegraphic forecasts to the Asphalt Association of this city from 37 State Highway Commissioners and 40 city engineers of cities of 100,000 population or over indicate that the year 1925 will be the greatest year for the paving of streets and highways in the entire history of the good roads and good streets movement. From a study of the replies J. E. Pennybacker, General Manager of the Association, estimates the 1925 paving at fully 20% over 1924, which latter year was itself a record breaker. Among the outstanding paving programs are those of Alabama with a 100% increase over 1924, Missouri with at least a 60% increase, South Carolina with 47%. Texas will construct a much larger mileage, while Illinois sets 1,500 miles as the anticipated program for the year. Michigan, on the other hand, anticipates a sharp reduction of about 25%, Wisconsin of about 40% and Iowa about 16% from the 1924 record. These replies relate only to State highways. The Association also says:

A bigger paving drive will occur, however, in the cities. Some of the outstanding prospects include Cincinnati, New Orleans, Richmond Borough of New York City, and Hartford, which anticipate increases of from 100 to 200%; Dayton, Columbus, Newark, Dallas, St. Louis, Louisville and Birmingham, increases of from 25% to over 50%; and Passaic, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Richmond, Bridgeport and Denver, with increases of 10% or over. Asphalt pavements will continue to make up the bulk of these large paving programs. During 1924 approximately 118,000,000 sq. yds. of asphaltic pavements were laid, equivalent to over 10,000 miles of modern pavement, but 1925 will see an even higher total. This large mileage in conjunction with the other high-class types of pavement make up an achievement that is little short of astonishing even in these days of big things in America. The increase in the number of motor cars, however, continues at a phenomenal rate, so that the new pavements, rapidly as they are being constructed, are not keeping pace with the needs of motor transport.

Big Increase in Asphalt Paving Yardage in 1924.

Based upon a compilation of information which it has received, the Asphalt Association announces that the yardage of asphalt pavements laid on the streets and highways of the United States during the year 1924 total 118,800,000 square yards. This, it says, is an increase of 10% over the yardage laid in 1923. Reports from Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona and Nevada indicate that 72% of all paving contracts let in those States during 1924 were for asphalt and 80% of all asphalt yardage contracted for in the five States included asphaltic concrete foundations (commonly called black base). Its further advices state:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, let contracts in 1924 for 87 sections of State highway aggregating 108.49 miles, for which the specifications called for a total of 74.13 miles of asphalt. This is 68.6% of the total mileage. The Department laid

51.78 miles of asphalt macadam and 22.35 miles of asphaltic concrete, 3.91 miles of tar macadam, 3.77 miles of gravel and 26.68 miles of portland cement concrete.

Asphalt Production in 1923.

Both the quantity and the value of asphalt and related bitumens produced in the United States increased in 1923, according to official figures recently issued by the Department of the Interior, based on data compiled by the Geological Survey.

The sales by producers were as follows: Native asphalt and related bitumens, 400,236 short tons, valued at \$2,885,631; asphalt made from domestic petroleum, 995,564 short tons, valued at \$13,060,174; asphalt made from Mexican petroleum, 1,378,722 short tons, valued at \$16,840,045.

The imports of ozokerite and other mineral waxes were 4,856,357 lbs., valued at \$213,407, a decrease of more than 40% in both quantity and value from the imports in 1922. The exports of unmanufactured asphalt were 72,628 short tons, valued at \$1,500,869, an increase in both quantity and value. The exports of manufactured products were valued at \$1,154,976.

Business Indexes of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board has issued the present month (February) 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	Wht. Flour	Sugar Mell-ings	Animals Slaughtered				Lumber
								Cattle	Cakes	Sheep	Hogs	
November	116	111	109	113	104	84	138	82	122	79	141	137
December	110	117	107	97	100	88	98	81	121	87	116	129
1924.												
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	102+	85	111	93	129	82	122	116
December	117	119	133	111	102	82	99	155	87	130	128	128

1923.	Bitu-minous	An-thra-cite	Cop-per	Zinc	Sole Leath-er	News-print	Ce-ment	Petrol-um	Cig-ars	Cigar-ettes	Manu-factured Tobacco
December	100	105	130	118	72	101	174	189	88	138	85
1924.											
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	183+	96	145	89
December	115	100	137	121	76	103	182	182	92	170	94

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's
		Group Index	Iron & Steel	Group Index	Fabrics	
November	100	91	91	98	100	96
December	99	90	89	98	100	96
1924.						
August	87	76	75	81	81	81
September	90	77	76	85	85	86
October	91	79	78	89	90	87
November	91	80	79	88	91	85
December	93	83	82	92	94	88

1923.	Motor Vehi-cles	Paper & Print-ing	Foods & Prod-ucts	Leather and Prod's	Stone, Clay & Glass	Tobacco and Prod's	Chem-icals & Prod's
December	97	107	108	86	109	92	78
1924.							
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
December	82	105	103	79	108	87	74

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

Wholesale Trade 1923.	Grocer-ies	Meat	Dry Goods	Shoes	Hard-ware	Drugs	Total
December	76	65	66	51	90	99	72
1924.							
August	83+	68	102	56	93	108	83
September	93	71	116	69	106	117	92
October	100	78	104	67	110	128	96+
November	89+	68+	88	57	98+	109	84
December	83	67	77	56	99	109	79

Retail Trade 1923.	Department Store Sales		Department Store Stocks		Mail Order Sales	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
	November	142	126	149	133	122
December	202	126	123	132	118	98
1924.						
August	93	119	126	126+	74	98+
September	119	131	137	128	106	112
October	141	124	148	132	141	109
November	141	126+	147	131	131	105
December	210	131	124	133	148	123

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

Manufacturing and Farming Conditions Improving, According to Survey of J. H. Tregoe of National Association of Credit Men—Wheat Farmers Liquidating Debts.

A steady upward trend in general conditions is shown in a nationwide survey of manufacturing and farming industries made by Executive Manager J. H. Tregoe of the National Association of Credit Men. The survey reveals, according to Mr. Tregoe, that an upward swing in business went on in December, though in the basic industries this was more

discernible and marked than in wholesaling. Under date of Feb. 1 he says:

We find a better confidence, low stocks in retailers' hands, increased activities, very meagre unemployment problems, and an encouraging outlook for the forepart of 1925. Receivables as a whole on Jan. 1 1925 were no larger than in the closing weeks of 1924. Collections in some sections were difficult, while the increased income of the agricultural States greatly assisted liquidations.

His statement also says:

A careful analysis of conditions in the food grain States shows that "where wheat was raised, recovery was much greater than in the districts devoted to the raising of corn. The wheat crop was larger than last year and brought an income of at least \$400,000,000 more than last year. The corn crop was 20% short of last year. Its feeding quality was very low, and yet at prevailing prices the income should be at least \$100,000,000 more than last year.

There has been no uniformity of recovery and a tendency is seen to over-estimate the extent of the recovery.

The financial recovery was from 15 to 65%, according to the locality and the crop and follows these lines: Taxes in arrears, interest on mortgages and indebtedness to banks were first taken care of, and in some instances the principal of mortgages was slightly reduced. In the corn section the recovery went as a rule but a little beyond the liquidation of taxes in arrears, interest on mortgages and bank indebtedness. A summary of sales, collections, receivables and failures is as follows:

Sales: 59% had larger sales in December than in November, and 40% had smaller sales; 65% had larger sales in December 1924 than in December 1923, 31% had smaller sales. Comparing the sales of 1924 with the sales of 1923, 37% had a larger volume, and 59% had a smaller volume.

Collections: Comparing December with November, 62% had larger collections, while 30% had smaller collections.

Receivables: On Jan. 1 1925 49% had a larger volume of receivables, while 43% had a smaller volume.

Failures: Looking into the future, 17% anticipated a larger number of failures in the first half of 1925, and 79% anticipated a smaller number.

As to the outlook for sales and collections during the spring months of 1925, 98% regarded the outlook and conditions as very encouraging.

Building Plans in New York State Move Upward in 1924—Residential Work Recedes in New York City, But Gains Outside.

The year 1924 showed another increase in construction work planned in New York State. The total for 14 cities of the State was nearly a billion dollars, a 7% gain over the record figures of 1923. Although the State figures move the way New York City does, because of the latter's size, the total for the thirteen up-State cities also exceeded 1923. The up-State cities, however, reported that the increase was entirely in residential building, whereas in New York City it came in commercial and to a smaller extent in public buildings. This statement was issued on Jan. 30 by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton of the State Labor Department. Continuing the Commissioner says:

Construction costs were lower. An index compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows that the decline in the price of building materials offset the increase in wages. The latter form slightly less than half of the expenditures for building work. In 1924 a new high point in wages was established. However, it must be remembered that the bonus system was employed freely in the previous year, when labor was scarce, and wages in 1923 were much higher than the rate indicates.

Gain of 7% in New York City.

Permits issued in the five boroughs of New York City reached 845 millions, an increase of 54 millions over 1923. The large drop in residential building, which was expected after a record 1923, did not materialize. In the first quarter of 1924 the previous year's figures were passed with a decided margin, but the following months showed a decline in residential permits. However, the total of \$525,000,000 for 1924 was only fifteen million less than in 1923.

Both Brooklyn and Queens reported declines in residential projects. In each case this followed two years of extreme activity. The older borough showed no increase in commercial buildings to offset this loss and the valuation of plans for 1924 only reached 243 millions where in 1923 they had passed 282 millions. In Queens, however, other kinds of buildings were planned to supply the needs of the new communities which have developed in the past few years. There was a noticeable increase in stores, churches and schools, which brought the total for this borough to 166 million, almost 7 million more than the previous year.

Construction Work in Manhattan Extremely Active.

Building work in Manhattan leaped forward. Plans for apartment houses, factories and office buildings exceeded the preceding years and brought the total value of projects to the new high point of 283 millions of dollars. In value, these are the most important classes of buildings in this borough.

The Bronx reported \$133,000,000 as the estimated cost of authorized construction. There was an increase in one and two-family houses, but apartment houses averaged a lower valuation and 1,600 fewer new family accommodations were provided in this kind of buildings. Practically all classes of residential construction increased in Richmond. Schools were the largest item in non-residential building. In 1924 they reached almost two billions, where the year before they totaled \$565,000. The valuation of all permits issued in 1924 was 16 millions.

Yonkers and New Rochelle Higher.

Yonkers and New Rochelle followed New York City with increases over 1923. In New Rochelle the value of building permits issued was 30% higher than last year. The gain came in residential work, as the demand for apartment houses increased. Where this item amounted to \$680,000 in 1922 and \$550,000 in 1923, it passed the \$2,000,000 mark in 1924 and included 25% of all the work planned. In Yonkers, also, a heavier program for housing construction accounted for the increase from \$10,500,000 to over \$18,000,000 in building plans this year.

Losses in a Number of Up-State Cities.

More than half the up-State cities reported decreases in plans for construction this year. Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany were among the larger cities where building work lost.

In 1924 plans for \$28,000,000 worth of construction were filed in Buffalo. Last year plans were valued at \$30,000,000. Residential building compared favorably with 1923. Since 1921, when this class of building totaled less than 12 million dollars, it has gained gradually until in 1924 it reached 15 millions. The loss in the total volume of work planned was due to a sharp falling off in mercantile buildings and schools.

Projects for Albany were over three millions lower than last year. Residential work, including private garages, increased almost two million dollars, but the heavy loss in public and commercial building brought the total down to \$12,000,000.

Building work in Syracuse was valued at between nine and ten million dollars for the year 1924. There was a fair increase in one-family dwellings. Apartment houses are only a small part of residential building here. The absence of large plans for schools and a decrease in amusement places accounted for the loss in non-residential work and also for the net loss for the total.

Binghamton, Jamestown, Poughkeepsie and Watertown reported a decline in activity this year. In Binghamton the total construction planned was valued at \$4,700,000, a loss of \$400,000 from 1923. This was caused by more than a 30% drop in residential work. Poughkeepsie also reported a large decline in housing construction and its total of \$1,800,000 was almost \$500,000 below 1923. The decrease in Jamestown would have been larger if repair work had not jumped. Watertown's valuation of \$1,300,000 for 1924 was well below the previous years.

Large Increase in Non-Residential Projects for Rochester.

Rochester had a very active year. The total for all kinds of construction exceeded 29 millions. There were large increases in commercial, industrial and educational building, so that the total for non-residential work was almost twelve millions, more than double that of last year.

Utica and Newburgh were above 1923. It was an improvement rather than an increase in Newburgh, as the previous year had been particularly inactive.

White Plains reported permits amounting to \$8,000,000 had been filed, a large part of which were for residences. Elmira planned \$2,000,000 worth of building, over half residential, while Lockport's plans were largely for schools and institutions.

Automobile Price Revisions.

Effective Feb. 15, the price of the Jewett cars will be advanced an average of \$30 on each model, according to an announcement by the Paige-Detroit Motor Co. this week. The touring and brougham prices are to be advanced \$30 each and the sedan \$35.

The White Motor Co. announced on Feb. 3 a reduction of \$250 in the price of its 3/4-ton chassis and a reduction of \$300 in the 2-ton chassis, effective as of Feb. 1. After the reduction the prices for the 3/4-ton and 2-ton trucks, respectively, are \$2,150 and \$2,950. Enlarged plant and facilities together with greater operating efficiency are responsible for the price cuts, according to a statement issued by the company.

Widespread Price Advances Throughout Petroleum Industry.

Price levels of crude oil, gasoline and other petroleum products have the present week been further raised in all sections of the country, the collapse of the Wortham oil field in Texas being the main reason for this. Following the advances in price made public late on Friday of last week it was reported on Jan. 30 that the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. and the Texas Co. had advanced prices of Mid-Continent crude oil to the figures announced by Prairie Oil & Gas Co. Panuco crude, Mexican heavy oil, sold at \$1 30 a barrel f.o.b. tanker in Mexico, the highest price ever reached.

On Jan. 31 the Magnolia Petroleum Co. also advanced crude oil prices in the Mid-Continent fields to the level established by the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. late last week. The Humble Oil & Refining Co. advanced Currie, Powell and Richland crudes 30 cents a barrel to \$1 80. Mexia and Wortham crude were raised 20 cents to \$1 70. The Texas Co. followed suit. Humble on Jan. 31 also adopted Prairie's advances in Mid-Continent. The Standard Oil of Louisiana advanced all grades of crude 20 cents a barrel except Smackover and Cotton Valley, which were advanced 15 cents. The Joseph Seep Agency of Pittsburgh announced the advance for Eastern crude. The various grades are quoted as follows:

Bradford district.....	\$3 60, up 25 cents
Outside Bradford.....	3 50, up 25 cents
Cabell.....	1 70, up 25 cents
Somerset, medium.....	2 05, up 25 cents
Somerset, light.....	2 20, up 25 cents
Ragland.....	1 20, up 15 cents
Corning.....	1 70, unchanged

Following a 6-cent rise in the price of gasoline here the special State Commission on the necessities of life has begun investigation into the cause.

On that date the Corning grade remained unchanged at \$1 70 per barrel, but reports from Pittsburgh on Feb. 2 stated that the price had been advanced 25 cents a barrel to \$1 95.

The Ohio Oil Co. on Saturday last advanced Syoming and Montana crude from 7 to 40 cents a barrel. Elk Basin, Grass Creek, Lance Creek and Rock Creek grades are up 20 cents a barrel; Big Muddy, 30 cents; Mule Creek, 40 cents,

and Sunburst, Montana, 7 cnds. The company also announced advances of 25 cents in Lima, Indiana, Illinois, Princeton, Plymouth and Wooster grades. On that day also the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana made an advance of 20 cents a barrel in Caddo, Bull Bayou, Crichton, De Sota, Haynesville, Homer and El Dorado grades, and 15 cents a barrel for Smackover and Cotton Valley. It was reported that the Texas Co. at once followed the advances in crude oil in Louisiana and Arkansas, announced by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana.

According to press reports on Feb. 1, the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd., the Canadian subsidiary of Standard of New Jersey, advanced Canadian crude oil 25 cents a barrel, to \$2 73 for Petrolia crude, and to \$2 80 for Oil Springs grade.

On Feb. 3 the Magnolia Petroleum Co. advanced Corsicana light grades to \$1 80 a barrel and Wortham and Mexia crude to \$1 70. Corsicana heavy crude was advanced 10 cents a barrel to \$1. These changes were made to meet existing prices. In addition, the Magnolia Petroleum Co. has followed the advance in Texas crude oil prices by Humble Oil & Refining Co. The Northwestern Pennsylvania refiners raised motor gasoline 1/2 cent per gallon, according to further advices on the 3d.

Western crude oil was advanced in price when on Feb. 4 the Standard Oil Co. of California announced increases for California crude ranging from 25 cents per barrel on heavy oils to 45 cents per barrel on light grades, except for crude oil of 36 degrees gravity and above in the Rosecrans and Athens field, where the increases range from 46 to 58 cents per barrel, dependent upon gravity. Gasoline and engine distillates have been advanced 2 cents a gallon. Fuel oil, including Diesel oil, has been advanced 25 cents a barrel at all points except El Segundo and San Pedro, Los Angeles, where the increase is 20 cents per barrel. These increases were followed by the General Petroleum Co. at once.

Reports from Los Angeles on the 5th declared that the Standard Oil's price increase in crude oil, gasoline and fuel oil was followed by all big companies, including independents.

A news dispatch from Houston on Feb. 6 reported that the Humble Oil Co. had advanced Mexia and Wortham crude 10 cents a barrel to \$1 80, bringing them to same level as Powell, Currie and Richland. The Texas and Gulf Oil Co. followed the advance.

A further advance in gasoline prices in nearly all the Eastern and Middle Western States and in some Southern and Western States marked the industry this week. Dispatches from Detroit on Jan. 31 stated that all refining companies had announced an advance in price of gasoline of 1c. a gallon, bringing the price up to 18.8c., effective Feb. 1. The State gasoline law of 2c. a gallon goes into effect, bringing the price to 20.8c. on that date. The Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska on Jan. 31 advanced gasoline 1c. in Nebraska.

On Feb. 2 Canadian prices rose, the price of gasoline in Toronto being advanced 2c. a gallon, the second such advance in ten days. The retail price after this change was 28c. a gallon and tank wagon 24c. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. advanced its gasoline price 1c. a gallon throughout its territory.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Feb. 3 raised tank wagon price of gasoline 2c. throughout its territory, making new prices as follows: New Jersey, 29c.; Maryland, 20c. Washington, D. C., 19c.; Virginia, 20c.; West Virginia, 19c.; North and South Carolina, 20c., all exclusive of tax. At the end of December the tank wagon price in New Jersey was 13 1/2c. per gallon. Dispatches from Philadelphia on the same day stated that the Atlantic Refining Co. advanced gasoline 2c. a gallon in Pennsylvania and Delaware, effective immediately. The new prices are 17c. tank wagon and 22c. at service stations plus 2c. State tax. This is the third advance by Atlantic within ten days, advances of 1c. each having been made Jan. 23 and Jan. 28. The Sinclair Refining Co. followed 2c. advance in gasoline by Standard Oil Co. of N. J. and Atlantic Refining Co. The Gulf Oil Co. met the Atlantic Refining Co.'s advance in gasoline. Magnolia Petroleum Co. advanced gasoline 1c. a gallon, effective Feb. 4, to meet 2c. advance by Pierce Petroleum Co. on Monday, when Magnolia increased 1c. Advices from Shreveport, La., on the same day stated that the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana advanced tank wagon price of gasoline 2c. a gallon in Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee. The new tank wagon price is 17c., exclusive of 2c. tax. The Texas Co. followed the 1c. advance in gasoline generally throughout Texas. The Standard Oil Co. of Ohio advanced tank wagon gasoline 1c., effective Feb. 4. The price at filling stations will be 19c. a gallon. Texhoma Oil & Re-

fining Co. and Cities Service advanced gasoline 1c. a gallon. Cities Service advanced kerosene 1c. a gallon at Houston, San Angelo, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Lubricating oil on Feb. 3 advanced 1 to 2c. a gallon, making 3c. total advance for midcontinent and 6 to 7c. total advance for Pennsylvania lubricants since Jan. 1. It was reported that the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey had advanced all grades of export naphtha 1c. a gallon. Press dispatches stated that the Standard Oil Co. of New York on Feb. 3 advanced the price of gasoline 1½c. a gallon at tank wagons in New York and New England territory. This is the third consecutive increase since the first of the year. It brings the tank wagon price in New York to 21c. a gallon. The new price will go into effect to-morrow. At the same time the company announced an increase of 1½c. a gallon in V. M. P. naphtha throughout its territory. It is expected that other companies operating in the same States will raise their prices. At Pittsburgh on the same date the northwestern Pennsylvania refiners advanced motor gasoline ½c. a gallon.

Following the advance in New England by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, the Colonial Filling Stations, Inc., Texas Co., Jenney Manufacturing Co., Tidewater Oil Corporation and Atlantic Refining advanced price of gasoline from 19½ cents to 21 cents tank wagon and from 23 cents to 25 cents at the filling stations, effective Feb. 4. The Standard Oil Co. of California on Feb. 4 posted an advance in the price of gasoline of 2 cents per gallon. At the same time engine distillate was raised 2 cents and fuel oil and Diesel oil was increased 25 cents a barrel. The General Petroleum Co. immediately announced that it would advance the gasoline price to correspond with that posted by the Standard of California. All major California oil companies have followed Standard Oil Co.'s 2-cent gasoline advance.

Dispatches from Denver on Feb. 5 reported that the Sinclair Oil, Continental Oil and the Texas Co. have raised the filling station price of gasoline to 21 cents, an advance of 2 cents. Two more advances are expected before April 1, it is said. At Houston the Gulf Refining Co. has advanced tank wagon gasoline 1 cent throughout Texas. The Pierce Oil Co. advanced kerosene 1 cent per gallon, followed by the Magnolia Petroleum Co. The Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky advanced tank wagon price of gasoline 2 cents in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi on Feb. 6.

A dispatch from Boston late on Feb. 6 stated:

Following a 6-cent rise in the price of gasoline here the special State Commission on the Necessaries of Life has begun investigation into the cause.

Further Decrease in Crude Oil Production.

The American Petroleum Institute on Feb. 4 estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 31 was 1,953,300 barrels, as compared with 2,003,200 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 49,900 barrels. As compared with the daily output of 1,917,600 barrels during the corresponding week of 1923, the current figure shows a gain of 35,700 barrels per day. The daily average production east of California was 1,356,500 barrels, as compared with 1,404,300 barrels, a decrease from the previous week of 47,800 barrels. California production was 596,800 barrels, as compared with 598,900 barrels; Santa Fe Springs is reported at 47,000 barrels, against 46,000 barrels; Long Beach, 118,000 barrels, against 119,000 barrels; Huntington Beach, 41,000 barrels, no change; Torrance, 41,000 barrels, no change; Dominguez, 56,000 barrels, against 59,000 barrels, and Rosecrans, 8,800 barrels, against 8,900 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks ended Jan. 31, Jan. 24, Jan. 17 1925 and Feb. 2 1924:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels) —	Jan. 31 '25.	Jan. 24 '25.	Jan. 17 '25.	Feb. 2 '24.
Oklahoma.....	479,700	481,000	473,500	408,450
Kansas.....	82,000	81,950	81,850	71,500
North Texas.....	92,400	92,500	91,950	63,350
East Central Texas.....	181,950	230,250	254,150	134,450
West Central Texas.....	54,700	54,650	53,700	50,550
North Louisiana.....	49,750	49,850	49,350	54,000
Arkansas.....	106,200	104,700	104,550	113,200
Gulf Coast & S. W. Tex.....	123,050	124,100	129,000	86,600
Eastern.....	99,000	100,000	101,000	105,000
Wyo., Mont. & Colo.....	87,750	85,300	81,400	145,350
California.....	596,800	598,900	603,200	684,650
Total.....	1,953,300	2,003,200	2,023,650	1,917,600

Buying of Iron and Steel Continues Good—Small Drop in Steel Prices.

High as the recent rate of steel works operation has been it has increased in the past week, declares the "Iron Age" on Feb. 5. The finishing mills in the Chicago district

rolling bars, plates, shapes and rails are running at 100%. The Carnegie Steel Co., which last week was at 91% of its ingot capacity, is at 97% this week. However, in the Youngstown district there has been a slight falling off in the output of independent steel companies. It is probable that in spite of the high rate of January output, the Steel Corporation's statement will show an increase in unfilled orders, also that the leading independent now has as full an order book as on Jan. 1, continues the "Age" this week, adding:

The fact that steel is not going into consumption as fast as the mills are turning it out is focusing attention on operations in secondary lines. The extent to which consumers of steel can increase their own output in the next 60 days will decide whether the present rate of steel production can be maintained, also how far the recent price advances in finished steel can be held.

Indications to-day are that the leading steel producers will maintain through February the scale of production reached in the second half of January. One effect of the announced advances of \$2 a ton in bars, plates, shapes, sheets and wire has been to increase specifications on the low-priced bookings of November and December.

The sheet subsidiary of the Steel Corp. on Jan. 30 advanced its prices for the second quarter on common finishes of sheets by \$2, following independent makers. In the Pittsburgh district this week several producers of plates, shapes and bars have gone up to 2.20c. for each of these products. On Feb. 4 two independent wire producers raised plain wire by \$2 a ton, or to \$2 70 per 100 lb., and nails to \$2 95 a keg. Other producers are expected to do likewise after covering their trade.

Business in sheets and wire products, while improving, is still below expectations. Prices, as with plates, show irregularity. At Detroit some automobile companies expect to take sheets more freely in February, while at other Detroit plants February schedules will represent slight reductions.

Outstanding in fabricated steel is the award of 16,700 tons for the Carquinez Straits bridge, California. Total bookings reported in the week, 43,000 tons, are above the average of the preceding weeks of January. A drop of one-third for the last two weeks in the tonnage of new inquiries is not yet significant.

It has been a quiet week in railroad buying. The New Haven has placed its 1925 order for rails, 15,000 tons, with the Bethlehem company.

A Cleveland mill has sold 15,000 tons of sheet bars for second quarter at \$39, Cleveland, or a reduction of \$1, following a similar one at Youngstown.

Pig iron production is now at substantially the rate reached in March last, the peak month of 1924, when the daily average was 111,800 tons, or about 40,750,000 tons a year. The record year was 1923, with 40,361,000 tons.

Selling of pig iron by brokers at concessions has weakened the market. Buffalo and Pittsburgh, and foundry and malleable grades in the latter district are down at least 50c. per ton, while sales of Buffalo iron have been made at \$22, which is \$1 below the price made by furnaces. Dutch iron is proving attractive on account of price and quality, and competition with the domestic product is particularly keen in the Boston market. Reports from most foundry centres indicate that the melt is increasing somewhat, but there are cases in the East in which deliveries of domestic iron have been held up because foundries are taking in low priced foreign iron bought for early delivery.

With little buying by mills, the scrap market is still declining. At Chicago heavy melting steel at \$18 is \$3 a ton below the peak of three weeks ago.

German makers of Mannesmann pipe are reported to be seeking an arrangement with the French Mannesmann works in the Sarre for dividing American business. The French plant placed several thousand tons in this country last year and now has the Adirondack Light & Power Co. line, 17 miles.

Finished steel is a trifle lower, the "Iron Age" composite price having dropped to 2.546c. The usual price table this week is as follows:

Feb. 3 1925, Finished Steel, 2.546c. 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.....	Jan. 27 1925.....	2.560c
	Jan. 6 1925.....	2.560c
	5 1924.....	2.789c
	10-year pre-war average, 1.689c.	

Feb. 3 1925, Pig Iron, \$22 50 per Gross Ton.

Based on average of basic and foundry irons, the basic being Valley quotations, the foundry an average of Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham.....	Jan. 27 1925.....	\$22 50
	Jan. 6 1925.....	22 25
	Feb. 5 1924.....	22 77
	10-year pre-war average, 15 72	

The "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland, O., on Feb. 5 issued its weekly summary of conditions in the market, extracts from which we quote herewith:

Buying of iron and steel continues within slow limits but the situation preserves its strength on the foundation of heavy bookings and bright prospects of cumulative demand. The wind-up of January brought to mills some revival of specifications against their first quarter commitments, recent price advances for second quarter apparently having furnished stimulant. The present contraction in new business still is regarded in the industry as a normal behavior of a big market between buying moves.

Shipments for January for many companies rivaled the heaviest records in their history. Production is on a corresponding plane. Conditions surrounding mill and furnace operations are exceptionally favorable and outputs per unit are better than normal. The present efficiency of the railroad service in the movement of raw materials or finished products is a large factor in this. The stable labor situation also has contributed.

Pig iron production in January registered the exceedingly high rate at which the industry has been operating. It was shown that furnaces then were turning out iron at the annual rate of 39,700,000 tons or at the best gain since March. The total for the month was 3,369,425 tons, a gain of 413,036 tons or 14% over December. On a daily basis, the January rate showed a recovery of 89% from the low point in July.

Further large gain since 1922 is shown in the total number of furnaces active since the last day of January which was 251. This operating number represents 61% of the total list of furnaces in the country.

The automobile industry is feeling its way. Some companies are reducing production while others are adding to theirs. Orders for steel from this source consequently are limited though pig iron releases are larger. The Ford Motor Co. is on a lower schedule this month than last. The results of recent automobile shows were reported unsatisfactory.

Many more mills the past week have gained ranks of those which have been advancing prices for second quarter delivery on average of \$2 a ton.

These have included Steel Corp. subsidiaries, Carnegie Steel Co on plates, shapes, bars and American Sheet and Tin Plate Co. on sheets and various independents. At Chicago, railroad track fastenings were put up \$2.00. While some second quarter tonnage has been booked, it represents that taken on before new schedule was put out. The test as to the establishment of these quotations as the real market, hence, is yet to come.

The easier tone in pig iron extended this week under light buying. Buffalo iron was quoted in the eastern territory at 50 cents less than recently and this competition was met by eastern Pennsylvania furnaces. A further unsettling factor is the continued appearance of foreign tonnage in eastern market.

The composite this week on 14 representative iron and steel products this week is \$41.22. This compares with \$41.00 last week and \$41.10 the preceding week.

January Pig Iron Output Increases.

Another sharp increase in pig iron production was registered in January. From statistics gathered largely by wire by the "Iron Age" the gain last month was 13,082 tons in the daily rate, or about 12%. The December gain over November was 14%. For the third consecutive month the net gain in active furnaces was 23. The production of coke pig iron for the 31 days in January amounted to 3,367,264 gross tons, or 108,621 tons per day, as compared with 2,961,702 tons, or 95,539 tons per day, for the 31 days of December. The January total is the largest since March 1924. It is the first time the daily rate has exceeded 100,000 tons since April last year, declares the "Age," adding:

There were 26 furnaces blown in and only 3 blown out or banked, the net gain being 23, or the same as in December, November and September. Since the upturn came late in July the net gain in active furnaces has been 107. The capacity of the 251 furnaces active on Feb. 1 is estimated at 111,150 tons per day, contrasting with 98,380 tons per day for the 228 furnaces active on Jan. 1. Of the 26 furnaces blown in last month 12 were Steel Corp. units, 10 were independent steel company stacks and only four were merchant furnaces. Two independent steel stacks were shut down and one merchant.

Ferromanganese output at 23,578 tons was the largest since April 1924.

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES—GROSS TONS.

	Total Production		Spiegeleisen and Ferromanganese.			
	1924.	1925.	1924.		1925.	
			Fe-Mn.	Spiegel.	Fe-Mn.	Spiegel.
January	2,274,005	2,689,465	20,735	7,948	23,578	5,418
February	2,410,658	-----	22,405	9,870	-----	-----
March	2,674,565	-----	22,351	13,796	-----	-----
April	2,463,027	-----	23,580	4,240	-----	-----
May	1,927,461	-----	14,993	9,336	-----	-----
June	1,507,110	-----	20,049	9,405	-----	-----
Half-year	13,256,826	-----	124,113	54,595	-----	-----
July	1,343,952	-----	14,367	15,328	-----	-----
August	1,413,314	-----	10,718	8,010	-----	-----
September	1,509,360	-----	13,263	5,033	-----	-----
October	1,858,502	-----	7,780	10,047	-----	-----
November	1,896,886	-----	13,448	8,835	-----	-----
December	2,377,141	-----	21,220	5,284	-----	-----
Year	23,656,981	-----	204,909	107,132	-----	-----

TOTAL PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS.

	1921.		1922.		1923.		1924.		1925.	
	January	2,416,292	1,644,951	3,229,604	3,018,890	3,018,890	3,367,264	-----	-----	-----
February	1,937,257	1,629,991	2,994,187	3,074,757	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
March	1,595,522	2,035,920	3,523,868	3,466,086	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
April	1,193,041	2,072,114	3,549,736	3,233,428	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
May	1,221,221	2,306,679	3,867,694	2,615,110	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
June	1,064,833	2,361,028	3,676,445	2,028,221	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Half year	9,428,166	12,050,683	20,841,534	17,434,492	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
July	864,555	2,405,365	3,678,334	1,784,899	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
August	954,193	1,816,170	3,449,493	1,887,145	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
September	985,529	2,033,720	3,125,512	2,053,264	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
October	1,246,676	2,637,844	3,149,158	2,477,127	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
November	1,415,481	2,849,703	2,894,295	2,509,673	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
December	1,649,086	3,086,898	2,920,982	2,961,702	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Year	16,543,686	26,880,383	40,059,308	31,108,302	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	

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

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

	Steel Works.		Merchant.		Total.
	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	
January	73,368	24,016	24,016	97,384	97,384
February	83,126	22,900	22,900	106,026	106,026
March	86,276	25,533	25,533	111,809	111,809
April	82,101	25,686	25,686	107,787	107,787
May	62,176	22,182	22,182	84,358	84,358
June	50,237	17,304	17,304	67,541	67,541
July	43,353	14,224	14,224	57,577	57,577
August	45,591	15,284	15,284	60,875	60,875
September	50,312	18,130	18,130	68,442	68,442
October	59,952	19,955	19,955	79,907	79,907
November	63,230	20,426	20,426	83,656	83,656
December	76,682	19,857	19,857	95,539	95,539
January, 1925	86,757	21,864	21,864	108,621	108,621

Increase in Paper Production in December.

The December production of paper in the United States, as reported by identical mills to the American Paper & Pulp Association and co-operating organizations, showed an increase of 2% over November's production (following a 10% decrease in November as compared with October), according to the Association's monthly statistical summary of pulp and paper industry. All grades showed an increase in production, as compared with November, except paperboard and tissue. The summary is prepared by the American Paper & 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 December for same mills as reported in November are:

Grade.	Number of Mills.	Production, Net Tons.	Shipments, Net Tons.	Stocks on Hand of Month, Net Tons.
Newsprint	65	120,262	121,357	23,838
Book	63	85,301	85,403	39,398
Paperboard	107	111,137	107,375	42,284
Wrapping	86	50,222	47,791	64,760
Bag	26	9,108	9,302	6,223
Fine	82	24,454	23,883	41,714
Tissue	45	11,526	10,513	11,091
Hanging	8	4,887	5,140	2,222
Felts	21	19,772	20,149	3,304
Other grades	64	20,468	20,753	14,682
Total, all grades	---	458,637	451,666	249,516

During the same period domestic wood pulp production increased 1%, this increase being distributed over all grades except sulphite bleached, sulphite mitscherlich and soda pulp. The December totals (mills identical with those reporting in November), as reported by the American Paper & 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	80,252	79,028	4,114	116,653
Sulphite, news grade	38	37,775	34,482	2,960	11,960
Sulphite, bleached	20	20,625	15,133	4,745	4,098
Sulphite, easy bleach	5	4,937	4,179	442	2,153
Sulphite, Mitscherlich	6	4,834	4,548	340	648
Sulphate pulp	12	14,961	13,026	1,536	5,384
Soda pulp	12	15,252	11,766	3,924	2,759
Other than wood pulp	2	19	57	-----	19
Total, all grades	---	178,745	162,219	18,051	143,674

H. W. Stokes of American Paper & Pulp Association Looks for Good Business.

"Business promises to be good for the next year," said Henry W. Stokes, President of the American Paper & Pulp Association, in his annual address before the Association at the general session in New York Feb. 5, "but," he added, "there seems to be no possibility of a boom, and no one wants a boom. We are approaching the coming spring and early summer with confidence and in anticipation of good business. We are approaching this period also with full knowledge that we must face in time increasing competition which will demand of the industry greater economy and efficiency. The paper machines in this country have a potential capacity of 10,000,000 tons of paper per year, yet the estimated production for 1924 was a little less than 7,000,000 tons of all grades. In the five-year period ending 1924, 210 paper machines were established with an estimated daily capacity of over 8,000 tons of paper per day."

National Lumber Business Holding Up Satisfactorily.

Reports received by telegraph from 359 of the more important commercial lumber mills of the country indicate that the lumber business of the country is holding up satisfactorily, says the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. These reports cover the week ending Jan. 31, and although they show a slight falling off in production, shipments and orders from the preceding week, the fact that the number of reporting mills is twelve less makes up for this nominal decline. As compared with the corresponding week in 1924, production is practically the same, and there was a decrease of about 10,000,000 feet in shipments and about 16,000,000 in orders. However, January 1924 and 1923 were abnormally active winter months in the lumber trade. Excepting those months, the indicated business of the last week is the best for this period in recent years.

The unfilled orders of 248 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 673,482,639 feet, as against 683,106,598 feet for 247 mills the previous week. The 130 Southern Pine mills in this group showed unfilled orders of 274,723,550 feet at the end of last week, and 275,839,200 feet for 130 mills the preceding week. For 118 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 398,759,089 feet, as against 407,267,398 feet for 117 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 359 comparably reporting mills had shipments 103% and orders 96% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were, respectively, 100 and 98; and for the West Coast mills 95 and 89.

Of the comparably reporting mills 336 (having a normal production for the week of 213,192,124 feet) reported production 98% of normal, shipments 100% and orders 94% thereof.

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 1924.	Preceding Week 1925 (Revised).
Mills	359	367	371
Production	222,096,411	221,516,195	223,569,435
Shipments	228,867,626	239,331,995	231,575,381
Orders (new business)	213,284,279	229,147,675	220,062,154

The following revised figures compare the lumber movement for the first five weeks of 1925 with the same period of 1924:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1925	1,023,864,335	1,063,788,886	1,008,713,267
1924	1,010,532,481	1,114,099,419	1,235,175,085
1925	inc.13,311,854	dec.60,310,533	dec.226,461,818

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 2,503,000 feet last week, shipments 5,922,000 feet, and orders 6,267,000 feet. The reported cut represents 21% of the total of the California pine region.

A Weekly Lumber Review of West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

One hundred and seventeen mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending Jan. 24, manufactured 102,517,163 feet of lumber; sold 91,196,654 feet; and shipped 104,062,792 feet. New business was 11% below production. Shipments were 14% above new business.

Thirty-nine per cent. of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 35,423,620 feet, of which 20,479,161 feet was for domestic cargo delivery; and 14,944,459 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,695 cars.

Forty-eight per cent. of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 49,789,758 feet, of which 32,929,161 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal; and 16,860,597 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1,645 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 4,923,034 feet. Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 141,850,134 feet. Unfilled export orders 106,027,264 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders 5,313 cars.

In the first four weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 358,808,769 feet; new business 336,614,426 feet; and shipments 377,629,792 feet.

Resisting New England Wage Cuts—Thomas F. McMahon, United Textile Workers' President, Is Authorized to Call Protest Strikes.

Thomas F. McMahon, President of the United Textile Workers' Union, was given authority to call protest strikes against the 10% reductions in wages in New England and northern New York textile mills. At a meeting held in Boston on Feb. 1 and attended by members of the emergency council of the union and representatives of the workers. The resolution adopted to the above effect reads:

The International President stands instructed in any one or all four districts where he sees an opportunity effectively to resist wage cuts or the installing of extra machinery, by striking a mill or mills, to do so.

Mr. McMahon is reported to have said on Feb. 1 that employees in two mills would walk out immediately, but he did not disclose the identity of the mills. He spoke as follows on their determination to resist wage cuts:

At this meeting we have decided to resist the wage cuts now being made in New England. I have been instructed to get in touch with officials of all districts in New England and northern New York to make proper arrangements for carrying on the struggle. New England and northern New York are divided for purposes of union organization into four districts. It was decided at this meeting to place each district in charge of an executive board member and a general organizer.

The position in the area in New England and New York affected by the cutting of wages is set forth elsewhere.

Wool Consumption Larger in December.

The Department of Commerce on Jan. 30 made public the following statistics with regard to the consumption of wool, by manufacturers in the United States during the month of December, based on reports received from 577 manufacturers. This is exclusive of 25 who failed to report the consumption of wool for this month. The total quantity of wool entering into manufacture during December 1924, as reported, was 44,266,297 lbs., as compared with 42,163,055 lbs. in November 1924, and 38,973,915 lbs. for December 1923. The consumption shown for December 1924 included 36,399,682 lbs. of wool reported as in the grease; 6,314,164 lbs. of scoured wool, and 1,552,451 lbs. of pulled wool. Reduced to a grease equivalent, these quantities would amount to 51,097,945 lbs. The grease equivalent for November 1924 was 48,380,315 lbs., and for December 1923, 45,451,660 lbs.

The monthly consumption of wool (pounds) in grease equivalent for manufacturers reporting for 1924 was as follows: January, 53,845,024; February, 50,632,884; March, 47,630,291; April, 44,361,464; May, 36,507,484; June, 30,972,041; July, 33,777,635; August, 40,063,717; September,

45,637,549; October, 54,854,103; November, 48,380,315, and December, 51,097,945. The report also gives the following:

Consumption by Grades.

Classified according to grade, the total for this month includes 10,861,377 lbs. of fine wool, which may be compared with 11,041,202 lbs. consumed in November 1924, and 7,677,642 lbs. consumed in December 1923; 5,624,415 lbs. of 1/2-blood, as against 4,477,104 lbs. in November 1924 and 4,617,564 lbs. in December 1923; 6,249,933 lbs. of 3/4-blood, as against 6,087,102 lbs. in the month preceding and 5,743,123 lbs. in December 1923; 7,187,240 lbs. of 1/4-blood, as against 6,724,069 lbs. in November 1924 and 8,776,698 lbs. in December 1923; 2,325,938 lbs. of low 1/4-blood, common, braid, and Lincoln, as against 2,071,270 lbs. in November 1924 and 1,473,870 lbs. in December 1923, and 12,017,394 lbs. of carpet wool, as against 10,762,308 lbs. in the preceding month and 10,685,018 lbs. in December 1923.

Domestic and Foreign Wool.

Of the total quantity of wool used by manufacturers during this month of December 1924, 23,540,221 lbs., or 53.2%, was domestic wool, and 20,726,076 lbs., or 46.8%, was foreign wool. The carpet wool was all of foreign origin. The United States produced 76% of the fine wool; 84.2% of the 1/2-blood, 84.6% of the 3/4-blood, 59.3% of the 1/4-blood, and 44.5% of the low 1/4-blood.

Geographic Distribution of Consumption.

Of the total consumption of wool in December 1924 (amounting to 44,266,297 lbs.) 20,252,341 lbs., or 45.8%, were reported from the New England States, 46.5% from the Middle Atlantic States, 1.2% from the Pacific States, and 6.5% from the other sections of the United States.

Imports of Tops and Noils.

The consumption of foreign tops and noils constitutes one element which it has not been possible to include in the consumption reports, since the manufacturers would be unable to distinguish between foreign and domestic tops and noils. In the long run, though not necessarily month by month, this element must be equal to the imports. The imports of wool and hair, advanced, including tops, for the current month were 92,693 lbs. and for 1924, including December, were 453,075; noils for the current month were 1,227,669 and for 1924, including December, 11,707,730. The exports of tops and noils were negligible.

Detailed Statement.

The following tables show the quantities of wool consumed, classified according to condition, grade, and class, with separate figures for foreign and domestic wools. Comparative figures are also given for December 1923, November 1924 and 1923, and totals for the months January to December inclusive.

CONSUMPTION OF WOOL BY GEOGRAPHIC SECTIONS.

Section.	Total.	Grease.	Scoured.	Pulled.	Grease Equiv.
Total	44,266,297	36,399,682	6,314,164	1,552,451	51,097,945
New England	20,252,341	16,128,707	3,450,408	673,226	23,927,158
Middle Atlantic	20,604,757	18,436,223	1,399,937	718,597	22,244,226
Pacific Coast	524,244	222,404	286,648	15,192	815,956
Other sections	2,884,955	1,562,348	1,177,171	145,436	4,110,605

WOOL CONSUMPTION FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AND FOR LAST TWO CALENDAR YEARS.
(All quantities in pounds.)

Class & Grade.	Total for December.		Total for November.		Total Jan. to Dec. Incl.	
	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Total	44,266,297	38,973,915	42,163,055	43,245,761	460,401,765	550,878,038
Domestic	23,540,221	16,747,987	23,340,277	15,498,465	230,323,207	194,906,724
Foreign	20,726,076	22,225,928	18,822,778	27,747,296	230,078,558	355,971,314
Combing a	24,800,979	21,366,374	24,612,727	22,537,925	250,351,298	301,830,537
Clothing a	7,387,924	6,922,523	6,788,020	7,363,855	86,546,566	99,383,953
Fine, total	10,861,377	7,677,642	11,041,202	8,811,320	109,004,274	108,834,633
Combing:						
Domestic	6,581,012	3,612,437	6,410,921	2,970,258	56,949,376	35,564,859
Foreign	2,310,436	2,462,182	2,845,303	4,159,112	30,346,873	61,885,584
Clothing:						
Domestic	1,669,426	1,203,420	1,493,549	1,144,483	17,288,247	14,750,290
Foreign	300,503	399,603	291,429	537,476	4,419,778	6,624,900
1/2-blood, total	5,624,415	4,617,564	5,477,104	4,110,972	57,440,128	62,395,227
Combing:						
Domestic	3,819,764	2,891,096	3,970,892	2,223,947	37,619,463	25,579,482
Foreign	776,022	848,510	435,045	947,052	8,016,681	21,630,363
Clothing:						
Domestic	918,558	745,229	975,150	736,883	10,207,461	12,321,407
Foreign	110,071	132,729	96,017	203,090	1,506,523	2,857,975
3/4-blood, total	6,249,933	5,743,123	6,087,102	5,905,042	68,437,568	88,496,348
Combing:						
Domestic	3,231,332	1,789,337	3,472,790	1,850,747	29,780,946	26,549,603
Foreign	669,089	1,983,202	606,900	1,865,296	12,953,076	32,418,910
Clothing:						
Domestic	2,059,107	1,488,870	1,709,222	1,760,484	21,270,829	21,798,077
Foreign	290,405	481,714	298,190	428,515	4,432,717	7,729,758
1/4-blood, total	7,187,240	8,776,698	6,724,069	9,066,284	77,955,149	118,442,204
Combing:						
Domestic	3,224,706	3,114,810	3,589,127	2,867,376	34,190,148	33,701,587
Foreign	2,468,627	3,648,608	1,692,251	4,060,549	22,976,368	56,054,028
Clothing:						
Domestic	1,034,292	1,184,417	975,860	1,110,718	12,778,248	15,824,522
Foreign	459,615	828,863	466,831	1,028,181	8,010,385	12,862,067
Low 1/4-blood b	1,598,023	505,084	1,495,800	672,327	15,582,523	7,438,572
Combing:						
Domestic	527,275	275,075	380,139	404,393	4,903,860	4,463,151
Foreign	671,801	-----	777,058	-----	6,109,125	-----
Clothing:						
Domestic	184,406	230,009	155,466	267,934	2,605,290	2,975,631
Foreign	214,541	-----	183,137	-----	1,964,248	-----
Common, total c	239,626	159,886	176,680	70,812	1,990,904	905,532
Combing	100,820	50,951	63,839	25,235	797,175	414,588
Clothing	138,806	108,935	112,841	45,577	1,193,729	490,944
Braid, total c	50,717	53,401	30,481	90,970	738,435	463,583
Combing	45,494	25,226	6,190	72,500	319,988	319,365
Clothing	5,223	28,175	24,291	18,920	368,447	144,218
Lincoln, total d	437,572	755,499	368,309	1,174,074	5,748,883	14,238,181
Combing	434,601	664,940	362,272	1,091,910	5,338,219	13,243,017
Clothing	2,971	90,559	6,037	82,164	410,664	995,164
Carpet, total d	12,017,394	10,685,018	10,762,308	13,343,951	123,503,901	149,663,548
Combing	5,958,724	5,340,100	4,914,938	6,030,718	55,625,187	76,123,393
Filling	6,058,670	5,344,918	5,847,370	7,313,233	67,878,714	73,540,155
Tot., reduced to grease equiv e	51,097,945	45,451,660	48,380,315	50,278,832	537,760,452	641,607,352
Domestic	23,501,004	20,820,655	27,655,830	19,638,817	281,964,298	249,919,652
Foreign	22,796,941	24,630,995	20,724,485	30,640,015	255,796,154	391,687,600

a Exclusive of carpet wools. b Figures previous to July 1923 include "Common" and "Braid." c All domestic. d All foreign. e In computing the grease equivalent, one pound of scoured wool is considered equivalent to two pounds in the grease, and one pound of pulled to 1-1/3 pounds in the grease.

CONSUMPTION OF GREASE, SCOURED AND PULLED WOOL FOR DECEMBER 1924 AND 1923. (All quantities in pounds.)

Class & Grade.	Grease.		Scoured.		Pulled.	
	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Total	36,399,682	31,212,068	6,314,164	5,835,693	1,552,451	1,926,154
Domestic	18,130,009	11,954,218	4,436,068	3,712,132	974,144	1,081,637
Foreign	18,269,673	19,257,850	1,878,096	2,123,561	578,307	844,517
Combing, a.	23,765,014	19,879,593	876,756	899,013	219,209	587,768
Clothing, a.	1,430,019	1,595,203	5,084,621	4,607,656	873,284	719,664
Fine, total.	9,305,944	6,593,548	1,259,611	919,804	295,822	164,290
Combing:						
Domestic	6,429,230	3,508,387	78,697	40,388	73,085	63,662
Foreign	2,279,876	2,454,195	30,560	7,987	---	---
Clothing:						
Domestic	563,414	579,150	887,618	524,393	218,394	99,877
Foreign	33,424	51,816	262,736	347,036	4,343	751
1/2-blood, total.	4,675,936	3,710,135	736,042	629,360	212,437	278,069
Combing:						
Domestic	3,779,535	2,743,682	29,036	44,717	11,193	102,697
Foreign	720,201	839,131	55,821	6,886	---	2,493
Clothing:						
Domestic	160,076	114,505	580,547	467,431	177,935	163,289
Foreign	16,124	12,817	70,638	110,322	23,309	9,590
1/4-blood, total.	3,983,788	3,589,832	1,964,376	1,716,984	301,769	436,307
Combing:						
Domestic	3,033,408	1,452,052	127,098	160,646	70,826	176,639
Foreign	639,750	1,955,183	29,939	23,869	---	4,150
Clothing:						
Domestic	300,925	137,356	1,567,551	1,127,600	190,631	223,914
Foreign	9,705	45,241	240,388	404,869	40,312	31,604
1/2-blood, total.	5,606,428	6,602,978	1,420,686	1,835,343	160,126	338,377
Combing:						
Domestic	3,009,162	2,734,091	197,476	272,545	18,068	108,174
Foreign	2,289,885	3,304,784	155,323	249,036	23,419	94,788
Clothing:						
Domestic	229,153	384,162	695,149	744,168	109,949	56,087
Foreign	78,228	179,941	372,697	569,594	8,690	79,328
Low 1/2 blood, b.	1,065,252	217,868	488,325	200,818	41,446	86,398
Combing:						
Domestic	455,606	191,992	60,021	49,174	11,648	33,909
Foreign	594,111	---	69,242	---	8,448	---
Clothing:						
Domestic	14,477	25,876	155,985	151,644	13,944	52,489
Foreign	4,058	---	203,077	---	7,466	---
Common, tot. c.	109,529	47,723	51,626	111,203	78,471	900
Combing:	89,394	45,127	11,326	5,824	100	---
Clothing:	20,135	2,656	40,300	105,379	78,371	900
Braid, total, c.	45,494	35,182	5,223	18,219	---	---
Combing:	45,494	22,581	---	2,645	---	1,835
Clothing:	---	12,601	5,223	15,574	---	---
Lincoln, total, d.	399,662	677,470	35,488	74,938	2,422	3,091
Combing:	399,362	628,388	32,817	35,296	2,422	1,256
Clothing:	300	49,082	2,671	39,642	---	1,835
Carpet, total, d.	11,204,649	9,737,272	352,787	329,024	459,958	618,722
Combing:	5,775,092	5,179,658	71,529	33,695	112,103	126,747
Filling:	5,429,557	4,557,614	281,258	295,329	347,855	491,975
Total for Nov.	34,907,019	34,726,779	5,697,872	6,290,116	1,558,164	2,228,866
Total, Jan. to Dec., incl. e.	367,676,304	441,038,352	69,675,298	81,173,979	23,050,063	28,665,707

a Exclusive of carpet wools. b Figures previous to July 1923 include "Common" and "Braid." c. All domestic. d All foreign.

Activity of Machinery in Wool Manufactures During the Month of December 1924.

The Department of Commerce on Jan. 28 issued its report on active and idle wool machinery for December 1924, based on reports received from 903 manufacturers, operating 1,075 mills. This is exclusive of 13 which failed to report for the month. Of the total number of looms wider than 50-inch reed space, 46,313, or 76.4%, were in operation for some part of the month of December 1924, and 14,290 were idle throughout the month. The active machine hours reported for wide looms for the month of December formed 77.8% of the single-shift capacity, as compared with 76.8% for the month of November 1924 and 71.2% for December 1923. Of the total number of looms of 50-inch reed space or less covered by the reports for December 1924, 13,051, or 74%, were in operation at some time during the month, and 4,581 were idle throughout the month. The active machine-hours for these looms represented 70% of the single-shift capacity, as against 71.6% in the preceding month and 65.9% in December 1923. The number of carpet and rug looms reported for December 1924 was 9,668, of which 7,862, or 81.3%, were in operation for some part of the month, and 1,806 were idle throughout the month. The active machine-hours reported for these looms represented 76.2% of the single-shift capacity of the looms, as compared with 77.8% in November 1924 and 71.4% in December 1923. Further details are furnished as follows:

Spinning Spindles.

Of the total number of woolen spindles reported in December 1924, 1,904,600, or 84%, were in operation for some part of the month, and 363,335 were idle throughout the month. The active woolen-spindle hours reported for this month represented 92.1% of the single-shift capacity, as compared with 89.5% in November 1924 and with 80.7% in December 1923.

The number of worsted spindles in operation during December 1924 was 1,975,330, or 75.3% of the total, and the number idle was 648,893. The active worsted spindle hours were equal to 77.5% of the single-shift capacity. In November 1924 the active worsted-spindle hours represented 76.1% of the capacity, and in December 1923 74.2%.

Cards and Combs.

Of the total number of sets of cards reported for December 1924, 5,836, or 84.3%, were in operation at some time during the month, while 1,083 were idle throughout the month. The active machine-hours for cards were equal to 92.3% of the single-shift capacity in December 1924, 92.1% in November 1924 and 87.4% in December 1923.

Of the combs reported for December 1924, 2,085, or 78.1%, were in operation for some part of the month, and 583 were idle during the month.

The active machine-hours for this month were equal to 92.4% of the single-shift capacity, as compared with 95.8% in November 1924 and 83.3% in December 1923.

Detailed Report.

The accompanying table gives the total number of machines in operation some time during the month of December 1924, the number idle for the whole month, the number reported on single shift and on double shift, the active and idle machine or spindle hours, the percentages active and idle, and comparative figures for November 1924 and December 1923.

Month.	Wider than 50-Inch Reed Space.		50-Inch Reed Space or Less.		Carpet and Rug.		Sets of Cards.		Combs.		Woolen.		Worsted.	
	Active.	Idle.	Active.	Idle.	Active.	Idle.	Active.	Idle.	Active.	Idle.	Active.	Idle.	Active.	Idle.
	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.
Dec. 1924—Total.	60,603	17,632	9,668	1,033	9,668	1,303	6,919	2,668	2,668	2,668	2,267,935	2,624,223	1,975,330	2,624,223
In operation.	46,313	13,051	7,862	1,806	7,862	1,806	5,836	2,085	2,085	1,904,600	1,975,330	648,893	1,975,330	
Idle.	14,290	4,581	1,806	1,033	1,806	1,033	1,083	583	583	363,335	648,893	676,893	648,893	
Nov. 1924—Total.	60,310	17,647	9,623	1,027	9,623	1,027	6,937	2,665	2,665	2,276,925	2,614,280	2,021,525	2,614,280	
In operation.	45,000	13,767	7,627	1,375	7,627	1,375	5,838	2,140	2,140	1,890,797	1,890,797	625,755	1,890,797	
Idle.	15,310	3,880	2,000	1,152	2,000	1,152	1,099	525	525	386,128	723,483	1,395,728	723,483	
Dec. 1923—Total.	62,598	19,884	9,840	1,340	9,840	1,340	6,088	2,625	2,625	2,289,492	2,611,002	2,009,359	2,611,002	
In operation.	46,002	13,680	7,840	1,303	7,840	1,303	5,827	2,010	2,010	1,463,819	1,602,352	602,352	1,602,352	
Idle.	16,896	6,204	2,000	1,037	2,000	1,037	1,161	666	666	825,673	1,008,650	1,407,007	1,008,650	
Per Cent of Total Number of Machines.	76.4	74.0	81.3	76.2	81.3	76.2	84.3	78.1	78.1	84.0	84.0	75.3	75.3	
Nov. 1924—Total.	75.6	24.4	79.3	20.7	79.3	20.7	83.4	80.3	80.3	83.0	83.0	77.3	77.3	
Dec. 1923—Total.	73.1	26.9	85.8	14.2	85.8	14.2	83.4	75.1	75.1	80.6	80.6	76.9	76.9	
Number of Machines in Operation on Single Shift—	43,080	12,915	7,580	982	7,580	982	4,916	1,526	1,526	1,503,423	1,763,070	1,173,070	1,763,070	
Nov. 1924—Total.	42,280	13,340	7,417	1,366	7,417	1,366	4,985	1,501	1,501	1,622,301	1,509,257	1,173,070	1,509,257	
Dec. 1923—Total.	42,944	13,428	7,613	252	7,613	252	5,011	1,477	1,477	1,622,301	1,786,187	1,173,070	1,786,187	
Active and Idle Machines and Spindle Hours—	10,000,970	2,639,432	1,592,452	166,666	1,592,452	166,666	1,389,032	516,629	516,629	451,714,642	426,538,977	38,804,074	426,538,977	
Dec. 1924—Active.	8,255,705	1,132,214	496,463	116,045	496,463	116,045	1,160,452	427,811	427,811	38,804,074	38,804,074	352,752,182	38,804,074	
Nov. 1924—Active.	9,240,092	2,589,867	1,533,164	166,666	1,533,164	166,666	1,304,673	507,340	507,340	414,544,954	352,752,182	110,039,551	352,752,182	
Dec. 1923—Active.	7,888,328	1,033,331	436,665	112,661	436,665	112,661	1,126,661	422,262	422,262	388,635,151	388,635,151	395,231,483	388,635,151	
Dec. 1923—Idle.	9,151,184	2,347,097	1,361,951	188,154	1,361,951	188,154	1,303,171	452,262	452,262	92,763,428	136,584,115	136,584,115	92,763,428	
Per Cent of Total Hours (Maximum Single Shift Capacity)—	77.8	23.2	76.2	22.2	76.2	22.2	82.3	77.8	77.8	92.1	92.1	76.8	76.8	
Nov. 1924—Total.	76.8	23.2	77.8	22.2	77.8	22.2	82.3	79.9	79.9	80.6	80.6	76.1	76.1	
Dec. 1923—Total.	71.2	28.8	87.4	12.6	87.4	12.6	87.4	83.3	83.3	80.8	80.8	74.2	74.2	

Textile Strikers at Fall River Return to Work—Plant Closed Down at Pawtucket, R. I., Following Walk-Out—Plant of Dwight Mfg. Co. Is Re-Opened.

While protest strikes against wage reductions are still in force in several New England textile plants, there are indications this week that the air is clearing, as the workers become reconciled to the necessity of accepting the lower wage scale. Unrest was looked for during the period of transition to the reduced wage basis. It is now believed that the fear that serious trouble may develop has passed. The position at Fall River again improved, when 150 striking weavers in the Granite Mills returned to work on Monday (Feb. 2), with their grievances adjusted. In this case the 10% wage cut was rescinded in respect of those styles which had already been affected by wage adjustment prior to the recent reduction. The major trouble in Fall River, however, is in the Lincoln Mills, where 600 weavers are on strike. Attempts to reach a satisfactory settlement have so far proved fruitless. Fifty dyers in the Kerr plant of the American Thread Co. are still striking.

At Pawtucket, R. I., the threat of the majority of the employees in the Greenhalgh Cotton Mill to strike in the event the 10% wage cut was not cancelled by Feb. 2 (see our last week's issue) was fulfilled. It was reported on Monday that 200 of the 400 employees remained "out." On Monday night George T. Greenhalgh, mill-owner, announced that his plant would be closed until the employees returned. The latter held a meeting and voted to

remain out. The 200 workers of the Pawtucket Hosiery Co. who struck Jan. 19 are still idle. It is stated that the above are the only cases in Pawtucket in which strikes have followed the imposition of wage cuts, although most of the textile factories there have put 10% reductions into effect.

Reports from Boston, Mass., state that the Dwight Manufacturing Co., whose entire plant (employing 1,200 workers) was closed on Wednesday (Jan. 28) as a result of a walk-out of 150 weavers, reopened its plant on Monday (Feb. 2) for those who might wish to resume under the new wage scale. All but the striking weavers, it is said, returned, and these demand cancellation of the recently imposed 10% wage cut. Further advices from Boston dated Feb. 3 report the ending of the strike (of two weeks' duration) of more than 700 employees of the Maverick cotton mills of East Boston, the strikers having agreed to accept the 10% wage reduction in line with the policy general in the New England textile industry. On the same day the Boston "Herald" announced that notices of a 10% reduction in wages, effective Feb. 9, have been posted in the Acadia mills in Lawrence, Mass. The mills manufacture cotton yarn and at present employ 600.

Fifteen Hundred Employees of Utica Steam and Mohawk Cotton Co., of Utica, N. Y., Vote to Strike in Protest Against Ten Per Cent Wage Cut.

A 10% reduction in wages, effected in the Utica Steam Cotton Mill and the Mohawk Valley Mill, both conducted by the Utica Steam and Mohawk Cotton Co., two of the largest textile plants in Central New York, led 1,500 employees to vote on Feb. 1 to strike rather than accept it. Those affected are ring spinners, loom fixers, weavers and carders.

American Woolen Company Shows Men's Wear Fabrics for Fall of 1925—Prices Advanced Over Last Year's Level, Due to Dearer Raw Wool.

The American Woolen Co. opened its new line of men's wear fabrics for fall of 1925 on Wednesday (Feb. 4) at generally higher prices than those for fall last year, with the exception of fancy worsted goods, which are being priced for showing later in the month. The advance, as compared with last fall prices, of staple and semi-staple worsted suitings and overcoatings, the company announced, is 6.6%. Certain important serges advanced less than 3%. Regarding woolen suitings and overcoatings, no official estimate of the advance was given, but in the outside market it was placed at 10 to 12%, in some cases at 15%. An index to the price trend is supplied by what is regarded as the pivotal serge number, 3192, Fulton serge, quoted at \$2 75 a yard, as against \$2 62½ for spring 1925 and \$2 67½ for fall 1924. Lines opened include the following departments and materials:

Department 1, Division A, serges; Department 1, Division B, chevits; Department 3, Division A and C, staple and fancy woolens; Department 7, woolens and staple worsteds; Department 8, Division A, woolens.

The higher prices are accounted for by the increased cost of raw wool. Indeed, it is stated that jobbers had expected still more advanced prices, leading to the belief that the company had on hand stocks of raw material bought at lower levels. Reports state the opening trade in the new lines was rather quiet, though not disappointing. Jobbers are reported as considering the price range a fair one, but the future is an uncertain quantity, owing to declining values of foreign wool.

Domestic Exports of Grain and Grain Products.

During 1924 the value of the exports of grains and grain products from the United States were greater than those of 1923 by \$122,450,000, says the Department of Commerce in reporting the figures on Jan. 22. The year 1924 was marked by striking gains in the exports of all grains except corn and rice, and by heavy losses in the exports of corn, rice and of certain manufactured products. The chief gains were made by wheat, the value of the exports of which was greater by \$120,624,000 than that of 1923. Next in importance were: Barley, with a gain of \$12,427,000; rye, \$11,018,000; wheat flour, \$3,069,000; malt, \$1,619,000. Small gains were also made in the exports of oats, buckwheat, rye flour, biscuits, macaroni and "other corn and wheat preparations for table use." Thus the gain made by wheat is responsible for most of the creditable showing 1924 is able to boast of over 1923. On the other hand, there were heavy losses suffered during 1924 as compared to 1923—notably in the

exports of corn (\$19,017,000), rice (\$5,551,000) and oatmeal (\$2,109,000). Smaller losses were recorded in the exports of buckwheat flour; corn meal and flour; hominy and grits; rice meal and flour; "cereal breakfast food not elsewhere specified." The value of the exports of wheat during 1924 was 103% greater than during 1923; of barley, 133% greater; malt, 50%; oats, 43%; rye, 39%; rye flour, 20%; biscuits and crackers, 14%; wheat flour, 3%. The value of the wheat exports made up nearly 55% of the value of the combined exports of all grains, and grain preparations for table use. Next in order of importance was wheat flour with 21% of the total value. Thus the combined value of the exports of wheat and flour made up over 75% of the total value of the exports of grains and grain preparations. The products the value of whose exports come next in importance are rye, barley, corn, rice, malt, oatmeal, oats, cornmeal and flour, biscuits and crackers in the order named, wheat exports having a value of \$237,000,000 and those of biscuits and crackers \$1,791,000. The value of the exports of the following commodities was in each case less than one million dollars: Rye flour, rice meal, cereal breakfast foods, not elsewhere specified, hominy and grits, macaroni, "other grains and preparations," "other wheat products for table use," buckwheat and buckwheat flour. The value of the exports of these commodities varied from \$971,000 in the case of rye flour to \$16,000 in the case of the last-mentioned—buckwheat flour. The statement then goes on to say:

The value of the exports during December 1924 was greater by \$25,509,000 than that of December 1923. The chief gains were in the case of wheat (\$23,123,000), barley (\$1,679,000) and wheat flour (\$1,035,000). The value of the corn exports was \$1,203,000 less during last December than during December 1923. In all other cases the gains or losses were slight.

The value of the exports during December 1924 was \$17,757,000 less than that during the preceding month, November 1924. In the case of wheat, the value was \$15,061,000 less; barley, \$1,031,000 less; wheat flour, \$651,000 less; rye, \$581,000 less. On the other hand, the value of the rice exports was \$487,000 greater in December than in November. In all other cases the difference in value between the December exports and the November exports was small.

The Unit-Value of the Exports.

In the case of every commodity with the exception of buckwheat grain, biscuits, macaroni, and "other wheat preparations," the export price of the products shipped out of the country during 1924 was greater than during 1923. The most notable increases in export price per unit were as follows: Wheat, from \$1.182 to \$1.425 per bushel; barley, from 77.8c. to \$1 08 rye, from 91.4c. to \$1 10; corn, 87.5c. to 97c.; oats, 52.5c. to 61.6c.; wheat flour, from \$5 40 to \$5 71 per barrel; rye flour, \$4 15 to \$4 44; rice, 3.95c. to 4.91c. per pound; corn meal, from 4.21 to 5.12c. per pound; hominy and grits, from 1.91 to 2.20c. per pound. Compared with the November export prices per unit, those of December show an increase in every case except hominy and grits, "other corn preparations," biscuits, and macaroni.

Volume of Exports.

The volume of grains and grain products exported during 1924 was greater than in 1923 by the following amounts: Wheat, 67,769,000 bushels; barley, 8,186,000 bushels; rye, 4,816,000 bushels; malt, 1,256,000 bushels; oats, 756,000 bushels; "other wheat preparations," 3,256,000 pounds; biscuits, 1,747,000 pounds; "other corn preparations," 1,480,000 pounds. There was a loss of 23,852,000 bushels of corn, 19,989,000 pounds of hominy and grits, 77,182,000 pounds of oatmeal, 170,237,000 pounds of rice, 24,092,000 pounds of rice meal and flour and broken rice, 4,987,000 pounds of "cereal breakfast foods not elsewhere specified."

In other words, except in the case of corn and rice, the exports of grains show a marked gain during 1924 over 1923. On the other hand, the exports of manufactured products show a decline.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL GRAINS, AND PREPARATIONS OF.

	Month of December.		12 Months Ended December.	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Barley, bushels.....	382,000	1,744,000	11,983,000	20,179,000
Value.....	\$319,000	\$1,998,000	\$9,322,000	\$21,749,000
Malt, bushels.....	204,000	465,000	3,224,000	4,480,000
Value.....	\$210,000	\$519,000	\$3,222,000	\$4,841,000
Buckwheat, grain, bushels.....	33,000	-----	50,000	122,000
Value.....	\$35,000	-----	\$53,000	\$131,000
Corn, bushels.....	2,044,000	437,000	42,188,000	18,336,000
Value.....	\$1,738,000	\$535,000	\$36,806,000	\$17,789,000
Corn meal and flour, barrels.....	35,000	34,000	624,000	435,000
Value.....	\$157,000	\$204,000	\$2,627,000	\$2,227,000
Hominy and grits, pounds.....	630,000	1,127,000	49,382,000	29,893,000
Value.....	\$15,000	\$34,000	\$943,000	\$659,000
Other corn preparations for table use, pounds.....	573,000	367,000	5,473,000	6,953,000
Value.....	\$4,000	\$27,000	\$347,000	\$488,000
Oats, bushels.....	56,000	518,000	3,227,000	3,983,000
Value.....	\$30,000	\$315,000	\$1,695,000	\$2,423,000
Oatmeal and rolled, pounds.....	20,508,000	12,529,000	160,628,000	83,446,000
Value.....	\$676,000	\$510,000	\$5,634,000	\$3,525,000
Rice, pounds.....	28,101,000	22,634,000	292,852,000	122,615,000
Value.....	\$1,208,000	\$1,285,000	\$11,574,000	\$6,023,000
Rice, meal, flour and broken, pounds.....	5,811,000	4,897,000	55,987,000	31,895,000
Value.....	\$128,000	\$170,000	\$1,300,000	\$946,000
Rye, bushels.....	522,000	832,000	30,850,000	35,666,000
Value.....	\$425,000	\$1,156,000	\$28,215,000	\$39,233,000
Rye flour, barrels.....	113,000	4,000	194,000	219,000
Value.....	\$455,000	\$26,000	\$806,000	\$971,000
Wheat, bushels.....	4,950,000	17,791,000	98,533,000	166,302,000
Value.....	\$5,510,000	\$28,624,000	\$116,490,000	\$237,114,000
Wheat flour, barrels.....	1,789,000	1,452,000	16,310,000	15,990,000
Value.....	\$9,086,000	\$10,121,000	\$88,151,000	\$91,220,000
Bread, biscuit, cakes and crackers, pounds.....	919,000	1,040,000	11,161,000	12,908,000
Value.....	\$129,000	\$129,000	\$1,577,000	\$1,791,000
Macaroni, spaghetti & noodles, pounds.....	665,000	700,000	7,160,000	7,486,000
Value.....	\$56,000	\$55,000	\$566,000	\$590,000
Other wheat products for table use, pounds.....	661,000	817,000	3,799,000	7,055,000
Value.....	\$51,000	\$65,000	\$312,000	\$549,000
Cereal breakfast foods, not elsewhere specified, pounds.....	869,000	483,000	14,280,000	9,293,000
Value.....	\$82,000	\$52,000	\$1,294,000	\$899,000
Other grains and preparations of, pounds.....	715,000	638,000	5,560,000	11,889,000
Value.....	\$31,000	\$61,000	\$346,000	\$566,000
Total grains & preparations of.	\$20,378,000	\$45,887,000	\$311,302,000	\$433,760,000

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 Feb. 2 issued its report showing the merchandise imports and exports by grand divisions and principal countries for the month of December and the twelve months ending with December for the years 1923 and 1924. The following is the table complete:

Imports from—	Month of December.		12 Months Ending December.	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
Grand divisions—				
Europe.....	\$93,209,857	\$110,720,846	\$1,157,055,754	\$1,096,356,118
North America.....	67,845,909	69,135,548	1,001,517,500	995,075,059
South America.....	37,149,613	44,524,434	467,420,907	466,471,209
Asia.....	80,288,470	94,017,383	1,019,810,501	931,370,655
Oceania.....	2,218,018	3,999,232	59,200,257	48,934,350
Africa.....	7,592,899	11,164,718	87,061,044	72,345,175
Total.....	\$288,304,766	\$333,562,161	\$3,792,065,963	\$3,610,552,566
Principal countries—				
Belgium.....	\$5,813,499	\$5,379,364	\$68,005,401	\$65,559,231
Denmark.....	715,500	369,646	6,629,770	6,118,264
France.....	13,183,792	14,436,114	149,612,587	147,636,972
Germany.....	13,672,899	12,793,158	161,192,688	139,257,900
Greece.....	475,086	2,366,776	14,388,294	27,728,570
Italy.....	8,778,325	9,083,860	92,268,339	75,004,095
Netherlands.....	6,034,908	7,600,832	77,521,178	74,041,925
Norway.....	1,478,166	2,194,516	1,313,179	21,391,252
Russia in Europe.....	269,134	1,498,023	31,461,062	7,980,849
Spain.....	2,751,936	3,149,435	31,461,062	28,992,107
Sweden.....	3,153,194	3,928,029	36,183,925	40,901,440
Switzerland.....	3,400,002	3,494,092	38,123,806	35,805,523
United Kingdom.....	28,994,748	39,349,182	404,071,815	366,476,902
Canada.....	35,936,359	36,489,063	416,004,758	399,067,925
Central America.....	2,613,709	2,269,124	37,280,620	37,261,275
Mexico.....	15,361,568	14,729,813	140,141,888	167,087,305
Cuba.....	10,464,656	13,138,968	376,442,581	361,720,542
Dominican Republic.....	1,945,570	352,115	8,350,254	5,824,717
Argentina.....	4,256,078	6,293,877	115,276,307	75,297,795
Brazil.....	15,746,053	21,836,550	143,233,628	179,334,668
Chile.....	7,085,831	7,158,723	91,801,355	98,678,618
Colombia.....	4,203,317	3,820,037	45,705,602	57,728,893
Ecuador.....	481,167	1,078,158	6,146,277	6,699,667
Peru.....	3,583,887	2,236,789	24,401,758	22,895,470
Uruguay.....	426,923	931,868	21,811,424	7,069,513
Venezuela.....	1,184,359	953,530	13,111,757	16,462,636
British India.....	8,395,418	12,173,917	127,978,456	103,276,586
Straits Settlements.....	14,440,101	12,168,433	153,790,206	148,048,706
China.....	8,765,813	10,853,267	187,602,172	117,885,965
Dutch East Indies.....	5,842,090	6,926,738	54,889,320	57,520,320
Japan.....	32,843,721	39,625,723	346,939,531	340,061,299
Philippine Islands.....	4,836,212	5,318,900	77,723,587	97,088,444
Australia.....	1,402,264	3,091,919	41,089,001	32,868,121
New Zealand.....	619,385	579,830	15,573,389	13,524,998
British South Africa.....	580,133	1,217,141	13,423,237	7,726,542
Egypt.....	4,663,615	6,195,065	38,805,840	30,995,404
Exports to—				
Grand divisions—				
Europe.....	\$246,336,860	\$273,342,432	\$2,093,415,151	\$2,444,490,079
North America.....	79,917,700	76,397,881	1,086,167,520	1,089,187,565
South America.....	19,229,844	29,751,884	269,317,939	255,064,923
Asia.....	63,118,163	46,443,375	511,498,224	514,605,131
Oceania.....	13,046,985	11,918,615	146,423,218	156,504,866
Africa.....	5,015,967	7,026,437	60,671,028	70,294,309
Total.....	\$426,665,519	\$444,880,624	\$4,167,493,080	\$4,590,146,873
Principal countries—				
Belgium.....	\$12,359,668	\$12,178,592	\$100,762,303	\$116,004,850
Denmark.....	2,822,335	4,851,838	38,768,318	43,413,028
France.....	29,978,961	27,861,784	272,131,786	281,663,972
Germany.....	32,394,555	50,670,943	316,837,432	440,537,797
Greece.....	716,071	3,764,488	11,899,763	16,721,827
Italy.....	19,839,315	23,913,901	167,531,956	187,040,152
Netherlands.....	10,402,442	15,285,733	109,172,753	151,734,170
Norway.....	1,770,107	2,757,051	27,609,740	23,236,926
Russia in Europe.....	116,949	129,066	3,547,055	40,300,407
Spain.....	5,285,297	7,893,995	61,861,685	71,162,469
Sweden.....	4,040,508	4,060,480	42,402,949	42,265,628
Switzerland.....	940,141	579,830	5,900,875	5,055,112
United Kingdom.....	122,995,476	115,884,414	882,321,257	982,034,509
Canada.....	45,339,421	38,122,606	651,920,741	623,165,510
Central America.....	5,020,967	4,991,959	56,196,673	64,843,901
Mexico.....	8,799,126	12,173,191	120,196,238	135,076,703
Cuba.....	14,963,574	15,261,938	192,438,378	199,779,279
Dominican Republic.....	1,881,189	1,326,175	13,427,440	15,642,268
Argentina.....	6,307,950	10,702,184	112,781,892	116,997,569
Brazil.....	3,692,557	6,722,934	45,583,620	65,206,712
Chile.....	2,025,126	2,804,068	31,057,952	31,377,819
Colombia.....	1,891,867	3,600,194	22,297,726	28,671,838
Ecuador.....	487,331	399,698	4,335,606	5,537,621
Peru.....	1,867,736	2,015,753	19,775,789	23,837,124
Uruguay.....	1,049,510	1,251,267	15,077,188	18,222,114
Venezuela.....	1,490,228	1,635,659	11,918,570	13,076,703
British India.....	2,563,163	3,723,677	30,249,524	17,640,530
Straits Settlements.....	512,794	589,998	7,352,567	34,900,844
China.....	11,792,303	6,954,518	108,594,778	7,505,968
Dutch East Indies.....	2,207,679	991,684	12,089,786	109,188,791
Japan.....	37,756,439	26,451,461	264,228,134	250,320,008
Philippine Islands.....	5,029,654	4,529,825	49,240,711	59,518,715
Australia.....	11,138,098	9,561,972	119,389,076	125,177,672
New Zealand.....	1,833,206	2,171,960	25,282,564	29,306,357
British South Africa.....	2,153,324	3,633,700	28,400,521	36,020,181
Egypt.....	1,671,432	579,759	6,173,741	5,865,625

Coal Trade Remains Practically Unchanged.

The general coal market for the week ending Jan. 31 shows, as usual, a wide variance, declares the "Coal Trade Journal," this week. Beginning in the North, Toronto, Canada, reports larger receipts of slack and a consequent settling of the market to normal, industrial buying of bituminous on a hand-to-mouth basis and the demand for anthracite below normal, although it increased slightly during the recent cold spell. In Montreal, there was a great improvement in the market for all coals due to the protracted cold spell, continues the "Journal," adding:

At Superior-Duluth the dock operators are still rushed with orders, the trade over the Northwest being exceedingly active. Industrial demand is expanding and docks are busy cleaning up. It looks as though there would be comparatively little coal left on the docks at the opening of navigation which is particularly gratifying in view of the fact that the dock operators went ahead this past year with extensive buying after having experienced a poor year previously. Prices there are all holding

at list. In Chicago, the market is quite demoralized with all grades of coal showing weakness. Quotations show a very wide range with spot coals bringing the minimum. Movement of smokeless, however, keeps up. At Detroit, the demand for steam coal is reported as improving, although it has not as yet reached satisfactory proportions. Buffalo shows no improvement in the bituminous situation and prices are easier. Large amounts of non-union coal are being offered. The coke market is slightly weaker but the demand for anthracite continues strong in the leading sizes.

St. Louis reports that oil and gas are cutting into the coal trade there, but that the general demand is better than in the past few weeks, though below that of former years. This demand is principally for medium or low-grade coals and Kentucky and Alabama coals are coming in to replace the higher-priced southern Illinois high-grade coals.

The Cincinnati bituminous market is at a standstill, demand being weaker than in many months, with nut and slack a drag on the market. Mine-run is very weak and the movement in general is listless, being practically confined to contract movement. The only bright spot is smokeless, which continues in good demand. In Columbus, the cold wave of last week bolstered up the domestic trade to a great extent, but outside of that the trade is quiet and featureless, though of a better tone. Production is maintained and prices are a shade firmer in the Pittsburgh district. Inquiry for futures is slowly appearing. In the central Pennsylvania district production during January was below that of December and the district is still behind the average of the country in production. Prices there are unchanged.

Louisville, Ky., reports that the snow and cold weather have helped the demand for coal for heating purposes but that the overproduction of screenings has softened the price on these somewhat. In the Fairmont district there has been a slight falling off in production, demand and prices. The West Virginia operators have been experiencing a brief softening in demand, but last week's cold spell has caused a somewhat better demand. The production in the upper Potomac and western Maryland districts is on a large scale on account of better spot demand but this large tonnage is not readily absorbed by the trade. In Virginia production and demand for both coal and coke are increasing.

Going to the Atlantic Coast, Boston is still experiencing a very light demand for bituminous, but prices are holding firm. Wholesalers and shippers have been expecting a softening of prices at the Southern loading ports, but these have not materialized. In New York the bituminous market is still in the doldrums, but there has been a good run on anthracite which has slackened off somewhat during the last few days due to the increased production at the mines. In Philadelphia the retailers have finally advanced the anthracite price 50c. The recent storm stimulated the anthracite market, but bituminous is a shade weaker. Baltimore has just gone through the worst month in some time as far as export shipments go.

Tidewater business in soft coal at Hampton Roads recovered in the week ended Jan. 24 to approximately the pre-holiday level. The total quantity handled was 383,875 net tons, an increase of 57,414 tons. The principal improvement was that of 64,188 tons in exports. Cargoes consigned to New England declined slightly to 210,413 tons. Shipments to the "other coastwise" trade remained unchanged and totaled 40,209 tons.

The gradual tendency to softness, that had been in evidence for two weeks in the bituminous coal market, says the "Coal Age," developed last week to such a marked weakness that there was an almost general sag throughout the trade. Light demand in the Middle West caused a general decline in prices in that section. "No bills" were in evidence in all sizes, running time fell off and talk of shut-downs in creased, asserts the "Age" weekly summary on Feb. 5, giving further details as follows:

Trade, in the Northwest, however, holds steady and dock interests express confidence in being able to clean up before the opening of lake navigation. More moderate weather has taken the edge off the sharp demand in the Southwest, prices remaining at the old levels, however. Business picked up a little in the Kentucky fields, which has helped running time, but prices have not undergone any change. Severe weather has had little effect on the West Virginia fields, overproduction of both smokeless and high-volatile coals serving to hold down prices.

Conditions continue in a middle state in Ohio, high-volatile coals showing queer spreads in price as a result of keen competition. Some distill stock, in fact, is reported to have sold for 25c. per ton. Domestic trade, however, has felt the stimulus of more cold weather. More mines have closed in the eastern Ohio field and still more are likely to follow suit unless demand improves. While operation in the Pittsburgh district has improved slightly, the pickup has not come up to expectations.

New England trade is hopeful despite the fact that prices have sagged again from the pressure of accumulated coal at Hampton Roads. Some factors have found it necessary to shop around to move the stocks that have piled up. New York and Philadelphia markets experienced a slight pickup, but the improvement was scarcely as great as the visitation of stiff weather had led many to expect. The Baltimore trade continues to hope for the best, but feels bitterly disappointed at the failure to realize the rosy predictions unloosed at election time. At Birmingham there is a gradual but steady improvement in demand, the market showing increasing firmness with a slight advance in prices on some grades.

Activity is not as marked as usual at this time of the year in the anthracite market. Since the settlement of the Pittston strike, interest in hard coal has lost some of its keenness. Egg continues to show signs of regaining strength, though chestnut is still far in the lead and gaining in demand. Stove is slipping slightly. Steam sizes still show notable strengths as a result of the strike. Independent coals require some urging to move, though prices are being maintained.

"Coal Age" index of spot prices of bituminous coal receded sharply during the last week, standing Feb. 2 at 169, the corresponding price for which is \$2 05, compared with 173 and \$2 09 respectively on Jan. 26.

Activity at Hampton Roads last week held pretty close to the level of the previous week, dumpings of coal for all accounts during the period ended Jan. 29 totaling 390,205 net tons, compared with 399,740 tons handled during the week ended Jan. 22.

Production of Anthracite in 1923, by Counties and Fields.

The first of the following tables shows for each anthracite-producing county of Pennsylvania, the total production and shipments of anthracite, with the corresponding values, during the calendar year 1923, as reported to the U. S. Geological Survey by the anthracite operators. The dif-

ference between shipments and production—9,910,000 gross tons, valued at \$22,390,000—represents the quantity sold to local consumers and used at the mines for power and heat.

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND VALUE OF ANTHRACITE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1923.

	Shipments.		Total Production.	
	Gross Tons	Value.	Gross Tons	Value.
Berks*	23,000	\$49,000	42,000	\$79,000
Carbon	2,509,000	14,847,000	2,830,000	15,695,000
Cumberland	940,000	5,146,000	1,079,000	5,385,000
Cumberland, Lancaster & York*	76,000	71,000	113,000	100,000
Dauphin	807,000	5,223,000	1,303,000	5,873,000
Lackawanna	16,861,000	114,842,000	18,446,000	119,417,000
Lehigh and Mountour*	34,000	41,000	35,000	42,000
Luzerne	28,076,000	191,922,000	31,996,000	202,140,000
Northumberland	5,249,000	32,720,000	6,197,000	34,376,000
Schuylkill	17,802,000	112,558,000	20,161,000	116,416,000
Sullivan	281,000	1,913,000	294,000	1,978,000
Susquehanna and Wayne	770,000	5,066,000	842,000	5,285,000
Total	73,428,000	\$484,398,000	\$3,338,000	\$506,788,000

* Counties producing dredge coal only.

The table below presents figures of production for the five fields that comprise the anthracite region, and shows what part of the total output was contributed by breakers, washeries and dredges. It is of interest to note that considerably more than half of the total anthracite recovered in 1924 came from the northern field.

PRODUCTION OF ANTHRACITE IN 1923 BY FIELDS (GROSS TONS).

Field.	Breakers.	Washeries.	Dredges.	Total.
Eastern middle	7,039,000	122,000	-----	7,161,000
Western middle	16,548,000	1,019,000	194,000	17,761,000
Northern	43,510,000	1,859,000	28,000	45,397,000
Southern	11,077,000	1,016,000	632,000	12,725,000
Sullivan County	294,000	-----	-----	294,000
	78,468,000	4,016,000	854,000	83,338,000

Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Output Fall—Coke Remains at About Same Level.

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. 31 1925, discloses a decline in soft coal production and also a slight falling off in anthracite. Coke, however, retained its recent level. The summary follows:

The week ended Jan. 24 was marked by a sharp decline in the production of soft coal to a level far below the 12,000,000-ton mark. Preliminary estimates based on the number of cars shipped, and including allowances for coal coked at the mines, mine fuel and local sales, place the total output at 11,387,000 net tons, a decrease of 641,000 tons, or 5.3%. Compared with the record of the corresponding week a year ago, there was a decrease of more than a half million tons.

Incomplete telegraphic reports from the railroads to the American Railway Association on daily loadings show a slight increase on Monday, Jan. 26, as compared with the corresponding day last week. Tuesday's loadings fell off more sharply than usual, however, and the total for the two days showed a decrease of nearly 2%. This indicates the possibility that production has not yet reached the bottom of the present decline.

The average daily rate of output has pitched downward sharply from the high point reached two weeks ago, and now stands at 1,898,000 tons a day. In comparison with the rate prevailing at the same date of earlier years, the present rate compares favorably.

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

	1924-1925		1923-1924	
	Coal Year to Date.	Coal Year to Date (c).	Coal Year to Date (a).	Coal Year to Date (b).
Jan. 10	12,590,000	359,626,000	12,337,000	438,393,000
Daily average	2,098,000	1,507,000	2,056,000	1,842,000
Jan. 17 a	12,028,000	371,654,000	11,992,000	450,385,000
Daily average	2,005,000	1,519,000	1,999,000	1,846,000
Jan. 24 b	11,387,000	383,041,000	11,951,000	462,336,000
Daily average	1,898,000	1,528,000	1,992,000	1,849,000

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

Production of soft coal during the first 251 working days of the coal year 1924-1925 was 383,041,000 net tons. In the six preceding years it was as follows:

Years of Activity.	Years of Depression.		
1918-19	478,955,000 net tons	1919-20	396,700,000 net tons
1920-21	462,234,000 net tons	1921-22	344,436,000 net tons
1923-24	462,336,000 net tons	1922-23	322,989,000 net tons

This it is seen that with but 9 weeks remaining the coal year 1924-1925 stands nearly 85 million tons behind the average of the three years of activity and about 28 million tons ahead of the years of depression. Compared with the average of the six years, it stands about 28 million tons behind.

ANTHRACITE.

The production of anthracite declined slightly in the week ended Jan. 24. According to reports of the 9 principal anthracite carriers, 33,266 cars were loaded for shipment, from which it is estimated that the total output, including mine fuel, local sales and the product of washeries and dredges, was approximately 1,740,000 net tons. Compared with the preceding week this was a decrease of 63,000 tons. The present weekly rate of output is practically the same as that a year ago, but it is considerably less than at the corresponding date of 1923.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1924-1925		1923-1924	
	Coal Year to Date.	Coal Year to Date (a).	Coal Year to Date (b).	Coal Year to Date (c).
Jan. 10	1,785,000	68,701,000	1,840,000	70,843,000
Jan. 17	1,803,000	70,504,000	1,884,000	72,727,000
Jan. 24 b	1,740,000	72,244,000	1,782,000	74,509,000

a Minus one day's production in first week of April to equalize number of days covered in the two years. b Subject to revision.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The production of beehive coke continues at a weekly rate just above the quarter-million-ton mark. The total estimated output in the week ended

Jan. 24 is placed at 265,000 net tons, an increase of approximately 3,000 tons. In the corresponding week of 1923, 263,000 tons were produced. None of the producing districts showed noteworthy change.

Production in the Connellsville region, according to the Connellsville "Courier," totaled 194,970 tons. The "Courier" stated further that the program of curtailment of output started in the second week of January, and that merchant operators joined in the movement by blowing out 304 ovens.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended			1925 to Date.	1924 to Date.c
	Jan. 24 1925.a	Jan. 17 1925.b	Jan. 26 1924.		
Pennsylvania and Ohio	214,000	212,000	209,000	734,000	725,000
West Virginia	15,000	12,000	17,000	47,000	53,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Georgia	17,000	19,000	19,000	72,000	59,000
Virginia	10,000	11,000	7,000	36,000	27,000
Colorado & New Mexico	4,000	4,000	6,000	15,000	20,000
Washington and Utah	5,000	4,000	5,000	16,000	15,000
United States total	265,000	262,000	263,000	920,000	899,000
Daily average	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	43,000

a Subject to revision. b Revised from last report. c Adjusted to make comparable the number of days covered in both years.

Cumulative production of beehive coke during 1925 to Jan. 24 stood at 920,000 net tons. Figures for similar periods in earlier years are as follows: 1921-----929,000 net tons 1923-----1,240,000 net tons 1922-----428,000 net tons 1924-----899,000 net tons

Bituminous Coal Industry Supports Economy Program of President Coolidge.

On Jan. 31 the support of the bituminous coal industry was pledged to President Coolidge in his program for economy and curtailment of Government activities by the Government Relations Committee of the National Coal Association. Representing the principal producing fields of the United States, twelve members of this committee, headed by Walter H. Cunningham, Huntington, W. Va., and with S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Philadelphia, President of the association, in attendance, adopted a resolution at Washington endorsing the statement made last week by the Chief Executive to the business organization of the Government. Citing these words of the President, "We are occupying fields that should be abandoned," the resolution declares that "Calvin Coolidge puts his finger on the crux of the situation. We have too many Federal bureaus now. Elimination of these superfluous bureaus will bring lower taxes and better business conditions for all."

Record-Breaking Run of Hogs in December at South St. Paul, According to Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis—Manufacturing Activity, &c.

In the district summary for the month, as contained in its "Monthly Review" issued under date of Jan. 28, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis says in part:

The total dollar value of business transacted in the Ninth Federal Reserve District during December as shown by the individual debits at banks in 17 selected cities was more than one-fourth greater than a year ago. The December total of debits was 5% less than in November, whereas a seasonal decline is to be expected of not to exceed 2%. There is now taking place a secondary turnover of crop money through the hands of merchants, collections of back taxes by county treasurers, heavier than normal collections by wholesalers, the payment of delinquent mortgage interest and some re-financing. This turnover, coupled with the heavy movement of livestock, has contributed substantially toward offsetting the effect on debits of the precipitate decline of grain receipts.

There was a record-breaking run of hogs at South St. Paul in December, exceeding by about 100,000 head the highest point heretofore reached. This continued in January and is to be explained by the short corn crop and high prices for corn. Under these circumstances, light weight hogs have sold at prices particularly attractive to those able to buy for feeding purposes. This has resulted in unseasonably large shipments of feeder hogs in December.

There was also a heavier than normal marketing of calves and sheep. Manufacturing activity in important industries of this district exhibited little change. The flour mills outside the Twin Cities and the linseed and lumber industries have enjoyed increased volume; but flour production at Minneapolis and St. Paul was in an extremely depressed condition. Increased unemployment was reported at Duluth.

Retail trade in cities of this district showed a marked change for the better. Retail sales by representative department stores were larger in December than in any other single month since our records began four years ago. There was also a more than seasonal decrease in their merchandise stocks. Sales by retail lumber yards were above normal, and their stocks on hand were increased during the month.

Wholesalers report sales above last year. The increase for farm implements is particularly noteworthy. Shipments of automobiles and automobile tires declined.

Report of the Dec. 1 1924 Pig Survey.

A hog production in 1925 probably as small as in any year in the last ten, and an acute shortage of hog products in 1926 are indicated in the Dec. 1 pig survey made by the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Post Office Department, through the rural carriers and made public on Jan. 13.

The survey shows a decrease of 28.2% in the number of sows farrowing in the fall of 1924 in the country as a whole from the number farrowed in the fall of 1923. Because of a somewhat higher average number of pigs saved per litter the decrease in pigs is only 22.2%. For the corn belt, the decrease in sows farrowed was 30.6%, and in pigs saved

was 23.4%. Decreases in the other regions, while, large, were somewhat less than in the corn belt.

The number of sows bred or to be bred to farrow in the spring of 1925 is shown as 94.3% of the number of sows that actually farrowed in the spring of 1924, for the United States, and 89.6% for the corn belt. Based upon the results of previous surveys, which have shown about how much the number of sows farrowed has fallen short of breeding intentions, the present survey indicates a reduction of from 15 to 25% in sows that will farrow in the corn belt in the spring of 1925 from the spring of 1924. For the country as a whole, a somewhat similar reduction is indicated.

The reduction of 23.4% in the fall crop in the corn belt follows the reduction of over 17% in the spring crop shown by the survey of last June. The total number of pigs raised in the corn belt in 1924 was probably fully 19% less than in 1923. Quantitatively, this represents a reduction from 1923 of between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000 head; around 7,000,000 in the spring crop and 4,500,000 in the fall crop. But in spite of the large reduction in numbers born, the market movement to Jan. 1 of the 1924 spring crop of corn belt hogs has been almost as large as the movement to the same date of the 1923 spring crop. December marketings and slaughter in 1924 were the largest ever recorded.

The reduction in sows bred this fall for spring farrow compared to a year ago, is indicated at around 2,000,000 head in the corn belt. These will go to increase the winter market supply and to decrease the marketings next summer and fall, thus making the decreased supplies of the marketing year the more marked in the second half of the year.

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States—Continued Increase in Production and Employment.

Production and employment in December continued the increase which began in the autumn and wholesale prices advanced further to the highest level for the year, says the Federal Reserve Board in its summary of business conditions in the Federal Reserve District, made public Jan. 27. Continuing, the Board says:

Railroad shipments of goods continued in large volume and trade, both at wholesale and retail, was larger than a year ago.

Production.

The index of production in basic industries advanced about 10% in December to a point 25% higher than last summer but was still below the level of the opening months of 1924. Practically all of the 22 industries included in the index shared in the advance and the increases were particularly large in iron and steel, cotton manufacturing, coal mining, and meat packing. Among the industries not represented in the index the output of automobiles declined in December and was the smallest for any month in more than two years. Increased industrial activity was accompanied by an advance of about 2% in factory employment, with larger increases in the metal and textile industries, and by a growth of nearly 5% in total factory payrolls. Volume of building, as measured by contracts awarded, was less in December than in November, but continued unusually large for the season of the year.

Trade.

Distribution of goods was greater in December than in the same month of 1923, as indicated by larger railroad shipments and an increase in the volume of wholesale and retail trade. Christmas trade at department stores was greater than in the previous year, and sales by mail order houses and chain stores were the largest on record. Wholesale trade was seasonally less than in November but in practically all lines was larger than a year ago. Marketing of agricultural products was greater than for the corresponding month of any recent year.

Prices.

A further advance of more than 2% in the Bureau of Labor Statistics index of wholesale prices carried the average in Dec. 8% above the low point of June and to the highest level since April 1923. Prices of all groups of commodities were higher, the principal increases being in farm products and foods. In the first half of January the prices of grain, wool, coal, and metals increased further, while sugar, dairy products, silk, coke, and rubber declined.

Bank Credits.

At the Federal Reserve banks the rapid return flow of currency after the holiday trade resulted, during the four weeks ended Jan. 21, in a reduction

of earning assets about equal to that for the same season a year earlier. The net outflow of currency from the Reserve banks during the month preceding Christmas amounted to more than \$200,000,000, and the return flow after the Christmas peak, reflected both in the increase in reserves and in the decline of Federal Reserve note circulation, was in excess of \$300,000,000. Fluctuations in the earning assets of the Reserve banks during the past two months have reflected chiefly these seasonal changes in the demand for currency. The decline in discounts brought their total on Jan. 21 to a smaller volume than at any time in 1924, and acceptances also showed a seasonal decrease. Holdings of United States securities, which have declined for more than two months, were about \$175,000,000 below the level of last autumn and in about the same amount as at the middle of 1924. Net exports of gold, which gave rise to a demand for Reserve bank credit, amounted to \$30,000,000 in December and were in larger volume during the first three weeks in January.

The growth of demand deposits at member banks in leading cities during the three weeks ended in the middle of January, which has been greater than the increase in their total loans and investments, has reflected the return of currency from circulation. In the same period there was some increase in commercial loans and a continued growth in loans secured by stocks and bonds. Holdings of investment securities have decreased somewhat since the middle of November, particularly at the banks in New York City.

Firmer conditions in the money market in December and the first few days in January were followed later in the month by declines in rates on commercial paper to 3½%.

Improved Business Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District During December.

The Business Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia made public Jan. 30 has the following to say regarding business condition in the District:

Actual developments during December and January leave little doubt of a real and substantial improvement of business in this district. In spite of the widespread improvement of business sentiment early in the fall, the volume of November business was rather disappointing. But December witnessed a material expansion in the operations of the factories of this district and a volume of distribution well in excess of that of the corresponding period of 1923. Furthermore, preliminary reports indicate that, aside from the usual seasonal lull following the holidays and the inventory period, business in January has maintained or exceeded its previous advances. Following the marked increase which occurred in factory employment and operating schedules in December, early reports received by this bank indicate but little further change occurring in January. This hesitation is probably due to inventory taking.

Both the iron and steel and textile industries have shared in the recent advances. Output of these materials has increased substantially since November, and, although there is some seasonal slackening in purchases, existing orders are in sufficient quantities to insure the maintenance of present operations for from one to three months. Wool prices have continued upward and some grades of wool yarns and cloth have been in good demand, but the cotton and silk markets have been relatively quiet. Hosiery and underwear manufacturers report more active demand and a sufficient volume of orders for the first quarter's operations.

The coal markets have felt some improvement with the arrival of cold weather but anthracite production is still running behind last year's figures. Building activity, although still in excess of that of last year, has had a marked seasonal decline. Hence the call for paint, cement and other building materials has declined accordingly. Flour and sugar markets have been rather quiet and prices of sugar have declined sharply. An improvement in the shoe trade after the first of the year has been reflected in bettered demand for leather and for hides and skins with higher quotations in some instances. Indeed, prices of many other raw materials and manufactured goods have registered substantial advances during the past few weeks. Producers generally report, however, that buyers are cautious and are confining their purchases to small lots for early delivery.

Distribution of goods in this district has been in large volume since November. Railroad freight car loadings have continued to exceed last year's totals although December and January figures showed a seasonal decline from the high levels of early fall. Wholesale business, which was disappointing in November, was better in December in all lines than it was in the same month of 1923. Indeed, in the case of shoes, drugs and paper, substantial increases of 12 to 24% were recorded. The early January sales also appear to be exceeding last year's business in wholesale lines. It is also significant that stocks of wholesale dealers have been considerably reduced during the past year and that collections at the end of the year were better in nearly all lines than at the end of 1923.

Christmas business at the department stores in the district was also better than in the previous year, showing an increase of 3.2% as compared with December 1923. Business was especially good in apparel lines and the stores in Philadelphia generally experienced greater improvement than those in the smaller cities of the district. Since Christmas price reduction sales and weather conditions have stimulated the sale of seasonal goods. January business is expected to exceed that of the previous year. Further evidence of general business expansion is seen in the fact that the value of debits to individual accounts was 9.3% larger than in the corresponding period of 1923.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Feb. 4, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows an increase of \$48,700,000 in holdings of discounted bills and of \$200,000 in holdings of acceptances purchased in open market, and a reduction of \$5,200,000 in Government security holdings. As a result of these changes, total earning assets went up \$43,700,000 to \$1,032,300,000. Federal Reserve note circulation went up \$6,100,000, the first increase reported this year, while cash reserves declined \$18,000,000 and

non-reserve cash \$11,400,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

An increase of \$48,700,000 in discount holdings is reported by the New York Reserve bank, and increases of \$4,000,000 and \$3,300,000, respectively, by Philadelphia and Cleveland. The Boston bank shows a decline in discount holdings of \$3,200,000 and Atlanta a decline of \$1,900,000, the seven remaining banks showing smaller changes in this item for the week.

Acceptance holdings of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston were \$2,200,000 less than a week ago, while those of the San Francisco and Philadelphia banks were \$1,800,000 and \$1,100,000, respectively, above the previous week's level. All Federal Reserve banks report smaller holdings of U. S. Government securities. The System's holdings of Treasury notes went down \$6,400,000 and of U. S. bonds \$900,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates increased \$2,100,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation were increases of \$8,300,000 and \$5,300,000 reported by the New York and Boston Reserve banks, respectively, and reductions of \$6,300,000 and \$2,700,000, respectively, shown for Cleveland and Chicago.

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 676 and 677. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Feb. 4 1925 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	-\$18,000,000	-\$194,300,000
Gold reserves	-18,500,000	-218,400,000
Total earning assets	+43,700,000	+136,900,000
Bills discounted, total	+48,700,000	-164,900,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	+42,400,000	-34,800,000
Other bills discounted	+6,300,000	-130,100,000
Bills bought in open market	+200,000	+24,600,000
U. S. Government securities, total	-5,200,000	+264,200,000
Bonds	-900,000	+56,900,000
Treasury notes	-6,400,000	+194,900,000
Certificates of indebtedness	+2,100,000	+12,400,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	+6,100,000	-327,000,000
Total deposits	+2,400,000	+314,000,000
Members' reserve deposits	+21,900,000	+299,700,000
Government deposits	-23,000,000	-9,200,000
Other deposits	+3,500,000	+23,500,000

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

Aggregate reductions of \$95,000,000 in loans and investments and of \$129,000,000 in net demand deposits, together with an increase of \$64,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on Jan. 28 of 736 member banks in leading cities. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Total loans and discounts show a reduction of \$35,000,000 an increase of \$7,000,000 in loans on corporate securities being more than offset by decreases of \$11,000,000 in loans on United States Government securities and of \$31,000,000 in "All other," largely commercial, loans and discounts. All classes of investments show declines for the week; United States bonds by \$18,000,000, Treasury notes by \$10,000,000, Treasury certificates by \$26,000,000, and corporate securities by \$6,000,000. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Member banks in New York City report an increase of \$9,000,000 in loans on corporate securities and decreases of \$9,000,000 in loans on United States Government securities and of \$46,000,000 in "All other" loans and discounts. Their holdings of United States bonds were reduced by \$19,000,000, Treasury notes by \$9,000,000, certificates of indebtedness by \$26,000,000, and corporate securities by \$16,000,000.

Of the aggregate reduction of \$129,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$91,000,000 was reported by banks in the New York district, \$19,000,000 by banks in the Chicago district and \$9,000,000 by banks in the Boston district. Time deposits show a net decline of \$6,000,000, the New York City banks reporting a decline of \$11,000,000 in this item.

Reserve balances of all reporting members were increased by \$38,000,000 while their cash in vault shows a reduction of \$7,000,000. The New York City members report an increase of \$31,000,000 in reserve balances and a decrease of \$1,000,000 in cash.

Borrowings of all reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks went up \$64,000,000 and like borrowings of the New York City banks went up \$37,000,000.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 677—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total	-\$35,000,000	+\$1,168,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations	-11,000,000	-33,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	+7,000,000	+830,000,000
All other	-31,000,000	+371,000,000
Investments, total	-60,000,000	+1,008,000,000
U. S. bonds	-18,000,000	+659,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes	-10,000,000	-312,000,000
U. S. Treasury certificates	-26,000,000	+20,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	-6,000,000	+641,000,000
Reserve balances with Federal Res'v'e banks	+38,000,000	+214,000,000
Cash in vault	-7,000,000	+6,000,000
Net demand deposits	-129,000,000	+1,775,000,000
Time deposits	-6,000,000	+766,000,000
Government deposits		-3,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed'l Res'v'e banks	+64,000,000	-144,000,000

Listing of Foreign Government Bonds on New York Stock Exchange Made Subject to Informative Data.

The decision of the New York Stock Exchange to exact certain requirements incident to the listing on the Exchange of foreign Government bonds was made known in a statement issued as follows on the 5th inst. by President E. H. H. Simmons:

A special code of requirements for listing foreign Government bonds on the New York Stock Exchange has been adopted by the Committee on Stock List.

This addition to the Exchange's existing body of listing requirements has been occasioned by the marked increase during recent years of foreign governmental security flotations in the American markets for capital. The United States has become the greatest creditor nation in the world, and our new international status is nowhere more apparent to-day than upon the Stock Exchange floor. This country, through its imports of foreign securities in exchange for exports of our goods and capital, has taken a leading part in restoring and stabilizing economic conditions all over the world; at the same time, as our expanding export trade has recently shown, these foreign loans have to an important extent tended to increase the demand for American agricultural, mining and industrial products.

But in this process of absorbing foreign investments, the American investing public should be afforded information sufficient to enable it to judge adequately concerning the values of the securities involved. This latest addition to the Stock Exchange's listing requirements is consequently in complete accord with its historic policy of making pertinent information concerning security issues available to the whole investing public of the country.

The data now required by the New York Stock Exchange in connection with proposed listings of foreign Government bonds consists of the following:

REQUIREMENTS FOR LISTING FOREIGN GOVERNMENT BONDS.
Data to Be Requested by New York Stock Exchange in Connection with Proposed Listings.

- (a) Statement of debt, internal and external, and currency in which it is to be paid; statement of external debt to be computed in dollars.
- (b) Contingent and actual liabilities, and priority.
- (c) Revenue or assets pledged, if any, under present and other loans, and nature of administration.
- (d) Summary of such revenue receipts and income from such assets for preceding five years, stated in dollars, if available.
- (e) Status of the law under which said revenue or assets are pledged.
- Past debt record with respect to: (a) Defaults; (b) scaling down interest payments; (c) suspending sinking fund payments.
- Where listed.
- Currency in which interest and principal are to be paid.
- Tax liability and exemption.
- Statement of governmental income and expenditure for whatever amount in the preceding five years.
- Statement of the sums required in dollars to meet foreign interest charges in each of the five preceding years.
- Statement in terms of weight and dollars (converted) of merchandise imports and exports in each of the preceding five years.
- Statement of covenants, if any, with respect to payment of principal and interest of bonds dependent upon state of peace or war and nationality of holder.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Gold Shipments.

Discussing the gold movement, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has the following to say in its February "Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions":

During the first 24 days of January exports of gold from the Port of New York totaled \$56,547,000, compared with \$39,675,000 for the whole country for the month of December. Of the January shipments \$15,000,000 represented further withdrawals by Germany of proceeds of the German loan. The exports, however, also included additional shipments of \$8,700,000 to England, and \$26,400,000 to India. The heavy exports of gold from this country to India, together with large shipments from South Africa, follow a rise in India's merchandise export balance in the first 11 months of 1924 to the highest level since 1920.

Final figures on the country's gold movement for December indicated gold imports of approximately \$10,000,000, chiefly from France, Canada, and Argentina, so that the net export balance was somewhat less than \$30,000,000. This was the first export balance since August 1920 and follows a net gold import movement amounting to \$1,665,000,000.

The table below shows the December gold exports of the United States by principal countries and the figures for the Port of New York for the first 24 days of January. In addition to these exports, substantial amounts of gold were contracted for in the latter part of the month for shipment to Australia.

Country—	Exports of Gold from U. S. Dec. 1924.	From Port of N. Y., Jan. 1 to 24 1925.
Germany	\$20,000,000	\$15,000,000
England	10,264,000	8,711,000
British India	5,674,000	26,430,000
Hong Kong	220,000	
Mexico	466,000	250,000
Canada	188,000	
Sweden	1,001,000	2,000,000
Netherlands	1,324,000	1,752,000
All other	538,000	2,404,000
Total	\$39,675,000	\$56,547,000

Gold Purchased by Germany in Sweden—10,000,000 Swedish Crowns Taken Since October—Stockholm Tries to Stop Shipments.

Advices as follows are taken from the New York "Times" of Jan. 26:

The Stockholm correspondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" writes as follows regarding the gold purchases of the German Reichsbank from the Swedish Riksbank during last October: "The amount of gold which was exported to Germany in the middle of October with the Riksbank's permission amounted to about 10,000,000 crowns. This amount was purchased gradually. Since then no more gold purchases seem to have been made by the German Reichsbank. However, it is possible that the German gold industry has covered a part of its requirements in Sweden.

"The gold holdings of the Riksbank amounted on Dec. 20 to 237,000,000 crowns, against 271,200,000 on April 1. The balance of gold withdrawn since the reintroduction of the gold standard totals about 34,000,000. The Swedish Riksbank having imported during this period about 14,500,000, the gross reduction of its gold reserve amounts to 48,500,000. It may be assumed that about 46,500,000 thereof was exported, and about 2,000,000 was taken by Swedish industry.

"Of the exported quantity about 23,000,000 went in May to America, and 10,000,000 went, as already stated, to the German Reichsbank. There remain, consequently, 13,500,000, the destination of which is unknown. In order to stop the gold arbitrage via Sweden the Swedish Riksbank lowered the dollar rate (as well as other rates in conformity) gradually from 3.75, the gold export point, to 3.71. The last reduction from 3.7125 to 3.71 took place on Dec. 9, it having been found that the former rate was not effective. The dollar parity being 3.7315, the present rate of 3.71 approaches nearly to the gold import point. It remains to be seen if this rate will suffice to prevent further gold withdrawals."

Official Statement of Economic and Industrial Conditions in Denmark During December 1924.

The National Bank of Copenhagen and the Statistical Department of the Danish Government have issued a statement of economic and industrial conditions in Denmark during the month of December 1924 which says in part:

During the month of December the value of the Danish crown has continued to increase, so that progress may be noted in each month during the last half of 1924.

The average quotation in December for dollars and pounds was Kr. 5.69 for one dollar (equal to 17.30c. for one crown) and Kr. 26.62 for one pound sterling, against, respectively, Kr. 5.72 (equal to 17.40c. for one crown) and Kr. 26.28 in November, corresponding to 65.6 gold ore for a crown in December, against 65.2 in November. During the month the dollar exchange has moved around the mentioned average, so that it constantly has been lower than 5.74 crowns to the dollar; the exchange which the law regarding currency regulations of Dec. 20 1924 fixes as the maximum value of the dollar for a period of two years. According to this law the Danish National Bank has been granted an extension of its moratorium of redemption of its notes with gold until January 1927, but on the other hand obligates itself to selling a dollar at a maximum exchange of 5.74 until July 1 1925; in the half year until Jan. 1 1926 at 5.60, and in the half year until July 1 1926 at 5.46, and in the half year until Jan. 1 1927 at 5.32. In this way the value of the crown is supposed to rise from 65 to 70 gold ore. So as to assist in the efforts to effect this increase in the value of the crown, the law contains certain special features, such as extraordinary taxes to obtain funds to repay the debt of 40 Mill. Kr. which the Government contracted in the Danish National Bank in 1922, and authorization to issue Treasury notes to make it unnecessary for the Treasury to overdraw in the bank, and furthermore, the law authorizes the Minister of Finance to give Government guaranty up to 40 Mill. Dollars for a "valuta" credit to be raised by the bank.

The National Bank has during the month of December decreased its giving of credit considerably, as its loans have gone down 32 Mill. Kr. from 493 Mill. Kr. to 461 mill. Kr., after which the amount loaned is less than at any other time in 1924. The note circulation is almost unchanged, 478 Mill. Kr. at the end of December, against 479 Mill. Kr. on the last of November, as, among other things, a considerable part of that amount by which the loans are decreased is balanced by paying back a loan of \$5,000,000 raised in the summer of 1924.

At the same time the loans of the three main private banks have increased with 23 Mill. Kr.—from 1,389 Mill. Kr. at the end of November to 1,412 Mill. Kr. at the end of December; which increase has been made possible partly by payment of a 60% dividend on account in the bankrøst Kobenhavns Diskonto—og Revisionsbank, partly by drawing on foreign correspondents.

The transaction in stocks and bonds on the Copenhagen Exchange has also been small in December, but still somewhat larger than in the immediately preceding months; the average weekly circulation was 2.5 Mill. Kr. for stocks, 3.0 Mill. Kr. for bonds (November 2.0 Mill. Kr. and 2.3 Mill. Kr.).

The index in quotations on the exchange still shows a decrease both with regard to stocks and bonds, as the stock index in December was 90.9 (November 91.8), the bond index 94.6 (November 95.7), when January 1924 is fixed at 100.

The gross price index in the "Finanstidende" ("The Financial Times") has during December increased two points, from 232 to 234.

After the trade balance with abroad for several months has been marked by a very favorable relation between import and export, the trade balance for November shows some reaction, as the import in November amounted to 211 Mill. Kr., the export to 189 Mill. Kr. The import in excess of export was thus 23 Mill. Kr., compared with 13 Mill. Kr. in November 1923.

The import in excess of export in November was especially due to increased import of grain and feeding-stuff and some decrease in the agricultural export.

For January-November inclusive the import in excess of export was considerably less in 1924 than in 1923; namely 172 Mill. Kr., compared with 315 Mill. Kr.

South Africa to Go on Gold Basis July 1.

The intention of the Union of South Africa to resume gold payments in accordance with recommendations made by Dr. G. Vissering, President of the Netherlands Bank of Amsterdam, and Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton University, the Government was made known in press advices from Pretoria on Jan. 12. The announcements of that date said:

The two commissioners recommended a resumption of gold payments on July 1, and, with a view to assisting in the restoration of the gold standard and its maintenance when restored, they have recommended that the South African Reserve Bank henceforth should operate in the open market more actively than hitherto.

Accordingly, the Government has decided that it will not introduce legislation postponing resumption of gold payments beyond June 30 and specie payments will be resumed on July 1, or at such earlier date as may be necessary under the existing legislation.

Enlarging upon this, an Associated Press cablegram from Pretoria Jan. 16 published in the New York "Evening Post," had the following to say:

The report advocating return to the gold standard, which was made upon the invitation of the Government by Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton University and Dr. G. Vissering, President of the Netherlands Bank of Amsterdam, points out that South Africa is found to have been for some time near a gold parity and is now above parity.

The commissioners conclude that further deflation is needless, as South Africa's gold position is very strong, and gold is more stable than "managed paper money." Therefore, they believe it would be a wise and conservative action on the part of South Africa to clinch now with the gold parity and definitely return to the gold standard on July 1. This decision must be reached immediately, they say, and adhered to whatever happens to the pound sterling in the course of the coming six months.

Advantages Set Forth.

The commissioners claim the following advantages for this course: First, greater stability of purchasing power at home and abroad; second, greater stability of rates of interest and a lower level for real interest rates; third, stability of exchange with countries possessing a gold standard, the number of which is continually increasing; fourth, greater confidence in South Africa abroad; fifth, greater confidence of labor; sixth, more convenient

and sanitary currency, and seventh, the benefit to the gold industry which will be secured by encouraging other countries to return to the gold standard.

Professor Kemmerer and Dr. Vissering are not blind to the disadvantages attendant upon South Africa breaking entirely with the pound sterling, and they recommend that it reduce its public borrowings and as far as possible borrow on a gold basis. Finally, they recommend that the gold market in South Africa be made absolutely free.

Continuance of Agreement to Restrict Output of Diamonds in South Africa to Control Prices..

Associated Press cablegrams from Capetown, South Africa Jan. 16, said:

A conference of diamond producers, including those of Southwest Africa, to-day, resolved to continue the inter-producers' agreement restricting the output of diamonds in order to control the output and the prices.

The conference failed to arrive at an agreement with the London diamond syndicate concerning sales, but announced it intended to do all in its power to maintain the market and preserve the confidence of trade in the stability of control.

To Bar Gold From Americans—British Columbia Urges Law to Confine Next Rush to King's Subjects.

From the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 7 we take the following Vancouver (B. C.) advices of the same date:

The advisability of suggesting to the Federal Government that the ownership of British Columbia minerals be restricted to British citizens will be discussed here soon at a special meeting of the Mining Bureau.

Seattle, Spokane and San Francisco have profited largely from former gold rushes of British Columbia and the Yukon, it was stated, and action was urged to prevent United States citizens from obtaining the larger part of the anticipated gold output if a new rush occurs.

Senator Borah, in Letter to Secretary Mellon, Asks for Information Regarding Italy's Debt to the United States.

In a letter, addressed under date of Feb. 2 to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Senator Borah, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, seeks information on the status of the Italian war indebtedness to the United States. The letter follows:

Feb. 2 1925.
My Dear Mr. Secretary:—I would be pleased to have the amount of the debt now owing from Italy to the United States; the amount of the principal as originally contracted and the amount of the interest subsequently accruing; in other words, the total amount now due from Italy to the United States.

I should like to be informed also as to how much of this money was advanced after the signing of the armistice. Has Italy made any proposition for settlement or proposed any plan looking to settlement? Is there now any proposition before the Debt Commission upon the part of Italy looking toward an adjustment of this loan?

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM E. BORAH.

J. P. Morgan & Co. to Receive Tenders for Amortization of Argentine Government Internal Gold Loan of 1909.

J. P. Morgan & Co. announced on Feb. 3 that they were ready, as agents, to receive tenders for the amortization of \$524,400 Argentine gold pesos of the Argentine Government 5% internal gold loan of 1909. Tenders for the sale of the bonds, with coupons due Sept. 1 next, and thereafter at a price to be stated, must be lodged not later than 3 p. m. on Feb. 13 at the Morgan offices.

Unemployment in Great Britain.

In advices from London under date of Jan. 13 the New York "Times" had the following to say in the matter:

The unemployment situation in England continues to grow worse, according to a statement issued to-night by the Ministry of Labor. Figures presented by the Ministry show that 1,370,800 persons are on the lists of the unemployment exchanges. This indicates an increase of 33,915 over last week's figures and 40,125 more than in the corresponding week of 1924.

Offering of Bonds of California Joint Stock Land Bank.

At 103 and interest to yield 4½% to the optional date and 5% thereafter, Blyth, Witter & Co. announced on Feb. 6 an offering of \$1,000,000 5% Farm Loan bonds of the California Joint Stock Land Bank. They will bear date Jan. 1 1925, will become due Jan. 1 1955, and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest at option of the bank on Jan. 1 1935, or on any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds fully registerable and interchangeable in denominations as follows: coupon, \$1,000; registered, \$1,000 and \$5,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) payable at the holders' option at the bank of issue, or at the office of its fiscal agent in New York, Chicago or St. Louis. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, except inheritance taxes. They are a legal investment for California savings banks and for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. All of the stock of the California

Joint Stock Land Bank is owned by the Bank of Italy, San Francisco.

The California Joint Stock Land Bank was organized on Sept. 19 1919, and is authorized to loan on farm lands in the States of California and Oregon. A. W. Hendrick, Vice-President of the bank, in advices Feb 4 1925 to Blyth, Witter & Co., states:

During the period of its operation from September 1919 to December 31 1924 the California Joint Stock Land Bank has made first mortgage loans on farms in California and Oregon in an aggregate amount of \$12,269,100. of which \$1,162,500 has been paid in full and \$417,433 27 has been paid on amortization installments. Net loans outstanding as of Dec. 31 1924, were in the amount of \$10,689,166 73, against 355,531 acres. The appraised value of the real estate security is \$29,333,654, which is an average appraised value of \$82 50 per acre. The owners' value of the real estate security is \$44,849,324, which is an average of \$126 15 per acre. The average amount loaned per acre is \$31 24, which is 37.86% of the appraised value and 24.76% of the owners' value. Since loans were made, 4,610 acres have been sold for a total selling price of \$940,856, or an average sale price of \$204 09 per acre. The appraised value of the land sold is \$785,445, an average of \$170 38, and the total amount loaned against the land sold is \$312,800, an average of \$67 85. The appraised value, therefore, of the land sold is 83.48% of the selling price and the amount loaned is 33.25% of the selling price.

The following is the balance sheet of the bank as of December 31 1924:

Resources.		Liabilities.	
Mortgage loans, gross	\$11,106,600 00	Capital	\$735,000 00
Amortization installments (principal paid)	417,433 27	Surplus paid in	16,250 00
		Reserve from earnings	115,000 00
		Profit and loss	33,982 76
		Farm Loan bonds	11,000,000 00
United States bonds	\$10,689,166 73	Deferred loan due borrowers	812 23
Due from banks	950,000 00	Amortization installments (advance payments)	17,295 09
	72,121 71	Reserve for unpaid bond coupons	36,982 50
Amortization installments in process of collection	18,829 77	Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds	85,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	500 00		
Other resources	147,647 75		
Accrued interest on mortgage loans	130,139 89		
Accrued interest on United States bonds	8,411 45		
Accounts receivable	23,505 28		
Total resources	\$12,040,322 58	Total liabilities	\$12,040,322 58

The officers of the California Joint Stock Land Bank are:

L. Scatena, Chairman of the board of directors Bank of Italy; A. P. Giannini, President, Chairman executive committee Bank of Italy; Jas. A. Bacigalupi, Vice-President, President Bank of Italy; A. W. Hendrick, Vice-President; P. C. Hale, Vice-President, Vice-President Bank of Italy, President Hale Bros., Inc., O. A. Hale & Co., San Jose, J. M. Hale, Los Angeles; E. C. Aldwell, Vice-President and Treasurer, director Bank of Italy; F. A. Birge, Secretary; Miss Muriel Orton, Assistant Secretary.

Offering of Bonds of Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank.

A new issue of \$2,000,000 5% Farm Loan bonds of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank was offered on Feb. 4 by Kidder, Peabody & Co. at 103 1/2 and interest to yield 4.55% to 1934 and 5% thereafter. Dated Nov. 1 1924 and maturing Nov. 1 1954, the bonds will be redeemable at the option of the bank at par and accrued interest on Nov. 1 1934 or on any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, fully registerable. Principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and November 1), will be payable at the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, Kansas City, Mo., or coupons may be collected at the office of the Chase National Bank, New York City, or the First National Bank, Chicago. Walter Cravens, President of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, in a letter dated Feb. 3 to Kidder, Peabody & Co. says:

The Kansas City Bank has loans outstanding as of Jan. 31 1925 of \$39,764,200, against farm lands totaling 1,580,676 acres having an appraise value exceeding \$105,000,000. Amortization payments have already been made against these loans to the amount of \$1,138,193 52. These loans figure \$25 20 per acre.

The following are the loan statistics of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank as of Jan. 31 1925:

Number of loans	5,034
Number of acres	1,580,676
Actual sales value of farms	\$115,777,000
Appraisal for loaning purposes	105,714,000
Total amount of mortgage loans now held	39,764,200
Actual sales value per farm	23,000
Average appraised value per farm	21,000
Average loan per farm	7,900
Percentage of loans to appraised value	37.6%
Percentage of loans to sales value	34.3%

The Kansas City Bank is one of a group of which the Guy Huston Co. is fiscal agent. This group includes the Chicago, Kansas City, Southern Minnesota, Dallas, Des Moines and New York banks. Their assets, it is announced, are in excess of \$160,000,000 and their gross earnings are at the rate of approximately \$2,000,000 per annum. An offering of 10,000 shares of stock off the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank was referred to in these columns Jan. 24, page 402. The bank operates in Kansas and Missouri.

Meeting of Presidents of Joint Stock Land Banks With Commissioner R. A. Cooper—Reappointment of Commissioner Cooper.

The Presidents of the Joint Stock Land Banks meeting in annual conference at Washington on Feb. 5 with the Fed-

eral Farm Loan Board were urged by Commissioner Robert A. Cooper to insist that the farmers to whom they make loans operate their farms along efficient agricultural lines. He contended that the banks must protect the interests of their investors as well as take care of the farmers. In the foregoing we quote from the Washington advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" in which Commissioner Cooper is reported as saying:

I submit to you that it ought to be the policy of each bank, before you close a loan, to satisfy yourselves not only as to what that farm is capable of producing but that the person who is asking for the loan, who is to operate the farm, will operate it in such a way as to get the best results in operation.

On Jan. 23 Mr. Cooper, who was formerly Governor of South Carolina, was reappointed by President Coolidge as a member of the Federal Farm Loan Board for a term of eight years, expiring Aug. 5 1932. The nomination was confirmed by the Senate on Jan. 28. Mr. Cooper had been serving on the Board under a temporary commission issued during the recess of the Senate.

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

Farm Loan bonds outstanding of \$914,763,416 are shown in the Dec. 31 1924 statement of condition of the 12 Federal Land banks. On the same date the combined Joint Stock Land banks reported Farm Loan bonds outstanding of \$435,067,400. The following are the figures at the end of the year:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL LAND BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 31 1924.

Assets.	
Net mortgage loans*	\$927,567,597 78
Interest accrued but not yet due on mortgage loans	14,891,652 93
U. S. Government bonds and securities	28,550,360 54
Interest accrued but not yet due on bonds and securities	313,744 55
Other interest accrued but not yet due	104 55
Cash on hand and in banks	12,183,807 29
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	1,262,612 15
Accounts receivable	836,953 82
Installments matured (in process of collection)	1,773,831 33
Furniture and fixtures	1,892,646 34
Other assets	263,415 29
	2,480,580 10
Total assets	\$992,017,312 67
Liabilities.	
Farm loan bonds outstanding	\$914,763,416 25
Interest accrued but not yet due on farm loan bonds	10,808,785 51
U. S. Government deposits	54,093 70
Notes payable	32,333 40
Accounts payable	515,085 44
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	1,846,783 90
Amortization installments paid in advance	2,214,818 30
Farm loan bond coupons outstanding	949,985 15
Dividends declared but unpaid	713,886 65
Other liabilities	
Total liabilities	\$931,899,188 30
Net Worth.	
Capital stock U. S. Government	\$1,670,965 00
National farm loan associations	47,524,335 00
Borrowers through agents	385,160 00
Individual subscribers	1,585 00
Total capital stock	\$49,582,045 00
Reserve (legal)	6,563,500 00
Surplus, reserves, &c.	104,550 00
Undivided profits	3,868,029 37
	60,118,124 37
Total liabilities and net worth	\$992,017,312 67
Memoranda.	
Net earnings to Oct. 31 1924	\$25,837,702 52
Losses—	
Dividends paid	\$10,766,941 69
Carried to suspense account	1,125,582 38
Real estate charged off	3,409,099 08
	15,301,623 15
Carried to surplus, reserve, &c.	\$104,550 00
Carried to reserve (legal)	6,563,500 00
Undivided profits	3,868,029 37
Total reserve and undivided profits	10,536,079 37
Capital stock originally subscribed by U. S. Government	\$8,892,515 00
Amount of Government stock retired	7,221,550 00
Capital stock held by U. S. Government	\$1,670,965 00
* Unpledged mortgages (gross), \$20,662,184 44.	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 31 1924.

Assets.	
Net mortgage loans	\$446,429,453 92
Interest accrued but not yet due on mortgage loans	7,369,785 78
U. S. Government bonds and securities	15,575,969 59
Interest accrued but not yet due on bonds and securities	122,186 75
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	2,262,129 30
Accounts receivable	1,255,954 32
Other interest accrued but not yet due	86,837 07
Cash on hand and in banks	12,456,439 87
Installments matured (in process of collection)	1,138,469 97
Banking houses	981,985 00
Furniture and fixtures	189,293 83
Other assets	3,610,184 65
Total assets	\$491,478,690 05
Liabilities.	
Farm loan bonds outstanding	\$435,067,400 00
Interest accrued but not yet due on farm loan bonds	3,373,301 66
Notes payable	8,053,600 00
Accounts payable	7,310 24
Other interest accrued but not yet due	63,814 13
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	973,066 28
Amortization installments paid in advance	998,985 95
Farm loan bond coupons outstanding	995,575 68
Other liabilities	511,085 66
Total	\$461,044,139 60

Capital stock paid in.....	Net Worth.....	
Surplus paid in.....		\$34,487,185 00
Reserve (legal).....		1,239,294 98
Surplus, reserves, &c.....		2,648,535 01
Undivided profits.....		802,449 64
		1,257,085 82

40,434,550 45

Total liabilities and net worth.....\$491,478,690 05

The Federal Farm Loan Bureau also furnishes the following statement showing the loans closed by States by Federal and Joint Stock Land banks from Organization to Dec. 31 1924:

STATEMENT SHOWING LOANS CLOSED, SEGREGATED BY STATES, BY FEDERAL AND JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS FROM ORGANIZATION TO DEC. 31 1924.

	Loans Closed by Federal Land Banks.		Loans Closed by Joint Stock Land Banks.		Total Loans Closed by Federal Land Joint Stock Land Banks.	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Maine.....	2,243	6,306,150	---	---	2,243	6,306,150
New Hampshire.....	469	1,051,975	---	---	469	1,051,975
Vermont.....	911	2,495,100	---	---	911	2,495,100
Massachusetts.....	1,359	3,728,005	---	---	1,359	3,728,005
Rhode Island.....	113	351,650	---	---	113	351,650
Connecticut.....	1,178	3,962,250	---	---	1,178	3,962,250
New York.....	5,073	16,906,640	688	4,520,100	5,761	21,426,740
New Jersey.....	953	3,734,550	200	1,108,900	1,153	4,843,450
Virginia.....	9,856	27,333,233	758	4,944,200	10,614	32,277,433
Maryland.....	907	3,569,500	176	1,228,900	1,083	4,798,400
Delaware.....	92	310,600	---	---	92	310,600
Pennsylvania.....	4,461	12,015,300	855	3,672,300	5,316	15,687,600
West Virginia.....	2,743	5,569,550	1,487	5,181,550	4,230	10,751,100
North Carolina.....	9,371	19,050,350	4,216	16,463,400	13,587	35,513,750
South Carolina.....	5,993	17,224,670	1,314	7,209,000	7,307	24,433,670
Georgia.....	8,627	20,707,010	490	2,592,700	9,117	23,299,710
Florida.....	3,546	6,610,169	---	---	3,546	6,610,169
Tennessee.....	8,789	22,695,500	6,711	3,004,600	15,500	25,700,100
Kentucky.....	6,940	22,807,100	1,782	11,322,300	8,722	34,129,400
Indiana.....	9,611	35,155,200	5,709	33,311,084	15,320	68,466,284
Ohio.....	4,741	18,896,800	4,172	21,406,100	8,913	40,302,900
Alabama.....	17,482	32,770,470	300	2,518,900	17,782	35,289,370
Louisiana.....	10,638	26,097,765	30	556,000	10,668	26,653,765
Mississippi.....	22,256	42,854,920	285	4,927,500	22,541	47,782,420
Illinois.....	5,311	24,223,105	6,271	53,427,045	11,582	77,650,150
Missouri.....	8,371	26,828,960	3,073	25,317,660	11,444	52,146,620
Arkansas.....	14,044	23,955,710	817	8,301,700	14,861	32,257,410
North Dakota.....	10,395	40,546,000	774	4,584,600	11,169	45,130,600
Minnesota.....	9,024	38,752,200	4,075	36,565,050	13,099	75,317,250
Wisconsin.....	7,143	27,777,000	1,034	5,167,850	8,177	32,944,850
Michigan.....	8,015	20,365,000	745	3,845,400	8,760	24,210,400
Iowa.....	7,260	54,515,950	6,466	82,787,295	13,726	137,303,245
Nebraska.....	7,963	40,841,990	2,589	23,884,290	10,552	64,726,280
South Dakota.....	5,125	24,152,250	1,500	12,745,820	6,625	36,898,070
Wyoming.....	2,322	7,093,400	503	4,083,600	2,825	11,147,000
Kansas.....	9,484	39,816,550	3,809	26,280,700	13,293	66,077,250
Oklahoma.....	6,928	18,756,100	997	5,861,250	7,925	24,617,350
Colorado.....	8,258	24,051,500	167	1,268,000	8,425	25,319,500
New Mexico.....	5,043	10,622,700	---	---	5,043	10,622,700
Texas.....	38,417	112,330,691	4,897	41,276,811	43,314	153,607,502
California.....	7,077	25,414,600	1,241	16,090,900	8,318	41,505,500
Utah.....	4,827	15,433,500	132	688,500	4,959	16,122,000
Nevada.....	205	781,000	21	374,700	226	1,155,700
Arizona.....	1,318	5,402,600	201	1,459,200	1,519	6,861,800
Idaho.....	7,156	25,525,795	411	2,112,900	7,567	27,638,695
Montana.....	7,890	23,260,990	348	2,075,900	8,238	25,336,890
Oregon.....	6,697	22,458,080	769	9,215,400	7,466	31,673,480
Washington.....	11,662	32,073,420	163	1,835,700	11,825	33,909,120
Porto Rico.....	1,683	4,846,700	---	---	1,683	4,846,700
Total.....	339,970	1,042,001,148	63,936	493,197,805	403,906	1,535,198,953

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

Offering of Bonds of Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank.

At 103 and accrued interest to yield about 4 5/8% to 1935 and 5% thereafter, an offering of \$750,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank was announced on Feb. 2 by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. (bond department), of Cleveland and the Ohio National Bank of Columbus. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, will be dated Jan. 1 1925, will become due Jan. 1 1955, and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on Jan. 1 1935 or any interest date thereafter. The bonds, coupon and fully registered and interchangeable, are in denominations of \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) will be payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York City; the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio; the Ohio National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, or the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank of Columbus, Ohio. They are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and may be accepted as security for postal savings and certain deposits of Government funds. The Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank, which operates in the States of Ohio and Michigan, was originally chartered in February 1922 as the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cleveland, Ohio. Its name was changed a year ago. In his letter, dated Jan. 23 1925, to the syndicate offering the bonds, John H. Kraft, Vice-President and Managing Director of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank, says in part:

Loans of the Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank represent only 37.13% of the value of the security as appraised by Government appraisers, and based on the confidential reports of correspondent banks, these loans represent 31.53% of the value of the mortgaged security.

The average size of the loans per farm of this bank is \$5,001 33. The average value per farm as appraised by Government appraisers is \$13,468 37, and by correspondent banks \$15,858 21. The average farm contains 133 acres, and the average loan per acre is \$44 07.

On loans closed, amounting to \$4,126,100, the bank carries additional security in the form of insurance policies on the buildings amounting to \$3,218,875.

Report of Agricultural Conference on Administration of Federal Departments Related to Agriculture—Unified National Banking System Urged—Reserve System and State Banks.

Passing from its recommendation on legislation for consideration of the present Congress, the President's Agricultural Conference turned its attention to the administration of Government departments that affect the interests of the American farmer in a report made to President Coolidge on Feb. 1. The report of the conference outlining recommendations for agricultural legislation [to be considered at the present session of Congress was given in these columns a week ago, page 531, and in our issue of Jan. 17, page 280, we referred to the preliminary report of the conference on the emergency in the live stock industry. In its third report the conference covers every major activity of the Government, including not only the activities of the United States Department of Agriculture, but other departments and agencies whose work relates to the agricultural problems of the country, viz., the Federal Reserve Board, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Internal Revenue Bureau and the United States Tariff Commission. The Conference stressed the necessity for better service to agriculture through all governmental agencies and forcibly announced its opinion that agriculture is entitled not only to the passage of proper laws, but also to adequate administration of these laws, and to harmonious service by all the departments of the Government. The jealousies between bureaus and the lack of a co-ordinated Government program for the service of the American farmer were vigorously condemned, says a summary of the report, this summary also stating:

The practice of conducting both service and regulatory activities in the same office and with the same personnel has many disastrous effects, according to the Conference, and they should be separated as completely as possible. Furthermore, agencies with police or regulatory activities are called upon to promote better conditions in the affected industries by carrying out the spirit of the laws being administered rather than in strict compliance with the letter of the law.

After reviewing a portion of President Coolidge's address to the Conference on Northwestern agriculture and finance held in Washington in Feb. 1924, the Conference reported in detail on rural credit and banking. It was pointed out that of the 11,000 State banks in this country which are eligible for membership in the Federal Reserve System, only about 1,650 are members. "This leaves a large number of banks entirely outside of the Federal Reserve System," says a report, "and results in a divided system of banking, with consequent weakness to the nation's credit structure."

A unified national banking system was strongly urged in the Conference report, with the statement that such a system can only be developed by a Federal banking policy which will encourage eligible non-members to become a member of it. On this point the report says: "The Conference desires to raise the question as to why State banks do not become members of the Federal Reserve system in larger numbers and what situation in law or administration restricts the development of the necessary banking principles for the safety and stability of agriculture and industry?"

Security of American agriculture from foreign diseases and pests is of the highest importance, said the Conference on the subject of plant and animal quarantines. Much good work has been done in this connection by agencies in the United States Department of Agriculture, it states, but necessary protection is inadequate through lack of funds, powers and administrative programs.

A plan for uniform State quarantine rules and regulations was recommended by the Conference. Progress in this direction could be obtained, it is felt, by bringing State directors of agriculture into conference with the Secretary of Agriculture through payment by the Federal Government of the expenses of such a conference, and by giving the proper State officials the status of a collaborator. It was further recommended that liberal funds be made available for the proper protection of American agriculture against invasion of foreign plant and animal pests.

In case that the Federal Co-operative Marketing Board is established as proposed in the preliminary legislative report, the Conference recommends that it should investigate all complaints made to it through co-operative associations on problems coming before the Interstate Commerce Commission. It was the intention of the law which created the Interstate Commerce Commission, according to the report, to make it not only the arbitrator or judge between the shipper and the railroads, but also as an investigator and advocate for the shipping public in general.

In more recent years the Interstate Commerce Commission has failed or has been unable, due in part to multiplicity of work and lack of funds, to recognize its responsibility as an advocate of the shipper and has developed into a court, in the opinion of the Conference. Consequently, the cost of employing legal and traffic advisors makes it almost impossible for a farmer, representing an unorganized industry, to get redress in rate matters. Competent advice and assistance could be granted farmers through the Co-operative Marketing Board, the Conference concludes.

The Conference urged upon the Bureau of Internal Revenue that in administering the law of 1924, and in relation to the exemption of co-operative organizations from taxation, exemption should be based upon broad principles in place of the attempt to apply hundreds of small rules. The Conference recommended the adoption as a part of the system of standing administrative regulations of a statement that any co-operative organization will be deemed to be eligible for exemption if it is shown to be: first, that its activities have been restricted to the service of its members; and, second, that its entire income from its activities is paid to the benefit of its members.

The Tariff Commission can materially assist in bringing relief to agriculture at the present time by actively functioning along the lines of its constituted powers and responsibility, the Conference states. Congress gave the Tariff Commission powers and responsibilities upon which to build an aggressive fact-finding body that should take the initiative in assembling the information needed for a wise and efficient application of existing protective tariff schedules. Up-to-date information on costs of producing foreign and domestic agricultural commodities, in the opinion of the Conference, would enable the President to call for an investigation and receive

a report in time to act with at least a fair degree of promptness on tariff schedules.

Expansion of the leased wire of the Market News Service in the Federal Department of Agriculture was recommended in the report. There are a number of livestock and other markets from which no reports are received at the present time, and the Conference feels that the leased wire should link up all important producing and marketing centres if it is to operate with complete efficiency.

The text of the administrative report submitted to the President by the Agricultural Conference follows almost in full:

In its consideration of the general problem of how the Federal Government may give additional aid to agriculture, the President's Agricultural Conference has found that in many cases the desired assistance may be provided by a more efficient administration of existing governmental agencies rather than by the creation of new agencies or activities. In many instances, more effective administration requires only the adoption of a more sympathetic or aggressive attitude on the part of Government officials in charge in the formulation of policies and their application to agricultural situations which arise from time to time, in order to secure the desired result; while in others there is need for increased facilities of equipment, personnel, or funds to make the existing agencies fully effective.

The Conference presents at this time a report of its findings and recommendations concerning administration of Government agencies in those matters to which it has thus far been able to give careful consideration.

General Administration.

The activities of many different departments and agencies of the Federal Government have a direct bearing upon agricultural welfare. In general, these activities may be divided into two major types; namely, service functions and regulatory or law-enforcement functions. Service activities consist essentially in the accumulation and dissemination of information concerning all factors which enter into the production, distribution and consumption of agricultural products, and advice and assistance in putting this information into practice. Regulatory functions consist essentially in the interpretation and enforcement of laws and regulations designed to protect the interests of both the producers and the consumers of agricultural products.

In many of the Federal departments both the service and regulatory functions dealing with the same commodity or industry are lodged in the same bureau, office or personnel. This has many disastrous effects. In the discharge of the regulatory or police function, officials of the department are sometimes required to adopt the judicial attitude, sometimes a combined judicial and prosecutory attitude, but more often an exclusively prosecutory one. This attitude inevitably leads to a feeling of antagonism of interest between the department officials and the individual citizens or organizations which come into contact with the Federal agency. Such a feeling is the exact opposite of that which must maintain if the service functions of the agency, which depend upon a community of interest in advancing the welfare of the industry, are to be effectively discharged. Many of the instances of unsatisfactory administration of Government activities touching agricultural welfare which have been brought to the attention of the Conference have been clearly and directly traceable to the feeling of antagonism, instead of community of interest, between the Government officials and the individual or group which was seeking Governmental assistance.

The Conference, therefore, recommends that in all branches of the Government the service function and the regulatory function be separated as completely as possible in organization, personnel and action.

Further, the Conference finds that in many instances the effective administration of Federal departments is seriously handicapped by inter-departmental or inter-bureau jealousies. These have two unfortunate results. First, the "dog-in-the-manger" attitude of one department may seriously handicap the development of a constructive program of administrative efficiency in another department. Second, proposals for the increase of personnel and equipment in one department may be prompted by the desire to rival or surpass another department in size and influence instead of by a sincere desire to render additional service to the welfare of the nation or of the particular industry whose interests the department is specially fitted to serve.

The Conference realizes that personal or political influences and the Civil Service status of employees who may offend in this respect present limitations to the extent to which administrative officers can remedy the ills arising from inter-departmental or inter-bureau jealousies. But it desires to express its conviction that each new administration which is elected to present the interest and welfare of the people as a whole can render invaluable service if it will scrutinize with great care each new proposal to increase the activities and influence of Government bureaus or departments and will base its program and policies in these matters upon a recognition of the value of the service to be rendered rather than upon the demands arising out of departmental rivalries or jealousies.

Again, many instances of unnecessary and unwise duplication in the accumulation of the same information, data, &c., for use by different departments of the Government have come to the attention of the Conference. In many cases this seems to be done deliberately and with full knowledge that the same field has already been covered by another department. This is thoroughly reprehensible from every standpoint. If the information assembled by one department is adequate and accurate enough to be presented to the public to be accepted by it for use with confidence in Government statements, it should be thus accepted by other departments for use in their own projects or administrative procedure. If the information gathered by one department is not suitable for use with confidence by another department of the Government, it certainly has not justified the expense in its accumulation, nor should it be presented to the public.

The accumulation of duplicate data, statistics, &c., by different branches of the Government is not only an unnecessary and unjustifiable public expense, and bad administration, but tends to lessen the confidence of the public in all such Government information.

The conference, therefore, believes that the creation of some inter-departmental agency charged with the duty to study this matter and to promote interdepartmental co-ordination in the assembling and use of Government information would be a wise and effective step toward better administration.

Finally, the conference wishes to emphasize the importance of recognition by all Federal agencies that much of the police or regulatory duties of the Government are in connection with remedial rather than punitive legislation. The ultimate value of such legislation depends upon its administration in accordance with the spirit of the law and its purpose to promote better conditions in the industry with which it deals rather than in the enforcement of strict compliance with the letter of the law, and the imposition of a multitude of detailed regulations and restrictions which hinder instead of assist in the development of the industry. In many cases, Federal commissions, boards, or bureaus, which the records clearly show were originally

established to act in behalf of individual farmers or of groups which do not have sufficient funds to act for themselves in investigating apparent injustices and in presenting these for hearing before proper tribunals, have departed from this original purpose and are now acting either as the tribunal itself to which complainants must present their case, or, in some cases, as the prosecutors of the very persons whose cause they were created to serve.

The conference believes that every effort should be made to carry over into the regulatory functions of Federal agencies, to some degree at least, the spirit and attitude which should prevail in their service functions, and that the Administration should cause to be made, at periodic intervals, surveys which will determine whether these agencies are performing their proper functions.

In addition to these general statements and recommendations, the Conference has the following specific recommendations to make with reference to the more efficient administration of those matters of special departmental activities to which it has thus far been able to give attention:

Rural Credit and Banking.

The general subject of rural credit has been widely discussed in its various aspects in recent years. The President in his address to the Conference on Northwestern Agriculture and Finance held in Washington on Feb. 4 1924, stated:

"The difficulties of agriculture, and the difficulties of the banking institutions in the agricultural districts, arise, to some extent at least, from common causes. But it must be recognized that all the banking difficulties are by no means due to unfortunate agricultural conditions. There is every indication that in the case of some of the institutions which have been compelled to close their doors during the past years, the difficulties have been due essentially to poor banking rather than to distressed agriculture. . . . It is possible, however, to indulge the hope that out of this experience there may come for the benefit of future generations an improvement in the management and policies of the financial institutions which serve the agricultural interests. Just as the diversification program is intended to establish a sounder basis for permanent successful farming, so the consideration of the financial aspects of the present situation should lead to greater efforts to promote wiser, sounder banking."

"Agriculture and banking, like all other interests, are not the business of the Government, but the business of the people. Primarily they must assume responsibility for them. The Government can help, should help, and will help; but it will be entirely ineffective unless the main impulse comes from the people."

No discussion of the agricultural problem would be complete without consideration of the banking problem in the agricultural districts, for, as the President so aptly said, "The difficulties of agriculture, and the difficulties of the banking institutions in the agricultural districts, arise, to some extent at least, from common causes."

The banking problem, so far as agriculture is concerned, can not be approached from an exclusively Federal point of view. The national banking system and the Federal Reserve System leave outside of those systems—under State supervision and control and operating independently—approximately two-thirds of the banks of the country. While it is not within the scope of this Conference to make recommendations concerning this matter, it deems it necessary to call attention to some of the problems involved in the hope that they will receive the consideration which their importance deserves.

There are around 30,000 banks in the United States. About one-fourth of these are national banks and the remainder are State banks. Of the State banks, about 10,000 are ineligible to join the Federal Reserve System. Figures compiled recently indicate that nearly 11,000 are eligible for membership, and that only about 1,650 of these are members. This leaves a large number of banks entirely outside of the Federal Reserve System and results in a divided system of banking, with consequent weakness to the nation's credit structure.

The Conference can not indicate the way by which the Federal Government can cure difficulties created by certain State banking laws, but it can not, on the other hand, fail to point out the resulting difficulties for agriculture. The problem is so big and so important that the Conference feels it merits the active interest and thorough consideration on the part of the State authorities and particularly of the agricultural interests. A business can not be considered strong and sound if the banking structure that serves it is weak and unsound, and it must be admitted that this is unfortunately the case in very large agricultural areas at the present time.

It is apparent, moreover, that the country lacks a unified credit system and that such a system can only be developed by a Federal banking policy which will draw eligible non-members into membership in a unified national banking system. The Conference desires to raise the question why State banks do not become members of the Federal Reserve System in larger numbers and what situation in law or administration restricts the development of the necessary banking principles for the safety and stability of agriculture and industry.

Congress has given consideration during the past three years to the agricultural credit and banking situation. The Federal Intermediate Credit banks were created by Congress, with sixty million dollars capital subscribed by the Government, and ample borrowing capacity, to extend assistance, in case of need, to the agricultural interests through banks, livestock loan companies, and co-operative marketing associations, for periods ranging from six months to three years. The lack of proper support by the Intermediate Credit banks for the livestock industry has been fully discussed in the Conference report on livestock. It should be further stated, however, that a similar situation has existed on the part of certain of the Intermediate Credit banks in extension of credit to their local co-operative marketing organizations and the same aggressive steps should now be taken by the Federal Farm Loan Board to open to them the proper lines of credit.

Plant and Animal Quarantine.

Security of American agriculture from the invasion of foreign diseases and pests, and the protection of agriculture against the transmission of diseases and pests already established in certain sections of the country, are of the highest importance. There is increasing danger which calls for increasing vigilance in policing all possible disease carriers imported into the country or transmitted within it.

In the United States Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Federal Horticultural Board are charged with the responsibility for this policing service, and much good work has been done both bureaus. However, at the present time there is urgent need of immediate recognition of the inadequacy of protection to American agriculture through the lack of funds, powers, and administrative programs for the prevention of the importation and spread of diseases and pests. The outbreak of such diseases and pests are not local matters, but may at any moment become national calamities. Within the past year there have been two invasions of the foot-and-mouth disease, either one of which might bring ultimate disaster not only to the livestock industry, but also to other industries of the country.

It is fully recognized that the Federal Government has no authority to require the various States to enact uniform regulations to prevent the spread of diseases and pests. This, however, does not change or modify the necessity for such uniform State quarantine regulations through the development of Federal leadership and the willingness of the Federal

representatives to promptly and effectively respond to invitations from various parts of the country to take charge of outbreaks or to co-operate with States in the prevention of the spread of diseases and pests.

The Conference, therefore, concurs in the suggestion that the President should urge upon the Secretary of Agriculture the recognition of the necessity of increased activity and vigilance upon these lines, and that specifically the Secretary of Agriculture should take action in the following matters:

First, there should be built up a plan for uniform State quarantine rules and regulations, and every effort should be made by conference and leadership to obtain the full co-operation of the Governors and State directors of agriculture in concurring in these rules and regulations whenever necessity dictates. To effect such results it will, of course, take time and patient effort. It is recognized that already efforts are being made on these lines and partial results have been obtained. By bringing the State directors of agriculture into conference with the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, through payment by the Federal Government of the expenses of such conference, it is believed that important and most beneficial results can be obtained. Furthermore, it is earnestly suggested that State directors of agriculture and other appropriate State officials should be given the status of collaborators in order that the Federal program may be properly and practically accepted by various State and local officials. The purpose of this proposal is to set up Federal leadership in the event of threatened invasion or spread of disease or pests in order that the great agricultural assets of the nation may be properly protected by wise co-operation between the States and effective administration through the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Second, it is further recommended that in matters of quarantine the Director of the Budget and the Secretary of Agriculture take into account the increasing perils that threaten American agriculture, and, therefore, the increasing funds that may be necessary to properly police the vast agricultural resources of the country against destruction by the introduction of those insects and diseases which already have destroyed the producing powers of other areas of the world. Without a complete and available organization and the necessary policing, and without co-ordinated and accepted arrangements with the various States, it is impossible to expect that American agriculture will continue to be secure against the type of destruction which from time to time already has taken hold in various parts of the country, and which will threaten the agricultural resources of the country in increasing degree in future years.

Inter-State Commerce Commission.

It was the intention of the law which created the Inter-State Commerce Commission to make it the duty of the Commission to act not only as an arbitrator or judge between the shippers on the one hand, and the railroads on the other, but also as an investigator and advocate for the shipping public in general. That this latter duty was just as important in the minds of Congress as its duty to act as a court in adjusting differences between the railroads and the shipper, is clearly shown in the debates which took place in Congress previous to the passage of the Act setting up the Commission. Those who opposed the passage of the law insisted that the courts were the proper agencies to handle rate matters, while the supporters of it insisted that it was necessary to have a Governmental agency to assist an aggrieved individual in both preparing and presenting his case.

That the members of the Commission recognized its duty to the public is borne out in an address of Hon. Charles A. Prouty, a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, delivered at a meeting of the American Bar Association at Portland, Maine, in 1907. On this occasion Commissioner Prouty stated: "If a railway imposes upon you, in common with others, an unjust rate, that is not a private but a public wrong which should be corrected by public authority in which you, as an individual, can not be expected to redress for the benefit of your fellows. Any scheme of a regulation which does not embrace this feature will end in failure."

It is unfortunate that in more recent years the Inter-State Commerce Commission has failed or has been unable to recognize its responsibility as an advocate of the shipper and has developed into a court. The methods of procedure and the practices that have been developed are constantly making it more difficult for a shipper to obtain redress. The cost of employing counsel and the necessary experts makes it almost impossible for the ordinary citizen to get a hearing. There are few, if any, courts where it is more expensive or more difficult to obtain relief, neither is there any court more deliberate in reaching its decisions after a case is presented.

It is apparent to the Conference that multiplication of work in the Inter-State Commerce Commission during recent years, together with limited funds, have contributed to the present situation. The situation is such, however, that a farmer representing an unorganized industry and who is not in a position to retain traffic and legal advisors cannot expect ample consideration from the Commission unless some agency is provided whereby it will be the duty of some one to represent agriculture in hearings before it.

It is the feeling of the Conference that problems coming before the Inter-State Commerce Commission are so closely allied with marketing and distribution that such work on behalf of the farmer could well be undertaken by the Federal Co-operative Marketing Board, proposed in the preliminary legislative report of the Conference. Through this Board agriculture, organized through co-operative associations, would have at its command an agency similar to those existing for other industries, whereby it could seek redress in rate matters. The Conference further recommends that if such a unit is created it should investigate all complaints made to it regarding rate matters that affect agriculture and otherwise assist in an advisory capacity.

Tax Exemption of Co-operative Organizations.

The Revenue Act of 1924, as well as those which immediately precede it, recognizes that the provision for exemption of co-operatives from Federal taxation is sound public policy and equitable in its effect.

While the Conference does not consider it desirable that the present general provision for exemption, contained in the Revenue Act be elaborated upon it recognizes that the application of this principle through administration is to the common interest of the general public and of the co-operative movement, and deems it of first importance to emphasize the necessity of an application of the exemption provision best calculated to secure the benefits contemplated by the law itself.

With this in mind, the Conference, therefore, recommends that the determination of exempt status be referred to that ultimate test which is found in the statutory definition, and that such test be given the greatest possible emphasis by the administration, both in its published regulations and in practice, in contrast to the incidental decisions in specific cases, determining matters relatively detailed and peculiar to such individual instances. It is the tendency of such determinations to reduce co-operative organizations to a system of precedents and forms and these tend to become the official criterion of exemption, and have an even more widespread effect as they are accepted as constituting definite limits to the formulation of co-operative projects.

There are but two limits to be placed on the interests and extent of that development, so long as the principle of co-operation continues to be accorded public approval. The first of these limits is to be found in the dictates of sound business policy, and that is and always must be, the exclusive concern of co-operative members and their executives.

The second limitation takes the form of the definitions of co-operative organizations which shall be tax exempt. Expressive of the existing statutory provisions in this regard, the Conference recommends the adoption as part of the system of standing administrative regulations, of a succinct statement that any organization, regardless of its form or complexity, which is controlled by the classes of agricultural producers enumerated in the law, and the executives exclusively responsible to them, will be deemed to be eligible for exemption if it is shown, to the satisfaction of the administration that:

1. Its activities have been restricted to the service of its members in their capacity as agricultural producers in assisting in, or supplying the requirements of production; in providing services of processing or classification or in affecting distribution and sale.
2. Its entire revenues from these activities have inured directly to the benefit of the members, in accordance with their contribution, with deduction only of legitimate expenses for materials furnished and services employed and of the charges necessary for capital investment and reserve.

United States Tariff Commission.

The Act of Congress which established the United States Tariff Commission gave it power to investigate not only the "administration and fiscal and industrial effects" of the custom laws of this country, but also the "conditions, causes, and effects relating to competition of foreign industries with those of the United States, including dumping and cost of production," and the Act carried a provision that the Cost of Production Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in the Department of Commerce be transferred to the Commission. The functions of this Commission were enlarged by the Tariff Act of 1922, which authorizes the President to declare modification of the duties prescribed in the Act after investigation by the Tariff Commission of domestic and foreign costs of production.

The powers and responsibilities given the Tariff Commission in the Organic Act and the Tariff Act of 1922 clearly constitute a basis upon which to build an aggressive fact-finding body that should take the initiative in assembling the information needed for a wise and efficient application of the existing protective tariff schedules. Because agriculture is in need of the fullest measure of protection possible under the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1922, attention is especially called by the Conference to the advantages of up-to-date information relative to domestic and foreign costs of production on agricultural commodities which flow into and out of the United States. With such information at hand the President can call for investigation and receive a report in time to act with at least a fair degree of promptness in proclaiming modification of duties when commodities are suffering from the pressure of foreign competition.

It is the conclusion of the Conference that the Tariff Commission can materially assist in bringing relief to agriculture at the present time by actively functioning along the lines of its constituted powers and responsibilities.

Crop Estimates and Market News.

After a careful inquiry into the scope, character, and methods of assembling and distributing information by the crop reporting and market news services of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, the Conference finds the information collected and disseminated under these services to be timely and valuable, and to be indispensable in bringing about orderly production and marketing.

There are a number of livestock and other markets from which no reports are received at the present time. The Conference feels that the leased wire of the market news service should link up all important producing and marketing centres if it is to operate with complete efficiency. And although the Conference heartily endorses economy and reduction in Government expenditures, it feels that expansion of this service would be justified and recommends that additional funds be made available for its proper development.

Reports on other matters coming within the scope of the work of the Conference will be made on later dates.

Respectfully submitted,

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Farm Relief Legislation—Views of Representative McFadden.

Representative McFadden, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, in a letter Feb. 5 to Robert D. Carey, Chairman of the President's Agricultural Conference, expressed his approval of the latter's proposal to amend the Agricultural Credits Act so as to make paper of National Agricultural Credit Corporations eligible to rediscout with the Federal Intermediate Credit banks. He, however, declared himself "not at all in sympathy with the suggestion" to create a Federal Co-operative Marketing Board. These proposals were embodied in the report of the Conference referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 531. We quote herewith Representative McFadden's views as given in the New York "Commercial" of yesterday (Feb. 6).

I believe in co-operative marketing, when properly applied. I am decidedly of the opinion, however, that its usefulness is limited to growing, harvesting, preparing and packing, and loading for marketing. From the time the car door is closed, however, the balance of the operation is a scientific marketing problem, and a different type and class of organization is required to administer that part of the operation.

Favors Local Control.

I am of the opinion that many of the co-operative marketing organizations have failed in the organization of a scientific plan of salesmanship, and that co-operation should be locally controlled, that its operation should consist of furnishing supplies, standardization and storage, preparation for market, a proper grading and standardization of products and brands, &c.

I am not at all in sympathy with the suggestion made to establish a Federal agency or board of five members to administer a commodity organization or to direct the operations under Federal control, for I believe a centralized control of co-operative marketing either by the Government or in the hands of individuals will destroy the helpful elements that are being built up under the co-operative plans, and that there is a likelihood under this method of the greatest harm possible to the producing elements of this country in the centralization of control in a board such as your plan suggests.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following from Washington:

An invitation was to-day [Feb. 5] extended by the House Committee on Banking and Currency to the President's Agricultural Conference to make definite recommendations for remedying the defects in rural credits and banking, pointed out in its report.

In a letter to Chairman Robert D. Carey of the Commission, Chairman McFadden of the Banking and Currency Committee said that committee "places itself at your disposal and will co-operate with you and your committee to the fullest extent in bringing about a solution of the difficult questions referred to in your report, and wait your advice as to the time that they may be permitted to consider your suggestions either in writing or in a conference."

Mr. McFadden to-day asked the Chairman of the House Rules Committee to grant a rule providing for the early consideration and passage of the bill which would increase live stock credit facilities.

The House Banking and Currency Committee on Feb. 4 ordered a favorable report on the Strong bill amending the Agricultural Credits Act so as to make paper of National Agricultural Credit Corporations eligible for rediscount with the Federal Intermediate Credit banks. The task of shaping the legislative recommendations of the President's Agricultural Conference was taken up by the House Agricultural Committee on the 2d inst., when hearings thereon were begun. The committee that day heard Ralph P. Merritt, of California, one of the members of the Conference, who offered an explanation of the recommendations. The Senate Agricultural Committee will start its hearings on the proposed legislation on Monday next.

Under date of Feb. 2 the New York "Commercial" reported the following from Washington:

Assurance that the Administration farm program will be expedited was given President Coolidge by Representative Snell, of New York, Chairman of the House Rules Committee. The President asked that both the farm bill and the bill for reorganization for Government departments be given a preferred place on the calendar. Mr. Snell promised that this would be done, but said that he was unable to give assurances of final enactment at this session.

From the New York "Times" advices from Washington Feb. 3 we take the following:

Although Congress would have had five weeks in which to act since the report of the Commission was laid before it, and although Mr. Coolidge was told by the members of the House and Senate Committees the other day that favorable action was likely, he is not at all certain that any farm measure will pass before March 4.

If the respective committees think they face an emergency they can draft legislation and present it for immediate action, and the representatives of the agricultural sections will tell Congress whether a crisis actually exists. In that case the President is positive that Congress has time to enact the suggested law, it was said authoritatively at the White House.

If, on the other hand, the committees see no demand for haste, and have no particular interest in trying to push through new laws, it would be a fair indication to the President that there would be no need of an extra session.

Thus it seems that he is putting the matter squarely up to Congress. He has given it the report of the special commission and now the decision rests there and not at the White House.

Hearings have been started by the House Agricultural Committee, but the Senate Committee to-day postponed its hearings for a week when Robert D. Carey, Chairman of the Agricultural Commission, will probably be the witness. The House Committee decided to draw up a bill containing all the suggestions of the commission except those pertaining to the tariff.

Representative Williams, Republican, of Michigan, explained to the committee the Capper-Williams plan. Chairman Haugen, introduced a bill to create a farmers' export corporation "to prevent a recurrence in agricultural depression; to place agricultural commodities on an equality under the tariff laws with other commodities; to place agriculture upon an equality with industry and labor."

Senator Borah, one of the most vigorous advocates of immediate farm legislation, said this afternoon that he would do nothing until he saw what the two agricultural committees intended to do.

Financing Long-Term Credits for Agriculture by the Use of State Credit in South Dakota and Minnesota.

From the "Monthly Review" (dated Jan. 28) of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis we take the following, submitted under the above head:

In 1917 South Dakota and in 1923 Minnesota passed laws authorizing the issue and sale of state bonds, the proceeds of which should be used to make loans upon farms within these respective states. Owing to a recent revival of interest in the subject, there have been many inquiries for information concerning these operations. A summary follows containing the important points in the statutes of these two states and some maps [these are omitted—Ed.] indicating graphically the facts regarding loans actually made, as taken from the most recently available published statements.

The South Dakota statute of 1917 provided, among other things, the following:

1. Management by a board of five members.
2. Loans to be made only on recorded first mortgages, which, however, may be subject to liens for drainage, reclamation or irrigation.
3. Amortization plan of repayment to be used with installments extending over not less than five nor more than thirty years.
4. Loan proceeds to be used by borrower to:
 - (a) Purchase farm land.
 - (b) Purchase equipment, fertilizer or livestock.
 - (c) Provide for buildings or improvements, or
 - (d) Pay debts.
5. Loans not to exceed 70% of the value of the land, plus 40% of insured value of improvements, with limitations of:
 - (a) No improvements to be valued to exceed one-half of the value of the land.
 - (b) No improvements to be valued at more than \$5,000.
6. Loans not to exceed the average assessed valuation during the three preceding years.

7. Maximum loan \$10,000, minimum \$500.
8. Loans to be made only to those engaged or about to become engaged in the cultivation and development of farm land mortgaged.
9. State bonds to be issued for specific periods "not exceeding twenty years, subject to such prior payments and retirement as the Board shall determine" such option to be expressed in the bonds. (As amended in 1919.)
10. Bonds to bear a rate of interest fixed by the Board.
11. Loans to bear rate to the borrower fixed by the Board and to be not less than 1/2%, nor more than 1 1/2% above the rate contracted for when issuing state bonds. The differential obtained, less expenses, to be put into a reserve fund.
12. Board to designate depositories within the state and fix the amount to be deposited in each bank; but such deposits are not to exceed 40% of the paid up capital and surplus of any such bank, and to bear a minimum rate of interest by the Board.
13. Tax Commission, upon request of the Board, to levy a tax to pay the bonds or the interest thereon when they become due, if other money is not available for their payment. The receipt of such taxes may be anticipated by the Board requesting the State Auditor to issue warrants bearing not to exceed 5% interest, the Board selling the same.
14. The whole amount of bonds and warrants outstanding at any time shall not exceed the total of cash on hand, cash in banks and mortgages held by and in possession of said Board. (Amended in 1919 permitting cash and mortgages held to be but 95% of bonds and warrants outstanding.)
15. The mortgages, notes and evidences of title to real or other property acquired by the Board shall be held in trust for the payment of money borrowed, but the proceeds may be re-invested when these are not required for immediate payment of warrants or bonds, or interest on bonds.
16. There is no limit in the statute as to the total amount of bonds that may be issued. Bonds outstanding on June 30 1923 were \$44,500,000; and the Board has expressed an opinion that the total should not exceed \$60,000,000.

The Minnesota statute of 1923 provided, among other things, the following:

1. Management by a Bureau with three members.
2. Loans to be made only on first mortgages, subject to liens or assessments for drainage and outstanding mineral reservations.
3. Amortization plan of repayment to be used with periods not to exceed 40 years.
4. Loan proceeds to be used only to:
 - (a) Purchase equipment and livestock.
 - (b) Provide for buildings and improvements.
 - (c) Pay debts, or
 - (d) Pay part of purchase price of improved farm land.
5. Loans not to exceed 60% of value of land, plus 33 1-3% of the value of improvements, with the limitations:
 - (a) That improvements shall not exceed one-half of the value of the land.
 - (b) No improvements to be valued in excess of \$8,000.
6. Maximum loan, \$15,000; minimum, \$500.
7. Loans to be made only to those "at the time in good faith occupying and engaged in the cultivation and development of the farm land mortgaged."
8. State bonds to be issued of such denominations and maturities and terms of redemption as Bureau may determine.
9. Bonds to bear a rate of interest not exceeding 5%.
10. Loans to cost borrower not less than one-fourth of 1%, nor more than three-fourths of 1% above the interest rate paid by the Bureau for money borrowed, plus an examination fee fixed by the Bureau, which shall not exceed \$15. It was made the duty of the Bureau to estimate, as accurately as possible, the costs of operation, giving the borrower full advantage of the rate obtained in selling bonds.
11. State Treasurer is made the custodian of all the funds of the Bureau, and disbursements are made as for other State funds.
12. The Bureau may issue certificates of indebtedness with maturities not exceeding two years, in an amount not exceeding \$500,000, for the purpose of meeting interest requirements in excess of the cash held by the Bureau. In addition, the Bureau may issue tax levy certificates in a sufficient amount to cover interest due on bonds or certificates and to pay maturing bonds and certificates; certifying the amount of the same to the State Auditor, who shall make a tax levy to pay the same and interest thereon at maturity.
13. The mortgages, notes and real estate titles in the possession of the Bureau are to be held in trust for the payment of the money borrowed.
14. Maximum amount of bonds outstanding set at \$40,000,000. Up to Oct. 31 1924 nearly \$29,000,000 had been loaned and requests filed for the remainder.

A comparison of the two foregoing statutes will show that in some respects the Minnesota plan is more carefully safeguarded. The essential differences in favor of the Minnesota plan are:

1. A limit on the maximum bond issue.
 2. The use of the State Treasury instead of private depositories.
 3. Lower limits on the amount to be loaned as compared with valuations.
 4. The restriction of loans to occupants who are cultivating and developing the land mortgaged.
- However, the South Dakota statute has certain safeguards not contained in the Minnesota plan, such as:
1. Limiting loans to the average assessed valuation of the preceding three years.
 2. Provision for a reserve fund to be obtained from interest charged in excess of interest paid and costs of operation.

Agricultural Co-operative Movement Shows Change in Past Four Years.

The character of the agricultural co-operative movement in the United States has undergone a marked change during the last four years, reports the United States Department of Agriculture under date of Jan. 10. The Board says:

Farmers' business organizations prior to 1920 were mostly local enterprises and federations of locals for selling purposes. "Large" organizations operating over an entire producing section or even an entire State have been developed since that time.

Fifty of these new "large" organizations have a larger membership and do a larger volume of business than the 5,424 associations included in a survey made by the department in 1915.

The 5,424 associations in 1915 reported a membership of 650,000 farmers and an annual business aggregating \$635,000,000. The Federal Census of 1919 reported 624,000 farms engaged in co-operative selling or buying, and total co-operative sales and purchases of over \$800,000,000. The Department of Agriculture in a survey following the passage of the Capper-Volstead Co-Operative Act in 1922, received reports from 10,160 associations having an estimated membership of 2,025,000 farmers and doing an annual business of more than \$2,000,000,000.

The detailed results of the three surveys have been brought together in a single Department bulletin which is now available for free distribution.

This bulletin is the most complete available statistical presentation of the growth and present status of co-operative marketing in the United States, special care being taken to arrange the figures in charts and tables by commodities and States so as to enable the reader to make a critical study of the co-operative movement.

Free copies of the publication as long as the supply lasts may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Ask for Department Bulletin 1302, entitled "Development and Present Status of Farmers' Co-Operative Business Organizations."

France Plans to Halt Rise in Bread Prices—Bill Will Allow Government to Seize All Wheat Stocks in Country.

The French Government introduced a bill in the Chamber of Deputies on Feb. 5 calling for the obligatory declaration of all stocks of wheat in France, according to Paris advices appearing in the New York "Times" from which it is also learned:

The bill provides for the requisitioning of these stocks, if necessary, to fight the ever-increasing price of bread, which to-morrow will cost 1 franc 55 centimes a kilogram—a price unheard of since the siege of Paris in 1870.

The measure demands a credit of 100,000,000 francs for the purchase of foreign wheat for establishing opposition to speculation. The bakery shops will be closed one day each week, under the provisions of the bill, and the percentage of substitutes which are now added to wheat flour will be increased from eight to twelve. Severe penalties are provided for millers and bakers who fail to comply with the existing laws.

Premier Herriot last evening presided at a conference attended by the Ministers of Justice, Interior, Finance and Agriculture, together with a number of leading Senators and Deputies, at which the subject was discussed from every aspect. Later he summoned the Cabinet, and the terms of a bill embodying the conclusions reached at the conference were agreed upon. It is hoped that the bill, if it does not completely check the upward movement, will at least serve to keep the price of bread within reasonable bounds.

According to Paris cablegrams Jan. 30, the price of bread in France has been increased one sou to 1 franc 55 centimes per kilo, effective Feb. 6. It was added:

An increased allowance to bakers for overhead has also been approved, effective Feb. 15, so that the bread price then will be 1 franc 60 centimes.

Franch Tax on Wheat Removed—Repayment to Millers of Wheat Duty.

The "Wall Street News" reported the following from Washington, under date of Jan. 19:

The French Parliament has voted to remove the turnover tax of 1.30% on all soft wheat and rye transactions between Dec. 25 1924 and June 30 1925. The Parliament has also voted to repay to millers the entire amount of duty of 14 francs per 100 kilos on soft wheat imported for bread-making, to be effective during the same period.

Hungarian Government Removes Duty on Grain With View to Checking Rise of Prices.

A cablegram from Budapest Jan. 25 to the New York "Times" (copyright) said:

The continuous rise of grain prices has caused the Government to remove the duty on wheat and rye up to May 1. Prices have exceeded gold parity in the world market.

The measure has been promulgated at the instigation of the large agricultural producers who see their interests menaced by huge stores of grain hoarded by the mills with the aid of comparatively cheap loans from the National Bank. The agrarians argue that this condition is harmful both to the farmer and the consumer and can be remedied only through the import of cheap grain from abroad.

Price of Bread Raised in Buenos Aires.

Under date of Feb. 5 the New York "Journal of Commerce" printed the following from Buenos Aires:

The master bakers of Buenos Aires have raised a storm of newspaper protest by advancing the price of bread 10 centavos per kilogram, giving as their reason the rise in the price of wheat flour. The newspapers claim that the new price of bread is not justified.

Record Trading on Chicago Board of Trade During January and February.

New high records in grain trading have been established on the Chicago Board of Trade during the past ten days. On Jan. 28 the volume of trading in wheat on the Chicago Board reached a total of 111,827,000 bushels, that representing up to that date the largest daily volume in wheat since trading was resumed following the war. Up to Jan. 28 the largest record since the war was on March 9 1922, with 90,134,000 bushels. The trading in May wheat alone on Jan. 28 1925 was 89,527,000 bushels, or almost equal to the previous single day's record for all wheat futures. On Tuesday of the current week (Feb. 3) the total sales on the Chicago Board of wheat and also all grains went beyond those of

Jan. 28 1925, thus becoming the record figures since the war; the figures Feb. 3 were as follows:

Wheat	113,209,000 bushels
Corn	34,027,000 "
Oats	13,721,000 "
Rye	6,868,000 "

All grains.....167,825,000 bushels

Prior to the record established Feb. 3 1925, the volume of trading in all grains on Jan. 29 1925 reached the high figure of 163,966,000 bushels, that then represented the largest single day's business since the war, the previous record being Oct. 3 1924, with total sales of 157,671,000 bushels.

Brazil Alarmed at Reports of Coffee Boycott in United States.

From Rio de Janeiro Feb. 4 the Associated Press reported the following advices:

Brazil is becoming alarmed at a report reaching here from the United States that a campaign against coffee is in progress there. The newspaper "O Jornal" gave half of its front page this morning to an interview with Senhor Hello Lobo, Brazilian Consul General in New York, now on leave of absence here, who points out the economic peril to Brazil if America should boycott the principal source of Brazil's national income.

An announcement printed with the headline over the article says:

"The anti-coffee strike in the United States has already grown to serious enough proportions to warrant the Brazilian Consul to advise the Federal Government and the State of Sao Paulo of immediate danger."

Under date of Feb. 5 the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following from Washington:

High prices of coffee are probably responsible for the reported decrease in purchases of Brazilian coffee in the United States, the Commerce Department indicated to-day. The Department said that "information in its possession indicated that there had been a probable decrease in purchases of coffee due to high prices and lower consumption in the United States."

Department officials said that many complaints had been received, particularly from the coffee trade, against alleged high prices of Brazilian coffee.

Amendment to By-Laws of New York Cotton Exchange Affecting Floor Privileges of Members' Representatives Defeated.

A proposed amendment to the by-laws of the New York Cotton Exchange in regard to floor privileges of members' representatives, was defeated on Jan. 22 by a vote of 197 to 92. The New York "Herald-Tribune" said:

The polls were open for voting from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., and for the first two hours the voting was close. During the last hour, however, the opposition voted a large number of proxies, which overwhelmingly defeated the amendment.

Congressional Report Directing Inter-State Commerce Commission to Inquire into Freight Rates to Determine Effect of Rates on Agriculture.

A conference report on the Smith-Hoch resolution, adopted by the United States Senate on Jan. 27, directs the Inter-State Commerce Commission "to make a thorough investigation of the rate structure of common carriers . . . in order to determine to what extent and in what manner existing rates and charges may be unjust, unreasonable, unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential." Indicating the purpose of the inquiry, the report says: "In view of the existing depression in agriculture, the Commission is hereby directed to effect with the least practicable delay such lawful changes in the rate structure of the country as will promote the freedom of movement by common carriers of the products of agriculture affected by that depression, including livestock." The report as agreed to follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 107) declaring agriculture to be the basic industry of the country, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: In lieu of the matter inserted by the amendment of the House insert the following:

That it is hereby declared to be the true policy in rate making to be pursued by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in adjusting freight rates that the conditions which at any given time prevail in our several industries should be considered, in so far as it is legally possible to do so, to the end that commodities may freely move.

"That the Inter-State Commerce Commission is authorized and directed to make a thorough investigation of the rate structure of the common carriers subject to the Inter-State commerce Act, in order to determine to what extent and in what manner existing rates and charges may be unjust, unreasonable, unjustly discriminatory, or unduly preferential, thereby imposing undue burdens, or giving undue advantage as between the various localities and parts of the country, the various classes of traffic, and the various classes and kinds of commodities, and to make, in accordance with law, such changes, adjustments, and redistribution of rates and charges as may be found necessary to correct any defects so found to exist. In making any such change, adjustment, or redistribution the Commission shall give due regard, among other facts, to the general and comparative levels in market value of the various classes and kinds of commodities as indicated over a reasonable period of years to a natural and proper development of the country as a whole, and to the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation. In the progress of such investigation the Commission shall, from time to time, and as expeditiously as possible, make such decisions and orders as it may find to be necessary or appropriate upon the record then made in order to place the rates upon designated classes of

traffic upon a just and reasonable basis with relation to other rates. Such investigation shall be conducted with due regard to other investigations or proceedings affecting rate adjustments which may be pending before the Commission.

"In view of the existing depression in agriculture, the Commission is hereby directed to effect with the least practicable delay such lawful changes in the rate structure of the country as will promote the freedom of movement by common carriers of the products of agriculture affected by that depression, including livestock, at the lowest possible lawful rates compatible with the maintenance of adequate transportation service: *Provided*, That no investigation or proceeding resulting from the adoption of this resolution shall be permitted to delay the decision of cases now pending before the Commission involving rates on products of agriculture, and that such cases shall be decided in accordance with this resolution."

And the House agree to the same.
That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the title, and agree to the same.

E. D. SMITH,	SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
A. B. CUMMINS,	HOMER HOCH,
KEY PITTMAN,	SAM RAYBURN,
<i>Managers on the part of the Senate.</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the House.</i>

McFadden Banking Bill Reported to Senate—National Banks Indicate That Charters Will Be Surrendered if Bill Fails.

The McFadden Banking Bill, which passed the House on Jan. 9, was ordered favorably reported to the Senate by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency yesterday (Feb. 6). One of the changes which the bill underwent in the hands of the Senate committee consists in the elimination of Section 9, which, according to Representative McFadden, was designed to amend Section 9, paragraph 1, of the Federal Reserve Act by prohibiting any such bank applying for membership from bringing into the system branches established outside of city limits and also by prohibiting those State banks already members from establishing any additional branches outside of the city limits. State banks already members would be permitted to retain the State-wide branches which they had at the time of the enactment of this bill. Senator Pepper, Chairman of the Senate Committee, who was instructed to draft a formal report on the bill, yesterday said:

Amendments to the bill proposed by the Senate Committee make no substantial change in the branch banking provision of the House bill. Section 9 is stricken out so that State banks may still be eligible for Federal Reserve membership without relinquishing up-State branches.

National banks may, where State laws permit, retain State-wide branches acquired when conversion or consolidation took place and since maintained. As to future branches, national banks, where State laws permit, may establish branches in the city of the bank's location, or, under restrictions, in contiguous cities, boroughs, towns or villages.

The Hull amendments [dealing with branch banking] are retained. Section 10 of the bill, which is Section 200 of the Revised Statutes, is re-written in the interest of clarifying it. Section 17 of the bill as originally introduced, containing various criminal provisions, is restored in part but made applicable to national banks only and State Courts are given concurrent jurisdiction with the Federal Courts. Loans on real estate security may be made for five-year terms to an amount not exceeding 50% of savings deposits or (in the absence of a line of saving deposits) not exceeding 25% of capital and surplus. The investment security amendment is legalized but provisions are added making national banks engaging in such business subject to the "blue sky" laws of the States.

A proposal to amend the bill so as to permit national banks to make loans on real estate to the extent of one-half of their time deposits instead of one-third, as provided in the bill, was suggested in a letter presented for insertion in the "Congressional Record" of Feb. 2 by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts. The letter was referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, in whose hands the bill then was. The request that the letter be treated as in the nature of a petition was made by Senator Walsh. We give the letter herewith:

*Federal National Bank Building
Boston, Mass., Jan. 30 1925.*

Senator David I. Walsh, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:—I left you yesterday a copy of H. R. 8887 with request that you amend line 9 on page 25 (Sec. 17) by striking out the word "one-third" and inserting in place thereof the word "one-half."

The reason for this change is in substance as follows: National banks are required in the very nature of things to compete not only with the trust companies which are chartered by the State, but with savings banks, and in some instances with State banks. Under the laws, national banks are therefore required in Massachusetts to compete with not only trust companies, but with savings banks, and while I think there is one State bank in Massachusetts, I am not exactly familiar with the limitations upon its loaning ability upon real estate.

The savings banks of Massachusetts are allowed to loan upon real estate 70% of their total deposits, and trust companies having savings departments are given the same privileges as are allowed to savings banks, so that trust companies in Massachusetts are allowed to loan 70% of their time deposits. With these trust companies and in their savings deposits, therefore, national banks are required to compete.

This bill allows only the following: It permits national banks to loan an amount equal to only one-third of their time deposits. The limitation, therefore, is obviously drastic. It will be exceptional to find a national bank when its time deposits equal one-half its total deposits.

In other words, it will be an exceptional instance where of the total deposits held by a national bank an amount equal to 50% of it is deposited on time. To, therefore, allow a national bank to loan on real estate, assuming that it has time deposits equal to one-half of its total deposits, but one-third of the time deposits, would permit a national bank to loan on real estate, only one-sixth of its total deposits.

With the privilege which Massachusetts gives to its savings banks and trust companies having savings deposits, i. e., the privilege of loaning 70% of its money while this limitation is placed upon national banks, puts the national banks at an obvious disadvantage. This obvious disadvantage we would like to have removed, and we would like to have reinserted in the bill the privilege which was originally recommended by the Comptroller of the Currency, who, in fact, drafted the original McFadden bill, namely, the authority to loan 50% of the time deposits.

The basic thought in the McFadden bill is to help national banks compete with trust companies. My proposal is not only in harmony with this thought, but is for the good of the public as it will make it easier for the small depositor to obtain mortgage money.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD L. LOGAN.

In addition to the amendment which the letter suggested, it was reported on the 3rd inst. that tentative action in an executive session of the Senate Committee on the 3rd inst. contemplated the omission from the bill of Section 9, and possibly of Section 10, and the modification of Section 17. This was learned from the Washington advices that day to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which continued:

Section 10 contemplates revision of the revised statutes. It is declared by some of the members of the committee that while efforts are being made to clarify the language of that section in some aspects, it may be that this result will be defeated in complications that may otherwise result. There is some sentiment for leaving the section as now in the law, leaving revision to some future date. This section in the bill seeks properly to define the exceptions to the limitation that certain kinds of paper shall be subject to loans to the extent of 10% only.

Section 9 is one of the chief storm centres of the bill. It defines the conditions under which State banks may be admitted to the Federal Reserve System. If that is omitted from the bill as reported to the Senate, it is said, much of the opposition to the bill as a whole will be dispelled.

It is proposed to provide further safeguards around possible transactions of national banking institutions in the real estate investment field.

Some of the other provisions of the bill are also to be clarified, and in the resulting form it is anticipated that the measure will be acceptable to the Senate. A formal report to the Senate before the end of the present week now is expected, and inasmuch as the bill is contained in the program of the Senate steering committee for consideration before the end of the present session, it is anticipated that the Senate will be asked to consider the measure at an early date.

On the 5th inst. the paper quoted had the following to say relative to the plans respecting Sections 9, 10 and 17:

It is understood that Section 10 of the bill, which revises Section 5200. is to be rewritten. As it now stands in the McFadden bill, it is declared, it is not believed that it does all that is intended in the way of actually clarifying that section of the Revised Statutes. The advice of the office of the Comptroller has been sought upon this matter and a new draft of Section 10 is being prepared.

Section 9 of the bill was dropped from the consideration of the committee on Tuesday. Section 17, dealing with real estate loans and investments, will be amended in a number of particulars, final action thereon to be taken to-morrow. It has been suggested that permission be granted the banks to loan on real estate up to 50% of the amount of their savings accounts. Provisions having to do with investments are to be changed so as better to safeguard the interests of the banks.

The same dispatch also said:

Consideration will also be given to-morrow to the penalty features of the McFadden bill as originally reported to the House and which were rejected by the latter, there being some indication that these will be restored in the bill as reported to the Senate. A number of other more or less minor changes have been made in the bill, but it is not believed by the Senators that these will lead to much discussion.

As this bill is among those favored by the Senate steering committee for early action at this session of Congress, it is quite likely that following the formal reporting of the measure to the Senate, Chairman McLean of the Banking and Currency Committee will seek to have it listed as the unfinished business of the Senate to be considered as such when it is reached in its place upon the calendar of preferred bills.

At the hearing on the bill before the Committee on Jan. 30 the assertion that National banks would surrender their charters in the event that the McFadden bill with its branch banking provisions failed of enactment was attributed to C. A. Hinsch, President of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio. On the same day the Committee accorded a hearing to Thomas B. Paton of New York, Counsel for the American Bankers' Association; H. H. McKee, of Washington, and John S. Drum, president of the Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco. Quoting what the New York "Journal of Commerce" had to say regarding the presentation of their views, we annex the following:

Many national banks are contemplating leaving the national banking system, although retaining their membership in the Federal Reserve system, unless the McFadden bill is adopted, witnesses before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee declared today. They complained of the inability of the national banking institutions to meet the competition of the State banks under Federal restrictions, and it was confidently declared that they would break down that barrier through withdrawal procedure.

These assertions were met by Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, who charged that while like declarations were being made on many occasions during the past ten years, to date there has been evidence of carrying out such a threat.

May Omit Section.

More flaws were today found in the measure and there seems to be a desire on the part of some of the proponents of the bill to omit Section 9, dealing with the admission of banks into the Federal Reserve system. This was the section around which practically all of the debate centered. It was asserted that its retention in the bill would compel State banks seeking to enter the Federal Reserve system after the passage of the pending measure to divest themselves of all but the intra-city branches, while other institutions having State-wide branches, now members of the Federal Reserve system, would not be subjected to any such requirement.

Judge Paton related the viewpoint of the two factions of the American Bankers' Association, and how they had been brought together by the proposal to limit the effect of the branch banking privileges as worked out in

the Hull amendments. He declared that the Act itself is designed to check branch banking; to leave branch banking where it now is in the States where now permitted by State law, but not practiced extensively. To this latter Senator Glass said, "textually, but not actually," adding that the passage of the McFadden bill would be an invitation to those elements of the American Bankers' Association opposed to branch banking to go into those States that now permit it and destroy the systems there. To this the witness agreed.

Mr. Paton stated that the American Bankers' Association members for the most part would do everything possible to discourage branch banking, and believe the McFadden bill is the best legislation they can get in that direction. Senator Shortridge pointed out that the policy of California is favorable to State-wide branch banking.

Limitation on Branches.

Senator Pepper admitted that State banks seeking to enter the Federal Reserve System after the passage of this bill would have to relinquish city branches beyond the quota allowed in the bill, and this could be overcome only by an amendment to the bill.

The Union Trust Co. of Cincinnati would be merged with the Fifth-Third National Bank upon the passage of the McFadden bill, Mr. Hinsch informed the committee. There is no inducement now to do so, but rather there would be an inclination on the part of the latter institution to withdraw from the national banking system. He pointed out the advantages now enjoyed by the trust company with respect to the maintenance of branches and engaging in forms of banking business from which national banks now are prohibited.

He stated that it was desirable to amend the McFadden bill to loosen the lines drawn therein with respect to territorial limitation, advocating the granting of authority for the establishment of branches in "contiguous territory," possibly limited to the county in which the parent bank is located. Under the terms of the bill his bank, for instance, would not be permitted to establish branches in the villages of St. Bernardine and Norwood, although these are within four miles of the post office, while permitted to engage in branch banking in Glendale, ten miles away. In the villages named there are located many large manufacturing establishments to which the national banks might render valuable service in filling pay requirements nearer the factories and limiting the chances of messengers being held up, and also meeting the difficulties of automobile parking.

Suggests Amendment.

Senator Pepper pointed out that the proposal made by the witness would result in an attack by those who oppose country-wide branch banking, and he suggested an amendment which in substance would permit of the establishment of branch banks within the limits of the municipality: "the limits of the municipality shall be held to be the corporation limits thereof unless the Comptroller of the Currency shall find in fact that contiguous boroughs, towns or villages constitute together with the municipality a single commercial community, in which case the corporate municipality shall be held to contain such boroughs, towns and villages."

"The national banks are the backbone of the Federal Reserve System," Mr. Hinsch declared. "If some remedial legislation is not enacted, the national banks are going to surrender their charters, take State charters and remain in the Federal Reserve System. That is going to result in rather a weak system composed of voluntary members, whereas now it is composed of banks that are involuntary members."

"I have been hearing that for ten years and have not seen any evidences that would sustain this charge," declared Senator Glass. "More national banks are being organized than are being abandoned, and I call attention to this significant and conclusive fact: the resources of the national banks of this country have increased from \$11,000,000,000 to \$22,000,000,000 in the last ten years."

Mr. Hinsch declared they had not begun to increase in proportion with State banks.

"Quitting the National System."

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" for Feb. 2 1925.]

One of the arguments which are now being presented by some national bankers in favor of the passage of the McFadden bill is that if they do not secure its adoption they will leave the national system and take out State charters. The argument is a rather unworthy one because it implies that banks would retain membership in the system only so long as they are allowed to do about as their competitors do.

And yet it is quite true that the national system has suffered in growth and prestige during recent years. What the reasons of this are it would take a long time to describe, but one feature of the situation is undoubtedly found in the operation of the Federal Reserve system. The complaint of the banks is that they are obliged to be members of that system and their implied argument is that in order to induce them to stay in it they must be given a good deal of realization in banking oversight. Would it not be very much better to let them leave the Federal Reserve system if they wanted to, either by giving up their national bank charters or preferably by allowing them to be members or not of the Federal Reserve system as they see fit? In that event should we not get a better Federal Reserve system, a stricter outlook upon banking and higher standards all around?

Nathan J. Miller Expelled from New York Stock Exchange—New York State Supreme Court Upholds Exchange in Miller Action.

Nathan J. Miller of the former firm of Miller & Co., 120 Broadway, this city, was expelled from membership in the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday of this week, Feb. 5. The announcement made by President Simmons from the rostrum was as follows:

A Charge and Specification having been preferred under Section 6 of Article XVII of the constitution against Nathan J. Miller, a member of the Exchange, said Charge and Specification was considered by the Governing Committee at its meeting held on Dec. 10 1924, said Nathan J. Miller being present; and the Governing Committee having determined that said Nathan J. Miller was guilty of said Charge and Specification, the said Nathan J. Miller was expelled.

The section of the constitution referred to in the announcement of 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."

The following statement was issued by the Exchange in connection with the expulsion:

The substance of the Charge and Specification on which Nathan J. Miller was found guilty was that Nathan J. Miller, through the then firm of Miller & Company, 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. Miller's expulsion. Counsel for the respective parties argued the matter before the Court on Dec. 31 1924, and a decision has been rendered by the Court vacating said injunction.

Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Wagner denied the permanent injunction against the Exchange sought by Mr. Miller and dismissed the temporary injunction granted by him on Dec. 11 1924, which had stayed Mr. Miller's formal expulsion as a member of the Exchange on Tuesday, Feb. 3. In the opinion accompanying his decision Justice Wagner wrote:

The records, it is fair to say, leave me in no great perplexity, and I am unable to stamp the action of the Board as one insufficiently founded. It may be, as it has been asserted, that the limitations of supervisory power of the Courts upon official actions of bodies like this, whose acts form the basis of protest as a denial of right, are too narrow and confined.

Courts can do no more than sit in judgment upon controversies properly cognizable. The extension of their arm to those where they have been uniformly held devoid of power would be as much an act of unfounded assumption as of judicial aggrandizement.

I am not unmindful of the grave consequences that follow my decision nor of the valuable property rights incident to membership. Such loss must inevitably follow in the wake of unprinciples transactions. Nor am I the less mindful, as duty compels, of the considerations of protection and encouragement to those coping with the evils here represented and attempting to remedy them by a drastic system of eradication, where they infrequently come to light.

The Stock Exchange is not solely a mode of expression of the social desires of its members. Because it is a powerful organization, with vast control of the marketing of stocks and securities in all fields of commercial endeavor, the conduct of its members and its rules of business principles are matters of the greatest public interest and concern and the Courts should be astute to uphold rather than antagonize their voluntary efforts to maintain ethical principles of trade.

A system of State supervision of the Exchange, similar to that exercised over corporations, has had its adherents in number and has been debated vigorously and with largeness of view in our legislative hall. As yet the considerations in its favor have not met with a sufficient assent of those whose power it is to declare scientifically in statute form, the policy of the State, though its tremendous financial power, influence and responsibility, desirable as they are for the development of our industrial resources, and the corresponding need of protection to the investing public, have been pressed upon them.

Until such view may be adopted that question may more decorously be discussed in the forum than in the Courts. Whatever may be the general public view on this purely political and economic question, I am limited to utterance of the law and its scope and not permitted to enter into the speculative realm of general governmental policy. The motion is denied and temporary stay dissolved.

The records submitted to Justice Wagner showed, it is stated, that the vote for the expulsion of Mr. Miller from the Exchange was unanimous, with one member of the body absent and another excused from voting. Forty-one out of 42 members of the committee heard the findings of the Business Conduct Committee. Notice of appeal has been given in behalf of Mr. Miller, it is said. Our last reference to the matter was in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 10 1925, page 147.

Brokerage Firms of Townsend & Co., Inc., and R. F. Nauman & Co., Inc., of This City Enjoined.

State Attorney-General Albert Ottinger, acting upon the complaint of numerous victims of the so-called "sell and switch" swindle, on Jan. 21 obtained an injunction from Justice Selah B. Strong of the Supreme Court, Kings County, restraining further operations of Townsend & Co., Inc., and R. F. Nauman & Co., Inc., both of 68 William St., this city. Neither firm belongs to any accredited New York exchange. The following persons were made parties to the suit and restrained from further operation by the injunction, says the New York "Commercial": Charles Greenhaus, the "boy wizard," who was enjoined under the Martin Act last fall from exchanging Middle States Oil stock for the 7% notes of that corporation; Edward Rosenberg, who, according to information received by the Attorney-General, has been involved in stock promotions in Boston; Louis Manes, Sigmund Levy, Irving Meisel, Samuel Blinken, John Raymon, Joseph C. Barron, Thomas Myron, Henry Fuchs, Louis Rosner, Manuel Warner, Nelson Murray, Harry Leder and Anna Howell, telephone operator. In its report of the enjoining of the firms the New York "Times" of Jan. 22 said:

The Attorney-General said that the injunction was predicated upon affidavits of customers. The methods employed by the agents of these two alleged bucket shops, the petition sets forth, involved extensive use of the telephone. Persuasive voices on the wire induced customers to buy securities from the defendants, who operated in a spacious suite of rooms. The stock of the American Radio Corporation, it was said, was utilized as an attraction in the first instance. After a profit had been gained by the holders, complainants declare, representatives of the brokers persuaded the buyers to switch to worthless stocks. This "switching" process constituted the means by which customers of the concerns were victimized, the petition charged.

Headed by Keyes Winter, Chief Deputy of the Fraudulent Securities Bureau of the Attorney-General's office, representatives of Attorney-General Ottinger, accompanied by Post Office Inspectors Cueman, Battles and Graham, Officer Reilly of the New York Central office and Inspectors Collis and Reidy of the Better Business Bureau, entered the offices of the two concerns yesterday afternoon (Jan. 21) surprising the defendants in the midst of their operations.

Charles H. Greenhaus, who with Rosenberg is the principal defendant, is the youth who had a chance last July to win \$1,250,000 on an investment of \$2,500 in Middle States Oil securities, when his career was halted by the courts. The order obtained by the Attorney-General contains an immediate stay in somewhat novel form. The defendants are restrained unless, prior to any sale, they disclose to the purchasers the true conditions of every corporation whose liabilities are evidenced by the particular security.

New Ticker Symbols to Be Made Effective on New York Stock Exchange Feb. 11.

New ticker abbreviations will be put into effect by the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday next, Feb. 11. The intention to adopt the revised symbols was made known in December. The new abbreviations are arranged, according to an explanation by the Exchange, in a manner to eliminate unnecessary revolutions of the ticker wheel which prints the quotations, thus enabling the institution to speed up the ticker service for the benefit of both members and the public.

Under the new system of abbreviations, it is estimated that the service will be 15% faster. This list of changes is the most radical ever put into effect by the Stock Exchange authorities at one time. Heretofore when changes were made in abbreviations, such changes were generally confined to only a few issues and were easily grasped by both Stock Exchange members and their customers.

When the announcement covering the changes was first made, protests arose from various quarters, based upon the assumption that so many changes at one time would cause confusion in handling orders. Those who objected to the change contended that not only the public but telephone clerks, customers, men and others who handle the business of the public would be confused. In view of this hearings were held by the Committee on Quotations of the Stock Exchange to discuss the matter.

Announcement of the changes was made as follows by the Exchange Feb. 4:

February 4 1925.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11 1925, the ticker abbreviations for certain listed securities will be changed in accordance with the following list:

Table with 4 columns: From, To, From, To. Lists various stock ticker symbols and their corresponding new abbreviations, such as 'Atl Birm & Atl Ry Co. ABL' and 'American Internat'l Corp AIC'.

New abbreviation cards, &c., will be placed in the hands of members and all other persons interested well in advance of the date mentioned.

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

Loan and Savings Associations in United States Aggregate 10,744, with Eight Million Members—Resources Four Billion Dollars.

According to the New York State League of Savings and Loan Associations, there are 10,744 savings and loan associa-

tions in the United States. The further information supplied by the League says:

There are over 8,000,000 members of these associations. Their total resources are over \$4,000,000,000, all of which represents the savings of the members and all of which is invested in homes occupied by the owners. All of these mortgages are being paid off in regular monthly installments.

These institutions all operate under the banking laws of the various States. Since 1917 there have been but 21 failures of savings and loan associations. The record of loss since 1921 to members of these associations totals slightly less than 5-1000%.

These institutions are natural feeders for commercial banks of the country in that they seek out and obtain money in small units which would not otherwise find its way directly to the banks. The savings and loan associations deposit their money immediately in the commercial banks, where it is held until distributed to land owners, builders, lumber yards, and all other persons interested in the sale or construction of homes.

Reply of Secretary Hughes to Senate Resolution Calling for Information Regarding Paris Agreement for Payment of U. S. War Claims out of Dawes Plan Annuities.

In compliance with the Senate resolution calling for a copy of the agreement signed at Paris Jan. 14, in which provision is made for the distribution out of the Dawes plan annuities of American war claims, the agreement and a statement thereon by Secretary of State Hughes was transmitted to the Senate by President Coolidge on Feb. 3.

The resolution adopted by the Senate Jan. 21 requested Secretary Hughes to supply the Senate with a copy of the pact, and with "such information respecting the circumstances surrounding the negotiations and executions of the agreement as may be relevant to a full understanding of its terms;" it was referred to in these columns Jan. 24, page 404.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Feb. 3 1925.

The President:—I have the honor to make the following response to Senate Resolution 301 of Jan. 20 (calendar day, Jan. 21), 1925, requesting the

Secretary of State, if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the Senate copy of the agreement signed by Messrs. Kellogg, Herrick and Logan at the conference of the Allied and Associated Powers in the World War relating to the Dawes plan and the payment of reparations by Germany, together with such information respecting the circumstances surrounding the negotiation and execution of the agreement as may be relevant to a full understanding of its terms.

I transmit herewith, for the information of the Senate, a copy of the agreement signed by Messrs. Herrick, Kellogg and Logan at Paris under date of Jan. 14 1925, to which the Senate resolution refers.

With respect to the "circumstances surrounding the negotiation and execution of the agreement as may be relevant to a full understanding of its terms," I beg to say:

In view of the serious conditions existing in Europe and the necessity of providing means for the economic recovery of Germany and the appropriate discharge of her obligations, the Reparation Commission invited distinguished experts to consider important aspects of this problem. Among these experts were American citizens, namely, Charles G. Dawes, Owen D. Young and Henry M. Robinson. The committee of experts, of which Mr. Dawes was Chairman, which undertook to examine the means of balancing the budget of Germany and the measures to be taken to stabilize her currency, submitted a report under date of April 9 1924.

The spirit and purpose of this report are indicated in the letter accompanying it in which Mr. Dawes said that it "bases its plan upon those principles of justice, fairness and mutual interest in the supremacy of which not only the creditors of Germany and Germany herself, but the world, has a vital and enduring concern. With these principles fixed and accepted in that common good faith, which is the foundation of all business and the best safeguard for universal peace, the recommendations of the committee must be considered not as inflicting penalties, but as suggesting means for assisting the economic recovery of all the European peoples, and the entry upon a new period of happiness and prosperity unmenaced by war."

Recommendations of Dawes Committee.

In its report, the Dawes Committee made recommendations with respect to annual payments by Germany stating that these payments were to be of an inclusive character. The Committee said:

"Before passing from this part of our report we desire to make it quite clear that the sums denoted above in our examination of the successive years comprise all amounts for which Germany may be liable to the Allied and Associated Powers for the costs arising out of the war, including reparation, restitution, all costs of all armies of occupation", etc.

It is evident that it was the intention of the committee to provide a comprehensive plan of economic reconstruction and that the annual payments to be made by Germany were to be applicable to all her obligations to the Allies and Associated Powers, this descriptive term manifestly including the United States.

The United States has two classes of claims against Germany: (1) For the costs of its army of occupation, and (2) for the claims upon which it is entitled to recovery under the treaty between the United States and Germany of Aug. 25 1921.

An executive agreement had been made under date of May 25 1923 for the gradual liquidation of the claim for the costs of the American army of occupation, but this agreement had not yet become effective. The amount of the claim for unpaid costs of the army of occupation was approximately \$250,000,000. The other claims which the United States is seeking to recover are the subject of an executive agreement with the German Government under date of Aug. 10 1922, providing for a mixed commission to determine the amount to be paid by Germany. This commission consists of an American commissioner, a German commissioner and an umpire, who by agreement of the Governments of the United States and Germany is an American citizen. Under the agreement establishing the mixed commission it is provided that the following categories of claims shall be passed upon, to wit:

"(1) Claims of American citizens, arising since July 31 1914, in respect of damage to, or seizure of, their property, rights and interests, including any company or association in which they are interested within German territory as it existed on Aug. 1 1914.

"(2) Other claims for loss or damage to which the United States or its nationals have been subjected with respect to injuries to persons or to property, rights and interests, including any company or association in which American nationals are interested, since July 31 1914, as a consequence of the war.

"(3) Debts owing to American citizens by the German Government or by German nationals."

This mixed commission has been sitting in Washington and the claims of the Government of the United States and its nationals against Germany are in course of adjudication. While it is not possible at this time to fix precisely the total amount of the awards, it is estimated that they will not exceed \$350,000,000.

On July 16 1924 a conference of representatives of the allied powers was convened in London to consider the recommendations of the Dawes Committee. In view of the inclusive nature of the payments contemplated by the Dawes plan, the American Ambassador at London was directed to attend the conference in order that the interests of the United States might be safeguarded.

While the London conference resulted in agreements by the allied powers and between those powers and Germany for the putting into effect of the Dawes plan, that conference did not attempt to distribute the payments which it was expected would be received by Germany under the plan. It was arranged that a meeting of Finance Ministers of the allied powers should be convened for the purpose of allocating these payments.

That meeting was held in Paris on Jan. 7 1925. As it was important that the payments expected under the Dawes plan should not be distributed without appropriate recognition of the claims of the United States and its participation in these payments, the American Ambassador at Paris, the American Ambassador at London, and Mr. James A. Logan Jr., who has been acting as observer in relation to the transactions of the Reparation Commission, were instructed to attend and to represent this Government at the Paris meeting.

They did so and this meeting resulted in an agreement between the representatives of the respective powers as to the allocation of the payments expected to be made by Germany under the Dawes plan.

With respect to the purpose and scope of the meeting and of the agreement there reached, I made on Jan. 19, the following public statement:

"1. The conference of Finance Ministers held at Paris was for the purpose of reaching an agreement as to the allocation of the payments expected through the operation of the Dawes plan. In view of the inclusive character of these payments, it was necessary for the United States to take part in the conference in order to protect its interests.

"2. The conference at Paris was not a body, agency or commission provided for either by our treaty with Germany or by the Treaty of Versailles. In taking part in this conference there was no violation of the reservation attached by the Senate to the Treaty of Berlin.

"3. The agreement reached at Paris was simply for the allocation of the payments made under the Dawes plan. It does not provide for sanctions or deal with any questions that might arise if the contemplated payments should not be made. With respect to any such contingency, the agreement at Paris puts the United States under no obligation, legally or morally,

and the United States will be as free as it ever was to take any course of action it may think advisable.

"4. The agreement at Paris neither surrenders nor modifies any treaty right of the United States."

With respect to payments to the United States the agreement provides as follows:

"(a) Out of the amount received from Germany on account of the Dawes annuities there shall be paid to the United States of America the following sums in reimbursement of the costs of the United States Army of Occupation and for the purpose of satisfying the awards of the Mixed Claims Commission established in pursuance of the agreement between the United States and Germany of Aug. 10 1922:

"1. Fifty-five million gold marks per annum, beginning Sept. 1 1926 and continuing until the principal sums outstanding on account of the costs of the United States Army of Occupation, as already reported to the Reparation Commission, shall be extinguished. These annual payments constitute a first charge on cash made available for transfer by the Transfer Committee out of the Dawes annuities after the provision of the sum necessary for the service of 800,000,000 gold marks German external loan, 1924, and for the costs of the Reparation Commission, the organization established pursuant to the Dawes plan, the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission, the Military Control Commission and the payment to the Danube Commission hereafter, with the assent of the United States of America, be admitted. If in any year the total sum of 55,000,000 gold marks be not transferred to the United States of America the arrears shall be carried forward to the next succeeding annual installment payable to the United States of America, which shall be pro tanto increased. Arrears shall be cumulative and shall bear simple interest at 4½% from the end of the year in which the said arrears accumulated until they are satisfied.

"2. Two and one-quarter per cent of all receipts from Germany on account of the Dawes annuities available for distribution as reparations, provided that the annuity resulting from this percentage shall not in any year exceed the sum of 45,000,000 gold marks.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph A above, the United States of America agree:

"1. To waive any claim under the army cost agreement of May 25 1923 on cash receipts obtained since Jan. 1 1923 beyond the sum of \$14,725,154 40 now deposited by Belgium to the account of the Treasury of the United States in a blocked account in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which sum shall forthwith be released to the United States Treasury.

"2. That the agreement of May 25 1923 is deemed to be superseded by the present agreement.

(c) The provisions of this agreement relating to the admission against the Dawes annuities of charges other than reparations, and the allotments provided for such charges, shall not be modified by the Allied Governments so as to reduce the sums to be distributed as reparations save in agreement with the United States of America.

(d) The United States of America is recognized as having an interest, proportionate to its 2¼% interest in the part of the annuities available for reparation, in any distribution of railway bonds, industrial debentures, and as having the right in the Dawes plan, or in the proceeds of any sale of undistributed bonds or debentures, and as having the right also to share in any distribution or in the proceeds of any sale of such bonds or debentures for any arrears that may be due to it in respect of the repayment of its army costs as provided in the present agreement. The United States of America is also recognized as having an interest in any other disposition that may be made of the bonds if not sold or distributed."

It will be observed that while provision is thus made for the participation of the United States in the payments to be made by Germany under the Dawes plan, there is no agreement to limit the amount of the claims of the United States, which, as I have said, can only be estimated at the present time. As I said in the statement above quoted, the agreement makes no provision for sanctions and does not commit the United States in any way to any action in case the contemplated payments are not made. Moreover, the agreement itself provides as follows:

"The provisions of the present arrangement concluded between the powers interested in reparations do not prejudice any rights or obligations of Germany under the treaties, conventions and arrangements at present in force."

In conclusion it may be said that this agreement was negotiated under the long-recognized authority of the President to arrange for the payment of claims in favor of the United States and its nationals. The exercise of this authority has many illustrations, one of which is the agreement of 1901 for the so-called Boxer indemnity.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

The President, The White House.

Exchange of Greetings Between French Ambassador M. Daeschner and President Coolidge—Discharge of Debts of Gratitude and Material Debts.

The greetings which passed between the new French Ambassador, Emile Daeschner and President Coolidge, with presentation of the former's credentials on Jan. 30, while mentioned in these columns last week (page 526) are again here alluded to, was much as it seems desirable to give the full text of the speeches, since both were in abridged form in the early accounts. As was indicated by us, the messages between the Ambassador and the President dealt with the discharge of debts of "gratitude" and "material debts." The references thereto, introduced in the speech of the Ambassador, whose remarks preceded those of the President, were alluded to in the latter's response. According to the advices to the New York "Times" Jan. 30 both President and the new envoy knew what the other was to say, as copies of the speeches to be made had been exchanged in advance, with the President having the advantage of being able to write his remarks after seeing what the Ambassador had to say. The "Times" adds:

On that account the President's reference to the American debt of gratitude to France and the French material debt to America was not an impromptu, extemporaneous utterance, but had the importance of matured consideration.

After the speeches there was no private conversation between the President and the Ambassador, so that no opportunity was afforded for any comment on the subject of the settlement of France's indebtedness to this Government.

The following are the remarks of Ambassador Daeschner:

I have the honor to place in your hands the letters by which I am accredited to you in the capacity of Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the French Republic.

You will find therein, together with the expression of the personal greetings of the President of the Republic to you, further evidence of the earnest concern of France and her Government in the maintenance and development of the relations of intimate and ancient friendship between our countries

that have been cemented by the trials and sacrifices at once painful and glorious that they have jointly undergone.

France treasures sincerely the memory of the magnificent effort on the part of the American people to which bear testimony the graves of the heroes who rest near Chateau Thierry and in the Argonne; and the people of an entire region of France, who, after six years of peace, must still labor in the reconstruction of their homes that were destroyed by the war, bear deep gratitude to the numberless American donors of whose inexhaustible generosity they still have daily evidence.

History, which often repeats itself in the life of peoples, has demonstrated that France and America have in turn extended to each other, at critical moments in their existence, mutual and efficacious assistance, thus paying to each other their debt of gratitude just as they are firmly solicitous, whenever the case arises, of paying their material debts.

But the effort which America and France put forth in the joint defense of the principles of liberty and independence, which constitute the fundamental aspirations of great democratic states, can be continued usefully in the study of the problems on which, together with the maintenance of peace, the restoration of the world's financial balance depends.

Daily events show how closely the interests of nations are now interdependent. The progress achieved in every branch of science has done away with the distance that separated them; the world more and more moves toward general collaboration. The auspicious beginnings of the plan of financial organization, recently put into operation, show how valuable and effective is the co-operation of America, which my Government hopes to see continue, whether in general matters or in the consideration of questions in which our two countries are exclusively interested.

You may be assured that I shall spare no effort in carrying to a successful issue, with the assistance you extend to me, the high mission with which I have been entrusted and the great importance and honor of which I fully realize.

President Coolidge replied as follows:

It gives me pleasure to receive Your Excellency as the representative of the French Republic to the Government of the United States of America.

I appreciate your reference to the uninterrupted friendship which has existed between our countries since the birth of the American Nation. The kindly support which was received in our struggle for independence developed into a permanent friendship, and it was the privilege of millions of young Americans to fight side by side with the heroic soldiers of France in defense of liberty. Thus was paid the debt of gratitude and, as you so rightly observe, both Governments should experience deep satisfaction in their solicitude that material debts shall also be discharged. Friendship based upon clear understanding must and will endure always.

In the relations of nations, which, like individuals, possess sharply defined characters as well as individual faith and aspirations, complete accord may not at all times obtain, but during the years of happy and tragic history through which France and America have passed such temporary disagreements as may have arisen denote no profound divergence of views toward the fundamental issues of life. They are merely individual interpretations of these fundamentals, easily to be reconciled and productive of increased respect, one for the other, if faced with patience and tact and good-will.

In the relations between nations problems inevitably rise which require for their solution a spirit of loyal and practical collaboration. With the historic friendship and traditional good-will between our two nations as an enduring basis, we look to the future with that firm assurance which the past has so amply justified.

I am sure, Mr. Ambassador, that our two nations will continue to work together for whatever is of good report, for world peace based on mutual respect, for even greater international understanding. I am glad, therefore, to welcome you, certain that you will be a faithful interpreter of France to America and of America to France, to assure you of our happiness in having you with us, and of our willingness in all matters of common interest to co-operate with you.

Attorney-General Stone's Nomination as Supreme Court Justice Confirmed in Senate by Seventy-One Votes to Six.

After considerable delay the Senate on Thursday (Feb. 5) confirmed Attorney-General Stone's nomination as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by a vote of 71 to 6. The vote was taken following a six-hour debate in open session, and those who opposed the nomination were Democratic Senators Heflin of Alabama and Trammell of Florida; Republican Senators Frazier of North Dakota and Norris of Nebraska, and Farmer-Laborites, Senators Johnson and Shipstead of Minnesota. Senators Wheeler and Walsh, of Montana, refrained from voting.

The Attorney-General's nomination was opposed on two grounds: first, because of his recent action in bringing proceedings against Senator Wheeler in the District of Columbia; and second, because of the part he played as counsel for the Morgan interests in the case brought by the heirs of the late J. P. Morgan against Colonel James A. Ownbey, of Boulder, Colo. (to which we referred in our issue dated Jan. 24). Attorney-General Stone testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Jan. 28 as to his reasons for having Senator Wheeler's case heard in the District of Columbia courts, and justified himself. It was Senator Wheeler's contention that his case should come before the courts in Montana, which, he asserted, was the seat of the charges. The Senate Judiciary Committee, after investigating the "Ownbey" objection, could find nothing against Mr. Stone.

Confirmation of the Attorney-General's nomination clears the way for consideration of the nomination of Charles B. Warren, of Michigan, as successor to Mr. Stone.

James H. Perkins of Farmers Loan & Trust Co. on "Responsibilities of Prosperity."

Discussing "The Responsibilities of Prosperity" at the annual meeting of the Bond Club, at Detroit, Mich., on

Feb. 4, James H. Perkins, President of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York, declared that "if we accept the triumph of conservatism and the prophecy of prosperity as only starting points upon which consideration of the immediate and future problems of business must be based we shall make fewer mistakes in the coming months."

In part Mr. Perkins spoke as follows:

We find ourselves opening the year 1925 with a sound, intelligent national administration, with the rest of the world stepping out of the slough of the war; and with our financial, industrial and agricultural plant in better shape than ever; and the question which presents itself to us is how we shall act under these circumstances so that we may make the most of them for ourselves and for those institutions to which we owe loyalty and our best efforts.

One word as to what those institutions are. In the first place, every man in the financial world owes loyalty to the people of the country because the people of the country have by their action at the last election expressed confidence in the leaders of the business world, as well as confidence in the leaders of the political world.

Instead of reveling in the unbounded prosperity which universal opinion tells us is ahead, I am going to ask you to recall that it has been in times of prosperity in the past that the greatest errors in business judgment have been made, just as it is in these years that business has tended to become careless in its methods and sometimes casual in its ethics. Prosperity has its responsibilities no less than its joys.

If we accept the triumph of conservatism and the prophecy of prosperity as only starting points upon which consideration of the immediate and future problems of business must be based, we shall make few mistakes in the coming months. What is business going to do in the next few years to justify the oppular support of business men's struggles for the attainment of conservatism in our national Government? And now that we have prosperity, what are we going to do to justify the earnest pleas for it which we have put forth?

Perhaps at first thought it seems unnecessary for conservatism and prosperity to justify themselves. But this is not so. All policies are judged, and hence live, only in accordance with the extent to which they are of real use to the average citizen. The same is true of conservatism, as we know that word, and of prosperity, as we understand its meaning. In both cases "the proof of the pudding is in the eating."

The question of the future, therefore, which should interest us most is, What are American business men going to do with conservatism and prosperity now that they have them?

I am going to take a few minutes to preach to you on this subject, because it is one on which I feel very strongly. If the men of power and authority and intelligence in this country conduct themselves over the next few years in a way which will be constructive for the public good; if they will increase their power to serve the people for the country and act in a manner which will appeal to the sense of fairness and honesty which the people possess so strongly there is no reason why we should not look forward to a long era of great prosperity, of great national usefulness and national happiness.

If, on the other hand, certain elements in our country consider the present situation as an approval of all the operations which have gone before, and they use this opportunity now as a time for feathering their own nests, or conduct themselves without regard for the public welfare and public service, then we must be prepared for a national indignation, the consequences of which might be of indescribable and permanent harm.

Business has so radically improved its ethics and conduct that the need is not so much for avoidance of ethical pitfalls as for advance in the economic utility and social value of industry. Our great masses have come to be so dependent upon regular production and the free flow of production and commerce that they are quick in judgment of failure, and almost savage in their condemnation and penalties. They will be equally ready to reward success that promotes the general welfare.

2,528 Railroad Employees Awarded Wage Increases by Railroad Labor Board.

Under a decision of the United States Railroad Labor Board, 2,528 conductors and trainmen have been awarded wage increases totaling \$283,183 a year, effective from Feb. 1. The increase, it is stated, affects 17 railroads, which were not included under the agreement reached through the efforts of the train service brotherhoods in 1923-24. The award is understood to be on the basis of the New York Central's 5% increase. The railroads affected include the Denver & Rio Grande Western System and its subsidiary, the Rio Grande Southern, the Ann Arbor Railroad Co. and the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co.

Thomas F. Woodlock Named as a Member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, Succeeding Mark W. Potter, Resigned.

The appointment by President Coolidge on Jan. 26 of Thomas F. Woodlock of New York to be a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission has brought expressions of commendation in the financial district, where Mr. Woodlock is well and favorably known. On the Inter-State Commerce Commission he has been named to succeed Mark W. Potter, who has just retired from the Commission. When it was announced on Jan. 2 that Commissioner Potter had indicated to President Coolidge his intention to resign, it was stated that the President hoped to persuade him to retain his post. The Commissioner, however, withdrew to resume private practice. On Jan. 29 the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee, to which the nomination of Mr. Woodlock was referred by the Senate, deferred action on the nomination. Senator Smith, Chairman of the Committee, indicated that he would oppose confirmation solely on the ground that the Southeast is entitled to representation

on the Commission. The "Wall Street Journal" of which Mr. Woodlock was formerly Editor, had the following to say regarding him in its issue of Jan. 20:

An Ideal Appointment.

What seems to be a well-grounded report is current, if perhaps premature, that the President is considering the appointment of Thomas F. Woodlock to succeed Mark W. Potter on the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The appointment would be so ideal from every point of view that some of us may well fear that it is too good to be true. There is absolutely no one else in the United States with Mr. Woodlock's qualifications for the office.

This is a case of the office seeking the man, and certainly a salary of \$12,000 a year for an unexpired term is no serious inducement to an expert whose value in the business world may easily be three times that sum. But Mr. Woodlock, as his friends know, is the kind of man who would put service before a mere monetary consideration if he felt that his country needed him.

In the knowledge of railroad capitalization and finance, of the position of railroads in the past, their historic development, present needs and future possibilities, there are probably not half a dozen men in the United States, or the world, who would consider themselves the equal of Thomas F. Woodlock. Since he came to this country in 1892, publishing soon afterwards his "Anatomy of a Railroad Report," which after 30 years is still the textbook on its subject, he has been a student and teacher. His "Studies in Value" which appeared in these columns were a revelation to stockholders and railroad managers alike.

James J. Hill, who subscribed to 40 copies of the "Wall Street Journal" for the use of the important officers on his road, the Great Northern, said that Woodlock, in the analysis of his reports, showed him things which he did not know were there. Those studies were so impartial that they leaned over backward, and there need be no fear of Mr. Woodlock entering the Commission as the representative of Wall Street capital or railroad managers.

In what is anything but a strong Commission he would be the public's best informed protector. There is no railroad manager in the United States who would not hesitate to differ from one of Mr. Woodlock's carefully drawn conclusions. In relation to American railroads he occupies a position in this country analogous to that of Sir William M. Acworth in England. Each may be said to be in a class by himself.

President Coolidge will have chosen the right man for the job if he can only get him.

The following is from the same paper of Jan. 27:

Thomas Francis Woodlock, who has been nominated for the Interstate Commerce Commission by the President to succeed Commissioner Potter, who was born in Ireland in 1866. He was educated at Beaumont College, near Windsor, England, the Catholic public school corresponding to such schools as Eaton and Harrow. He matriculated at the London University in honors, third out of over eleven hundred. He went into business in the London Stock Exchange, of which he was a member for some years. In 1892 he came to New York, joining the late Charles H. Dow and Edward D. Jones in the Dow-Jones News Service. He immediately specialized on American railroads. He was the first economist to explain the meaning of "ton-mile cost" as a unit for calculating railroad efficiency. His pamphlet on "The Anatomy of a Railroad Report" is still a textbook on the subject. After the death of Charles H. Dow, in 1902, he became the editor of The "Wall Street Journal," which post he held until 1905. After his resignation he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange, in partnership with Schuyler N. Warren. After a few years he returned to newspaper work and economic writing, chiefly in connection with railroads. He has represented the Seligman interests on some railroad boards, and was, in the recent past, a daily contributor to "The Sun" on financial topics in the column entitled "By Way of Comment." His wide and deep knowledge of railroad finance has been recognized by former Interstate Commerce Commissioners, and by such railroad giants as James J. Hill and Collis F. Huntington.

In December President Coolidge reappointed as members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission Balthasar H. Meyer and J. B. Campbell. Both were reappointed for the term of seven years from Jan. 1 1925.

The Railroad Outlook—Views of Leading Railroad Men Assembled by Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York has brought together, in a booklet styled "The Railroad Outlook," comment on the railroad situation given to it recently by five leading railroad executives. In its introductory remarks the trust company says:

Believing that the railroads are the most important single factor in the progress of the country, we have considered it useful to assemble at this time the views of executives of some of the principal railroad systems. These views are presented herewith for the purpose of indicating the outlook for the carriers and their problems as seen by men who are carrying the great responsibilities of railroad finance and operation.

The subjects dealt with are "Vast Expenditures Required to Keep Up With Transportation Needs," by C. H. Markham, President of the Illinois Central RR. System; "One of the Most Profound Influences on Business," by Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania RR. System; "Answers to Often Asked Questions About the Railroads," by P. E. Crowley, President of the New York Central Lines; "Reasons for Optimism," by "the President of an important trunk line system," and "The Legislative Outlook," by Robert S. Lovett, Chairman of the Union Pacific System. From Mr. Markham's article we quote the following:

In 1923 the railroads of the country spent more than 1,059 million dollars for new and improved facilities. In 1924 they authorized expenditures of 1,077 million dollars. These were the first billion-dollar years in the history of railway improvement and expansion. When the railroads are called upon ten years from now to cope with the increases which inevitably will come, they will have to have thousands of miles of new tracks, thousands of new locomotives and passenger cars, hundreds of thousands of new freight cars, enlarged terminals—in short, a plant ten years ahead of the plant they have at present.

The demands of increased traffic alone, therefore, will call for the investment of billions of dollars of new capital in the railroads in the next ten years. The railroads are planning now to spend about 1,100 million dollars of new capital in 1925, and this rate of expenditure must be kept up if the railroads are to keep up. These increases in facilities are forced upon the railroads. They are increases which the railroads must provide if they are to do their duty to the nation by being ready constantly with adequate transportation.

The following is an extract from Mr. Rea's comments:

Railroads are interested in good business because they make their revenues from hauling the traffic which represents the output of the business activity of the nation, but they themselves are one of the most profound influences on business. They are among the country's greatest taxpayers. They consume probably one-quarter of the lumber output, one-third of the iron and steel output, one-third of the coal mined, and an important percentage of the output of practically every basic industry of the country.

The Burden of Regulation.

One thing most seriously needed to bring about a permanent solution of the railroad problem is, in my judgment, a far-reaching relief from legislative and regulative burdens. It is useless to blame hard-working and conscientious Federal or State Commissions for burdensome regulation when we allow laws to be passed which make the duty of those Commissioners to carry such measures into effect. My plea is for sanity and conservation in railroad legislation and regulation, so that economic and natural business forces may have freer play, and that the railroads, and especially their rates, shall not be used as a means of unsettling business or paying political favors, or trying to help one section of the country at the expense of another.

Mr. Crowley in part says:

It appears from the records of the Inter-State Commerce Commission that the railroads of the country as a whole are not earning a reasonable return as defined in our laws. Therefore, it appears there should be no revision that will decrease income. On the other hand, the statements made in behalf of the various interests throughout the country and in behalf of various sections of the country, one as against another, have led to many public utterances by authorities to the effect, in substance, that some rates should be reduced. Railroad rates in the United States, however, are not, as a whole, unreasonable, either as compared with pre-war rates in relation to the general price level or as compared with foreign rates, and yield a return considerably below that which the Inter-State Commerce Commission has determined as fair. They do not, as a whole, hinder the processes of production or distribution.

The present problem is one of a better adjustment of relative rates—not a general reduction of all rates. This adjustment should be left to the duly constituted Government regulating body, where it will receive a full and fair hearing and an adequate economic analysis, and not be made the subject of direct legislative action.

Under the head "Reasons for Optimism," the following appears:

During the last 18 months the railroads have been able to transport promptly and satisfactorily all the business offered by the shippers. During this same period, and partly because of the better service rendered by the railroads, there has come about a much fuller and more sympathetic understanding between the railroads and the public. I have no doubt that this better understanding upon the part of the people as a whole will be reflected in the attitude of the new Congress, and I think the railroads have less occasion to fear hostile and harmful legislation than has been the case for a considerable number of years past.

Mr. Lovett, discussing "The Legislative Outlook," says:

The Howell-Barkley Bill in Congress is a grave menace. Otherwise no dangerously unjust legislation appears in view.

Further legislation by Congress will be necessary to complete actual consolidations, but this should be constructive and is expected to be. Considerable progress should be made during the year in working out consolidations if railroads are left free to initiate and formulate their own plans for submission to the Commission. But the remaining and supreme difficulty in this problem is agreement by the owners upon the relative values of the stocks of the properties to be consolidated, and progress in effecting consolidations may be postponed and altogether suspended by bidding up prices of some of the less profitable lines to figures in excess of anything justified by earnings or intrinsic value.

National Mid-winter Conference of Trust Companies Feb. 18-19 in New York City.

The sixth mid-winter conference of the trust companies of the United States will be held Feb. 18 and 19 at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, under the auspices of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers' Association. There will be four sessions in all which will be called each morning and afternoon in the main ballroom of the hotel. Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President, Trust Company Division American Bankers' Association and Vice-President, Guaranty Trust Company, will preside at all sessions of the conference. During the two day session there will be a presentation and general discussion of trust problems and a series of questions covering many phases of fiduciary subjects. The subject of taxation will be given especial consideration. Among the topics to be presented are the multiplicity of estate or inheritance tax laws; the increasing duties and responsibilities of administering tax laws; the increasing duties and responsibilities of administering trusts under these laws; the changing methods of handling estates and trusts due to new economic and social conditions; the increased opportunities to serve in the re-organization of estates and the growing importance of insurance in its relation to estates and trusts.

In connection with the conference the fourteenth annual banquet of the trust companies of the United States will be held in the main ballroom of the Commodore, Feb. 19 at 7.30 P. M. It will be preceded by a reception in the main ballroom foyer. Lucius Teter, President of the Trust Company Division and President of the Chicago Trust Company

will preside as toastmaster. The speakers will be Sir Henry Thornton, Chairman and President Canadian National Railways and President Ernest Martin Hopkins of Dartmouth College.

During the sessions the Trust Company Division will conduct a registration, information and personal service desk for the convenience of the delegates at the meeting place. Conference luncheon and banquet reservations, as well as advance hotel, theatre party and other entertainment arrangements may be made through the Secretary, Leroy A. Mershon at 110 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Regional Conferences Under Auspices of Savings Banks of American Bankers Association.

Four regional conferences will be held during the next few weeks under the auspices of the Savings Bank Division of the American Bankers Association. The meetings will take place in San Francisco, Feb. 19-20; Minneapolis, Feb. 26-27; Chattanooga, March 5-6, and Boston, March 12-13. The San Francisco conference will be called at the St. Francis Hotel and Paul A. Pflueger, Assistant Vice-President of the Humboldt Bank, San Francisco, will be chairman. All bankers in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico have been invited. Alvin P. Howard, President of the Savings Bank Division of the association will deliver the introductory address. Talks and discussions on problems in the savings field will follow. The evening of Feb. 18 there will be a dinner at the Palace Hotel, in charge of E. V. Krick, National President of the American Institute of Banking, followed by a speaking contest on the subject 'How Savings Banking Helps the Community.'

The Minneapolis conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel under the chairmanship of Thomas F. Wallace, Treasurer of the Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank of that city. All bankers in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri have been invited. The conference sessions will be held morning and afternoon. February 26 there will be a luncheon and an informal dinner in the evening at which men of national prominence will speak.

The Chattanooga conference will be held at the Signal Mountain Hotel under the chairmanship of Taylor R. Durham, Vice-President of the Chattanooga Savings Bank. This conference district includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas and West Virginia.

The Boston meeting will take place at the Hotel Somers under the chairmanship of J. H. Soliday, President of the Franklin Savings Bank, Boston. This conference district comprises Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. The importance to which savings banking has risen in the United States is indicated by the fact that over half the individual deposits in the country are of this class, according to a statement by W. Espey Albig, Deputy Manager of the American Bankers Association in charge of its savings banking activities. He says:

Savings deposits in banks and trust companies reached a high water mark June 30 1924, with a total of \$20,844,508,000, which is 51% of the total individual bank deposits of the United States. Savings deposits constitute the one largest factor in the banking structure of to-day. The increasing importance of savings deposits is appreciated by bankers as evidenced by the rapid increase in banks doing savings business. The number of savings banks has not materially increased during the last few years, but the number of banks accepting savings deposits has grown by leaps and bounds. The regional savings conferences are held in order that bankers interested in savings business may have more opportunity to discuss the factors entering into savings deposits.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Three New York Curb Market memberships were reported sold this week—that of G. F. H. König to Bertram R. Lowenfels for \$10,500; that of Carl A. Carlson to John M. Warwick Jr., and the membership of Maurice W. Metzler to William S. Gilbert, the last two being for a consideration of \$11,000 stated to be a high record price. The last previous transaction was for \$10,000.

In accordance with the plans of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York to increase its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, the company announced that holders of Capital stock of record at noon Feb. 14 will be offered, subject to approval at meeting of stockholders on Feb. 11, the right to subscribe on or before March 4, at \$100 a share, for new stock of \$100 par to the extent of one share for each share

held; the Committee on Securities on the Stock Exchange rules that the said rights may be dealt in on a when-issued basis on and after Feb. 6. Mention of the plan to enlarge the capital was made in these columns Jan. 17 (page 291) and Jan. 24 (page 417).

Charles F. Junod, Vice-President; Frank E. Andruss, Assistant Vice-President, and John H. Trowbridge, Assistant Cashier of the Bank of America, will attend the annual banquet of Group Five of the New York State Bankers Association at Albany, N. Y., to-day (Feb. 7).

The stockholders of the Fulton Trust Co. of this city at a special meeting on Feb. 2 ratified the plans to increase the capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The proposed increase was referred to in these columns Jan. 17, page 292. The additional stock (par \$100) is offered to stockholders of record Feb. 9 1925 at \$150 per share. The enlarged capital will become operative March 9.

Blinn F. Yates has been elected Vice-President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. in charge of the Grand Central Palace branch, which is to be opened about March 16. R. B. Raymond has been elected an Assistant Secretary at the main office.

At the annual meeting of the Standard Safe Deposit Co. of New York, Burton H. Throckmorton was elected a director, succeeding Frank K. Sturgis, resigned.

The Bankers Capital Corporation announces the appointment of J. U. Kirk as Vice-President, effective Feb. 2. Mr. Kirk was latterly with Pask & Wallbridge and previously a specialist in bank stocks locally for some years.

Headed by Robert Adamson as Chairman, a practically new board of directors of the National American Bank of 8 West 40th Street has been elected, effective Feb. 2, by the new group which recently acquired control of that institution. Julian M. Gerard was re-elected as President. The new syndicate which now controls the bank is composed (as indicated in our issue of Jan. 24, page 416) of Chester A. Braman, President, and Robert Westaway, Treasurer, of A. D. Juilliard & Co.; Barron Collier, head of the Street Railways Advertising Co., and other large corporations, and Lamar Hardy, former Corporation Counsel. Mr. Adamson has resigned his other active business connections and will devote his entire time to the bank. The directors other than Messrs. Adamson, Gerard, Collier, Braman, Westaway and Hardy, are:

Frank E. Howe, President of the Manufacturers' National Bank of Troy, N. Y.;

John F. Calvin, President of the Metal Stamping Co., of the Arizona Copper and a member of the New York Port Authority;

Patrick Francis Murphy, head of the Mark Cross Co.;

Herman A. Metz, President of the H. A. Metz Co., of the Etrick Mills, Consolidated Color & Chemical Co., Dyestuffs Importing Co. and a director of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co.;

R. A. C. Smith, trustee of the American Surety Co., President of the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Co., of the Brothers Valley Coal Co., &c.;

Maurice Heckscher, President of the Imperial Manhattan Corporation and a director and officer in various corporations;

Edward B. Lewis, President of the J. M. Horton Ice Cream Co.;

Kenneth O'Brien, director, Postal Telegraph Co., and Commercial Cable Co.;

Henry Lockhart Jr., Vice-President, Blair & Co.;

Harold C. Aron, President of the Land Credit Corporation and of the Belton Holding Corporation;

William P. Seaver, Vice-President of the National American Bank;

Huntington Jackson of Huntington Jackson & Co.

The entrance of this new group in the banking field in the uptown district is significant of the rapid development which is occurring in that section of the city. A. D. Juilliard & Co., Inc., recently removed to 40 West 40th Street. Mr. Adamson, Chairman of the Board of the National American Bank, has been President of the Petroleum Heat & Power Co. and the East Coast Fuel Oil Co. since their organization more than five years ago. He is a director of the Fifth Avenue Association, one of the organizers of the Uptown Club and of the Town Hall Club, and is a director in the Upcico Corporation and other corporations. He was closely associated with John Purroy Mitchell, under whom he served as Fire Commissioner for four years. H. J. Stevens has been re-elected as Vice-President and Cashier, and George F. Robertson as Vice-President of the bank.

Samuel Brod was this week added to the board of directors by the Trade Bank of New York. Rudolph Stein, heretofore Chief Auditor, has been made Assistant Cashier.

A national trend toward more intensive urban property development is reflected in the activity of the Real Estate

and Mortgage Loan Department of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, which has just made its 1924 report. In 1923, \$93,967,403 was loaned by the Prudential on city holdings, while in 1924 the figure had bounded to \$112,608,227, a gain of more than 18½ millions. A. M. Woodruff, Vice-President in charge of this phase of the Prudential's administration, reported to President E. D. Duffield. The year, it is stated, revealed an interesting decrease in the amount of mortgage loans on farms, only \$37,484,472 being placed for this purpose in 1924, as against \$44,996,421 in 1923. Vice-President Woodruff believes that the figures illustrate forcibly the effect general prosperity has had on the life of the country. He says:

We find that low prices received for farm produce during the last few years have led the young people from the farms to seek employment in our larger cities, resulting in a marked decrease in the sale of farms during the last twelve months and in consequence a falling off in the demand for farm loans. An increasing number of life insurance companies and other financial institutions are entering this field of investment.

One of the pleasing features of our records is the formidable increase in mortgage loans on city properties. Again experience has taught us that such a gain means property expansion, construction and—of transcendent importance to the country—that more and more families are acquiring dwellings of their own. The housing shortage has caused thousands of American fathers and mothers to seek homes of their own and, while the figures do not tell such a story on their face, the gain means that construction is going on—and while it goes on there must be a reason for it.

George F. Reeve, a Vice-President of the National Newark & Essex Banking Co., and head of the firm of Abner S. Reeve & Sons, died on Jan. 28 at the Newark Memorial Hospital, after an illness of some weeks.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Trust Co. of New Jersey, of Jersey City, it was decided to increase the capital of the institution from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000, and a meeting of the stockholders has been called for Feb. 16 to ratify the proposed increase. If authorized, it is proposed to issue the increase in the form of a 25% stock dividend. In December 1922 the bank increased its capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, paying at that time 33 1-3% a stock dividend amounting to \$500,000. The undivided profits account at that time amounted to \$1,150,000. Besides paying 20% dividends on their capital stock, the undivided profits account has increased to \$1,160,000 as of Jan. 31 1925. Since moving into their building at Journal Square three years ago, assets have increased from \$37,000,000 as of Dec. 31 1921 to \$55,000,000 as of Dec. 31 1924. In the year of 1924 the bank paid out in interest a total of \$1,379,994, to 69,657 depositors.

The South Side National Bank and Trust Company of Newark, N. J., opened for business on Feb. 2 at temporary quarters located at 959 Bergen Street, in the Weequahic section. Ground will be broken for a new building at the corner of Bergen Street and Lyons Avenue early in the spring. The officers are: Meyer Kussy, President; Ray E. Myaham and Dr. William R. Ward, Vice-Presidents; and Martin K. Fowler, Cashier. Mr. Kussy and Mr. Mayham are respectively President and Vice-President of West Side Trust Company of Newark, and Mr. Fowler served, until his election as Cashier of the new bank, as one of the bank examiners of the Department of Banking and Insurance of New Jersey. Reference to the organization of the South Side National Bank & Trust Company was made in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 17, page 294.

Paul C. Downing, a Vice-President and a director of the Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., was elected President of the North End Trust Co. of that city by the directors on Jan. 19 and Percy Ballantine, who has been President since the bank opened last fall, was made first Vice-President, succeeding Dr. R. G. Tunison who resigned. The other officers were re-elected. The stockholders of the bank at a previous meeting elected Harvey W. Harper and Stuart A. Young directors.

At the January meeting of the board of directors of the Plainfield Trust Co. of Plainfield, N. J., several important changes were made in the official staff. Harry H. Pond was again elected President and Augustus V. Heeley and DeWitt Hubbell, Vice-Presidents. Mr. Hubbell, who has been Secretary & Treasurer of the company since 1913, has for several years past held the position of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. At the recent meeting, in recognition of faithful service extending over the past 20 years, F. Irving Walsh was made Secretary of the company. Mr. Walsh joined the staff of the trust company in April 1905 and in 1913 was promoted to Assistant Secretary & Assistant

Treasurer, which position he held until his appointment as Secretary. H. Douglas Davis, formerly Assistant Secretary and Trust Officer was advanced to the position of Treasurer. He will retain the title of Trust Officer as well. Mr. Davis has been with the trust company since 1909. In 1919 he was made Assistant Secretary and in 1921 because of the increased trust and estate business, was chosen Trust Officer. Russell C. Doeringer, formerly Assistant Treasurer, was made Assistant Secretary also. Miss Marjorie E. Schoeffel, who succeeded unofficially to the duties of Miss Adele H. Kirby, who was formerly Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer of the company, was made an Assistant Secretary in Nov. 1923 and at the recent meeting was given the additional title of Assistant Treasurer. Frederick H. Stryker was appointed Assistant Treasurer and Frederick I. Wilson Assistant Trust Officer. Mr. Stryker was formerly Auditor of the company and both he and Mr. Wilson have been in the employ of the company over seven years. The many changes in the official staff is further evidence of the growth of the Plainfield Trust Co. Beginning in 1902 with resources of \$487,000, the company's last published statement showed assets of \$13,800,000. Since the organization of the company the directorate has been composed of representative men in the community.

At the annual organization meeting of the Board of Directors of West Side Trust Company of Newark, New Jersey, Ferdinand T. Burger, who has served for several years as Chief Clerk and Auditor, was promoted to an official position, being elected Assistant Treasurer. The other officers, who were re-elected, are, Meyer Kussy, President, Frederick W. Paul and August Goertz, Vice-Presidents, May E. Mayham, Vice-President and Trust Officer, Herman G. Grimme, Treasurer, and Frederick W. Parisette, Secretary.

Judson J. Gilbert, President of the Herkimer County Trust Co., of Little Falls, N. Y., and President of the Gilbert Knitting Mills of Little Falls, died on Jan. 12. He has been succeeded as President of the trust company by Myron G. Bronner.

The shareholders of the First National Bank of Boston on Feb. 3 authorized the proposed increase of \$5,000,000 in both the capital and surplus of the institution (making these items \$20,000,000 each) recently recommended by the directors. Warrants of rights will be sent out Feb. 10 to stockholders of record of that date, the right to subscribe to expire April 1.

The directors of the Atlantic National Bank of Boston have approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee (voted on Jan. 21) that the capital of the institution be increased from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000 through the issuance of 5,000 shares of new stock (par value \$100 per share) at \$200 a share. If the new issue is approved by the Comptroller of the Currency, a special meeting of the stockholders will be called to ratify the proposed increase.

Charles W. Seager resigned as Vice-President of the Berkshire Loan & Trust Co. of Pittsfield, Mass., on Jan. 27 to accept the position of Manager of the Boston office of Bull Brothers Co., investment bankers, of New York and Boston. Mr. Seager, it is understood, had been connected with the Berkshire Loan & Trust Co. since the institution was opened on July 11 1895.

William Church Davenport, for the past 35 years President of the Machinists' National Bank of Taunton, died suddenly on Feb. 2 in his 71st year. Mr. Davenport had served the Machinists' National Bank in various capacities for almost half a century.

The proposed merger of the First National Bank of Fall River, Mass., with the B. M. C. Durfee Trust Co. was consummated on Feb. 2. The new D. M. C. Durfee Trust Co. is capitalized at \$800,000. The proposed consolidation of the institutions was referred to in these columns in our issues of Jan. 10 and Jan. 31 1924.

Charles G. Dawes (Vice-President elect of the United States) was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, as were most of the other officers of the institution, at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 28. Joseph E. Otis was re-elected President; Howard S. Camp, who has been Cashier, was given the additional office of a Vice-President, and A. R. Floreen, and Miller Brainard, who formerly were Assistant Vice-Presidents, were promoted to Vice-Presidents. An

advisory committee with Vice-President Edwin F. Mack as Chairman was created.

A special dispatch from El Dorado, Kan., on Jan. 30 to the Topeka "Capital" stated that C. L. King and Hoyt F. Ferry, former President and Cashier, respectively, of the defunct Butler County State Bank of that place, which was closed in March 1923 by the State Banking Department, were served with State warrants for alleged receiving of deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent. The complaint, which contained four counts, was sworn to by G. L. Ramsey, a former depositor of the closed bank. Immediately after the warrants had been issued, the defendants appeared in Court and later were released on bonds of \$1,000 each for a preliminary hearing on Feb. 9. The dispatch further stated:

No claim is made in any of the counts that either Mr. King or Mr. Ferry profited personally in the transactions, or in any way misappropriated any of the bank's funds. The action was started against Mr. King and Mr. Ferry at the last possible moment to comply with the statute of limitations. The first count charges that the two bankers accepted a deposit from Mr. Ramsey on Jan. 30 (1923). The statute of limitations on this would have expired today. The second and third counts charge deposits were received on Feb. 13 (1923) and the fourth count that a deposit was accepted Feb. 2 (1923).

Reference to the closing of the Butler Co. State Bank of El Dorado was made in these columns in our issue of April 21 1923.

Leo A. Mergen, ex-Cashier of the Union National Bank of Beloit, Kan. (which closed its doors on Nov. 3 1923) was sentenced by Federal Judge John O. Pollock at Kansas City, Kan., on Jan. 31 to five years imprisonment each on sixteen counts returned against him—to run concurrently, according to the Kansas City (Mo.) "Star" of that date. As noted in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 15 1924, page 2254, Mergen pleaded "guilty" on Oct. 14 1924 to charges of embezzlement, misappropriation of funds and false reports as to the bank's condition to the Comptroller of the Currency. Before sentence was pronounced, A. F. Williams, the United States District Attorney at Kansas City, Kan., pleaded with Judge Pollock for clemency in behalf of the young defendant, declaring that he had been the dupe of J. E. Brady, W. S. McClintock and others who were indicted some time ago for alleged swindling of banks, and that Mergen had been led into illegal acts in his capacity as Cashier of the Union National Bank by them. The former Cashier, he told the Court, had not profited from the misappropriations of the defunct bank and that he turned over his files to Government counsel for use in the prosecution of others responsible for the embezzlement and defalcation.

What was intended for a reference to the *Mechanics* National Bank of Worcester, Mass., in our item of a week ago (page 543) inadvertently was made to apply to the *Merchants* National Bank of Worcester. The item should have read: "The increase in the capital of the *Mechanics* National Bank of Worcester, Mass., from \$200,000 to \$400,000 referred to by us Jan. 24 (page 418) was in the shape of a stock dividend of 100%."

The board of directors of the Tradesmen's National Bank of Philadelphia has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$3 50 per share, at the rate of 14% per annum, payable Feb. 2 to stockholders of record at the close of business Jan. 31 1925.

Sabin W. Colton, Jr., formerly a member of the firm of E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia, died at his home at Bryn Mawr, Pa., on Jan. 29. Mr. Colton, who was 77 years of age, entered the office of E. W. Clark & Co. about 1862, and became a partner in 1879. He retired from the firm on Dec. 31 1908, having thus been associated with it for 46 years and a partner for 30 years.

Adrian J. Grape, formerly Cashier of the Commonwealth Bank of Baltimore, was made President of the institution at a meeting of the directors on Feb. 4 to succeed the late James R. Wheeler, who was President for the 31 years the bank has been in existence. Mr. Grape, the new President, has been associated with the bank for 27 years—entering its employ in 1898 as a runner and assistant bookkeeper. Other changes made in the personnel of the institution at the same meeting were as follows: Joseph G. Valiant, a member of the directorate, was elected 2d Vice-President; Walter H. Billingslea, heretofore Assistant Cashier, was promoted to the Cashiership to succeed Mr. Grape; Harry S. Mulford was elected Assistant Cashier to succeed Mr. Billingslea and William H. Yeatman was appointed to a newly created

office—that of Assistant Cashier and Manager of the Savings Department. George Yakel, one of the group of men who with General Wheeler organized the Commonwealth Bank, was re-elected Vice-President.

At a special meeting on Feb. 3 the stockholders of the Liberty Bank of Baltimore County, 4707 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, ratified the proposal of the directors to sell control of the institution to the Union Trust Co. of that city. Consummation of the sale, it is understood, will take place about March 1 next, when the Liberty Bank of Baltimore County will become a branch of the Union Trust Co. Dr. A. C. Smink is President of the acquired bank and Theodore Mottu and Harry M. Ramsey are Vice-Presidents.

The Guardian National Bank of Chicago, which opened on Jan. 2 in the large Loop quarters at Dearborn and Monroe streets, formerly occupied by the National City Bank, has leased the quarters for a term of years at an annual rental of \$28,800. The leased space comprises 9,700 square feet. The building will be known as the Guardian National. As we have heretofore indicated, the Guardian National Bank has been established with a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$250,000. Its opening was referred to by us Jan. 3, page 53, and Jan. 10, page 162.

George Cox, for the past 30 years President of the Commercial National Bank of Bozeman, Mont., has resigned that office and upon his recommendation has been succeeded by Charles Vandenhook, for several years a Vice-President of the institution, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Bozeman on Jan. 14, which appeared in the Helena "Montana Record" of the same date. Mr. Cox, however, remains a member of the board of directors. In announcing his retirement from the Presidency, the dispatch quoted Mr. Cox as saying: "I lay aside the responsibilities of President of the bank in order that I may devote my time to rest, travel and recreation."

The first change in the personnel of officers of the Poudre Valley National Bank of Fort Collins, Colo., since 1910, has just been announced. At that time B. F. Hottel was elected President to succeed N. C. Alford. Charles H. Sheldon has now been elected Vice-President; Verner U. Wolf, Cashier, and Floyd R. Liggett, Assistant Cashier. Mr. Sheldon is the only Cashier the Poudre Valley National Bank has ever had up to this time. Mr. Sheldon, with W. C. Stover, organized the bank in November 1878, as Stover & Sheldon, bankers. Subsequently the firm became known as Stover, Sheldon & Co., when Abner Loomis and Charles B. Andrews joined the organization. In February 1893 the bank was organized under the name of Poudre Valley Bank, which was later changed to the present name, when the institution was nationalized. Mr. Sheldon has a record of 46 years of continuous service with the bank.

Alfred G. Fry, second agent of the Bank of Montreal in New York, died on Feb. 2 at the Roosevelt Hospital.

P. E. W. Goodwin resigned as President of the Grace Street Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond on Jan. 30 on account of continued ill health, his resignation taking effect at once, according to the Richmond "Dispatch" of Jan. 31. Mr. Goodwin had been President of the institution since its organization in September 1922.

The Houston "Post-Dispatch" in its issue of Feb. 1 stated that the First National Bank of Houston had inaugurated new export credit facilities to aid Texas producers and that Horace L. Darton, for three years Manager of the Houston branch of the Federal International Banking Co. of New Orleans, had been elected Assistant Vice-President in charge of the new service. Mr. Darton, it is stated, entered the banking business in 1911 and has had a wide experience in foreign credit and export banking. He joined the staff of the American Foreign Banking Corporation in New York City in 1917. In 1918 he journeyed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to assist in the opening of a branch of the corporation, of which he later became Manager. In 1921 Mr. Darton entered the service of the Federal International Banking Co. of New Orleans and in September of that year opened the Texas office of the company in Houston and became its Manager. J. T. Scott is President of the First National Bank of Houston.

Announcement was made on Tuesday of this week (Feb. 3) that the Royal Bank of Canada (head office, Montreal),

one of the largest competitors of American banks doing business in Latin-America, has purchased the main offices and seventeen branches of the Bank of Central and South America, thereby greatly increasing the scope of its service in the Southern Continent. A statement given out by the Bank of Central and South America on Feb. 3 was as follows:

Announcement is made to-day of the sale of the Bank of Central and South America to the Royal Bank of Canada. The Bank of Central and South America controls affiliated institutions in Peru, Colombia, Venezuela and Costa Rica, including seventeen branches in all. It was organized August 1922 with capital of \$5,000,000 and surplus of \$2,500,000, to take over the active banking business of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, which is owned by a group of American banks, and in the period of post-war deflation was forced to reorganize.

Robert F. Loree, who is on the board of directors of nine other institutions doing a foreign banking business, principally with South American countries, is President of the Bank of Central and South America and the directors include: Arthur M. Anderson, an assistant partner of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Walter E. Frew, President of the Corn Exchange Bank; Gates W. McGarrah, Chairman of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank; John McHugh, President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank; William C. Potter, President of the Guaranty Trust Co.; Edward R. Stettinius, partner of J. P. Morgan & Co.; and Albert Strauss, of J. & W. Seligman & Co.

The following with regard to a proposed issue of 20,000 shares of new capital stock by the Bancitaly Corp., the subsidiary institution of the Bank of Italy of San Francisco, appeared in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Jan. 31:

We learned yesterday (Jan. 30) from James A. Bacigalupi, Vice-President of the Bancitaly Corporation that the board of directors have recommended to the stockholders an additional issue of 20,000 shares of capital stock at \$160 a share.

This action is, of course, subject to approval of the application to the Commissioner of Corporations. When it has been approved in that quarter and authorized by the stockholders at a special meeting soon to be held, subscriptions may be made upon a basis of allotment, which gives present holders the "right" to subscribe for one new share for each seven now held. The new stock would be issued as of July 3 to stockholders of record Feb. 16 1925. Of the added \$3,200,000 thus to become available Bacigalupi explains that \$1,200,000 would be applied to surplus and the remaining \$2,000,000, par price, would be utilized in carrying forward the recently announced program of expansion in activities and for immediate needs. It was recently announced to be the policy of the Bancitaly Corporation to restrain all tendency of outsiders to speculate in the securities of the corporation. These men are in prospect of the development of projects of major importance. That is common knowledge. But they frown upon speculation in the stock, which would result in fluctuations. In the career of A. P. Giannini during twenty years as President of the Bank of Italy he endeavored with success to place the stock in the hands of those who sought long-term investments and made their purchase with the view of obtaining steady income at a satisfactory basis of yield, rather than to profit by trading in the stock. It appears evident, from expressions upon the matter yesterday by Vice-President Bacigalupi that this policy is regarded as the best for the future of Bancitaly Corporation stock. Bancitaly Corporation stock has been paying 8% upon \$100 par value, so that the new stock would yield around 5%. Stockholders' subscriptions "rights" will become effective after February 16.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Under the leadership of the railroad shares and the oil issues the New York stock market displayed renewed buoyancy the present week. Oil shares have been in strong demand, and numerous issues have made new high records for the present movement. Remarkable advances were also apparent in securities of railroads that have within the last few weeks started dividend payments or have given some indication of beginning payment soon. Strong speculative activity characterized the two-hour session on Saturday and trading was on a relatively large scale, though the price trend was somewhat irregular. Interest centered largely in oil stocks, many of which established new records

following the further announcements of higher crude oil prices. Railroad shares, notably Kansas & Texas and Missouri Pacific, were in strong demand at improving prices. Southern Railway spurted forward to a new high record (up to that time) of 85½. Railroad and oil shares continued in the foreground as the market opened on Monday, many issues in the former group moving smartly forward under the stimulus of merger rumors and recording new tops for the present movement. Sloss-Sheffield recorded a gain of nearly 10 points to a new high level at 96. Interest again centered around the oil shares on Tuesday, though railroad issues were also prominent in the day's activities. In the railroad group Southern Railway was the feature, making a new high at 90. Rubber stocks were also in demand at advancing prices. Railroad issues were conspicuous on Wednesday in a gradually rising market. Gains of from one to four points were numerous, particularly in the higher priced issues, though the lower priced shares also participated in the improvement. Oil stocks also were in strong demand, but their popularity was somewhat overshadowed by the strength of the railroad securities. Price movements during the forenoon on Thursday were again toward higher levels and included many advances ranging from 1 to 5 or more points. Southern Railway made a further advance to a new high point at 92, and American Locomotive led the industrial issues with a brisk advance of three points to 122¾. The feature of the trading on Friday was the spectacular rise of United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry to 188½, making a net gain of 9⅞ points over the previous close and recording a new high for that issue. Motor shares displayed increasing strength in the early part of the day, General Motors crossing 76 for the first time, closely followed by Mack Trucks. Railway shares were irregular and oil shares as a group maintained a show of strength. American Can made a further advance to 167, reaching new high ground for the present movement. The final tone was strong.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Feb. 6.	Stocks, No. Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,068,772	\$9,838,000	\$1,735,000	716,100
Monday	1,714,248	11,356,000	2,742,500	1,437,700
Tuesday	1,496,274	11,918,500	2,488,500	765,200
Wednesday	1,757,363	13,815,000	2,592,000	1,151,000
Thursday	2,147,748	16,298,000	2,809,000	1,484,800
Friday	1,798,600	13,800,000	2,333,000	2,719,000
Total	9,983,005	\$77,025,500	\$14,700,000	\$8,254,400

	Week Ended Feb. 6.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 6.	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Stocks—No. shares	9,983,005	5,739,814	50,484,776	33,848,570
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$8,254,400	\$21,570,000	\$56,952,250	\$116,295,000
State & foreign bonds	14,700,000	8,866,000	72,404,500	44,032,000
Railroad & misc. bonds	77,025,500	43,952,000	322,899,800	201,645,000
Total bonds	\$99,979,900	\$74,388,000	\$452,256,550	\$361,972,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Feb. 6.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*20,559	\$37,700	13,007	\$29,300	1,537	\$25,200
Monday	*35,748	60,150	14,794	27,000	2,246	38,000
Tuesday	*26,740	55,600	19,815	34,700	2,310	29,800
Wednesday	25,389	49,750	14,542	37,900	10,534	51,600
Thursday	31,337	61,000	12,301	111,675	6,793	53,600
Friday	35,049	40,000	11,533	70,000	3,113	24,000
Total	174,822	\$304,200	85,992	\$310,575	26,533	\$222,200
Prev. week revised	189,938	\$185,250	60,416	\$747,600	11,787	\$168,000

* In addition, sales of rights were: Sat., 5,321; Mon., 25; Tues., 100.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings for the country as a whole the present week will show a substantial increase as compared with a year ago. This is due largely to the fact that this year the end of the month and the first of the month business came in the present week, while last year these heavy payments came in the previous week. 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, Feb. 7) 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 26.5% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,222,734,380, against \$8,079,823,926 for the same week in 1924. At this centre there is a gain of 37.8%. Our comparative summary or the week is as follows:

Cearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending Feb. 7.	1925.	1924.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,168,000,000	\$3,750,087,245	+37.8
Chicago	580,495,498	458,651,225	+26.6
Philadelphia	423,000,000	385,000,000	+9.9
Boston	387,000,000	325,000,000	+19.1
Kansas City	112,443,719	97,072,185	+15.8
St. Louis	132,500,000	119,300,000	+11.1
San Francisco	161,700,000	138,600,000	+16.7
Los Angeles	128,755,000	126,037,000	+2.2
Pittsburgh	150,601,018	129,680,197	+16.1
Detroit	111,822,180	98,407,468	+13.6
Cleveland	90,774,901	83,482,316	+8.7
Baltimore	83,333,686	76,256,008	+9.3
New Orleans	62,788,670	62,560,656	+0.4
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$7,593,214,672	\$5,850,134,300	+29.8
Other cities, 5 days	925,730,645	883,052,305	+4.8
Total all cities, 5 days	\$8,518,945,317	\$6,733,186,605	+26.5
All cities, 1 day	1,703,789,063	1,346,637,321	+26.5
Total all cities for week	\$10,222,734,380	\$8,079,823,926	+26.5

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. 31. For that week there is a decrease of 0.9%, although our preliminary figures given last week showed a small increase, the 1925 aggregate of the clearings being \$8,664,083,381, and the 1924 aggregate \$8,746,386,459. This decrease is due, as already noted, to the fact that last year the end of the month and the first of the month business came in this week, while the present year these heavy payments came a week later. Outside of New York City there is an increase of 3.0%. At this centre the bank exchanges record a loss of 3.8%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is a decrease of 9.7%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 3.7%, and in the Richmond Reserve District of 8.3%. In the Philadelphia Reserve District there is a gain of 8.7%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 1.2%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District of 6.2%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 8.9%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 9.6%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 15.1%. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is an improvement of 8.2%, and in the Dallas Reserve District of 27.2%. The San Francisco Reserve District suffers a loss of 5.1%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ending Jan. 24 1925.	1925.	1924.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.
Federal Reserve Districts.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
(1st) Boston.....11 cities	429,655,695	475,562,684	-9.7	436,297,761	345,140,460
(2nd) New York.....11 "	5,025,571,349	5,219,718,997	-3.7	4,858,382,560	4,429,420,775
(3rd) Philadelphia.....10 "	633,129,975	490,619,695	+8.7	496,086,220	449,825,767
(4th) Cleveland.....8 "	355,646,155	351,507,050	+1.2	359,155,866	257,931,791
(5th) Richmond.....6 "	173,435,007	189,261,460	-8.3	177,793,885	134,191,771
(6th) Atlanta.....11 "	197,514,343	186,065,600	+6.2	178,284,580	131,577,935
(7th) Chicago.....20 "	878,564,711	806,780,302	+8.9	786,610,349	656,627,384
(8th) St. Louis.....8 "	220,199,153	200,841,207	+9.6	68,197,249	52,606,629
(9th) Minneapolis.....7 "	113,640,465	98,740,470	+15.1	109,276,069	95,369,438
(10th) Kansas City.....12 "	229,002,674	211,582,471	+8.2	229,400,751	214,709,211
(11th) Dallas.....5 "	71,810,431	56,436,234	+27.2	61,054,303	47,889,143
(12th) San Francisco.....17 "	435,913,423	459,270,289	-5.1	400,177,774	318,428,515
Grand total.....126 cities	8,664,083,381	8,746,386,459	-0.9	8,161,357,457	7,133,818,819
Outside New York City.....	3,739,587,536	3,629,343,905	+3.0	3,409,765,984	2,793,809,654
Canada.....29 cities	259,174,281	267,793,997	-3.2	252,735,577	309,887,947

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of January. For that month there is an increase of 20.0%, the 1924 aggregate of the clearings being \$46,155,456,868 and the 1923 aggregate \$38,463,481,328. Outside of New York City the increase is only 9.3%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of 29.1%. In the Boston Reserve District the improvement is 7.0%, in the New York Reserve

District (including this city) 28.4%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District 13.7%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 7.3%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 2.6%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 10.0%. The Chicago Reserve District shows a gain of 13.2%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 8.8% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 17.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the total is better by 10.4%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 19.5% and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 1.1%. It will be noted that every one of these Federal Reserve districts, without exception, registers an increase for January 1925 as compared with the corresponding month of 1924.

	Month of January.				
	1924.	1923.	Inc. or Dec.	1922.	1921.
Federal Reserve Dists.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....13 cities	2,323,609,280	2,171,177,955	+7.0	1,970,177,294	1,478,165,574
2nd New York.....14 "	27,353,524,389	21,302,654,371	+28.4	20,401,701,354	17,727,781,333
3rd Philadelphia.....14 "	2,728,826,103	2,399,804,723	+13.7	2,403,407,335	1,840,361,004
4th Cleveland.....15 "	1,786,372,849	1,664,131,415	+7.3	1,679,694,656	1,231,155,742
5th Richmond.....10 "	882,402,751	859,776,586	+2.6	847,530,410	594,091,666
6th Atlanta.....17 "	1,036,448,306	942,210,247	+10.0	896,302,292	666,654,048
7th Chicago.....29 "	4,375,960,251	3,866,472,382	+13.2	3,823,242,571	2,927,203,853
8th St. Louis.....10 "	1,081,834,688	993,500,991	+8.8	1,049,321,036	762,904,396
9th Minneapolis.....13 "	574,094,461	487,628,223	+17.7	575,260,712	436,047,747
10th Kansas City.....12 "	1,219,646,857	1,104,583,938	+10.4	1,182,683,570	1,022,529,900
11th Dallas.....12 "	583,648,235	486,769,976	+19.5	460,317,791	359,589,298
12th San Fran.....27 "	2,199,088,678	2,175,770,521	+1.1	1,941,034,536	1,545,910,349
Total.....189 cities	46,155,456,868	38,463,481,328	+20.0	37,330,673,857	30,092,394,910
Outside N. Y. City.....	19,434,762,882	17,774,352,856	+9.3	17,552,314,258	12,796,331,075
Canada.....	1,407,802,296	1,387,398,719	+1.5	1,341,165,816	1,352,110,772

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of January in each of the last eight years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES IN JANUARY.

(000s omitted.)	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
New York.....	26,721	20,689	19,775	17,296	18,573	23,210	17,861	14,719
Chicago.....	3,070	2,676	2,797	2,123	2,414	2,857	2,345	2,125
Boston.....	2,059	1,922	1,735	1,285	1,339	1,809	1,478	1,159
Philadelphia.....	2,511	2,175	2,194	1,701	1,853	2,176	1,832	1,523
St. Louis.....	692	655	687	550	593	778	717	648
Pittsburgh.....	763	702	683	499	720	698	593	320
San Francisco.....	764	724	703	582	606	714	573	434
Baltimore.....	443	433	419	277	364	414	370	183
Cincinnati.....	315	296	308	235	265	308	278	190
Kansas City.....	586	534	628	575	724	1,123	846	847
Cleveland.....	496	471	483	344	531	582	440	340
Minneapolis.....	359	276	338	251	296	208	184	141
New Orleans.....	296	291	264	210	216	353	728	246
Detroit.....	661	594	537	377	389	490	321	226
Louisville.....	162	140	152	105	109	80	117	90
Omaha.....	182	153	195	140	173	305	249	200
Providence.....	67	57	56	49	50	71	51	53
Milwaukee.....	172	156	156	118	127	138	137	112
Los Angeles.....	660	683	545	410	365	316	157	132
Buffalo.....	227	199	196	159	179	190	109	90
St. Paul.....	135	141	154	119	150	87	74	63
Denver.....	143	136	92	82	91	160	123	84
Indianapolis.....	86	93	93	71	66	82	67	60
Richmond.....	244	241	247	173	204	331	234	165
Memphis.....	116	105	116	75	74	162	93	62
Seattle.....	170	176	153	130	124	175	164	121
Salt Lake City.....	80	69	68	53	71	85	66	63
Hartford.....	66	66	54	41	44	46	35	35
Total.....	42,246	34,853	33,846	28,030	30,704	37,975	29,792	24,331
Other cities.....	3,909	3,610	3,262	2,450	2,551	4,063	2,628	2,200
Total all.....	46,155	38,463	37,108	30,480	33,255	42,038	32,420	26,531
Outside New York.....	19,435	17,774	17,330	13,184	14,682	18,828	14,559	11,812

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for January and for the week ending Jan. 31 for four years:

CLEARING FOR JANUARY FOR FOUR YEARS AND FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 31.

Clearings at—	Month of January.					Week ending January 31.				
	1925.	1924.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	1925.	1924.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Maine—Bangor.....	3,222,472	3,739,548	-13.8	3,756,419	3,422,706	594,550	705,428	-15.7	660,737	677,856
Portland.....	14,150,421	14,083,536	+0.5	14,407,198	11,912,847	2,610,652	3,071,039	-15.0	3,806,386	3,030,454
Mass.—Boston.....	2,059,462,354	1,922,000,000	+7.2	1,735,000,000	1,285,000,000	382,000,000	428,000,000	-10.7	389,000,000	316,000,000
Fall River.....	10,449,403	10,561,769	-1.1	11,440,960	7,948,784	2,134,782	2,141,453	-0.3	2,682,650	1,945,619
Holyoke.....	4,543,864	4,241,102	+7.1	4,334,364	3,486,585	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	4,921,408	5,228,242	-5.9	5,772,273	4,744,207	901,457	997,221	-9.6	1,206,613	987,632
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	6,115,789	6,637,944	-7.9	6,888,696	6,357,307	1,467,823	1,573,713	-6.7	1,540,253	1,578,692
Springfield.....	26,987,899	23,998,616	+12.5	25,274,702	17,973,518	5,141,898	4,972,785	+3.4	4,783,036	4,089,911
Worcester.....	17,018,000	16,037,000	+6.1	17,458,000	14,733,378	2,872,600	3,680,000	-22.0	3,207,000	3,634,000
Conn.—Hartford.....	66,421,716	65,908,993	+0.8	54,011,075	41,083,283	13,633,313	13,406,384	+1.7	11,447,939	8,509,411
New Haven.....	31,826,954	32,043,905	-0.7	27,638,207	24,848,659	6,086,425	6,680,961	-8.9	6,415,047	4,786,885
Waterbury.....	11,303,100	9,410,800	+20.1	7,977,100	7,751,300	---	---	---	---	---
Rhode Island—Providence.....	67,185,900	57,286,500	+17.3	56,418,300	48,903,000	12,212,800	10,333,700	+18.2	11,548,100	---
Total (13 cities).....	2,323,609,280	2,171,177,955	+7.0	1,970,177,294	1,478,165,574	429,655,695	475,562,684	-9.7	436,297,761	345,140,460
Second Federal Reserve District—New York	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
New York—Albany.....	28,450,533	24,257,487	+17.3	22,127,637	19,361,715	4,590,417	5,193,092	-11.6	3,827,221	4,368,270
Binghamton.....	5,574,500	4,950,000	+12.6	5,503,361	4,341,484	1,113,000	877,300	+26.8	1,206,400	1,422,100
Buffalo.....	227,005,882	198,661,107	+14.3	196,018,962	159,442,689	445,036,660	38,224,913	+19.4	40,047,081	34,264,870
Elmira.....	4,237,159	3,683,198	+15.0	3,018,562	2,415,198	---	---	---	---	---
Jamestown.....	6,175,186	5,110,706	+20.8	5,033,219	4,278,132	e1,223,881	1,040,921	+17.7	978,875	789,364
New York.....	26,720,693,986	20,689,128,472	+29.1	19,778,359,599	17,296,063,835	4,924,495,845	5,117,042,554	-3.8	4,751,601,473	4,340,009,165
Niagara Falls.....	4,322,317	4,106,440	+5.3	5,125,355	4,859,288	---	---	---	---	---
Rochester.....	59,547,514	51,080,396	+16.6	47,810,258	41,856,608	10,678,364	11,104,278	-3.8	10,944,219	9,198,209
Syracuse.....	25,327,956	22,876,255	+10.7	20,507,994	17,490,706	5,009,442	5,185,865	-3.4	4,519,012	4,634,498
Conn.—Stamford.....	11,862,005	14,293,064	-17.0	16,285,832	9,603,508	c2,431,748	2,292,167	+6.1	2,338,821	2,308,991
N. J.—Montclair.....	2,392,697	2,353,559	+1.7	2,155,664	1,752,362</					

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Clearings at—	Month of January.					Week ending January 31.				
	1925.	1924.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	1925.	1924.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia—										
Pennsylvania— Altoona	6,057,740	5,662,055	+7.0	5,838,104	3,840,802	1,176,601	1,179,172	-0.2	1,142,233	887,104
Bethlehem	15,663,402	20,852,528	-24.9	19,592,329	10,159,186	3,693,058	4,648,060	-20.5	4,201,389	2,955,038
Chester	5,898,968	6,351,718	-7.6	5,420,740	4,212,844	1,077,798	772,757	+39.4	1,161,850	880,007
Harrisburg	21,956,686	18,400,178	+19.3	17,986,715	21,000,780	—	—	—	—	—
Lancaster	11,504,160	13,073,758	-12.0	14,918,720	9,132,891	2,045,961	3,043,262	-32.8	3,042,262	2,151,139
Lebanon	2,321,882	2,440,891	-4.9	2,222,047	2,012,788	—	—	—	—	—
Norristown	4,073,407	4,616,834	-11.8	3,785,205	2,839,966	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	2,510,855,000	2,175,000,000	+15.4	2,194,000,000	1,701,000,000	508,000,000	464,000,000	+9.5	468,000,000	429,000,000
Reading	16,078,045	16,353,203	-1.7	14,659,125	11,036,887	—	—	—	—	—
Seranton	30,620,946	26,214,547	+16.8	26,765,574	20,906,924	5,449,606	5,022,304	+8.5	5,755,374	4,443,271
Wilkes-Barre	16,854,566	17,535,254	-3.9	14,861,978	12,555,228	4,586,962	3,310,025	+8.4	3,685,508	3,140,798
York	7,806,104	6,863,543	+13.7	6,369,034	5,014,865	—	—	—	—	—
New Jersey—Camden	52,939,712	64,859,609	-18.4	57,318,286	21,181,333	—	—	—	—	—
Trenton	26,226,485	21,580,545	+21.5	19,677,508	15,466,512	4,004,553	4,227,077	-5.3	4,349,666	3,057,407
Delaware—Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Total (14 cities)	2,728,826,103	2,399,804,723	+13.7	2,403,407,335	1,840,361,004	533,129,975	490,619,695	+8.7	496,096,220	449,925,767
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland—										
Ohio—Akron	41,419,000	34,082,000	+21.5	27,005,000	25,651,000	49,999,000	6,740,000	+48.4	6,403,600	6,392,000
Canton	21,221,758	22,251,091	-4.6	23,519,108	12,395,131	3,919,012	4,237,400	-7.5	5,195,926	2,744,963
Cincinnati	315,474,274	295,507,710	+6.8	308,320,370	234,761,091	62,453,000	63,952,276	-2.3	61,199,526	51,400,259
Cleveland	495,681,001	471,233,938	+5.2	482,843,138	344,035,070	98,916,818	101,241,390	-2.3	100,164,078	76,670,432
Columbus	64,958,900	60,668,500	+7.1	70,792,800	55,151,400	12,169,900	15,174,900	-19.8	14,776,300	13,007,800
Dayton	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Hamilton	4,822,175	3,584,379	+34.5	3,947,768	3,269,863	—	—	—	—	—
Lima	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Lorain	2,538,600	1,681,869	+50.9	1,556,188	1,352,448	—	—	—	—	—
Mansfield	8,090,304	8,181,350	-1.1	8,243,483	5,197,247	41,818,210	1,923,015	-5.4	1,570,922	987,067
Springfield	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown	23,960,534	22,940,929	+4.4	21,351,223	14,705,013	44,792,915	3,838,656	+24.8	4,706,057	2,429,270
Pa.—Beaver County	3,290,258	3,267,399	+0.7	3,268,034	2,509,871	—	—	—	—	—
Erle	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Franklin	1,485,905	1,331,843	+11.6	1,446,245	1,271,250	—	—	—	—	—
Greensburg	7,241,703	7,106,484	+1.9	6,857,083	6,500,000	—	—	—	—	—
Pittsburgh	762,722,642	701,724,634	+8.7	688,290,612	499,016,397	161,577,300	154,399,413	+4.7	165,139,557	*104,300,000
Kentucky—Lexington	14,390,934	11,485,143	+25.3	11,918,759	7,296,079	—	—	—	—	—
W. Va.—Wheeling	19,074,861	19,084,146	-0.1	20,334,845	18,043,882	—	—	—	—	—
Total (15 cities)	1,786,372,849	1,664,131,415	+7.3	1,679,694,656	1,231,155,742	355,646,155	351,507,050	+1.2	359,155,966	257,931,791
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond—										
W. Va.—Huntington	8,541,838	9,096,313	-6.1	9,339,191	6,651,554	1,509,131	2,033,204	-25.8	1,681,974	1,417,335
Va.—Newport News	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Norfolk	38,451,460	39,738,759	-3.2	36,630,129	28,425,327	47,542,672	8,177,219	-7.8	7,649,754	6,633,101
Richmond	244,113,000	241,265,566	+1.2	247,321,796	173,409,303	54,258,000	56,994,000	-4.8	49,754,000	43,362,811
No. Caro.—Asheville	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Raleigh	11,277,914	10,477,036	+7.6	12,397,383	6,920,654	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
So. Caro.—Charleston	13,682,884	12,209,081	+12.1	12,201,548	11,195,492	42,645,341	2,561,488	+3.3	2,318,977	2,515,356
Columbia	8,686,751	9,068,547	-4.2	11,911,064	8,772,967	—	—	—	—	—
Maryland—Baltimore	443,104,749	433,243,439	+2.3	418,647,954	277,328,175	86,104,749	98,105,503	-12.2	96,578,175	64,757,974
Frederick	1,937,863	1,678,394	+15.5	1,831,124	1,724,056	—	—	—	—	—
Hagerston	3,043,676	3,153,306	-3.5	3,023,518	2,385,746	—	—	—	—	—
D. C.—Washington	109,562,675	99,846,145	+9.7	94,226,703	77,278,392	21,375,114	21,390,046	-0.1	19,811,005	15,505,194
Total (10 cities)	882,402,751	859,776,586	+2.6	847,530,410	594,091,666	173,435,007	189,261,460	-8.3	177,793,885	134,191,771
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta—										
Tennessee—Chattanooga	30,556,578	32,848,780	-7.0	28,980,427	21,882,868	46,128,448	6,531,571	-6.2	5,576,802	3,562,000
Knoxville	14,803,370	15,616,291	-5.2	15,059,386	12,776,425	—	—	—	—	—
Nashville	94,095,178	85,440,660	+10.1	84,208,758	73,737,032	18,648,234	16,926,623	+10.2	17,778,293	16,416,551
Georgia—Atlanta	308,133,761	259,154,954	+18.9	240,543,650	175,006,770	59,723,206	53,810,179	+11.0	51,635,094	35,755,828
Augusta	9,084,137	8,485,430	+7.1	9,572,343	6,926,395	1,727,362	2,185,254	-21.0	1,875,414	1,506,050
Columbus	4,660,577	4,059,894	+14.8	4,297,707	3,121,766	—	—	—	—	—
Macon	6,669,675	6,277,187	+6.3	6,768,054	4,741,280	1,418,592	1,589,702	-10.8	1,316,786	925,207
Savannah	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Florida—Jacksonville	87,423,087	63,132,962	+38.5	54,428,065	41,589,366	20,282,306	13,468,647	+50.6	12,511,224	9,775,338
Tampa	24,161,000	15,949,000	+51.5	12,878,000	10,549,000	—	—	—	—	—
Alabama—Birmingham	123,224,046	122,260,879	+0.8	139,393,513	84,146,475	25,045,371	27,812,817	-9.9	29,541,802	16,843,111
Mobile	9,533,159	9,270,938	+3.0	9,590,452	7,581,333	1,790,923	1,799,828	-0.5	—	—
Montgomery	7,827,792	8,418,464	-7.0	7,877,503	6,271,771	—	—	—	—	—
Mississippi—Hattiesburg	6,172,822	5,915,529	+4.3	6,831,479	3,724,853	1,308,826	1,610,939	-18.7	1,155,023	713,184
Jackson	3,550,449	4,707,149	-24.6	4,010,818	2,798,110	—	—	—	—	—
Meridian	2,841,772	2,059,285	+38.0	2,430,897	1,699,088	441,075	516,041	-14.5	435,406	426,089
Vicksburg	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Louisiana—New Orleans	296,455,802	291,299,142	+1.8	264,440,940	210,465,509	461,000,000	59,813,999	+2.0	56,458,736	45,654,577
Total (17 cities)	1,036,448,306	942,210,247	+10.0	896,302,292	666,654,048	197,514,343	186,065,600	+6.2	178,284,580	131,577,935
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago—										
Mich.—Adrian	1,254,532	1,097,635	+14.3	1,080,609	984,501	217,271	227,127	-4.3	205,865	210,527
Ann Arbor	4,664,528	3,766,666	+23.9	3,960,504	2,936,389	762,559	510,334	+47.5	847,732	585,480
Detroit	660,849,393	594,202,968	+11.2	536,732,973	377,217,483	153,782,047	134,535,272	+14.3	112,501,746	84,804,000
Flint	9,965,654	10,705,379	-7.7	8,830,312	5,916,000	—	—	—	—	—
Grand Rapids	34,976,276	30,270,067	+15.6	28,647,762	26,396,342	6,644,664	6,259,128	+6.2	6,489,130	5,728,086
Jackson	8,800,551	9,011,999	-2.3	8,956,900	5,520,619	—	—	—	—	—
Lansing	10,789,025	10,859,649	-0.9	11,310,104	7,313,054	1,927,904	2,310,761	-16.6	1,941,104	1,249,303
Ind.—Fort Wayne	11,104,240	11,056,970	+0.4	9,473,418	7,676,684	2,248,275	2,087,865	+7.7	1,912,474	1,598,645
Gary	19,502,000	15,850,000	+23.0	14,084,271	9,037,000	—	—	—	—	—
Indianapolis	85,667,000	93,378,000	-8.3	93,238,000	71,399,000	414,887,000	17,458,000	-14.7	18,271,000	15,183,000
South Bend	10,903,000	10,072,452	+8.2	10,717,877	6,903,178	1,999,000	1,988,000	+0.6	2,107,444	1,513,568
Terre Haute	30,381,260	22,764,071	+33.5	27,357,655	—	4,596,913	4,436,899	+3.6	5,457,688	—
Wis.—Madison	14,421,066	11,997,590	+20.2	10,058,781	—	—	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee	172,396,541	155,715,153	+12.9	155,638,914	117,639,780	34,883,144	35,320,096	-1.2	34,983,427	30,903,539
Oshkosh	4,143,614	3,061,750	+35.4							

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Main table showing clearing data for various districts (Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth Federal Reserve) and Grand total (191 cities) for the month of January and week ending January 31, 1925. Columns include District, Year (1925, 1924), Inc. or Dec., and Dollar amounts.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR JANUARY FOR FOUR YEARS, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29.

Table showing Canadian clearing data for 29 cities for the month of January and week ending January 29, 1925. Columns include City, Year (1925, 1924), Inc. or Dec., and Dollar amounts.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Jan. 28. d Week ended Jan. 29. e Week ended Jan. 30. * Estimated. f No clearings; all banks closed.

THE CURB MARKET.

The oil group of stock continued to command the attention of the Curb Market this week. Profit-taking caused considerable irregularity and few stocks show improvement. Chesebrough Mfg. advanced from 52 to 55½. Galena-Signal Oil com. rose from 62 to 65. Humble Oil & Refg. gained 2½ points to 47¾ and ends the week at 47½. Eureka Pipe Line was down from 94 to 83. Indiana Pipe Line weakened from 83¾ to 78 and Magnolia Petroleum from 159 to 155½. Ohio Oil was off from 75 to 72¾, recovering finally to 74. Prairie Oil & Gas sold down from 259½ to 246, the close to-day being at 248½. Prairie Pipe Line lost 4½ points to 120½. Solar Refining dropped from 250 to 238 and recovered finally to 242. South Penn Oil sold down from 194½ to 181 and up finally to 183½. Southern Pipe Line moved down from 99½ to 84½ and finished to-day at 86. Standard Oil (Nebraska) was off from 270 to 255. Standard Oil (Ohio) receded from 369 to 353. Industrials were without feature and irregular. De Forest Radio was conspicuous for an advance of over seven points to 34. Dubilier Cond. & Radio was off from 31½ to 27½ with the final transaction at 30. Duplex Cond. & Radio declined from 12 to 10¼ and closed to-day at 11¾. Hazeltine Corp. was off from 45½ to 37½, the close to-day being at 38. New Mexico & Arizona Land was an exception, advancing from 7¼ to 11½. Nickel Plate com. also improved, selling up from 85¾ to 88¾ and down finally to 86¾.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 692.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Feb. 6.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind. & Mis.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	72,335	179,520	118,100	\$501,000	\$30,000
Monday	124,050	402,670	235,360	690,000	47,000
Tuesday	141,350	251,370	306,670	982,000	23,000
Wednesday	108,935	314,360	254,710	980,000	70,000
Thursday	189,855	236,510	155,200	896,000	5,000
Friday	172,440	174,080	194,280	1,031,000	4,000
Total	808,965	1,558,510	1,264,320	\$5,080,000	\$179,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 14 1925:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 7th inst. amounted to £126,738,360, as compared with £126,735,990 on the previous Wednesday. No South African gold came on the market this week. A Reuter's telegram from Pretoria, dated Jan. 12 thus deals with the gold situation in that country: "It is officially announced that the Government, acting on the recommendations of the Currency Commission, has decided that it will not introduce legislation postponing the resumption of gold payments beyond June 30. Specie payments will accordingly be resumed on July 1 or at such earlier date as may be necessary under the existing legislation. With a view to assisting the restoration of the gold standard and its maintenance once it has been restored, the Commissioners recommend that the South African Reserve Bank should in future operate in the open market more actively than it has done in the past." The gold output from the mines of the Transvaal for the last four years was as follows: 1921, £34,486,991; 1922, £29,835,468; 1923, £38,839,603; 1924, £40,789,944. The output for December 1924 was 825,273 ounces, as compared with 802,313 ounces for the previous month and 784,519 ounces for December 1923. The Canadian gold output for 1924 is estimated as 1,525,000 fine ounces valued at \$31,522,000, the Ontario mines alone producing 1,230,000 ounces, as against 971,704 ounces in 1923. The United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during December 1924 were as follows:

	Imports.	Exports.
Russia	£1,922,470	
Netherlands	£5,888	177,796
Belgium		8,241
France	400	23,822
Spain and Canaries		5,402
Egypt		26,350
West Africa	151,824	5,132
United States of America	2,623,103	
Central America and West Indies	1,323	
Various South American countries	1,500	500
Rhodesia	211,627	
Transvaal	1,883,917	
British India		1,688,376
Straits Settlements		11,364
Other countries	21,995	319,821
Total	£4,901,577	£4,189,274

SILVER.

This week the price of silver has risen owing to a rather keen inquiry from the Indian Bazaars. This demand, however, has fallen off during the last few days. China has not been active, though some bear covering has taken place. The Continent has been a seller but America has been inclined to hold off, doubtless having some Eastern demand locally. It is reported that United States banks have been holding stocks in China so as to be in a position to pay for imports should a stringency of money arise. Recent fluctuations in the price of silver have by no means coincided with those of the United States exchange. "Far East Capital and Trade" of Nov. 28 last states with reference to Chinese currency: "Silver dollars continue to go out in the same volume as in previous weeks, namely,

on the average of three-quarter to one million dollars, and in spite of the fact that the Hangchow and Nanking mints are not functioning the stocks of silver dollars, as shown in the returns, have not shrunk. It all reminds one of the Biblical cruise of oil belonging to the widow that grew into big dimension. The Elisha of the local monetary market is the august personage known as the bank comprador, whose duties comprise, among other things, to send in returns of silver and sycee holdings, and apparently these individuals do not know or care less about the big outflow of silver dollars from Shanghai. For that reason no reliance should be placed on the present so-called holdings of Shanghai in silver dollars. The quantity given out is as old as the hills and might very likely soon begin to wear whiskers." The Canadian output of silver shows an advance of 1,700,000 ounces this year over last year, the total amounting to 20,363,500 ounces. The United States Mint Bureau, with the co-operation of the U. S. Geological Survey, has issued a preliminary estimate which gives the refinery production of silver during 1924 as 64,792,216 ounces, valued at \$43,540,369, which is 8,542,954 ounces less than that returned for 1923. No allotments were announced yesterday of India Council Bills and Telegraphic Transfers. Tenders were invited for 100 lacs but applications were received for only 10 lacs of immediate T. T. at 1s. 5 25-32d. 100 lacs will again be offered next week.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Lacs of rupees—	Dec. 22	Dec. 31	Jan. 7
Notes in circulation	17830	17921	18160
Silver coin and bullion in India	8186	8076	8015
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	5713	5713	5713
Securities (British Government)	1699	1700	2000
Bills of exchange		200	200

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 7th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 10th inst. consisted of 59,900,000 ounces in sycee, 37,000,000 dollars and 6,860 silver bars, as compared with about 53,500,000 ounces in sycee 37,000,000 dollars, and 4,410 silver bars on the 3d inst.

—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—

Quotations—	Cash.	2 Mos.	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
Jan. 8	32d.	31¾d.	87s. 4d.
Jan. 9	32 3-16d.	32 1-16d.	87s. 2d.
Jan. 10	32 5-16d.	32 3-16d.	
Jan. 12	32 9-16d.	32 7-16d.	86s. 11d.
Jan. 13	32¾d.	32¾d.	87s. 1d.
Jan. 14	32¼d.	32 1-16d.	87s. 8d.
Average	32.281d.	32.145d.	87s. 2.8d

The silver quotations to-day for cash and for two months' delivery are respectively 5-16d. and 3-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of Jan. 21 1925:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 14th inst. amounted to £126,742,890, as compared with £126,738,360 on the previous Wednesday.

This week, when the trade demands were satisfied, only a very small amount of gold remained available for India.

During the week gold valued at \$13,890,000 has been announced as engaged for shipment from New York. The various amounts and destinations were reported as follows:

Jan. 14	\$2,500,000 to Berlin
	1,500,000 to London
	1,000,000 to Europe (probably Russia)
	150,000 to India.
Jan. 15	5,100,000 to India
Jan. 16	600,000 to London
	540,000 to India
Jan. 19	2,500,000 to Berlin

India's imports of gold during 1924 amounted to 7,003,000 ounces, as compared with 5,842,000 ounces during 1923. The 1924 total is the largest during any one year, except 1912 when 7,315,000 ounces were recorded.

The "Times of India" under date of Jan. 3 stated that "the cry in the city of London is "Back to the Gold Standard" and though British financiers will move with their customary caution, yet the early return to gold is a possibility of the near future. The cry in India is "Back to the pre-war ratio of 1s. 4d. gold," and there are substantial reasons why the return to gold by Great Britain should synchronize with the return to 1s. 4d. gold by India." It further states that, though some financial writers in Calcutta hint that it is the aim of the Government to assist the maintenance of exchange at its present level, i. e. 1s. 6d., the vast majority of the people of India are opposed to this policy.

Lord Reading stated in his speech yesterday at the opening of the Legislative session at Delhi that the Government proposed to amend the Indian Paper Currency Act so as to increase the permissible investment of securities, in the Paper Currency Reserve from the present limit of 85 crores of rupees to 100 crores. He also announced that the Government intended to appoint an authoritative committee to consider the rupee exchange question as soon as economic factors appear sufficiently stable to justify the formulation of a new policy, and said that if the present movement towards more stable conditions continued, the appointment of such a committee should be possible not later than 12 months hence.

SILVER.

During the week there has been less inclination on the part of China and India to support the market. Sales have been made by the Continent in fairly large quantities. America has both bought and sold, and occasionally bought silver above the price fixed for the day. China still remains a doubtful factor in the market. Most of her purchases have been covered by sales for forward delivery. After the Chinese New Year holidays, which begin on the 24th inst., we might expect the China market to be more active.

India's net imports of silver on private account during the last three years were as follows:

	Ounces.
1922	72,015,000
1923	99,284,000
1924	97,817,000
Total	269,116,000

This establishes a record for any similar period. During the three years before the war her total net imports amounted to only about 103,000,000 ounces.

Tenders were invited yesterday for 100 lacs India Council Bills and Telegraphic Transfers, but applications were received for only 15 lacs immediate T. T.'s at 1s. 5 5-16d. No allotments were announced and he 100 lacs will again be offered next week.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table showing Indian Currency Returns in Lacs of Rupees for Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in/out of India, Gold coin and bullion in/out of India, Securities, and Bills of Exchange for Dec. 31, Jan. 7, and Jan. 15.

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 17th inst. consisted of about 65,400,000 ounces in sycee, 36,000,000 dollars, and 8,420 silver bars, as compared with about 59,900,000 ounces in sycee, 37,000,000 dollars, and 6,860 silver bars on the 10th inst.

Table of Silver quotations for cash and for two months' delivery in various denominations (1-16d, 2 Mos., etc.) and bar gold prices.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and for two months' delivery are 1-16d. above those fixed respectively a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table of London financial market quotations for Silver, Gold, Consols, British 2 1/2 per cents, French Rentes, and French War Loan for the week ending Feb. 6.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.): Foreign 69 1/4, 68 3/4, 68 3/4, 68 3/4, 68 3/4, 68 3/4.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 725.—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Large table showing receipts of flour and grain at various ports for the weeks of 1925, 1924, and 1923. Ports include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, and Sioux City.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 31 1925, follow:

Table of total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for 1925, 1924, and 1923, categorized by port (New York, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, St. John, N. B., Boston).

* 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. 31 1925, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports of Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, and Peas from various ports for the week of 1925 and 1924.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1924 is as below:

Table of exports for week and since July 1 to Flour, Wheat, and Corn to various countries (United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Col., Other Countries).

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Jan. 30, and since July 1 1924 and 1923, are shown in the following:

Table comparing world shipments of wheat and corn for 1924-25, 1923-24, and 1924-25 (by week) from North America, Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, and other countries.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at rate and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 31 1925, were as follows:

Table of visible grain stocks at various ports (United States, Canadian, American) categorized by grain type (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley).

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 451,000 bushels; Boston, 245,000; Buffalo, 95,000; Duluth, 81,000; total, 872,000 bushels, against 1,552,000 bushels in 1924. Wheat, New York, 753,000 bushels; Boston, 150,000; Baltimore, 94,000; Buffalo, 378,000; Duluth, 21,000; total, 1,396,000 bushels, against 258,000 bushels in 1924. West, New York, 2,784,000 bushels; Boston, 201,000; Philadelphia, 1,274,000; Baltimore, 597,000; Toledo, 3,498,000; Buffalo afloat, 7,175,000; Duluth, 379,000; Toledo, 11,000; Toledo afloat, 649,000; Erie afloat, 762,000; total, 17,230,000 bushels, against 24,029,000 bushels in 1924.

Table of Treasury Money Holdings for Canadian, American, and Total Jan. 31 1925, Jan. 24 1925, and Feb. 2 1924.

TREASURY MONEY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation made up from the daily Government statements shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of November and December 1924, and January and February, 1925:

Table of Treasury Money Holdings showing Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net United States notes, Net national bank notes, Net Fed'l Reserve notes, Net Fed'l Res. bank notes, Net subsidiary silver, Net cash in Treasury, Cash balance in Treasury, Dep. in spec'l depositories, Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks, Dep. in national banks, To credit Treas. U. S., To credit disb. officers, Cash in Philippine Islands, Deposits in foreign depts, Dep. in Fed'l Land banks, Net cash and in Treasury, Deduct current liabilities, Available cash balance.

* Includes Feb. 1 \$19,087,057.41 silver bullion and \$1,309,235.01 minor coins &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table with columns for date, bank name, location, and capital. Includes entries for Southgate National Bank, The Security National Bank of Weiser, and The McCook County National Bank.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Table with columns for date, bank name, location, and capital. Includes entries for The Clifton National Bank and The First National Bank of La Grange.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

Table with columns for date, bank name, location, and capital. Includes entry for The Como National Bank.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with columns for date, bank name, location, and capital. Includes entries for The First National Bank of Wilsonville and Metropolitan National Bank.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Table with columns for date, bank name, location, and capital. Includes entry for The Citizens National Bank of Piqua.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table with columns for date, bank name, location, and capital. Includes entries for The First National Bank of Kemp City and The American National Bank of Boynton.

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:

Large table listing various securities with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like 2,500 promissory note dated July 2, 1906, and various mining and utility stocks.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing various securities with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like 10 William Whitman Co., Inc., and 50 Nyanza Mills.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing various securities with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like 5 National Shawmut Bank and 50 Nashua Mfg. Co.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various securities with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Per cent. Includes items like 30 West Jersey Trust Co. and 10 Horn & Hardart Baking Co.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Miscellaneous.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Weber & Hellbroner, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 30	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Common (payable in common stock)	*\$2	Apr. 30	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Common (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 17
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 16

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.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Associated Dry Goods, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Babeck & Wilcox Co. (quarterly)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Balaban & Katz, com. (monthly)	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Common (monthly)	*25c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*25c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Beacon Oil, pref. (quar.)	\$1.87 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Beech-Nut Packing, com. (quar.)	60c.	Apr. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 25a
Preferred, Class B (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
Bethlehem Steel, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 7a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 7a
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee—			
On increased capital	3	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Borden Company, common	2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Mar. 2
Botany Cons'd Mills, Class A (No. 1)	*\$1	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Bruckwick-Balke-Connellor, com. (No. 1)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 6 to Feb. 14
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	90c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Burns Bros., common A (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 14	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Common B (quar.)	\$2.50	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Butler Bros. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Butler Mill (quar.)	*3 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
California Packing Co. (quar.)	2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a
Calumet & Hecla Consol. Copper	\$1.50	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Canadian Cement, pref. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 4	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Canada Iron Converters (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Carter (Willie) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Celluloid Company, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Centrifugal Cast Iron Pipe (quar.)	2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	37 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
C. G. Spring & Bumper, common	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 7
Chicago Mill & Lumber, common (qu.)	5c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	*25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Chill Copper Co. (quar.)	33 1/2	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cities Service, com. (monthly)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	*7 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (mthly.) (pay. in cash scrip)	*7 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Com. (mthly. pay. in com. stk. scrip)	*7 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Consolidated and preferred B (monthly)	*7 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
City Ice & Fuel of Cleveland, com. (qu.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Common (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 12
Common (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 12
Cleveland Stone (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 11
Quarterly	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Quarterly	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Coca Cola Company, com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Commercial Inv. Trust Corp., com. (qu.)	62c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
Consolidated Cigar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Consolidated Coal (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Continental Can, common (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Common (payable in common stock)	75c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Cuba Company, common (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Davis Mills (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, Inc., pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 21	*Holders of rec. Mar. 7
Deere & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Dominion Bridge (quar.)	2	Mar. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a
Fairbanks, Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	65c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
Famous Players Can. Corp., 1st pf. (qu.)	2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Five One Tire & Rubber, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 31
Francisco Sugar (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
Quarterly	\$1.50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Freshman (Chas.) Co., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a
Common (extra)	12 1/2 c.	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
General Cigar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Debtenture preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
General Development (quar.)	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 24a
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.) (No. 1)	62 1/2 c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Extra	12 1/2 c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Gildden Company, prior pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Gossard (H. W.) Co., common (mthly.)	25c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (quar.)	2	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Extra	2	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Feb. 7
Guenther Publishing Co., pref.	5	Feb. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Harbison-Walker Refract., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Aug. 17	Holders of rec. July 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Inc., com. (qu.)	*75c.	Apr. 20	*Holders of rec. Apr. 10
Hazelton Corp. (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 16	*Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (mthly.)	\$1.25	Feb. 24	*Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Monthly	35c.	Mar. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Extra	20c.	Mar. 27	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Hood Rubber, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Hoose Cotton Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Household Products (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Illinois Brick (quar.)	2.40	Apr. 15	Apr. 4 to Apr. 15
Quarterly	*2.40	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 3
Indiana Pipe Line Co.	*2.40	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 3
Ingersoll-Rand Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Inland Steel, common (quar.)	62 1/2 c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 11a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
International Steamship (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 18
International Harvester, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Internat. Match, partic. pref. (qu.)	65c.	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 25
Interstate Iron & Steel, pref. (monthly)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Intertype Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Common (extra)	25c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Iron Products, pref. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron, pref.	2 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Jones & Laughlin Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Keeley Silver Mines	*\$	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Kinney (S. R.) Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Kresge (S. S.) & Co., com. (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Common (payable in com. stock)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Lake of the Woods Milling, com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Preferred (quar.)	3	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Lehigh Coal & Navigation (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 21
Liggett & Myers Tobacco, common and	\$1	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Common B (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Lima Locomotive Works, com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Lit Brothers Corp.	50c.	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 29
Lord & Taylor, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Lowell Shops, 2d pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 2	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Mandal Sugar, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Martin Parry Corp. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Massachusetts Cotton Mills (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. May 16a
Mercantile Stores, Inc. (stock dividend)	(k)	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
McCrory Stores Corporation, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
McIntyre Porecupine Mines, Ltd.	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Mercantile Stores Co., Inc.	\$4	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Miami Copper Co. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Miller Rubber, pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Preferred (acct. accum. divs.)	*2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Baltimore & Ohio, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Bellefonte Central (annual)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Central R.R. of New Jersey (quar.)	2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Cleveland & Pittsburgh, guar. (quar.)	87 1/2 c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
Special guaranteed (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	Mar. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 26a
Green Bay & Western (annual)	5	Feb. 9	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
Gulf Mobile & Nor., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Houston & Texas Central	*3	July 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Hudson & Manhattan, pref.	2 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a
Illinois Central, common (quar.)	3 1/2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
Preferred	3	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
Int. Rys. of Cent. Amer., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Louisv. Hend. & St. Louis, pref. (ann'l)	4	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Louisville & Nashville	3	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Adjustment pref. (quar.)	1	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 28a
Owego & Syracuse	4 1/2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Pennsylvania (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Pittsburgh & West Virginia, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a
Reading Company, common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 12	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
1st pref. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 12	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
St. Louis & San Francisco	1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Public Utilities.			
American Electric Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
Amer. Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/2	Apr. 5	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a
Amer. Water Works & Elec. com. (No. 1)	30c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Participating preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Associated Gas & Electric, pref. (extra)	12 1/2 c.	April 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (extra)	12 1/2 c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (extra)	12 1/2 c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Brazillian Tr. Lt. & Pr., com. (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Brooklyn Edison (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Cedar Rapids Mfg. & Power (quar.)	*\$	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Chicago City & Conn. Ry., partic. pref.	\$1	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Columbia Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	65c.	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Connecticut Ry. & Ltg., com. & pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Consolidated Gas (N. Y.), com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 11a
Consumers Power Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	\$1.65	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Duquesne Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Eastern Mass. St. Ry.	3	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Sinking fund and 1st pref. stocks	3	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
Eastern Shore Gas & Elec. (quar.)	45c.	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Illuminating & Power Secur., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Kaminstiquia Power (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 2	*Holders of rec. Feb. 31
Keystone Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of coup. No. 34a
Montreal L. H. & P. Cons'd. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
National Power & Light, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Niagara Falls Power, common (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a
Preferred (quar.)	43 1/2 c.	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Ohio Edison, 6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.65	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
6.6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	*\$2 1/2	Feb. 16	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Pacific Gas & Elec., 1st pref. (quar.)	*\$2 1/2	Feb. 16	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Pacific Lighting Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 21
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Penn-Ohio Power & Lt., 7% pref. (qu.)	\$1	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Philadelphia Co., com. (quar.)	1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Philadelphia Company, 5% pref. (qu.)			

Table listing various companies with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, and Days Inclusive.

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. 31. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Main table showing weekly returns with columns for Week Ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Deposit, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, and Bank Circulation.

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State Banks Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank... Greenwch Bank... Bowery Bank... State Bank...

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* 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.

† 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.

‡ Dividend is at rate of 5% per annum for period from May 26 to Dec. 31 1924.

§ Payable to holders of record Jan. 31.

¶ Dividend is one share of \$100 par value preferred stock for two shares of no-par value common stock.

† Payable to holders of Coupon No. 7.

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table showing reserve position with columns for Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserves.

* 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. 31, \$16,006,890; Jan. 24, \$15,923,070; Jan. 17, \$15,813,270; Jan. 10, \$15,879,240.

Actual Figures.

Table showing Actual Figures for Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, and Trust companies across various categories like Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies...

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

Table showing summary of state banks and trust companies, including Loans and Investments, Gold, Currency and notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank, and Total deposits.

RESERVE.

Table comparing Reserve for State Banks and Trust Companies, showing Cash in vault and Deposits in banks and trust cos.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Jan. 31 was \$85,794,400.

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.

Table showing combined results of banks and trust companies in Greater New York, with columns for Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, and Reserve in Depositories.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table showing returns of non-member institutions, including Capital, Net Profits, Loans Discounts, Reserve with Legal Deposit, Net Demand Deposits, and Net Time Deposits.

a United States deposits deducted, \$203,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$965,000. Excess reserve, \$185,680 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table showing Boston Clearing House Members' returns, with columns for Feb. 4 1925, Changes from previous week, Jan. 28 1925, and Jan. 21 1925.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Jan. 31, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits...

Table showing Philadelphia Banks' returns, with columns for Week Ended Jan. 31 1925, Jan. 24 1925, and Jan. 17 1925.

* 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 Feb. 4 1925 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table showing condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, including Resources (Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively against F.R. notes), Reserves (Total gold reserves, Total reserves), and Liabilities (Total U.S. Government securities, Foreign loans on gold).

Total resources 1,437,575,000

Table showing Liabilities and Ratios, including Fed. Res. notes in actual circulation, Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct., Government, Other deposits, Total deposits, and Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed. Res. note liabilities combined.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Effective Feb. 2 1925 the firm of Philipson-Gell Company, investment securities dealers, located in the Utica City National Bank Building at Utica, New York, will be known as Philipson & Company.

There will be no change in the ownership of the firm. Mr. Vincent Ealy becomes sales manager at the same time the change of name goes into effect.

—Laidlaw & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Gilbert U. Burdett, Elliot C. R. Laidlaw and Manuel J. Johnson have been admitted as general partners and Henry McSweeney has been admitted as special partner.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Feb. 5, 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 648, 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 FEB. 4 1925

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Feb. 4 1925. Includes columns for various dates from Feb. 4 1925 to Feb. 6 1924, and rows for resources (gold, bonds, etc.) and liabilities (notes, deposits, etc.).

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 4 1925

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) at the close of business Feb. 4 1925.

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Foreign loans on gold.....	-----	3,055.0	1,032.0	1,220.0	603.0	462.0	1,564.0	519.0	374.0	474.0	399.0	798.0	10,500.0
All other earning assets.....	-----	-----	2,050.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.0	500.0	-----	-----	2,559.0
Total earning assets.....	85,444.0	316,952.0	76,055.0	120,200.0	29,957.0	20,233.0	128,719.0	38,842.0	24,845.0	42,862.0	42,659.0	105,490.0	1,032,258.0
Uncollected items.....	51,803.0	124,005.0	55,766.0	50,725.0	47,896.0	27,700.0	72,002.0	31,337.0	11,740.0	35,252.0	26,651.0	32,938.0	567,815.0
Bank premises.....	4,190.0	16,303.0	1,114.0	7,573.0	2,446.0	2,780.0	8,099.0	3,395.0	2,981.0	4,024.0	1,833.0	3,266.0	58,004.0
All other resources.....	164.0	7,816.0	298.0	426.0	505.0	2,107.0	2,247.0	319.0	3,277.0	745.0	1,810.0	4,603.0	24,317.0
Total resources.....	401,282.0	1,437,575.0	359,214.0	445,681.0	209,091.0	240,096.0	602,535.0	186,172.0	146,723.0	205,732.0	152,733.0	423,084.0	4,809,918.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	190,893.0	346,783.0	150,183.0	176,557.0	75,893.0	139,168.0	180,505.0	53,858.0	66,972.0	66,818.0	47,266.0	195,489.0	1,690,385.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.....	134,393.0	857,509.0	128,372.0	183,683.0	68,349.0	63,295.0	303,714.0	83,673.0	55,552.0	89,838.0	63,066.0	162,180.0	2,193,624.0
Government.....	1,980.0	6,343.0	1,605.0	2,627.0	925.0	2,076.0	5,064.0	1,208.0	1,171.0	2,347.0	1,368.0	2,335.0	29,049.0
Other deposits.....	180.0	32,833.0	526.0	1,027.0	236.0	237.0	1,368.0	1,915.0	495.0	913.0	201.0	4,965.0	44,896.0
Total deposits.....	136,553.0	896,685.0	130,503.0	187,337.0	69,510.0	65,608.0	310,146.0	86,796.0	57,218.0	93,098.0	64,635.0	169,480.0	2,267,569.0
Deferred availability items.....	49,173.0	103,065.0	47,727.0	45,750.0	45,444.0	21,176.0	64,538.0	30,054.0	10,874.0	32,056.0	28,376.0	33,600.0	511,833.0
Capital paid in.....	8,004.0	30,172.0	10,510.0	12,735.0	5,937.0	4,537.0	15,452.0	5,086.0	3,270.0	4,333.0	4,131.0	8,099.0	112,316.0
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	7,497.0	8,977.0	7,592.0	51,071.0	217,837.0
All other liabilities.....	277.0	2,121.0	232.0	84.0	606.0	607.0	1,468.0	407.0	892.0	450.0	733.0	1,345.0	9,978.0
Total liabilities.....	401,282.0	1,437,575.0	359,214.0	445,681.0	209,091.0	240,096.0	602,535.0	186,172.0	146,723.0	205,732.0	152,733.0	423,084.0	4,809,918.0
Memoranda.													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.....	78.2	76.4	79.8	72.0	86.0	88.9	78.0	76.9	83.1	75.4	69.2	74.8	77.4
Contingent liability on bills pur- chased for foreign correspond'ts	-----	13,029.0	4,531.0	5,211.0	2,628.0	1,994.0	6,752.0	2,266.0	1,586.0	1,994.0	1,722.0	3,444.0	45,157.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 4 1925.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. L.	Minn.	K. City.	Dallas	San Fr.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Resources—													
Federal Reserve notes on hand.....	58,050	329,540	45,600	68,400	25,444	62,811	259,137	25,660	17,588	29,673	20,622	65,200	1,007,725
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	206,676	504,224	189,951	196,917	94,592	159,822	195,513	61,610	69,508	74,107	54,030	249,017	2,055,967
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	35,300	186,746	6,000	8,780	-----	5,000	-----	12,175	13,052	-----	14,511	-----	281,564
Gold and gold certificates.....	9,539	29,451	11,735	11,225	3,323	6,054	5,121	2,825	1,742	4,303	2,908	14,744	102,970
Gold redemption fund.....	112,000	226,000	137,389	150,000	73,795	136,000	160,644	38,000	52,500	56,360	15,500	183,509	1,341,697
Gold Fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	49,837	62,027	34,827	26,912	17,474	12,768	29,748	8,610	2,214	13,444	21,111	50,764	4,693,436
Eligible paper (Amount required.....)	10,693	113,491	7,510	45,460	8,288	2,777	37,659	19,250	1,472	3,136	3,043	13,513	266,292
{ Excess amount held.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total.....	482,095	1,451,479	433,012	507,694	222,916	385,232	687,822	168,130	158,076	181,023	131,725	576,747	5,385,951
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.....	264,726	833,764	235,551	265,317	120,036	222,633	454,650	87,270	87,096	103,780	74,652	314,217	3,063,692
Collateral received from Gold.....	156,839	442,197	155,124	170,005	77,118	147,054	165,755	53,000	67,294	60,663	32,919	198,253	1,726,231
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper.....)	60,530	175,518	42,337	72,372	25,702	15,545	67,407	27,860	3,686	16,580	24,154	64,277	596,028
Total.....	482,095	1,451,479	433,012	507,694	222,916	385,232	687,822	168,130	158,076	181,023	131,725	576,747	5,385,951
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	206,676	504,224	189,951	196,917	94,592	159,822	195,513	61,610	69,508	74,107	54,030	249,017	2,055,967
Federal Reserve notes held by banks.....	15,783	157,441	39,768	20,360	18,699	20,654	15,008	7,752	2,536	7,289	6,764	53,528	365,582
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	190,893	346,783	150,183	176,557	75,893	139,168	180,505	53,858	66,972	66,818	47,266	195,489	1,690,385

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 736 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 649.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Jan. 28 1925. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Number of reporting banks.....	42	108	55	76	75	36	100	33	25	71	49	66	736
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	\$ 8,520	\$ 64,467	\$ 10,523	\$ 19,418	\$ 5,873	\$ 7,643	\$ 33,209	\$ 11,447	\$ 2,819	\$ 4,273	\$ 3,738	\$ 9,402	\$ 181,332
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	291,278	2,166,620	310,375	420,545	124,466	71,508	684,847	184,319	53,923	101,748	66,217	217,590	4,693,436
All other loans and discounts.....	661,254	2,573,874	354,676	724,459	346,795	367,579	1,219,418	317,579	212,318	334,629	233,625	830,446	8,176,652
Total loans and discounts.....	961,052	4,804,961	675,574	1,164,422	477,134	446,730	1,937,474	513,345	269,060	440,650	303,580	1,057,438	13,051,420
Investments:													
U. S. pre-war bonds.....	13,475	53,122	10,568	45,231	25,714	15,058	21,671	14,341	8,206	9,984	18,648	25,000	261,018
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	81,200	635,781	53,401	174,938	37,793	10,120	163,668	27,749	25,917	42,934	13,981	126,560	1,394,042
U. S. Treasury bonds.....	17,422	154,721	26,040	30,015	4,835	2,499	49,133	6,908	9,355	12,721	5,857	46,377	365,913
U. S. Treasury notes.....	8,450	229,512	21,058	55,695	2,653	1,987	102,094	12,061	18,973	20,578	9,450	27,910	510,421
U. S. Treasury certificates.....	1,763	58,324	7,449	8,167	430	2,037	17,239	1,651	6,320	3,665	2,183	15,396	124,624
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	194,097	1,081,101	259,502	348,920	63,645	41,828	419,976	104,665	36,551	72,147	21,635	188,360	2,832,427
Total investments.....	316,407	2,212,561	378,018	662,966	135,070	73,529	773,781	167,375	105,452	162,029	71,654	429,603	5,488,445
Total loans and investments.....	1,277,459	7,017,522	1,053,592	1,827,388	612,204	520,259	2,711,255	680,720	374,512	602,679	375,234	1,487,041	18,539,865
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	95,818	759,741	81,022	126,159	40,237	38,085	230,515	51,167	27,524	52,242	28,799	108,338	1,639,647
Cash in vault.....	20,085	78,421	15,759	29,388	10,384	10,876	53,005	7,444	5,981	12,255	10,428	22,760	279,486
Net demand deposits.....	887,543	5,717,692	759,514	1,014,240	366,587	309,558	1,732,588	421,495	252,176	488,875	279,282	784,149	13,013,949
Time deposits.....	326,364	1,140,890	178,470	698,843	183,234	189,460	921,035	141,156	103,612	135,879	92,794	678,120	4,862,857
Government deposits.....	26,080	30,676	13,811	14,281	3,068	3,703	21,276	7,281	1,854	998	2,143	10,499	135,670
Bills payable & redisc. with F. R. Bk.....	3,360	55,220	2,475	13,145	1,675	57	15,629	-----	-----	59	-----	5,465	97,083
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	1,764	8,070	835	3,993	7,756	4,939	699	406	46	75	2,811	1,334	32,228
All other.....	1,600	46,150	1,640	9,152	880	8	15,930	-----	-----	54	-----	4,131	64,855
Bankers' Balances of Reporting Member Banks in Federal Reserve Bank Cities.....	134,660	1,130,659	191,209	51,400	37,305	20,102	412,414	108,112	68,914	128,940	44,231	107,542	2,435,488
Due to banks.....	35,065	96,733	64,573	27,208	14,995	20,975	152,192	36,374	16,850	54,389	34,794	73,534	627,682

2. Data of reporting member banks in New York City, Chicago, and for whole country.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 6, 1925.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 666.

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, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock listings.

* No par value.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange was dull and narrow with a slightly easier trend. In the Continental exchanges irregularity prevailed though changes were insignificant, excepting in Greek drachmac, which dropped sharply on unfavorable political developments.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8 for sixty days, 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8 for checks and 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8; sixty days, 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8; ninety days, 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8, and documents for payment (60 days), 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8. Cotton for payment, 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8, and grain for payment, 4 7/16 @ 4 7/8.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5.30 1/4 @ 5.32 1/4 for long and 5.36 @ 5.37 1/2 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.80 @ 39.82 for long and 40.16 @ 40.18 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 88.80; week's range, 88.48 high and 88.80 low. The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$2.8125 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (Jan. 31, Feb. 2, Feb. 3, Feb. 4, Feb. 5, Feb. 6) and various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing registered bond transactions: 8 1st 4 1/2s, 1 2d 4s, 20 2d 4 1/2s.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies. All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. (x) Ex-dividend (f) New stock.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies. All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

f New stock.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Bayley Brothers, investment bankers, Los Angeles, Calif., announce the association with them of James W. Dunham, formerly Vice-President of Drake, Riley & Thomas of Los Angeles, as Vice-President, and Wells Morris, formerly of Blyth, Witter & Co. of Los Angeles, as Secretary. Allen, Lewis & Co., 111 Broadway, New York, announce that Martin L. Gallagher, formerly with Tucker, Anthony & Co., has become an associate member of the firm as General Manager. The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of an issue of 100,000 shares Pref. stock, par \$10, and 600,000 shares Common stock, no par value, of Aetna Quarries Corporation. William H. Gregory, for years manager of the investment security department of Kountze Bros., 141 Broadway, New York, has been admitted to partnership in the firm.

New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

OCCUPYING FIVE PAGES.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Stocks (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE); PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices. x Ex-dividend. d Ex rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Jan. 31, Monday, Feb. 2, Tuesday, Feb. 3, Wednesday, Feb. 4, Thursday, Feb. 5, Friday, Feb. 6); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1925; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924. Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Ajax Rubber, Alaska Gold Mines, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Ex-rights. z Ex-dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.; Sat., Jan. 31.; Monday, Feb. 2.; Tuesday, Feb. 3.; Wednesday, Feb. 4.; Thursday, Feb. 5.; Friday, Feb. 6.; Sales for the week.; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1925; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. & Par value changed from \$100 to \$50 and prices on that basis beginning June 3. a Ex-rights.

les during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range for Year 1925. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924. (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Jones Bros Tea, Inc., Jordan Motor Car, Kansas & Gulf, Kayser (J) Co v t c, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend, a Ex-new rights, n No par. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 31, Monday Feb. 2, Tuesday Feb. 3, Wednesday Feb. 4, Thursday Feb. 5, Friday Feb. 6); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range for Year 1925 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Pressed Steel Car, Reynolds Spring, etc., with their respective prices and historical data.

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 for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Government, and Railroads. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Feb. 6), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bid/ask/low/high prices.

† \$5=£. a Due Jan. h Due July. k Due Aug. p Due Nov. s Option sale.

Cash sale of Atlantic Coast Line 4s on Jan. 19 at 92 1/2.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, Interest Period, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due May. e Due May. h Due July. k Due Aug. n Due Sept. o Due Oct. p Due Dec. s Opium sale.

Table of Bonds for N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ending Feb. 6. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale (Low/High), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low/High).

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a Due Jan. h Due July. p Due Nov. # Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS' with columns for Bid, Ask, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since.

d Due May. e Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug. f Option sale.

BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Feb. 6.					BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Feb. 6.						
Interest Period	Price Friday Feb. 6.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period	Price Friday Feb. 6.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.
		Bid	Ask					Low	High		
Hoe (R) & Co 1st 6 1/4 temp. 1934	A O	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102	45	100 3/4	102 1/2	45	100 3/4	102 1/2
Holland-American Line 6s (flat) 1947	M N	84 1/2	Sale	84 1/2	85	52	79	85	52	79	85
Hudson Co Gas 1st g 5s 1940	M N	99 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	99 1/2	22	98 1/2	99 1/2	22	98 1/2	99 1/2
Humble Oil & Refining 5 1/2s 1932	J J	100 7/8	Sale	100 1/2	101	79	99 1/2	101	79	99 1/2	101
Illinois Bell Telephone 5s 1945	J D	97 3/4	Sale	97 1/2	98	81	97	98	81	97	98
Illinois Steel deb 4 1/4s 1940	A O	93 3/4	Sale	93 1/2	93	33	92 3/4	93 3/4	33	92 3/4	93 3/4
Ind Nat Gas & Oil 5s 1936	M N	91	91 1/2	90 1/2	91	6	87 1/2	91	6	87 1/2	91
Indiana Steel 1st 5s 1932	M N	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/2	59	101 1/2	102 1/2	59	101 1/2	102 1/2
Ingersoll-Rand 1st 5s 1935	J J	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	5	99 1/4	99 1/4	5	99 1/4	99 1/4
Interboro Metrop col 1 1/2s 1945	A O	11	11	Jan 25	11	11	11	11	11	Jan 25	11
Interboro Rap Tran 1st 5s 1966	J J	70 1/2	Sale	69 1/2	70 1/2	235	68	70 1/2	235	68	70 1/2
10-year 6s 1932	A O	77	Sale	69	70 1/2	850	67 1/2	70 1/2	850	67 1/2	70 1/2
7s 1932	A O	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/2	142	101 1/2	102 1/2	142	101 1/2	102 1/2
Int Agric Corp 1st 20-yr 5s 1932	M S	93 1/2	Sale	92 3/4	93 3/8	181	92 1/4	93 3/8	181	92 1/4	93 3/8
Stamped extended to 1942	M N	75 1/8	77 1/8	72 1/8	Jan 25	25	69 3/4	72 1/8	25	69 3/4	72 1/8
Inter Mercan Marine 5 1/2s 1941	A O	91	Sale	90	91 1/2	348	88	91 1/2	348	88	91 1/2
International Paper 5s 1947	J J	89 1/2	Sale	88 1/2	89 1/2	119	87 1/2	89 1/2	119	87 1/2	89 1/2
1st & ref 5s B 1947	J J	92	Sale	90 3/4	93 3/8	148	88	93 3/8	148	88	93 3/8
Jurgens Works 6s (at price) 1936	J J	96 3/4	Sale	96 1/2	97 3/8	101	95 3/8	97 3/8	101	95 3/8	97 3/8
Kansas City Pow & Lt 5s 1952	M S	107	Sale	100	101	25	93 1/2	101	25	93 1/2	101
Kansas Gas & Electric 6s 1952	M S	103	Sale	102 1/2	103	25	101 1/2	103	25	101 1/2	103
Kaysar & Co 7s 1942	M N	99 3/4	Sale	98	99 3/8	95	97	99 3/8	95	97	99 3/8
Kelly-Springfield Tire 8s 1942	J J	75 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	5	82	83 1/2	5	82	83 1/2	5
Keystone Teleg Co 1st 5s 1936	A O	101 1/8	101 3/8	101 3/8	1	100 1/2	101 1/2	1	100 1/2	101 1/2	1
Kings County El & P g 5s 1937	J J	117	Sale	117	117 1/2	3	114 1/2	118	3	114 1/2	118
Purchase money 6s 1997	A O	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	4	74 1/2	77 1/2	4	74 1/2	77 1/2	4
Kings County El 1st g 4s 1949	F A	90	93	89 1/2	Jan 25	6	103 1/2	105 3/8	6	103 1/2	105 3/8
Stamped 4s 1949	F A	105	105 1/2	105 3/8	6	103 1/2	105 3/8	6	103 1/2	105 3/8	6
Kings County Lighting 5s 1954	J J	106 1/2	107	105 3/8	Jan 25	14	107 1/2	108 3/8	14	107 1/2	108 3/8
6 1/2s 1954	J J	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 1/2	91 1/2	14	85 1/2	91 1/2	14	85 1/2	91 1/2
Kimzey Co 7 1/2s 1936	M S	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 1/2	91 1/2	32	98 1/2	99 1/2	32	98 1/2	99 1/2
Lackawanna Steel 5s A 1947	A O	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 1/2	96 1/2	162	95 1/2	96 3/4	162	95 1/2	96 3/4
Lac Gas L of St L ref 4 1/2s 1934	A O	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	Jan 25	6	95 3/4	97 1/2	6	95 3/4	97 1/2
Coll & ref 5 1/2s Series C 1953	J J	100 1/8	101	101	6	100	101	6	100	101	6
Lehigh & Nav s f 4 1/2s A 1954	J J	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	Jan 25	6	95 3/4	97 1/2	6	95 3/4	97 1/2
Lehigh Valley Coal 5s 1933	J J	100 1/8	101	101	6	100	101	6	100	101	6
4s 1933	J J	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	41	Jan 25	41	41	41	Jan 25	41
Lex Ave & P F 1st gu g 5s 1993	M S	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	16	117 1/2	118	16	117 1/2	118	16
Liggett & Myers Tobacco 7s 1944	A O	98 3/4	Sale	98 3/4	99	67	97 3/4	99	67	97 3/4	99
6s 1944	A O	115 1/2	Sale	114 3/4	115 1/2	2	114 1/2	115 1/2	2	114 1/2	115 1/2
Lorillard Co (P) 7s 1944	F A	96 1/2	Sale	96 1/2	96 3/4	26	96	97	26	96	97
6s 1944	F A	93 1/2	Sale	93 3/4	93 1/2	51	90 3/4	93 3/4	51	90 3/4	93 3/4
Louisville Gas & Electric 5s 1952	M N	85 1/2	Sale	85 1/2	85 1/2	35	85 1/2	85 1/2	35	85 1/2	85 1/2
Lower Austrian Hydro-Elec Co 1st s f 6 1/2s int 6 1/2s 1944	F A	127	Sale	122 1/2	127	47	122	132 1/2	47	122	132 1/2
Magma Corp 10-yr conv g 7s 1932	J D	100 1/4	Sale	100	100 1/4	144	99	100 1/4	144	99	100 1/4
Manatt Sugar 7 1/2s 1942	A O	63 1/2	Sale	62 1/2	63 1/2	83	62	63 1/2	83	62	63 1/2
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s 1900	J D	54 1/2	Sale	54 1/2	54 1/2	9	54 1/2	54 1/2	9	54 1/2	54 1/2
2d 4s 2013	J D	97 3/4	Sale	99	100	115	97 1/4	100	115	97 1/4	100
Manilla Electric 7s 1942	M N	85 1/2	86 3/4	85 1/2	6	85	85 1/2	6	85	85 1/2	6
Manilla Elec Ry & Lt s f 5s 1953	M S	93 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	93 1/2	29	92 1/2	93 1/2	29	92 1/2	93 1/2
Market St Ry 7s Series A 1940	A O	130	135	130	135	10	130	140	10	130	140
Marland Oil s f 8s with warrants '31	J J	105	Sale	106	106	26	105	106 1/2	26	105	106 1/2
Without warrant attached 1931	A O	125 1/2	Sale	108	Jan 25	105	130	Jan 25	105	130	Jan 25
7 1/2s Series B 1931	A O	105 1/2	105	105	105 1/2	10	105 1/2	105 1/2	10	105 1/2	105 1/2
do without warrants 1931	A O	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	103	9	101 1/2	103 1/4	9	101 1/2	103 1/4
Maxwell Motor s f 7s 1934	M S	93 1/2	Sale	93	93	8	91 1/2	93 1/2	8	91 1/2	93 1/2
Met Ed 1st & ref g 6s Ser B 1952	J J	101	101 1/2	100 3/4	101 1/2	3	100 1/2	101 1/2	3	100 1/2	101 1/2
1st & ref 5s Series C 1953	J J	90 1/2	Sale	89 3/4	90 1/2	167	87 1/2	90 1/2	167	87 1/2	90 1/2
Metropolitan Power 6s 1953	J D	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101	12	100	101	12	100	101
Midvale Steel & O conv s f 5s 1936	M S	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	13	95	95 1/2	13	95	95 1/2
Milw Elec Ry & Lt cons g 6s 1926	F A	97 3/4	Sale	96 3/4	98 1/2	16	95 3/4	98 1/2	16	95 3/4	98 1/2
Refunding & extn 4 1/2s 1931	J J	86 1/2	Sale	85 1/2	86 3/4	39	84 1/2	86 3/4	39	84 1/2	86 3/4
General 6s A 1951	J D	100 3/4	Sale	99 3/4	100 3/4	27	99	100 3/4	27	99	100 3/4
1st s f 6s Series C 1953	M S	98 3/4	Sale	98 3/4	99	58	97 3/4	98 3/4	58	97 3/4	98 3/4
Milwaukee Gas Lt 1st 4s 1927	J J	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	94 3/4	29	94	94 3/4	29	94	94 3/4
Montana Power 1st 5s A 1943	J J	82 1/2	Sale	81	82 1/2	42	78 1/2	82 1/2	42	78 1/2	82 1/2
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 5s 1943	J J	77 1/2	77 1/2	74 1/2	June 24	1	95 3/4	96 3/4	1	95 3/4	96 3/4
Morris & Co 1st s f 4 1/2s 1933	J J	96	96 1/2	96 3/4	96 3/4	127	97	98 1/2	127	97	98 1/2
Mortgage-Bond Co 4s Ser 2 1966	A O	95	96 1/2	95 1/2	Jan 25	6	92 1/2	95 1/2	6	92 1/2	95 1/2
10-25-year 5s Series 3 1932	J J	98 3/4	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	127	97 3/4	98 1/2	127	97 3/4	98 1/2
Murray Body 1st gu g 5s 1947	M N	95	96 1/2	95 1/2	Jan 25	6	92 1/2	95 1/2	6	92 1/2	95 1/2
Mut Un gtd bonds ext g 4s 1941	M N	98 3/4	Sale	98 1/2	Aug 24	6	60 1/2	63	6	60 1/2	63
Nassau Elec grm gold 4s 1951	J J	93	Sale	92 3/4	93	23	92 1/2	94	23	92 1/2	94
National Acme 7 1/2s 1931	J D	99	Sale	99	99	1	99	99	1	99	99
Nat Enam & Stamp 1st 5s 1929	J J	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2
Nat Starch 20-year deb 5s 1930	J J	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2
National Trust 1st 5s 1932	M N	101	101 1/2	101	101	2	101	101	2	101	101
Newark Consol Gas 5s A 1943	J J	99 1/2	Sale	99	Jan 25	51	99 1/2	99 1/2	51	99 1/2	99 1/2
New England Tel & Tel 5s 1952	J J	104	Sale	104	104 1/4	26	104	104 1/4	26	104	104 1/4
N Y Air Brake 1st conv 6s 1928	M N	80 1/2	Sale	80	80 1/2	5	77 3/4	80 1/2	5	77 3/4	80 1/2
N Y Dock 50-year 1st g 4s 1951	F A	114 1/2	Sale	114 1/2	115	65	112 1/2	115	65	112 1/2	115
N Y Edison 1st & ref 6 1/2s A 1941	A O	100 1/4	102	101 1/2	102	7	100 1/2	102 1/2	7	100 1/2	102 1/2
N Y Gas El Lt & Pow g 5s 1948	J D	86 1/2	Sale	86 3/4	86 1/2	22	86	87 1/2	22	86	87 1/2
Purchase money g 4s 1949	F A	80 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Apr 24	1	99 3/4	100	1	99 3/4	100
N Y L & West C & RR 5 1/2s 1942	M N	100	Sale	100	100	2	99 1/4	100	2	99 1/4	100
N Y Munc Ry 1st s f 6s A 1966	J J	51 1/4	Sale	49 3/4	51 1/4	176	45	51 1/4	176	45	51 1/4
N Y Q El Lt & P 1st s f 6s 1930	F A	47 1/2	Sale	47 1/2	47 1/2	5	47 1/2	47 1/2	5	47 1/2	47 1/2
N Y Rys 1st R E & ref 4s 1942	J J	100 1/8	100 1/8	100	100	2	99 1/2	100	2	99 1/2	100
Certificates of deposit	A O	66 1/2	Sale	66	66 3/4	63	66	66 3/4	63	66	66 3/4
30-year adj Inc 6s 1942	A O	87	90 3/4	90 1/2	Jan 25	5	88 3/4	90 3/4	5	88 3/4	90 3/4
Certificates of deposit	M N	99 1/2	Sale	98 3/4	99 1/2	24	97 1/2	99 1/2	24	97 1/2	99 1/2
N Y & Rich Gas 1st 5s 1951	M N	96 3/4	Sale	96 3/4	96 1/2	114	95 1/2	96 1/2	114	95 1/2	96 1/2
N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2s 1962	M N	108 3/4	Sale	108 1/4	108 3/4	71	107 1/2	108 3/4	71	107 1/2	108 3/4
6 1/2s 1962	M N	106 1/4	Sale	106 1/4	106 3/4	104	106 1/4	106 3/4	104	106 1/4	106 3/4
N Y Steam 1st 25-yr 6s Ser A 1947	M N	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	100 3/4	34	100 1/2	100 3/4	34	100 1/2	100 3/4
N Y Teleg 1st & ref s f 4 1/2s 1939	M N	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	1	104 1/2	105 1/2	1	104 1/2	105 1/2
30-year debn s f 6s 1941	F A	105 3/4	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	1	104 1/2	105 1/2	1	104 1/2	105 1/2
20-year refunding gold 6s 1941											

BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE—Stock Record

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range for Year 1925.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges for 1925 and 1924. Includes sections for Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. *Ex-rights. *Ex-div. and rights. *Ex-div. *Ex-stock div. / Assessment paid. o Price on new basis.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked f.

Table of bond and stock prices including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, and Sugar Stocks.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, both inclusive.

Table of Boston Bond Record with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Philadelphia Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

*Per share. †No par value. ‡ Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. f Flat price. g Last sale. h Nominal. i Ex-dividend. j Ex-rights. k Ex-stock dividend. l Sale price. m Canadian quotation.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Insurance Co of N.A., Warrants, Keystone Telephone, etc. Columns include Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Amer Gas & Elec 5s, Amer Gas of N J 7s, Atlantic City RR 1st 4s, etc. Columns include Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Reo Motor, Ryan Car Co (The), Standard Gas & Elec Co, etc. Columns include Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Am Vitrifed Prod com, Preferred, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc. Columns include Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Boatmen's Bank, First National Bank, Nat Bank of Commerce, etc. Columns include Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value. z Ex-cash and stock dividends.

Bonds—	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.			Industrial and Miscellaneous Stocks (Concluded).	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.				
	Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.			High.	Low.		High.				
Alton Gran & St. L Tr 5s 1934	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	6	65 1/2	Jan	67 1/2	Feb	87	85 1/2	87 1/2	2,300	84	Jan	90 1/2	Jan	
United Railways 4s. 1934	72 3/4	74	72 3/4	74	4	72 3/4	Jan	74	Feb	100	101 1/2	103	40	98 1/2	Jan	103	Feb	
4s C.D. 1934	71 3/4	72	71 3/4	72	182	71 3/4	Feb	73 1/4	Jan	24	24	24 1/2	300	24	Jan	24	Jan	
<p>New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.</p>																		
Stocks—	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.				
	Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.			High.	Low.		High.				
Indus. & Miscellaneous.																		
Ace Coal Mining	10		76c	76c	200	76c	Feb	1 1/4	Jan	87	85 1/2	87 1/2	2,300	84	Jan	90 1/2	Jan	
Adirondack P. & C. com. 100	34 1/2		34 1/2	34 1/2	100	34 1/2	Feb	37 1/2	Jan	100	101 1/2	103	40	98 1/2	Jan	103	Feb	
Allied Packers, com. *	8 1/2		8 1/2	8 1/2	100	8	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	24	24	24 1/2	300	24	Jan	24	Jan	
Preferred	63		63	64	300	57	Jan	67	Jan	16	16	16	200	15 1/2	Jan	16	Feb	
Amer Gas & Electric			73	75 1/2	4,400	72 1/2	Jan	82 1/2	Jan	15 1/2	15 1/2	16	2,000	15 1/2	Feb	16	Feb	
Common (ex stock div.) *	75 1/2		76	76	100	76	Feb	78	Jan	15 1/2	15 1/2	16	2,000	15 1/2	Feb	16	Feb	
New when issued			46 1/2	46 1/2	100	45	Jan	46 1/2	Jan	41 1/2	41	42	1,500	41	Feb	41 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	50		46 1/2	46 1/2	200	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Feb	18 1/2	18 1/2	20	10,800	18 1/2	Jan	21 1/2	Jan	
Amer Hawaiian SS.	10		12 1/2	13 1/2	2,950	137	Jan	146 1/2	Jan	32	27 1/2	32	5,900	10 1/2	Jan	31	Feb	
Amer Lt & Trac. com. 100	145 1/2		144	146 1/2	25	94	Jan	96	Jan	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	300	4 1/2	Jan	6 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	100		94 1/2	96	110	16	Jan	20	Feb	202	200	210	1,610	183	Jan	240	Jan	
Warrants			57	60 1/2	12,300	55	Jan	67 1/2	Jan		235	240	300	120	230	Jan	247	Jan
Amer Pow & Lt com. new	100		87 1/2	88 1/2	495	87	Jan	89	Jan	68 1/2	65 1/2	70 1/2	64,700	65 1/2	Jan	91 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	100		82 1/2	83 1/2	3,700	32	Feb	36	Jan	68 1/2	65 1/2	70 1/2	100	94 1/2	Feb	94 1/2	Feb	
Am Superpow Corp. C. I. A.	100		35 1/2	36 1/2	300	57	Jan	67	Jan	68 1/2	65 1/2	70 1/2	100	94 1/2	Feb	94 1/2	Feb	
Preferred	100		32	34 1/2	2,700	32	Feb	36 1/2	Jan	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	4,200	15 1/2	Jan	17 1/2	Jan	
American Thread pref.	5		3 1/2	3 1/2	1,700	3 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Feb	94	91	94 1/2	600	90	Feb	94 1/2	Feb	
Apco Mfg class A w. l.	25		25	25 1/2	600	24 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Jan	45	45	46	10,800	45	Jan	46	Feb	
Appalachian Pow. com. 100	73 1/2		73	76	750	73	Feb	83	Jan	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	4,300	15	Jan	19	Jan	
7% preferred	100		97	98 1/2	190	96	Feb	96	Feb	12	12	13	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Arkansas Lt & Pow pf. 100	98 1/2		96	96	900	26	Jan	26 1/2	Jan	10	18 1/2	18 1/2	4,300	15	Jan	19	Jan	
Assoc G & E cl A w. l.	26		26	26	2,000	80c	Jan	1	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Atlantic Fruit & Sug.	10		80c	82c	100	5	Jan	5	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Bklyn Shoes Inc com.	10		2 1/2	2 1/2	22,200	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	10	18 1/2	18 1/2	4,300	15	Jan	19	Jan	
Boissonault (G) Co.	100		146	149	1,490	133	Jan	149 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Borden Co. common.	100		106	107 1/2	50	106	Jan	107 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Preferred	100		48 1/2	48 1/2	500	48	Jan	48 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Botany Cons Mills. C. I. A. 50	26		26	26 1/2	2,600	25 1/2	Jan	26 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Brit-Am T. Oil ref. bear.	100		25 1/2	25 1/2	200	21 1/2	Feb	26 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Ordinary registered	100		25 1/2	25 1/2	125	5	Feb	5 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Brooklyn RR gas.	10		8 1/2	8 1/2	3,400	8	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Brooklyn City RR.	100		226	237	190	103	Jan	105 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Buffalo General Electric	100		104 1/2	104 1/2	40	110 1/2	Jan	111 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Burroughs Add M pf. 100	25		23 1/2	24 1/2	800	1 1/2	Jan	3	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Campbell Soup. pref.	100		110 1/2	111	655	39	Jan	50 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Car Lig & Power, com. 25	2 1/2		2 1/2	2 1/2	4,000	20 1/2	Jan	27 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Celluloid Co. com. 100	50		39 1/2	50 1/2	1,400	16 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Centrifugal Cast Iron Pipe	22		21 1/2	23	4,000	20 1/2	Jan	27 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Chapin-Sacks Inc w. l.	17 1/2		16	18	1,400	16 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Chatterton & Son.	10		13	13 1/2	650	13	Jan	13 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Chilts Co new stock.	10		45	43 1/2	2,300	40 1/2	Jan	46	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Cities Service, com. 100	209		192	209	6,490	176 1/2	Jan	207 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
New when issued	100		42 1/2	42 1/2	12,200	38 1/2	Jan	41 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Preferred	100		82	81 1/2	4,100	80 1/2	Jan	82	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Preferred B	10		7 1/2	7 1/2	3,100	7 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Stock scrip.	207		189	207	119,000	125	Jan	207	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Cash scrip.	100		99	99 1/2	4,000	95	Jan	100	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Bankers' shares.	21		19 1/2	21	3,800	17 1/2	Jan	21	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Cleve Automobile, com. 100	19 1/2		19 1/2	19 1/2	40	89	Feb	95 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Preferred	100		80c	1 1/4	116,700	60c	Jan	1 1/4	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Colombian Syndicate.	100		118	121	1,300	116	Jan	126 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Com'wealth Pow Corp.	120		80	81	1,175	79 1/2	Jan	82	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Preferred	100		37	37 3/8	425	37 1/2	Jan	38 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Warrants	37		37	38 1/2	1,400	16 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Cons Gas, E. L. & P. Balt new	32 1/2		32 1/2	33	4,100	31 1/2	Jan	34 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Continental Baking com. A	110		110	111 1/2	1,400	108 1/2	Jan	115	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Common B	24 1/2		23 1/2	25	24,500	21 1/2	Jan	24 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
8% preferred	100		91 1/2	92 1/2	2,200	91 1/2	Feb	94 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Continental Tobacco.	100		23 1/2	24 1/2	100	23 1/2	Feb	26 1/2	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Cuba Company w. l. c.	11		11	11 1/2	200	6 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Cuban Tobacco w. l. c.	100		103	108 1/2	2,250	80	Jan	108 1/2	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Curtiss Packing Co.	100		15	15 1/2	1,800	14 1/2	Jan	16	Jan	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
Preferred	100		65	61 1/2	1,700	57	Jan	66	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb	
De Forest Radio Corp.	100		27 1/2	34	65,000	26 1/2	Jan	34	Feb	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	50	127	Jan	131	Feb</	

Other Oil Stocks. (Concluded)	Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Carib Syndicate.....	4 3/8	4 3/8	4 1/2	4 1/2	7,400	3 3/8	Jan 4 1/2	Feb	21 1/2	21 1/2	1,000	18 1/2	Jan 24 1/2	Jan
Creole Syndicate.....	5	9 3/4	10	9 3/4	9,400	8 1/4	Jan 10 3/4	Jan	69 3/4	67 1/2	324,000	62	Jan 70 1/2	Feb
Derby Oil & Refg com...*	1	5 1/2	6	5 1/2	1,900	4 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Feb	95	94 1/4	2,000	88	Jan 96 1/2	Jan
Preferred.....		25	25	25	100	25 1/2	Jan 26	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	24,000	97 1/2	Feb 98 1/2	Feb
Engineers Petroleum.....	1	5e	8c	5c	36,000	4c	Jan 8c	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	25,000	103 1/4	Jan 104 1/2	Jan
Euclid Oil Co.....	1	97c	97c	20c	1,000	20c	Feb 23c	Jan	103 1/2	103 1/2	10 1/2	108 1/2	Jan 110 1/2	Feb
Federal Oil.....	5	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	32,000	1 3/4	Jan 2 3/4	Feb	110 3/4	109 1/2	50,000	108 1/2	Jan 110 1/2	Feb
Gibson Oil Corp.....	1	2 1/2	2 3/4	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Feb 2 3/4	Jan	98 1/2	97 1/2	293,000	95 1/2	Jan 99	Feb
Gilliland Oil com v t c.....	10	21c	27c	21c	5,000	20c	Jan 27c	Feb	65	65	6,000	65	Feb 65	Feb
Glenrock Oil Corp Pa.....	25	68 1/2	71	68 1/2	19,900	65 1/2	Jan 71	Feb	101 1/2	101 1/2	15,000	100 3/4	Jan 101 1/2	Jan
International Petroleum.....	*	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	188,300	23	Jan 28 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	97 1/2	38,000	97 1/2	Jan 98 1/2	Jan
Kirby Petroleum.....	*	4 1/2	3 1/4	4 1/2	16,200	2 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Jan	110 1/2	110 1/2	9,000	150 1/2	Jan 175	Feb
Lago Petroleum Corp.....	*	5 1/2	5 1/2	6	50,700	5 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Jan	125	120 1/2	106,000	98 1/2	Jan 104 1/2	Feb
Lance Creek Royalties.....	1	3c	1c	3c	187,000	1c	Jan 3c	Feb	104 1/2	104 1/2	142,000	109	Jan 110	Jan
Latin American Oil.....	1	4c	3c	4c	25,000	2c	Jan 4c	Jan	109	109	2,000	109	Jan 110	Jan
Livingston Petroleum.....	*	86c	75c	1 1/2	1,900	75c	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	94 1/2	94 1/2	73,000	94 1/2	Jan 94 1/2	Jan
Margay Oil Corp.....	1	50c	65c	50c	2,000	50c	Jan 65c	Feb	105 1/2	105 1/2	9,000	104 1/2	Jan 105 1/2	Feb
Marland Oil of Mex.....	1	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3,400	1 3/4	Jan 4 1/2	Feb	102 1/2	102 1/2	14,000	101 3/4	Jan 102 1/2	Jan
Mexican Eagle Oil.....	5	4	4	4	100	3 3/4	Jan 4	Feb	109 1/2	109 1/2	15,000	108 3/4	Jan 110	Feb
Mexican Extenton Oil.....	10	95c	75c	1 1/4	7,800	61c	Jan 1 1/4	Feb	94	93	35,000	88	Jan 95	Jan
Mexico Oil Corp.....	10	15c	15c	15c	2,000	12c	Jan 20c	Jan	106 3/4	106 3/4	1,000	106	Jan 107	Jan
Mountain & Gulf Oil.....	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,200	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Feb	94 1/2	94 1/2	159,000	89 1/2	Jan 94 1/2	Jan
Mountain Producers.....	10	19 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/4	22,400	18 1/2	Jan 20 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	104 1/2	25,000	104	Jan 104 1/2	Jan
New Bradford Oil.....	5	4 3/8	4 3/8	5	4,400	3 3/8	Jan 5	Feb	103 1/2	103 1/2	58,000	102 1/2	Jan 103 1/2	Feb
New England Fuel Oil.....	5	21 1/2	21 1/2	100	20	24 1/2	Jan 24 1/2	Jan	113 1/2	113 1/2	5,000	110 3/4	Jan 114 1/2	Jan
New York Oil.....	25	8 3/4	8 3/4	9 3/4	500	8 3/4	Jan 9 3/4	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	65,000	97 1/2	Jan 99	Feb
Noble (C F) Oil & G com.....	1	11c	12c	3,000	10c	12c	Feb 12c	Feb	103 1/2	103 1/2	68,000	100 3/4	Jan 101 1/2	Feb
Ohio Fuel Oil.....	1	1 1/2	2 1/2	8 1/2	20	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Feb	87 1/2	88 1/2	105,000	87 1/2	Feb 88 1/2	Feb
Peer Oil Corp.....	1	21 1/2	20 1/2	24	2,800	17 1/2	Jan 25	Jan	97 1/2	97 1/2	61,000	96	Jan 98 1/2	Jan
Pennock Oil Corp (new).....	*	5 1/2	6	5c	53,300	4c	Feb 13c	Jan	102	102	14,000	99 1/2	Jan 102	Feb
Pennsylvania Beaver Oil.....	25	24	26	22	2,200	22 1/2	Jan 32 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	105 1/2	4,000	104 1/2	Jan 105 1/2	Feb
Reid Bank Oil.....	1	4	3 1/4	4	9,300	3 1/4	Jan 4	Jan	101 1/2	101 1/2	37,000	100 3/4	Jan 101 1/2	Feb
Royal Can Oil Syndicate.....	1	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	27,900	6 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	107 1/2	24,000	105 1/2	Jan 107 1/2	Feb
Ryan Consol Petroleum.....	10	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	9,500	3 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	99 1/2	63,000	98 1/2	Jan 99 1/2	Feb
Salt Creek Consol Oil.....	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	8	4,100	6 1/2	Jan 8	Feb	102 1/2	103	8,000	102	Jan 103	Feb
Salt Creek Producers.....	25	25	25 1/2	11,900	24	26	Jan 26	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	2,000	97 1/2	Jan 98 1/2	Feb
Savo Oil.....	5	3	3	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	Jan	102	102	5,000	101 3/4	Jan 102 1/2	Jan
Tidal Oil Oil voting stk.....	15	9	15 1/2	1,300	9	15 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	Feb	101 1/2	101 1/2	22,000	100 3/4	Jan 101 3/4	Feb
Non-voting stock.....	*	10	10 1/2	600	8 1/2	10 1/2	Feb 10 1/2	Feb	102 1/2	102 1/2	10,000	102	Jan 102 1/2	Feb
United Cent Oil Corp.....	5 1/2	4 3/4	5 1/2	4,700	3 3/4	4 3/4	Jan 4 3/4	Jan	107 1/2	107 1/2	5,000	107 1/2	Jan 102 1/2	Jan
Venezuelan Petroleum.....	5	4	3 1/4	9,300	3 3/4	4	Jan 4	Jan	102 1/2	102 1/2	11,000	98 1/2	Jan 104 1/2	Jan
Ventura Consol Oil Fields.....	24	22 1/2	24 1/2	300	22 1/2	24 1/2	Feb 24 1/2	Feb	97 1/2	97 1/2	27,000	97 1/2	Jan 97 1/2	Jan
Western States Oil & Gas.....	15c	14c	15c	14,000	14c	15c	Jan 15c	Feb	100 1/2	100 1/2	21,000	100 1/2	Jan 100 1/2	Jan
White Oil & Gas.....	1	6 1/2	7 1/2	56,400	5 1/2	7 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	101 1/2	84,000	98 1/2	Jan 102 1/2	Jan
Wyndley Petroleum Co.....	1	6 1/2	6 1/2	2,400	5	6 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Feb	100 1/2	101 1/2	5,000	100	Jan 101 1/2	Jan
WY Oil & Gas.....	1	6c	7c	9,000	5c	7c	Jan 7c	Feb	101 1/2	101 1/2	20,000	101 1/2	Jan 102	Jan

Mining Stocks—

Arizona Globe Copper.....	1	28c	12c	29c	269,000	7c	Jan 29c	Feb	98 1/2	98 1/2	24,000	99 1/2	Jan 102	Jan
Butte & Western.....	1	15c	14c	15c	24,000	14c	Feb 15c	Jan	98	97 1/2	10,000	97	Jan 98	Feb
Canario Copper.....	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	5,200	3 1/2	Feb 4 1/2	Jan	93 1/2	94	27,000	93	Jan 94	Jan
New.....		3 1/2	3 1/2	4,700	3 1/2	4 1/2	Jan 4 1/2	Jan	104	104 1/2	2,000	104	Jan 104 1/2	Jan
Cash Boy Consol.....	1	51c	50c	51c	800	40c	Jan 51c	Feb	106	106 1/2	2,000	106	Jan 106 1/2	Jan
Chino Extension.....	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,000	4c	Jan 5c	Feb	104 1/2	104 1/2	1,000	103 1/2	Jan 104 1/2	Jan
Consol Copper Mines.....	1	1	10c	10c	3,000	10c	Jan 20c	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	139,000	96 1/2	Jan 98 1/2	Jan
Cortez Silver Mines.....	1	10c	10c	3,000	10c	10c	Jan 3c	Jan	100 1/2	100 1/2	146,000	97 1/2	Jan 100 1/2	Feb
Cresson Cons Gold M&M.....	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,300	3 1/2	3 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	Jan	88 1/2	88 1/2	72,000	88 1/2	Jan 88 1/2	Jan
Crown Reserve.....	1	50c	50c	200	50c	50c	Jan 53c	Jan	103 1/2	103 1/2	66,000	103 1/2	Jan 104	Jan
Davis-Daly Mining.....	10	75c	75c	200	75c	75c	Feb 75c	Feb	99	99	42,000	99	Feb 99	Feb
Diamond Bi Butte Reorg.....	1	6c	6c	6c	17,000	5c	Jan 8c	Jan	96 1/2	96 1/2	16,000	96 1/2	Feb 96 1/2	Feb
Dolores Esperanza Corp.....	2	45c	45c	4,600	35c	45c	Jan 55c	Feb	101 1/2	101 1/2	66,000	101	Jan 102	Jan
Emma Silver.....	1	3c	3c	4c	11,000	3c	Jan 4c	Jan	101 1/2	101 1/2	21,000	100	Jan 101 1/2	Feb
Engineer Gold Mines, Ltd.....	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	3,100	14 1/2	16 1/2	Jan 16 1/2	Feb	92 1/2	93 1/2	9,000	92	Jan 93 1/2	Jan
Eureka Croesus.....	1	16c	15c	23c	117,000	7c	Jan 23c	Feb	114	115 1/2	191,000	108 3/4	Jan 121 1/2	Jan
Golden State Mining.....	1	8c	8c	5,000	7c	8c	Jan 10c	Jan	107 1/2	107 1/2	34,000	106 3/4	Jan 108	Feb
Goldfield Consol Mines.....	1	9c	9c	9c	1,100	9c	Jan 9c	Feb	96 1/2	96 1/2	98,000	95 1/2	Jan 97	Jan
Goldfield Deep Mines.....	5c	2c	2c	3c	11,000	1c	Jan 3c	Feb	95 1/2	95 1/2	69,000	94	Jan 96	Feb
Goldfield Development.....	5c	5c	5c	7,000	5c	5c	Jan 9c	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	45,000	98 1/2	Feb 99 1/2	Feb
Goldfield Florence.....	1	13c	10c	14c	42,000	6c	Jan 14c	Feb	103 1/2	104 1/2	22,000	103	Jan 104 1/2	Jan
Gold Zone Divide.....	10c	4c	4c	9,000	4c	4c	Jan 8c	Jan	101	101	76,000	99 1/2	Jan 101	Jan
Green Monster Mining.....	50c	5c	5c	1,000	5c	5c	Feb 5c	Feb	96	96	25,000	96	Jan 96 1/2	Jan
Harmill Divide.....	10c	10c	10c	42,000	10c	10c	Jan 16c	Jan	101	101	3,000	101	Jan 102	Jan
Hawthorne Mines Inc.....	1	14c	15c	2,000	13c	14c	Jan 17c	Jan	109 1/2	109 1/2	1,000	109 1/2	Jan 110	Jan
Hecla Mining.....	25c	14 1/2	14 1/2	7,500	12 1/2	14 1/2	Jan 16 1/2	Feb	107	107 1/2	55,000	106 1/2	Jan 107 1/2	Jan
Hollinger Consol G M.....	5	14 1/2	14 1/2	1,500	14 1/2	14 1/2	Jan 15 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	96 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	Feb 96 1/2	Feb
Howe Sound Co.....	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	11,900	3	Jan 3 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	102 1/2	1,000			

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of January. The table covers 10 roads and shows 1.25% decrease from the same week last year.

Fourth Week of January.	1925.	1924.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ann Arbor.....	156,176	129,468	26,708	
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.....	466,140	504,321		38,181
Canadian National.....	5,605,956	5,795,875		189,919
Canadian Pacific.....	3,941,000	4,263,000		322,000
Great Northern.....	1,535,919	1,404,961	130,958	
Minneapolis & St. Louis.....	374,319	366,605	7,714	
Mobile & Ohio.....	530,684	566,379		37,695
St. Louis-San Francisco.....	2,622,538	2,463,463	139,131	
St. Louis Southwestern.....	774,900	790,178		15,278
Southern Railway System.....	5,009,979	4,977,531	32,448	
Total (10 roads).....	20,997,667	21,263,781	336,959	603,073
Net decrease (1.25%).....				266,114

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the third week of January.

Third Week of January.	1925.	1924.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Previously reported (11 roads).....	13,225,503	13,795,863	343,434	913,794
Ann Arbor.....	100,446	84,070	16,376	
Georgia & Florida.....	21,700	33,200		11,500
Great Northern.....	2,401,449	2,341,650	59,799	
St. Louis Southwestern.....	500,700	499,861		839
Texas & Pacific.....	613,387	621,215		7,828
Total (16 roads).....	16,863,185	17,375,859	420,448	933,122
Net decrease (2.91%).....				512,674

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	-1,415,345	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	20,732,125	-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).....	18,038,078	19,648,054	-1,609,976	8.29
4th week December (16 roads).....	19,030,914	20,177,845	-1,146,931	5.77
1st week January (16 roads).....	15,199,517	15,542,805	-343,288	2.20
2d week January (16 roads).....	15,731,346	16,308,703	-577,357	3.54
3d week January (16 roads).....	16,863,185	17,375,859	-512,674	2.91
4th week January (10 roads).....	20,997,667	21,263,781	-266,114	1.25

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	93,366,257	-9,412,390
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.....	480,704,944	534,222,102	-53,517,158	112,626,690	122,228,450	-9,601,754
Aug.....	507,406,011	563,358,029	-55,952,018	134,669,714	136,817,995	-2,148,281
Sept.....	539,383,860	544,970,083	-5,586,223	165,049,184	134,911,897	+30,137,287
Oct.....	571,405,190	586,540,887	-15,135,697	168,750,421	142,540,555	+26,209,866
Nov.....	504,589,062	530,724,567	-26,135,505	131,435,105	125,084,714	+6,350,391

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, 13.37% decrease; July, 8.86% decrease; August, 1.57% decrease; September, 22.33% increase; October, 18.38% increase; November, 5.08% increase. In January the length of road covered was 238,693 miles in 1924, against 235,896 miles in 1923; in February, 235,506 miles, against 235,876 miles; in March, 235,715 miles, against 235,520 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 235,497 miles; in August, 235,172 miles, against 235,445 miles; in September, 235,173 miles, against 235,640 miles; in October, 235,189 miles, against 235,625 miles; in November, 236,309 miles, against 236,122 miles.

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	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alabama & Vicksburg—						
December.....	309,382	267,965	70,315	33,851	41,370	14,875
From Jan 1.....	3,601,427	3,464,104	789,325	799,923	477,857	466,306
American Ry Express—						
October.....	12,881,743	14,046,399	291,343	229,478	106,993	53,455
Fr'm Jan 1.....	127,151,090	133,271,487	2,646,371	2,517,444	858,891	700,405
Aitch Topeka & Santa Fe—						
December.....	16,474,539	16,618,941	5,098,999	5,005,203	3,539,781	2,436,202
Fr'm Jan 1.....	1,194,174,237	2,033,117,792	53,032,366	57,624,519	36,833,520	38,545,894
Gulf Colo & Santa Fe—						
December.....	3,120,189	2,348,019	1,324,714	630,249	1,230,026	526,446
From Jan 1.....	30,125,126	25,604,899	8,302,500	5,658,876	7,245,381	4,846,243
Panhandle & Santa Fe—						
December.....	1,101,290	867,919	644,508	337,764	483,263	332,574
From Jan 1.....	11,111,588	8,880,456	3,761,278	1,910,879	3,220,197	1,636,727
Atlanta & West Point—						
December.....	289,860	239,819	139,515	27,066	112,828	18,787
From Jan 1.....	2,939,380	2,950,512	697,596	666,651	630,697	493,932
Bellefonte Central—						
December.....	10,658	5,597	2,688	-808	2,518	-928
From Jan 1.....	103,477	118,890	12,656	2,085	10,616	646
Belt Ry of Chicago—						
December.....	558,475	550,592	151,422	157,051	106,141	121,802
From Jan 1.....	6,841,827	6,769,803	2,269,505	2,603,994	1,738,078	1,712,074
Bingham & Garfield—						
December.....	44,797	36,709	3,133	1,691	-8,786	-5,417
From Jan 1.....	496,212	456,242	80,847	122,568	-37,339	26,440
Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine—						
December.....	317,996	347,496	93,849	93,288	81,466	94,022
From Jan 1.....	2,608,937	2,736,452	159,148	181,290	25,765	52,024

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Caro Clinch & Ohio—						
December.....	775,522	748,546	276,378	249,601	176,369	199,570
From Jan 1.....	8,692,524	9,257,319	2,787,540	2,603,927	2,096,730	2,001,980
Central of Georgia—						
December.....	2,364,807	2,049,258	569,672	316,289	398,102	233,240
From Jan 1.....	27,173,841	26,198,846	6,102,790	5,060,776	4,737,744	3,846,937
Chicago & Alton—						
December.....	2,516,356	2,563,166	678,922	808,374	506,385	575,404
From Jan 1.....	30,854,030	33,588,193	6,960,561	8,198,965	5,712,654	6,914,832
Chicago Great Western—						
December.....	2,050,522	1,916,087	463,354	521,160	354,419	505,806
From Jan 1.....	24,726,678	25,723,707	4,488,267	4,292,691	3,538,480	3,433,217
Chicago Ind & Louisville—						
December.....	1,405,538	1,425,128	339,578	400,245	260,738	304,684
From Jan 1.....	17,044,000	17,923,548	4,575,259	4,980,090	3,636,920	3,935,291
Chicago River & Indiana—						
December.....	608,767	595,869	207,492	207,646	166,288	167,941
From Jan 1.....	6,951,860	7,481,482	2,345,605	2,312,338	1,895,279	2,371,914
Chic R I & Pacific—						
December.....	11,034,386	10,853,259			2,573,930	2,006,413
From Jan 1.....	130,880,711	130,403,087			23,046,156	20,795,318
Colorado & Southern—						
December.....	1,102,185	1,056,670	261,698	187,707	186,996	137,336
From Jan 1.....	12,834,288	12,675,913	2,706,800	1,521,620	1,939,377	739,130
Ft Worth & Denver City—						
December.....	1,259,037	907,512	622,638	385,204	425,827	337,580
From Jan 1.....	11,121,721	9,625,851	4,431,437	2,968,222	3,729,616	2,501,792
Trinity & Brazos Valley—						
December.....	561,161	249,508	257,149	-33,125	243,791	-35,971
From Jan 1.....	2,665,372	3,482,581	266,668	881,142	172,319	798,995
Wichita Valley—						
December.....	223,639	188,162	128,668	101,413	99,522	90,359
From Jan 1.....	1,907,319	1,558,456	977,626	670,913	847,694	585,948
Columbus & Greens—						
December.....	141,905	138,740	-2,389	6,941	-2,906	5,414
From Jan 1.....	1,640,836	1,574,656	191,570	162,005	174,937	153,918
Denver & Salt Lake—						
December.....	310,995	300,499	-50,128	59,356	-55,301	61,594
From Jan 1.....	3,350,614	2,804,172	118,217	174,302	14,030	57,935
Detroit Terminal—						
December.....	137,585	167,109	1,370	49,240	-6,586	25,750
From Jan 1.....	2,269,353	2,146,263	587,507	756,274	366,867	539,735
Detroit Toledo & Ironton—						
December.....	924,054	783,367	195,632	142,320	136,264	142,320
From Jan 1.....	11,995,758	10,417,412	4,373,140	3,650,940	3,930,159	3,468,131
Det & Tol Shore Line—						
December.....	323,790	363,922	132,539	139,143	111,064	110,301
From Jan 1.....	3,450,167	4,251,253	1,512,297	2,031,850	1,234,449	1,771,708
Duluth Missabe & Nor—						
December.....	101,584	127,068	-431,961	-406,760	-457,943	-459,454
From Jan 1.....	13,856,099	22,253,564	6,372,786	13,155,806	3,878,087	

	—Gross from Railway—		—Net from Railway—		—Net after Taxes—	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Nevada Northern—						
December..	86,392	92,522	34,285	18,782	-3,313	11,860
From Jan 1.	1,084,008	1,030,802	536,743	543,793	397,768	460,386
New Orleans Great Northern—						
December..	222,140	215,415	74,015	81,028	43,190	68,653
From Jan 1.	2,925,031	2,841,010	895,976	914,713	648,692	716,656
New Or Tex & Mex—						
December..	280,881	285,515	51,039	84,521	13,375	-24,284
From Jan 1.	3,387,737	2,970,623	1,025,729	849,750	765,436	643,028
Beaumont So Lake & W—						
December..	246,501	211,306	66,996	16,664	61,683	-7,417
From Jan 1.	2,757,926	2,532,907	1,056,157	990,011	974,568	909,414
St L Browns & Mex—						
December..	586,899	497,854	90,559	309,958	58,768	256,547
From Jan 1.	7,841,144	6,147,806	3,284,456	2,558,258	2,911,344	2,289,673
New York Central—						
Michigan Central—						
December..	7,141,251	7,406,735	1,877,578	1,099,791	1,367,470	677,416
From Jan 1.	87,614,662	94,798,042	25,455,138	27,158,510	19,840,033	21,567,666
New York Connecting—						
December..	332,511	218,472	264,176	135,977	225,982	94,887
From Jan 1.	3,091,646	3,278,056	2,187,635	2,268,318	1,716,591	1,819,337
N Y Susq & Western—						
December..	368,267	393,909	45,293	45,505	30,870	31,484
From Jan 1.	4,761,359	4,793,890	463,454	398,342	138,493	38,737
Northern Pacific—						
December..	8,245,990	7,868,511	2,679,462	2,546,241	2,072,164	1,919,372
From Jan 1.	95,292,404	102,002,060	24,859,340	21,637,250	16,296,186	13,154,931
Northwestern Pacific—						
December..	484,371	508,273	101,733	4,168	55,369	-37,598
From Jan 1.	7,128,195	7,994,091	1,948,837	2,085,768	1,398,558	1,524,576
Balt Ches & Atlantic—						
December..	109,172	97,222	-41,170	-40,173	-41,186	-40,173
From Jan 1.	1,519,848	1,570,494	21,543	-86,764	-27,750	-152,003
Toledo Peoria & Western—						
December..	141,508	134,345	-17,037	-19,295	-12,038	-27,307
From Jan 1.	1,908,795	1,827,348	154,045	-151,249	51,735	-281,524
Peoria & Pekin Union—						
December..	188,815	158,828	29,169	51,047	4,169	-98,854
From Jan 1.	1,815,863	1,799,359	329,619	418,588	158,619	133,687
Rutland—						
December..	506,534	469,278	10,343	7,611	15,534	-14,375
From Jan 1.	6,509,062	6,695,786	1,033,055	1,067,187	735,324	785,913
St Louis-San Francisco—						
December..	7,663,934	6,852,375	2,242,908	2,023,428	1,894,049	1,697,949
From Jan 1.	85,989,817	85,627,607	25,417,984	23,086,796	20,864,443	18,893,320
St L-S Fran of T—						
December..	223,614	165,146	60,578	63,299	53,454	60,717
From Jan 1.	2,033,807	1,728,716	535,702	327,894	504,662	301,367
Ft Worth & Rio Grande—						
December..	141,127	158,248	18,906	37,012	13,267	31,617
From Jan 1.	1,547,495	1,562,875	177,452	110,326	128,952	62,187
St Louis Southwestern—						
December..	1,808,981	1,631,005	674,670	565,833	577,665	477,925
From Jan 1.	18,245,055	20,842,524	5,932,312	7,913,422	5,003,892	6,654,259
St Louis S-W of Texas—						
December..	792,662	727,655	117,024	-77,470	76,108	-109,161
From Jan 1.	8,081,236	8,708,596	366,066	-352,515	41,510	-692,820
Total system—						
December..	2,601,542	2,358,660	791,693	488,362	653,773	368,763
From Jan 1.	26,326,291	29,551,120	6,298,377	7,560,908	5,045,403	5,961,441
San Antonio & Aransas Pass—						
December..	586,702	559,390	8,109	109,141	13,641	87,214
From Jan 1.	7,424,448	6,455,495	1,149,541	1,033,897	946,494	837,903
San Ant Uvalde & Gulf—						
December..	109,064	89,733	17,836	17,352	13,682	13,420
From Jan 1.	1,521,348	1,219,654	325,550	260,915	282,276	219,317
Seaboard Air Line—						
December..	5,303,674	4,908,449	1,373,279	1,319,416	1,060,219	1,039,480
From Jan 1.	53,384,173	52,249,110	11,996,539	11,906,851	9,536,196	9,690,482
Southern Pacific System—						
Galv Harris & San Ant—						
December..	2,066,392	2,120,983	473,281	277,849	349,347	234,544
From Jan 1.	26,354,595	23,982,900	6,748,960	3,677,952	5,860,723	2,909,677
Houston & Texas Central—						
December..	1,822,686	1,303,561	779,486	421,677	690,878	347,740
From Jan 1.	15,627,314	14,693,191	4,004,870	3,250,142	3,242,166	2,588,771
Houston E & W Texas—						
December..	268,346	282,253	9,468	-18,530	-2,158	-25,872
From Jan 1.	3,201,870	3,194,943	392,967	395,166	295,783	270,169
Morgans La & Texas—						
December..	838,073	884,488	179,454	200,374	114,269	140,558
From Jan 1.	8,452,981	9,147,416	856,961	1,154,731	241,722	567,250
Texas & New Orleans—						
December..	846,176	795,321	179,205	-141,124	157,495	-141,496
From Jan 1.	9,282,765	9,068,850	1,183,227	291,006	827,890	-59,930
Spokane International—						
December..	71,946	83,126	-776	27,347	-4,243	21,894
From Jan 1.	1,088,663	1,165,814	247,641	298,820	184,971	229,432
Spokane Port & Seattle—						
December..	699,482	900,029	300,821	436,023	241,842	361,023
From Jan 1.	8,562,669	8,704,947	3,277,106	3,150,111	2,445,777	2,249,118
Union Pacific—						
December..	8,171,467	8,749,038	2,737,855	2,609,663	2,147,704	2,075,129
From Jan 1.	110,886,386	117,479,916	37,684,460	38,385,852	29,624,209	31,568,036
Oregon Short Line—						
December..	2,837,237	2,992,282	490,287	791,913	455,297	483,915
From Jan 1.	34,989,745	35,782,096	9,157,246	10,327,631	6,335,187	7,037,048
Ore-Wash Ry & Nav Co—						
December..	2,229,492	2,407,023	485,099	484,023	339,137	387,354
From Jan 1.	28,775,558	30,227,112	6,143,852	4,379,410	4,115,014	2,378,982
St Jos & Grand Island—						
December..	259,134	266,704	48,513	44,234	25,173	18,544
From Jan 1.	3,297,466	3,312,148	657,322	519,367	441,580	346,048
Utah—						
December..	191,105	152,171	83,342	53,624	77,954	45,752
From Jan 1.	1,590,586	1,657,664	473,441	378,568	399,221	295,526
Vicks Shrev & Pacific—						
December..	351,174	377,044	83,860	43,503	55,543	23,144
From Jan 1.	4,259,264	4,460,580	931,790	1,197,376	651,937	844,011
Western Maryland—						
December..	1,601,312	1,710,618	431,407	467,636	369,833	378,273
From Jan 1.	19,135,563	23,055,036	4,970,154	5,338,602	4,053,580	4,334,239
Western Pacific—						
December..	1,037,027	1,013,608	148,862	204,737	87,649	124,253
From Jan 1.	14,370,467	14,138,268	2,892,802	3,474,557	2,008,718	2,522,208
Western Ry of Ala—						
December..	324,009	251,476	102,396	-38,334	102,065	-60,516
From Jan 1.	3,159,930	3,042,221	876,179	723,327	725,897	546,378
a Figures corrected.						
			Income.	Charges.	Balance.	
			\$	\$	\$	
Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville—						
December 1924..			*61,554	31,545	30,009	
December 1923..			*64,263	32,082	22,181	
12 months ended Dec. 31 1924..			*432,888	377,588	55,298	
12 months ended Dec. 31 1923..			*561,728	392,259	169,469	
Georgia & Florida—						
December 1924..			*20,970	12,546	8,424	
December 1923..			*24,143	11,598	12,552	
12 months ended Dec. 31 1924..			*225,664	152,707	72,944	
12 months ended Dec. 31 1923..			*248,749	138,059	110,690	

		Income.		Charges.		Balance.	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Western Maryland—							
December 1924..		*327,595	255,372			72,223	
December 1923..		*382,879	261,564			121,315	
* Includes other income.							
		Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings.	Interest & Taxes.	Balance, Surplus.		
		\$	\$	\$	\$		
Bellefonte Centra	Dec '24	10,658	2,688	170	2,518		
	'23	5,597	-808	120	-928		
12 mos end Dec 31	'24	103,477	12,656	2,040	10,616		
	'23	118,890	2,086	1,440	646		
Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—							
The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:							
		Gross Earnings—	Net Earnings—				
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.		
		\$	\$	\$	\$		
Companies.							
Alabama Power Co.—	Dec	816,889	740,926	409,816	330,360		
12 mos ended Dec 31	'24	8,995,820	7,865,293	4,325,182	3,585,073		
Barcelona Tr. Lt & Pow. Dec	'24	65,387,015	4,981,366	3,499,608	3,038,322		
12 mos ended Dec 31	'24	656,621,636	51,080,838	34,532,932	30,007,015		
Philadelphia Co and Affili- ated Corp.	Dec	4,317,632	3,626,849	*1,473,086	*953,125		
12 mos ended Dec 31	'24	39,852,347	953,125	*12,885,515	*14,121,226		
*After taxes.							
		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.		
		\$	\$	\$	\$		
Bangor Ry & Electric Co	Dec '24	141,487	113,022	25,653	87,369		
	'23	138,802	102,058	24,754	77,304		
12 mos ended Dec 31	'24	1,542,293	804,785	306,651	498,134		
	'23	1,535,212	777,861	285,727	492,134		
Birmingham Light, Heat & Power Co	Dec '24	134,008	c54,396				
	'23	119,277	c26,353				
12 mos ended Dec 31	'24	1,342,654	*c483,968	217,153	266,815		
	'23	1,192,531	*c400,281	142,478	257,804		
Boston Elevated Railway	Dec '24	*3,187,091	977,401	671,898	305,503		
	'23	*3,080,911	910,831	645,367	374,464		
Cities Service Company	Dec '24	1,393,783	1,331,178	150,437	1,180,741		
	'23	1,298,656	1,261,478	221,323	1,040,155		
12 mos ended Dec 31	'24	17,463,218	16,773,744	1,927,971	14,845,774		
	'23	16,602,562	16,093,616	1,297,956	13,468,760</		

Table with 5 columns: Company Name, Date, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Rows include Vermont Hydro-Electric Corp, Washington Water Power Co, etc.

* Includes other incomes. a After depreciation and rentals. b After rentals. c After depreciation. j Before taxes. k Includes taxes.

New York City Street Railways.

Large table with 5 columns: Companies, Gross Revenue, Net Revenue, Fixed Charges, Net Corp. Income. Rows include Brooklyn City, Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn Queens, etc.

conditions experienced in previous year. During the year 20,509 acres of virgin land have been planted. After deduction of the usual abandonments, there is an increase of 4,913 acres of cultivations.

(b) Cacao (Chocolate Bean).—Matured acreage has increased from 20,362 acres to 24,919 acres. The output for 1924 was 7,780,868 lbs., as compared with 7,328,169 lbs. in 1923.

(c) European Business.—This trade has shown satisfactory improvement as compared with the previous year. An additional branch was established in Spain. Company has an adequate supply of fruit to meet steadily increasing consumption in Europe.

Sugar.—The drought noted in last year's report continued during the past year, and resulted in decreased production. Company produced 751,932 bags of sugar during the year as compared with 761,128 bags in 1923.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month.

United Fruit Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

Pres. Victor M. Cutler Jan. 13 wrote in substance:

Fruit Business.—(a) Banana Cultivations.—Production for the year was not up to normal because of continuation of unfavorable weather

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

President Irene du Pont wrote in substance:

Scope of Report.—The balance sheet and profit & loss account include in consolidation the assets and liabilities of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. and the following subsidiaries: (a) Associated Securities of Canada, Ltd.; (b) Du Pont Building Corp.; (c) Du Pont Cellophane Co.; (d) Du Pont Engineering Co.; (e) Du Pont Fibersilk Co.; (f) Du Pont Nitrate Co.; (g) Du Pont Securities Co.; (h) E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. of Penna.; (i) E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Co.; (j) Hotel du Pont Co.; (k) Play House Co.; (l) sundry subsidiary companies for the manufacture and sale of nitroglycerine, and for the holding of patent rights.

The amount of capital and surplus of subsidiary companies corresponding to the shares thereof not owned by the company is separately stated in the balance sheet and is \$5,680,145.

Volume of Business.—The volume of business for 1924 was somewhat lower than the previous year. The sales for the year amounted to \$90,861,633, as compared with \$94,060,319 for the previous year, a decrease of approximately 3 1/2%.

Considering the general dullness of business existing throughout the country during the middle portion of the year, the volume of sales seems satisfactory. The decrease would have been greater except for sales of raw products, particularly Artificial Silk, Duce and Tetra-ethyl Lead.

Company's expansion in recent years into diversified, though closely related, lines of chemical manufacture has placed it in the position of supplying important materials for many industrial activities. Such diversification tends to produce a more even rate of business throughout the year, and tends to avoid violent fluctuations in total should one industry served suffer a depression.

Sales of Diverse Industries.—The following tabulation shows company's total sales made during 1924, divided among the several diverse industries to which they flowed:

Table with 2 columns: Industry, % Total Sales. Rows include Mining-Coal, Agriculture, Construction & maintenance, Textiles, Automotive, etc.

Capitalization.—On May 1 1924 company redeemed at 107 and caused to be cancelled \$10,000,000 7½% 10-Year Gold bonds. In addition, company has purchased since May 1921 and now holds in its treasury \$6,926,000 of these bonds, making the aggregate purchases \$16,926,000 par value. As the original issue was \$35,000,000 this leaves outstanding in the hands of the public \$18,074,000. It is expected that a substantial amount of the outstanding bonds will be called for redemption on May 1 1925.

Prior in 1924, the excess in cost of any 7½% bonds repurchased over their original issue price was absorbed currently by charges to profit & loss. Early in 1924, \$3,000,000 was set aside from surplus in a fund to provide for premium and discount on the balance of funds outstanding. To this reserve was charged the balance of discount incurred at the time of bonds were sold, together with premium paid on the \$10,000,000 redeemed May 1 1924, leaving in the fund \$1,175,778, which amount it is expected will fully cover any future expense in connection with the retirement of such bonds.

Investment in General Motors Corporation.—During year 1924, company received \$6,423,600 in dividends paid by General Motors Corp. on its common stock. Preliminary estimate of the General Motors Corp. indicates that the earnings on its common stock, plus its accrued earnings in the Fisher Body Corp., will be approximately \$8 per share for the year 1924, so that there has accrued to the benefit of the company on its holdings, in addition to the amount included in the summary of consolidated income and profit & loss, approximately \$4,108,400, making total earnings received and accrued on General Motors Corp. Common stock \$10,532,000.

Company received \$1,931,744, representing dividends on its holdings of Managers Securities Co. 7% Cumul. Pref. stock. During the year, Managers Securities Co. redeemed \$3,008,500 of its original issue of \$28,800,000 of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock acquired by the company in 1923, leaving \$25,791,200 owned by the company at the end of 1924.

During 1924, the stockholders of General Motors Corp. approved a re-arrangement of that corporation's financial structure, which included a reduction in the number of shares of common stock outstanding, by issuance of one share of new common stock for 4 shares of old common. After this reduction, company's direct and indirect holdings of General Motors Corp. Common stock, exclusive of its equity in the stock held by Canadian Explosives, Ltd., amounts to approximately 1 4-10ths shares for each share of du Pont Common stock.

Investments in Other Enterprises.

General Explosives Co.—In Aug. 1924, company acquired the business of the General Explosives Co., including its plant at Carl Junction, Mo. This plant is adjacent to the lead and zinc mines of Missouri, which require large quantities of explosives in their operation, and its acquisition places company in an advantageous position to share in this business, which formerly could not be reached economically from any of your plants.

Lazole, Inc.—This company was organized in August 1924 by this company, together with other interests, for the manufacture and sale of synthetic ammonia under the Claude patents, formerly owned by one of the partners in this new enterprise. The stock control of this investment lies with your company.

Du Pont-Pathe Film Manufacturing Corp.—In Oct. 1924 the Du Pont-Pathe Film Manufacturing Corp. was organized by this company in conjunction with Pathe Exchange, Inc., of New York and Pathe Cinema Societe Anonyme of Paris, France.

The activities of this company cover the manufacture of cinematograph film for sale to the producers of motion pictures. Its manufacture is, in a general way, similar to the manufacture of certain other cellulose products now produced by your company. The new company will take over the plant built by your company adjoining its Parlin, N. J. works, together with its personnel.

Flint Varnish & Color Works.—During the year, the Flint Varnish & Color Works, all of the capital stock of which was owned, was dissolved, and its business taken over by your company. That company owned and operated a plant at Chicago and another at Flint, Mich., both producing paints, varnishes, etc.

Du Pont Fibersilk Co.—The increasing demand for the products of the Du Pont Fibersilk Co.'s plant at Buffalo, N. Y., necessitated the purchase of another plant site at Old Hickory, near Nashville, Tenn. The construction of a new plant on this site is well advanced. A portion of the additional capacity will be in operation early in 1925, and the balance about the middle of the year.

Du Pont Cellulose Co.—The plant which the company built adjacent to the plant of the Du Pont Fibersilk Co. at Buffalo, N. Y., was completed and commenced production on a commercial scale in April.

The comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 588.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Assets—			
Cash	\$16,292,533	\$18,918,280	\$17,960,392
Notes and accounts receivable, &c.	14,903,164	15,377,314	15,762,569
Materials and finished products	26,116,396	26,838,520	25,114,281
Marketable securities and call loans	6,504,892	11,123,981	4,156,449
Investment securities	89,420,307	93,883,821	89,468,249
Plant and property, incl. good will	121,797,661	111,984,792	105,364,335
Deferred items	503,986	1,617,737	1,846,606
Total	\$275,538,940	\$279,744,265	\$259,672,901
Liabilities—			
Accts. & notes pay., incl. accr. divs. on deb. stk. & accr. int. on bonds	\$5,490,531	\$7,927,697	\$8,289,007
Deferred liabilities and credit items	1,349,448	881,581	936,741
Bonds of sub. cos. in hands of public	2,533,500	2,762,000	2,798,500
7½% bonds due 1931	18,074,000	28,164,500	30,778,000
Debiture stock issued	68,416,163	68,415,780	68,411,280
Common stock issued	95,060,900	95,060,900	95,060,900
Capital stock and surplus of sub. cos. minus interest	5,680,145	4,365,247	2,901,745
Res. for deprec., pensions, bad dts., &c.	23,052,761	17,524,084	12,844,517
Surplus applicable to company	55,881,491	54,642,475	37,652,211
Total	\$275,538,940	\$279,744,265	\$259,672,901

x As follows: (a) General Motors Securities Co. stock representing 70% interest in 1,875,000 shares of General Motors Corp. Common stock, \$55,589,107; (b) Managers Securities Co. 7% Cumulative Convertible Pref. stock, \$25,791,200; and (c) miscellaneous securities, \$8,040,000.—V. 120, p. 588.

(P.) Lorillard Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

President B. L. Belt in a letter to the stockholders says:

I have decided to accompany the financial statement for 1924 with this letter because I wish to make both an explanation and a request.

The explanation is of the provision of \$3,000,000 for adjustment in the surplus of the company. When I took office as President in March, 1924, I caused to be instituted an inventory and appraisal of the physical assets of the company, which at the close of the year 1923 stood at a book value of \$49,316,100, not including any of the physical assets of corporations all the stock of which is owned by this company. As a net result this showed the present value of these assets as a whole to be very considerably in excess of their book value, but it also showed that during the years of business some items of wrapping material, machinery and leaf tobacco had accumulated which, due to obsolescence, deterioration, inflated war prices and carrying charges, were not thought to be worth their book value. Notwithstanding such net result, and notwithstanding nothing is being placed on the books by reason of any appreciation in value, because that would be to take an unrealized profit, it was deemed a wise and prudent measure to set up out of surplus this provision to take care of such items, thereby correspondingly reducing surplus but placing it on a most conservative basis. Of course the current earnings of the company are computed on the basis of cost.

The request is for permission to the board of directors to allow the employees to subscribe at not less than \$30 per share to not exceeding 100,000 shares of the authorized and unused Common stock of the company on such terms as the board may determine. I am asking this because I find it absolutely necessary, in order to build and maintain a first class organization, the prime essential of any successful business enterprise, to have a large stock of common stock owned by the employees. Many other large companies are doing likewise, including such prominent industrial companies as the United States Steel Corp. and the oil companies, as well as banks, and we must be able to compete if we wish to secure and retain the services of men worth while.

This will be one of the items of business at the annual meeting, and I sincerely hope the authority will be given. Your organization is most ambitious and desirous of making the company a great success, and granting the permission I request will materially assist in this accomplishment. The price of \$30 is sufficiently above par value (which is \$25 a share) to protect adequately the interest of the stockholder and yet to be an attraction to the employees. In other words, it fairly divides and adjusts for this purpose the premium at which the stock is selling.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Net income after Fed. tax	\$6,439,196	\$6,277,634	\$8,133,398	\$7,616,545
Premium on 7% bonds	15,150	14,345	13,791	5,864
Loss on Lib. bonds sold				93,497
Bond interest	1,219,209	1,225,248	1,231,163	1,238,861
Preferred divs. (7%)	791,532	791,532	791,532	791,532
Common divs. (12%)	3,803,834	4,088,938	4,017,002	3,636,570
Surplus after dividends	\$609,471	\$157,572	\$2,079,910	\$1,850,222
Adjustments—Dr.	3,000,000			
Previous surplus	14,830,902	14,673,330	12,593,420	10,743,197
Profit & loss surplus	\$12,440,373	\$14,830,902	\$14,673,330	\$12,593,419

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, mach. and fixtures	\$9,289,110	\$9,041,039	Pref. stk., 7% cum. 11,307,600	\$11,307,600
Leaf tobacco, manufactured stock and oper. supp.	30,773,558	40,275,061	Common stock	30,305,550
Stock in other cos.	2,182,500	2,182,500	Com. stk. div. scrip	870
Tr. marks, brands, &c.	21,149,226	21,147,927	Gold bonds	20,445,150
Cash	8,401,726	4,922,186	Pref. divs. Jan. 2	197,883
Accounts and bills receivable	6,146,580	6,698,532	Com. divs. Jan. 2	909,162
Total	79,942,700	84,267,267	Accr. int. on bonds	393,182
			Reserve funds	3,282,784
			Acc'ts & bills pay.	660,146
			Profit and loss	12,440,373
			Total	79,942,700

American Light & Traction Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Earns. on stocks of sub. companies owned	\$4,097,361	\$3,624,924	\$3,636,335	\$2,985,532
Miscellaneous earnings	1,148,913	885,746	1,276,201	1,293,345
Gross earnings	\$5,246,274	\$4,510,670	\$4,912,536	\$4,278,877
Expenses & taxes	418,558	301,016	529,986	407,975
Int. & disc. on 6% notes	180,611	300,611	330,000	360,000
Balance, surplus	\$4,647,104	\$3,909,043	\$4,052,550	\$3,510,902
Previous surplus	10,977,786	10,338,927	9,462,317	9,036,336
Total surplus	\$15,624,891	\$14,247,970	\$13,514,867	\$12,547,238
Preferred dividends	854,172	854,172	854,172	854,172
Common cash divs.	1,257,210	1,208,006	1,160,884	1,115,374
Stock divs. on Com. stk.	1,257,210	1,208,006	1,160,884	1,115,374
Surplus and reserve	\$12,256,299	\$10,977,786	\$10,338,927	\$9,462,317

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Investment acct.	\$36,138,711	\$35,379,501	Preferred stock	\$14,236,200
Temporary invest.	2,215,247	1,523,864	Common stock	\$1,893,700
Earns., sub. cos.	12,586,708	11,953,281	5-yr. 6% gold notes	30,639,700
Bills receivable	11,483,992	8,220,992	Warrants	172,848
Accts. receivable	194,869	145,555	Miscellaneous	42,607
Miscellaneous	62,587	24,122	Accrued taxes	400,544
Note discount	40,203	160,815	Coupons pay. sub. cos.	666,612
Int. & divs. rec.	20,036	18,543	Int. accr. on notes	30,000
Sub. cos.' equip. fds	666,612		Fees accrued	780,236
Cash and U. S. Treasury cts.	\$1,266,500	\$2,733,973	Contingent res.	846,844
Total	64,675,556	60,160,947	Special res.	3,379,665
			Surplus & reserve	12,256,299
			Total	64,675,556

Texas Gulf Sulphur Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross income	\$9,814,976	\$10,746,160	\$9,074,877	\$5,882,211
Cost of sales, &c., exps., incl. Federal taxes	5,000,960	6,009,140	5,221,175	3,932,837
Balance, surplus	\$4,814,016	\$4,737,021	\$3,853,162	\$1,949,375
Previous surplus	7,055,768	6,287,497	5,609,334	4,294,960
Total surplus	\$11,869,784	\$11,024,517	\$9,462,497	\$6,244,334
Dividends paid	4,762,500	3,668,750	3,175,000	635,000
Total surplus, including deprec. reserve	\$7,107,284	\$7,055,767	\$6,287,497	\$5,609,334

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Lands & develop't, plants, bldgs., mach. & equip.	\$8,221,789	\$7,649,548	Capital stock	\$6,350,000
Inventories	5,241,572	4,818,936	Acc'ts payable and taxes accrued	254,909
Cash	3,255,975	3,575,927	Deprac'n, unpaid Fed'l taxes, reserve, & others.	4,909,539
Securities	27,359	27,359	Surplus, incl. depletion reserve	7,107,284
Accts receivable	1,368,218	1,380,298	Total (each side)	18,621,732
Notes & trade acceptances rec'd.	108,563	134,933		17,789,511
Misc. rec. & adv.	381,173	173,954		
Deferred assets	17,083	22,556		
Total	\$18,083,212	\$17,588,516		

x Capital stock authorized, issued and outstanding, 635,000 shares, at \$10 par value.—V. 119, p. 2420.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

U. S. RR. Labor Board Grants Wage Increase to Trainmen and Conductors on 17 Roads.—Chiefly short line roads, which were not included in negotiations of 1923-24. Increase affects 2,523 and will total about \$283,183 p. a. New York "Times" Feb. 4, p. 18.

Car Surplus.—Increased demand on the part of the shippers for transportation facilities is resulting in a decrease in the number of surplus freight cars in good repair and ready for service, according to reports filed to-day by the railroads with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

Class I railroads on Jan. 22 had 228,836 surplus freight cars, according to these reports, a decrease of 27,131 under the number reported on Jan. 14. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Jan. 22 totaled 77,964, a decrease of 14,865 within a week, while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 109,082, a decrease of 13,319 during the same period.

Reports showed 18,104 surplus stock cars, an increase of 1,291 over the number reported on Jan. 14, while there was an increase during the same period of 23 in the number of surplus refrigerator cars which brought the total for that class of equipment to 13,188.

Car Shortage.—Practically no car shortage is being reported.
Freight Car Repair.—Freight cars in need of repair on Jan. 15 totaled 187,310, 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 3,669 under the number reported on Jan. 1, at which time there were 190,979, or 8.3%. Freight cars in need of heavy repair on Jan. 15 totaled 142,221, or 6.2%, a decrease of 1,741 compared with Jan. 1. Freight cars in need of light repair totaled 45,089, or 2%, a decrease of 1,928 compared with Jan. 1.

Locomotive Repair.—Class I railroads on Jan. 15 had 12,177 locomotives in need of repair, 18.9% 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 911 locomotives over the number in need of repair on Jan. 1, at which time there were 11,266, or 17.5%. Of the total number, 6,454, or 10%, were in need of classified repairs, an increase compared with Jan. 1 of 527, while 5,723, or 8.9%, were in need of running repair, an increase of 384 during the same period. Class I railroads on Jan. 15 had 4,560 serviceable locomotives in storage, a decrease of 289 under the number in storage on Jan. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 31.—(a) Railroad revenue freight still the largest on record for the season, p. 516. (b) Inter-State Commerce Commission and railroad consolidations—four systems proposed among Eastern trunk lines, p. 540.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Acquisitions.—The stockholders at the annual meeting April 23 will be asked to approve plans which the management has in mind for expansion of service. These include the leasing of the Grand Canyon Ry. to the Atchison and the acquisition of stock and indebtedness of the Salina & Santa Fe Ry. and the California Southern RR.—V. 120, p. 205.

Birmingham & Southeastern Ry.—Sale.—This property, which has been in receivership since July 26 1920, was sold at foreclosure on Jan. 12 at Union Springs, Ala. The road will be reorganized as the Birmingham & Southeastern RR.—V. 120, p. 205.

Boston & Maine RR.—Petition for Received Denied.—Judge George F. Morris in the U. S. District Court at Concord, N. H., on Jan. 31 denied the petition of Edward Brown, of Ipswich, Mass., and others for the appointment of a temporary receiver for the road. Counsel for the petitioners said that a bond issue of \$500,000 would mature Feb. 2, and the railroad would be unable to retire it. President Hustis of the railroad said that 90% of the bondholders had agreed to withhold temporarily presentation of their holdings. He said that while the railroad could meet the bond maturity it was not considered advisable at present.

Judge Morris in his decision said:
 "I don't think the petitioner has made out a case. I realize it means a great deal to the stockholders and the public and I will state that, from the evidence before me, I shall not appoint a temporary receiver, even if it were determined that I had jurisdiction, a point about which I am not clear."
 The effect of Judge Morris's action, therefore, is that the receivership was denied so far as the evidence was concerned. He will later take up the matter of jurisdiction after filing of brief.
 [Charles Sumner Cook, of Portland, Me., has resigned from the board of directors.]—V. 120, p. 579, 449.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Corp. Earnings.
Years Ended Dec. 31—

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues	\$15,951,853	\$22,024,651	\$16,746,506
Operating expenses	13,451,122	20,175,269	16,332,659
Net revenue	\$2,500,731	\$1,849,382	\$413,847
Taxes	407,000	401,023	367,016
Uncollectible revenues	932	863	4,788
Operating income	\$2,092,798	\$1,447,496	\$42,043
Miscellaneous & non-oper. income	1,035,432	2,116,280	1,169,300
Gross income	\$3,128,230	\$3,563,775	\$1,211,343
Deductions	2,506,347	2,482,277	2,402,508
Net income	\$621,883	\$1,081,499	Drl.191,165

—V. 120, p. 580.

Canadian National Rys.—Bonds Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co., National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Bankers Trust Co., White, Weld & Co., New York, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, First Trust & Savings Bank and Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, have sold \$35,000,000 4½% Guaranteed Gold bonds as follows: \$18,000,000 5-Year bonds due Feb. 15 1930 at 99½% and int., to yield over 4.52%, and \$17,000,000 10-Year bonds due Feb. 15 1935 at 97½% and int., to yield over 4.80%. The Dominion of Canada guarantees principal and interest by endorsement. Principal and interest payable in gold in N. Y. City; also payable in Canadian currency in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. Authorized, \$35,000,000. Dated as of Feb. 15 1925. Interest payable Feb. 15 and Aug. 15. Denom. \$1,000*. The bonds are not callable prior to maturity.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made in due course for listing both issues on the New York Stock Exchange. The 5-Year bonds will be the direct obligation of the Canadian National Ry. and the 10-Year bonds will be the direct obligation of the Canadian Northern Ry. These railway companies operate a trans-continental railway system across Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. All of the capital stock of both companies is owned by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, which guarantees the bonds.—V. 120, p. 449, 325.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Would Abandon Sub. Co.—The company is applying to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to abandon its leasehold interest in operation of the Rutland Toluca & Northern RR., extending 27 miles from Rutland to Granville, Ill. The Rutland road has outstanding \$225,000 1st Gold ds. due 1930, guaranteed principal and interest by the Chicago & Alton. No interest has been paid since April 1923. The \$97,000 capital stock of the Rutland is owned by the Chicago & Alton.

Joliet & Chicago Offers Representation on Board to Alton.—It is stated that attempts are being made to arrange a truce between the stockholders of the Joliet & Chicago RR., represented by Joseph Walker, on the one hand, and the receivers of the Chicago & Alton on the other. For the past two years these interests have engaged annually in a fight for control of the Joliet & Chicago. This railroad is leased to the Chicago & Alton and the receivers of the latter company would like to obtain a majority on the directorate.

The Walker interests, it is understood, will offer the receivers of the Chicago & Alton a proposition providing for Chicago & Alton representation on the board. The majority of the directorate will be held by the Walker interests. The proposition will point out the expenses of the recent fights to both sides, and will ask that a truce be declared for the meeting this year.

Calendar Years—

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenue	\$30,854,030	\$33,588,193	\$27,593,925
Expenses, taxes, &c.	25,141,376	26,673,361	24,619,558
Operating income	\$5,712,654	\$6,914,832	\$2,974,367
Equipment rents, &c.	1,317,861	1,595,265	1,442,180
Net operating income	\$4,394,793	\$5,319,567	\$1,532,187
Other income	dr a642,868	242,884	304,667
Total income	\$3,751,924	\$5,562,451	\$1,836,854
Interest, rent, &c.	4,787,166	4,445,306	4,327,336
Net income	def\$1,035,242	\$1,117,145	def\$2,490,482

a Includes charge of \$859,438, guaranty period claim, which was not allowed by Government and applies to prior period.—V. 120, p. 449, 205.

Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Bonds Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 26 authorized the company (1) to issue not exceeding \$16,092,000 1st Ref. Mtge. bonds, series A; said bonds to be

sold at not less than 93½%; and (2) to increase the rate of interest on \$27,755,000 of the bonds from 5 to 5½% per annum. (See offering in V. 120, p. 580.)

The commission also authorized the company to issue \$266,000 of consolidated-mortgage gold bonds to be delivered to company's tenants in payment of sinking-fund advances.—V. 120, p. 580.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Earnings.
12 Months Ended Dec. 31—

	1924.	1923.
Operating revenue	\$130,880,711	\$130,403,087
Operating income	23,046,156	20,795,318
Net operating income	17,713,591	14,841,166
Gross income	18,305,158	15,664,228
Net income, after charges	6,835,221	4,481,502

—V. 120, p. 205.

Chinese Rys.—Interest on Hukuang Rys. Bonds.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announce the receipt of funds for the payment of coupons of imperial Chinese Government 5% Hukuang Railways Sinking Fund Gold Loan bonds of 1911. See under "Current Events and Discussions" in last week's "Chronicle," page 528.—V. 115, p. 542.

Conemaugh & Black Lick RR.—Acquisition.—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company, organized in the interests of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., (a) to acquire a railroad of approximately 14 miles situated near Johnstown, Pa., and operated as a plant facility by the Bethlehem Steel Co.; (b) to construct an extension of 2.95 miles, and (c) to operate the property in inter-State commerce on condition that the rental to be paid for the property to be acquired by lease from the Bethlehem Steel Products Co. shall not exceed 6% per annum on the value to be determined by the Commission or by the Courts, and that an arrangement be made under which the Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania or other connecting roads will have a 5-year option to acquire the property.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—To Protest Sale.—The sale of the road to the Missouri Pacific and Western Pacific railroads will be protested by Harold L. Palmer of New York, one of the original intervenors, who sought to prevent the purchase of the road by the two companies, according to a Denver dispatch Jan. 28. Mr. Palmer's attorneys began the steps in U. S. District Court necessary to an appeal. His objections to the sale, which was consummated last October, were overruled by Federal Judge Symes, and it is from this decision that he is preparing an appeal.

Mr. Palmer owns or controls about \$500,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds of the Colorado road, under default of interest on which the Bankers Trust Co. of New York obtained the foreclosure order that made the sale of the railroad system possible. The appeal probably will be heard at the September session of the U. S. District Court at Denver.

[Mr. Palmer maintains that a fair value of the Denver & Rio Grande is at least \$132,000,000, and that the price at the final foreclosure sale should have been not \$18,000,000 but \$42,000,000. He bases his appeal on the fact that the reorganizers contended in 1923 before the I.-S. C. Commission for a capital value for the properties, based on earning power, of \$132,000,000, a figure which he declares was confirmed by the 1924 earnings. The appeal also attacks the lower Court's decree because it provides that the purchaser at the sale became the owner of the Utah Fuel Co., valued at more than \$10,000,000, which, he says, should belong to the First & Re-funding mortgagees.]—V. 120, p. 449, 326.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding Adjustment Mtge. 40-Year 5% Gold bonds dated Mar. 5 1914 have been called for payment April 1 at par and int. at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 120, p. 206.

Elgin Joliet & Eastern RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$34,660,000 on the company's properties owned and used, and used but not owned, as of June 30 1914. The report also covers the properties of the Chicago Lake Shore & Eastern Ry. and the Blue Island Ry.—V. 118, p. 2820.

Est RR. Co. of France (Compagnie des Chemins de Fer de l'Est).—Bonds Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co., Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., White, Weld & Co., Cassatt & Co., New York, and Union Trust Co., Cleveland, have sold at 87½% and int., to yield over 8.10%, \$20,000,000 7% External Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1924, due Nov. 1 1954. Interest payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Principal and interest payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., New York, without deduction for any French taxes present or future. A sinking fund is provided, beginning May 1 1925, which is calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity, by purchase in the market at or below 100% and int., or if not so obtainable, by call by lot at 100% and int. Red. as a whole at 105 and int. on Nov. 1 1929 or any int. date thereafter.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data From Letter of Maxime Renaudin, President, Paris, Jan. 31.
Company.—The company operates 3,124 miles of track. It serves an industrial region characterized by the numerous metallurgical concerns in the neighborhood of Nancy and the mines of the Briey Basin.

The first of its three most important lines connects Paris with the region of the Ardennes, with Belgium and with Luxembourg, by way of Rheims and Charleville; the second connects it with Alsace and with Lorraine by way of Chalons-sur-Marne, Bar-le-Duc and Nancy; the third connects it with Switzerland by way of Troyes, Vesoul, Belfort and Bâle. The geographical situation of its system assures it, therefore, a large freight traffic, because, on the one hand it serves one of the most important industrial regions of France, and, on the other hand it provides the avenue for the exchange of commodities with the countries of Central Europe.

Its passenger traffic is not less important. It provides transportation for tourists who desire to admire the beauties of the Vosges, and for those, perhaps more numerous still, who wish to visit the battlefields of the Great War—Verdun, St. Mihiel, Chateau Thierry, the plains of Champagne, &c. For all of the above reasons the receipts per mile of the Est are among the highest of the French railroads. In 1923 they were 334,697 francs per mile.

Financial Conditions.—Before the war the prosperity of the company was so great that by 1911 it had repaid by anticipation all of the advances made by the French State on account of interest and was, at that date, free of debt.

Although the war bore heavily on the company and one-fifth of its entire system, in the battlefield area, was destroyed, thanks to the financial aid of the French State and to the devoted services of its engineers and agents the system has been wholly reconstructed. The State paid the whole of the cost of restoring the railroad to the condition in which it was in 1914.

Furthermore, by the convention of June 28 1921, between the French State and the Great French railroad systems (including the Est) the State remitted the railroad company's debts to the State contracted between 1914 and the inauguration of the new regime fixed by the convention.

The financial results of the company's operations have been highly satisfactory. Its gross receipts were, in 1922, 1,037,356,546 francs and in 1923, 1,092,440,364 francs. In 1922 and 1923 its operating expenses were 851,135,913 francs and \$77,166,820 francs, respectively, and the charge for service of its bonded obligations 153,979,976 francs and 167,424,257 francs, respectively. The fixed dividends on and the amortization of the capital stock, which in 1922 were 11,842,660 francs and in 1923 11,836,640 francs, were also covered by the surplus of receipts over operating expenses.

Among all of the French railroads the Est is the only one whose receipts have been sufficient to cover all of its expenses and charges since the convention of 1921 came into effect. In 1922 and 1923 the company drew a little upon the "common fund" of the Great French railroad systems it was solely to meet the increases in dividends to stockholders and bonuses to employees provided for by the new convention with the State. The showing for 1924 is better. In 1924 the company's gross receipts exceeded 1,250,000,000 francs, its operating expenses are less than 1,000,000,000 francs, and the charge for service of its bonded obligations is approximately 185,000,000 francs. After paying all expenses, and the prescribed dividends and bonuses the Est RR. will have a surplus which will enable it to contribute to the "common fund" of the Great French railroad systems a sum in excess of 20,000,000 francs.

Capital Stock and Bonds.—This is the company's first foreign loan. The bonds now outstanding in France, after deduction of bonds redeemed by

amortization are carried on company's books for the amount of 3,075,000,000 francs. None of its bonds is secured by any mortgage or other lien. Its lines and rolling stock, and its other property real and personal are free and clear of mortgages or other liens or charges.

The capital stock originally was of 292,000,000 francs, but by Dec. 31 1923 it had been reduced to 195,000,000 francs by reason of amortizations.

Object of This Loan.—The proceeds of the present loan are to be used to pay the cost of constructing new lines, for repairs and improvements and for the purchase of rolling stock.

Guaranty of French State.—The convention between the French Government and the principal French railway companies signed on June 28 1921 and approved by the Law of Oct. 29 1921, secured to the Est R.R. (with the other principal railway companies) the payment of its working expenses and the interest on and amortization of its loans of every kind, and dividends on and amortization of its capital stock. In the event of receipts proving insufficient to meet these charges the deficit has to be borne by a "common fund" formed for the benefit of all the large systems. Into this fund excess receipts of all the systems are paid and tariffs have to be adjusted to meet the requirements of the fund, but if this adjustment of tariffs should not produce sufficient income for the purpose, the deficiency has to be made good by the French Treasury. Further, at the expiration of the concession, the payment of interest on and amortization of any bonds which may be outstanding will be borne by the State. These guarantees are identical to those under which all other issues of the principal French railway companies have been made pursuant to the above law.

Provisions of Issue.—This issue of bonds will be the direct obligation of the company, rank *pari-passu* with all other issues of the company now outstanding, and the company agrees that it will not place any mortgage, lien or other charge on any of its properties or revenues or on any of the rights accruing to the company under the convention dated June 28 1921 and the Law of Oct. 29 1921 confirming the said convention, without causing the above issue to share ratably in the security created by such mortgage, lien or charge.

The company covenants that it will not while any of the bonds of this loan are outstanding, be instrumental in, or give its consent to, any change in the convention with the Government of the French Republic approved by the law dated Oct. 29 1921, which would curtail any security, guaranty, benefit or advantage accruing to the Est R.R. in respect of the bonds of this loan, or through it to the holders of the bonds of this loan under said convention or said law of Oct. 29 1921.

The company has obtained assurance from the Government of the French Republic that, while any of the bonds of this issue are outstanding, no obstacle will be placed in the way of the railroad company to fulfill its obligations in respect thereof.

Fort Wayne Union Ry.—Bonds Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 23 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$136,000 Gen. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, series "A"; said bonds to be sold at par and the proceeds used for construction purposes.—V. 116, p. 2883.

Glasgow Ry. (Kentucky).—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$331,600 on the company's property as of June 30 1917.—V. 120, p. 206.

Guayaquil & Quito Ry.—Resumes Int. on 5% Bonds.

Arrangements have now been made with the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, to receive for collection the certifs. attached to the 5% bonds of the company in place of Coupon No. 28, maturing Jan. 1 1913. There will be a deduction of £1 9d. (approximately \$5) from each certificate, to cover expenses of the Council of Foreign Bondholders, London, with whom the coupons are on deposit. There are outstanding \$10,732,000 of the 5% bonds.—V. 119, p. 693.

Huntingdon & Broad Top Mountain RR. & Coal Co.—Extension.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 authorized the company (1) to extend to April 1 1940 the maturity dates of \$2,280,500 of bonds and (2) to issue sheets of interest coupons for the extension period, to be attached to the bonds. See details in V. 120, p. 449.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—Valuation Hearing.

In the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Samuel W. Moore, appearing as attorney for the company, attacked the valuation of \$49,000,000 fixed by the I.-S. C. Commission on the property of the company. Mr. Moore contended that under the Physical Valuation Act and Transportation Act the Commission was required to ascertain the value of railroad property which, he insisted, means the economic exchange, pecuniary, commercial or purchase and sale value. Instead of that, he said, the Commission arrived at the above figure and announced it as a valuation basis for making railroad rates. This procedure, the Court was told, was arbitrary and the figure of the Commission bears no relation to the real value of the Kansas City Southern.

Mr. Moore estimated the real value of the road at \$75,000,000 to \$85,000,000. Objection was raised to the refusal of the Commission to state what rules or principles it acted on in arriving at the so-called valuation for rate-making purposes. The Kansas City Terminal, worth \$50,000,000, in which the Kansas City Southern has one-twelfth interest, he said, was excluded from consideration. The stocks and bonds of Kansas City Southern, he said, had an average market value of more than \$62,000,000 five years before the date of the alleged valuation of the road, but the Commission instead reported the cost of the railroad or its scrap or junk value.

P. J. Farrell, counsel for the I.-S. C. Commission, said that the valuation of \$49,000,000 on the Kansas City Southern was fair and proper. The value for rate-making purposes, he said, is the first fact to be fixed by the Commission and the value for the sale cannot be determined until after that, depending largely on what the railroad can ask from reasonable rates.

Referring to the Kansas City Terminal, counsel for the Commission said that the Terminal company will be valued later on and that the Kansas City Southern and other railroads having interests in the Terminal company allowed a fair return.—V. 120, p. 580, 449.

Long Island RR.—Rent Rise Barred.

The New York Transit Commission announced Jan. 24 that it had adopted an order disapproving a proposed agreement between the Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal RR. and the Long Island RR. providing for an increased rent to be paid by the Long Island for trackage rights and use of the Pennsylvania Station. The proposed agreement provided for an increase in the basic rental paid by the Long Island RR. from \$300,000 to more than \$1,300,000 a year. Adding to the basic rental the other elements, such as a share of operating charges, power expenses and taxes, the total paid as rent by the Long Island RR. in 1923 was \$1,812,000. Under the proposed agreement the same total would be about \$2,839,000.

The Commission's decision was taken on the theory that the Pennsylvania RR., which owns the Tunnel & Terminal Co., acts as its agent and pays no rent, should pay at least half the expense of maintaining and carrying the station and terminal.—V. 118, p. 3197.

Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry.—Redemptions.

The company has called for redemption on April 1 all of its 1st Mtge. 20-year 5% Gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1931 at 105 and int. at the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.—V. 119, p. 2875.

New York Central RR.—Offers City \$24,000,000 Highway Along West Side—All Surface Tracks to Go—Would Build Elevator Freight Line.

According to a report submitted to the Board of Estimate by Borough President Julius Miller of Manhattan, the New York Central RR. is ready to build without cost to New York City a \$24,000,000 combined automobile express highway and elevated freight railroad along the west side of Manhattan from 72d St. to Canal St. In consideration of the improvement the New York Central would accept a readjustment of its rights and easements along its lines and in its yards. The communication in part follows:

"Submitted herewith is a proposed plan for the construction of an elevated express highway adjacent to the Hudson River from Canal St. to Riverside Drive at 72nd St. and for the relocation of the New York Central tracks on the west side, south of 60th St. upon an elevation beneath the express highway.

"The traffic on the west side of Manhattan is steadily increasing. Seventh Avenue has been extended to Varick St. as a measure of traffic relief. Sixth Ave. is to be extended from Varine to Canal St. as a measure of traffic relief. Tenth Ave. has been improved by repaving, as a measure of traffic relief. Eleventh Ave. is about to be repaved as a measure of traffic relief.

West St. from the Battery to Canal St. will have been entirely repaved by the end of 1925, as a measure of traffic relief.

"The New York Central RR. surface operation still encumbers the roadways of Eleventh Ave., Tenth Ave., West St., Canal St. and Hudson St. and impedes traffic thereon.

"With the opening of the New York and New Jersey tunnels in Oct. 1926 traffic to and from all of the East River bridges, New England, the Bronx, Manhattan, and New Jersey will seek the same, and in consequence, all cross-town streets north of and including Canal St., as well as Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Aves., will be feeders to these tunnels. Industries will be set up on the west side in consequence of the opening of these tunnels.

"By reason of the peculiar shape of Manhattan Island south of 34th St., where it gradually narrows down, there are no opportunities for opening new avenues. The only practical expedient is to construct an elevated express highway from Canal to 72nd St., so as to pass over all of the traffic crossing the north and south arteries to the water-front.

"Coincident with the construction of this express highway comes the opportunity to remove from the surface of the streets the entire operation of the New York Central RR., thereby opening to full traffic use all of the streets now encumbered with the railroad tracks; that is, Eleventh Avenue, Tenth Avenue, West St., Canal St. and Hudson St. Accordingly, I have conferred with the representatives of the New York Central RR. and they have indicated to me that such a plan is feasible and is agreeable to them, and that by the exchange of lands, rights and easements, the city can secure an elevated express highway from Canal to 72nd St. without any expenditure of money on its part.

"Under the plan the New York Central RR. is to surrender to the city its present right of way on the surface of the streets south of 60th St.; it is to transfer its operation to an elevated railway structure on the east side of Twelfth Ave., Eleventh Ave. and West St. between the 6th St. yard and a new yard to be established at Spring St. Over this structure the railroad is to construct a highway and turn it over to the city. The roadway of this highway is to be a clear 32 ft. wide from Canal to West St., and a clear 56 ft. wide from West 30th to West 72nd St., where it will connect with Riverside Drive.

"It is estimated that the elevated express highway will cost about \$11,000,000 and the elevated freight railroad about \$13,000,000.

Terms of the Agreement.

"In exchange for constructing this express highway free of cost to the city the railroad company is to receive grants of lands in connection with its new terminal yard at Spring St.; grants of lands and easements in connection with increased facilities in its 30th St., 60th St. and Manhattanville yards; overhead easements for its elevated freight railway and subsurface easements for its duct lines to convey electricity to its road and yards.

"The city is to receive an elevated express highway from Canal to 72nd St. and overhead easements for its express highway over the 60th St. yard of the New York Central RR.

"I would recommend that the Board of Estimate fix a date for a public hearing on this plan; that a committee be appointed to ascertain and report back to the board the value of the lands, rights and easements involved, and that while the Board of Estimate is considering the matter the Corporation Council be directed to prepare and submit to the Legislature an act enabling the city to negotiate with the railroad company.—V. 120, p. 450, 206.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Lease Terms—Provisions Relating to Deposited and Non-Exchanging Shares of Lessor Companies—Unassenting Holders Provided for by Rental—Rates Not Guaranteed.

With the publication of the approved forms of the Chesapeake & Ohio and Hocking Valley leases, the committee carrying out the Van Sweringen unification proposal made public Feb. 2 a statement and analysis of the provisions relating to deposited and non-exchanging shares of these and other lessor companies embraced in the plan.

Under the terms as ratified and approved for submission to shareholders Jan. 29, when the unification plan was declared operative, three optional courses are open to shareholders of the Chesapeake & Ohio, Hocking Valley, Erie and Pere Marquette, this analysis shows, as follows:

There is the choice, first, it is pointed out, of assenting to the plan and exchanging stocks on the basis set forth in the proposal of O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen.

Secondly, a shareholder may withhold his stock. The status will then be that of stockholder in a lessor company, the corporate existence of which will be maintained. Into the corporate treasury of the lessor company the new company will pay rental at rates set forth in the terms under which the lessor companies are to be leased. The non-exchanging stockholder will participate in this rental to the extent of such dividend rates as the lessor company may declare on the basis of the rental fund.

A third avenue is open to the shareholder through the offer of an average market price for his non-exchanged shares, with the prerogative, if he so elects, of determining the price through appraisers designated by the Inter-State Commerce Commission or appointed by the U. S. District Courts, or as otherwise set forth in the lease.

The committee calls attention to the fact that the shareholders of the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—the old company—make no exchange of stock. This old company continues without corporate change. It will own Preferred and Common in the new company which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as the *New York Chicago & St. Louis Railway Co.*

Higher Rates for Exchanged Shares.

Advantages in the form of relatively larger dividends rest with shares of the lessor companies deposited for exchange as against non-exchanging shares of these companies. The latter, however, participate in rental, potentially equivalent, in the majority of instances, notably in the case of Common stock, to a better yield than the present dividend rates of individual lessor companies.

In the case of the Chesapeake & Ohio, now paying 4% on Common, the exchanging Common shares, for illustration, will receive 6.6% and non-exchanging shares, 6%. Rental, with respect to the lessor companies, is on a sliding scale. Six per cent dividend payment on new company Preferred and Common is the basis. Rental increases or decreases proportionately, if rates greater or less than 6% are paid on the new company's stock.

The following table contrasts rates on exchanged shares with rates on non-exchanging stock of the Chesapeake & Ohio, Hocking Valley and Pere Marquette, giving also the existing dividend rates of these companies.

	Exchanging Shares Received.	Non-Exch. Shares Received.	Present Rate of Dividend.
Chesapeake & Ohio—Preferred	6.9%	6.5%	6.5%
Common	6.6%	6.0%	4.0%
Hocking Valley Common	6.0%	5.5%	4.0%
Pere Marquette—Prior Preference	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Preferred	5.4%	5.0%	5.0%
Common	5.1%	4.5%	4.0%

The basis of rental payment to the Erie under the lease is \$3 a share on non-exchanged 1st and 2d Preferred and \$2 40 a share on non-exchanged Common. The Erie's distribution of this rental would be in the order of priority of stock, the 1st Preferred having a preference of 4% before distribution to the 2d Preferred, and the latter having a 4% preference before distribution to the Common.

Because of the preference and priority which Erie 1st Preferred has over 2d Preferred and Common under the provisions of the Erie charter, the incentive for the latter two classes of stock to exchange is declared apparent.

If all of the 2d Preferred and Common exchange the potential maximum rate of dividend on withheld 1st Preferred shares, available from rental, would be the same as the dividend rate that this First receives in exchange for new company Preferred, namely 3% per year. Moreover for the first year of the lease, regardless of the amount of outstanding 2d Preferred and Common, the rental payment is limited to a rate of 3% on the non-exchanged 1st Preferred only.

The incentive to exchange in the instance of the 1st Preferred shareholders is declared to be the better market which the Preferred stock of the new company will have as against the Preferred of the non-operating Erie Railroad Co., the larger security and preference as to assets on the cumu-

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lative preference for the new Preferred stock which does not exist for the Erie 1st Preferred under the Erie's charter.—V. 120, p. 580, 450.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—J. P. Morgan & Co. have placed privately, at prices to yield 5.35% for all maturities, \$3,645,000 5% Equip. Trust Gold certificates. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated Jan. 1 1925. Serial maturities semi-annually; \$121,000 on each Jan. 1 and \$122,000 on each July 1 from July 1 1925 to Jan. 1 1940, both incl. Certificates and dividend warrants (J. & J.) payable upon surrender to the trustee at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000. First National Bank of Boston, trustee.

Issuance.—Authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission. The certificates are to be issued to provide for part of the cost of the following standard railway equipment: 12 electric passenger locomotives, 10 mountain type steam freight locomotives, 15 steam switching locomotives, 5 electric freight locomotives, 4 electric switching locomotives, 13 multiple unit passenger train motor cars, 20 gasoline motor rail cars, 3 wrecking derricks, 1 double end gasoline electric rail car.

The foregoing equipment is to cost approximately \$4,920,000, of which nearly 26%, or \$1,275,000, is to be paid by the company in cash at the time of acquisition.—V. 120, p. 581, 450.

Northern Pacific Ry.—New Vice-President.—A. M. Burt has been appointed Vice-President in charge of operation and maintenance, to succeed the late John M. Rapelje.—V. 120, p. 581.

Portland Terminal Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—Kidder, Peabody & Co. are offering at 96 3/4 and int., to yield 5.20%, \$1,800,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds of 1911; due July 1 1961.

Interest payable J. & J. at Portland, Boston or New York. Denom. \$1,000 and r* \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$50,000. The company covenants to pay the 2% normal Federal income tax. Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Maine, trustee.

Guaranty.—Principal and interest is guaranteed by the Maine Central RR. by endorsement on each bond.

Data from Letter of Morris MacDonald, President of the Company.—Company—Owns the freight and passenger terminals in the cities of Portland, South Portland and Westbrook, Me., formerly owned by the Boston & Maine RR. and the Maine Central RR.

The property operated by the company and used by the Boston & Maine and Maine Central RR., includes 36.43 miles of first and second main line tracks and 89.91 miles of sidings, including a belt railroad, the union passenger station and other passenger and freight stations, wharves, coal discharging plants, roundhouses, railroad repair shops, warehouses and yard facilities, extensive railroad and shore privileges at deep water sufficient for all present purposes and for future growth, and in addition, considerable real estate, exclusive right of way, all of which is well situated for present needs and further rail and water developments.

The conservatively estimated depreciated replacement value of the property is in excess of the total debt of the company.

The Boston & Maine RR. and Maine Central RR. companies must pay for the use of the terminal facilities of the property (each in proportion to its use) all operating maintenance and general expenses of the company, also all taxes, interest on bonds and other obligations and dividends on the capital stock of the Terminal company at not exceeding 5% per annum.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire an equal par value of One-Year 5 1/2% notes issued April 1 1924.—V. 120, p. 450.

Reading Co.—Bonds Exchanged.—

It is stated that less than \$1,500,000 of the \$94,226,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds outstanding one year ago before the offer of exchange was made under the segregation plan now are outstanding. Though the time for exchange of the Reading Co. bonds into two-thirds new bonds of Reading Co. and one-third new bonds of Reading Coal Co. had expired, the U. S. District Court authorized the company to continue to make exchanges where absence or ignorance of proceedings prevented the holders from making the exchange within the time limit.

With the deposit of January coupons for collection the management is following up bondholders and the response is general. The old Gen. Mtge. bonds bore 4%, while new Reading Co. bonds bear a 4 1/2% coupon and new coal bonds a 5% coupon. (Phila. "News Bureau.")—V. 120, p. 327.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—Hayden Stone & Co. and Freeman & Co., New York, have sold at prices to yield from 4% to 4.90% according to maturity \$1,530,000 5% Equip. Trust Gold Certificates Series "J" issued under the Philadelphia Plan.

Dated Mar. 1 1925; maturing \$51,000 each 6 months from Sept. 1 1925 to Mar. 1 1940 incl. Divs. payable M. & S. in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000. Coal & Iron National Bank, New York, trustee. Guaranteed unconditionally as to principal and dividends by endorsement by the company.

These certificates will be specifically secured by 1,000 new 40-ton steel underframe standard box cars costing \$2,044,000. The certificates will therefore be outstanding at slightly under 75% of the cost of the new equipment.

Company (known as the Cotton Belt Route) operates about 1,775 miles of road extending in a southwesterly direction from St. Louis to Memphis, Tenn., Shreveport, La., Dallas, and other important points in Texas.

Net earnings for the five years ended Dec. 31 1924 have consistently averaged over twice interest on the funded debt. Company is in a strong financial position, having current assets of about \$9,800,000 including over \$5,200,000 in cash and U. S. Govt. bonds, compared with current liabilities of only about \$3,300,000.—V. 119, p. 812, 326.

Southern Ry.—Many New Industries Established.—

Continued industrial development in the territory served by the Southern Railway System is shown by the Annual Report of the Southern's Development Service covering the year 1924. The report lists a total of 132 new industries placed in operation during the year, 28 new industries under construction on Dec. 31, 84 enlargements of existing industries placed in operation during the year, and 8 enlargements under construction at the end of the year, a total of 253 new industries and enlargements.

As in former years, the greatest activity was in the building and enlarging of textile plants. New installations of textile machinery in new mills and in enlargements at plants served by the Southern included 172,473 spindles, 4,307 looms, and 1,380 knitting machines.—V. 120, p. 577.

Wabash Railway.—Bonds Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have sold at 96 and interest, to yield about 5 3/4%, \$12,500,000 Ref. & Gen. Mtge. 5 1/2% Gold Bonds, Series "A."

Dated Jan. 1 1925; due March 1 1975. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c* & r*. Interest payable M. & S. 1. Not redeemable before March 1 1935. The entire series, but not part thereof, will be redeemable on March 1 1935, or on any interest date thereafter at 105 and interest upon not less than sixty days' previous notice. Both principal and interest will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America, without deduction for any tax or taxes (except any Federal income tax) which the company or the trustee shall be required to pay or retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States of America, or any State, county or municipality therein.

Issuance.—Subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Chairman Wm. H. Williams, Feb. 4 1925.

Security, &c.—Bonds will be issued under the Ref. & Gen. Mtge., and will be secured by a direct mortgage upon all of the lines of railroad and other property owned at the date of the mortgage, including valuable terminal properties in the cities of Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City, and on equipment (or the equity of the company therein) having a present net value, after depreciation, over outstanding equipment trust certificates, of not less than \$25,529,681.

The lines of railroad covered by the mortgage comprise about 2,034 miles of first main track, 322 miles of second main track and 909 miles of other track, on various parts of which the Ref. & Gen. Mtge. is subject to prior obligations issued and outstanding on Jan. 1 1925, in the aggregate principal amount of \$61,999,435, for the retirement of which at or before maturity

Ref. & Gen. Mtge. bonds are reserved. None of the prior obligations may be renewed or extended and no further issues made under the indentures securing them, except that \$5,936,311 principal amount of additional bonds may be issued under Wabash RR. First Lien Terminal Gold 4% Trust Indenture dated Jan. 1 1904, for the acquisition of additional terminal properties. Ref. & Gen. Mtge. bonds are reserved for the retirement of any such additional terminal bonds which may be so issued. The entire bonded debt of the company, issued and outstanding as of Jan. 1 1925 (exclusive of \$1,037,924 Debenture "B" Mtge. bonds to be pledged under the Ref. & Gen. Mtge. upon the execution thereof), together with the present issue, amounts to \$74,499,435, equal to only \$3,627 per mile of road.

The lines of railroad covered by the Ref. & Gen. Mtge. traverse the States of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Michigan and in conjunction with leased lines and trackage rights form a direct connection between the important cities of Buffalo, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill., and Toledo, Ohio; St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Neb.

From Nov. 1 1915 to Dec. 31 1924 the company has invested out of income a total of \$21,008,667, of which \$10,057,842 was spent in the acquisition and construction of additional terminal properties, general improvement of the roadbed, tracks, bridges, shops, roundhouses, stations, buildings, &c., \$1,891,806 was invested in securities of terminal and other affiliated railroad companies and \$9,059,018 was used in the retirement of outstanding interest-bearing obligations.

Purpose.—Of the bonds now purchased, \$2,500,000 are to be issued for the purpose of reimbursing in part capital expenditures heretofore made by the company out of income, and \$10,000,000 are to be issued for the purpose of providing to that extent for estimated capital expenditures during the current year for additions, betterments, equipment and other capital purposes.

Company has authorized the construction of new freight yards at Kansas City, Mo., Montpelier, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich., additional new car and locomotive shop buildings at Decatur, Ill., and about 14 miles of new second track between Montpelier, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich., and has ordered 1,000 automobile freight cars.

Capital Stock.—Company has outstanding \$68,034,300 Preferred "A," \$5,059,642 Convertible Preferred "B," and \$65,399,025 Common, capital stock, having a present market value of approximately \$60,000,000.

Earnings.—For the calendar year 1924 gross income applicable to the payment of fixed charges and rentals, before Federal income taxes, amounted to \$10,858,111, while such annual charges, including interest on this issue of bonds, amount to only \$5,000,723.

Authorized Amount.—The total authorized amount of Ref. & Gen. Mtge. Gold bonds which may at any time be outstanding, is limited to an amount which, together with all prior obligations of the railway company as defined in the mortgage, shall not exceed 1 1/2 times the aggregate par value of the then outstanding capital stock. In addition to the bonds reserved for the retirement of prior obligations, as above stated, \$9,000,000 of bonds, in addition to the \$2,500,000 of bonds above mentioned and included in the present issue, may be issued from time to time for the purpose of reimbursing capital expenditures made out of income prior to Jan. 1 1925. The remainder of the bonds are issuable for the acquisition of new properties or securities representative thereof, or for extensions, betterments and improvements chargeable to capital account, or for the acquisition of equipment to the extent of 90% of the cost thereof.

A sinking fund of 5% per annum for twenty years is provided in respect of bonds issued for equipment expenditures.—V. 120, p. 84.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—Balance Sheet.—

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Dec. 31 '24.	Mar. 31 '24	Dec. 31 '24.	Mar. 31 '24		
Fixed capital.....	46,833,313	41,816,335	Common stock.....	9,269,200	9,247,200
Cash.....	1,226,803	1,193,369	7% Cum. Pf. stock	8,083,200	5,727,900
Notes & acc'ts rec.	2,134,525	1,628,382	8% Cum. Pf. stock	2,554,700	2,554,700
Mat'l & suppl'es.	910,184	1,204,070	Stock issuable in		
Prepayments.....	32,191	25,502	exchange.....	76,000	100,600
Investments.....	644,868	257,697	Funded debt.....	29,240,100	21,463,100
Co. sec's in treas.	—	96,000	Notes & acc'ts pay.	869,404	6,179,540
Special deposits.....	20,552	12,234	Unmat'd liabilities	529,028	331,891
Suspense.....	133,496	111,260	Consumers' depos.	275,722	251,883
Unmort. debt dis-			Special depos. cred.	40,811	17,848
count & exp.....	1,379,750	1,094,144	Prep'd serv. acc'ts	178,367	—
Intangible cap. to			Contract liabils....	10,500	32,000
be amortized....	850,765	1,899,640	Suspense credit....	58,423	44,308
			Reserves.....	829,681	1,217,669
			Surplus.....	1,151,312	2,169,993
Total.....	54,166,447	49,338,632	Total.....	54,166,447	49,338,632

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver definitive 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2% Gold bonds, due 1950, in exchange for the outstanding temporary bonds (see offering in V. 119, p. 2644).—V. 120, p. 581, 327.

American Water-Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Retirement of Participating Preferred Stock Contemplated.—

President H. Hobart Porter is quoted as follows: "We contemplate the retirement of the \$10,000,000 6% Participating Preferred stock. It will probably be necessary to issue new securities. Our December earnings were very much better than any other month last fall, due to a wave of prosperity which struck the country after election. The utility outlook for 1925 is very good. We expect a heavy increase in earnings over 1924 because we shall receive revenue from properties we acquired last year, and from which we did not receive any return in 1924 but on the contrary had to pay interest on the investment."—V. 120, p. 451.

Appalachian Securities Corp.—Acquisition.—

See Virginian Power Co. below.—V. 120, p. 451.

Athens (Ga.) Ry. & Elec. Co.—Fare Increase Granted.—

The Georgia P. S. Commission has granted the company permission to issue weekly passes for \$1 and to increase cash fares from 7 cents to 10 cents and sell books of tickets at the rate of 2 tickets for 15 cents. Fares in Athens (Ga.) have been 7 cents since September 1921.—V. 119, p. 2644.

Atlanta Northern Ry.—Resumes Operations.—

Service was resumed by the company on Jan. 24, following a suspension of 10 days. The portion of the track which was torn up when the road ceased operating was repaired and cars began operating on the old schedules. Decision to resume the service came after the City of Marietta, Ga., had passed an ordinance banning jitneys and buses from competing with the railway and after a plea by Judge Morris of Marietta to throw the road into receivership had been denied by the Fulton Superior Court. The company owns about 15 miles of track (Atlanta to Marietta, Ga.).—V. 120, p. 451.

Binghamton (N. Y.) Ry.—Fare Increase Authorized.—

The New York P. S. Commission has authorized the company to increase its fare from 6 to 7 cents, the increase to continue until Jan. 15 1926.—V. 118, p. 1770.

Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co.—Increase.—

The Senate of the State of Rhode Island on Jan. 30 passed a bill authorizing the company to increase its authorized capital from \$16,000,000 to \$32,000,000.—V. 118, p. 2953.

Boston Elevated Railway Co.—Trustees' Report.—

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Revenue pass. carried.....	382,888,848	382,149,697	356,593,942	337,352,080
Total receipts.....	\$34,175,320	\$34,096,813	\$32,699,176	\$33,277,025
Wages.....	17,358,670	16,224,276	14,772,340	15,563,255
Other operating expenses	7,863,454	7,905,977	7,316,118	7,279,802
Taxes.....	1,623,996	1,688,147	1,587,187	1,546,758
Interest.....	2,602,891	2,316,026	1,891,315	1,494,258
Dividends and rentals.....	5,301,161	5,212,514	5,655,011	6,166,799
Miscellaneous items.....	61,835	70,248	65,016	64,707
Total cost of service.....	\$34,812,016	\$33,417,181	\$31,286,987	\$32,105,580
Gain for year.....	loss\$636,696	\$679,631	\$1,412,189	\$1,171,445

—V. 120, p. 451.

Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR.—Reorganization Plan.—

See New York Rys. below.—V. 119, p. 692.

Brooklyn City RR.—Quarterly Dividend—Directors.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share, payable March 2 to holders of record Feb. 14. On Dec. 1 last the company paid an extra dividend of 5 cents per share, in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 20 cents. (Compare V. 119, p. 2177.)

Thomas I. Parkinson, Vice-President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and Clinton E. Morgan, Vice-President and General Manager of the road, have been elected directors.—V. 120, p. 581, 328.

Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Gross operating revenue, Gen. exp. & uncoll. bills, Maintenance, Retirement expense, Taxes, Net oper. income, Net non-oper. income, Gross income, Deduct—Int. on fund. dt., Int. on unfund. debt., Bond disc. writ. off., Dividends (8%), Employees' profit shar., Contingencies, Surplus for year, Net surplus deductions, Previous surplus, Adjust. for prev. years, Surplus at end of year.

Brooklyn Union Gas Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Operating revenue, Oper. exp., taxes, &c., Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Int. on funded debt. &c., Res. for renew. & replac., Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, Net rev. in suspense.

x Approximate, inserted by Editor. a Based on rate of \$1 per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas. b Does not include \$5,730,458 (approximate) excess collections above 80-cent rate collected during 1921 by parent co.—V. 120, p. 85.

Buffalo General Electric Co.—Stock Increased, &c.—

The stockholders on Feb. 2 changed 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. Five new shares of Common stock of no par value will be issued in exchange for each share of capital stock (par \$100) now held.

Income Account for Calendar Years. Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Total revenues, Operating &c., expenses, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest, Skg. fund & amort. chgs., Dividends (8%), Balance, surplus.

Calumet Gas & Electric Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.—

It is announced that the sale of the 7% Preferred stock of the company through the customer-ownership plan has closed. 15,000 shares of this stock with a par value of \$1,500,000 have been sold to customers, employees and other investors in less than three months, according to Charles W. Chase, Vice-President of the company.

Sale of these securities began Nov. 1 1924 shortly after the company bought the properties of 14 other public utilities in northern Indiana and consolidated them into one company. Purchasers of the Preferred stock have already received one dividend, the first quarterly dividend having been paid on Dec. 17 1924, and the next quarterly dividend is payable March 17 1925.—V. 119, p. 2759.

Cambridge (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Rates Cut.—

The company has reduced the price of gas from \$1 20 per 1,000 cu. ft. to \$1 15, effective on bills rendered April 1.—V. 119, p. 2876.

Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—New Control.—

See International Utilities Corporation below.—V. 119, p. 3008.

Cedar Valley (Ia.) Electric Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 6% bonds, due April 1 1935, have been called for redemption on April 1 1925, at 105 and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives, etc., Philadelphia, Pa. This company is now a part of the Central Iowa Power & Light Co.—See V. 119, p. 2285.

Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Ry.—Proposed Plan of Reorganization Would Transfer Property to Illinois Interests.—

A proposed plan for the reorganization of the company, improvement of its property and the turning of its management over to Samuel Insull and associates, is being submitted to the bondholders of the property by a "first lien holders" committee in Cleveland.

The company operates an electric railroad running between Chicago and South Bend, Ind., by way of Hammond, East Chicago, Gary and Michigan City. The Chicago terminus of the line is at Kensington but trains are run downtown over the Illinois Central suburban service tracks through an arrangement with the Illinois Central RR. No change in the present plan of operation is contemplated.

The railroad has been operated at a loss for several years, and according to the bondholders' committee, new financing is necessary in order to improve the property and put it in a position to give better service.

Being interested in the growth and development of the territory because of the operation of other properties in the territory served, Mr. Insull has agreed to take over the management of the railroad provided the plan of the bondholders' committee is carried to a successful conclusion.

The entire plan, however, is in a tentative state, as to be effective it must first be accepted by the bondholders, foreclosure proceedings prosecuted through the courts, and finally, the whole plan approved by the Indiana P. U. Commission. If the bondholders' committee is successful in carrying out the various details of the plan, the management of the property will then be assumed by Mr. Insull and associates, and plans for re-electricification and improvement worked out by the new management. No detailed plans for rehabilitation of the property have been worked out as yet, however.

The bondholders' committee is composed of Harris Creech (Pres. Cleveland Trust Co.), John Sherwin (Chairman Union Trust Co.), Warren S. Hayden (Hayden, Miller & Co.), J. R. Nutt (Pres. Union Trust Co.), and H. P. McIntosh (Chairman Guardian Trust Co.), all of Cleveland. It is understood that the Cleveland Trust Co., as trustee for the bondholders, will shortly file a foreclosure suit in the U. S. District Court at Indianapolis.

The company has defaulted for many years in the payment of the interest on its outstanding bonds. The company has bonds outstanding aggregating \$4,776,000, nearly all controlled by Cleveland men.

After a hearing in the foreclosure proceedings, the plan contemplates that the property will be sold under a foreclosure order to the new company, which will be organized in Indiana, and that application will be made to the Indiana P. U. Commission for authority to issue the following securities: (a) First or first and refunding mortgage bonds; (b) Cumulative pref. stock; (c) second mortgage 6% bonds aggregating \$250,000; (d) adjustment mortgage bonds aggregating \$1,750,000, maturing in 50 years; (e) 100,000 shares of Common stock of no par value.

The First or First & Ref. Mtge. bonds will be sold to provide new funds for re-electricification and other improvements necessary to enable the railroad to give improved service.

The Cumulative Preferred stock will be issued to raise funds for the same purposes and also to provide money for general corporate purposes. If the plan is carried out, the Second Mtge. and Adjust. Mtge. bonds will be turned over to the "first lien holders" committee for the benefit of the present bondholders.

After the plan is carried to a successful conclusion the new company, under the management of Mr. Insull, will work out an improvement program which will include changing the present alternating current electrification of the railroad to direct current for the purpose of making possible improved service.—V. 114, p. 2716.

Cincinnati (O.) Street Ry.—New President, &c.—

Charles W. Dupuis, President of the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, has been elected President, succeeding Bayard L. Kilgour. Judge William H. Lueders has been elected a director, succeeding C. H. Remboldt.—V. 119, p. 2528.

City Water Co., Chattanooga, Ten.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called all of its 1st Ref. 6% Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1931, for redemption on Mar. 9 1925 at par and int. at the Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., New York, trustee. See also V. 119, p. 2759.

Colorado Springs & Interurban Ry.—Abandonment.—

The Colorado P. U. Commission has authorized the company to abandon its line known as the Roswell loop.—V. 118, p. 3195.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Combined Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance, Fixed charges (see note), Dividend, Preferred stock, Provision for replacements & depreciation, Balance, Note.—Includes interest, amortization of debt discount and dividends on outstanding Preferred stock of subsidiary companies.—V. 120, p. 328.

Commonwealth Utilities Co.—Bonds Paid.—

All of the outstanding 6% Consol. Gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1933, were called for redemption on Feb. 2 1925 at 105 and int. at the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago.—V. 110, p. 2294.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—Debtenture Bonds Offered.—

National City Co., New York, are offering at par and int. \$50,000,000 20-Year 5½% Gold Debenture bonds.

Dated Feb. 2 1925, due Feb. 1 1945. Int. payable F. & A. at National City Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. c* \$500 and \$1,000 and r \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Red. all or part at any time upon 30 days' prior notice at 106 to and incl. Feb. 1 1930; at 105 thereafter to and incl. Feb. 1 1935; at 103½ thereafter to and incl. Feb. 1940, and thereafter prior to maturity at 101½, plus int. to date of redemption.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Issuance.—Authorized by the New York P. U. Commission.

Data from Letter of George B. Cortelyou, President of the Co.

Company.—Organized in 1884, and, either directly or through its constituent companies, does practically the entire gas and electric light and power business in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, in a large part of the Borough of Queens, N. Y. City, and in Westchester County, serving a population estimated at over 4,000,000.

Company owns or controls over 99% of the aggregate of the stocks of its constituent companies (including the entire stock of the New York Edison Co.) and also owns a large amount of their bonds and notes. Upon the issue of \$30,000,000 First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series B, of New York Edison Co. (see below) the constituent companies of the Consolidated Gas Co. will have outstanding in the hands of the public \$150,999,190 bonds and real estate mortgages.

Capitalization upon the issuance of these Debenture Bonds.

Common stock paying \$5 a share, 3,600,000 shs., no par value. \$217,999,236 Pref. stk. paying \$3 50 a sh. p. a. 300,000 shs., par val. \$50. 15,000,000 20-year 5½% Gold Debenture Bonds (this issue) 50,000,000

In addition to the assigned value of \$60 55 a share for the Common stock, surplus and reserves aggregate an amount equivalent to over \$52 a share.

Present Financing.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue will be used to reimburse the company, in part, for expenditures for additions and extensions to the gas and electric properties of the Consolidated Gas System.

These Debenture Bonds will be direct obligations of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York and will constitute its sole funded debt.

Earnings Calendar Years (Company and its constituent companies, intercompany items eliminated.)

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1923, 1924. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. renewal and replacement reserves and taxes, Int. on funded and unfunded debt., Balance. The above earnings do not include \$2,257,336 for the year 1923 and \$5,075,826 for the year 1924, representing the excess collected under judicial orders for gas sold during these years at rates above the statutory rate of \$1 per 1,000 cu. ft. which sums are held in suspense pending final disposition of the suits brought to test the constitutionality of the statute.

Annual interest charges on the funded indebtedness of the system to be outstanding in the hands of the public, including this issue of Debenture Bonds and the new issue of New York Edison Co. bonds, will amount to \$10,446,384.

Equity.—The gas and electric properties of the system, exclusive of working capital, represent an investment of over \$555,000,000 and have an estimated reproduction value exceeding \$850,000,000. The funded indebtedness of the system, including this issue, will aggregate \$200,999,190. The large equity above the \$50,000,000 Debenture Bonds is represented by Common and Preferred stocks having a market value, based on current quotations, of over \$290,000,000.

Dividends on the Common stock of the Consolidated Gas Co. have been paid without interruption for 40 years, the present rate being \$5 a share per annum. Compare also annual report in V. 120, p. 577, 582.

Consumers Gas Co. of Toronto.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record Jan. 31 will be given the right to subscribe on or before March 21 for \$2,000,000 additional Common stock (par \$100) at \$140 per share in the ratio of one new share for each four shares now —V. 119, p. 2281.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Stock Offered.—

Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Stone & Webster, Inc.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Jackson & Co.; Old Colony Trust Co.; Chandler Hovey & Co.; Estabrook & Co.; Parkinison & Burr; Coffin & Burr, Inc., and Blodget & Co. recommend as a

seasoned, investment the capital stock of this company, at market price to yield about 6%.

New Issue of Stock.—In November 1924 stockholders received rights to subscribe to a new issue of 77,857 shares of capital stock. Payments for this stock, due on Jan. 2 and Feb. 2 1925, will provide funds for the retirement of \$12,000,000 of floating indebtedness, incurred for construction purposes.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing. Real estate mortgages \$1,315,000. Coupon notes due 1928 (V. 120, p. 329) 30,000,000. Capital stock 46,714,100. Premium on capital stock 28,896,678.

Company.—Furnishes electric light and power, without competition, in Boston and 41 surrounding cities and towns, having a total estimated population of 1,250,000, of which about 60% is in Boston proper. Within a 50-mile radius of Boston there is now a population of over 4,000,000. This territory is largely dependent on Boston and contributes to its development and prosperity.

Company has a modern steam turbine generating station situated on Summer St. (formerly L St.), South Boston, with an installed capacity of 195,000 k. w. and a direct-current station on Atlantic Ave. with a capacity of 8,000 k. w. A new super-power station at Weymouth, designed for an ultimate capacity of 400,000 k. w., will provide for future growth. The initial installation of 65,000 k. w. is nearing completion and will increase the total generating capacity to 268,000 k. w.

Dividends and Rights.—The capital stock has paid dividends continuously for 35 years and at the rate of 12% per annum since May 1910. In addition to these cash dividends the stockholder has received rights to subscribe to new issues of capital stock, which rights have had an average market value of 3.76% per annum during the last three years and 2.08% per annum during the last 15 years.

Listing.—Listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.

Earnings—Twelve Months Ending Dec. 31. 1924. 1923. 1922. Operating revenues \$19,494,784 \$17,877,963 \$15,885,820. Operating expenses 9,333,352 9,106,172 8,292,208. Uncollectible operating revenues 30,000 36,000 59,933. Taxes 2,470,000 2,225,000 2,010,000.

Eastern New York Utilities Corp.—Annual Report.— [Formerly Albany Southern (Electric) R.R.]

Cal. Years— 1924. 1923. 1922. Earns.—Elec. dept \$621,856 \$581,401 \$517,999. Railroad dept 334,041 363,773 331,995. Gas department 151,157 148,362 130,048.

Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp.—Registrar.— The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed Registrar of the Common stock of the corporation, consisting of 1,802,870 shares of no par value stock.—V. 120, p. 329, 453.

Electric Investors, Inc.—Common Stock Sold.—Dominick & Dominick, Bernhard Schiffer & Co. and Chas. D. Barney & Co. have sold at \$48 per share 90,000 shares Common stock (no par value).

Data from Letter of Pres. S. Z. Mitchell, New York, Feb. 2. History of Company.—Organized in Maine in Sept. 1924 for the purpose among other things of investing and dealing in electrical securities and has been consolidated with the Electrical Utilities Corp., which was organized and has been doing a similar business under the same management since 1909.

*These include the 90,000 shares now offered. In addition, there are outstanding option warrants entitling the holders to subscribe to 25,000 shares of the Common stock; also subscription receipts representing 543,937 Common shares 10% paid and 7,093 Common shares 30% paid. The amount paid on these part shares is the equivalent of 56,521 fully paid shares.

Purpose.—The purpose of this consolidation, and the present offering of 90,000 shares, is to provide greater working capital and thus afford a wider scope to its activities and enlarge substantially the extent of its operations. The success of the Electrical Utilities Corp. is evidenced by the increase which occurred in the market value of its Common stock from less than \$50 per share at the inception of the company, to \$300 per share in Dec. 1924, and it is the belief of the management of the Electric Investors Inc. that in the years ahead, public utilities will enjoy a growth even greater than in the past and will afford favorable opportunities for profit in trading in utility securities.

Business.—The primary business of the company and the main purpose for which it was organized is to trade and deal in stocks, bonds, mortgages, underwritings, and securities of other corporations—principally of public utilities. The revenue of the company, therefore, is derived from dividends and interest received from such securities as are owned by the company from time to time, and from profits realized from the sale thereof and from underwritings.

There are no restrictions upon the board of directors as to the nature of its purchases, nor any limitation upon the proportion of the funds of the company which may be applied to the purchase of securities of any other company—the board of directors being vested with the broadest powers to be exercised on behalf of the company and its stockholders in their best judgment and absolute discretion.

Present Holdings.—The holdings of the company at the present time include stocks or bonds of: American Gas & Electric Co.; American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.; American Power & Light Co.; American Super-Power Corp.; American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.; Appalachian Power Co.; Carolina Power & Light Co.; Columbia Gas & Electric Co.; Commonwealth Power Corp.; Daido Denryoku Kabushiki Kaisha (Japan) Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp.; General Electric Co.; Gillette Safety Razor Co.; International Tel & Tel. Co.; Lehigh Power Securities Corp.; Midwest Utilities Co.; National Power & Light Co.; New Orleans Public Service Inc.; North American Co.; Northern States Power Co.; Pacific

Gas & Electric Co.; Public Service Corp. of N. J.; Southeastern Power & Light Co.; Tennessee Electric Power Co.; Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.; Utah Securities Corp.; Washington Water Power Co.

Value as of December 30 1924. Bond value of assets \$8,192,665. Liabilities 2,458,047. Balance 5,734,617. 17,050 shares of Pref. stock at \$100 per share (outstanding Dec. 30 1924) 1,705,000. Balance representing book value of Common stock \$4,029,617. Excess of market value of securities at Dec. 30 1924 over book value on same date 6,235,129.

Total asset value of Common stock as of Dec. 30 1924 \$10,264,747. Directors.—Irving W. Bonbright (Chairman Bonbright & Co., Inc.); A. W. Burchard (V-Chairman General Electric Co.); S. W. Childs (S. W. Childs Management Corp.); G. M. Dahl (Chairman B. M. T.); Frederick A. Farrar (V-Pres. Electric Bond & Share Co.); C. E. Groesbeck (V-Pres. Electric Bond & Share Co.); E. K. Hall (V-Pres. American Tel & Tel Co.); S. A. Mitchell (Bonbright & Co., Inc.); S. Z. Mitchell (Pres. Electric Bond & Share Co.); E. P. Summerson (Sec.); A. E. Widli (V-Pres. Lord & Widli). Among the stockholders of Electric Investors Inc. in substantial amount, is the Electric Bond & Share Co.—V. 120, p. 329.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Extra Dividend—May Split Up Common Shares.—

An extra dividend of 75c. per share in 6% Cum. Pref. stock has been declared on the Common stock, in addition to a quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 14. Like amounts have been paid quarterly on the Common stock since April 1 1924. From April 1923 to Jan. 1924, incl., 75 cents in cash and 75 cents in 6% Pref. stock were paid quarterly on the Common shares. The directors have also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, payable Feb. 28 to holders of record Feb. 14. It is reported that the directors at their meeting on Feb. 4 took action preliminary to the splitting up of the Common stock on the probable basis of five new shares for one share of the old. While it was said that no definite form of division had been decided upon, it was admitted that the company's counsel had been asked to submit a plan in accordance with this suggestion.—V. 120, p. 86.

Frankford Tacony & Holmesburg Street Ry.—Re-streetship.—

Judge Horace Stern, of Common Pleas Court No. 2, Philadelphia, has appointed Hamilton Disston Jr. and Henry J. Rebmam temporary receivers. This action was taken on motion of the Tacony Trust Co., trustee of the \$400,000 bonds outstanding. A bondholders' protective committee has been formed and through its Secretary, Charles T. Brown, has requested a meeting with Mayor Kendrick of Philadelphia to urge the purchase by the city of the properties of the company. The city will be asked to acquire the road under the loan of Jan. 17 1924, which makes \$750,000 available for such a purpose.—V. 120, p. 453.

Great Western Power Co.—Budget for 1925.—

In connection with the application to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$1,500,000 1st & Ref. 5 3/4% bonds and \$2,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock, the company states as follows: The budget for routine and miscellaneous capital expenditures during 1925 totals \$3,349,235, including reimbursements. Approximately \$225,000 of this amount will be expended in the San Francisco division; \$1,234,000 in the East Bay Division, divided between \$350,000 for transmission and \$884,000 for distribution facilities and other capital requirements. New construction and reinforcement of existing facilities in the Sacramento division will require \$413,000. The construction of additions to substations, lines and other improvements in the Santa Rosa, Napa and Petaluma districts will require \$242,000. Miscellaneous capital expenditures in addition to the above total \$132,000.—V. 120, p. 582.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1924. 1923. 1922. 1921. Telep. oper. revenues \$55,798,975 \$51,635,444 \$47,667,284 \$44,469,882. Telep. oper. expenses 41,054,437 38,723,597 35,401,645 33,141,840. Net telep. oper. revs. 14,744,538 12,911,846 12,265,639 11,328,042. Net other oper. revenues 2,296 3,699. Total revenues 14,744,538 12,911,846 12,267,935 11,331,742. Uncoll. oper. revenues 325,093 204,058 171,826 136,828. Taxes assignable to oper. 4,809,222 4,362,393 3,967,434 3,620,604. Operating income 9,610,223 8,345,395 8,128,675 7,574,310. Non-oper. rev. (net) 724,266 1,005,378 500,219 274,810. Total gross income 10,334,489 9,350,773 8,628,893 7,849,120. Rent & misc., deduct'ns 322,265 248,844 203,229 180,841. Bond & other interest 2,614,126 2,789,402 2,072,035 2,042,327. Other appr. fr. net inc. 160,402 460,297. Dividends 5,401,752 4,803,408 4,000,000 3,600,000. Surplus for year 1,835,943 1,048,820 2,353,629 2,025,952.—V. 120, p. 211.

International Utilities Corporation.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has acquired control of the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—V. 120, p. 211.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Guaranty Co. of New York, Bonbright & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Otis & Co. are offering at 97 and int., to yield over 5.20%, \$2,000,000 1st Mtge. 30-Year 5% Gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated Sept. 1 1922; due Sept. 1 1952. Principal and interest payable in New York or Chicago. Int. payable M. & S without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 and \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Penna. 4-mill tax refundable. Red., all or part, at any time on 60 days' notice on or before Sept. 1 1946 at 105 and int.; thereafter on or before Sept. 1 1950 at 102 1/2 and int., and thereafter at 100 and int. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, corporate trustee.

Legal Investment.—In opinion of counsel, for savings banks in Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Data from Letter of Pres. Joseph F. Porter, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.

Company.—Does the entire central station power and light business in Kansas City, Mo., and also sells electric current used in portions of 21 surrounding counties. The rapid growth of the business is indicated by the increase in power generated and purchased from 94,864,382 kwh. in 1915 to 311,275,227 kwh. in the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1924.

The remarkable financial progress of the enterprise in recent years has been due in large part to the fact that the construction and operation of the northeast power plant has enabled the company to discontinue its purchases of power and effect large economies in its power costs.

This plant is one of the most modern and efficient steam electric generating stations of the country. Including a 30,000 kw. unit recently installed, its capacity is now 120,000 kw., constituting more than 83% of the company's aggregate capacity of 144,150 kw.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for the cost of the new generating unit and other permanent improvements, additions and betterments heretofore made.

Security.—First Mtge. bonds are secured by a direct 1st Mtge. on all fixed property of the company, except one tract of land on which a \$150,000 real estate mortgage (constituting the only other funded debt of the company) has a prior lien.

The value of the property as recognized by the Missouri P. S. Commission is approximately \$39,025,000. Adding to this the value of certain coal rights and of property under construction, the total property value is approximately \$42,350,000, or \$17,200,000 in excess of total funded debt.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Missouri P. S. Commission and the Kansas P. U. Commission.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these additional Series "A" bonds on the New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges.

Growth of Business, &c.

Calendar Years—	Kilowatt Hrs. Generated.	Kilowatt Hrs. Purchased.	Gross Earnings.	y Net Before Depreciat'n.
1920	109,096,054	66,843,564	\$6,071,013	\$2,228,011
1921	196,802,630	7,949,974	6,810,737	3,136,840
1922	252,874,398	430,692	7,887,327	3,683,267
1923	289,527,135	376,564	8,861,985	4,511,663
1924 x	310,935,040	340,187	9,390,019	4,863,032

x 12 months ended Nov. 30. y After deducting operating expenses, maintenance and property taxes.

Capitalization

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First Mortgage bonds, Series A, 5%	x	y\$25,000,000
Real Estate Mortgage		150,000
1st Pref. stock, Series A, \$7 (no par)	250,000 shs.	110,000 shs.
Participating Pref. stock (no par)	100,000 shs.	None
Common stock (no par)	350,000 shs.	250,000 shs.

x Limited by the restrictions of the mortgage. y Including this issue. —V. 119, p. 1632.

Kentucky Hydro-Electric Co.—Listing.

The Chicago Stock Exchange has admitted to trading \$500,000 Preferred stock, par \$100.—V. 118, p. 3085.

Laurentide Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Hanson Bros. and Aldred & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 5.60%, \$1,525,000 Gen. Mtge. 5½% Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated Feb. 1 1925; due Jan. 1 1946. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa or Quebec. The first coupon will mature July 1 1925 and will be for the five months' period from Feb. 1. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 e*. Red. as a whole (or in part for sinking fund purposes) on any int. date on three months' notice at 101 and int. Royal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

Data from Letter of V.—Pres. F. A. Sabbaton, Grand Mere, P. Q., Jan. 24.

Company.—Owns in fee simple and operates a hydro-electric development on the St. Maurice River at Grand Mere, Quebec, Can., having an ultimate generating capacity of 180,000 electrical horse power, of which 160,000 is now installed and in operation.

Security.—Bonds are a mortgage on all property now or hereafter owned subject to \$6,971,500 of First (closed) Mtge. bonds also due Jan. 1 1946. The remaining \$475,000 of bonds authorized under this general mortgage may be issued to the extent of not more than 80% of new capital expenditure, provided that the company's net earnings are not less than twice combined bond interest and sinking fund charges on all outstanding bond issues, including the proposed new issue of general mortgage bonds.

Guaranty.—Series "A" bonds are unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest, by endorsement by the Laurentide Co., Ltd., which latter company owns approximately 70% of the Power company's outstanding Common stock.

Sinking Fund.—Trust deed provides for a cumulative sinking fund commencing Jan. 1 1926 of 1% annually of bonds issued, plus the interest on bonds redeemed through the operation of this sinking fund.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire on Feb. 1 1925 \$1,391,000 7% General Mortgage bonds due May 1 1941. The necessary arrangements have been made for this retirement.

Market for Power.—Through contracts with the Laurentide Co., Ltd., and the Shawing Water & Power Co., which contracts extend until after the maturity of these bonds, practically all the power generated by the company is sold at prices sufficient to meet all operating charges, bond interest, sinking fund and depreciation, and provide a substantial surplus available for dividends on the company's Common stock.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock	\$10,500,000	\$10,500,000
5% 1st (Closed) Mtge. bonds, due Jan. 1 1946	7,500,000	6,971,500
5½% Gen. Mtge. bonds, due Jan. 1 1946 (this iss.)	2,000,000	1,525,000

Dividends on the Common stock at the rate of 4% per annum were paid in 1919, 1920 and 1921, this dividend having been raised to 5% annually during the years 1922 to 1924, inclusive.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the past five calendar years, after deducting all operating and maintenance expenses, municipal taxes, rentals and 1st Mtge. bond interest and sinking fund, available for interest on the present issue of Series "A" bonds, are as follows:

1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
\$432,255	\$546,476	\$695,206	\$711,892	\$785,300 (est.)

—V. 120, p. 582.

Long Island Lighting Co.—To Reduce Electric Rate.

A dispatch from Albany, N. Y., says that a reduction of 1c. per k.w.h. for electric service supplied by the Long Island Lighting Co. to patrons in the villages, towns and cities in Suffolk and Nassau Counties, N. Y., has been proposed in a new rate schedule filed with the N. Y. P. S. Commission. The new rate, if approved, will become effective March 1.—V. 120, p. 86.

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$16,056,722	\$12,717,442	\$11,915,365
Operating expenses and taxes	9,446,604	7,888,135	8,065,436
Bond interest	2,157,713	1,579,478	1,170,637

Balance for deprec., divs. and sur. \$4,452,405 \$3,249,829 \$2,679,292

Depreciation amounted to \$1,338,879 in 1924, against \$1,100,819 in 1923. The California P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$5,000,000 6% Cumul. Pref. stock at not less than 90. This stock will be sold during 1925, the proceeds to be used to pay for a new building at Los Angeles, power plants at Seal Beach, &c.—V. 119, p. 1963.4

Louisville (Ky.) Ry.—Clears Up Accumulations.

The directors on Jan. 28 declared a dividend of 5% on the Preferred stock, payable Feb. 15. This payment will clear up deferred dividends on this issue. The current dividend of 2½% becomes due April 1 next. A distribution of 5%, covering 1923 dividends, was made on Oct. 2 last.

It is expected that dividends will be resumed on the Common stock in 1926. The last distribution on this issue was 1½%, made in July 1918.—V. 119, p. 1733.

Lower Austrian Hydro-Electric Power Co. (Newag).

The company has cabled F. J. Lisman & Co. that the final Government tests of the 60,000-volt transmission line between the company's two main power plants at Wiener Neustadt and St. Polten have been completed, and that current is being delivered over this line. This connection increases the company's ability to serve territory where power consumption is growing as steam installations are discarded for electric motor equipment. The company reports also that the contract with the City of Vienna for the supply of current at wholesale prices has been put into effect, providing the company with a large reserve of current for peak-load periods.—V. 120, p. 582, 331.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co.—Acquisition.

The stockholders of the Warren (Mich.) Rural Telephone Co. have voted to accept the offer of \$21,000 for the property made by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. The real estate owned by the company in Warren is not included in the sale, which covers only equipment, exchanges, lines and station instruments. The Warren company serves about 300 subscribers.—V. 120, p. 582, 211.

Middlesex & Boston Street Ry.—Report.

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.
Passenger revenue	\$1,154,845	\$1,235,876
Miscellaneous revenue	30,586	30,102
Total revenue	\$1,185,431	\$1,265,978
Operating expenses and depreciation	1,032,982	1,137,641
Taxes	15,587	24,435
Interest on funded debt, &c.	169,135	172,277
Balance, deficit	\$32,273	\$68,375

—V. 120, p. 582.

Milford Atleboro & Woonsocket Street Ry.

The tracks and equipment of the company will be scrapped, according to Simon I. Edinburg, of the Edinburg Meter Co., of Worcester, who has purchased the equipment from the receivers. The cars were not included in the sale. The property was bought subject to the approval of the Superior Court. There is about 30 miles of trackage. Operations were suspended in Oct. 1924.—V. 119, p. 1733.

Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co.—Consol.

See West Penn Co. below.—V. 119, p. 942.

Monroe (Mich.) Gas Light & Fuel Co.—Bonds.

All of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7% Gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1931, were called for redemption Feb. 1 1925 at 100 and int. at the Security Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.—V. 83, p. 497.

Nebraska Gas & Electric Co.—Gas Rate Confiscatory.

Federal Judge Munger has rendered a decision condemning the \$1 70 gas rate enacted by the City Commissioners of Beatrice, Neb., as confiscatory and restraining the Commissioners from enforcing the rate. The company will continue to charge its old rate of \$1 90 maximum.

The City Commissioners enacted the \$1 70 rate ordinance arbitrarily in January 1924 after rejecting the company's proposition to reduce the maximum charge to \$1 78 if the city would remove the occupation tax. The company immediately obtained a temporary injunction restraining the Commissioners from enforcing the \$1 70 rate, and William I. Aitken was appointed special master to investigate the case. He held that the \$1 70 rate was confiscatory in that it would not allow the company to make the necessary 7½% return. Federal Judge Munger has accepted the master's findings, with one minor exception, and issued an order permanently restraining the Commissioners from enforcing the confiscatory rate. Judge Munger also held that the provision in the gas franchise which required the company to furnish gas of 600 B.t.u. content is not binding.—V. 119, p. 2411.

Nevada County Traction Co.—To Remove Tracks.

The company has been authorized by the California RR. Commission to abandon and remove its railroad tracks and appurtenances in the city of Grass Valley, Nevada County, Calif. Regular operation was suspended on Dec. 7 1923 by reason of snow conditions and has never been resumed due to inability of the company to obtain funds to finance operations.—V. 120, p. 87.

New England Telep. & Teleg. Co.—Annual Report.

Operating Statistics, Calendar Years.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
No. of owned stations...	1,069,359	1,003,399	928,915	861,498
Miscellaneous stations...	87,396	84,663	84,368	79,860
Total stations	1,156,755	1,088,062	1,013,283	941,358
No. of miles of wire.....	3,104,519	2,753,106	2,400,629	2,104,603
No. of central offices.....	475	474	470	478
No. of employees.....	24,590	24,476	21,038	18,746

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Operating revenue.....	\$47,565,247	\$44,208,570	\$41,437,407	\$36,702,500
Operating expenses.....	37,799,683	36,042,959	30,671,126	27,320,291
Net operating revenue	\$9,765,564	\$8,165,611	\$10,766,281	\$9,382,209
Taxes.....	2,569,982	2,502,191	2,884,898	2,487,409
Uncollectibles.....	346,216	220,334	225,376	125,988
Operating income	\$6,849,365	\$5,443,086	\$7,656,007	\$6,768,813
Non-operating revenue.....	853,031	819,265	883,339	610,290
Gross income	\$7,702,396	\$6,262,351	\$8,539,346	\$7,379,103
Interest.....	3,508,373	2,647,295	1,959,449	1,012,449
Rents accrued.....	461,721	420,853	386,730	380,259
Dividends.....	6,311,048	5,318,096	5,317,886	5,317,816
Miscell. deductions.....			4,561	146,055

Balance.....def. \$2,578,745 df\$2,123,893 sur. \$870,721 sur. \$522,524
 Previous corp. surplus..... 4,659,904 6,780,716 6,809,996 6,287,471
 Miscellaneous additions..... 488 3,080
Total surplus.....**\$2,081,647** **\$4,659,904** **\$7,680,716** **\$6,809,996**
 Employees' benefit fund..... 900,000
Total corporate surp... **\$2,081,647** **\$4,659,904** **\$6,780,716** **\$6,809,996**
 —V. 120, p. 582.

Newport News & Hampton Ry., Gas & Elec. Co.

The company has recently taken over passenger bus lines operating over routes in Newport News, Va., in competition with its railway lines.—V. 119, p. 2064.

New York Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.

National City Co. are offering at par and int. \$30,000,000 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series "B" 5% due 1944.
 Dated Oct. 1 1924; due Oct. 1 1944. Int. payable A. & O. at National City Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. e* \$500 and \$1,000 and r \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Red. on 60 days notice on any int. date at 105 to and incl. Oct. 1 1934; at 104 thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1936; at 103 thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1939; at 102 thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1941, and thereafter prior to maturity at 101.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Issuance.—Authorized by the New York P. S. Commission.

Data Furnished Bankers by N. F. Brady, President of Company.

Business.—The company, with United Electric Light & Power Co., of which it owns all the bonds and practically all the stock, serves the entire Borough of Manhattan and the greater part of the Bronx. Population over 3,000,000.

Consolidated Earnings and Expenses (Interco. Items Eliminated), Cal. Years.

Cal. Years—	Gross Earnings Including Other Income.	Net After Exp., Taxes & Replacement Reserves.	Interest on Funded and Unfunded Debt.
1918	\$31,777,168	\$8,492,401	\$2,911,174
1919	35,919,589	10,981,042	2,920,425
1920	42,124,317	10,382,051	3,307,880
1921	52,849,006	16,242,162	4,324,478
1922	55,578,141	15,858,974	4,555,621
1923	62,714,194	20,211,973	4,159,983
1924	65,404,463	19,661,598	4,847,102

For the year 1924, net earnings, after all operating expenses, taxes and \$1,711,103 reserves for renewals and replacements, were \$19,661,598, compared with \$5,144,920 annual interest charges on the aggregate funded debt with the public, including the present issue.

Security.—Bonds (\$60,000,000 outstanding, including this issue) are secured by a direct mortgage on all the physical property of the company, subject to the prior liens of underlying mortgages, and by pledge with the trustee of \$30,000,000 1st Mtge. bonds of United Electric Light & Power Co. and shares representing over 99% of its paid-in capital, which upon completion of the present financing will amount to \$30,297,950.

Equity.—The operating properties of the Edison system, exclusive of working capital and miscellaneous assets, represent an investment of about \$278,000,000, against which there will be outstanding only \$98,076,000 of bonds. The value of the properties of United Electric Light & Power Co., alone, is in excess of the principal amount of 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. bonds outstanding, including this issue.

Dividends on stock of New York Edison Co., all of which is owned by the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, have been paid without interruption for the past 18 years, the present rate being \$5 a share per annum. Company now has outstanding 2,014,826 shares of stock, which will be increased shortly to 2,500,000 shares, representing \$125,000,000 paid-in capital.

Property.—The combined properties constitute one of the most important electric generating and distributing systems in the world. The capacities of the several power stations aggregate well in excess of 1,000,000 h.p., including more than 500,000 h.p. in large turbo-generator units in the modern Hell Gate and Sherman Creek stations of United Electric Light & Power Co. The New York Edison Co.'s waterside stations Nos. 1 and 2.

on the East River, together have a generating capacity of more than 500,000 h.p. in turbo-generator units. Operated in connection therewith are three smaller stations. Company has under construction at a very favorable site covering an entire block between 14th and 15th streets on the East River in the Borough of Manhattan, a new electric generating station which will have an ultimate capacity in excess of 900,000 h.p. and will be one of the largest and most efficient plants in the country.

The various generating plants and substations of the two companies are so interconnected as to assure continuity of service of the highest standard. The electric distribution systems include over 5,000 miles of feeders and mains, of which more than three-fourths are in underground conduits. Over 600,000 customers are now being served. All the properties are modern and well constructed, and are maintained at the highest standard of efficiency. The conduits and subways for the underground high tension transmission and distribution system in Manhattan and the Bronx are owned by Consolidated Telegraph & Electrical Subway Co. This company is controlled by New York Edison Co. and the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, which together own all of its stock.

Present Financing.—Since 1903 New York Edison Co. and United Electric Light & Power Co. have expended over \$175,000,000 for permanent extensions and additions to their electric properties, of which only 18% has been funded, the net increase during this period in funded debt outstanding with the public being less than \$30,000,000. The balance of approximately \$145,000,000 was financed through the issue of capital stock, temporary obligations and the use of treasury funds. The proceeds from the sale of the present issue of \$30,000,000 bonds will be used to repay temporary obligations and reimburse the companies in part for these large capital expenditures.

Capitalization Upon Completion of the Present Financing.

Capital stock, 2,500,000 shares (no par value)-----	\$125,000,000
First Lien & Ref. Mtge., Series "A," 6½s, 1941-----	30,000,000
do "B," 5s, 1944 (this issue)-----	30,000,000
Edison Electric Illg. Co. of N. Y., 1st Consol. 5s, 1995-----	2,188,000
N. Y. Gas & El. Lt., Ht. & Pr. Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1948-----	15,000,000
N. Y. Gas & El. Lt., Ht. & Pr. Co. Purchase Money 4s, 1949-----	20,885,000

The foregoing does not include miscellaneous real estate mortgages aggregating \$524,412.—V. 119, p. 2648.

New York Railways.—Plan Approved.—The approval of the plan of reorganization dated July 18 1924 (V. 118 p. 2438) has been obtained from the protective committees representing the following bond issues:

- (a) Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1943.
- (b) Broadway Surface RR. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due July 1 1924.
- (c) South Ferry RR. 5% 1st Mtge. bonds, due April 1 1919.

A notice dated Jan. 27 to the holders of certificates of deposit for 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds of Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR., due Dec. 1 1943, says:

The committee (Harold B. Thorne, Chairman) has approved the plan dated as of July 18 1924 for the reorganization of New York Rys. Co., subject to an agreement dated Aug. 5 1924 (see below) between the committee and the reorganization committee, which agreement makes provision for the protection of the holders of Consol. Mtge. bonds in addition to the provisions of the plan of reorganization.

Sufficient assents having been already obtained the plan and agreement will become operative and effective, without further notice by the committee, if and when the reorganization committee declares the plan of reorganization of New York Rys. Co. to be operative.

Each depositor under the protective agreement dated June 23 1921 shall be deemed to have assented to the plan and agreement unless on or before Feb. 17 1925, he shall have filed with the Metropolitan Trust Co., 120 Broadway, New York, depository, written notice of his dissent therefrom.

No assessment for the compensation and expenses of the committee will be imposed upon any depositor unless on or before Feb. 17 1925, he shall have filed with the depository written notice of his dissent from such plan, and withdraws deposited bonds. The committee has fixed \$20 for each \$1,000 of withdrawn bonds as the proportion of the compensation and expenses of the committee to be borne by dissenting depositors who shall withdraw their bonds.

Further deposits of bonds will be received by the committee to and including Feb. 17.

A notice to the holders of certificates of deposit of Lawyers Title & Trust Co. issued under an agreement dated as of Nov. 18 1921, representing Broadway Surface RR. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, says:

The committee (Louis V. Bright, Chairman), acting under the agreement of deposit, has deposited and filed with the depository a plan for the exchange of deposited bonds for Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, with an additional payment to holders of certificates of deposit representing deposited bonds of \$50 per bond, in addition to interest. This plan is based on an agreement negotiated with the committee acting under the reorganization plan for New York Rys. dated as of July 18 1924. No assessment will be made on deposited bonds assenting to this plan.

Each holder of a certificate of deposit under the agreement of deposit dated Nov. 18 1921, shall be conclusively deemed to have assented to the plan, unless within 20 days from date (Jan. 27) he shall have filed with the depository written notice of his dissent therefrom, specifying the date or dates and the number or numbers of certificates of deposit held by him. Depositors filing such dissent may withdraw their bonds on payment of \$20 per bond, which amount has been fixed as the fair and reasonable contribution of such dissenting bondholders toward the expenses and compensation of the committee.

Interest to Jan. 1 1925 on deposited bonds will be paid by the depository on presentation of certificates of deposit for endorsement of payment.

Further deposits of bonds will be received to and including Feb. 17.

A notice to the holders of South Ferry RR. 5% 1st Mtge. bonds due April 1 1919, and of certificates of deposit therefor issued under the protective agreement dated March 21 1919, says:

The committee (C. W. Beall, Chairman) has entered into an agreement dated Jan. 19 1925, with the reorganization committee acting under the plan dated as of July 18 1924 for the reorganization of New York Rys. providing for the exchange of all of the above bonds deposited with Central Union Trust Co. of New York as depository under the protective agreement, bond for bond, for 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds due Dec. 1 1943, of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. (reserved under the Consol. Mtge. for the purpose) and for the payment in cash, at the time of the exchange, of interest accrued and unpaid on the South Ferry bonds from Oct. 1 1918 to the date from which the Consolidated bonds to be delivered in exchange shall bear interest.

The committee has approved the plan dated as of July 18 1924 for the reorganization of New York Rys. subject to the agreements dated Jan. 19 1925 and Aug. 5 1924.

Pursuant to the provisions of the protective agreement dated March 21 1919, a meeting of the holders of certificates of deposit representing the South Ferry bonds to vote on the question of authorizing the committee to exchange the deposited bonds for Consol. Mtge. bonds of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. will be held at the office of Harris, Forbes & Co., 56 William St., New York City, on Feb. 10 1925.

The committee has agreed to act without compensation but has fixed \$30 as the pro rata share of the compensation of counsel to be borne by each deposited bond and to be deducted from the payment in cash of accrued interest on each bond at the time of the exchange of bonds.

The time for deposits of South Ferry RR. 5% 1st Mtge. bonds expired Feb. 5.—V. 120, p. 582.

The agreement dated Aug. 5 1924 between the committee for the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds (Harold B. Thorne, Chairman) and the reorganization committee of the New York Rys. makes the following adjustments of the various matters of concern to the Broadway committee:

(1) The foreclosure of the 1st Mtge. has been adjusted by the eventual payment out of the proceeds (\$5,021,500) of the sale of the car barn property of \$500,000 principal amount of the 1st Mtge. bonds and the exchange of the remaining \$1,000,000 bonds for Consolidated bonds reserved under the Consol. Mtge. for that purpose, to that extent cancelling the priority of the 1st Mtge. bonds and putting them on an equality with the Consol. bonds.

(2) Although in its bill of complaint the trustee representing the 1st Mtge. bonds prayed for interest from 1904, such interest has been adjusted by payment from the proceeds of sale of the car barn property of interest from Sept. 19 1919 (the date of filing of the complaint) up to and only to Nov. 15 1923.

(3) The expense of removal of the repair shops, &c., from the car barn property to other property of the new operating company is agreed upon and fixed at the sum of \$400,000 to be paid for out of the proceeds of sale of the car barn property.

(4) All machinery belonging to the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. now covered by the Consol. Mtge. is to remain subject to the lien thereof wherever moved. The new operating company is to enter into a written agreement to remove such machinery and install the same elsewhere, or supply other equal facilities, and at all times to make available to the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. the use thereof out of the facilities now or hereafter forming part of the operating company's system, or acquired by the operating company under contract, including housing and repair shops for the cars and other equipment of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. adequate in all respects for its needs at reasonable prices and rates. Such agreement may be terminated on three years' notice, but in the event of such termination by the operating company, the sum of \$400,000 paid as expense of removal shall be repaid to the trustee under the Consol. Mtge. as a condition of termination. The agreement to repay the sum of \$400,000 as part of the right of termination shall be prior in rank to and shall not be cut off by foreclosure of any mortgages created by the operating company.

(5) During the first three years of operation the operating company agrees to expend for the maintenance of the track and structures of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. at least the sum of \$750,000.

(6) The operating company agrees to set up a maintenance reserve of 25% of the gross receipts from passengers properly allocated to Broadway & Seventh Ave. franchises, which, upon the basis of past performances should amount to at least \$600,000 per year, and said reserve shall not be declared out in dividends upon the stock of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR.

(7) The operating company further agrees to maintain the property of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. at all times equal to any other part of its system.

(8) The reorganization committee will cause to be paid from funds in its hands, or in the hands of the operating company, within an agreed period, all unpaid taxes of every kind and nature, constituting a lien or liens upon the property and franchises of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. and the lines in which it is interested, namely, Broadway Surface RR. and South Ferry RR.

(9) In the accounting between the receiver of New York Railways and the receiver of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. and any other interested parties, it is agreed that there shall be no charge back upon the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. by reason of the fact that during the receivership or prior thereto net earnings from operation were insufficient to meet fixed or other charges which would or might in any way affect the lien of the Consol. Mtge. bonds, nor in any way affect the basis of allocation of earnings agreed to be set up under the operating agreement with the operating company.

(10) The majority of the stock of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. consisting of 14,000 out of 21,000 shares outstanding, is to be placed under a voting trust, the personnel of which is to be agreed upon between the committee and the reorganization committee. The voting trust agreement shall, among other things, provide that until default under the Consol. Mtge. or the supplemental mortgage, the Consol. Mtge. bondholders shall have the right to a full minority representation upon the board of directors.

(11) It is further agreed that a supplemental mortgage shall be executed by the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR., providing an additional default under the Consol. Mtge. in case of default by the operating company under the operating agreement, particularly as to maintenance, and also providing that upon the happening of any event of default under the Consol. Mtge. or supplemental mortgage, the trustee of the Consol. Mtge. shall have the absolute right to nominate and have the voting trustees elect a majority of the board of directors of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. with immediate control of its corporate action.

(12) The agreement further provides that both committees will cooperate in an endeavor to have exchanged the \$1,500,000 of Broadway Surface RR. bonds and the \$350,000 of South Ferry RR. bonds for the Consol. Mtge. bonds reserved for the purpose under the Consol. Mtge., and it further provides that any bonds so exchanged may be tendered to the Consol. Mtge. trustee for purchase when the proceeds of the sale of the car barn property become available. The Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. guaranteed the payment of \$1,125,000 of the Broadway Surface bonds and all the South Ferry bonds. The franchises and tracks of the Broadway Surface RR. and the South Ferry RR. with the franchises and tracks of the Broadway & Seventh Ave. RR. constitute the Broadway line and the terminus of the present Sixth and Eighth Ave. routes. The Consol. Mtge. is a second lien on the Broadway Surface and South Ferry tracks and franchises, subject only to the South Ferry and Broadway Surface bonds above referred to, and it is therefore important that these bonds should be exchanged for Consol. Mtge. bonds reserved for the purpose.

As funds become available from payments on account of the sale of the car barn property and not otherwise used pursuant to the agreement between the two committees, it is provided by such agreement that the trustee shall carry out the following plan:

(a) \$1,000,000 will be reserved for necessary railroad purposes as a safeguard against unforeseen contingencies for a period of three years, after which this amount, or so much thereof as has not been used for railroad purposes, shall be used as set forth in next paragraph.

(b) The remainder of the proceeds from time to time as available (including so much of the \$1,000,000 referred to in foregoing paragraph as has not been used for railroad purposes) will be used for the purchase of Consolidated bonds then outstanding under the terms of the Consol. Mtge. It is intended as soon as a satisfactory price can be obtained, to sell the Cable Building at Broadway and Houston St., and to use such proceeds also when available to purchase Consolidated bonds.

New Directors Appointed.—The New York Transit Commission has nominated Samuel L. Martin and Captain George B. Gibbons as directors of the company.—V. 120, p. 583, 331.

New York Telephone Co.—North Jersey Rate Case.—The company, charging that the refusal of the New Jersey P. U. Commission to approve an increase in its schedule of rates constitutes a confiscation of its property, on Jan. 29 obtained from Federal Judge Reilstab an order providing for a review of the Commission's action by a special tribunal of Federal Judges. The application affects only that part of the system operating in the northern half of the State of New Jersey, the rates in the southern section, comprising the territory served by the Delaware & Atlantic Telegraph & Telephone Co., having been increased with the approval of the Commission.—V. 120, p. 454, 331.

North Boston Lighting Properties.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1924.	1923.
Gross revenues-----		\$888,700	\$761,406
General and miscellaneous expenses-----		18,653	13,070
Taxes-----		7,375	6,098
Interest, &c-----		63,889	98,193
Preferred dividends-----		661,980	567,525
Common dividends-----		106,319	60,754
Balance, surplus-----		\$35,484	\$15,767

—V. 120, p. 454.

Northern Ohio Electric Corp.—Plan Operative.—The stockholders on Jan. 27 approved the plan for reorganization of the corporation, dated Dec. 30 1924. The vote was 119,510 shares for and 228 shares against, out of 135,000 shares of Pref. and Common stock outstanding.

As 87.66% of the outstanding stock has been deposited under the plan, and 2.51% additional has been pledged for deposit, a total of more than 90%, the plan is hereby declared operative, subject to (a) the receipt of opinion of counsel approving the transfer of assets of the Northern Ohio Electric Corp. to the Northern Ohio Power Co. and all legal details in con-

ect ion therewith; (b) the payment for new securities of the Northern Ohio Power Co. by the subscribers and underwriters, and (c) the delivery to depositaries of the securities of the new company called for by receipts issued by such depositaries.

Subscriptions aggregating \$1,766,200 have been received from depositors of Preferred stock and these subscriptions will be allotted in full on the basis stated in plan. Deducing this amount from the \$2,800,000 offered for subscription, leaves \$1,033,800 applicable to the 75,000 shares of Common stock as outlined in the plan, or \$13 79 per share, on which basis allotments will be made in amounts of \$100 or multiples thereof, on subscriptions received from Common stockholders.

In all cases where subscriptions were made on full payment basis, call is made for full payment on Feb. 18 1925, and in all cases where subscribers elected at the time of making subscriptions to pay in installments, a call of 15% of the subscription allotted is hereby made, payable Feb. 18 1925, and for the payment of the remaining installments as follows: 25%, April 1 25%, June 1; 25%, Aug. 1. Compare plan in V. 120, p. 87, 331, 454, 583.

Northern Ohio Power Co.—Plan of Northern Ohio Electric Corp. Declared Operative.—

See Northern Ohio Electric Corp. above.—V. 120, p. 583.

Omaha (Neb.) & Lincoln Ry. & Lt. Co.—Acquisition.— The Illinois Power & Light Co. announces the purchase, through the Omaha & Lincoln Ry. & Light Co., a subsidiary, of all the physical properties and good-will of the Ashland (Neb.) Light, Power & Mill Co. The property comprises a hydro-electric plant, a dam and water power rights, a central steam plant, and a widespread network of transmission lines. The price paid for the property was not made public. It was said, however, that approximately \$50,000 would be spent immediately on additional transmission lines and physical revision of the property.—V. 120, p. 454.

Pacific Electric Ry.—Buses Replace Railway Service.— The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to abandon and remove its tracks on the West Colorado Street and Orange Grove Avenue line, the Los Robles Avenue and Washington Street line and the California Street line in the city of Pasadena, Calif. Bus service has been substituted for the railway service.—V. 119, p. 1173.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Stock Increase.— The stockholders have approved the proposal of the directors to increase the authorized Common stock from 180,000 to 530,000 shares, par \$100.—V. 120, p. 331.

Peoples Gas Co. (New Jersey)—To Retire Bonds.— The company has called all of its 1st Mtge. 7% gold bonds, Series "A," due May 1 1942, for redemption on May 1 at par and int., at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives, &c., Philadelphia, Pa. See also V. 119, p. 2879, and V. 120, p. 583.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$31,329,895	\$30,615,188	\$29,645,778	\$31,927,064
Operating expenses	20,091,251	19,521,334	19,890,396	21,488,548
Depreciation	1,297,679	1,232,020	1,155,332	1,117,187
Uncollectible oper. rev.	152,062	223,928	218,187	330,204
Taxes assn. to oper.	2,259,324	2,289,238	2,001,895	1,649,462
Net operating income	\$7,529,569	\$7,348,670	\$6,379,968	\$7,341,663
Other income	1,163,128	895,181	918,027	992,947
Total	\$8,692,697	\$8,243,851	\$7,297,995	\$8,334,610
Deductions	1,773,915	1,687,487	1,678,148	1,490,062
Interest	2,643,433	2,357,850	2,357,850	2,360,538
Dividends paid (7 3/4%)	2,791,250	2,983,750	(6)1,924,980	
Net income	\$1,484,098	\$1,214,764	\$1,337,017	\$4,484,009

—V. 119, p. 2411.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Plans for Future.—

Chairman T. E. Mitten in a letter to Mayor W. Freeland Kendrick, of Philadelphia, outlines the plans for the future as follows: Motorbus service not only to supplement present inter-city service but also to cover outlying districts now dependent upon intermittent operators, was within our survey of the moral obligation to be necessarily met by us when considering our future as well as our present needs in connection with our application for the 7% fare. A few of the motorbus routes may show a profit at a 7% fare but, with 3c. exchanges to street cars and the "L," so many more of the routes will be money losers than the venture as a whole will be a burden to be carried by the earnings of the street car system.

36,000,000 motorbus passengers are expected during the first year at an average fare of 8c., producing \$3,200,000. The operating cost of supplying the service is estimated to be \$3,800,000, which with interest of \$235,000 on investment makes a direct estimated loss of \$835,000 for the first year's operation. As 28,000,000 of these expected passengers will be diverted from our present patronage, the loss will be far greater, since no comparable reduction in street car service is possible of accomplishment.

It was the original intention that this motorbus service should be started early in 1924, but necessary consent of city and state was not secureable until the middle of the year—too late for 1924 operation. This delay has not been without its compensating advantages, since our newly developed motorbus, with its front exit, inside stairway, semi-enclosed top and electric drive has been now so improved as to make it acknowledgedly the greatest advance which has yet been made in motorbus construction.

\$3,000,000 approximates the investment in motorbuses required to supply the service contemplated in ordinances submitted or now in course of preparation, the terms of operation being exactly in accordance with those which have already received your approval. Some of this money has already been supplied through the medium of car trusts, which have received city approval. \$1,500,000 in addition is required for immediate down payment under car trust agreement, and for additions and betterments to track, shops, substations and buildings; this to be realized through resale of the ten million dollar issue of P. R. T. bonds described in President Dunbar's recent letter to City Council.

P. R. T. proposes a program of surface car subways in the delivery district, of which its twenty million commitment in payment by installment for the Chestnut Street surface car subway is a starter, to relieve the present limiting factor in the sufficiency of its surface car service, in order to more nearly approach a seat for every passenger at all hours. With this in mind, the Market Street "L" structure and subway must be increased to maximum capacity at an early date and every further addition to city-company transit, such as city-built subways and P. R. T. motorbuses, should from the outset be planned to observe this principle, which has been the underlying reason why the motorbuses which we now operate, and those which we now propose to operate, will supply a seat for every passenger at all hours.—V. 120, p. 454, 331.

Piedmont & Northern (Electric) Ry.—Earnings.— The report for the month of Dec. 1924 shows: Total revenue, \$220,822; total expenses, including taxes, interest, &c., \$177,750; and net income, \$43,072. At this rate they have earned over \$6 a share, and the company advises that traffic for Jan. is showing an increase and the outlook for the industries in this section is considerably brighter which is believed to reflect itself in much better earnings for the ensuing months.—V. 119, p. 2288.

Pittsburgh Butler & Harmony Consol. Ry. & Pow. Co. The bill in equity filed by Mary Walker Boggs, wife of the late R. H. Boggs, in an effort to obtain the return of control of the company from David I. McCahill and his associates, has been dismissed by Judge James R. Macfarlane. It was alleged by Mrs. Boggs that control of the railway was procured from her late husband without his receiving any compensation in return.—V. 110, p. 1416.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—Pref. Stock Offered. The 8% and 7% Preferred stockholders of record Jan. 16 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Mar. 31 for 117,378 additional shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock at par (\$100) in the proportion of one share for each 10 shares held. Subscriptions may be filed at the office of the corporation, 80 Park Place, Newark, N. J., or at its agency, Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. Payment may be made for the new stock either in full or in not more than 10 installments.—V. 120, p. 455.

Portland Electric Power Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$10,841,618	\$10,825,380	\$10,120,898	\$9,922,242
Oper. expenses & taxes	6,531,635	6,651,008	6,321,256	6,274,940
Interest	2,247,598	2,066,823	2,126,892	2,107,733
Depreciation	717,386	717,386	717,386	717,386
Preferred dividends	1,009,493	655,001	407,543	318,750
Balance, surplus	\$335,506	\$735,162	\$547,821	\$503,433

—V. 119, p. 2879.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Notes Sold.—Blyth, Witter & Co., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Seattle National Bank, National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, First National Bank of Seattle and Puget Sound Power & Light Securities Co. have sold, at 100 and int., \$3,000,000 5-Year 6% gold coupon notes.

Dated Feb. 1 1925; due Feb. 1 1930. Red. on any int. date on 45 days' notice prior to Aug. 1 1926 at 103; thereafter decreasing 1/2% semi-annually to 100 on Aug. 1 1929. Int. payable F. & A. at Seattle National Bank, Seattle, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c^s. The company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.

Capitalization Outstanding in Hands of Public (After This Financing)

Total bonded debt	\$42,875,900
Gold Coupon notes, including this issue	5,957,000
Prior Preference stock (7% cumulative)	10,000,000
Preferred stock (6% cumulative)	16,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	202,829 shs.

In addition to the above, subsidiary companies have outstanding \$6,617,000 bonds, for which the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. has no liability, excepting a contingent liability on \$2,597,000 thereof.

Note.—As an offset to the bonded debt the trustee for the bondholders holds \$12,501,000 City of Seattle Utility bonds. The company owns and operates one of the most extensive and important electric light and power systems in the United States, doing the greater part of the commercial electric light and power business in western Washington and in a considerable portion of the central part of the State. With the exception of a few small properties, it furnishes practically all the light and power service, outside of that supplied by the municipalities of Seattle and Tacoma, in an area of over 30,000 square miles. Company, primarily through subsidiaries, does a part of the transportation business in the same territory, except in Seattle, where the street railway lines are owned and operated by the city.

The properties include generating plants with a present installed capacity of 188,670 h. p., of which 143,290 h. p. is hydro-electric and 45,380 h. p. is steam; about 1,185 miles of transmission lines and comprehensive distribution systems consisting of over 4,000 miles of overhead construction and about 14 miles of underground conduits. In addition, 40,000 h. p. hydro-electric generating capacity is now under construction at Baker River.

Security.—The value of the property over the bonded debt as indicated by the par value of Preferred stocks and the current market value on the Common stock amounts to more than \$36,000,000 and is in excess of six times the \$5,957,000 coupon gold notes to be presently outstanding.

Dividends.—Dividends are being paid on all classes of the stock, the present rate on the Common stock being \$4 per share per year.

Earnings (Including Subsidiaries), Calendar Years.

	Gross Earnings.	Net Income.	a Interest Charges.	b Balance Available.	Int. Paid on Gold Notes.
1920	\$10,000,429	\$5,056,547	\$2,347,232	\$2,709,315	
1921	10,038,544	4,905,250	2,264,630	2,610,620	\$147,984
1922	10,477,609	5,093,875	2,220,052	2,873,824	119,251
1923	12,424,707	5,543,055	2,296,859	3,246,196	235,765
1924	12,539,869	5,215,051	2,321,080	2,893,971	236,061

5-yr. avge \$11,096,232 \$5,162,755 \$2,295,970 \$2,866,785

Exclusive of interest on Gold Coupon notes. b For payment of Gold Coupon note interest.

Annual interest requirements on total outstanding Coupon gold notes, including this issue, are \$416,961. The average annual income available for interest on Coupon gold notes for the above period was \$2,866,785, or approximately seven times these requirements.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for current additions and improvements to the property in accordance with the 1925 construction program.

To Change Par Value of, and Increase Number of Shares of, Preference Stock.

The stockholders will vote March 3 on changing the authorized Preferred stock, now consisting of 160,000 shares, par \$100 each, into a like number of Preferred shares without par value, and on increasing the authorized Preferred shares as so changed by 40,000 Preferred shares without par value, so that as changed and increased the total authorized Capital stock shall consist of \$10,000,000 of Prior Preference stock, par \$100; 200,000 shares of Preferred stock without par value, and 202,829 shares of Common stock without par value.

A letter to the stockholders, dated Jan. 29, says in part: The company in 1920 adopted as one of its policies the sale of its securities to employees, consumers and to the local public. Since that time \$2,850,000 of notes, approximately 2,400 shares of Prior Preference, and some 25,000 shares of Preferred stock have been so sold through the interest taken by its employees and through the Puget Sound Power & Light Securities Co., which was organized for this purpose. This popular distribution of securities gives the local public the opportunity to become financially interested in a community enterprise, and in turn yields to the public a participation in the earnings. The directors believe this policy should be continued.

The present Preferred shares, which have a par value of \$100, carry 6% dividends and sell in the present market for about \$85 a share. The yield at this price is approximately 7%, and this is a satisfactory basis on which to finance through the sale of additional stock of this class. New issues of par value stock cannot be issued at less than par, but by changing the Preferred stock to shares without par value, it will be possible to sell additional shares of this class from time to time at prevailing prices.

The directors, therefore, recommend that the Preferred stock, now consisting of shares of the par value of \$100 each, be changed into a like number of Preferred shares without par value, and as substantially all the authorized Preferred stock is now outstanding, that this class of stock be increased by 40,000 additional shares, the authorized but unissued Preferred stock as so increased to be disposed of from time to time for such corporate purposes and at such prices as the directors determine.

The preferences, voting powers, restrictions and qualifications of the various classes of stock now authorized and outstanding will not be changed but the dividend rate on the Preferred stock will be expressed as being \$6 per share a year instead of 6% as at present.—V. 120, p. 583.

Republic Railway & Light Co.—Plan for Exchange of Common Stock of Company for Notes and Stock of New Company.

Some of the larger common stockholders of the company in consideration of the evident benefits to be derived therefrom, are organizing a holding company for the purpose of exchanging their stock for the bonds and stock of the new company in order to finance and concentrate their holdings. This, it is explained, is an entirely personal matter in which the company as a corporation has no part or interest.

R. P. Stevens, Clarence L. Harper and J. T. Harrington are the Committee, and the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York, to whom Common stock certificates should be tendered for deposit under the plan, is the Depository.

The plan, dated Jan. 20 1925, which is signed by the above committee provides:

New Company.—It is proposed to form a new company under the name of *Penn Ohio Securities Co.* with an authorized capital of 124,120 shares of no par value.

Offer to Republic Stockholders.—The new company will offer to a limited number of stockholders of Republic Ry. & Light Co. to exchange securities of the new company for their Common stock on the following basis, viz.:

In exchange for one share of common stock of Republic, new company will deliver \$25 of its 3-year collateral trust bonds and 2 shares of its no par value stock.

Arrangements have been made whereby any depositing stockholder may dispose of his collateral trust bonds so received for cash at their face value.
Results of Carrying Out Plan.—The result of the carrying out of the plan will be that there will be 2 shares of the new company outstanding for each share of the old company deposited. Each stockholder will maintain his exact pro rata share in the stock of the Republic company acquired by the new company and in addition each depositor will receive collateral trust bonds or their equivalent in cash.

Collateral Trust Bonds.—The collateral trust bonds will be the direct obligation of the new company, will mature in three years and will bear 7% int. coupons and will be secured by the deposit of all of the stock of the Republic company acquired by the new company through the operation of the plan.

To Declare Plan Operative.—If in the opinion of the committee sufficient stock is deposited prior to Feb. 28 1925 the committee will declare the plan operative and the securities of the new company will be delivered as soon thereafter as they can be issued. If in the opinion of the committee sufficient stock is not deposited prior to Feb. 28 1925, the committee will abandon the plan and the certificates of stock deposited will be returned to the depositors in exchange for deposit receipts without any charge whatsoever to the depositors.—V. 119, p. 2531.

Saxon Public Works, Inc. (Aktiengesellschaft Sachsische Werke), Germany.—*Guaranteed Bonds Sold.*—National City Co., New York, has sold at 92 and int., to yield about 7.80%, \$15,000,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year Sinking Fund 7% Guaranteed External Loan gold bonds. Unconditionally guaranteed by the Free State of Saxony as to principal and interest by endorsement on each bond.

Dated Feb. 2 1925; due Feb. 1 1945. Interest payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c't. Red. as a whole at the option of the company on Feb. 1 1930 or on any date thereafter prior to Feb. 1 1935 at 105, and on Feb. 1 1935 or any int. date thereafter at 100. Principal, interest and sinking fund payable in N. Y. City in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any past, present or future taxes or duties levied by or within the German Reich or the Free State of Saxony, at National City Bank of New York, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning Aug. 1 1935 a sinking fund will operate to retire semi-annually one-twentieth of the principal amount of bonds of this issue outstanding on Feb. 1 1935, either by delivery to the trustee of bonds by the company, or by redemption thereof by lot at 100.
Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Minister of Finance of Free State of Saxony.

Saxony.—Saxony has existed as a political unit (substantially within its present boundaries) for over a century. Since 1919 it has been one of the component free states of the German Reich with its own popular representation and its own constitution. Geographically, the State lies almost in the centre of Germany, with a total area of approximately 5,787 square miles and a population of nearly 5,000,000. It ranks first among the German States in density of population, second in the importance of its industry and third in the amount of national income and corporation taxes paid by its inhabitants and enterprises to the Government of the German Reich.

Railroads and Industries.—The chief importance of the State to-day rests upon the intensive industrial development that has gradually occurred during the course of centuries. This development has been fostered by the presence of large coal deposits, the favorable geographical location of the State and the natural aptitude of the inhabitants, and, during the last 80 years, by the construction of an extensive railroad network.

The total brown coal deposits in the country are estimated at about 4,000,000,000 metric tons (2,204 lbs. to ton), the larger part of which was formerly owned by the State of Saxony, but has been recently transferred to the Saxon Public Works, Inc., all of the capital stock of which is owned by the Saxon State. The railroad system aggregates a total of 2,119 miles or approximately one mile of rail to each 2.7 square miles of the State's area, giving Saxony one of the greatest railroad "densities" in the world. During 1924 the railroads within the State carried approximately 214,000,000 passengers. Among the chief Saxon industries are the textile industry (linen, cotton and cloth weaving, manufacture of curtains, net and laces, &c.); machinery manufacture (Saxony has been called the "precision workshop" of Europe); bookprinting and china and porcelain manufacture.

Debt & Finances.—Practically all of the long term debts incurred by the State before 1914 (amounting to over \$200,000,000) were for the purpose of railroad building. None of these loans was floated outside of Germany and the highest coupon rate was 4%. The Saxon railroad loans are considered among the very best "felt edge" investment securities in Germany and at then current market quotations showed an interest yield of only slightly over 4%. All of the railroad debts have been assumed by the Government of the German Reich in connection with its acquisition of the State Railroads. Consequently the outstanding funded debt of Saxony is to-day less than \$1,200,000. The floating debts of the State are negligible, amounting to less than \$125,000. Saxony has never failed to meet punctually all of its obligations.

For the 9 months ended Dec. 31 1924 the receipts of the State exceeded the disbursements by a very substantial margin. Approximately two-thirds of the revenues of the State are derived from State taxes and fees and from its proportionate share of the taxes levied by the Government of the German Reich on the inhabitants and enterprises within the State. As a whole, the enterprises and assets owned by the State contribute substantial profits, amounting to approximately one-fifth of the total receipts.

Data from Letter Regarding Saxon Public Works.

Company.—Is primarily engaged in the generation of electric energy through steam power plants, and its transmission and distribution throughout the State of Saxony and in certain adjacent territories. The territory served has a total population of over 5,000,000, with an aggregate area of about 6,950 square miles, and includes Dresden, with a population of about 611,000, and Leipzig with a population of 680,000. The present electric generating plants of the company have an installed capacity of 96,900 k.w., of which 85,500 k.w. is contained in the principal plant at Hirschfelde in Eastern Saxony. The power is delivered through a transmission and distribution system including 436 miles of high tension lines of steel tower and reinforced concrete pole construction. Of the foregoing, over 245 miles is 100,000 volt long distance transmission line. At present, approximately 82% of the available electric output is sold on a wholesale basis to local distributing companies (in some of which the company has a substantial interest), which in turn retail the current in their respective territories; 15% is sold directly to retail customers and 3% is used in the plants and coal mines of the company.

At the time of its organization in 1923, the company took over from the Free State of Saxony all of the electric power plants and coal mines which had been owned and operated by the State since 1917, as well as certain stock interests in similar enterprises which had been acquired by the State.

All of the capital stock of the company is owned by the Free State of Saxony.

Electric Output.—The following table shows the steady increase in the volume of electric current delivered during the past 8 calendar years by the company on the predecessor department of the Saxon State (current sold in kilowatt hours):

1917	36,375,159	1920	77,230,933	1923	292,134,244
1918	66,594,310	1921	144,431,333	1924	356,776,881
1919	60,846,639	1922	243,249,296		

Coal.—Company's coal fields cover an aggregate area of approximately 80,000 acres. Most of the coal is of the so-called "brown coal" or lignite character. Although this coal in its raw state has a relatively low heating content as compared with the best grades of American bituminous coal, it can be extracted at an extremely low cost through the system of open surface workings (which permits the use of continuous bucket dredging and other labor-saving machinery), inasmuch as the average depth of surfaces before reaching the coal strata is only 8 to 16 yards, below which the coal strata extend for a further depth of 32 to 50 yards. Consequently the coal can be delivered to the company's adjacent electric plants at an extremely low cost per unit of heating value.

The output of brown coal from the mines now owned has increased from 613,431 metric tons in 1917 to over 1,363,000 metric tons in 1924. Over two-thirds of the output is used in the company's power plants and the balance is either sold to industrial customers in its raw state of its com-

pressed in briquette form (thereby increasing its heating value nearly three times by the elimination of excess moisture) and retailed to local customers in the surrounding territory.

Through more than 1,600 borings the company's brown coal reserves have been reliably established by independent experts at over 3,400,000,000 metric tons, of which over 3,000,000,000 metric tons can be extracted through the above described method of open workings.

Purpose of Issue.—In view of the fact that the present electric output of the company is entirely sold and that, in addition, the company is purchasing from outside sources and distributing an amount of electric current equal to nearly 50% of its own output, the company has undertaken the erection of a new 100,000 k.w. power plant (at Bohlen in Western Saxony) and also a briquette factory adjacent in that district. The proceeds of the present issue of bonds will be used to defray the major portion of the cost of this program, together with the necessary extension of the company's high-tension transmission lines, substation and distributing facilities, or to fund debts incurred in connection therewith.

Security.—Bonds are to be secured by a direct first mortgage under German law on substantially all of the real property of the company, now owned or hereafter acquired with the proceeds of the bonds, including the small portions of the company's real estate, to existing liens aggregating only about \$166,667. Inasmuch as all of the stock of the company is owned by the State of Saxony, the company is not required under the Industrial Charges Law (Industrie-Belastungs-Gesetz, Aug. 30 1924) to issue either negotiable or non-negotiable debentures under the so-called "Dawes Plan." In accordance with another law which effects a further internal distribution within Germany of the burden of the so-called "Dawes debentures," the company will be required to make certain annual payments, the amount of which has not yet been assessed, but which, we believe, will not exceed \$74,000 per annum.

Earnings.—For the six months ended Sept. 30 1924 net earnings after deducting all operating charges, including depreciation and depletion, amounted to \$622,857. Allowing for the larger demand for the company's products during the winter months and knowledge of the actual sales to date, it is conservatively estimated that earnings for the full 12 months would amount to about \$1,700,000. The company derives over 90% of its net profits from the sale of electric current, the balance being derived from sales of coal.

Condensed Balance Sheet as of Sept. 30 1924.

Assets		Liabilities	
Property, plant and equip.	\$22,548,334	Stock, Series "A," 20,000 shs.	\$4,761,905
Invest. & secur. of other cos.	651,431	Stock, Series "B," 20,000 shs.	4,761,905
Cash, accounts receivable and acceptances	861,066	Renewal & deprec. reserve	7,445,295
Materials and supplies	918,919	Other reserves and surplus	2,689,698
Prepayments on construction contracts, &c.	1,308,949	Long-term debt, purch. contr.	
		and adv. for new constr'n.	a5,856,397
		Current Liabilities	773,498
Total	\$26,283,698	Total	\$26,283,698

As stated above, the proceeds from the sale of the present issue of bonds will be used to greatly reduce this indebtedness.

Southern New England Telephone Co.—Report.

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Telephone oper. revenue	\$9,993,443	\$9,183,323	\$8,344,060	\$7,733,419
Total gross income	2,274,400	1,992,670	1,737,042	1,577,947
Int., rents, &c., deduct.	294,083	302,710	307,390	2,887,319
Employees' appropriat'n	100,000	100,000		
Dividends appropriated	1,678,000	1,440,000	1,316,704	1,196,794
Balance, surplus	\$202,317	\$149,960	\$112,948	\$93,834

Financing.—In the annual report Pres. James T. Moran says: "The financing of our plant additions was accomplished chiefly through loans from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Our obligations to that company amounted to \$3,200,000 at the close of the year and will, of course, become greater as money is required for extensions during 1925. For the purpose of partially liquidating this debt we shall probably offer to stockholders an issue of \$3,000,000 of Capital stock for subscription at about the middle of the year. For some time we have followed this practice of temporarily financing our extensions through loans and then liquidating these loans through proceeds of stock issues at fairly regular intervals. We do not wish to give the impression that this practice will be continued indefinitely. On the contrary, we have no hesitation in saying that probably the time is not far distant when some other means of long-term financing will be considered."—V. 119, p. 84.

Tennessee Electric Power Co.—Combined Earnings.

12 Months Ending Dec. 31—	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$9,570,783	\$9,121,250
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance	5,077,943	4,942,862
Fixed charges	1,941,067	1,740,493
Divs. on 1st Pref. stock & Nash. Ry. & Lt. Co.		
Preferred stock not owned	773,646	700,422
Depreciation	845,958	827,146
Balance	\$932,169	\$910,327

—V. 120, p. 584.

Twin State Gas & Electric Co.—Notes Called.

All of the outstanding 8% Bond-secured Gold notes, due March 1 1931 have been called for payment March 2 at 103½ and int. at the Central Union Trust Co., New York.—V. 118, p. 2574.

Utah Power & Light Co.—New Plant.

The Utah P. U. Commission has granted permission to the company to construct a power plant at Outler's site on Bear River, to cost approximately \$5,500,000.—V. 119, p. 326.

Virginian Power Co.—New Control, &c.

The stockholders on Feb. 4 approved the proposal of the Appalachian Securities Corp. to buy the assets of the Virginian Power Co. for the consideration of an issue of 82,000 shares of the 1st Pref. stock of the Appalachian Securities Corp. The latter corporation plans to consolidate with the American Gas & Electric Co. if the stockholders of both companies approve. (See also American Gas & Electric Co. in V. 120, p. 451.)—V. 120, p. 455.

Virginia Ry. & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.

Paine, Webber & Co. are offering at 95.75 and int., to yield 5.50%, \$500,000 Norfolk & Portsmouth Traction Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 5% gold bonds, dated May 10 1906, due June 1 1936, but red. at 110 and int. on any int. date.

Legal Investment for savings banks in New Hampshire, Vermont and R. I.

Capital Outstanding.

Underlying bonds	
Norfolk & Portsmouth Traction 5s, 1936 (incl. this issue)	\$486,000
Virginia Railway & Power 5s, 1934	7,465,000
6% Cumulative Preferred stock (including scrip)	12,491,000
Common stock	8,987,090
The leased property, Norfolk Railway & Light Co., has \$1,650,000 capital stock and \$4,000,000 5% bonds of which \$1,087,000 bonds are held alive in sinking fund.	11,950,500

Company.—Virginia Ry. & Power Co. does without competition the electric light, power and traction business in Norfolk, Richmond, Portsmouth, Petersburg and surrounding territory and through stock ownership and control, the gas business in Norfolk. A portion of the operations in Norfolk and vicinity is carried on under a 99-year lease of Norfolk Railway & Light Co. Total population served is in excess of 450,000, of which approximately 250,000 is in the Norfolk District covered by this mortgage.

Security.—The Norfolk & Portsmouth Traction 1st (Closed) Mtge. 5s due 1936 are a direct obligation of the Virginia Railway & Power Co. and are secured by a first closed mortgage on properties in the Norfolk District and conservatively valued at \$14,000,000, of which \$9,000,000 represents additional property valued at about \$1,600,000, subject to a direct mortgage on underlying liens. There are outstanding only \$7,465,000 bonds of this issue. The electric light and power properties covered by this mortgage include substantially all the transmission and distribution lines in the Norfolk District. The total authorized issue is \$8,000,000, of which bonds are outstanding in the sinking fund. The mortgage is now closed. See also V. 120, p. 584.

Washington Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: 1924, 1923, and 1922. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Other income, Total income, Taxes and uncollectible consumers' bills, Interest, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Other deductions, and Dividends.

x After setting up \$100,000 to apply on income tax for the year 1924 and \$70,771 in 1923.—V. 118, p. 2962.

Washington (D. C.) Ry. & Electric Co.—Bill for Voluntary Merger.—

In accordance with the views of the joint committee which has been considering street car merger legislation, Representative Frederick N. Zihlman, of Maryland, on Feb. 1 introduced in the House a bill authorizing a voluntary consolidation of the Washington Ry. & Electric Co. and the Capital Traction Co.

Washington Water Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: 1924, 1923, and 1922. Rows include Gross revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Operating revenue, Interest, Replacement reserve, Profit and loss, and Net earnings.

West Penn Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Dominick & Dominick, W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co. are offering at 96 1/2% to yield 7 1/4%, \$1,500,000 7% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Transfer agents: Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Louisville Trust Co., Louisville. Registrars: Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City; Colonial Trust Co., Pittsburgh; National Bank of Kentucky, Louisville.

Capitalization Dec. 31 1924— Authorized. Outstanding. Three-Year 6% gold debentures, due 1925— \$2,500,000 \$2,439,500

Company.—Is a holding corporation owning directly or through subsidiary companies all the Common stock of the companies constituting the West Penn System, except approximately 2% of the Common stock of the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co.

The system comprises 17 electric generating stations with an aggregate installed capacity of over 330,000 kw., 250 high tension substations and over 1,450 miles of high tension transmission lines.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Elec. Output (K.W.H.), and Elec. Customers at End of Period. Rows for 1919, 1921, 1923, 1924 (12 mos.), and Nov. 30.

* Available for renewals and replacements and Preferred dividends. Consolidates All of Its Electric Light and Power Companies in the States of West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland into one Ownership.—

It has been announced by Pres. A. M. Lynn that a consolidation and unification of all the electric light and power companies of the West Penn System within the States of West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland has been effected.

The West Penn Co., which is controlled by American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., is likewise the owner of West Penn Power Co., West Penn Rys. and Wheeling Traction Co. and their subsidiaries.

Worcester (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—To Issue Stock.— The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue at par (\$25) 12,000 additional shares of Common stock.

Wyandotte County Gas Co.—Gas Rates Increased.— The Kansas P. U. Commission has granted the company authority to increase its gas rates in Kansas City, Kan.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Feb. 3 the McCahan Sugar Co. reduced price 10 pts. to 6.10c. per lb. On Feb. 5 Arbuckle announced price of 5.90c. for shipment on or before Feb. 28, but price for prompt shipment remained unchanged at 6c.

American Woolen Co. Opens Fall 1925 Lines at Higher Prices.—Opening of fall 1925 prices, including about 50 numbers of staple worsteds and staple and fancy woolsens, are generally higher.

regarded as the basis or key number, is quoted at \$2 75 a yard, as compared with \$2 62 1/2 for spring 1925 and \$2 67 1/2 for fall 1924. Average price advance for all numbers is 6.6% higher.

Bread has been advanced in price from 1 to 1 1/2 c. per loaf in central Pennsylvania. "Wall Street Journal" Feb. 2.

Shoe Wage Reduced in Brockton, Mass.—In a decision handed down Thursday by Mass. Board of Arbitration, skivers employed at W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. were given graded reduction in wages amounting in some cases to about 10%.

Bonus Distributed by Carpet Co.—Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co., whose factories cover two square miles in Yonkers, N. Y., distributed \$439,000 to its 6,974 employees.

Chicago "Daily Journal" Willed to Old Employees by John C. Eastman, Owner and Editor, for 20 Years.—New York "Times" Feb. 3, p. 23.

Utica Steam & Mohawk Cotton Co. in New York Threatened With Strike Against 10% Wage Cut.—1,500 operatives vote to strike rather than accept reduction. New York "Times" Feb. 2, p. 19.

New England Wage Cuts.—Acadia Mills, Lawrence, Mass., posts notice of 10% cut, effective Feb. 9. "Times" Feb. 4.

Acadia Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Rows include Assets (Plant & equip't, Cash, Acc'ts receivable, Inventories, Deferred assets) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Notes & acc'ts pay., Reserve for depreciation & taxes, Surplus).

Acme Steel Goods Co.—Report.—

Table with 2 columns: 1924, 1923. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Net operating profit, and Other income.

Table with 2 columns: 1924, 1923. Rows include Total income, Depreciation charged off 1924, Bond interest and expense, and Estimated Federal tax.

Net surplus before dividends—\$922,062 \$761,674 During 1924 the company paid three quarterly dividends of \$1 each and one quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share in addition to a 10% stock dividend.

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs, eq't, Patents, Cash, Bills receivable, Accounts receiv'le, Investments, Inventory, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Bonds, Accounts payable, Bond int. accrued, Reserve for taxes, Surplus).

x After deducting \$839,383 for depreciation and \$577,550 for amortization. y After deducting depreciation of \$450,756. z Represented by 56,772 shares of no par value.—V. 120, p. 456.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Rights—Earnings.—

The stockholders of record Feb. 9 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Mar. 2 for 75,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, unissued and in the treasury of the company, at \$10 per share.

A letter to the stockholders says in part: "There is every reason to expect that the year of 1925 will be the greatest in the history of the industry for tire consumption, due to the increased number of cars in service as compared with any previous period."

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Inc.—Earnings, &c.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of, Sales Billed, Net Profit after Provision for Federal Taxes. Rows for January, February, March, Total first quarter, April, May, June, Total second quarter, July, August, September, Total third quarter, October, November, December, Total fourth quarter, Total 12 months.

Total fourth quarter—\$7,199,599 \$7,443,503 \$808,935 \$849,547 Total 12 months—\$27,855,523 \$25,612,709 \$3,221,101 \$2,703,636

Unfilled Orders.—The unfilled orders on hand as of Dec. 31 1924 amounted to approximately \$10,100,000, against \$12,000,132 Dec. 31 1923.

Results.—The 1924 results show an increase in billing of \$2,242,815, or approximately 9% over those of 1923. Likewise the net profit for the current year shows an increase of \$517,464, or slightly over 19%.

This net profit, after satisfying the Preferred, is equivalent to a little more than \$8 per share on the Common stock, whereas in 1923 the balance remaining for the Common was \$6 per share.

Table with 4 columns: 1920, 1921, 1922, 1924. Rows include Billing and Net Profits.

—V. 120, p. 213.

American Chiclé Co.—Earnings.—Thos. W. Blodgett, Chairman, says: "Net profits for 1924 will be \$1,083,000. These will be equivalent to almost \$35 a share on the \$3,000,000 6% Cumul. Pref. stock. Sales for 1924 were about 15% ahead of 1923. We expect 1925 to show more than a 15% increase over 1924."—V. 119, p. 2649.

American Druggists Syndicate, Long Island City, N. Y.—Sale of Newark (N. J.) Chemical Plant.—

A contract has been signed for the sale of the company's Newark (N. J.) chemical plant which has been idle for nearly four years. A substantial cash payment has been made by the purchaser and by the terms of the contract, a further cash payment is to be made on March 3 and title passed at that time.

Part of the purchase price will remain as a purchase money first mortgage at 6% constituting a first lien on the entire land, plant and equipment. Technically, the sale will not be consummated until the March 3 payment is made and title passed. If the sale is made, it will relieve the A. D. S. of annual write-off and carrying charges of about \$100,000, all of which formerly came out of its earnings of surplus.—V. 119, p. 813.

American Hide & Leather Co.—Meeting.—

The company has called a special meeting of the stockholders on March 4 the date of the annual meeting, to reconsider the recapitalization plan, as ordered by Vice-Chancellor Bentley in Jersey City.—V. 120, p. 456, 333.

American Steel Foundries.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Earns. from oper., after deducting mfg., selling and admin. expenses...	\$5,759,070	\$9,031,456	\$4,481,840	\$1,428,188
Deduct—Depreciation...	1,118,459	1,370,391	945,626	512,735
Net profit from oper'n	\$4,640,611	\$7,661,065	\$3,536,214	\$915,453
Miscellaneous income...	437,044	251,506	552,678	325,885
Total profits.....	\$5,077,655	\$7,912,571	\$4,088,892	\$1,241,339
Federal taxes.....	See *	See *	See *	126,026
Net earnings of sub. cos.	290,616	298,659	307,607	284,261
Interest charges, &c....	-----	17,967	71,420	156,042
Balance, surplus.....	\$4,787,039	\$7,595,944	\$3,709,866	\$675,009
Preferred divs. (7%)...	586,691	586,691	586,691	593,691
Common divs. (9%)....	2,166,588	2,166,588	1,836,090	1,836,090
Balance, surplus.....	\$2,033,760	\$4,842,665	\$1,287,085	\$1,754,772

* After deducting manufacturing, selling and administrative expenses and Federal taxes.—V. 119, p. 2182.

Anacoda Copper Mining Co.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, N. Y. City, will until Mar. 3 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-Year Secured Series "A" 6% Gold bonds due Jan. 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$750,000, but at prices at which the rate of return, based on the yield from Mar. 3 1925 to Jan. 1 1929, would be not less than 6% per annum.—V. 119, p. 3012.

Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1924, net profits of \$598,523 after all charges, including taxse.—V. 119, p. 3013.

Arlington Mills (Massachusetts).—Report.—

Years ended—	Nov. 30 '24.	Nov. 30 '23.	Dec. 2 '22.	Dec. 3 '21.
Manufactured product...	\$14,527,332	\$22,996,810	\$12,989,765	\$17,036,552
Raw materials, &c....	884,430	1,169,202	561,349	805,439
Total sales.....	\$15,411,762	\$24,166,012	\$13,551,114	\$17,841,992
Net earnings.....	\$1,432,610	\$2,931,313	\$1,301,219	\$1,417,523
Deductions.....	\$628,818	\$1,097,151	\$564,174	\$541,145
Dividends (8%).....	960,000	960,000	960,000	960,000
Balance.....	def\$156,208	sur\$874,163	def\$222,955	def\$83,622

Comparative General Balance Sheet.

Nov. 29 '24, Nov. 30 '23.		Nov. 29 '24, Nov. 30 '23.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
PI't & fixed assets...	11,239,159	Capital stock.....	12,000,000
Cash & debts rec....	4,971,551	Acc'ts & notes pay...	7,464,232
Inventories.....	11,591,170	Res. for depr., &c...	3,003,503
Prepaid accounts...	409,691	Res. for Fed. taxes (estimated).....	465,000
Total (each side)...	28,211,571	Profit and loss.....	5,743,837

George L. Gilmore has been elected a director to succeed William K. Richardson.—V. 118, p. 554.

Atlantic Coast Co.—Assets Sold.—

The assets of the company, including 31 schooners, owned wholly or in part by that company, were sold for \$150,000 at public auction at Portland, Me., Feb. 3, by Nathan T. Thompson, trustee in bankruptcy, subject to approval by the Federal court, to representatives of Crowell & Thurlow, Boston.—V. 120, p. 586.

Atlantic Tar & Chemical Works, Ltd., Elizabeth, N. J.—Receivers Appointed—Sept. 1924 Int. on Bonds not Paid.—

Judge Alfred A. Stein of Elizabeth, N. J., and Willard N. Lynch of Philadelphia were appointed receivers Feb. 4 by Federal Judge Lynch at Newark, upon application of John T. Quigley of White Plains, N. Y., who said he had a \$15,000 claim.

The interest due Sept. 1 1924 on the \$303,400 outstanding 1st Mtge. 8% bonds has not been paid. I. D. Noll & Co. offered a block of these bonds at 100 and interest in April 1924. See V. 118, p. 1668.

(Walter) Baker & Co., Ltd.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

1924.		1923.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Real est. & bldgs....	2,682,337	Capital.....	8,250,000
Machinery.....	1,175,569	Acc'ts payable.....	33,410
Good-will & trade marks.....	3,000,000	Reserved for taxes	231,115
Cash & acc'ts rec....	1,944,113	Profit and loss.....	2,713,604
Bonds & stocks.....	50,000		
Merchandise.....	2,376,110		
Total (each side)...	11,228,129	Total (each side)...	10,684,748

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Offers Stock to Employees.—

Announcement was made Feb. 2 by President E. G. Grace of the terms upon which the employees of the corporation can subscribe, under the employees' savings and stock ownership plan, for shares of its 7% Cumul. Pref. stock. The price this year is \$100 a share.

This is the second offering under the plan, the first being made in Jan. 1924, at which time the stock was offered at \$94 per share. In response to the first offering 19,922 employees applied for a total of 51,424 shares, representing an investment of about \$4,700,000.

As an added incentive to the employees to hold the stock and continue in the employ of the corporation, a special bonus is paid to employees by the corporation every year for 5 years from the time the stock is purchased. This bonus amounts to \$1 per share for the first year, \$2 for the second year, and so on up to \$5 per share at the end of the fifth year. Under the Bethlehem plan, an employee may subscribe during the 30 days ending March 3 1925 for shares of stock at the rate of one share for each \$400 of annual earnings. Payments may be made in monthly installments at the rate of \$4 per share.

In his message to the employees announcing the new offering, Mr. Grace said: "Despite the fact that 1924 was not a satisfactory year, from the standpoint of operations, Bethlehem's earnings were more than twice the amount necessary to pay the Preferred dividend for the year. No small part of this achievement was due to the co-operative efforts of employees and management. Much progress has been made in the growth and development of the corporation. Our properties are rapidly approaching a well rounded out modernized condition enabling the corporation to produce economically all the important lines of commercial steel."—V. 120, p. 446.

(Daniel) Boone Woolen Mills, Inc.—Proposal to Reduce Capitalization of Company.—

The stockholders will vote March 3 on reducing the par value of the stock from \$25 to \$5 per share. This proposed change will reduce the capitalization from \$4,687,500 to \$937,500.—V. 119, p. 2883.

Border City Mfg. Co., Fall River.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors voted to omit the quarterly dividend due Feb. 15. In the last 3 quarters of 1924 the company made quarterly disbursements of 1%.—V. 119, p. 2413.

Boston Wharf Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

1924.		1923.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Land.....	\$3,296,706	Capital stock.....	\$8,000,000
Buildings.....	6,232,489	1st Mtge. bonds....	2,500,000
Party walls.....	84,590	Notes & accts. pay....	60,000
Cash and accounts receivable.....	136,036	Interest accrued....	25,000
Stock, N. Y. N. H. Hartford RR....	100,000	Repairs & depr. fd..	1,254,524
	106,425	Contingent fund....	51,233
Total (each side)...	\$9,849,822	Bal. unexpended	8,853
The income account was published in V. 120, p. 586.		fire loss.....	52,297

Butler Bros., Chicago.—Notes Paid—Earnings, &c.—

The \$325,000 5% Gold notes due Feb. 2 were paid off.

1924.		1923.		1922.		1921.	
Net prof. aft. Fed. tax.	\$2,773,173	\$3,337,751	\$2,715,685	\$2,715,685	\$3,607,550		
Dividends paid.....	2,781,140	2,749,741	2,759,120	2,751,436			
Rate of dividends....	(12 1/2%)	(12 1/2%)	(12 1/2%)	(12 1/2%)			
Pension fund approx...	see x	see x	134,098	None			

Balance.....		def\$7,967		\$588,010		def\$177,533		dfr\$6,358,986	
Total surplus Dec. 31...	\$7,432,165	\$7,440,131	\$6,852,121	\$6,962,078					

x After provision for all taxes and appropriation to employees' participation fund. [The regular quarterly dividend of 3 1/2% on the stock has been declared payable Feb. 15.]

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1924.		1923.		1924.		1923.																																								
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$	Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$																																							
Cash.....	\$2,974,755	Capital stock.....	a22,557,040	Cash.....	2,438,960	Capital stock.....	22,438,960																																							
Mdse. inventory.....	9,818,104	Real estate, print- ing plant and equip. depr. res.	1,679,210	Acc'ts receivable.....	12,192,954	Employees' stk. fd..	874,519	Reserve for taxes...	669,561	651,587	Real est., pl't, &c...	6,881,116	Pension fund.....	347,104	Accts. payable....	b1,002,410	918,584	Employees' stk. fd..	874,519	Supplies.....	414,388	Serial gold notes...	1,658,854	2,322,395	Pension fund.....	347,104			Dallas mortgages...	182,910	232,155	Supplies.....	414,388			Surplus.....	7,432,165	7,440,131	Total (ea. side)...	33,502,940	35,683,024					
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a Authorized capital stock, \$30,000,000. b Current invoices in course of payment not yet due for discount.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production.—

Month of—	Jan. 1925.	Dec. 1924.	Nov. 1924.	Oct. 1924.
Copper output (lbs.)...	3,788,000	3,650,000	4,028,000	4,444,000

Canada Cement Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

1924.		1923.		1922.		1921.	
Income from operations...	\$2,205,500	\$2,235,439	\$2,403,101	\$2,636,461			
Bond interest.....	326,190	343,592	360,250	376,684			
Fire ins. trans. to res. acct.	40,455	40,455	148,732	159,177			
Contingent reserve.....	210,000	190,000	275,000	250,000			
Renewals, &c., reserve...	40,000	40,000	35,000	25,000			
Res. for indus. accidents	23,500	24,000					
Depreciation.....	x	x	x	\$15,530			
Pref. dividends (7%)...	735,000	735,000	735,000	735,000			
Common dividends (6%)	810,000	810,000	810,000	810,000			
Balance, surplus.....	\$60,900	\$52,392	\$39,118	def\$284,930			

x Profits from operations and investments for years 1924, 1923 and 1922 is after making provision for depreciation.—V. 118, p. 797.

Century Ribbon Mills, Inc.—Report.—

1924.		1923.		1924.		1923.	
Net sales.....	\$4,452,734	\$5,172,731	Sur. earned Jan. 1.	421,750	70,340		
Gen. & selling exp...	898,056	1,114,731	Surplus avail. for pref. stk. divs. & redem. fund ag- reement.....	750,000	750,000		
Inventories (net)...	2,698,968	3,005,351	Disc. on pref. stk. purch.....	7,094	2,022		
Other expenses.....	349,190	381,444					
Depreciation.....	115,575	106,100					
Federal income tax...	52,276	74,066					
Preferred dividend...	131,362	140,000					
Com. dividends.....	150,000						
Surplus.....	\$57,308	\$351,040	P. & I. surplus...	\$1,236,152	\$1,173,402		

x Including other income of \$132,688 in 1924 and \$162,792 in 1923. V. 119, p. 2068.

Cheney Brothers, South Manchester, Conn.—Stock.—

The company has petitioned the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut for charter rights to declare its stock "no par" value and to increase, its stated capitalization from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.—V. 119, p. 1958.

Chicago By-Products Co.—Bonds Paid.—

The \$867,000 7% bonds due Feb. 1 1925 were paid off Feb. 2 at the office of Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 118, p. 555.

Cleveland & Sandusky Brewing Co.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Feb. 11 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, due June 1 1948, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$23,026, at prices not exceeding 107 1/2 and interest.—V. 119, p. 697.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.—Report for 1924.—

The Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., and subsidiary companies report for the year 1924 net income from all sources of \$1,823,213. The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1924 shows cash on hand and in banks of \$2,002,900; inventories of \$8,412,589; accounts receivable, \$3,707,229; plant, land, buildings and machinery, \$3,825,571; reserve for taxes, \$457,161; total surplus, \$8,275,385.—V. 120, p. 587, 214.

Connecticut Mills Co., Inc.—Agreement Ended.—

The 1st Preferred stockholders' protective committee has voted to terminate the 1st Preferred stockholders' agreement. To meet expenses and compensate the committee for its services, 75c. on each share held on deposit has been withheld from the dividend paid Feb. 2. The balance of the dividend, amounting to \$1, was paid. First Preferred stockholders who did not deposit their stock received the full \$1 75 per share. The protective committee, in a notice to the holders of certificates of deposit for 1st Preferred stock, says: "The committee was organized April 1 1922. At that time the company was heavily involved by obligations which it could not meet and was in arrears in payment of dividends on 1st Preferred stock. When the regular dividends were resumed on Feb. 1 1923, seven quarterly payments were in arrears. Since then the company has paid all regular quarterly dividends and all of the dividends in arrears. The company furthermore, has been restored to a sound financial condition."—V. 119, p. 1959.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Notes & Stock Authorized.—

The stockholders have approved the issuance of \$2,500,000 3-Year 6% Gold notes and an increase in the authorized Common stock from 150,000 shares to 250,000 shares, no par value. See V. 120, p. 458.

Continental Baking Corp.—Acquisition.—

Chairman George G. Barber announces the acquisition of the Corby Baking Co. of Washington, D. C., operating plants in Washington, Richmond and Alexandria, Va. The company was founded in 1891. Karl W. Corby, who has just been elected President of the Corby Baking Co., will become a Vice-President of the Continental Baking Corp.—V. 120, p. 458, 215.

Corr Mfg. Co., Taunton, Mass.—To Issue Stock.—

The stockholders will vote this month on reducing the present authorized and outstanding capital stock from \$500,000 to \$50,000, and then on approving the issuance of 4,500 Common shares at par (\$100).

The stockholders will be given the right to purchase the new stock in proportion to their holdings of the old stock, after the foregoing reduction has been made, within 60 days after notification and may pay for the stock in 4 equal installments.—V. 110, p. 1852.

Cudahy Packing Co.—Increases Common Dividends.—

The directors have declared three quarterly dividends of \$1.75 each on the outstanding \$17,249,500 Common stock, par \$100, payable April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15.

The above dividends, just declared, are payable to holders of record April 6, July 6 and Oct. 5, respectively.—V. 119, p. 3003.

Cumberland Pipe Line Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921), Profits for year, Dividends, Balance, surplus.

Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia.—May Issue \$20,000,000 7% Pref. Stock in Place of Present 8% Issue.—

The stockholders will vote April 15 on approving an issue of \$20,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock and on retiring the present issue of \$20,000,000 8% Cumul. Pref. stock of which about \$19,000,000 is outstanding.

The company also has authorized and outstanding 900,000 shares of Common stock of no par value.—V. 117, p. 1997.

Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co.—Larger Dividends.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% on the Preferred stock, payable Mar. 2 to holders of record Feb. 15.

Davis Daly Copper Co.—Settlement.—

See East Butte Copper Mining Co.—V. 118, p. 1670.

Deere & Co.—Report.—

Table with 5 columns: Years End. Oct. 31 (1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21), Total assets, Admin. & expenses, Int. on notes pay, (net), amortiz., &c., Depletion, misc., &c., Preferred divs., Total deductions, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus.

x After deducting provision for taxes, depreciation, cash discounts, possible losses in receivables, &c.—V. 120, p. 588.

Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co.—Change in Par Value of Capital Stock Authorized—Balance Sheet.—

The stockholders have authorized the change in the par value of the capital stock from \$50 to \$10 per share and have approved the issuance of 5 shares of new stock for one of old.

Comparative Balance Sheet, December 31. Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Assets: Vessel property, New steamers adv. on account, Real estate, bldgs., equipment, &c., Misc. physical prop, Cash, Secur., notes, &c., owned, Accts. receivable, Deferred assets. Liabilities: Capital stock, Accts. & vouch. pay, Acrr. liabilities not due (taxes), Res. for inc. tax, Deferred items, Reserve for deprec., Other reserves, Profit and loss.

—V. 118, p. 798.

Dome Mines Ltd.—Gold Production.—

Table with 5 columns: Month of (Jan. '25, Dec. '24, Nov. '24, Oct. '24, Sept. '24), Gold prod. (value).

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Annual Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921), Sales.

Dunlop Tire & Rubber Corp. of America.—Acquires.—

The corporation has acquired the property of the Utica Spinning Co., Utica, N. Y., and will operate the plant as a division of its business.—V. 120, p. 336.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—A Substantial Amount of Bonds Expected to Be Called for Redemption on May 1 1925—Lazote Co. Organized.—

See annual report for 1924 under "Financial Reports" above. A plant site for the manufacture of synthetic ammonia has been purchased at Clinchfield, Va., by Lazote, Inc., a corporation organized by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. in Aug. 1924.

East Butte Copper Mining Co.—Settlement.—

The controversy between the company and the Davis-Daly Copper Co. has been settled out of court on a mutually satisfactory basis and the attachment on Davis-Daly funds will be removed.

Eastern Steel Co.—Tenders.—

The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York, trustee, will until Feb. 9 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1931 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$60,318, at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 116, p. 1418, 1281, 301.

Electric Finance Corp.—Officers.—

The following have been elected officers of the corporation: F. G. Sykes, President; Malcom D. Murdock and Elmer G. Parsly, Vice-Presidents; H. S. Clader, Sec.-Treas.; K. Sibley, Asst. Sec. Treas.

Electrical Research Laboratories, Inc.—Initial Div.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$2 per share for the year 1925, payable in four quarterly installments of 50c. each on April 1, July 1, Oct. 1 and Jan. 1 to holders of record March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, respectively.

Income Account for Years Ended Dec. 31. Table with 3 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922. Net sales, Expenditures, Income taxes, Net income, For offering of 26,000 shares of capital stock (no par value) see V. 119, p. 2293.

Eureka Pipe Line Co.—Report for Calendar Years.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Profits for year, Dividends paid, Balance.

xOf the dividends paid during the year \$149,999 were from earnings prior to 1913.

Balance Sheet December 31. Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Assets: Plant, Other investm'ts, Accts. receivable, Int. pur. & sale contingencies, Cash. Liabilities: Capital stock, Depreciation, Accts. payable, Profit and loss.

Pres. Forrest M. Towl in a letter to the stockholders says:

One of the results of the unprecedented large production in California was that so much crude oil came to the Atlantic seaboard refineries via the Panama Canal that the transportation from the Mid-Continent field to these points was, during the latter part of 1924, practically stopped.

The taxes for the year were very heavy, particularly the West Virginia taxes. This item should be much less for 1925. The Federal taxes for 1917, 1918 and 1919 have not been settled but the officers do not expect that there will be any additional tax for those years.

The directors are not considering any stock or large cash dividend. They are endeavoring to maintain as regular a return to the stockholders as possible.

We cannot give any opinion as to whether the price of the stock will advance or decline, and cannot account for many of the changes in the price.—V. 120, p. 458.

Farmers Mfg. Co. of Virginia.—Bonds Called.—

The company has drawn for redemption on March 2 1925 \$37,000 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 7% Gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1943, at 105 and int., payable at the Brooklyn Trust Co., New York.—V. 117, p. 2328.

Fleischmann Co.—Obituary.—

President Julius Fleischmann died suddenly Feb. 5 at Miami, Fla.—V. 119, p. 2652.

Flint Varnish & Color Works, Inc.—Dissolved.—

See E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 119, p. 2415.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921), Net after taxes, Le Roy Kramer has been appointed Vice-President in charge of sales and manufacturing.—V. 120, p. 336.

General Baking Co.—Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921), Net aft. taxes & bond int., Reserve for depreciation, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Kolb Bakery Pref. divs., Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Stock div. on Common, Profit and loss surplus.

xThe directors on Dec. 13 declared a 200% stock dividend (2 shares, no par value, for one share outstanding, or 277,150 shares) on the Common stock, payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 22.—V. 118, p. 1779.

General Electric Co.—Inquiry Asked.—

The Federal Trade Commission would be directed to investigate the extent to which the company controls the electric power industry, under a resolution reported Feb. 3 by the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee.

Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of the company, when asked about the resolution of inquiry, said the company has no objection to such an inquiry being made into its affairs. He said: "Burdensome and expensive as it is to a business organization, it is better than unfounded charges based on misinformation."

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Balance Sheet Nov. 30.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Rows include Assets (Real estate, machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

x Includes real estate, buildings and machinery, \$686,257; furniture, fixtures and automobiles, \$26,845; after deducting total reserve for depreciation of \$372,081.—V. 120, p. 92.

Glidden Co., Cleveland.—To Refund Bond Issue.—

The Prior Preference stockholders have approved a plan calling for the issuance of \$3,000,000 15-Year 6% 1st Mtge. Serial bonds and the refunding of the 8% bonds now outstanding. The plan will effect a substantial saving in interest with a consequent reduction in annual fixed charges.

Hartford (Conn.) Fire Insurance Co.—Rights, &c.—

The stockholders will vote March 6 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000. If the increase is approved, stockholders of record March 6 will be given the right to subscribe on or before April 15 to the \$2,000,000 additional stock (par \$100) at \$200 per share.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors on Feb. 3 declared a quarterly dividend of 62 1/2 cents per share payable Mar. 2 to holders of record Feb. 16. This compares with quarterly dividends of \$1 per share paid from Mar. 1 1924 to Dec. 1 1924 incl. President Straus stated:

In decreasing the quarterly dividend to the annual rate of \$2 50 per share the directors have been actuated by a desire to be conservative while the company is passing through its present transition period. This transition is the enlargement of our chain of retail stores, now 16 in number, in substitution for mail order business.

E. G. Felsenthal, Sec.—Treas., says in substance:

Sales of the corporation for January showed a satisfactory increase. No official sales figures will be given out due to the period of transition which our company is passing through.

Hayes-Ionia Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.—Notes Called.—

All of the outstanding 6% Serial Gold notes, dated Sept. 1 1919, have been called for redemption March 2 at 100 1/2 and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives, &c., Philadelphia, Pa. See also V. 120, p. 337.

Hercules Powder Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Gross receipts, Net from all sources, Preferred dividend, Available for Com. divs., Common dividends, Balance after dividend, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Stock dividend, Profit & loss surplus.

x After deducting all expenses incident to manufacture and sale, ordinary and extraordinary repairs, maintenance of plants, accidents, depreciation, taxes, &c.; also interest on Aetna bonds.—V. 119, p. 2653.

Hill Manufacturing Co.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend due Feb. 1 on the \$2,000,000 capital stock. In the previous 3 quarters, dividends of 2% each were paid. The company states: "The cotton textile industry during 1924 went through a period of almost unprecedented depression and this mill like other mills engaged in its class of work lost money.

Holland Land Co., Calif.—Declares Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$5 per share on the outstanding \$3,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 14 to holders of record Feb. 6. An extra dividend of \$3 per share was paid Nov. 1 1924. The directors announce that the declaration and payment of this extra dividend, although paid out of net earnings, will nevertheless, reduce the ultimate liquidation value of the stock as explained in previous reports to stockholders.—V. 119, p. 1962.

Holly Sugar Corp.—New Subsidiary Organized.—

The Midland Sugar Co., a subsidiary, has been organized to construct and operate a new beet sugar mill at Sidney, Mont., to cost close to \$800,000 with equipment. The Holly Sugar Corp. a number of months ago acquired the plant of the Anaheim Sugar Co., Anaheim, Calif., and will dismantle this mill, removing equipment to the new location.—V. 120, p. 92.

Holmes Mfg. Co., New Bedford.—Pref. Div. Reduced.—

The directors have declared quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% on both the Preferred and Common stocks, payable Feb. 16 to holders of record Feb. 5. A distribution of 2% was made on the Pref. stock last quarter. The Pref. is cumulative at the rate of 6% and participates with the Common up to 8% on all payments on that stock.—V. 119, p. 2294.

Horn & Hardart Co., N. Y.—Capital Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on Jan. 30 increased the authorized capital stock from 200,000 to 800,000 shares of no par value. The directors on Feb. 2 took necessary steps toward issuing to the stockholders the new stock on the basis of 4 shares for 1 share of present holdings.—V. 120, p. 459.

Hotel Strand, Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—Ralph C. Wolff Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. for all maturities \$165,000 1st (Closed) 7% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1925, due serially from July 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1935. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Callable, all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. The property owners pay the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 e*. These bonds are secured by a 1st (closed) mortgage on the property comprising 100 ft. on Union Ave., Los Angeles, with a depth of 150 ft. to a paved alley, improved with a modern 4-story and English basement brick hotel, containing 160 rooms, 145 private baths, lobby, recreation rooms, restaurant, storage rooms, and other modern hotel features. The hotel building was completed Nov. 14 1924 and is now in operation. The ground has been appraised by independent appraisers at \$75,000. The improvement actually cost \$245,174. Total value \$320,174.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—January Earnings.—

It is reported that earnings for January amounted to more than \$1,000,000 running 50% ahead of the monthly average for the record year 1923. The full January production schedule of 17,600 cars was the largest month's output in the company's history. With the spring motor demand opening up, the company expects to attain its full estimated production of 18,700 cars for February and 20,400 for March, or a total for the first 3 months of 1925 of 56,700 cars. Total 1923 production was 128,715 cars.—V. 120, p. 216, 204.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—Sub. Co. Stock.—

At a meeting of the directors of the Humble Pipe Line Co., a proposal was made to increase the authorized capital from \$12,000,000 to \$24,000,000. All of the stock of the Pipe Line Co. is owned by the Humble Oil & Refining Co.—V. 119, p. 2768.

Illinois Brick Co.—Par Value Changed—Earnings.—

The stockholders on Jan. 31 voted to change the par value of the Capital stock from \$100 to \$25 per share. The company has an authorized issue of \$5,000,000 Capital stock, of which \$4,700,000 is outstanding: Earnings, Cal. Years— 1924. 1923. 1922. 1921. Net profits after depr'n. Federal taxes, &c. \$948,462 \$1,022,256 \$618,687 loss\$366,859 —V. 119, p. 3016.

Imperial Oil, Ltd.—Dividend of 25 Cents on New Shares.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share in Canadian funds on the new no-par value stock, payable Mar. 2 to holders of record Feb. 14. This is equivalent to \$4 annually on the old stock, which previously had received \$3 a year. The authorized capital stock of the company was recently changed from 2,000,000 shares, par \$25, to 8,000,000 shares of no par value, and 4 shares of new stock issued in exchange for one of old.—V. 120, p. 337, 92.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 3 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922. Rows include Calendar Years— Net sales, Cost of production and sales, Gross profit on sales, Operating, general and administrative expenses, Net operating income, Other income, Total income, Deductions (including cost of dry holes, expired leases, &c.), Net available for surplus and reserves, Surplus account Dec. 31 1924 shows: Earned surplus Dec. 31 1923, \$407,760; net income for 1924, \$1,814,652; total, \$2,222,412. Deduct: reserved for depreciation and depletion, \$1,160,636; cash dividends paid during 1924, \$447,425; total earned surplus, \$614,351. Capital surplus: Appreciation resulting from appraisal of producing leases, \$3,639,283; deduct: stock dividends paid, \$2,043,824. Total surplus per balance sheet, \$2,209,811.—V. 120, p. 337.

Industrial Finance Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, has been appointed transfer agent of the debenture stock of the corporation, consisting of 50,000 shares, par \$100.—V. 118, p. 317.

Ingersoll Rand Co.—Earnings—Outlook.—

Vice-President W. R. Grace is quoted as saying: "Net earnings of the company will exceed \$15 a share for 1924, against \$24 a share in 1923. Our earnings should be better for 1925. So far as I know, there will be no stock dividend this year. "There is a great interest abroad in our new Diesel engine, an oil-electric locomotive built by the General Electric Co. and the Ingersoll-Rand Co. This locomotive will consume only one-fifth as much fuel as an ordinary locomotive.—V. 118, p. 2311.

International Harvester Co.—Enters Motor Coach Field.

The company has begun the production of motor coach equipment at its Springfield, Ohio, plant. E. A. Johnston, head of the engineering department, is quoted as follows: "We have so far developed and are now producing at our Springfield, Ohio, motor truck works four types of motor coach, ranging from an 18-passenger coach to a large and powerful de luxe cross-country coach with a 100-h. p. engine, carrying up to 35 passengers. Our coach engineers are at work on a still larger double-deck model of the pay-as-you-enter street-car type, with a capacity of 60 to 65 passengers. In the last 18 months the opposition of steam and electric railways to motor-coach transportation has entirely disappeared, and to-day some of the larger roads are the most active and powerful factors in the development of this newest and promising field of passenger transportation.—V. 119, p. 2654.

International Nickel Co.—Earnings 9 Mos. End, Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Earnings, Other income, Total income, Admin. and general exp., Res. for U. S. &c., tax., Maint. & shutdown exp., Depr. & mineral exhaust, Pref. dividends (4 1/2%), Balance, sur. or def. sur., Profit and loss surplus.

Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Rows include Assets (Property, Investments, Inventories, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total 64,335,691 62,473,020 Total 64,335,691 62,473,020 Reg. Halladay has been elected to fill a vacancy on the executive committee.—V. 119, p. 2654.

International Shoe Co., St. Louis.—New Directors.—

Stanley King, of Boston, and Winfield L. Shaw, of Manchester, N. H., have been elected directors.—V. 120, p. 204, 92.

Iron Products Corp.—Resignation.—

A. E. Cortis has resigned as a director of this corporation and the Central Foundry Co.—V. 120, p. 337.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Production.—

The company in January produced 494,000 tons of coal, an increase of about 18,100 tons over December 1924.—V. 120, p. 216.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—New Director.—

William Larimer Jones, Jr., has been elected a director.—V. 120, p. 591, 216.

Jordan Marsh Co., Boston.—Acquisition.—

The company has acquired the business of the C. F. Hovey Co. located on Summer, Chauncy and Avon streets, Boston, Mass. It has also acquired all the real estate occupied by the C. F. Hovey Co., together with four adjoining parcels. The assessed valuation of this entire property, including land and buildings, for the year 1924 was \$3,872,000.

The Jordan Marsh Co. acquired all the \$1,000,000 Common stock and a majority of the outstanding \$1,000,000 Preferred stock of the Hovey Co. It is not expected that the Preferred stock will be redeemed. The Hovey business will be continued as a separate store under the name of the C. F. Hovey Co. with the same management and policies as in the past.

In connection with the purchase of C. F. Hovey & Co., the Jordan Marsh Co. has filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations two amendments to its charter, one providing for authority to own stock in other corporations and the second creating an issue of \$8,000,000 6% Preferred stock, par \$100. Of this new issue 41,755 shares would be issued for stock and securities, presumably of the Hovey company. The Jordan Marsh Co. also has authorized and outstanding 100,000 shares of no par Common stock.

Adolph Ehrlich, President of the Hovey Co., has been elected a director of the Jordan Marsh Co.—V. 116, p. 82.

Jordan Motor Car Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922), Gross sales, Earnings. Values: 1924: \$12,009,596; 1923: \$13,253,829; 1922: \$11,535,863. Earnings: 1924: x\$858,469; 1923: y\$668,959; 1922: \$501,032.

x Before taxes and adjustments. y After taxes and adjustments.—V. 119, p. 1963.

Kansas City Bolt & Nut Co.—Notes Called.—

The company has called all of its 3-Year 6% Convertible Notes, due March 15 1926, for redemption on Feb. 14 1925 at the New England National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.—V. 120, p. 337.

Kaufman Department Stores, Inc.—To Decrease Stock.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 16 on reducing the authorized Preferred stock from \$1,575,000 to \$1,500,000, par \$100. The \$75,000 Preferred has been acquired for the "special surplus account."—V. 119, p. 2654.

Kelvinator Corp. (Mich.)—Stocks Sold.—Noyes & Jackson and Bonner, Brooks & Co., New York, have sold at \$16 per share 50,000 shares capital stock (no par value).

Transfer agent, Equitable Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York. Capitalization.—Authorized, 400,000 shares; to be presently outstanding, 250,000 shares. No bonds, no Preferred stock and no bank loans.

Data From Letter of President A. H. Goss, Detroit, Feb. 3.

Company.—Has been organized in Michigan to take over the business and properties of the Kelvinator Corp. of Del. and the Detroit Carrier & Manufacturing Corp. of Mich. The combined companies will maintain their respective plants in Detroit. Over the period of the last several years the corporation has purchased a large portion of its stampings and materials from the Detroit Carrier Co. The result and benefits of this consolidation will be numerous. Although Detroit Carrier & Mfg. Co. will continue its present business, the surplus capacity of its large plant will be utilized to take care of the increasing volume of business and expansion of the Kelvinator Corp.

The corporation is the largest and the oldest established concern in the industry of electrical refrigeration. It was founded in 1914 and its business has grown consistently. The Detroit Carrier & Mfg. Co., owned and managed by the same interests who control the Kelvinator Corp., was established in 1911 and has grown with remarkable rapidity until at the present time it has a virtual monopoly of the tire carrier business of this country. In 1924 the company manufactured 80% of all the ring-type carriers used by automobile manufacturers.

Dividends.—Directors have declared their intention of placing this stock on an annual dividend basis of \$1 50 per share, payable quarterly beginning April 1925.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Earnings.—Over the period of the last 3 years profits, before special taxes and normal depreciation, of the combined companies have been as follows: 1922, \$383,727; 1923, \$448,577; 1924, \$386,271.

The merged companies have without interruption paid dividends for the last 3 years, and these dividends have been earned with an ample margin of safety. From orders already in hand and other indications, it is estimated that earnings for 1925 will be in excess of \$4 per share.

Kenebec Paper Co.—Sale.—

The bonds of this company, having a face value of \$168,000, were ordered sold for at least \$92,400 by Judge Peters in U. S. District Court at Portland, Me., Jan. 29. This concern and the Cushnoc Paper Co., related to it, are in bankruptcy. Walter S. Wyman, one of the bankruptcy trustees, asked for assent permission, and declared that he is willing to make the purchase, assuming unsecured claims against the company's bonds.—V. 114, p. 2476.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—January Sales—Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns: Month of January (1925, 1924, 1923, 1922), Sales, Comparative Balance Sheet December 31 (1924, 1923), Assets (1924, 1923), Liabilities (1924, 1923). Values include sales of \$6,530,494 and assets of \$23,023,505.

Total 55,984,116 44,857,710 Total 55,984,116 44,857,710

A comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 591.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—January Sales—Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns: Month of January (1925, 1924, 1923, 1922), Sales, Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31 (1924, 1923), Assets (1924, 1923), Liabilities (1924, 1923). Values include sales of \$2,796,130 and assets of \$6,649,225.

Total (ea. side) 31,393,156 29,282,549

A comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 591.

Kirby Petroleum Co.—Wortham Pool Holdings Sold.—

See Texas Co. below.—V. 117, p. 2548.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—January Sales.—

Table with columns: Month of January (1925, 1924, 1923), Sales. Values: 1925: \$1,004,523; 1924: \$889,916; 1923: \$726,126.

Laguna Land & Water Co.—Successor Company.—

See Laguna Maywood Land Corp. below.—V. 119, p. 701.

Laguna Maywood Land Corp. (of Calif.)—Bonds Offered.—

Banks, Huntley & Co.; William R. Staats Co. and Bank of Italy are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101 and int., to yield from 5½ to 6%, according to maturity, \$1,600,000 1st Mtge. 6% Serial bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1925; due serially, 1926 to 1935 incl. Callable, all or part, on 35 days' notice as follows: 1926 and 1927 maturities at 101, 1928 and 1929 maturities at 101½, 1930 to 1935 maturities incl. at 102, plus int. Int. payable F. & A. at Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% paid by the corporation. Denom. \$1,000*. Authorized, \$2,000,000.

Company.—Organized in California, for the purpose of purchasing all of the land of the Laguna Land & Water Co. of Los Angeles. Corporation is under the same management as the company, which owns all the capital stock except directors' qualifying shares. All bonds and other indebtedness of the Laguna Land & Water Co., excepting current bills, will be retired in connection with this financing.

Security.—A first mortgage on approximately 1,200 acres of residential and industrial subdivision property and improvements, located four to eight miles southeast of the business centre of Los Angeles, appraised at \$11,097,635.

Approximately 537 acres, appraised at \$6,646,525, have been sold under contract, upon which there remains unpaid, as of Jan. 10 1925, a balance of \$2,235,796. The unsold land consists of approximately 682 acres, appraised at \$4,451,110. About 800 houses have been erected on the property sold under contract.

Income.—The income is derived from the sale of its property, and the receipt of principal and interest on contracts for property already sold. Interest receivable on contracts is more than sufficient to pay interest on the total issue of bonds. Experience, extending over a period of 12 years, shows that delinquencies on contracts have averaged less than ½ of 1% per annum.

Lake Superior Corporation.—Obituary.—

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Gibson, a director and general counsel of the corporation, died Jan. 31 at Toronto, Canada.—V. 119, p. 2188.

Lawyers Title & Trust Co., N. Y.—To Divide Present Corporation Into Two Corporations—Stock Dividend, &c.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 11 on a proposal to divide the company into two corporations—a title guaranty company, to be known as the Lawyers Title & Guaranty Co., and a trust company, to be known as the Lawyers Trust Co., and on a plan whereby, after the division of the company, the stock of the guaranty company be increased from \$5,500,000 to \$8,000,000, by the issuance of 25,000 new shares, of which 5,000 shares shall be distributed as a stock dividend and 20,000 shares offered to stockholders pro rata at \$200 a share. All of the stock of the trust company (except directors' qualifying shares) will be issued to the title guaranty company, which has the power to hold it under existing legislation. See also "Chronicle" of Jan. 24 under "Bank Items," page 416.—V. 119, p. 2769.

Leonhard Tietz Aktien-Gesellschaft, Germany.—

American Financing for German Chain Stores.—

One of Germany's largest chains of retail department stores has arranged financing with a group of American bankers. The company in question is the Leonhard Tietz Aktien-Gesellschaft.

The Leonhard Tietz A.-G. operates about 19 stores situated in various parts of Germany, chiefly in the Rhineland. The most important store is in Cologne, where the headquarters of the company are also located. The company occupies a prominent position in the retail field in Germany, due not only to its size and the volume of its business but also to its unique organization and efficient merchandising policies.

The banking group doing the financing has been formed by Lehman Brothers and includes Goldman, Sachs & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., and J. & W. Seligman & Co. It is understood that the financing is in the form of a short term loan which is being taken privately by the bankers and that there will be no public offering of securities at this time.

(H.) Liebes & Co., San Francisco.—Bonds Paid.—

All of the 6% Secured Serial Gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1925 to 1927, were called for redemption on Feb. 2 1925 at 101 and interest at the Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.—V. 109, p. 2076.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share on the Common and Common "B" stocks, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share, all payable Mar. 2 to holders of record Feb. 16.

This is the first extra cash dividend to be paid by the company since 1919. Extras of 4% annually were paid from 1913 to 1919 incl.—V. 120, p. 578, 338.

Lindsay Light Co., Chicago.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns: Assets (1924, 1923), Liabilities (1924, 1923). Values include real estate of \$223,407 and total assets of \$1,327,460.

Total 1,327,460 1,319,407 Total 1,327,460 1,319,407

—V. 119, p. 1070.

Long Bell Lumber Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1 per share on the Class "A" Common stock, no par value, payable Mar. 31 to holders of record Mar. 17 (see offering in V. 119, p. 2655)—V. 120, p. 591.

Ludlow Mfg. Associates, Boston.—Div. Rate Increased.—

The trustees have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share payable March 2 to holders of record Feb. 4. During 1924, four quarterly dividends of \$2 each were paid and in addition an extra dividend of \$2 per share on Dec. 1.—V. 119, p. 2186.

Lyman Mills.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns: Assets (1924, 1923), Liabilities (1924, 1923). Values include plant of \$1,000,000 and total assets of \$2,991,461.

Total \$2,991,461 \$3,122,535 Total \$2,991,461 \$3,122,535

—V. 119, p. 462.

McCrary Stores Corporation.—January Sales.—

Table with columns: Month of January (1925, 1924, 1923, 1922), Sales. Values: 1925: \$1,706,651; 1924: \$1,352,208; 1923: \$1,226,611; 1922: \$960,617.

—V. 120, p. 216.

Magma Copper Co.—Rights.—

The right of stockholders of record Jan. 31 to subscribe to the new 60,000 shares of capital stock at \$36 50 will be in the ratio of one share for each 4.51 shares held. The right to subscribe expires Feb. 24. See also V. 120, p. 591; 216.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Bonds Offered.—National City Co. are offering at prices ranging from 96.8674 and int. to 100.2844 and int., to yield from 4 1/4% to 4.90%, according to maturity, \$15,000,000 Serial 4 1/2% Gold debentures.

Dated Feb. 16 1925; to mature \$1,500,000 annually Feb. 15 1926 to Feb. 15 1935 inclusive. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000*. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at face value plus a premium of 1/4% for each 6 months intervening between date of redemption and maturity in the case of debentures of each series. Prin. and int. payable in U. S. gold coin in Galveston, Texas, or at the principal office of National City Bank, New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Chairman John Sealy, Dallas, Tex., Jan. 31.

Company.—The properties of the company constitute a completely integrated unit engaged in the production, transportation, refining and marketing of crude and refined oil products. The refining capacity aggregates 68,000 bbls. daily, represented by 5 plants of which the two largest, with 50,000 bbls. daily capacity, are located on the waterfront at Beaumont, Texas. The other 3 refineries are located at Port Worth, Corsicana and Luling, Texas, in addition to which the company owns 37 casinead gasoline plants distributed throughout Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. All of the refineries are connected by pipe lines with large exporting stations on the Beaumont-Sabine waterfront, where the company owns large wharves, pumping stations and steel tanks with a storage capacity of 9,620,000 bbls. of crude and refined products. Furthermore, in the local distribution within its territory of refined products, the company owns 1,005 tank cars and operates 879 distributing stations in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. The company also owns a 29-story office building in the City of Dallas, recently erected.

The refining and marketing operations are supported by a large number of producing leases owned by the company in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Louisiana, from which there is a present production of 47,000 bbls. per day. The company owns 2,300 miles of pipe lines and tank farms with storage facilities for 25,000,000 bbls. of crude oil. In addition, the company has favorable contracts with a large number of other producing interests for the delivery of a substantial volume of crude oil to its pipe line system.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to redeem on July 1 1925 the company's \$8,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds at present outstanding, and to increase working capital.

Control.—Company has \$180,247,100 Common capital stock outstanding (par \$100), which on the basis of present quotations has a market value of more than \$280,000,000. The Standard Oil Co. of New York owns approximately 69% of the capital stock, such stock being non-voting.

Condensed Statement of Earning Capacity, Calendar Years.

	Net Earnings.	Net Income.	Cash Divs. Paid.
1916	\$11,427,305	\$9,820,754	\$842,973
1917	11,699,299	9,428,493	1,161,205
1918	18,616,391	14,871,736	2,729,465
1919	11,442,579	7,040,973	3,813,726
1920	25,904,357	23,157,188	4,694,040
1921	12,345,464	9,805,157	7,200,000
1922	8,006,280	6,472,010	8,099,757
1923	10,003,050	8,869,779	
Annual average	\$13,680,591	\$11,183,264	\$4,379,401

x After depreciation and depletion, available for interest and Federal taxes.
y After all charges, available for dividends.

In comparison, the annual interest charges on the \$15,000,000 Serial 4 1/2% Gold debentures will require only \$675,000. In no one of the past eight years have the net earnings available for interest and Federal taxes been less than 1 1/4 times the annual interest requirements on these debentures, and the annual average for the eight year period shown is more than 20 times such requirements.

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1923 (see V. 118, p. 1672) indicates net current assets of \$40,461,234. The net tangible assets after deducting all liabilities other than funded debt amount to \$201,040,476. The \$8,588,000 First Mortgage bonds outstanding at the date of the balance sheet will be redeemed as a result of the present financing and the new issue of \$15,000,000 Serial 4 1/2% Gold debentures will constitute the sole then existing funded indebtedness of the company after such First Mortgage bonds are redeemed.

The Nov. 30 1924 balance sheet indicates that the Dec. 31 1924 condition will be as strong if not stronger from the standpoint of current assets to current liabilities than the similar position as of Dec. 31 1923. The Nov. 30 1924 figures for the first 11 months covering earnings indicate that dividend requirements have been earned during 1924 despite the unfavorable conditions prevailing in the industry generally.—V. 119, p. 3017, 2417.

Manhattan Shirt Co.—Dividend Rate Decreased.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the outstanding \$7,090,173 Common stock, par \$25, payable March 2 to holders of record Feb. 16. This compares with dividends at the rate of \$3 per annum (75 cents quarterly) paid on the Common stock from Dec. 1 1922 to Dec. 1 1924 incl.—V. 120, p. 592, 324.

Martin-Parry Corp.—To Offer 25,000 Shares of Stock.

The stockholders of record Feb. 17 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Mar. 12 to 25,000 shares of additional Capital stock (no par value) at \$30 per share at the rate of 1/4 of a share of stock for each share held. Subscriptions are payable in New York funds at the Lawyers Title & Trust Co., 160 Broadway, N. Y. City. See also V. 120, p. 338, 592.

(Miltiades) Melachrino, Inc., New York.—Stock Offered.

—Allen, Lewis & Co., New York, are offering at \$22 50 per share 25,000 shares Common stock of no par value. Authorized and outstanding, 100,000 shares. Stock is offered as a speculation. A circular shows:

Transfer agent, Central Union Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Registrar & Transfer Co., New York. Application will be made to list on the New York Curb Market.

Business.—Company manufactures, from the choicest grades of Turkish tobacco, the "Cortesi," "Crocodile," "Near East" and "Miltiades" brands of high grade Egyptian cigarettes. In 1912, Miltiades Melachrino sold the business and assets of the firm which he founded in 1904. This firm, until the sale of its business and assets, manufactured the well-known "Melachrino" cigarette, which, since the sale, the American Tobacco Co. has acquired and alone has continued and still continues to manufacture and sell. Miltiades Melachrino, Inc., was incorp. in New York in 1923.

Production & Sales.—Mr. Melachrino is of the opinion, based upon his 45 years' experience, that the minimum sales for a period extending over the first 3 years of operation should average at least 200,000,000 cigarettes per annum. The corporation has at present a plant capacity and equipment sufficient to manufacture 200,000,000 cigarettes per annum. The additional equipment to be provided from the sale of this issue, will bring the plant equipment up to a productive capacity of 600,000,000 cigarettes per annum, which the corporation should be readily able to distribute and sell. The net profit to the company, based on estimated minimum sales of 200,000,000 cigarettes per annum, should amount to \$600,000 dollars per annum, or at the rate of \$6 per share on the entire capital stock of the corporation.

Monsanto Chemical Works, St. Louis, Mo.—Bonds Offered.

—Federal Securities Corp.; Union Trust Co. (Cleveland); West & Co., and Smith, Moore & Co. are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 102.33 and int., to yield from 5 1/4% to 7%, according to maturity, \$2,500,000 7% 1st (Closed) Mtge. Sinking Fund Serial Gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1925; due serially, Feb. 1 1926-1940. Int. payable F. & A. in Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100*. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 101 plus 1/4 of 1% for each year or part of a year of unexpired term and accrued int. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and George W. Wilson, St. Louis, trustees. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4-mill tax refunded.

Data from Letter of Pres. John F. Queeny, St. Louis, Jan. 27.

Company.—Incorporated in Missouri in 1901, and from an original investment of \$5,000 has grown under the existing management to its present position with total assets in excess of \$8,500,000. In its 24 years

of operation company, after adequate depreciation and obsolescence charges and after liberal dividends to stockholders, has added over \$3,600,000 out of earnings to surplus, part of which has been distributed in stock dividends. Company is the largest manufacturer in the United States of fine and medicinal chemicals, its products being sold to more than 2,000 customers, including many leading manufacturing industries of the country. Plants located in St. Louis, Mo., and near E. St. Louis, Ill. **Security.**—First mortgage on all of the real estate, plants, buildings, machinery, equipment and other fixed property now or hereafter owned. Total of appraisals aggregates \$6,258,997.

Company has also pledged its 50% stock interest (representing a cash investment in excess of \$550,000) in Graesser-Monsanto Chemical Works, Ltd.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part to retire the company's outstanding funded debt and the balance primarily to provide funds for planned additions and improvements to its fixed property.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for the creation of a sinking fund payable annually on Feb. 1 of each year, beginning 1927, appropriating 20% of the company's net profits after depreciation and interest, but before Federal taxes. This sinking fund will be applied first toward retirement of bonds as due on the serial maturity date, and any surplus thereafter shall be used by the trustee to retire bonds in accordance with the terms of the mortgage.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7 1/2% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Serial Gold bonds	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Preferred stock, 8% cumulative	4,000,000	None
Common stock	3,500,000	3,100,000

Net Sales after all Discounts and Net Earnings Available for Interest after Amortization, Depreciation and Obsolescence, but before Fed. Taxes.

Year	Net Sales	Net Earnings	Year	Net Sales	Net Earnings
1919	\$7,068,263	\$1,455,252	1922	\$3,686,319	\$230,607
1920	8,020,175	1,212,362	1923	3,972,241	597,477
1921	3,726,962	73,230	1924	4,045,461	427,219

The average of the net earnings for the six years ended Dec. 31 1924, on the basis reported above, is \$666,024, or more than 3.80 times the maximum annual interest charges on this issue of bonds.

On the same basis the average of net earnings for 15 years ended Dec. 31 1924 is \$579,452, or more than 3.31 times such maximum annual int. charges.

In no year for the past 20 years has the company failed to earn a profit available for interest, after liberal deductions for depreciation and obsolescence, and in every year during that period (with the single exception of 1921) the company has added a profit to surplus after all charges, including interest, sinking fund and maturity payments on funded debt.

[All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 7% Serial Gold bonds, dated March 1 1920, have been called for payment March 1 at 102 1/2 and interest at the Mercantile Trust Co., trustee, St. Louis, Mo.]

In addition the company has elected to redeem all of the outstanding 10-Year 7 1/2% Gold debentures, dated April 1 1924, on March 1 at 102 and int. at the Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis.—V. 118, p. 1921.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.

Month of January	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$12,663,768	\$11,205,477	\$8,477,239	\$5,594,153

—V. 120, p. 592, 579.

Morgan Lithograph Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Stock Offered.

—John Burnham & Co., Inc., Chicago; McClure, Jones & Reed, New York; Paul H. Davis & Co., Chicago, and Shields & Co., New York, are offering at 42.50 per share, yielding over 9.40%, 30,000 shares Common stock (no par value). This offering is the result of the purchase of stock from individual stockholders and does not represent new financing on the part of the company.

Application will be made to list this stock on the Chicago and Cleveland Stock Exchanges. Transfer agents, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Union Trust Co., Cleveland. Registrars: National Bank of the Republic, Chicago; Central National Bank, Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland. Dividends are now being paid on this stock Q.-J. at the rate of \$4 per annum.

Capitalization (No Bonds)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (no par value)	60,000 shs.	60,000 shs.
Preferred stock (closed issue)	\$500,000	\$390,700

Data from Letter of President P. J. Morgan, Jan. 24 1925.

Company.—Founded in 1866. Is the largest company in the United States engaged in the production of lithographed posters. Among its clients are some of the foremost motion picture distributors in the country—Famous Players-Lasky, Universal Pictures and Pathe, with which Morgan Lithograph Co. has exclusive contracts to supply all posters and bills for every film released. A substantial amount of the company's business is done under long-term contracts. Thomas Cusack Co., D'Arcy Advertising Co., and J. Walter Thompson Co., are among the well-known advertising agencies with which the company has working agreements for the designing and lithographing of posters for their clients. These agencies supervise the advertising of many of the large national advertisers, such as R. H. Macy & Co., Auto Stop Safety Razor Co., National Fruit Flavor Co., B. V. D., and others. Among its other well-known customers are Ford, Goodyear, Wilson & Co., R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. (Camel cigarettes), H. J. Heinz Co., Willsy-Overland, Congoleum and many others. Main office and plants located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sales and Earnings.—The volume of the business has shown a consistent growth as indicated by the increase of 163% in sales from 1914 to 1924. Sales for the last four months of 1924 show an increase in excess of 27% over sales for the same period of 1923. Sales and net earnings for the two years and ten months ended Dec. 31 1924 are as follows:

Twelve Months Ended	Sales	Net after Taxes.
Feb. 28 1923	\$1,765,046	\$335,810
Feb. 29 1924	1,726,827	316,839
Dec. 31 1924	1,731,310	373,887

For the above two years and ten months sales were at the rate of \$1,843,476 per year and net earnings \$362,307 per year, which, after deduction of \$27,349 for annual dividend on present outstanding Preferred stock, leaves \$334,958 or at the annual rate of over \$5 50 per share on 60,000 shares of Common stock now outstanding. For the four months ending Dec. 1924, the net earnings for the Common stock were at the rate of over \$10 per share per annum.

Dividends.—Company has a continuous dividend record extending over a period of more than 23 years, excepting the year 1910, and during the last five years has paid a total of \$642,500 in cash dividends in addition to stock dividends totaling 120%.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1924.	
Assets	Liabilities
Permanent assets	Preferred stock
Cash	222,882 Common stock (60,000 sh.)
Notes & acceptances rec'd	25,724 Notes payable
Accounts receivable (less reserve)	462,451 Accounts payable
Inventory	735,710 Dividend payable
Other assets	191,194 Accrued taxes
Total (each side)	\$2,783,445
	Reserve for Fed'l taxes, &c.
	Surplus
	\$1,666,507

Motor Wheel Corp.—Common Stock Sold.

—Chas. D. Barney & Co. and Otis & Co. have sold at \$15 50 per share 50,000 shares Common stock (no par value).

Dividends Q.-M. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, Bankers Trust Co., New York; registrar, National City Bank, New York.

Capitalization Outstanding.

10-Year Sinking Fund 6% Gold bonds, due March 1 1933	\$1,558,500
8% Cumulative 1st Preferred stock (par \$100)	1,670,000
Common stock (no par value)	x490,891 shs.

x Giving effect to change of Common shares to no par value and to the issuance of 50,000 shares now being offered.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. F. Harper, Lansing, Mich., Jan. 30.

Company.—Organized in 1920 in Michigan. Since inception company has been one of the largest manufacturers of motor wheels in the world.

Sales for 1923 and 1924 exceeded \$20,000,000 a year and the company supplied approximately one-third of the total wheel requirements of the automobile industry in the United States. Corporation manufactures not only wood wheels of the artillery type, which is the major part of its output, but also steel disk wheels, marketed under the nationally known trade names of Duarc and Disteel. In the steel wheel field, the company owns and controls many valuable trade marks and patents. While the manufacture of steel wheels is a development of recent years, the rapidly increasing sales of this type of wheel have demonstrated that they have become firmly entrenched in the automobile industry.

The company originally acquired the assets of the Prudden Wheel Co., Auto Wheel Co., Gier Pressed Steel Co., all of Lansing, Mich., and the Weis & Lesh Manufacturing Co. of Memphis, Tenn. In subsequent years the company acquired the business of Forsyth Brothers Co. at Harvey, Ill., and the business, machinery, equipment, &c., of the Detroit Pressed Steel Co. of Detroit, Mich., used in the manufacture of the Disteel wheel.

The company supplies its products to over 50% of the automobile manufacturers of this country, numbering among its customers nearly all the largest manufacturers of both the popular and high-priced cars. The three principal plants, the "Prudden," "Gier" and "Auto Wheel" units, are located at Lansing, Mich.

Capital (After This Financing)—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
10-Year Sinking Fund 6s, 1933	\$2,000,000	\$1,558,500
8% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock (par \$100)	5,000,000	1,670,000
Common stock (no par value)	600,000 shs.	490,891 shs.

Net Income After All Charges, Including Depreciation, Inventory Losses, Federal Taxes and Preferred Dividends, Calendar Years.

Year	Net Income.	x Net per Share.	Year	Net Income.	x Net per Share.
1916	\$683,045	\$1.39	1921	\$1,112,772	\$2.23
1917	561,820	1.14	1922	517,952	1.06
1918	584,110	1.19	1923	1,131,980	2.31
1919	875,743	1.78	1924	1,600,000	3.26
1920	465,363	.95	(Dec.24)	1,600,000	3.26

x On 490,891 shares Common stock, incl. the 50,000 shares now being offered.

As shown above net income after all charges, including Federal taxes and Preferred dividends, &c., for the 9 years ended Dec. 31 1924 averaged \$725,865, which is equivalent to \$1.48 per share on 490,891 shares of Com. stock.

Common Stock Dividends.—An initial dividend of 25 cents a share was paid on the Common stock in May 1920 and in June 1920 a stock dividend of 50% was paid in Common stock. Since then quarterly dividend payments have been at the rate of 80 cents per share per annum up to Dec. 20 1924, when a quarterly dividend of 40 cents a share was paid, making the payments for the year total \$1 per share. It is the intention of the management to fix the next quarterly dividend at 30 cents per share, placing the Common stock on a \$1.20 annual basis.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1924.

[Before giving effect to issuance of 50,000 shares of stock.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., mach., &c.	\$6,649,507	8% Cum. 1st Pref. stock	\$1,814,600
Cash	838,517	Common stock (440,891 shs., no par value)	4,408,910
Acc'ts & notes receivable	1,596,348	Funded debt	1,663,500
Inventories	3,083,548	Accounts payable	504,990
Other assets	804,204	Accrued accounts	442,119
Deferred charges	188,923	Miscellaneous	7,203
		Deferred payment	200,000
		Res. for contingencies &c.	115,496
		Surplus	4,004,228
Total (each side)	\$13,161,048		

—V. 119, p. 2417.

Mullins Body Corporation, Salem, Ohio.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross sales	\$2,922,570	\$3,486,805	\$2,144,470	\$1,431,243	
Cost of sales	2,379,321	3,238,361	1,805,285	1,301,182	
Admin. gen. & selling exp	237,117	204,519	211,923	217,679	
Operating income	\$306,132	\$43,925	\$127,261	loss\$87,618	
Other income	17,823	101,897		553	
Total income	\$323,955	\$145,822	\$127,261	loss\$87,065	
Income charges	21,159	39,620	10,957	23,328	
Balance, surplus	\$302,797	\$106,202	\$116,304	def\$110,393	
Previous surplus	\$1,992,022	\$1,976,808	\$1,941,135	\$2,284,015	
Preferred dividends	77,360	77,600	77,600	78,400	
Common dividends				100,000	
Misc. adjustments (Dr.)	9,469	13,389	3,031	34,086	
Profit and loss surplus	\$2,207,989	\$1,992,022	\$1,976,808	\$1,941,135	

a Net sales.

Balance Sheet, December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est., plant, &c.	\$2,519,130	8% Cum. Pref. stk.	\$966,000
Plant betterments	\$2,678,057	Common stock	\$500,000
In process	70,597	Notes payable	100,000
Pref. stk. skg. fund	1,921	Accts. pay. & accr.	127,572
Patents & goodwill	85,210	Accrued taxes	20,760
Cash	21,463	Due to employees	1,232
Accts. receivable	517,788	On Lib. L'n subs.	1,232
Notes receivable	86,643	Res'v'e for disc. on	
Mdse. inventory	621,959	Pref. stk. purch.	4,876
Invest's at cost	54,966	Other assets	2,689
Deferred charges	22,039	Surplus	2,207,989
	15,516		1,992,022
Total	\$3,931,118	Total	\$3,931,118

x Common stock, no par value, 100,000 shares declared in accordance with the laws of New York State.—V. 119, p. 2187.

(A. I.) Namm & Son, Brooklyn, N. Y.—New Store.—

The eight-story addition to the company's store on Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y., was opened Feb. 4.—V. 120, p. 592.

National Lock Co., Rockford, Ill.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 6% Serial Gold bonds due April 1 1926 to 1933 have been called for redemption April 1 1925 at the Chicago Title & Trust Co., trustee, Chicago, Ill.—V. 116, p. 2017.

National Steel Car Lines Co.—Review of 1924.—

The report for 1924 shows that during the year the company transacted by far the largest amount of business in its history. The company during 1924 acted as vendor in transactions covering 7,985 steel tank cars having a total valuation in excess of \$11,000,000, and among the guarantor companies with whom the transactions were concluded were such well-known corporations as Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp., Indian Refining Co. and Transcontinental Oil Co.

The Series A 8% Equipment Trust was redeemed as of May 1924 at 103 and int. and it was announced that it is the intention of the company to have called for payment on June 1 1925 all of the outstanding 8% certificates under the Series B National Steel Car Lines issue.

It is also announced that during the year 1925 the National Steel Car Lines expects to diversify its business by entering the field of financing refrigerator car lines. As announced at the meeting, it is the belief of the directors of the company that a greater demand exists for this kind of industrial railroad equipment than for any other types of rolling stock. The company transacted no business in coal car equipment during 1924, confining its operations for that year entirely to steel tank cars.

A dividend at the rate of 8% per annum has been declared on the Preferred stock of the company.—V. 119, p. 2418.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.—

Month of	Jan. 1925.	Dec. 1924.	Nov. 1924.	Oct. 1924.
Copper output (lbs.)	6,906,512	6,713,520	5,703,506	5,069,899

—V. 120, p. 217.

Newton Steel Co., Youngstown, O.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		1924.	1923.
Shipments (net tons)		65,168	79,151
Gross sales		\$6,457,562	\$8,518,332
Net income after charges & Federal taxes		\$420,919	\$1,039,653

—V. 119, p. 3018.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Earnings.—

Results for Three Months and Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31.

1924—3 Mos.—1923.		1924—12 Mos.—1923.	
x Income	\$1,449,686	\$1,411,145	\$6,565,642
Int. on first mtge. bonds	40,000	40,000	160,000
Employees profit sharing	340,000	360,000	340,000
Dividends	981,632	979,632	4,906,160
			4,883,234
Balance, surplus	\$88,054	\$31,513	\$1,159,483
			\$1,121,170

x Income (including dividends from subsidiary companies) after deductions for expenses, taxes, maintenance, repairs and renewals, betterments, depreciation and contingencies.

1924 Quarters Ended—	Mar. 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.
Net income	\$1,800,850	\$2,140,101	\$1,055,006	\$1,409,686

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—		1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
x Net loss	\$1,185,808	\$555,387	\$2,993,450	\$2,737,434	
Dividends	193,635	238,603	238,248	620,225	
Deficit	\$1,379,443	\$793,990	\$3,231,698	\$3,358,359	
Profit & loss, surplus	\$7,244,790	\$8,624,233	\$9,418,224	\$12,469,923	

x After expenses, taxes and depreciation.—V. 119, p. 2418.

Ohio Cities Ice & Fuel Co., Dayton, Ohio.—Bonds Offered.—

Hyney, Emerson & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and interest \$400,000 First Mtge. 7% Serial Gold bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1925. Due serially Jan. 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1940.

Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc.—Stock Sold.—

Merrill, Lynch & Co. have sold at \$45 per share 50,000 shares Common stock (no par value). This stock was bought from individuals and involves no new financing for the company.

Capitalization.—Common stock (no par value) auth., 220,000 shares; outstanding, 200,000 shares. No funded debt. No Preferred stock.

Listing.—In due course the company expects to make application to list this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Isaac D. Levy, Jan. 29.

Company.—Sells wearing apparel for women, misses, and children. The business was originally established in N. Y. City in 1901 with an initial capital of \$62,000. Sales the first year amounted to \$250,000. In 1906 the business was incorporated in New York with a capital of \$100,000 and grew steadily. The present company was incorporated in Delaware in 1924 and acquired the business of the Oppenheim, Collins stores in New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Cleveland. The net assets of the business have been increased almost entirely from the re-investment of surplus earnings, no outside capital having ever been introduced in the business. Net assets now amount to over \$6,000,000, while annual sales amount to over \$21,000,000.

Company operates retail establishments as follows, viz.: (a) N. Y. City, 31-39 W. 34th St., an 11-story building, with a 6-story addition, running through to 35th St. The first 5 floors and basement are occupied by the company and the rest of the building is rented for business purposes. (b) Brooklyn, N. Y., 471-485 Fulton St., corner Bridge St., and at 394-402 Bridge St., and 147-153 Lawrence St. (c) Buffalo, N. Y., 534 Main St., corner of Huron St., running through to Pearl St. (d) Newark, N. J., (e) Philadelphia, Pa. (f) Pittsburgh, Pa. (g) Cleveland, Ohio.

All buildings are located in the most important shopping centres of the respective cities, and have an aggregate floor space of over 684,000 sq. ft. Buildings are of modern fireproof construction with sprinkler system, automatic fire alarms, and other safeguards for the protection of property and life.

The real estate in New York, Brooklyn and Buffalo is owned by the Opco Realty Co., all of whose stock is owned by the parent company. The real estate in Philadelphia is owned by Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Phila. (this name may be changed), all of whose stock is owned by the Opco Realty Co. The buildings in Newark, Pittsburgh and Cleveland are leaseholds owned by the parent company.

The stores have separate departments for women, misses, and children, all stores being conducted on substantially the same plan. The organization caters, in the main, to middle classes rather than to persons who by extreme styles at high cost. In this manner the business is exceptionally stable. Goods are standardized and the company does not buy any large amounts of novelties from which loss might ensue in case demand should fall off.

The company does not carry furniture, carpets, and other merchandise which entails considerable expense in handling, warehousing, and delivery; neither does it carry dry goods such as silks, woolsens, and linens, its efforts having been concentrated in the most profitable and most economically handled lines of merchandise.

Balance Sheet as of Jan. 10 1925.

[After giving effect to the capital adjustments.]

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$869,319	Capital stock (200,000 shares)	\$5,330,331
Accounts receivable	1,793,346	Notes payable	330,000
Inventory	1,370,642	Accounts payable	757,431
Sundry investments	63,940	Provision for Federal taxes	311,095
Stock of Opco Realty Co.	2,894,322	Reserve for contingencies	150,000
Furn. & fixtures, less deprec.	753,080	Initial surplus	1,000,000
Deferred charges	134,178		
Total	\$7,878,826	Total	\$7,878,826

Net Sales and Profits, after Giving Effect to Federal Taxes at Present Rates—

Years Ended July 31.

Net Sales.		Profits.		
1920	\$20,193,131	\$806,692	1923	\$20,936,272
1921	22,584,811	1,066,536	1924	21,000,626
1922	20,717,128	1,159,564		1,042,018

Profits for the five years ended July 31 1924 on this basis averaged \$1,012,080, or \$5.06 per share on the Common stock. Net sales for the 5 1-3 months ended Jan. 10 1925 were \$9,636,300 and profits for that period, on the same basis as shown above, amounted to \$555,237.

Dividend Policy.—It is contemplated that dividends will be inaugurated on the Common stock at some period during 1925 at the annual rate of at least \$3 per share.—V. 120 p. 593.

Otis Steel Co., Cleveland.—New President.—

E. J. Kulas has been elected President succeeding George Bartol.—V. 119, p. 2187.

Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.—Shipments.—

The company shipped 3,370 cars in January, and goes into February, it is said, with over 5,000 unfilled orders. January earnings were approximately \$300,000. The February production schedule is 4,079, and March 5,000. The schedule for the first 6 months totals 27,449.—V. 120, p. 594, p. 339.

Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—		1924.	1923.	1922.
Net sales		\$30,683,113	\$44,810,158	\$27,661,834
Net income for year		loss\$2,266,870	\$3,700,642	\$1,351,718
Previous surplus		9,018,388	7,663,961	15,158,857
Surplus adjustments (Cr.)		2,588,838	53,784	14,067,108
Total surplus		\$9,340,356	\$11,418,388	\$30,577,683
Dividends paid (cash)		(6%)2,400,000	(6)2,400,000	(12)2,400,000
Dividends paid (stock) (100%)				20,000,000
Federal taxes (1921)				513,721
Profit and loss surplus		\$6,940,356	\$9,018,388	\$7,663,961

x After deducting \$39,541,103 cost of goods sold, \$1,243,137 plant depreciation, \$767,365 interest, and \$398,379 inventory mark down y After deducting expenses of manufacturing, selling and administration and local taxes, but before deducting Federal taxes, estimated at \$456,331 for 1923. Federal taxes for 1922 amounted to \$168,965. z Surplus adjustments as follows: (a) Increase in valuation of plant, \$7,564,231; (b) in-

ventory reserve, \$4,000,000; (c) premium on capital stock, \$2,500,000 (d) other adjustments, \$2,867.

Balance Sheet as of December 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for years 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921. Total assets and liabilities are listed at the bottom.

Palace Hotel Co., San Francisco.—Bonds Paid.—

All of the First Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1928, were called for redemption on Feb. 2 1925 at par and interest at the Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco. See also V. 120, p. 218.

Parke, Davis & Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Parke, Davis & Co. for calendar years 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—January Sales.—

Table showing January sales for (J. C.) Penney Co., Inc. for years 1925, 1924, 1923, and 1922.

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp.—Treas.— Charles A. Hurff has been elected Treasurer to succeed the late David Wilson.—V. 120, p. 462.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Acquisition of Properties.—

A published statement, understood by the "Chronicle" to be substantially correct, says: By a deal closed Jan. 22 by the company, 1,860 acres of valuable oil and gas lands were added to its holdings in the Ixex pool 17 miles southwest of Breckenridge, Texas...

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—New Chairman.—

William G. Warden of Philadelphia has been elected Chairman, succeeding Richard B. Mellon. Mr. Mellon will continue as a director.—V. 119, p. 3018.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—New Secretary.—

Carl S. Lamb, Asst. Sec. & Asst. General Counsel of the company, has been elected Secretary, succeeding Charles R. Montgomery.—V. 120, p. 594, 462.

Pocasset Mfg. Co. (Fall River).—Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for Dec. 31 '24 and Dec. 29 '23. Total assets and liabilities are listed at the bottom.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Postum Cereal Co., Inc. for quarters ending Dec. 31 for years 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Annual Report.—

Table showing annual report for Pressed Steel Car Co. for calendar years 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

Pure Oil Co., Columbus, Ohio.—Stock to Employees.—

Employees of the company are given the opportunity to purchase on or before Feb. 25 8% Cumul. Pref. stock at par (\$100 per share). Payment may be made either in full or on the partial payment plan—\$10 on subscription and \$5 per share every half month commencing March 15 and ending Nov. 30.

Renfrew Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.—

Table showing annual report for Renfrew Manufacturing Co. for calendar years 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for years 1924 and 1923. Total assets and liabilities are listed at the bottom.

Richmond Radiator Co.—New Control.—Earnings.—

Lloyd G. McCrum has been elected President and General Manager. He resigned as General Manager on Dec. 31 last, following a controversy over policy. A proxy committee supporting Mr. McCrum, under the leadership of Geo. H. Burr & Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Moors & Cabot of Boston, has since been active and as a result of its

securing proxies for more than two-thirds of the outstanding shares, four members of the old board were replaced Feb. 3 by representatives of the committee. The new directors are Noble Crandall, Hamilton Pell, James F. Curtis and Floyd W. Parsons, and replace F. C. Allen, P. S. Kaufman, Frederic R. Kennedy and John J. Duffy.

P. H. Seward, who was elected President and General Manager on Jan. 14 last, has resigned both offices. He was subsequently elected to his former position of elective Vice-President, but declined it. He will however, remain a director. A. H. Schroth and W. G. Langbord were elected Vice-Presidents.

Earnings for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1924, after all charges but before Federal taxes, were \$416,346, equivalent to \$11.08 a share on the outstanding 28,574 shares of Common stock, par \$100, after allowing for dividends on the 15,296 shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock. This compares with \$12.78 a share for the full year 1923.

At the coming annual meeting to be held about Feb. 20, it is expected that the new management will have under consideration a plan to reimburse Pref. stockholders for accumulated dividends in the amount of about \$73,500 a share. Prof. dividends were resumed Jan. 15. In December 1924 the directors declared five quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% each.

At Oct. 31 1924 current assets were \$1,768,312 and current liabilities \$553,396, or in ratio of 3.55 to 1. Working capital was \$1,214,916. The cash item was \$654,156 and merchandise on hand or in process was \$1,045,102. Among current liabilities were accounts payable of \$197,908 and notes payable of \$350,000.—V. 119, p. 2771.

Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Table showing annual report for Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc. for income account year ended Sept. 30 1924. Includes balance, surplus, and profit and loss.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table comparing balance sheets for Sept. 30 '24 and Dec. 31 '23. Includes assets like plant, equipment, cash, and liabilities like capital stock and notes.

Repleg Steel Co.—Annual Report.—

Table showing annual report for Repleg Steel Co. for calendar years 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

x Net earnings after deducting all expenses incident to operations, including ordinary repairs and maintenance and expenses. y Includes \$141,590 loss on Wharton Steel Co. operations prior to date of liquidation March 1 1922.—V. 119, p. 2419.

Rima Steel Corp.—New Director.—

A. O. Corbin, of F. J. Lisman & Co., has been elected a director.—V. 120, p. 594, 462.

Sagamore Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for Dec. 27 '24 and Dec. 29 '23. Total assets and liabilities are listed at the bottom.

Schiro Realty Co., Inc., New Orleans, La.—Bonds Offered.—Mortgage & Securities Co. and Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans, are offering at 100 and int. \$380,000 1st Mtge. 6% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1925; due serially (J. & J.) July 1925 to July 1939. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable before maturity in the order of maturity on any int. date at 101 and int. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at office of Interstate Trust & Banking Co., trustee.

These bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on three pieces of property located in the business section of New Orleans. The land and buildings are valued at \$576,136.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

Table showing sales for Sears, Roebuck & Co. for January for years 1925, 1924, 1923, and 1922.

Seneca Copper Corp.—Time Extended.—

The reorganization committee announces that at the urgent request of a considerable number of the creditors stock and security holders for an extension of time within which to deposit stock claims consents of creditors and securities under the plan of reorganization, the committee has extended the time within which such deposits and payments may be made until and including Feb. 21.

The prospects of the company have never before been so bright. Operations in December, the first month of the new fiscal year, were much more profitable than in Dec. 1923. In the January market, now drawing to a close, sales at Chicago went far beyond any volume ever booked before.

On Jan. 30 unfilled orders were at the highest peak in the history of the business. It may be that these increases are due to the personal advantage now reinforcing the loyal interest which our people have always shown. At any rate, it seems safe to predict that 1925 will be our banner year.—V. 120, p. 94.

Simms Magneto Co.—Sale Confirmed.—

Vice-Chancellor Backes at Newark, N. J., has signed an order confirming the recent sale by receivers M. Caswell Heine and Richard C. Anderson of the assets of the company to Charles D. Kriser, New York, and associates, for \$576,500. This bid was \$1,500 higher than that of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York. The latter institution has taken over the Kriser bid, with the obligation to assume the payment in full of notes amounting to \$100,000, of the Home Light Electric Co., which corporation was owned by the Simms company.

Under the terms of the sale, as now confirmed, the receivers will net about \$276,500 for the payment of general claims aggregating in excess of \$800,000.—V. 118, p. 3089

Sinclair Consol. Oil Corp.—Italy Annuls Concession.—

A Rome dispatch, Feb. 3, says: "The Government's official 'Gazette' this evening prints a decree annulling the agreement between the Italian

Government and the Sinclair Oil interests, allowing the latter to prospect for oil throughout Italy. The annulment is the result of a mutual agreement.—V. 120, p. 343.

60 Broadway Bldg. Corp., N. Y.—Definitive Notes.
Interim receipts for \$1,000,000 10-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold notes, due Oct. 1, 1934, are now exchangeable for definitive bonds at the Equitable Trust Co., 97 Wall St., N. Y. City. See offering in V. 119, p. 1745.

(A. O.) Smith Corp.—No Action on Common Div.
The directors have taken no action on the dividend of 25 cents per share usually declared at this time on the outstanding 100,000 shares of Common stock (no par value). Quarterly dividends at this rate were paid on the Common from Nov. 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1924, incl.
The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% was declared on the Preferred stock, payable Feb. 16 to holders of record Feb. 2.—V. 119, p. 1746.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—Smaller Divs.—Earnings.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1% on the outstanding \$10,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable March 2 to holders of record Feb. 14. This compares with 2% paid quarterly from June 1 1923 to Dec. 1 1924 inclusive.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Profits for year	\$280,092	\$547,707	\$982,239	\$1,090,997
Dividends paid	(8%) 799,999	(10) 999,999	(8) 799,999	(10) 1000,002
Balance, sur. or def.	def \$519,907	def \$452,292	sur \$182,240	sur \$90,997
Previous surplus	1,716,813	2,169,106	1,986,866	1,895,871
Profit & loss surplus	\$1,196,906	\$1,716,814	\$2,169,106	\$1,986,866

South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines.—Report Dec. 31.
Calendar Years—
Profits for year—\$91,199
Dividends—x(7%) 245,000

Balance, sur. or def.—def \$153,801
Of the dividends paid during the year, \$53,453 were from earnings prior to 1913.

Assets—	1924.	1923.	Liabilities—	1924.	1923.
Plant	\$4,222,912	\$4,163,670	Capital stock	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Other investments	1,338,391	1,338,391	Depreciation	1,599,196	1,494,818
Acc'ts receivable	168,942	234,138	Accounts payable	81,940	137,908
Oil purchased and sale contingent	16,696	17,399	Profit and loss	607,577	761,378
Cash	41,772	140,507	Total (each side)	\$5,788,713	\$5,894,109

President Forrest M. Towle, in a statement to stockholders, says in part: Attention is called to the fact that, while the profit and loss account decreased the plant investment increased, and it was not necessary to dispose of any of the bonds held in the "other investments" account. A careful comparison with last year's statement will show how this was possible.
The Federal taxes for 1917, 1918 and 1919 have not been settled, but the officers do not expect that there will be much additional tax for those years. No tax reserve is maintained or included in the accounts payable.
Runs by us from wells in Pennsylvania in 1923 were 1,049,559.51 bbls.; in 1924, 983,005.08 bbls.; a decrease of a little more than 6.3%.

The directors are not considering any stock or large cash dividend. They are endeavoring to maintain as regular a return to the stockholders as possible. The foregoing is an effort to answer the questions that are being asked by our stockholders.—V. 120, p. 463.

Spring & Main Street Corp., Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.
Geo. H. Burr & Co. and Knight, Gamble & Co., St. Louis, are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 7%, according to maturity, \$250,000 1st Mtge. 7% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 15 1924; due serially 1925-1934. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Interest payable J. & D. at St. Louis (Mo.) Union Trust Co., trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 100 plus 1/2% of 1% for each year or fraction thereof before maturity. Interest payable without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

The company owns in fee simple approximately two city blocks in Kansas City, Mo. This property covers an area of approximately 4 acres with a frontage of 62 feet on Main Street, 617 feet on Spring Street and 288 feet on Wyandotte Ave. The buildings located on part of the above site are of modern fireproof construction with an area of 39,832 feet. These buildings are practically completed and are expected to be ready for occupancy by Feb. 15 1925.

This loan will be secured by a first closed mortgage on the land and buildings, unincumbered, owned in fee simple, valued according to recent appraisals at \$517,875. The land was appraised on Dec. 16 1924 at \$115,000 and the value of the buildings is the actual cost of their construction. This loan of \$250,000 is therefore less than 50% of the value of land and buildings.

Standard Oil Co. of New York.—Stock to Employees.
The company, under its profit-sharing plan, is offering its stock to employees for the first quarter of 1925 on the basis of \$43 a share. This compares with \$39 a share paid during the last two quarters of 1924 and \$43 for the first quarter of last year.—V. 119, p. 2075.

Standard Publishing Co., Chicago.—Expansion.
The company announces that it has started three new services since Jan. 1, raising its number of services to 19. See also V. 120, p. 596.

Superior Steel Corp.—Report.

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$5,626,752	\$8,749,442	\$6,248,552
Less discount	116,504	101,894	65,875
Cost of sales	4,925,169	7,332,955	5,268,679
Selling expenses	135,310	148,125	107,534
Administration & general expenses	x173,405	200,632	155,291
Depreciation	150,000	139,001	122,280
Balance	\$126,364	\$826,835	\$528,893
Other income	83,602	77,731	63,700
Total income	\$209,966	\$904,566	\$592,593
Interest charges	157,870	169,688	56,780
Reserve for Federal taxes	42,435	71,509	19,951
Other charges	71,509		
Balance, surplus	def \$61,848	\$734,878	\$515,862
Previous surplus	803,011	361,853	278,400
Sundry adjustments	90,807	67,683	184
Total surplus	\$831,970	\$1,164,414	\$794,446
Sinking fund payments	300,000	165,000	165,000
Dividends	300,000	y196,404	y267,594
Profit and loss surplus	\$531,967	\$803,011	\$361,853
x Including \$51,727 for local taxes, bad accounts, &c. y Representing dividends paid on Preferred stocks retired early in 1924.—V. 119, p. 2076.			

Sun Maid Hotel Corp., Fresno, Calif.—Bonds Offered.
First Securities Co., Los Angeles, is offering at prices to yield from 6 1/4% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity, \$500,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1924; due \$20,000 annually June 1 1927 to 1939 incl., and \$240,000 Dec. 1 1939. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% at Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 40 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of 1/2% of 1% for each unexpired year, or fraction thereof, of the respective maturities, but not exceeding in any case a premium of 5%. If red. in part, company will call by lot bonds of the latest maturity outstanding at the premium stated. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Company.—Is the owner of an eight-story, reinforced concrete hotel building located in Fresno, Calif. This hotel, known as "The Californian Hotel," has been in operation since Jan. 1 1924, and is therefore thoroughly modern in construction and equipment. In addition to its 240 guest rooms, the hotel contains nine rentable stores.

Bonds will be secured by a direct first closed mortgage on the land, hotel building, furnishings and equipment, all of which, based on appraisals and certified valuations, have a sound value of \$1,118,693, or more than twice the total amount of this bond issue. As additional security there will be deposited with the trustee the lease under which the hotel is now being operated.

Lease & Rentals.—The hotel property is leased to and is now being operated by Californian Hotel, Inc. This lease expires on March 31 1940. The fixed net rental under this lease is \$70,800 annually, payable \$5,900 monthly in advance. In addition to this fixed amount, the Sun Maid Hotel Corp. receives annually 25% of the net earnings realized from the operations of the hotel. The aggregate fixed net rental due under this lease from Dec. 1 1924 (the date of this bond issue) amounts to \$1,085,600 and is sufficient to provide for the payment of the entire principal and interest of this bond issue, leaving a surplus of over \$200,000. The lessees pay the insurance, taxes, upkeep and repairs.

Texas Co.—Acquires Additional Properties.
The company has acquired the Panhandle Refining Co.'s holdings in the Ragle Pool, Archer County, Texas, comprising 851 acres, 33 producing wells and one drilling. Present production, approximately 2,500 barrels per day. Cash consideration, \$1,000,000.

The company has also acquired the Kirby Petroleum Co. holdings in the Wortham Pool, comprising approximately 37 acres, three producing wells and seven drilling. Present production from six wells, approximately 2,500 barrels per day. Cash consideration, \$750,000.—V. 120, p. 463.

(John R.) Thompson Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1924.	1923.		1924.	1923.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Prop. & equipm't	\$4,111,931	3,036,467	Common stock	6,000,000	6,000,000
Good-will, &c.	4,000,000	4,000,000	Preferred stock	900,000	950,000
Securities owned	1,183,395	1,153,411	Funded debt	480,000	235,000
Notes, acc'ts, mtge. receivable	147,193	509,301	Acc'ts payable	135,700	108,811
Inventories	242,569	476,894	Res'v for inc. taxes	166,564	134,787
Cash	875,763	613,498	Other reserves	122,076	108,518
Suspense accounts	108,472	34,376	Accruals	120,631	70,555
Deferred assets	52,435	64,872	Deferred income	180	884
Surplus			Surplus	2,796,607	2,280,764
Total	10,721,758	9,888,821	Total	10,721,758	9,888,821

x After deducting \$2,344,471 for depreciation.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 120, p. 596.

(August) Thyssen Iron & Steel Works (August Thyssen-Hutte Gewerkschaft) and Affiliated Mining and Sales Companies.—Amsterdam Buys Bonds.

Cable advices from Amsterdam state that the offering of \$1,000,000 5-year 7% mortgage bonds made in that market Feb. 3 by Mendelsson & Co. and Pierson & Co., was immediately subscribed with a large excess application for bonds that could not be filled. This offering was a portion of the \$12,000,000 loan to Thyssen by Dillon, Read & Co., which was offered and oversubscribed in the American market.

The Thyssen issue, it is stated, will be listed on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.—V. 120, p. 219, 343.

Timken Roller Bearing Co.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share, both payable March 5 to holders of record Feb. 17. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since Sept. 5 1923.—V. 119, p. 2891.

Tonopah (Nev.) Mining Co.—Special Disbursement.

The directors declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 7 1/2 cents per share, payable April 21, to holders of record March 31. The directors also ordered the disbursement out of earnings prior to March 1 1913 of 50 cents per share, payable Feb. 25, to holders of record Feb. 11 1925.—V. 119, p. 1966.

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Earnings.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross sales	\$4,423,676	\$6,246,922	\$4,170,183	\$3,665,444
Less returns, allowances, and freight	232,960	310,724	215,070	208,707
Labor, material and factory expenses	4,047,345	5,326,165	3,958,723	3,329,190
Selling, office & adm. exp.	137,342	136,979	130,253	137,862
Net profit from op.	6,028	473,054	loss 133,863	loss 10,315
Other income—net	70,513	35,837	62,726	53,452
Net profit	\$76,541	\$508,891	loss \$71,137	\$43,138
Provision for est. Federal taxes & contingencies	1,500	50,000		
Dividends	(\$3) 300,000	(\$2 1/2) 275,000	(\$2) 200,000	(\$3) 300,000
Balance, surplus	def \$224,957	\$183,891	def \$271,137	def \$256,862

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1924.	1923.	Liabilities—	1924.	1923.
Property & plant (after deprec'n)	\$1,096,211	\$1,154,433	Capital stock	x\$550,000	\$550,000
Cash	72,675	38,046	Accounts payable	80,657	249,058
Notes & acc'ts. rec.	234,848	530,058	Accr. taxes, &c.	16,207	15,757
Inventory	358,480	x493,097	Prov. for est. Fed. taxes & reserve		
Other assets	41,919	31,290	for contingencies	12,564	58,053
Prepaid exp., &c.	117,719	124,758	Capital surplus	2,450,000	2,450,000
Securities owned	1,648,257	1,636,796	Profit & loss surp.	460,652	685,610
Total	\$3,570,109	\$4,008,479	Total	\$3,570,109	\$4,008,479

x Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 119, p. 1853.

Trumbull Steel Co.—Earnings.

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$26,201,521	\$31,205,000	\$23,163,000
Sur. after charges, depr. & Fed. taxes	2,243,888	Not available	

—V. 118, p. 678.

Tulip Cup Corp.—Stock Offered.—H. D. Williams & Co., New York, are offering at \$15 per share 30,000 shares Common stock (no par value). The present offering does not represent new financing by the company. The bankers state that the stock is being offered as a speculation.

Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding (No Funded Debt).

7% Preferred stock (par \$100)	\$208,600
Common stock (no par)	100,000 shs.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the New York Curb Market.

Data from Letter of Simon Bergman, Jan. 26.

Company.—Recently organized in Delaware. Business was formerly carried on under the name of Paper Utilities Co., Inc., which was organized in May 1922. Business consists of the manufacture of paper specialties, such as sanitary paper drinking cups, known as the "Tulip Cup," soda cups, souffle and cake cups, butter chips and finger bowl liners. At its inception the company occupied a space of about 500 sq. ft., whereas at the present time it occupies more than two acres of space at the Bush Terminal Bldgs. in Brooklyn. Company is now negotiating for the lease of a plant which will give a floor space of over three acres, and which will be particularly adapted to its purposes.

Sales & Earnings.—During the first year of operation about 29 million paper drinking cups were sold. The output during the year 1924 was in excess of 500 millions. Among other articles recently developed by the corporation is a cup container with cover which will be used for packing ice cream, and sold by retailers at 5c. per package. From several large initial orders for this article we expect it to be a source of large revenue to the corporation.

This business is such that the earnings should show no wide fluctuations but always a steady growth, which will be accelerated by new articles such as the ice cream cup container.

During the last three years the earnings (as certified by accountants) available for dividends on the Common stock were as follows: 1922, \$125,034; 1923, \$165,352; 1924, \$168,957. The profits for 1924 are after deducting extraordinary expenditures of \$36,305 due to opening three district offices.

Orders now on hand for delivery during the early part of 1925 are equal to 60% of the total sales for the year 1924. Having in mind these orders and the probable results from the sales of the ice cream cup, the net profits after taxes for 1925 should be not less than \$225,000, and is expected to be in excess of \$300,000.

Dividend Outlook.—Corporation has ample working capital for all of its present needs and will be in a position to put its Common stock on a dividend basis at an early date. The President shall recommend that the directors pay a quarterly dividend beginning April of this year.—V. 120, p. 596.

U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Wins City Suit.—The company has been awarded a verdict of \$690,363 in a suit against the City of New York for \$1,040,000 for alleged breach of contract. A jury in Federal Court made the award Feb. 4 after a trial which lasted for four weeks before Judge Henry W. Goddard.

The suit grew out of a contract which the company had with the city for the construction of that section of the Broadway subway extending from 28th to 38th streets. The plaintiff claimed that failure of the city to deliver blueprints and materials as specified in the contract caused a delay of 18 months in its construction.—V. 120, p. 464, 219.

United States Rubber Co.—New Director.—John W. Davis has been elected a director and appointed general counsel of the company. Mr. Davis held similar positions some time prior to his nomination as candidate for the Presidency of the United States.—V. 120, p. 597, 344.

United States Steel Corp.—Sub. Sells Horseshoe Branch.—An authoritative statement says: The American Steel & Wire Co., a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corp., has sold its machinery, stock on hand and good-will of the old-established horseshoe department of the company, manufacturing Juniata horseshoes, to the Phoenix Horseshoe Co. of Chicago, Ill. The Juniata horseshoe branch is one of the oldest departments of the Schoenberger works of the American Steel & Wire Co., having been established when the iron industry was born in this country more than a century ago.

The machinery and equipment is to be moved to the Phoenix company's plant at Cleves, near Cincinnati, Ohio. The horseshoe business was one of the smaller lines of the American Steel & Wire Co. and consumed about 15,000 to 18,000 tons per year. The consideration in the transaction is not known.—V. 120, p. 597, 578.

Vacuum Oil Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents a share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on the outstanding capital stock, par \$25, both payable Mar. 20 to holders of record Feb. 28. During 1924 the company paid the following extra dividends: On Dec. 20, \$1; on Sept. 20, 25 cents; on June 20, 25 cents; and on Mar. 20, 25 cents. Total distributions, including extras, made in 1924, amounted to \$3.75 per share, compared with a total of \$2.50 per share paid in 1923.—V. 119, p. 2190.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.—To Sell Interest.—Creditors and stockholders of the company were ordered Feb. 4 to show cause before Federal Judge Runyon in Newark on Feb. 13 why one of the two offers of \$1,025,000 each for stock owned by the firm in a German chemical company should not be accepted. The order was granted upon application of the receivers.

A special radio to "Journal of Commerce" from Frankfort-on-the-Main, Feb. 4, says: "The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. is negotiating the sale in Germany of its holdings in the Einigkeit German Potash Works, in which the American company owns a controlling interest.—V. 120, p. 220.

Wahl Co., Chicago.—Report.—Calendar Years—1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Net sales \$4,612,338 \$6,014,184 \$6,198,510 \$6,795,312 Mfg., selling & adm. exp. 4,651,545 4,756,784 4,496,951 5,067,369

Net profit—def. \$39,207 \$1,257,400 \$1,701,559 \$1,727,943 Miscellaneous income 80,422 124,665 126,480 64,981

Gross income \$41,215 \$1,382,065 \$1,828,039 \$1,792,924 Miscell., &c., expenses *1,337,909 232,432 305,546 172,184 Federal tax reserve 136,894 189,767 417,015

Prof. dividends (7%) 76,615 77,523 77,957 49,408 Common dividend (\$2)309,592 (\$6)928,716 (\$6)928,241 (\$4)618,204

Balance, surplus...def. \$1,682,901 \$6,500 \$326,528 \$506,113 * Includes certain losses sustained on account of new styles.

Wayne (Mich.) Steering Wheel & Bow Co.—Receiver.—The Security Trust Co., Detroit, has been appointed receiver for this company following a filing by the company of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The company lists its assets at \$100,000 as a going concern and liabilities are said to be around \$55,000. It manufactured wood steering wheel rims, electric light fixtures and automobile top bows.

Weber & Heilbronner, New York.—New Common Stock Put on a \$4 Annual Basis—2% Stock Dividend Declared—Preferred Dividends.—The directors have declared four quarterly dividends of \$1 each and a 2% stock dividend, payable in Common stock on the new Common stock. Four regular quarterly Preferred dividends of \$1 7/8 a share also have been declared.

The Common cash dividends are payable March 30, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 30 to holders of record March 16, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, respectively. The Common stock dividend is payable April 30 to holders of record April 15.

The Preferred dividends are payable on the same dates and to holders of record as of the same date as the Common cash dividends. It is understood that it is the intention of the management of the company to continue payment of the stock dividend just initiated.

The stockholders recently voted to reduce the number of outstanding Common shares from 225,520 to 75,173, by the exchange of one share of new for each three shares held.—V. 120, p. 597, 96.

Weetamoe (Cotton) Mills, Fall River.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31

Assets—1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Real est., pit., bldg. mach'y & equip. \$694,362 \$690,552 204,273 199,000 Cash & accts. rec. 15,040 33,727 9,989 146,147 Inventory 341,440 550,836 229,164 218,664

Total (ea. side) \$1,050,842 \$1,275,115 500,000 \$500,000 Bills payable 204,273 199,000 Accts. pay. & accep 9,989 146,147 Depreciation 229,164 218,664 Res. for taxes 67,477 67,477 Profit and loss 39,940 143,827

Western New York Farms Corp.—Dividend of \$6.—The directors on Jan. 28 declared a dividend of \$6 a share on all the outstanding stock, payable March 2 to holders of record Feb. 14. The board designated \$2 a share of the dividend as from surplus earnings and \$4 a share in liquidation of capital. This corporation is successor to the Western New York Farms Co., as per reorganization plan in V. 116, p. 1192, 2020.

Westfield Manufacturing Co.—Notes Sold.—Millett, Roe & Co. have sold at 100 and int. \$250,000 6% Serial Gold notes.

Dated Feb. 2 1925. To mature: Series "A" \$75,000 Feb. 1 1928; Series "B" \$75,000 Feb. 1 1929; Series "C" \$100,000 Feb. 1 1930. Both principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction for any tax or taxes, or other Governmental charge (except succession or inheritance taxes and State income taxes and such portion of Federal income taxes as shall be in excess of

2% per annum), which the company may be required or permitted to pay thereon or to retain or to deduct therefrom. Connecticut personal property tax, not exceeding 4 mills, and Massachusetts income tax on int., not exceeding 6% on such int., per annum, refunded. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Red. all or part on any int. date on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice as follows: Up to and incl. Feb. 1 1926 at 102 and int., thereafter up to and incl. Feb. 1 1927 at 101 and int., thereafter at 100 and int.

Data From Letter of Wilbur C. Walker, Pres. of Company.—Company.—Organized in Massachusetts in Aug. 1915 and acquired the plant and bicycle business located at Westfield, Mass., which was formerly a part of the Pope Mfg. Co. Is the largest manufacturer of high grade bicycles and children's vehicles in the world, and has over 3,000 appointed dealers in this country and abroad. Plant at Westfield, Mass.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures in connection with the purchase of the entire capital stock of the Columbia Wheel Co., now a subsidiary, to provide funds for the expansion of the business of the Columbia Wheel Co., and for the other corporate purposes.

Earnings.—Annual earnings for the past 7 years ending Aug. 31 1924, after allowance for renewals and depreciation, but before Federal taxes, have averaged \$308,560, or over 20 times the annual interest requirements on these notes. For the year ended Aug. 31 1924 such earnings were \$234,780, or equal to over 15 times these interest charges.—V. 119, p. 2773.

White Motor Co.—Preliminary Statement.—The preliminary figures for the year 1924 indicate gross sales of over \$46,500,000.

Net earnings, after all charges except dividends, approximate \$4,100,000, making the surplus as of Dec. 31 1924 about \$11,500,000. The company's dividend payments, uninterrupted since its organization, were continued, on the basis of 8% annually.

Preliminary Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1924. Assets—Capital assets less deprec'n. \$10,166,000 Good will 5,388,000 Current assets 28,523,000 Other assets, incl. investments in other companies 844,000 Total \$44,921,000

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Interest Defaulted.—The committee on securities of the New York Stock Exchange having received word from the company that the interest due Feb. 1 on the 10-Year Convertible Sinking Fund 7 1/2% Gold bonds, due 1931, will not be paid on that date, rules that beginning Feb. 2, the bonds and certificates of deposit therefor must be dealt in "flat."—V. 119, p. 3021.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—January Sales.—Month of January—1925, 1924, 1923. Sales \$14,204,388 \$12,134,619 \$11,047,907 \$9,516,978

Of the \$2,069,769 increase in sales for January 1925 over January 1924, the old stores were responsible for \$1,333,250.—V. 120, p. 579, 220.

(Wm.) Wrigley Jr. Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—Assets—1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Real est., bldgs., mach. & equip. \$11,565,281 9,842,363 Patents 264,706 352,941 Good-will 6,000,000 6,000,000 Cash 8,344,824 7,275,299

Acc'ts & notes rec. 2,239,750 2,138,258 Inventories 4,747,981 5,539,548 Bonds 3,003,445 2,601,762 Other investments 2,219,911 1,741,509

Liabilities—1924, 1923. Common stock \$15,000,000 15,000,000 Accounts payable 627,724 414,134 Reserve for Federal taxes 1,217,007 992,029 Reserve for coup. redeemable 6,916,469 7,610,582 Surplus 14,624,700 11,474,936

Total (each side) 38,385,900 35,491,683

* After deducting \$2,173,500 reserve for depreciation. y Patents, \$1,500,000, less reserve for extinguishment, \$1,235,294. z 1,800,000 shares, no par value.

Note.—Contingent liability, as guarantor, on notes payable of affiliated company, \$625,000. A comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 597.

Young, Smyth, Field Co., Philadelphia.—Report.—The creditors' committee in a letter, Jan. 29, says: On Dec. 20 1924 a dividend of 3% in cash was paid which, with previous payments, makes a total of dividends paid to date of 55%.

We have been working very hard on the massing of detail and producing evidence on which our claim against the Government for excess taxes might be properly based. A vast amount of evidence was accumulated and sufficient has been shown to place us in a favorable position, but we have been unable to get the final decision from the Revenue Department. As those in charge of a liquidating corporation are personally responsible for additional tax assessments if all the assets of the company are distributed, the committee has no choice in the matter but to await the final determination by the authorities at Washington. The condition of the company as at Dec. 31 1924 is shown from the following:

Current assets, \$28,649; current liabilities, \$72,151; excess of current liabilities over current assets \$43,502

Investment in Sullivan Smythfield Co. Prior Preference stock \$900,000

Net assets available for payment of extended indebtedness \$856,498

Indebtedness extended under creditors' agreement (exclusive of interest thereon): Secured by collateral, \$64,089; unsecured, \$1,420,310; total \$1,484,399

Less—To reduce items payable in foreign currency to current rates of exchange 16,383

Balance \$1,468,016

The bulk of the liquidation has taken place, but there are outstanding items, some of which are collectible. It has been a most difficult matter to conclude some of the foreign items and we have at the present moment, claims in Cuba, a suit at this time on a claim in Holland, and are following up an insurance claim in England, another claim is being prosecuted in Norway, as well as one in Peru, and on some of these we hope to make further recoveries, but we have not felt that in order to get through with the duties which the committee assumed for the benefit of the creditors, it was the proper thing to abandon these claims.—V. 118, p. 1293.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Donald J. Metcalf, formerly with Guaranty Company of New York Elvyn S. Cowgill, formerly with First National Co. of Iowa, and Louis West Clark, formerly with Central State Bank of Des Moines, have formed a company to transact a general investment bond business under the firm name of Metcalf, Cowgill & Clark, with offices in the Equitable Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

—Greene & Cooke, 50 Broad St., N. Y., have changed the name of their firm, effective Feb. 9, to Greene, Cooke & Hardy, members New York Stock Exchange, and will continue to do a brokerage business in bonds. The new firm is composed of the following partners: Herbert E. Greene, C. Berkeley Cooke, Jr., Walter Albert Hardy, and Joseph Hardy, special.

—Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed trustee, registrar and paying agent under an indenture of the Broad River Power Co., dated as of Sept. 1 1924, providing for an unlimited issue of first and re-funding mortgage bonds and under which \$100,000 par value Series "A" bonds have been issued and are now outstanding.

—Nehemiah Friedman & Co., Inc., have issued their regular quotation sheet on Joint Stock Land Bank securities showing capital stock, dividends, yields and book values. In addition, they are distributing a comparative statement of condition of the 35 largest banks in the Joint Stock Land Bank system. Copies may be had on request.

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, Feb. 6 1925.

COFFEE on the spot has been quiet and at times largely nominal with futures irregular. Later prompt shipment Bourbon 3s and 5s were offered here at 27¼ to 28c.; 4s and 5s at 26.40c.; 5s and 6s at 25½c.; 6s at 25.40c.; 7s at 24.35c.; 7s and 8s at 22.30c. to 25c.; part Bourbon 2s and 3s at 29¾c.; 3s and 4s at 27.65c. to 28¼c.; 3s and 5s at 26.65c. to 27½c.; 4s and 5s at 26½c. to 27c.; 5s and 6s at 26 to 26¼c.; 6s at 25.80c.; 6s and 7s at 24½c.; 7s and 8s at 24¼c.; Santos Peaberry 3s at 27.30c.; 4s and 5s at 26.30c.; Rio 7s at 22.10 to 22.35c. Spot Rio 7s were at one time 23 to 23¼c. and Santos 4s, 28 to 28½c. Fair to good Cucuta, 27½ to 28c. Honda, 29½ to 30c.; Medellin, 30½ to 31c. Coffee futures advanced with cables early in the week higher by 625 to 400 reis at Rio, where exchange was off 1-32d. at 5½d. and the dollar rate 20 reis higher. Some of the buying was attributed to Europe or Brazil. The new export tax of 1c. is said to have become effective on Monday Feb. 2. Liquidation caused reactions here from time to time. The action of the market was rather sluggish and some disappointed bulls sold out. On the 4th inst. there was a moderate rally after an early decline. The report of the grounding of the steamer Taubate with a cargo of 82,600 bags of Santos and 8,500 bags of Rio coffee was followed by reports that the cargo of this vessel had been transferred without loss. Cables from the primary markets were irregular. Santos cost and freight offers were ¼c. higher to ¼c. lower, while Rio was higher. Rio reported an advance of 350 reis in terme prices, while exchange fell 1-64d. to 5 61-64d. with the dollar rate 20 reis net higher. Santos fell 105 to 175 reis on terme prices, though exchange was 1-64d. higher and the dollar rate 30 reis higher. July-September switched at 100 points; September-December at 66; May-December at 270 and March-July at 250.

The future market has recently been a narrow affair. Meanwhile the point is stressed that prices of coffee futures at the New York Exchange do not conform to prices for actual coffee. They are purely speculative. There is nothing in sight, it is argued, to indicate that the average price of actual coffee will fluctuate very widely from the present basis for some time to come. March sells here on the Exchange, curiously enough, at 135 points below the cheapest spot coffee. Moreover, every succeeding month is at heavy discounts. Some, therefore, find it hard to understand why traders persist in selling short. E. Laneville, of Havre, France, makes the world's visible supply of coffee 5,202,000 bags as of Feb. 1, against 5,274,000 last month and 4,176,000 last year. Deliveries, all kinds, during January, were as follows: United States, 1,640,000 bags; Europe, 1,682,000 bags, a total of 3,322,000 bags; last year a total of 2,957,000, and two years ago 2,871,000 bags. Total world's deliveries for the seven months were 12,974,000 bags, against 13,097,000 last year and 10,972,000 two years ago. Prices here have latterly been irregular and quiet. Thursday's prices showed a moderate rise later. Yet Rio closed 400 to 725 reis lower and Santos 125 to 50 reis lower with exchange off 1-32d. at 5 51-64d., and the dollar 40 reis higher. Rio was offered for future shipment, June to September, inclusive. Daily receipts fell off sharply, i. e., to 3,000 bags. Some inferred that most of the old crop of Rio coffee had been sold. To-day prices dropped 30 to 40 points, with larger offerings from Brazil, lower cables and a certain amount of uneasiness in Brazil over the reports, evidently somewhat exaggerated that the American consumer is disposed to curtail the use of coffee, because of high prices. Santos dropped 425 to 650 reis. Exchange was 5-64d. lower and the dollar rate advanced 150 reis. Rio broke 750 to 1,175 reis net. Exchange was off 1-16d. and the dollar rate rose 80 reis. The average Rio receipts of late have been under 5,000 bags. Final prices show a decline here for the week of 10 to 35 points, March being the best sustained. Closing prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial .23c.---	May -----19.30@----	September .17.20@----
March -----20.85@----	July -----18.20@----	December .16.50@----

SUGAR has latterly been steady with at times a good demand for refined the chief support. Latterly it has fallen off at 6.10c. On the 3d inst. 60,000 bags Porto Rico sold for prompt and February shipment on the basis of 2½c. c. & f. for Cuba, or 4.65c. delivered. Refiners have been receiving considerable quantities. They are therefore, in some cases, in a more independent position. But foreign buyers are interested. That has been a sustaining factor. Europe bought several cargoes of Cubas for February-March shipment at 13s. 9d. to 14s. 1½d., or the parity of 2½c. and 3c., c. & f. On the 4th inst. Cubas weakened, it is

true, with sellers to the United Kingdom at 14s. for February-March. Early in the week European cables reported that 132,000 tons of Java whites had been sold this week to the United Kingdom and to the Continent and that more sugar was now under treaty to those markets. The prices paid were 17s. 6d., 17s. 3d. and 17s., c. i. f., the last sales having been at the lower price. February Cubas were offered to the United Kingdom at 14s. c. i. f., Canadian granulated at 18s. 7½d. Some regard the outlook as portending lower prices for the reason, first that there are about 725,000 tons of surplus from the Cuban crop; second, about 375,000 tons surplus from the production of beet sugar in the United States; third, about 200,000 tons surplus from the production of Porto Rico, Hawaii, Philippines and minor producing countries; fourth, the theory that Europe will purchase from Cuban sources, perhaps 250,000 tons less this year. The latest estimate of the Cuban crop is 4,604,000 tons, against 4,062,000 last year. Receipts at the Cuban ports, it is pointed out, are nearing the 200,000 tons per week total, as production is at its peak.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 181,234 tons, against 162,947 in the previous week, 156,584 in the same week last year and 165,526 two years ago; exports, 106,680 tons, against 94,756 in the previous week; 100,739 in the same week last year and 80,835 two years ago; stock, 293,891 tons, against 219,337 in the previous week, 240,622 in the same week last year and 274,135 two years ago. Centrals grinding numbered 170, against 168 in the previous week, 165 last year and 164 two years ago. Havana cabled: "Weather favorable for harvesting." Receipts at Atlantic ports for the week ended Feb. 4 were 66,536 tons, against 48,286 last week, 82,842 last year and 70,693 two years ago; meltings, 51,000 tons, against 58,000 last week, 64,000 last year and 75,000 two years ago; total stock, 55,700 tons, against 40,164 last week, 68,225 last year and 47,389 two years ago. Early in the week a New York refiner bought 10,000 bags Cuban raws about due at 2½c., and an operator bought 10,000 bags Cubas, straight February shipment, at the same price. Also sales were made of 35,000 bags Porto Ricos shipment about Feb. 20 at 4.65c., delivered, equal to 2½c. for Cubas. Correspondents of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange estimated the world's visible supply of coffee on Feb. 1 at 5,290,793 bags, a decrease of 96,827 bags compared with Feb. 1 1924. British cables reported a fairly active and firmer market, at one time, with Cuba offering for February at 14s. 1½d. c. i. f., the same price paid recently by United Kingdom buyers. There is a demand for Cubas at 2.75c. f. o. b. More Javas have been sold to the United Kingdom for May-June shipment at 17s. 6d., and July-August at 17s. 3d.; that is, fairly large transactions. Canadian granulated was offered to the United Kingdom at 19s., with a buying interest at 18s. 6d.

Galveston wired: "The Texas Sugar Refining Co. began operations Wednesday, Jan. 21, and it was stated by officials that for the last two days the plant has been averaging 100,000 lbs. more of sugar than its rated capacity of 1,000,000 lbs. per day. The Imperial Sugar Co. of Sugarland is also operating to capacity." In futures buying by Wall Street and foreign interests more than offset on Tuesday the selling by sugar houses. Refined was stronger, with the leading interests less disposed to sell at under 6.10c., though some who were keeping their list prices at 6.10c. were accepting business at 6c. During the next four to six weeks the pressure of new crop, it is contended, will be at its maximum, so the trade does not anticipate any great rise in futures. Some think absorption of the new crop is big enough to make any big break rather improbable. On Thursday 90,000 bags sold at 4.59c. delivered; Cuba at 2 25-32c. to 2 13-16c. c. & f. The United Kingdom was more attractive. A cargo of Cubas sold for first half of February shipment at 13s. 10½d., which is equivalent to 2.70c. Sales of 5,000 tons of British West Indies raw sugars were reported for March-April-May shipment to the United Kingdom at 17s. c. i. f. United Kingdom points. Canadian refiners have bought some 6,000 tons of these sugars at 3.60c. c. i. f. Atlantic ports. They have a preferential duty into the United Kingdom and Canada. An additional 60,000 tons of Java white sugars have been sold, according to cables, at 10½ florins. Most of the Java sugars have been sold to the Far East and during the past week alone it is estimated that over 300,000 tons were sold principally to India.

Havana cabled Feb. 5th: "Private telegrams from Oriente indicate the possibility of a railroad strike in that section." To-day, after sales of late of 95,000 bags of Cuba and Porto Rico, largely Cuba at 2 13-16c. c. i. f. and 9,350 tons of Philippine Island at equal to 2 25-32c. for Cuba, buyers withdrew. Himely says that all kinds of incorrect sugar crop estimates and other reports are being circulated, but he sticks to his estimate. Granulated for late February

shipment is quoted in one case at 5.90c. This was not generally met by other refiners. Quotations are generally 6.10c. Futures show a rise for the week of 1 to 2 points. As may be gathered from this they have lacked striking features.

LARD on the spot was steadier with a fair business. Prime Western, 16.55 to 16.65c.; refined Continent, 16 3/4c.; South America, 17 3/4c.; Brazil, 18 3/4c. Futures advanced with grain at times and declined at others on heavy hedge selling by packers' large hog receipts, lower prices for grain, hogs, and expectations of a large increase in stocks during January. Also at times English cables were depressed. It turned out that lard stocks showed an increase in January of 11,500,000 lbs. with a fortnight and 29,500,000 lbs. for the month of January. The decline in Ohio's hog production and the rapid winter marketing in order to avoid the feeding of high-priced corn are disclosed in the annual report on the number of animals on farms by Statistician West of the State Federal Crop Reporting Service. There are only four-fifths as many hogs on the farms of Ohio as a year ago. Horses have declined in numbers by 2% and milk cows increased by 2%. Sheep have increased by 2% since Jan. 1 1924. These changes in the farm animal population of this State are in line with the changes throughout the corn belt.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture says record marketings of hogs coupled with a doubtful outlook in the feed situation, helped to bring about a 15% reduction in the number of hogs on Iowa farms on Jan. 1 compared with the previous year. It is estimated that the number of hogs totalled 8,958,000 head, against 10,539,000 a year ago. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture says that the number of swine declined from the record number of 5,543,000 head a year ago to 4,545,000 head at present, or 20%. In Chicago, on the 3rd inst., deliveries on February contracts were 100,000 lbs. of lard. To-day lard was lower, partly in sympathy with the break in grain, although the decline was not marked. Final prices show a decline for the week of 5 to 8 points on May and July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for delivery dates (May, July, September) and days of the week (Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri).

PORK firm; mess \$35 75 to \$37; family \$36 to \$37; short clear \$29 to \$35; fat backs \$38 to \$42. Beef steady; mess \$17 to \$18; packet \$17 to \$18; family \$20 to \$22; extra India mess \$32 to \$33; No. 1 canned corned beef \$2 75; No. 2, 6 lbs., \$17 50; pickled tongues \$55 to \$65 nominal. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 17 1/4 to 21 3/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 16 1/2 to 19c. Western stocks of cut meats increased 39,725,000 lbs. in January and are 289,341,000 lbs., against 302,253,000 last year. The American Institute of Meat Packers calls attention to the large quantities of fresh pork available and the unusually attractive levels. Foreign trade in meats and most products during January was the dulllest in many months.

BUTTER, creamery, lower grades to high scoring 34 to 41 1/2c. CHEESE, flats, 24 to 26c. EGGS, fresh gathered mediums to extras 42 to 50c.

OILS. Linseed advanced 3c. a gallon early in the week on small stocks and a better demand. Spot-February raw oil in car lots, cooperage basis, was quoted at \$1 23; March-April at \$1 24 and May-June at \$1 25. Consumption is increasing steadily. Later on prices receded 2c. in sympathy with lower seed. Spot sold at \$1 21, March-April at \$1 22 and May-June at \$1 23. Coconut oil, Ceylon barrels, 10 7/8c.; Cochin barrels, 12c. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 10 1/4c.; edible, 100-barrel lots, 13 3/4 to 14 1/4c. Olive, \$1 30. Soybean, crude, tanks, 12c. Lard, prime, 18 3/8c.; extra strained New York, 16c. Cod, domestic, 60c.; Newfoundland, 62c. Spirits of turpentine, 94 1/2 to 97 1/2c. Rosin, \$8 40 to \$10 50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 16,900. P. Crude S. E. 9 1/8. Prices closed as follows:

Table showing oil prices for various months (April, May, June, July, August, September) and days of the week.

PETROLEUM.—Eastern crude with the exception of Corning was advanced 25c. on Saturday. Ragland was marked up 15c. On Monday Corning was advanced 25c. The Imperial Oil Refineries, Ltd., of Canada announced an advance of 25c. on the same day. On the 4th inst. California crude was advanced 25 to 58c. by the Standard Oil Co. of California. An advance is looked for in Gulf Coastal crude soon. Gasoline has been in better demand and firmer. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advanced the export price 1c. and 2c. throughout its territory. The tank wagon price was marked up 2c. in Tennessee, Kansas and Louisiana. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. raised the price 1c. in Houston. Heavy Corsicana crude was advanced 10c. to \$1 by the same company. Gasoline was raised 1c. throughout Texas and 2c. in Pennsylvania and Delaware. The Standard Oil Co. of California also advanced gasoline 2c. at all points and 2c. on engine distillate at all points, 25c. on fuel oil, including Diesel oil, at all points except El Segundo and San Pedro (Los Angeles), where the increase was 20c. per bbl. Many in the trade think that the advance in gasoline has been too rapid and that a decline similar to that of a year ago will take place. Kerosene demand has been fair and prices steady at 7 1/4c. for water white in tank cars at refinery. Gas

oil was firm at 5 3/4 to 6 3/4c. in bulk at refinery. Bunker oil steady but quiet at \$1 80 at refinery. On the 5th inst. heavy Corsicana crude oil was advanced 10c.; so were Mexia and Wortham crude. Gasoline was advanced 1c. in Texas. The local market was firm but quiet. Kerosene was firmer.

All previous records in production of gasoline were broken in December, according to the Bureau of Mines. The crude run to refineries in that month totaled 57,880,491 barrels, of which all but 3,306,378 barrels were domestic crude, the largest monthly run ever recorded. The output of gasoline for the month was 795,613,195 gallons, a daily average of 25,665,000 gallons, an increase of 1% over the daily average of the previous month. Domestic demand or consumption of gasoline was 661,338,947 gallons, a daily average of 21,333,500 gallons, a decrease in daily average consumption of 8%. Total exports during December were 101,000,000 gallons, a slight increase over the November total. Stocks on hand increased 46,000,000 gallons during the month. On Dec. 31 1924 they were 1,179,503,185 gallons. This is the first increase in stocks since May. Daily average production for the week ending Jan. 31 was 1,927,982 barrels, a decrease of 41,238 from the previous week. The Standard Oil Co. of New York raised the price 1 1/2c. for gasoline and naphtha in New York State and New England. The tank wagon price is now 21c. a gallon, the highest since 1923. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Navy specifications, 29.15c.; bulk, per gallon, 15c.; export naphtha in cargo lots, 17.75c.; 62-63 deg. H., 19c.; 66-68 deg., 20.50c.; kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 16.90c. Petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 13c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel barrels), 21c.

Table listing prices for various locations including Pennsylvania, Corning, Cabell, Somerset, Wyoming, Smackover, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, and Mid-Continent.

RUBBER.—The action of the Rubber Trade Association early in the week in increasing exports from Malaya during the quarter beginning Feb. 2, was approved by the Government late in the week. Retaliatory measures are expected to be taken by manufacturers here if it is approved. The manipulating tactics of London operators is bitterly assailed. After being 17 1/4d. on buying on Saturday there was a momentary decline to 17d. on offerings. The day's official price was fixed at that level, but later trading was resumed at 17 1/4d., and if the price had been computed at this level, the average for the quarter would have been 18.034d., thus permitting an exportable allowance of 60%, or an increase of 10%. One London cable advised the purchasing of all deliveries into June, stating that opinion there was for a quick recovery in values toward the 20d. level. Tire manufacturers, it is understood, have contracted for 80 to 85% of their February, March and April requirements. As a result of these developments prices here advanced on Saturday to 36c. for spot to June arrivals. Later on a dull and weaker London market caused lower prices here. Spot 34 3/4, March 34 3/8c.; April-June 34 1/4c.; July-Sept. 34c. On Wednesday the restriction committee appointed by the British Government approved the 5% increase in exports from Malaya. Early on that day prices declined here, but later on there was a recovery on buying by big London interests and local speculators. Spot sheets sold at 35 1/8c.; March 35c.; April-June 35c. and July-Sept. 34 3/8c. London was higher on the 4th inst. The statistics issued by the Rubber Association on the 5th inst. were considered unfavorable and prices declined to 34 7/8c. for spot smoked ribbed sheets, 34 3/8c. for March, 34 1/4c. for April-June and 34c. for July-Sept. Stocks of crude in hands of manufacturers, dealers and importers showed an increase at the end of the year of 54,831 tons, against 49,645 tons at the end of Sept. The amount afloat to United States ports was estimated at 44,000 tons, against 50,700 at the end of Sept. This was less than expected, but the stock figures were considered bearish with January imports of some 30,000 tons.

HIDES have been only fairly steady at best, and quiet. City packer hides declined. Of River Plate, 4,000 Las Palmas sold at \$45 50. Stocks of common dry hides are said to be small with light receipts. Of city packer hides, five cars of spready native steers sold, it is said, early at 17c. Country hides were weaker. Later it seems, 800 Brooklyn spready native steers sold at around 15 1/2c. In Chicago trade has slowed down and prices have weakened, though latterly, to all appearance, rather more steady with a moderate business in big packer hides for sole leather descriptions at unchanged prices. Heavy native steers sold at 16 1/2c. Small packer are said to be well sold up, but buyers balk at 15 1/4c. for natives and 13 1/4c. for branded, especially as the February output is in some cases said to be somewhat inferior to January's. Packers offer January calfskins at 27c. Country hides are dull and extreme weights are considered slightly lower than buffs. Some dealers hold free of grub extreme weights at 15c. Buff weights were offered at 13c. but 12 1/2c. is the best bid reported for good quality. Later frigorifico were much

more active with rumored sales of 100,000 Anglo frigorifico steers to the Russian Government. They are mentioned for what they are worth. There have been rumors of Russian buying in the River Plate for some time past. It is reported that the above purchase calls for the delivery of 16,000 hides each month from January to June. Other packers are said to be negotiating with the Russian Government in further large transactions. Sellers, however, it was said, are not disposed to refuse bids of 20c. for steers. Sales reported include 4,000 Armour frigorificos steers at \$45, or 19 13-16c. c. & f. to a United States tanner; 2,500 Sansinena cows at 16 1/2c.; 2,000 Wilson cows at 17 3-16c., and 1,600 Casa Blanca Echevarne Saldero steers at 23 1/2c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been moderately active and about steady. Later the demand veered from berth to cargo grain room. The Atlantic range to the Mediterranean rate advanced.

CHARTERS included grain from Atlantic range to not east of west coast of Italy, a number of ports, at 4s. 1 1/4d. base, equal to about 20c. Feb.; from Atlantic range to west Italy, 19 1/2c.; from San Lorenzo to Adriatic, 27s., 10 1/2c. option; 45,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to west Italy, 18 1/4c.; option from St. John's, 20 1/4c. March; 45,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to west Italy, 18 1/2c. March; from west St. Johns to west Italy, base rate 19 1/2c. March; from Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 4s. 3d.; Mediterranean option, 4s. 9d. Feb.; lumber from North Pacific to Japan, \$12 March; from Gulf to Rosario or Santa Fe, 150s.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 23s. Feb.; coal from Hampton Roads to west Italy, \$3 20 prompt; time charter one round trip West Indies, \$1 50; same, 6 months, \$2; one round trip West Indies, delivery Hampton Roads, \$1 15; one year, March delivery, \$1 60; grain from Gulf to Greece, 5s. Feb.; from Gulf to Greece, 23c. Feb.

COAL was rather lower on soft coal in the Central West as trade was unsatisfactory despite the increasing output of iron and steel. There is some talk of closing the mines until trade improves. New England it is true is buying a little more freely and prices there are steady. A moderate business is being done in anthracite. Steam sizes are firm; stove rather weaker. Independent quotations are generally unchanged.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand. Out-of-town business has made quite a good showing. It is supposed that large manufacturers are none too well supplied with wrappers. Indeed, some contend that they are small. Sumatra tobacco is reported rather steadier, with a somewhat better demand. There is an under current of optimism.

COPPER at one time declined to 14 5/8c. in sympathy with lower London prices. Nearly all producers and sellers seemed to have abandoned the 15c. price, though a few refused to go below that figure, thereby signifying that they were out of the market. Business has been very quiet. Later on, however, sales were reported at 14 3/4c., but business it was said could still be done at 14 5/8c. There was a better inquiry and some buying was reported. Reports from the steel industry were optimistic. Steel prices are advancing and operations increasing. Late in the week copper became firmer on a good demand for both foreign and domestic account. London, too, of late has been higher on short covering by speculators and consumers who have been fighting the recent advance. Sales were made at 14 1/2c. to 15c. Connecticut Valley and Western points.

TIN declined to 56 7/8c. for prompt and futures in sympathy with other metals and a lower London market. Deliveries in January were 7,155 tons, of which 155 tons were made from Pacific ports. The stock on Jan. 31 was 769 tons and the amount landing 3,625. The world's visible supply decreased 2,139 tons to 22,949 tons, against 25,088 tons a month ago and 24,372 a year ago. The visible supply in the United States was 13,694 tons, against 13,509 last month and 9,957 tons two months ago. Later on tin advanced to 57 1/2c. on higher London cables and a rather better business.

LEAD, like other metals, declined early in the week. Lead sheets and lead pipe were reduced 1/4c. per pound to 13 3/4 to 14c. East St. Louis was quoted at 9.35 to 9.55c.; and New York at 9.60 to 9.75c. Late in the week the price in the Middle West was dropped from 9.50 to 9.40c. by a leading seller. The leading interest in New York was still quoting 9 3/4c. Business has been rather light. Late in the week there was a somewhat better demand, but prices remained at 9 3/4c. New York and 9 1/2c. St. Louis.

ZINC declined with other metals. Demand was very light. London was lower. Later in the week, however, there was an advance both here and in London. Spot New York was quoted at 7.72 1/2 to 7.75c.; East St. Louis, 7.37 1/2 to 7.40c. Good buying late in the week for domestic account caused higher prices. Foreign business, however, lags. Prime Western zinc was 7.45 to 7.50c. East St. Louis.

STEEL shows a higher production and in the Chicago district reaches 100%. One company elsewhere is up to 97%, though in Ohio some slight decrease is noticed. But at least there is only a fair trade at best. Generally it is light. Output outruns consumption noticeably. Rails have sold less freely. It is said that the sales recently have been only 15,000 tons. Scrap is still falling. At Chicago it has dropped \$3 in a few weeks. It is now not above \$18. This affects the tone of some extent at the moment despite reports of big recent bookings and cheerful prospects ahead. January shipments were large, larger, indeed, perhaps than had been expected. Unfilled orders in January, it is surmised, increased some 150,000 to 200,000 tons. The next two months, however, will decide whether recent advances can be sustained. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation has advanced wire to 2.75c. and nails to 2.90c. Its price on shapes

is 2.20c. Pittsburgh. At Youngstown the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. has announced an advance of \$2 a ton on wire products, bringing plain wire to 2.70c. and nails to 2.95c. Other leading independent makers had previously named similar advances. They have yet to be generally confirmed by actual business.

PIG IRON output has been large, but new business small. Buyers are plainly in no hurry. They can get foreign iron at cheaper prices. That, in some cases, prevents buying of American iron. Buyers in some cases, too, find their business disappointing. Buffalo has been reselling; not a little resale iron has been offered there. Buffalo has resold at \$22, a decline of 50c. from the previous resale price. Meltings are slower than expected. Yet domestic producers are not daunted by imports from India and Euopre. In New England foreign iron, however, is competing sharply with America. Foreign iron has at times been selling at \$24 25 to \$25 50, Boston docks. Much of the foreign iron is stored at Providence, R. I. It is not, as a rule, being forced on the market. Holders are awaiting better conditions. Yet lower prices on foreign iron have been reported in New England. A sale of foreign, grade not specified, was, it seems, made at \$25 delivered in New England, where the freight from seaboard was \$1 90, or a seaboard duty paid price of \$23 10, the lowest for some time. Pig iron production in January increased about 13% over December, which means a steady advance in production for the past three months. January output was the largest since March 1924 and at the close of the month over 60% of the practical blast furnace capacity was engaged. Further particulars are given elsewhere. Meantime, American pig iron producers refuse to quote less than \$23 50 for eastern Pennsylvania and \$23 for Buffalo, whatever resellers may do. At Youngstown standard basic iron is \$22 valley and No. 2 foundry, \$22 to \$23. A fair business in small lots is reported.

WOOL has been quiet, awaiting the opening of fall goods. Prices have recently eased on raw wool in a slow market. Boston prices have weakened with the demand disappointing. Boston prices have recently been revised as follows:

Domestic, Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 69 to 70c.; 1/2 blood combing, 68 to 69c.; 3/4 blood combing, 69 to 70c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 67c.; 1/2 blood unwashed, 66 to 67c.; 3/4 blood combing, 65 to 69c.; 1/2 blood unwashed, 68c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England 1/2 blood, 65 to 66c.; 3/4 blood, 68c.; 1/2 blood, 67 to 68c. Scoured basis: Texas, fine, 12 months (selected), \$1 65 to \$1 70; fine, 8 months, \$1 55. California, Northern, \$1 60 to \$1 62; Middle Territory, \$1 40 to \$1 45; Southern, \$1 35 to \$1 40. Oregon, Eastern No. 1 staple, \$1 60 to \$1 65; fine and fine medium 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 68; 1/2 blood combing, \$1 50 to \$1 55; 3/4 blood combing, \$1 30 to \$1 35; 1/4 blood combing, \$1 25 to \$1 28. Pulled, delaine, \$1 68 to \$1 70; AA, \$1 65 to \$1 68; fine A supers, \$1 50 to \$1 55; A supers, \$1 40 to \$1 45.

The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 to Jan. 29 1925, inclusive, were 16,229,000 lbs., against 19,147,000 for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1 1925 to Jan. 29, inclusive, were 32,584,000 against 30,158,600 for the same period last year. At Invercargill on Jan. 28th little wool suitable for American use was offered. Top making wools fell about 2c. on all grades. English bought freely; the Continent took little. In London on Jan. 30 some 9,425 bales were sold. Details:

New South Wales: 1,762 bales; crossbreds, 18 1/2 to 49 1/4d.; greasy merinos, 20 to 39 1/2; crossbreds, 17 to 31 1/2d. Queensland: 1,644 bales; scoured merinos, 55 to 69d.; crossbreds, 34 to 52d.; greasy merinos, 26 to 36d. Victoria: 203 bales; scoured merinos, 44 to 66d.; crossbreds, 36 to 46d.; greasy merinos, 19 1/2 to 34d.; crossbreds, 16 1/2 to 29d. South Australia: 42 bales; greasy merinos, 20 1/2 to 37d. West Australia, 173 bales; greasy merinos, 20 to 34d.; crossbreds, 18 to 27d. New Zealand: 3,072 bales; scoured merinos, 35 to 63d.; crossbreds, 20 to 58 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 19 to 32d.; crossbreds, 15 to 30d. Cape Colony: 148 bales; scoured merinos, 50 to 63 1/2d.

In London on Feb. 2 some 9,761 bales were sold. Details: New South Wales, 2,078 bales; scoured merinos, 45 to 62d.; crossbreds, 23 to 45d.; greasy merinos, 21 to 37 1/2d.; crossbreds, 13 to 31 1/2d. Queensland, 1,384 bales; scoured merinos, 50 to 63 1/2d.; crossbreds, 38 to 46d.; greasy merinos, 24 to 34 1/2d.; crossbreds, 16 to 32 1/2d. Victoria, 603 bales; scoured merinos, 42 to 68d.; crossbreds, 35 to 51d.; greasy merinos, 20 to 35d.; crossbreds, 17 to 26 1/2d. South Australia, 141 bales; greasy merinos, 19 to 34 1/2d. West Australia, 780 bales; scoured merinos, 42 to 55d.; crossbreds, 40 to 49d.; greasy merinos, 19 1/2 to 37d.; crossbreds, 15 1/2 to 27 1/2d. New Zealand, 3,021 bales; greasy crossbreds, 15 to 33d. Cape Colony, 697 bales; scoured merinos, 48 to 60d.; greasy merinos, 19 to 29d. Falkland Islands, 943 bales; greasy crossbreds, 12 1/2 to 33d.

At Melbourne on Feb. 2 at the February series the selection was good. Owing to the unsettled state of the market the Victoria section of the National Council decided to fix as reserves the clean costs ruling at the close of the January series in Geelong on Jan. 28 with a view to stabilize prices. The policy will be followed throughout Australia. Reserves were maintained under rather more general competition principally for the better class of merinos and comeback, greasy. America and Japan were leading buyers. Bradford and the Continent showed less hesitation. In London on Feb. 3, 9,645 bales were sold. The wool auctions series closed with prices down from the December closing, on superior merinos 7 1/2 to 15%; inferior merinos 15%; coarse crossbreds 7 1/2, medium crossbreds 10 to 15%; coarse crossbreds 7 1/2%, and Puntas 10 to 15%. The home trade bought 38,000 bales. Continent 35,000, American 1,000 bales; held over, 40,000 bales. Details:

New South Wales, 2,943 bales; scoured merinos, 45 to 54 1/2d.; crossbreds, 16 to 49 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 19 1/2 to 35d.; crossbreds, 15 1/2 to 29 1/2d. Queensland, 1,763 bales; scoured merinos, 50 to 60d.; crossbreds, 46 to 59d.; greasy merinos, 22 to 35 1/2d.; crossbreds, 19 to 29d. Victoria, 767 bales; scoured merinos, 29 to 67d.; crossbreds, 30 to 47 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 20 to 36 1/2d.; crossbreds, 17 to 26d. South Australia, 228 bales; greasy crossbreds, 16 to 19 1/2d. West Australia, 167 bales; greasy merinos, 20 to 35 1/2d. New Zealand, 3,537 bales; scoured crossbreds, 21 1/2 to 50d.; greasy merinos, 20 to 35 1/2d.; crossbreds, 16 to 34d. Cape Colony, 240 bales; scoured merinos, 40 to 58d.; greasy merinos, 21 to 29d.; crossbreds, 13 to 20d.

Boston comment on London the sales which closed on Feb. 5 was: "Inferior scoured and pulled wools were 10 to

20% lower, while greasy Capes were off 10 to 15%. America bought a little greasy 50s. and some of the best merinos. Withdrawals amounted to 35,000 bales out of a total of about 100,000. Some observers think that while withdrawals usually mean weakness, in this instance it shows confidence in the future." At Perth on Feb. 3 7,500 bales were offered and 55% withdrawn. Demand slow. The Continent was the largest buyer. Compared with Nov. 25, sales of greasy superior merino and topmaking sorts were 15% and sundries 15 to 20% lower. The highest price was 38d. At Brisbane on Feb. 3 the selection was of average quality. Japan and France were the heaviest buyers. Prices as compared with December series were 10 to 15% lower.

COTTON

Friday Night, February 6 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 179,899 bales, against 200,371 bales last week and 201,602 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August, 1924, 7,219,282 bales, against 5,440,549 bales for the same period of 1923-24, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1924 of 1,778,733 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	13,395	9,575	19,690	12,475	10,436	2,017	67,588
Texas City	684		824	510	500	2,158	4,676
Houston	5,614	24,282	1,550	6,465	3,265	41,176	82,352
New Orleans	13,349	2,865	3,970	6,927	5,673	4,924	37,708
Mobile	246	67	541	389	82	170	1,495
Savannah	1,269	2,589	2,381	725	1,222	977	9,163
Charleston	1,074	388	794	1,381	750	590	4,977
Wilmington	327	207	106	181	302	295	1,418
Norfolk	965	1,114	1,272	766	1,319	2,374	7,810
New York		327	450		625		1,402
Boston		851		680	61	131	1,723
Baltimore		318				395	713
Philadelphia		50					50
Totals this week.	36,923	42,633	30,028	25,584	27,435	17,296	179,899

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 Feb. 6.	1924-25.		1923-24.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1923.	1925.	1924.
Galveston	67,588	3,110,867	39,500	2,530,915	514,407	286,461
Texas City	4,676	56,568	522	18,606	34,394	69
Houston	41,176	1,314,553	12,521	901,983		
Port Arthur, &c.						
New Orleans	37,708	1,502,800	31,395	969,718	344,127	200,356
Gulport						
Mobile	1,495	115,763	1,733	43,568	10,634	9,349
Pensacola		9,118		10,135		
Jacksonville		2,642	115	3,086	863	2,697
Savannah	9,163	487,382	7,928	304,462	60,955	64,316
Brunswick		539		606	130	181
Charleston	4,977	172,541	3,301	153,040	26,855	36,758
Georgetown						
Wilmington	1,418	99,451	1,953	108,402	35,712	18,118
Norfolk	7,810	287,235	5,071	348,675	104,086	85,671
N'port News, &c.						
New York	1,402	20,650	100	6,787	205,727	160,370
Boston	1,723	19,198	430	20,727	548	6,015
Baltimore	713	19,205	179	18,898	1,410	2,442
Philadelphia	50	770		941	4,113	3,818
Totals	179,899	7,219,282	104,226	5,440,549	1,343,961	876,621

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Galveston	67,588	39,500	31,037	33,438	52,328	60,505
Houston, &c.	41,176	12,521	10,194	103	11,861	11,864
New Orleans	37,708	31,395	30,311	22,443	30,875	33,620
Mobile	1,495	1,733	469	4,048	1,236	3,805
Savannah	9,163	7,928	3,698	5,402	6,622	17,021
Brunswick			250	175		2,000
Charleston	4,977	3,301	3,190	1,006	1,421	2,155
Wilmington	1,418	1,953	623	1,683	1,207	2,061
Norfolk	7,810	5,071	4,684	2,960	5,197	6,317
N'port N., &c.					36	196
All others	8,564	824	2,890	10,732	7,339	3,211
Total this wk.	179,899	104,226	87,381	81,990	118,122	142,755
Since Aug. 1.	7,219,282	5,440,549	4,598,129	3,954,574	4,218,294	4,976,625

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 273,373 bales, of which 92,918 were to Great Britain, 31,453 to France, 46,848 to Germany, 28,277 to Italy, 12,752 to Russia, 37,174 to Japan and China, and 23,951 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 79,745 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 5,540,553 bales, against 3,914,344 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Feb. 6 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	34,076	18,555	21,743	12,277	300	17,490	15,767	120,208
Houston	10,014	9,558	6,465			12,885	2,254	41,176
New Orleans	28,382	3,290	4,326	15,404	12,452		3,670	67,524
Mobile			1,646					1,646
Savannah	12,061		7,779				650	20,490
Charleston						5,000		5,000
Norfolk	3,612		2,950					6,562
New York	2,880	50	1,872	596			1,610	7,008
Boston	97							97
Philadelphia	267		67					334
Los Angeles	1,529							1,529
Seattle						1,799		1,799
Total	92,918	31,453	46,848	28,277	12,752	37,174	23,951	273,373
Total 1924	25,299	4,995	37,196	868		625	10,762	79,745
Total 1923	16,525	5,689	13,234	10,565		22,221	5,062	73,296

From Aug. 1 1924 to Feb. 6 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	621,903	314,336	414,320	183,658	22,250	243,250	299,829	2,099,546
Houston	431,788	248,629	290,714	111,141	27,500	76,994	104,730	1,291,496
Texas City	8,760		8,034					16,794
New Orleans	361,526	59,011	137,907	110,251	27,595	91,472	77,547	865,309
Mobile	24,823	500	21,994	15			1,000	48,332
Jacksonville	835						60	895
Pensacola	6,239	490	600				225	7,554
Savannah	143,635	7,089	145,817	2,530		13,200	9,072	321,343
Charleston	69,273	216	38,938			13,000	6,601	128,028
Wilmington	23,066		25,500	6,250				54,816
Norfolk	74,041		59,461			2,300	400	136,202
New York	132,144	31,448	78,878	30,942		2,452	45,134	320,998
Boston	4,233		32				3,563	7,828
Baltimore			50					85
Philadelphia	1,529		114	81				1,724
Los Angeles	32,482	400				13,153	138	46,040
San Diego	19,364					600		19,964
San Francisco						99,848		99,848
Seattle						73,445	115	73,560
Total	1,955,641	662,283	1,222,314	444,837	77,345	629,714	548,419	5,540,553
Total '23-'24	1,410,075	536,461	770,509	351,881	50	440,502	404,866	3,914,344
Total '22-'23	1,089,154	487,549	608,588	326,577		290,353,902	439,463	3,305,513

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 December the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 25,164 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 23,000 bales. For the five months ending Dec. 31 1924 there were 94,564 bales exported, as against 75,079 bales for the corresponding five 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.

Feb. 6 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'n.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston	13,873	10,900	9,000	24,800	8,000	66,573	447,834
New Orleans	19,708	4,345	6,873	8,581	1,445	40,952	303,175
Savannah					500	500	60,455
Charleston					1,899	1,899	24,956
Mobile	3,100			580		3,680	7,034
Norfolk			2,400			2,400	101,686
Other ports*	2,000	1,500	2,000	3,000	1,000	9,500	273,397
Total 1925.	38,681	16,745	20,273	36,881	12,844	125,424	1,218,537
Total 1924.	11,400	7,616	26,504	43,539	8,077	97,136	779,465
Total 1923.	19,303	8,153	18,148	56,826	12,737	115,167	914,238

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been more active and at one time at higher prices. Cotton has been widely advertised as cheap, whereas stocks and grain have certainly had a big advance. Moreover, margins on wheat transactions have been raised to 35c. per bushel, whereas on cotton they are only about \$10 a bale of 500 lbs. It was said that there was something of a drift of speculation from stocks and grain to cotton. It was not very pronounced, but it looked as though there had been something of this sort going on, though not on a big scale. Some big operators, however, in Wall Street, uptown, Chicago and at Palm Beach were understood to be buying. A certain operator in Chicago is said to have made \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in wheat and to have been buying cotton of late at times at least tentatively until he went the other day to Florida. Exports have been large. That looks like evidence of Europe's disposition to buy at current prices, which are some 30% lower than a year ago. Domestic mills have also been buying at the South and calling cotton at New York. Cotton goods on the average are reckoned as only 13 to 15% lower than a year ago. That is, roughly speaking, the decline in goods has been only about half as much as the decline in the raw product. Naturally, this means that the mills have just so much the better margin. Some Rhode Island reports of mill business are very favorable; also, some from Georgia and parts of North Carolina. Manchester has at times reported a better demand and a firmer tone, especially on yarns. It is not denied that some of the East Indian bids are too low, but in general the state of things at Manchester has been regarded as encouraging. Tattersall in his latest report takes the ground that the outlook for Manchester's trade in 1925 is the best since 1919. Worth Street has been more active. On a single day the sales of print cloths were put at as high as 200,000 pieces. On Wednesday there was a report that the Ford Motor Co. had bought twills, drills and sateens to the amount of 5,000,000 yards for delivery in March, April, May and June. This would not call for so great an amount of cotton. But the idea that this company had deemed it advisable to buy on such a scale was considered more or less significant. And the activity in spot cotton has also been a noteworthy feature. The sales on Saturday at the South amounted to about 34,000 bales, later to 36,000. This is three times the sales reported on some of the very dull days recently. The higher grades have been conspicuously firm. Often they have been reported hard to buy. They are wanted as substitutes for Egyptian cotton. That grade has been rising rapidly. Egyptian futures on Wednesday advanced in Liverpool no less than 180 to 240 American points, later the rise in all reached 500 American points. In other words, the Egyptian situation grows tighter and tighter, especially, it would seem, as regards Sakellarides. East Indian cotton has also advanced in Liverpool to some extent, though it has been sluggish in its price movements by comparison with those of Egyptian, and even by comparison with American cotton. One rumor mentioned here merely for what it is

worth, was that a very large spot deal was under way whereby Liverpool was to take a very big block of American cotton. Its trustworthiness was seriously questioned. It was surmised that some of the expected large shipments from New Orleans to New York, 40,000 to 50,000 bales or more, might be for account of Liverpool. It had been supposed that it would be for tender on March contracts about three weeks from now at New York. This was dilated upon for a while with a certain unctious. But there has been less said about it of late. The persistent "calling" of cotton here by the mills has been a feature. It is said, too, that some spot interests have been buying March and May. Liverpool has at times bought; also New Orleans, as well as the West and the financial district here. Manchester, London and the Continent have been buying in Liverpool. On Wednesday the spot sales there ran up to 10,000 bales, a total rarely attained during the past year. Moreover, the forwardings from Liverpool to Manchester during the past few weeks have been notably large. Finally, the statistical position in the main is considered in some quarters as very bullish. Even the shorter staples of cotton are reported to be in better demand. The Texas drought continued. Some look for a decrease in the next crop, partly owing to the fact that the price is 10c. lower than a year ago and partly because wheat is 90c. higher than then, corn 50c. higher, oats 10c. higher and flour nearly \$4 a bbl. higher. Also, labor is high. An advance in fertilizer is expected. In other words, the cost of raising another crop is expected to be much larger than last year because of high labor and dear supplies, as compared with the spring of 1924. Moreover, field work is backward, in Texas by reason of dry weather, and in the Atlantic region by reason of prolonged and soggy soil.

On the other hand, the technical position became weak. Big operators were long. They became impatient. On Thursday, when wheat broke 5 to 7c., and more to-day, Chicago is said to have thrown over 30,000 bales, mostly May. Wall Street had sold a similar quantity. The outside public had not come in. Cotton speculation still languished, although it was a trifle larger than recently. It was not enough. And Liverpool was rather cool towards an advance. Texas was cloudy. The needed rains were expected, though not forecast. March sold freely. It was rumored that 40,000 to 50,000 bales would be shipped from New Orleans to New York for delivery on March contracts. Reports that this cotton was for transshipment to Liverpool were doubted. It was denied that Russia had bought 20,000 bales at Memphis. Spot markets fell. For a time exports flagged. East India bids for Manchester's goods were said to be often too low. Even the new crop months showed weakness here. Above all, speculation was disappointing. That was nine-tenths of the story. Stocks continued popular; 2,000,000-share days returned. Grain engrossed attention. Cotton was still elbowed aside by those who thronged to buy or sell stocks or grain. "Too much cotton; too high a price," was the watchword of many. Doubt even entered the minds of some as to whether, after all, the cotton acreage would be reduced. In western Texas it is said it will not be. Alabama reports said that preparatory field work was up to the normal.

To-day prices ended 7 to 10 points lower for the day, but after a decline from the high point of the morning of some 35 to 40 points. This was traceable to a bad break in wheat, some reaction at one time in stocks, reports of unsettled weather in Texas, expectations of rain over Sunday and heavy selling by Chicago, Wall Street and the South. Texas interests sold 10,000 bales of July. And there is a certain amount of liquidation of March going on daily. It is not very large, but it is persistent, fearing big March notices beginning on the 24th of this month. Also, there is hedge selling daily, which has some effect. Tattersall predicts that Lancashire will adopt shorter time on Feb. 15 in the mills using American cotton. On the other hand, the talk of shorter Lancashire time puzzles the student of the situation who watches the big forwardings from Liverpool to Manchester weekly. For three or four weeks they have been much larger than in the corresponding weeks for at least two years past. Some Liverpool cables to-day said that Manchester was doing a good business. Fall River's sales for the week were 70,000 pieces. Worth Street has done a good business this week, partly, it is stated, at higher prices. Exports of raw cotton continue large. The excess over last year at this time exceeds 1,600,000 bales. World's visible supplies are steadily decreasing. The world's spinners' takings of American cotton are gradually growing larger. They are well ahead of those of last year. The weekly into-sight figures are steadily ebbing. Spot sales of late have been large. In Liverpool to-day they were 7,000 bales. And American cotton is pronounced the cheapest in the world. Egyptian during the past week has advanced some 500 to 550 American points in Liverpool. It is some 40c. per pound higher than American cotton. The difference is about 8 times as great as it was a year ago. East Indian cotton is selling at about the same price as American. It was some 5 to 6c. lower than American at times last season. Some wonder why more notice is not taken of what they regard as the singular cheapness of American cotton as compared with other growths of the world. They think it is only a question of time when more general attention will be directed to it. Meanwhile speculation still lags. Stocks and grain are the bright particular stars in the speculative firm-

ment. In plain English everybody is trading in stocks and grain and very few in cotton. Final prices, however, show a net rise for the week of 23 to 38 points. Spot cotton ended at 24.25c. for middling, falling 10 points to-day. It is, however, 35 points higher than a week ago.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 31 to Feb. 6—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	24.05	24.50	24.65	24.50	24.35	24.25

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 31.	Monday, Feb. 2.	Tuesday, Feb. 3.	Wednesday, Feb. 4.	Thursday, Feb. 5.	Friday, Feb. 6.
Feb.—						
Range..	—	23.69-23.69	—	—	—	—
Closing..	23.62	24.07	24.20	24.05	23.86	23.79
Mar.—						
Range..	23.62-23.82	23.85-24.28	24.12-24.45	24.21-24.48	24.02-24.29	23.91-24.25
Closing..	23.77-23.88	24.27-24.28	24.40-24.43	24.25-24.30	24.06-24.08	23.99-24.01
Apr.—						
Range..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Closing..	23.93	24.43	24.55	24.42	24.22	24.15
May—						
Range..	23.93-24.15	24.19-24.62	24.45-24.79	24.55-24.83	24.35-24.64	24.22-24.58
Closing..	24.10-24.12	24.59-24.62	24.70-24.75	24.60-24.62	24.39-24.41	24.31-24.32
June—						
Range..	—	—	—	—	—	24.44
Closing..	24.21	24.71	24.85	24.72	24.52	24.50-24.83
July—						
Range..	24.16-24.40	24.43-24.87	24.72-25.04	24.84-25.09	24.64-24.92	24.58-24.59
Closing..	24.43-24.33	24.84-24.87	25.00-25.02	24.85-24.87	24.65-24.70	—
Aug.—						
Range..	—	24.67-24.68	—	—	24.60-24.60	—
Closing..	24.15	24.75	24.90	24.75	24.50	24.40
Sept.—						
Range..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Closing..	24.27	24.76	24.92	24.87	24.60	24.50
Oct.—						
Range..	23.94-24.15	24.17-24.60	24.46-24.80	24.54-24.79	24.36-24.63	24.25-24.58
Closing..	24.07-24.08	24.56-24.59	24.72-24.79	24.67	24.40	24.30-24.31
Nov.—						
Range..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Closing..	24.10	24.61	24.76	24.68	24.43	24.33
Dec.—						
Range..	24.04-24.17	24.20-24.67	24.51-24.83	24.63-24.85	24.43-24.69	24.23-24.65
Closing..	24.12-24.17	24.67	24.79	24.70-24.76	24.46	24.36
Jan.—						
Range..	—	24.29-24.30	24.73-24.73	24.65-24.74	24.52-24.58	24.55-24.55
Closing..	—	24.63	24.75	24.74	24.40	24.25

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 6 1925 and since trading began on each option.

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Feb. 1925..	23.69 Feb. 2-23.69 Feb. 2	22.69 Oct. 25 1924-25.60 Aug. 20 1924
Mar. 1925..	23.62 Jan. 31-24.48 Feb. 4	21.50 Sept. 16 1924-29.06 July 28 1924
Apr. 1925..	—	24.02 Dec. 24 1924-24.18 Sept. 4 1924
May 1925..	23.93 Jan. 31-24.83 Feb. 4	21.73 Sept. 16 1924-29.16 July 28 1924
June 1925..	—	22.55 Sept. 11 1924-25.55 Oct. 2 1924
July 1925..	24.16 Jan. 31-25.09 Feb. 4	21.40 Sept. 16 1924-27.50 Aug. 6 1924
Aug. 1925..	24.60 Feb. 5-24.68 Feb. 5	22.45 Oct. 24 1924-25.00 Dec. 29 1924
Sept. 1925..	—	21.80 Oct. 15 1924-25.05 Dec. 29 1924
Oct. 1925..	23.94 Jan. 31-24.80 Feb. 3	21.50 Nov. 1 1924-24.85 Dec. 29 1924
Nov. 1925..	—	24.07 Dec. 16 1924-24.40 Dec. 27 1924
Dec. 1925..	24.04 Jan. 31-24.85 Feb. 4	23.36 Jan. 5 1925-24.85 Feb. 4 1925
Jan. 1926..	24.29 Feb. 2-24.74 Feb. 2	41.24-29 Feb. 2 1925-24.74 Feb. 4 1925

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.

	Feb. 6—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales	884,000	788,000	813,000	993,000
Stock at London.....	2,000	2,000	6,000	2,000	2,000
Stock at Manchester.....	90,000	117,000	75,000	80,000	—
Total Great Britain.....	976,000	907,000	894,000	1,075,000	—
Stock at Hamburg.....	3,000	3,000	2,000	37,000	—
Stock at Bremen.....	216,000	181,000	104,000	317,000	—
Stock at Havre.....	212,000	144,000	188,000	173,000	—
Stock at Rotterdam.....	9,000	20,000	12,000	8,000	—
Stock at Barcelona.....	74,000	127,000	115,000	148,000	—
Stock at Genoa.....	47,000	38,000	29,000	38,000	—
Stock at Antwerp.....	5,000	7,000	2,000	—	—
Stock at Ghent.....	2,000	2,000	3,000	21,000	—
Total Continental stocks.....	565,000	422,000	445,000	742,000	—
Total European stocks.....	1,541,000	1,329,000	1,349,000	1,817,000	—
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	95,000	196,000	134,000	63,000	—
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	689,000	313,000	329,000	296,000	—
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	88,000	82,000	119,000	99,000	—
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	240,000	241,000	296,000	320,000	—
Stock in Bombay, India.....	479,000	645,000	653,000	1,149,000	—
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,343,961	876,621	889,582	1,127,135	—
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,248,011	898,190	1,089,756	1,450,778	—
U. S. exports to-day.....	4,950	1,607	—	10,120	—
Total visible supply.....	5,728,922	4,582,418	4,857,338	6,332,033	—
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:					
American—					
Liverpool stock.....	bales	716,000	540,000	459,000	550,000
Manchester stock.....	69,000	90,000	45,000	54,000	—
Continental stock.....	522,000	311,000	394,000	627,000	—
American afloat for Europe.....	689,000	313,000	329,000	296,000	—
U. S. port stocks.....	1,343,961	876,621	887,582	1,127,135	—
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,248,011	898,190	1,089,756	1,450,778	—
U. S. exports to-day.....	4,950	1,607	—	10,120	—
Total American.....	4,592,922	3,030,418	3,204,338	4,115,033	—
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock.....	168,000	248,000	354,000	443,000	—
London stock.....	2,000	2,000	6,000	2,000	—
Manchester stock.....	21,000	27,000	30,000	26,000	—
Continental stock.....	43,000	111,000	61,000	115,000	—
India afloat for Europe.....	95,000	196,000	134,000	63,000	—
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	88,000	82,000	119,000	99,000	—
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	240,000	241,000	296,000	320,000	—
Stock in Bombay, India.....	479,000	645,000	653,000	1,149,000	—
Total East India, &c.....	1,136,000	1,552,000	1,653,000	2,217,000	—
Total American.....	4,592,922	3,030,418	3,204,338	4,115,033	—
Total visible supply.....	5,728,922	4,582,418	4,857,338	6,332,033	—
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	15.28d.	18.89d.	15.74d.	9.47d.	—
Middling uplands, New York.....	24.25c.	33.50c.	27.90c.	17.40c.	—
Egypt, good saki, Liverpool.....	36.50d.	23.60d.	19.05d.	19.25d.	—
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	20.75d.	24.50d.	18.50d.	13.00d.	—
Broach fine, Liverpool.....	11.85d.	16.90d.	13.50d.	8.85d.	—
Tinnevelly, good, Liverpool.....	12.60d.	18.05d.	14.90d.	9.85d.	—

Continental imports for past week have been 141,000 bales. The above figures for 1925 show a decrease from last week of 101,360 bales, a gain of 1,146,504 from 1924, an increase of 871,584 bales from 1923, and a falling off of 603,111 bales from 1922.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stock to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Feb. 6 1925.				Movement to Feb. 8 1924.			
	Receipts.		Ship-ments.	Stocks Feb. 6.	Receipts.		Ship-ments.	Stocks Feb. 8.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	522	56,484	422	8,807	392	28,226	1,009	8,570
Eufaula	386	18,001	422	5,977	200	9,216	100	5,400
Montgomery	861	75,355	1,687	18,468	432	46,938	583	13,664
Selma	230	61,059	596	17,656	99	31,618	593	6,636
Ark., Helena	352	62,070	2,031	13,397	131	13,375	1,934	7,443
Little Rock	2,530	191,730	5,489	30,556	677	103,409	2,913	31,197
Pine Bluff	1,624	99,214	3,807	29,602	1,722	74,729	4,529	35,165
Ga., Albany	---	3,871	8	2,578	---	2,068	---	2,109
Athens	976	40,494	1,284	16,042	431	36,358	939	19,247
Atlanta	1,532	179,845	6,546	45,912	3,848	121,983	4,142	39,230
Augusta	3,343	188,543	4,503	61,527	2,993	167,433	5,769	40,668
Columbus	3,514	59,340	1,859	8,289	1,141	68,252	1,705	15,042
Macon	403	35,787	519	8,296	606	23,550	878	8,223
Rome	242	40,279	200	14,553	37	29,125	350	6,877
La., Shreveport	---	95,000	1,000	20,000	2,000	109,000	4,000	23,000
Miss., Columbus	1,500	36,097	500	7,755	---	18,342	---	6,010
Clarksdale	321	107,993	4,259	23,804	643	76,390	3,787	27,497
Greenwood	390	132,789	1,916	30,112	119	95,601	1,723	37,288
Meridian	111	35,411	1,198	12,719	70	19,904	769	5,452
Natchez	365	39,018	820	6,699	95	30,119	951	6,597
Vicksburg	142	30,301	1,413	7,455	44	16,299	545	7,131
Yazoo City	44	32,875	1,030	5,711	29	19,145	402	9,754
Mo., St. Louis	23,864	547,878	24,842	2,793	14,955	435,926	14,973	7,189
N.C., Grnsboro	1,022	44,654	2,833	16,911	650	51,522	1,501	20,500
Raleigh	162	6,179	200	807	92	10,003	50	10,107
Okla., Altus	5,254	178,739	7,952	21,196	2,515	108,451	4,814	27,713
Chickasha	3,551	129,312	3,580	11,926	3,214	87,018	2,945	12,210
Oklahoma	1,449	130,395	3,566	16,259	1,471	59,060	6,482	20,753
S.C., Greenville	5,411	145,312	5,886	39,146	4,281	106,754	5,513	32,384
Greenwood	---	12,129	---	5,750	---	10,497	---	10,291
Tenn., Memphis	34,133	983,780	43,440	101,979	26,294	701,778	30,209	112,476
Nashville	74	817	---	347	---	---	---	---
Texas, Abilene	1,492	64,657	1,676	1,007	252	61,988	---	1,360
Brenham	270	18,291	240	5,243	85	25,406	102	5,453
Austin	491	30,587	1,066	1,053	58	39,252	225	1,538
Dallas	2,665	177,321	3,488	17,931	903	115,517	1,852	10,233
Houston	79,933	1,142,804	98,268	588,677	39,127	3,201,246	48,362	270,809
Paris	1,045	89,272	1,530	5,447	109	76,050	90	1,896
San Antonio	241	60,680	457	1,605	400	53,066	400	500
Fort Worth	2,116	146,265	3,187	14,019	941	85,109	1,645	3,972
Total, 40 towns	182,582	9,528,628	242,168	248,011	111,026	6,369,814	156,185	898,190

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 58,781 bales and are to-night 408,602 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 71,556 bales more than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 6 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1925	24.25c.	1917	15.60c.	1909	9.90c.	1901	9.75c.
1924	34.35c.	1916	11.90c.	1908	11.70c.	1900	8.44c.
1923	28.65c.	1915	8.65c.	1907	11.00c.	1899	6.44c.
1922	16.95c.	1914	2.65c.	1906	11.15c.	1898	5.94c.
1921	13.65c.	1913	12.95c.	1905	7.75c.	1897	7.31c.
1920	37.80c.	1912	9.90c.	1904	15.50c.	1896	8.25c.
1919	25.90c.	1911	14.45c.	1903	9.15c.	1895	5.62c.
1918	31.60c.	1910	15.10c.	1902	8.44c.	1894	7.94c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed	Futures Market Closed	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	---
Monday	Steady, 25 pts. adv.	Steady	---	200	200
Tuesday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Firm	---	---	---
Wednesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Irregular	---	---	---
Thursday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady	---	---	---
Friday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	---	---	---
Total				200	200

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:

Feb. 6 Shipped	1924-25		1923-24	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	24,842	505,355	14,993	433,493
Via Mounds	8,250	182,760	3,720	137,900
Via Rock Island	1,463	24,905	1,505	14,466
Via Louisville	963	37,494	1,209	19,390
Via Virginia points	6,067	140,645	3,688	126,841
Via other routes, &c.	14,328	348,660	9,722	258,109
Total gross overland	55,913	1,239,819	34,637	990,199
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	3,888	60,773	709	47,353
Between interior towns	687	15,937	541	15,927
Inland, &c., from South	16,922	354,789	23,367	423,446
Total to be deducted	21,497	431,499	24,617	486,726
Leaving total net overland*	34,416	808,320	10,020	503,473

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 34,416 bales, against 10,020 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 303,847 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1924-25		1923-24	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Feb. 6	179,899	7,219,282	104,226	5,440,549
Net overland to Feb. 6	34,416	808,320	10,020	503,473
South'n consumption to Feb. 6	80,000	2,307,000	72,000	2,233,000
Total marketed	294,315	10,334,602	186,246	8,177,022
Interior stocks in excess of consumption to Jan. 1	58,781	1,073,257	46,678	637,299
Came into sight during week	235,534	529,272	139,568	499,957
Total in sight Feb. 6	78,681	11,937,131	30,096	9,341,278
North spinn's takings to Feb. 6	---	1,237,318	---	1,294,469

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:
 1923-Feb. 9 ----- Bales 120,513 Since Aug. 1 ----- Bales 8,945,810
 1922-Feb. 9 ----- Bales 120,513 Since Aug. 1 ----- Bales 8,945,810

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 Feb. 6.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. day	Friday
Galveston	23.85	24.30	24.45	24.35	24.15	24.10
New Orleans	23.90	24.35	24.55	24.40	24.20	24.10
Mobile	23.40	23.85	24.00	23.90	23.70	23.65
Savannah	23.80	24.28	24.40	24.27	24.08	24.00
Norfolk	23.94	24.38	24.50	24.31	24.06	24.00
Baltimore	---	24.00	24.10	24.00	24.00	24.00
Augusta	23.50	24.00	24.13	24.06	23.88	23.88
Memphis	23.25	23.75	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.75
Houston	23.80	24.30	24.50	24.40	24.25	24.25
Little Rock	23.75	24.25	24.50	24.50	24.25	24.12
Dallas	23.30	23.80	24.00	23.95	23.75	23.75
Fort Worth	---	23.75	23.95	23.85	23.70	23.65

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. 31.	Monday, Feb. 2.	Tuesday, Feb. 3.	Wednesday, Feb. 4.	Thursday, Feb. 5.	Friday, Feb. 6.
February	---	---	---	---	---	---
March	23.76-23.78	24.20-24.24	24.38-24.43	24.29-24.33	24.05-24.06	24.01-24.05
April	24.00-24.02	24.52-24.54	24.69-24.73	24.59-24.62	24.35-24.35	24.30-24.32
May	24.21	24.74-24.76	24.94-24.99	24.84-24.87	24.57-24.58	24.54-24.56
October	23.79-23.80	24.24-24.25	24.49-24.52	24.38-24.40	24.07-24.10	24.00-24.02
December	23.81	24.27-24.30	24.56	24.39-24.40	24.09-24.10	24.01-24.02
January	---	---	---	---	23.99 bid	23.91 bid
Tone	---	---	---	---	---	---
Spot	Steady	Steady	Firm	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Very st'y	Very st'y	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that in the southeastern portion of the cotton belt rainfall has been generally light to moderate, but the soil has remained too wet to do much plowing. In the West Gulf area farm work as a rule has made good progress.

Mobile, Ala.—Farm work is moving slowly.

Galveston, Texas	Rain.		Rainfall.		Thermometer	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Abilene	---	---	dry	---	high 67	low 42 mean 55
Brownsville	---	---	dry	---	high 84	low 30 mean 57
Corpus Christi	---	---	dry	---	high 78	low 48 mean 63
Dallas	---	---	dry	---	high 76	low 44 mean 60
Delrio	---	---	dry	---	high 80	low 30 mean 55
Palestine	---	---	1 day	0.01 in.	high 72	low 30 mean 51
San Antonio	---	---	dry	---	high 78	low 38 mean 58
Taylor	---	---	dry	---	---	low 32
New Orleans	---	---	1 day	1.47 in.	---	---
Shreveport	---	---	1 day	0.20 in.	high 73	low 33 mean 53
Mobile, Ala.	---	---	1 day	1.05 in.	high 67	low 36 mean 60
Savannah, Ga.	---	---	2 days	1.52 in.	high 64	low 26 mean 43
Charleston, S. C.	---	---	1 day	0.07 in.	high 63	low 35 mean 45
Charlotte, N. C.	---	---	1 day	0.08 in.	high 66	low 37 mean 52
Charlotte, N. C.	---	---	(?) days	0.46 in.	high 62	low 28 mean 45

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:

INDIA COTTON CROP FORECAST 1924-25.—Under date of Calcutta, Dec. 18 1924, the Indian Government issued its second cotton crop forecast for the season 1924-25. The statement follows in part:

This forecast is based on reports received from the British Provinces and Indian States, which comprise the entire cotton area of India. It deals with both early and late varieties of cotton and relates to conditions up to the beginning of December 1924.

The total area sown amounts to 24,707,000 acres, as against 21,847,000 acres (revised) at this date last year, or an increase of 13%. The total estimated yield is 6,058,000 bales of 400 lbs. each, as compared with 4,875,000 bales (revised) at the corresponding date last year, or an increase of 24%.

Weather conditions have been generally favorable, and the condition of the crop is, on the whole, reported to be good. The detailed figures for the Provinces and States are shown below (the figures for the previous years are given in the appended statement):

Provinces and States.	Area.	Outturn.		Yield per Acre
		Bales of 400 Lbs. Each.	Lbs.	
Bombay a	6,758,000	1,729,000	102	
Central Provinces and Berar	5,210,000	1,150,000	88	
Madras b	2,457,000	510,000	83	
Punjab b	2,451,000	806,000	132	
United Provinces b	1,019,000	270,000	106	
Burma	312,000	67,000	86	
Bihar and Orissa	78,000	14,000	72	
Bengal b	77,000	24,000	125	
Ajmer-Merwara	43,000	17,000	158	
Assam	45,000	15,000	133	
Northwest Frontier Province	39,000	8,000	82	
Delhi	3,000	1,000	133	
Hyderabad	3,302,000	898,000	109	
Central India	1,164,000	214,000	74	
Baroda	644,000	158,000	98	
Gwallor	589,000	56,000	38	
Rajputana	401,000	88,000	88	
Mysore	115,000	33,000	115	
Total	24,707,000	6,058,000	98	

a Including Sind and Indian States. b Including Indian States. On the basis of these figures the average outturn per acre of the present crop for All-India works out to 98 lbs. as compared with 89 lbs. (revised) at this time last year. The area shows an increase in almost all the Provinces except Hyderabad, Baroda and Bihar and Orissa. As regards yield an increase is also noticeable in all the Provinces except Hyderabad and Bihar and Orissa.

A statement showing the present estimates of area and yield, according to recognized trade descriptions of cotton, as compared with those of the preceding year, is given below:

Descriptions of Cotton.	Acres.		Bales.	
	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Oomras—Khandesh	1,404,000	1,382,000	298,000	266,000
Central India	1,753,000	1,415,000	270,000	204,000
Barsil and Nagar c		1,896,000		555,000
Hyderabad Gaomrali	3,069,000	1,509,000	775,000	535,000
Berar		3,320,000		
Central Provinces	5,210,000	1,575,000	1,150,000	1,000,000
Total	11,436,000	11,097,000	2,493,000	2,560,000
Dholleras	2,134,000	1,825,000	657,000	266,000
Bengal-Sind—United Prov'ces	1,019,000	660,000	270,000	215,000
Rajputana	455,000	141,000	108,000	90,000
Sind-Punjab	1,942,000	1,623,000	614,000	529,000
Others	85,000	84,000	16,000	17,000
Total	3,501,000	2,781,000	1,008,000	851,000
American—Punjab	884,000	593,000	309,000	231,000
Sind	6,000	5,000	2,000	e
Broach	1,273,000	1,170,000	358,000	219,000
Coompta-Dharwar	1,697,000	1,186,000	393,000	183,000
Westerns and Northern	2,133,000	1,757,000	396,000	188,000
Cocanadas	249,000	233,000	46,000	46,000
Tinnevelly	397,000	345,000	109,000	95,000
Salems	197,000	141,000	30,000	19,000
Cambodias	342,000	273,000	159,000	122,000
Commillas, Burmas and others sorts	458,000	441,000	108,000	95,000
Grand total	24,707,000	21,847,000	6,058,000	4,875,000

c Includes the whole of cotton grown in the non-government areas of Hyderabad. d Includes also the Sind-American cotton. e Included under Sind-Punjab. f Revised

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
Nov. 14	373,602	307,467	251,578	1,411,260	1,179,333	1,461,019	477,486	321,432	304,296
21	432,208	224,528	217,983	1,486,392	1,244,773	1,484,662	487,588	298,968	241,626
28	370,024	298,211	215,436	1,545,601	1,251,785	1,457,156	429,233	305,223	242,942
Dec. 5	373,752	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	323,262	168,525	94,666
26	232,346	199,767	113,035	1,577,997	1,119,118	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	58,432
9	234,091	136,603	123,952	1,474,150	1,043,974	1,300,285	198,591	123,564	68,343
16	231,584	169,448	92,238	1,441,041	996,356	1,265,828	188,469	121,830	57,781
23	201,602	110,351	101,479	1,383,626	977,263	1,224,059	144,187	91,258	59,710
30	200,371	116,104	138,820	1,306,792	944,868	1,150,906	123,537	83,709	65,667
Feb. 6	179,899	104,226	87,381	1,248,011	898,190	1,089,756	121,118	57,548	26,231

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1924 are 8,280,097 bales; in 1923 were 6,005,507 bales, and in 1922 were 5,240,105 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 179,899 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 121,118 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 58,781 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 57,548 bales and for 1923 they were 26,231 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and

since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1924-25.		1923-24.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 30	5,830,282		4,477,084	
Visible supply Aug. 1		2,190,493		2,024,671
American in sight to Feb. 6	235,534	11,937,131	139,568	9,314,278
Bombay receipts to Feb. 5	157,000	1,356,000	181,000	1,709,000
Other India ship'ts to Feb. 5	9,000	147,000	9,000	268,000
Alexandria receipts to Feb. 4	23,000	1,243,800	21,000	1,101,400
Other supply to Feb. 4	15,000	214,000	12,000	165,000
Total supply	6,269,816	17,088,424	4,839,652	14,582,349
Deduct				
Visible supply Feb. 6	5,728,922		4,582,418	
Total takings to Feb. 6	540,894	11,359,502	257,234	9,999,931
Of which American	364,894	8,277,702	139,234	7,137,531
Of which other	176,000	3,081,800	118,000	2,862,400

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. The total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,307,000 bales in 1924-25 and 2,233,000 bales in 1923-24—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners—9,052,502 bales in 1924-25 and 7,766,931 bales in 1923-24, of which 5,970,702 bales and 4,904,531 bales American.

b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

February 5. Receipts at—	1924-25.		1923-24.		1922-23.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	157,000	1,356,000	181,000	1,709,000	181,000	1,538,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1924-25	40,000	87,000	127,000	26,000	200,000	727,000	953,000	
1923-24	48,000	86,000	134,000	90,000	473,000	694,000	1,257,000	
1922-23	6,000	34,000	133,000	173,000	65,000	325,500	909,500	
Other India—								
1924-25	2,000	7,000	9,000	19,000	128,000	147,000		
1923-24	3,000	6,000	9,000	51,000	217,000	268,000		
1922-23	8,000		8,000	33,000	134,550	167,550		
Total all—	2,000	47,000	87,000	136,000	45,000	328,000	727,000	
1924-25	3,000	54,000	86,000	143,000	141,000	690,000	694,000	
1923-24	3,000	54,000	86,000	143,000	141,000	690,000	694,000	
1922-23	14,000	34,000	133,000	181,000	98,000	460,650	909,500	

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 24,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 7,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 425,000 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. February 4.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	115,000	105,000	120,000
Since Aug. 1	6,289,864	5,509,595	5,302,821
Exports (bales)—			
To Liverpool	5,000	142,396	18,500
To Manchester, &c	10,000	160,609	11,000
To Continent and India	7,000	236,300	8,750
To America	16,000	96,850	12,000
Total exports	38,000	636,155	50,250

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Feb. 4 were 115,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 38,000 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 improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Week ending	1924-25.				1923-24.			
	32s Cop Twist.	8¼ lbs. Shirts Common to Finest.	Cot'n Mid. Up's		32s Cop Twist.	8¼ lbs. Shirts Common to Finest.	Cot'n Mid. Up's	
Nov. 14	23¼ @ 26	17 3 @ 17 7	13.87 27	@ 27¼	17 4 @ 18 0	13.83 27¼	@ 28¼	17 4 @ 18 0
21	23¼ @ 25¼	17 4 @ 18 0	13.63 27¼	@ 28¼	17 4 @ 18 0	13.63 27¼	@ 28¼	17 4 @ 18 0
28	23¼ @ 25¼	17 4 @ 18 0	13.59 29¼	@ 30¼	20 2 @ 21 0	13.59 29¼	@ 30¼	21 0 @ 21 37
Dec. 5	23 @ 24¼	16 5 @ 17 1	12.98 27¼	@ 29¼	19 4 @ 20 2	12.98 27¼	@ 29¼	19 4 @ 20 2
12	23 @ 24¼	16 5 @ 17 0	13.11 28	@ 30	19 6 @ 20 4	13.11 28	@ 30	19 6 @ 20 4
19	23 @ 24¼	16 4 @ 16 7	13.28 27¼	@ 29	19 6 @ 20 2	13.28 27¼	@ 29	19 6 @ 20 2
26	23 @ 24¼	16 5 @ 17 0	13.24 27¼	@ 28¼	19 7 @ 20 3	13.24 27¼	@ 28¼	19 7 @ 20 3
Jan. 2	23¼ @ 25	16 7 @ 17 1	13.57 27	@ 28¼	19 7 @ 20 2	13.57 27	@ 28¼	19 7 @ 20 2
9	23¼ @ 25	16 7 @ 17 1	13.03 26¼	@ 28	19 5 @ 20 0	13.03 26¼	@ 28	19 5 @ 20 0
16	22¼ @ 24¼	16 5 @ 17 0	13.08 26	@ 27¼	19 2 @ 19 5	13.08 26	@ 27¼	19 2 @ 19 5
23	22¼ @ 24	16 5 @ 17 0	12.87 26	@ 27¼	19 2 @ 19 5	12.87 26	@ 27¼	19 2 @ 19 5
30	22 @ 23¼	16 5 @ 17 0	12.92 26	@ 27¼	19 6 @ 19 5	12.92 26	@ 27¼	19 6 @ 19 5
Feb. 6	22¼ @ 23	16 5 @ 17 0	13.28 26	@ 27¼	19 2 @ 19 5	13.28 26	@ 27¼	19 2 @ 19 5

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Jan. 30—Aurania, 1,339; Cedric, 1,209		Bales.
To Manchester—Jan. 27—Kioto, 232 additional		232
To Bremen—Feb. 2—Muenchen, 1,057; Republic, 615		1,672
To Genoa—Feb. 2—Andrea Costa, 596		596</

		Bales.
NEW ORLEANS—To Bremen—Jan. 30—Noorderdijk, 1,051;		
Jan. 31—Bayou Chico, 2,173		3,224
To Hamburg—Jan. 30—Noorderdijk, 905; Feb. 3—La Mar-		
sellaise, 197		1,102
To Liverpool—Jan. 31—Dakotian, 11,772; Feb. 3—Alexandria,		
12,197; West Caddoa, 3,208		27,177
To Havre—Jan. 31—West Kasson, 3,290		3,290
To Antwerp—Jan. 31—West Kasson, 625		625
To Ghent—Jan. 31—West Kasson, 1,207		1,207
To Rotterdam—Jan. 31—Bayou Chico, 1,036		1,036
To Venice—Feb. 2—Collingsworth, 566		566
To Naples—Feb. 4—West Totant, 1,300		1,300
To Colon—Jan. 28—Turrialba, 2		2
To Murrnansk—Feb. 3—Ravnanger, 12,452		12,452
To Vera Cruz—Jan. 28—Manzanillo, 800		800
To Manchester—Feb. 3—West Caddoa, 1,205		1,205
To Genoa—Feb. 5—Sic Vos Non Vobis, 11,203; Feb. 4—West		
Totant, 1,928		13,131
To Savona—Feb. 5—Sic Vos Non Vobis, 407		407
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Jan. 31—Hegira, 9,879; Mercedes		
de Larrinaga, 2,792; Dictator, 10,422		23,093
To Manchester—Jan. 31—Hegira, 3,338; Mercedes de Lar-		
rinaga, 7,063; Dictator, 582		10,983
To Havre—Jan. 31—West Comak, 12,796; Lowther Castle,		
5,759		18,555
To Ghent—Jan. 31—Lowther Castle, 4,549; West Comak, 1,025		5,574
To Antwerp—Jan. 31—Lowther Castle, 875; West Comak, 723		1,598
To Gothenburg—Jan. 31—Stureholm, 1,441		1,441
To Abo—Jan. 31—Stureholm, 300		300
To Genoa—Jan. 31—Maddalena Odero, 2,701; Scantic, 6,178		8,879
To Venice—Jan. 31—Scantic, 205; Basso Piave, 2,443		2,648
To Trieste—Jan. 31—Scantic, 200; Basso Piave, 350		550
To Naples—Jan. 31—Scantic, 200		200
To Bremen—Jan. 31—Inkula, 4,518; Endicott, 4,043; Rio		
Panuco, 1,749; Feb. 3—Noorderdijk, 10,433		20,743
To Rotterdam—Jan. 31—Endicott, 1,148		1,148
To Copenhagen—Jan. 31—Gorm, 569		569
To Barcelona—Jan. 31—Mar Blanco, 5,437		5,437
To Hamburg—Jan. 31—Rio Panuco, 1,000		1,000
To Japan—Jan. 31—Belgium Maru, 2,153; Glasgow Maru,		
10,362; Feb. 2—Liberator, 2,900		15,415
To China—Jan. 31—Belgium Maru, 275; Feb. 2—Liberator,		
1,800		2,075
HOUSTON—To Gothenburg—Jan. 30—Stureholm, 628		628
To Norrköping—Jan. 30—Stureholm, 50		50
To Malmo—Jan. 30—Stureholm, 26		26
To Japan—Jan. 29—Liberator, 4,910		4,910
Jan. 31—City of Canton,		
6,975		11,885
To Liverpool—Jan. 31—Hegira, 6,285		6,285
Feb. 5—West Modus,		
3,065		9,350
To Manchester—Jan. 31—Hegira, 464		464
Feb. 5—West Modus,		
200		664
To Havre—Jan. 31—Zenon, 9,558		9,558
To China—Jan. 31—City of Canton, 1,000		1,000
To Copenhagen—Feb. 3—Gorm, 1,550		1,550
To Bremen—Feb. 4—Uranienborg, 5,501		5,501
To Hamburg—Feb. 4—Uranienborg, 964		964
BOSTON—To Liverpool—Jan. 26—Aurania, 97		97
CHARLESTON—To Japan—Feb. 4—Bessemer City, 5,000		5,000
MOBILE—To Bremen—Feb. 3—Hastings, 1,546		1,546
To Hamburg—Feb. 3—Hastings, 100		100
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Feb. 4—West Modakel, 1,612		1,612
To Manchester—Feb. 6—Hoxie, 2,000		2,000
To Bremen—Feb. 6—Westpool, 2,950		2,950
PHILADELPHIA—To Manchester—Jan. 20—Manchester Hero,		
267		267
To Hamburg—Jan. 17—Hornfels, 67		67
PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—Jan. 27—Kaga Maru, 1,549		1,549
To China—Jan. 27—Kaga Maru, 250		250
SAN PEDRO—To Liverpool—Jan. 29—Osiris, 1,529		1,529
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Jan. 31—Pensilva, 9,368		9,368
Jan. 31—Shickshiny, 320		9,688
To Manchester—Jan. 31—Pensilva, 673		673
Jan. 31—Shick-		
shiny, 1,700		2,373
To Copenhagen—Jan. 31—Berwindmoor, 100		100
To Gothenburg—Jan. 31—Berwindmoor, 50		50
To Hamburg—Jan. 31—Berwindmoor, 244		244
To Bremen—Jan. 31—Berwindmoor, 7,535		7,535
To Rotterdam—Feb. 4—Ceuta, 500		500
Total		273,373

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, Feb. 6 1925.

Flour has been in moderate demand at recent advances in prices. Mills find it difficult to buy choice wheat; prices of wheat rally after declines. Flour costs are high. Yet buyers stick to the old policy of buying only as their immediate and perhaps pressing needs dictate. As for export business, it is said that Egypt has recently bought to a fair extent. Incidentally, it is stated that seven or eight cars between Buffalo and New York City were stalled in the recent heavy snows up-State. The cars were consigned for a steamer sailing on Tuesday to Egyptian ports. Cable dispatches stated that both France and Germany have sold considerable of flour to Russia. Later there were rumors of Russian buying, which could not be confirmed. Some buyers hope Congress will intervene to stop wheat exports until July 1 and bring about lower prices. The bad break in wheat late in the week, i. e. 3½ to 6½c., depressed flour. It made buyers more cautious than ever, if that were possible. Under old contracts Greece has taken some flour, and a certain amount of new business is reported with Germany. Rumors were renewed of large Russian inquiries, but they were not authenticated.

Wheat fell sharply in an overbought market. Some dropped wheat and went into corn and oats on the idea that wheat was high enough and might be on very slippery ground. It was. This despite steady export demand, talk of famine in Russia, estimates that 70% of the Australian crop has been sold, buying by the Far East in Australia, and buying there by Egypt. The American visible supply approximates 80,000,000 bushels. Receipts at terminal points have recently been large. Shorts and sold-out bulls have enlarged on the points just mentioned. Liquidation, as usual, caught stop orders. Talk of Congress interfering to adjust the price had no great effect, but it did have some, though it is not believed that such a bill would be signed by the President. But selling took on big proportions on the theory that wheat might be overhigh; that bull points might have been discounted. It is asserted in some quarters that recent export sales were exaggerated. On the 4th inst. prices ended 1c. lower to 1c. higher in Chicago and unchanged to 2c. higher in Winnipeg. Trading was active. But strong foreign markets, the strength of Winnipeg and the moral effect of lifting May once more above \$2, even if it did not stay there, was plain enough for a time. But advances ran into selling orders. The wheat market is really more of a two-sided affair. Buyers of the 3d inst. sold freely. Some sold, too, on the Washington rumors of legislation inimical to wheat speculation, even if the possibility of a measure restricting wheat and flour exports is considered to be remote. Liverpool and Buenos Aires both advanced. Export sales were estimated at 500,000 to 600,000 bushels. London reported that Russia was seeking another 10,000 tons of flour, and it was said that the Russians were trying to buy flour here on terms. But \$2 wheat is a kind of Rubicon that some hesitate to cross. Yet, despite the talk of a hegira of operators from wheat to corn, etc., the transactions in wheat on the Chicago Board of Trade on the 3d inst. were officially reported as 113,209,000 bushels; only the trading in corn was also large, reaching 34,027,000 bushels. In oats the total was 13,721,000 and in rye 6,868,000. On Thursday came a break of 5 to 7½c., with only a moderate recovery before the close. For the technical position was still topheavy. Foreign markets broke mainly because of Argentine shipments this week of 7,000,000 bushels. And better weather prevailed in Argentina. Liverpool fell 4½d. Washington rumors of proposed interference with the wheat business, the rising price of bread, the mutterings of complaint from the people at home and abroad were not ignored by any means. Prices were down over 14c. from the recent "high" at the seaboard. Winnipeg fell 6½ to 8½c. Many threw over their holdings and went short. Palm Beach was supposed to have taken the short side. Export buying was estimated at 600,000 to 700,000 bushels, but it had no effect. It included about 300,000 bushels of durums to Italy, a little Duluth No. 1 northern, and a cargo of 6,000 tons of hard wheat to Greece. Italy bought durums all day, gradually cleaning up the seaboard stocks. Buenos Aires on Thursday fell 2½c.; shipments were estimated (too high) at 7,030,000 bushels, compared with 6,849,000 last week and 6,759,000 a year ago. East Indian shipments this week were 960,000 bushels. Another week of big world shipments is expected after last week's total of some 19,000,000 bushels. London said early in the week that Russia wanted 100,000 bbls. of flour. The "Price Current and Grain Reporter" said: "There is no actual shortage of wheat in the accepted term of the word, as statistics indicate a world's surplus of around 75,000,000 bushels over and above requirements, after allowing for a carry-over of 85,000,000 bushels, is found in the fact that practically all estimates are based on assumption that the Southern Hemisphere will ship its 300,000,000 bushels of surplus before the end of the crop year." Washington reports say there are various bills which will be introduced in Congress calling for control of wheat prices as well as various investigations. The bill is said to advocate the stopping of exports

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Jan. 16.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 30.	Feb. 6.
Sales of the week	34,000	35,000	37,000	41,000
Of which American	21,000	20,000	26,000	32,000
Actual export	1,000	1,000	4,000	1,000
Forwarded	84,000	68,000	71,000	73,000
Total stock	723,000	855,000	868,000	884,000
Of which American	567,000	678,000	691,000	716,000
Total imports	51,000	196,000	107,000	93,000
Of which American	25,000	162,000	88,000	73,000
Amount afloat	369,000	326,000	304,000	340,000
Of which American	309,000	264,000	243,000	265,000

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	Moderate demand	Quiet and firm	Quiet and firm	Quiet	Quiet.
Mid Up'ds	13.05	13.08	13.32	13.40	13.34	13.23
Sales	3,000	6,000	6,000	10,000	6,000	7,000
Futures Market opened	Quiet	Steady 4 to 9 pts. advance	Steady 15 to 18 pts. advance	Steady 5 to 7 pts. advance	Quiet, unchanged to 4 pts. dec.	Quiet but steady, 7 to 8 pts. dec.
Market 4:00 P. M.	Quiet but steady, 8 pts. dec.	Steady 8 to 11 pts. advance	Steady 15 to 20 pts. advance	Barely st'y advance	Steady, 3 pts. dec. to 2 pts. adv.	Steady, 1 pt advance to 2 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 31 to Feb. 6.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12¼ p. m.	12¼ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12¼ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12¼ p. m.
Feb. 1	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Feb. 2	12.69	12.78	12.79	12.97	12.99	13.05
Feb. 3	12.78	12.87	12.88	13.06	13.07	13.14
Feb. 4	12.81	12.89	12.90	13.08	13.08	13.15
Feb. 5	12.88	12.97	12.99	13.17	13.23	13.19
Feb. 6	12.91	12.99	13.00	13.18	13.18	13.24
July	12.95	13.03	13.06	13.23	13.22	13.28
Aug.	12.90	12.98	13.01	13.18	13.17	13.23
Sep.	12.86	12.92	12.95	13.12	13.11	13.18
Oct.	12.82	12.87	12.91	13.07	13.06	13.13
Nov.	12.78	12.83	12.87	13.02	13.02	13.09
Dec.	12.75	12.80	12.84	13.00	12.99	13.05
Jan.	12.73	12.77	12.81	12.97	12.97	13.02

of wheat and flour until June 30. This is not regarded as at all likely to be done. It would be paternalism in one of its old and exploded forms. Washington wired Feb. 4: "An investigation of the wheat, flour and bread industries was asked in a resolution introduced to-day by Senator Cameron. The inquiry would be conducted by the Federal Trade Commission and there have been corporate violations of the anti-trust laws in connection with operations in wheat, flour and bread." Dr. J. W. Duval of the Grain Futures Administration in Chicago, declared that the investigation of the Chicago Board of Trade is uncalled for, because there has been no manipulation of wheat prices and no evidence of concentrated holding of grain. The American visible supply decreased last week 2,962,000 bushels, against 1,120,000 last year; total 77,610,000, against 67,162,000 a year ago. Minneapolis wired: "Grain prices are selling at famine levels and at the same time we cannot find elevator room for grain at terminal markets." In Italy a considerable discontent has been caused by an announcement that the price of bread is to be increased. The increase is due to the fact that in the last 15 days the price of wheat has jumped from 185 lire to 200 lire per quintal (220.46 lbs.), and there is a tendency to a further increase. A number of small bakeries in Chicago advanced wheat bread 2c. and 3c. a loaf. To-day prices had a memorable drop. It amounted to 4½ to 7¼c. in Chicago, the latter on May, while Winnipeg was off 6½ to 10¼c. The net final decline was 3 to 6½c. at Chicago and 6½ to 10¼c. at Winnipeg. Trading was on a stupendous scale. But it took the form of realizing and liquidation. Yet at the opening there was an advance of 1¼ to 2½c. under the spur of strong markets in Liverpool and Buenos Aires. Export sales were estimated at 600,000 to 700,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments seem to have been overestimated by about 500,000 bushels. But the technical position of the market proved to be weak. A huge long account has been built up. When selling started it quickly ran into stop orders. Winnipeg broke 12c. from the early high and Chicago 5¼ to 9¾c. At the low point May at Chicago was 21c. under the high level for the season and Winnipeg May 28c. under. The Washington news of possible action by Congress in regard to wheat prices no doubt had some effect. And world's shipments for the week are now said to point to over 17,000,000 bushels, including 4,500,000 bushels from North America. To-night the technical position is much better. But the average operator is not inclined to believe that overbuying has been fully corrected. After all, the visible supply is large, in this country to go no further. The world's shipments in two weeks are estimated at some 36,000,000 bushels. They may affect European markets, possibly not. However that may be, the speculative market acted tired after a long run uphill. Prices for the week show a decline of 17¼c. on May, 12¼c. on July and 11¼c. on September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	cts. 233¾	224¾	223	222¾	215¼	209¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	cts. 202½	199½	197½	199	192½	186½
July delivery in elevator.....	170½	168½	167½	167½	162½	159½
September delivery in elevator.....	156½	154½	153½	152¼	149½	146½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	cts. 214¾	208¾	207¾	208¾	201¾	192¾
July delivery in elevator.....	212¾	205¾	204¾	206¾	198¾	188¾
October delivery in elevator.....	165¾	161¾	158¾	158¾	152¾	146

Indian corn was firm early in the week on covering and general buying and the rise at times in wheat. But later it succumbed to some extent to the influence of wheat, though it did not break so badly as wheat. Its technical position was not so weak as that of wheat. On Thursday prices fell 2 to 3c. and recovered some of this later. It was an active market. Some are going into corn, dropping wheat. At the same time there was heavy liquidation. And the cash demand was small. Cash prices dropped. Receipts were fair. But it was not noticeable that large firms were buyers of May at \$1.35 and below. That steadied the price. Country offerings, too, were small. On declines the country withdraws. On Wednesday corn was active and up sharply, with all deliveries at a new high for the season early. Only profit-taking caused a reaction. Houses with country connections were persistent buyers in small lots. The cash basis at Chicago was somewhat firmer. Primary arrivals of corn were 917,000 bushels, against 1,474,000 a week ago and 1,269,000 last year. The American visible supply increased last week 1,706,000 bushels, against 420,000 last year. The total is now 27,391,000 bushels, against 9,370,000 a year ago. To-day corn gave a far better account of itself than might have been expected. It fell, it is true, some 3 to 4c. below the early level. But the net decline for the day was only 1 to 1½c. in spite of the big break in wheat. That fact excited general remark. It resisted pressure to a degree that surprised its best friends. Receipts were only fair and the cash demand was light. Cash prices, indeed, were somewhat lower. The weather was good. But on the other hand, country offerings were small. Some are talking about a possible dearth of supplies before the end of the season, especially of good merchantable corn. That is really the point. The undertone was called firm. Certainly the market resisted pressure. Commission houses were good buyers. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 1½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 mixed.....	cts. 146½	146½	146½	147¾	146¾	144¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	cts. 135½	135½	136¼	137¼	135½	134
July delivery in elevator.....	136¾	136¾	137½	138½	136	135½
September delivery in elevator.....	137¾	137	137½	137½	136	135¾

Oats felt the downward pull of the decline in other grain, though earlier in the week they were firmer. On Thursday they wound up ¾ to 1¾c. lower. It is true that this was a rather cool response to the drop in other parts of the grain market. But support was undoubtedly more cautious. Liquidation was larger. Cash demand was poor; cash prices fell. Receipts were fair. In the fore part of the week May oats advanced some 3 to 4c. on covering of shorts and good buying by commission houses. The American visible supply decreased last week 589,000 bushels, against 441,000 a year ago. The total now is 73,572,000 bushels, against 17,539,000 at this time in 1924. To-day prices gave way, but did not show the weakness of those for other grain. The ending was at a drop of only ¾ to 1c. net. Trading was on a big scale. Liquidation and other selling figured largely in the business. But on the other hand offerings were snapped up by commission houses. The undertone was gratifying to the believers in better prices. There was heavy buying of May. The relative steadiness of corn was a help to oats. Meanwhile receipts were only moderate. Country offerings were small. This might have had more effect but for the fact that the cash demand was poor. Still, there was a disposition to buy on breaks. For the week May oats wound up about ½c. net lower, with July down 3½c. and September 1½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white.....	cts. 70	69½	70	70	68½	67½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	63¾	63¾	63¾	62¾	61½	60
July delivery in elevator.....	64¾	64¾	64¾	63¾	62¾	61¾
September delivery in elevator.....	60¾	60¾	60¾	60¾	59¼	58¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	cts. 74¾	73¾	72¾	73	71½	69
July delivery in elevator.....	75¾	74¾	74	74	72¾	69¾
October delivery in elevator.....	64¾	65¾	64¾	64¾	62¾	63

Rye has declined along with other grain, though on Wednesday it rallied 1 to 1¾c. Rumors of pretty good exports were rife on that day, but only 100,000 bushels could be confirmed. The American visible supply last week increased 509,000 bushels. The total is now 23,479,000 bushels. Of braley the total is 3,928,000 bushels, against 19,847,000 a year ago. On Thursday prices suddenly broke wide open. They fell 6½ to 6c. and closed at near the lowest for the day. Winnipeg closed 7½ to 8c. lower. The influence of a big fall in wheat and of heavy liquidation was plain. There were moderate sales to Norway and Germany, i. e. 100,000 to 150,000 bushels for distant shipment, but this counted for nothing. And rumors of Russian buying in this country were not confirmed. To-day prices closed 3 to 7c. lower. They were at one time 5 to 8c. lower. Winnipeg wound up 4½c. below yesterday's closing. The drop was due to heavy liquidation coincident with the big break in wheat. That offset a good business for export. The sales to Germany, Norway and Finland were estimated at 750,000 bushels. It was said, however, that one exporter sold 150,000 bushels that had been stored in Hamburg for three months past. Prices show a decline for the week of 12½ to 17½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	cts. 179¾	177	173¾	175¾	170	163¾
July delivery in elevator.....	155¾	153	151½	152½	147	140
September delivery in elevator.....	134	132½	129½	130¾	125	122

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.

Spring patents.....	\$9 85@	\$10 60	Rye flour, patents.....	\$9 00@	\$9 50
Clears, first spring.....	9 00@	9 75	Seminola No. 2, lb.....	6¾	
Soft winter straights.....	10 00@	10 25	Oats goods.....	3 45@	3 65
Hard winter straights.....	9 70@	10 00	Corn flour.....	3 35@	3 45
Hard winter patents.....	9 95@	10 20	Barley goods.....		
Hard winter clears.....	8 85@	9 35	Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....	4 50	
Fancy Minn. patents.....	11 40@	12 05	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....	7 50	
City mills.....	7 50@	12 00			

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York:	Oats:
No. 2 red, f.o.b.....	No. 2 white.....
No. 1 Northern.....	No. 3 white.....
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....	Rye, New York:
	No. 2 f.o.b.....
Corn:	Barley, New York:
No. 2 mixed.....	Malting.....
No. 2 yellow.....	Chicago.....

For other tables usually given here, see page 671.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 3.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Jan. 27, follows:

In most sections of the country the week just closed was characterized by rather marked cyclonic and anticyclonic activity with resulting frequent and pronounced temperature changes. By January 28, an extensive high pressure area had overspread the Northeast where much colder weather prevailed with temperatures as low as 40 deg., or more, below zero occurring locally in northern New York, the coldest of record for January in that locality. At the same time moderately low pressure prevailed over the eastern Gulf of Mexico, and precipitation was general in the Southeastern States. The Gulf "low" moved rapidly northeastward along the Atlantic seaboard, with rain or snow in Eastern States, and by the 30th it had reached the Maine coast as a severe storm, accompanied by winds of gale force and by very heavy snowfall in many localities from Pennsylvania north-eastward. A second storm passed, from coast to coast, eastward over the more northern States during the period from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1. It was accompanied by snowfall and somewhat higher temperatures over northern districts, but elsewhere fair and moderately cold weather was the rule. Near the close of the week another southeastern disturbance brought unsettled and rainy weather to Central and Southern States and snow to northern

districts east of the Mississippi River. At the same time an area of high pressure had overspread the interior of the country with much colder weather prevailing, but a storm of wide extent was moving in from the Northwest with a marked rise in temperature in that area; at Havre, Mont., a 24-hour rise in temperature of 52 deg. was reported on the morning of Feb. 2.

The week, as a whole, was warmer than normal generally over the western half of the country and, except in a few local areas, colder than usual over the eastern half. It was especially cold in the interior of the Northeast, particularly in northern New York where the weekly mean temperature was as much as 20 deg. below the seasonal average. On the other hand, the average temperature for the week ranged from 10 deg. to 18 deg. above normal over the northwestern section of the country. Freezing did not reach the east Gulf or south Atlantic coasts south of southern North Carolina, but in the west Gulf area temperatures slightly below freezing prevailed to the extreme lower Rio Grande Valley. The lowest temperature reported for the week was 42 deg. below zero at Canton, N. Y., on the 28th.

Precipitation was heavy locally in the Southeast and heavy to excessive in much of the Northeast, especially in New York and parts of New England where unusually heavy snowfall occurred. The western half of the country had very little precipitation, except over the more northwestern States where rainfall was heavy in some localities, especially along the north Pacific coast. There was no measurable rainfall over a large area of the Southwest and sunshine was practically continuous throughout the week. A heavy covering of snow remained over the Northeastern States at the close of the week and also in the western upper Lake region. In the interior valleys a light covering continued over most of the northern Ohio Valley States and in the trans-Mississippi area southward to the northern portions of Kansas and Missouri.

The generally mild and pleasant weather for the season that prevailed over most of the western half of the country during the week was favorable for agricultural interests in general and especially for range livestock. In large areas the range was free of snow at the close of the week, which permitted grazing, but at the same time the absence of snow during the cold wave at the close of January in the extreme northwestern Great Plains was rather unfavorable for grains and grass. Rainfall in the southern Pacific coast districts was favorable, but more moisture is still needed in southern California.

The covering of snow that was deposited over a belt from the southern Great Plains eastward through the Ohio Valley, near the close of last week, melted rapidly under the influence of warmer weather and the resulting moisture was beneficial to grass and grains, while at the same time no severely cold weather was experienced. Not much outside work on farms was accomplished, however, in Central and Northern States, except in the Northwest. In the Northwest, heavy snow blocked traffic, especially on the country roads.

In the Southeastern States, while rainfall was mostly moderate in amount it was rather frequent and sufficient to keep the soil too wet to permit much plowing, and preparation for early spring planting has become backward in some south Atlantic districts. Growing vegetation was favorably affected, however, in most of the South, and farm work made good progress, as a rule, in the west Gulf area. There was some slight frost damage in western Florida, and the cold wave early in the week injured peach buds in some Appalachian Mountain sections.

MALL GRAINS.—While the week, as a whole, was rather cold over most of the principal Winter Wheat Belt, the middle part was mild, which largely melted the snow cover, except in the upper Ohio Valley. The ground was generally bare in the central Plains and the extreme lower Missouri and middle Mississippi Valleys, but at the same time there was an absence of severely cold weather, zero temperatures not being reached, as a rule. There was some complaint of freezing and thawing in the extreme lower Great Plains and also in some Ohio Valley districts, but heaving was not extensive in any part of the belt.

The plants were frozen to the ground in many sections of Kansas, but this was probably not detrimental as they have a good root system. The ice sheet has largely disappeared from Missouri and, while wheat is brown and apparently dormant, no reports of serious damage were received. Conditions were favorable for small grains in the Pacific Coast States, and favorable reports continue from most sections of the Rocky Mountain area. Fields remained well protected by snow in middle Atlantic districts. Cereals made fairly good progress in the Southern States, except in parts in Texas, with the seeding of spring oats progressing in some Gulf sections.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Cold wave first part of week with sleet and some snow, slowly melting in north. Soil wet and little plowing done. Preparations for planting early truck backward. Wheat, rye, and oats looking fairly good. Roads fair.

South Carolina.—Columbia: General glaze and sleet at beginning and rain at end of week. Not much spring plowing. Winter cereals and truck in good condition generally, but might be too cold for best development; lettuce uninjured. Considerable hog killing.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Light rains at beginning and close of week with moderately colder intermediate period and heavy frosts to coast. Soil too wet to plow. No outdoor work, except repairing flood damage to roads and bridges.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Week sunny; frost in northwest and central part; local damage to berry blooms in west. Recent rains caused serious damage to truck in south. Potato planting continued; early up and doing well. Oats, beans, tomatoes; and other truck good, except in south. Some berries shipped from north. Some cane and corn planted in north and central. Citrus new growth and bloom. Much replanting of truck necessary in south.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Frequent light to moderate rains, except fair middle of week. Oats doing fairly well; mostly fair to good condition. Truck and vegetables doing well in more southern counties. Little improvement in surviving pastures. Preparations for planting potatoes and corn progressing in coast region.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly adequate sunshine with light to moderate precipitation. Abnormally cold Wednesday with rising temperature thereafter until Monday. Progress of truck fair to good. Little farm work accomplished.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Further moderate rains two to three days continued restoration of soil moisture and streams; reasonable temperatures. Considerable plowing done. Some oats, trucks, and cane being planted. Pastures reviving in south; little vegetation growing in north. Dirt roads rough; others good.

Texas.—Houston: Cold and abundant sunshine and little or no precipitation. Progreess and condition of pastures, winter wheat, and oats poor to fair; of truck good in extreme south where shipments large. Progress of farm work good, although delayed in portions of central and west by dry soil. Dirt roads fair to good. Amarillo: Livestock and ranges poor to good, except range very poor at Carlsbad.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Fair and cold; hard freeze every night. Some little plowing in southern part. Winter grains dormant and damaged to some extent by thawing and freezing, but believed generally fair to good condition. Pastures very poor, but livestock in generally good condition.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Little work in north portion due to snow and frozen ground most of week; some plowing and preparation for crops elsewhere. Preparation for large acreage of cotton, corn, and hay. Sowing radishes in some southwestern localities. Wheat and oats injured by frequent freezing and thawing. Dirt roads bad.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Severe cold, following recent mild spell, damaging to wheat, oats, and clover, which are poor to fair. Farm work suspended. Dirt roads bad. No pasturage, and livestock required heavy feeding.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Cold first four days with snow cover over most of State, followed by thawing and freezing with ground bare and saturated; sharp changes slowly injuring wheat. Handling tobacco delayed by cold. Dirt roads very bad.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Feb. 6 1925.

Buyers in textile markets operated more liberally during the past week, and as a result a better feeling prevailed. Although the volume of trade during January was a disappointment in many quarters, the outlook for the current month is deemed encouraging. The fact that stocks in

retailers' hands are low is accepted as an indication that there will be a good demand for all classes of spring and summer goods. A large number of buyers and merchants are expected to be attracted to New York by a meeting of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. In order to stimulate interest on the part of the consumer in products of American looms and mills, a large number of the stores having membership in the National Retail Dry Goods Association will conduct a "Made in U. S. A." textile fair during the week from Feb. 7 to 14. One of the main purposes of the fair will be to counteract the erroneous but popular belief that imported goods are superior to domestic goods. According to a statement attributed to one of the officials connected with the "Made in U. S. A." exposition, the public has heard the word "imported" emphasized for so long that it has come to be believed that foreign goods are in some way of better quality and make than those manufactured in the United States. The result has been to surround foreign goods with an atmosphere of value and desirability which in many cases has been undeserved. However, it is claimed that the movement to increase the interest of American consumers in American goods does not attempt to discredit the importation of merchandise. A feature of the fair will be an extensive exhibition of cotton evening gowns. It has been a long time since cotton material of any kind has been used for evening wear, and more than a hundred cotton frocks, including numerous evening gowns, will be displayed. Of these 36 have been designed in Paris and executed in cotton material grown and woven in the United States, while the remaining sixty-odd were designed in America. The exhibit is expected to centre attention on the possibilities which cotton goods offer to chic dancing frocks and other evening apparel.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Increased activity on the part of buyers was an encouraging feature in domestic cotton markets during the week. Prices in a number of directions were advanced, and stimulated a better demand. Both jobbers and cutters-up were in the market for additional supplies, with percales and print cloths among the best sellers. Good-sized orders for goods were also received from out-of-town sources, particularly the Middle West, where the buying power has been increased by the high prices prevailing for grain. The firmness of the markets for raw cotton also acted as a stabilizer in the markets for the manufactured product. There has been an active call for ginghams, and many of the mills were said to be well booked with business and far behind on production. It was claimed that jobbers were beginning to complain about slow deliveries, and in the event of the demand continuing price advances will be early probabilities. An item of news which attracted considerable attention during the week was the announcement that the Ford Motor Co. had placed orders for five million yards of cotton goods. This was interpreted as meaning that goods were about as cheap as they would likely be for some time to come. Many threats have been made by buyers concerning what will happen if prices are advanced, still, it is noteworthy that when goods are wanted the matter of price enters less into the question than it did a month ago. Buyers do not hesitate to pay a premium for spot prints as against April or later deliveries. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7¼c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6¾c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 11½c., and 39-inch 80 x 80's, at 13¼c.

WOOLEN GOODS: The most important development of the week in the markets for woollens and worsteds was the opening of the American Woolen Co.'s lines of men's wear goods for fall. As generally expected, advances were instituted ranging from 6.6 to 10% compared with a year ago. New prices on woollen suitings and overcoatings were slightly higher than those on the more staple lines. To a large extent, prices were considered quite reasonable in view of the strength of raw wool and yarn markets. The showing was described as very attractive in both stylings and weaving, with an attempt on the company's part to meet buyers' ideas as to prices. While the season did not open with the rush of buying that featured some of the openings of the past, the attendance was considered good, with many buyers from all parts of the country present. Although it will require a few weeks before a good idea of how the season will develop can be obtained, a fair volume of initial business was said to have been placed.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Reports of an improved demand for practically all classes of merchandise resulted in a firm undertone throughout the linen market. Although the movement was not very large and confined mostly to nearby delivery, indications pointed to a return of more normal trade. There was a steady call for such items as damasks, towels, coverings, dress linens and sheetings. Retailers have been replenishing needs owing to a better consumer demand. The January white sales were about up to expectations, and stocks on hand have been reduced to a very low point. Despite the fact that prices are considered very attractive, with some importers selling from 10 to 15% under replacement costs, hand-to-mouth buying tactics have not changed to any appreciable degree. Burlaps continued to rule dull. Prices were easier, as buyers were uninterested in offerings. Light weights are quoted at 7.70c. and heavies at 9.25c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JANUARY.

An aggregate of \$124,931,186 State and municipal bonds was disposed of during the past month—a new high figure for January. The previous high was \$108,587,199 in January 1922. The past month's figure compares with \$91,534,522 for December 1924 and with \$94,273,946 for January a year ago.

Large issues were numerous during January; six municipalities alone with offerings of \$5,000,000 or more, accounting for \$60,785,000 of the total. The largest of these was made by the city of Detroit, Mich., which on Jan. 26 awarded \$19,555,000 bonds (consisting of \$10,555,000 4 1/4s and \$9,000,000 4 1/2s) to a banking syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York at 100.42, a basis of 4.3233%. The other large issues were:

- \$12,000,000 4% Philadelphia, Pa., bonds, sold to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York at 100.3047, a basis of about 3.985%.
- \$11,500,000 Los Angeles, Calif., bonds (made up of \$7,000,000 4 1/4s, \$3,500,000 4 1/2s and \$1,000,000 4s) bought by a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, New York, at 100.0009, a basis of about 4.67%.
- \$7,530,000 4% Chicago, Ill., bonds, disposed of to a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 97.81, a basis of about 4.29%.
- \$5,200,000 4 1/4% Kansas City, Mo., water bonds, awarded to Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City at 103.05, a basis of about 4.24%.
- \$5,000,000 4.10% Pittsburgh School District, Pa., bonds sold as follows \$4,500,000 to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at 101.85, a basis of about 3.94%, and \$500,000 to the Board of Public Education for its Sinking Fund at par.

Other important issues made during the month included the following:
Rochester, N. Y., 4 1/4% bonds, in the aggregate of \$4,800,000, bought by a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York at 101.644, a basis of about 4.07%.

An issue of \$3,000,000 4 1/4% Akron, Ohio, sewer bonds, awarded to the Equitable Trust Co. of New York and associates at 103.189, a basis of about 4.44%.

\$2,359,000 Minneapolis, Minn., bonds awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York and Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, as follows: \$1,340,000 permanent improvement bonds (\$540,000 as 5s and \$800,000 as 4s) at par, a basis of about 4.39%; \$500,000 auditorium bonds at 100.07 for 4 1/4s, a basis of about 4.24%, and \$519,000 special park and parkway improvement bonds (\$327,000 4 1/4s and \$192,000 4 1/2s) at 101.40.

\$2,000,000 5 1/4% Harrison County, Miss., sea wall bonds, awarded to the Central State Bank of Memphis and associates on their bid of 101.29.
Yonkers, N. Y., 4 1/4% bonds, \$1,946,000 in amount, sold to A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc., of New York, at 101.33, a basis of about 4.12%.

\$1,250,000 4 1/4% Baltimore County, Md., bonds, purchased by Alex Brown & Sons of Baltimore at 103.913, a basis of about 4.17%.

\$1,250,000 Duluth Independent School District, Minn., bonds, purchased by the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago and associates, taking \$800,000 as 4 1/4s and \$450,000 as 4 1/2s.

\$1,337,000 Essex County, N. J., county vocational school bonds, disposed of as follows: \$1,095,000 4 1/4% bonds to the Fidelity Trust Co. of Newark at 100.48, a basis of about 4.22%, and \$242,000 4 1/2% bonds to Lehman Bros. of New York City and associates at 103.32, a basis of about 4.14%.

An issue of \$1,100,000 4 1/4% Cincinnati City School District, Ohio, bonds, purchased by Eldredge & Co. and Ames, Emerich & Co., both of New York, at 101.96, a basis of about 4.30%.

An issue of \$1,000,000 4% soldiers' service compensation tax anticipation notes of the State of North Dakota, purchased by R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of New York.

\$1,000,000 5% bonds of Oakland City School Districts, Calif., disposed of to Pierce, Fair & Co. of San Francisco as follows: \$350,000 high school bonds at 101.91, a basis of about 4.90%, and \$650,000 grammar school bonds at 102.30, a basis of about 4.86%.

\$1,000,000 Rockingham County, No. Caro., permanent improvement funding bonds, bought by Ames, Emerich & Co. of Chicago and associates at 101.01 for 4 1/4s, a basis of about 4.67%.

\$1,000,000 5 1/4% Wichita Falls, Tex., refunding bonds, awarded to Kaufman, Smith & Co. and First National Co., both of St. Louis, at par.

There were also marketed during January \$3,000,000 5% public improvement bonds of the Government of Porto Rico. The bonds were bought by Hallgarten & Co. of New York and associates at 107.165, a basis of about 4.56%.

Temporary loans, in addition to the long term bonds, were negotiated during January in the amount of \$53,569,806, of which New York City is responsible for \$42,350,000.

Canadian bond disposals amounted to no more than \$7,115,510 during January. The largest issue of the month was \$4,000,000 in amount and was sold by the Province of British Columbia. Short term loans were negotiated by the cities of Hamilton and London, both of Ontario. The former got \$625,000 and the latter \$1,273,000.

Below we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations sold in January during the last five years:

January—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Perm't loans (U.S.)	\$124,931,186	\$94,273,946	\$96,995,609	\$108,587,199	\$7,050,550
*Temp. loans (U.S.)	\$53,569,806	\$49,471,340	\$7,926,623	\$16,515,807	\$6,851,059
Can. loans (temp.)	\$1,898,000	—	—	—	—
Can. loans (perm't):					
Placed in Canada	\$3,115,510	\$4,247,876	\$7,367,950	\$4,398,113	\$15,265,886
Placed in U. S.	\$4,000,000	\$26,316,562	\$18,153,000	\$20,736,000	\$6,722,000
Bonds of U.S. poss'ns	\$3,000,000	\$50,000	\$130,000	None	None
Total	\$190,514,502	\$174,359,724	\$190,573,182	\$150,237,119	\$175,889,495

* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City \$42,350,000 in Jan. 1925, \$39,838,940 in Jan. 1924, \$43,325,000 in Jan. 1923, \$7,365,000 in Jan. 1922 and \$54,466,059 in Jan. 1921.

The number of municipalities in the United States emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during January 1925 were 331 and 442, respectively. This contrasts with 387 and 472 in January 1924.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregate of long term bonds put out in the United States for January for a series of years:

1925	\$124,931,186	1914	\$84,603,094	1902	\$10,915,845
1924	94,273,946	1913	30,414,439	1901	9,240,864
1923	96,995,609	1912	25,265,749	1900	20,374,320
1922	108,587,199	1911	178,510,275	1899	6,075,957
1921	87,050,550	1910	16,319,478	1898	8,147,893
1920	83,529,891	1909	29,318,403	1897	10,408,776
1919	25,090,625	1908	10,942,968	1896	6,507,721
1918	24,060,118	1907	10,160,146	1895	10,332,101
1917	40,073,081	1906	8,307,582	1894	7,072,267
1916	50,178,099	1905	8,436,253	1893	5,438,577
1915	34,303,088	1904	23,843,801	1892	6,352,000
		1903	15,941,796		

* Including \$25,000,000 bonds of New York State. x Including \$51,000,000 bonds of New York State. y Including \$60,000,000 corporate stock of New York City.

In the following table we give a list of January 1925 loans in the amount of \$124,931,186, issued by 331 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
608	Aberdeen, No. Caro.	5 1/4	1925-1934	\$60,000	100.58	5.62
608	Adams Co. S. D. No. 27,	—	—	175,000	102.70	—
	Colo.	—	—	62,000	101.009	—
730	Adams County, Wash.	4 1/2	1-10 years	3,000,000	103.189	4.44
608	Akron, Ohio	4 1/4	1926-1950	50,000	102.606	4.27
478	Allegheny County, Md.	4 1/2	1932-1936	100,000	—	—
730	Allen County, Ohio	6	1930	350,000	103.229	4.03
357	Allentown S. D., Pa.	4 1/4	1930-1955	47,000	—	—
731	Altus, Okla.	5	1936-1946	60,000	97	4.80
609	Americus, Ga.	4 1/2	1926-1955	500,000	100.06	—
609	American Co. Road Dist. No. 8, Tex.	5	30 years	8,500	—	—
609	Antonia, Colo.	5	—	450,000	—	—
357	Arkansas and Missouri Highway Dist., Ark.	5	1925-1944	45,000	—	—
479	Athens City S. D., Ohio	5	1926-1944	49,509	100.508	4.15
609	Auburn, N. Y.	4 1/2	1926-1935	88,000	100	4.50
479	Augusta, Ga.	4 1/2	—	36,000	100.73	—
479	Augusta, Kan. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1926-1935	350,000	105.07	—
479	Baker County, Ore.	5	d10-20 years	1,250,000	103.913	4.17
357	Baltimore Co., Md. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1949	405,000	100	—
479	Barbour Co. Road Dist., W. Va. (2 issues)	—	—	40,000	100.66	—
357	Battle Creek, Mich.	—	—	25,000	101.85	4.93
479	Bay Shore Fire District of the Town of Islip, N. Y.	5 1/2	1926-1930	11,042	101.25	5.10
730	Bay Village, Ohio	5 1/2	1926-1929	21,000	100.45	4.94
479	Beach City, Ohio	5	1927-1947	50,000	103.75	4.87
357	Bear Lake County, Ida.	5 1/2	1935-1944	159,000	103.75	4.87
357	Bear Lake County, Ida.	5 1/2	1935-1944	259,844	104.42	—
609	Bee Hive Rur. S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	Semi-ann	1,500	110.006	—
233	Belle Center, Ohio	6	6 years	55,000	100.10	—
730	Bend, Ore.	5 1/2	10-20 years	100,000	100	5.00
730	Benewah Co. S. D. 1, Ida	5	1943	12,140	104.07	3.55
609	Benton County, Ind.	5	1926-1930	230,400	—	—
479	Benton Harbor, Mich.	4 1/4	—	225,000	—	—
609	Berrien County, Mich.	4 1/4	—	200,000	101.469	—
730	Beverly, Mass.	4	1926-1945	20,000	—	—
7	Big Horn County, Mont.	6	20 years	25,000	101.13	4.80
730	Big Prairie Spec. S. D.	5	1925-1937	125,000	103.34	—
233	Blairsville, Pa.	4 1/2	1937, 49&54	54,000	—	—
357	Bloomfield, Mo.	5	—	100,000	96.41	—
609	Boxelder County, Utah	4	—	38,000	101.90	—
730	Brawley S. D., Calif.	6	20 years	926,000	100.529	4.21
233	Bridgeport, Conn.	4 1/2	1926-1955	192,000	101.52	4.34
233	Brighton Sewer Dist. No. 2, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1949	50,000	103.70	4.68
479	Brunswick, Ga.	5	1930-1954	10,500	—	—
609	Buffalo S. D., Wyo.	—	1934-1949	40,000	101.13	—
357	Bunkie, La.	5 1/2	1925-1939	30,000	102.65	—
730	Burlington, Wis.	5	1926-1935	302,737	100.28	4.44
357	Butler County, Ohio	4 1/2	1926-1933	130,000	100.71	—
730	Butler County, Kan.	4 1/2	1926-1945	97,000	—	—
731	Callaway County, Mo.	—	—	500,000	102.24	4.04
357	Cambria County, Pa.	4 1/2	1926-1948	48,000	—	—
234	Canon City Paving Dist. No. 3, Colo.	5	1945	251,033	102.47	4.47
479	Canton, Ohio (8 issues)	5	1926-1934	5,019	—	—
479	Canton, Ohio	5 1/2	1926-1929	160,000	100.03	4.23
479	Canton S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1926-1940	15,500	101.16	4.82
609	Carlstadt Sch. D., N. J.	5	1926-1939	100,000	100.93	4.39
234	Caroline County, Md.	4 1/2	1926-1949	31,000	100.50	—
731	Carter County, Okla.	6	1927-1938	700,000	100.12	3.99
609	Cass County, Ill.	4 1/2	1930-1943	30,000	102.40	4.29
731	Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1953	200,000	101.738	4.11
357	Chalfant, Pa.	4 1/2	—	6,200	—	—
358	Chenango County, N. Y.	4 1/2	1941-1950	15,000	—	—
480	Cherokee, Iowa	5	1927-1932	15,000	—	—
609	Cherry Co. S. D. 7, Neb.	5 1/4	1-15 years	5,000	—	—
609	Cherry Co. S. D. 70, Neb.	5	5-20 years	100,000	106.45	4.83
731	Chester Twp. Rur. S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1926-1948	7,530,000	97.81	4.29
234	Chicago, Ill. (6 issues)	4	1927-1944	125,000	101.95	—
480	Childress Ind. S. D., Tex.	5 1/2	—	135,000	101.96	—
610	Chippewa County, Mich.	5	—	1,100,000	101.96	4.30
358	Cincinnati City S. D., O.	4 1/2	1926-1950	19,900	100.02	—
731	Clackamas Co. S. D. No. 103, Ore.	4 1/2	—	42,000	101.85	4.27
610	Clamont, N. H.	4 1/2	1926-1945	60,000	101.03	—
480	Clarington S. D., Mich.	5	—	13,748	97.51	—
480	Cody Sewer Dist., Wyo.	—	—	100,000	100	5.00
610	Coleman Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1925-1964	250,000	—	—
731	Colorado Springs, Colo.	5	—	125,000	100	5.00
610	Columbus S. D., Ohio	5	1927-1949	105,000	101.50	—
480	Comstock Park S. D. No. 9, Mich.	—	—	16,736	104.36	—
358	Cottage Grove, Ore.	—	—	159,500	102.17	4.07
234	Crafton, Pa.	4 1/2	1935-1954	11,000	100.55	4.43
358	Coventry, N. Y.	4 1/2	1926-1946	49,000	—	—
731	Creek County, Okla.	6	1945	270,000	101.65	4.35
480	Creston Ind. S. D., Iowa	4 1/2	—	15,103	—	—
731	Croft, Neb.	—	—	6,000	95	—
610	Crowley, Colo.	5 1/2	d1934-1939	281,500	104.04	4.40
358	Cuyahoga Co., O. (4 iss.)	5	1926-1942	20,000	—	—
480	Dallas Co. Levee Impt. Dist. No. 13, Tex.	6	—	300,000	101.32	4.31
480	Dayton S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1926-1943	200,000	101.77	—
610	Decatur Park Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1926-1935	15,000	99.70	6.02
610	De Funik Springs, Fla.	6	1926-1930	7,149	102.31	5.27

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731	East Jefferson Rur. S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1926-1950	25,000	103.93	5.09	484	Morganfield, Ky.	5 1/2	1929-1964	120,000	100	5.00
480	Easton S. D., Pa.	4 1/4	1935-1955	430,000	103.269	4.02	733	Morven, No. Caro.	6	1926-1955	30,000	101.38	5.58
610	East Rochester, N. Y.	4 3/4	1926-1936	8,600	101.66	4.44	613	Mount Kisco, N. Y.	5	1925-1933	4,500	101.88	4.54
358	Eaton, Ohio	5	1930	4,950	100.95	4.80	613	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	4 1/4	1926-1930	48,000	100.25	4.16
481	Eaton Twp. Rur. S. D., Ohio	5	12-yr. aveg. 1945	100,000	102.25	4.74	613	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	4 1/4	1926-1945	120,000	101.28	4.08
358	Elko S. D. No. 8, So. Caro.	5 1/2	1945	12,000			613	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	4 1/4	1926-1935	18,000	100.77	4.11
731	Elm City, No. Caro (2 is.)	6		30,000	100.48		613	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	4 1/4	1945	5,000	103.06	4.02
234	Essex County, N. J.	4 1/4	1926-1963	1,095,000	100.48	4.22	361	Muncie, Ind.	6		175,000	100.80	
234	Essex County, N. J.	4 1/2	1925-1963	242,000	103.32	4.14	484	Murray City, Ohio	6	1926-1936	11,000	104.20	5.13
359	Eunice, La.	6		25,000	102.22		484	Muskegon S. D., Mich.	4 1/2	1926-1935	250,000	100.834	4.32
731	Euclid Vil. S. D., Ohio	5	1926-1945	400,000	102.77	4.68	484	Nampa-Meridian Irriga- tion Dist., Idaho.	6		49,950	100	6.00
731	Eustis, Fla.	5 1/2	1-10 years 1945	76,000	101.25		484	Newberry, So. Caro.	5	1926-1955	150,000	100.30	4.96
731	Fairfax Co., Va. (2 iss.)	5 1/2	1925-1954	355,000			613	New Brunswick, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1939	162,000	100.27	4.36
481	Fairfield, Ala.	6	1925-1945	144,000	97.80	5.23	613	New Brunswick, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1954	56,000	101.82	4.32
732	Fairmont S. D., Calif.	6	1926-1945	10,000	105.60	5.25	361	Newcastle, Neb.	6	1935-1945	3,500		
481	Falls City, Neb.	6		75,000			236	New Lexington Vil. S. D., Ohio	5	1926-1949	240,000	101.12	4.89
732	Falls County, Tex.	5 1/2		150,000			484	New Philadelphia City S. D., Ohio	5	1926-1950	375,000	104.68	4.49
610	Farragut, Iowa.	5 1/2	1927-1937	5,000	103.11	4.48	361	Newport, R. I.	4 1/4	1926-1942	50,000	100.365	4.20
610	Farragut, Iowa.	5	1927-1937	5,000			484	Newton, Mass.	4	1926-1934	50,000	100.703	3.85
359	Fisher County Com. S. D., No. 18, Tex.	5		20,000			484	Newton, Mass.	4 1/4	1926-1935	65,000	100.30	4.19
481	Flagstaff, Ariz.	5 1/2	1936-1965	475,000	101.107	5.43	734	Newtown, Kan.	4 1/4		30,000	102.16	
732	Fond Du Lac, Wis.	4 1/2	1925-1944	400,000			361	North Dakota (State of) District No. 4, Ark.	5 1/2	1925-1929	1,000,000		
611	Fort Dodge, Iowa.	4 1/2	1945	15,000	102.30		361	Oakland H. S. D., Calif.	5	1927-1929	350,000	101.91	4.90
732	Fort Meade, Fla.	6	1926-1935	50,000	100.05		361	Oakland S. D., Calif.	5	1927-1932	650,000	102.30	4.86
611	Fountain Hill S. D., Pa.	4 1/4	1926-1937	125,000	103.12	4.17	484	Ocean County, N. J.	5 1/2	1926	7,000	100.71	4.05
611	Franklin County, Ohio	4 3/4	1926-1934	40,000	102.31	4.52	361	Ogden, Utah	4 1/2	1940-1944	100,000		
481	Gage Co. S. D. (3 issues)	5	1936-1965	25,000			361	Oil City, Pa. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1949	185,000	104.28	4.09
481	Gage City S. D., Ohio	4 3/4	1926-1949	250,000	101.27	4.61	361	Olinville Ind. S. D., Tex.	5		30,000		
611	Glenora, La.	6		12,500			361	Orange, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1963	97,000	102.53	4.30
482	Grant County, Kan.	5	1939	48,000			484	Omaha, Neb.	4 1/2	1931-1940	500,000	101.71	4.33
482	Gravity Dr. D. No. 1, La.	5 1/4	1925-1949	400,000	100.02		484	Omaha, Neb.	4 1/2	1945	242,000	102.67	4.31
359	Great Scott, Minn.	5		40,000			237	Oregon Twp. Rur. S. D., No. 1, Ohio	5	1926-1930	300,000	103.008	4.69
482	Great Bend, Kan.	4 1/2	1926-1945	20,500	101.25	5.39	361	Ontonaga, N. Y. (2 issues)	4 1/4	1925-1934	161,955	100.175	4.21
611	Greenfield, Ohio	5 1/2		16,511	100.43		613	Ottawa S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1926-1935	20,000	102.005	5.08
611	Greenfield, Ohio	5 1/2		8,333	100.12	5.46	362	Painesville, Ohio	5	1926-1950	150,000	103.83	4.58
482	Greenland Spec. S. D., Ark.	5	1926-1943	22,000			613	Palatine, N. Y.	5		50,000	100.698	
482	Gulfport, Miss.	5	1926-1950	25,000	100.30	4.98	613	Palatka, Fla.	6	1926-1935	84,000	103.77	5.20
611	Harlan County, Ohio	5 1/2	1925-1933	37,000	103.53	4.64	485	Parma Rur. S. D., Ohio	5	1926-1951	50,000	106.81	4.35
482	Harlan, Ky.	5		105,000			237	Peckskill Un. Free S. D. of the Town of Cortlandt, N. Y.	4.20	1939-1978	120,000	100.207	4.19
359	Harrisburg, Ala.	5	1934-1944	5,000	100.17	5.99	614	Pelham, Ga.	5	1930-1954	25,000		
359	Harrisburg S. D., Pa. (2 issues)	4 3/4	1930-1955	571,000	102.52	4.40	237	Philadelphia, Pa.	4	1945-1975	1,000,000	100.304	3.985
359	Harrison County, Miss.	5 1/4	1926-1950	2,000,000	101.29		237	Philadelphia, Pa.	4	1940	1,000,000		
235	Harrison S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1926-1948	110,000	105.56	4.85	485	Phillipsburg, Ohio	6	1926-1930	2,000	101.75	5.50
359	Hayward Union High Sch. Dist., Calif.	4 1/4	1931-1960	280,000	103.74	4.51	237	Pike County, Miss.	5	1930-1945	25,000	100	5.00
482	Hennepin County Cons. S. D. No. 143, Minn.	4 1/2	1930-1940	119,000	100.74	4.42	362	Pike County, Ohio	5	1926-1935	19,950	102.09	4.60
235	Henry County, Ohio	5	1926-1933	7,500	101.74	4.74	614	Pinal Co. Elec. Dist. No. 6, Ariz.	6	1945	53,000		
235	Henry County, Ohio	5	1926-1934	28,000	101.88	4.54	614	Piellas Co. Spec. Road & Bridge Dist. No. 6, Fla.	6	1929-1949	998,000	100.55	
611	Henry County, Ala.	5		165,000	100	5.00	485	Pittsburg, Kan.	4 1/2	1-10 yrs	69,498	100.14	
611	Henry Co. S. D. 192, Ill.	5		45,000			614	Pittsburgh S. D., Pa.	4.10	1929-1955	4,500,000	101.85	3.94
732	Hiawatha, Kan. (2 iss.)	4 1/4	1926-1935	17,779	100.05		614	Pittsburgh S. D., Pa.	4.10	1926-1928	500,000	100	4.10
359	Highland Park, Mich.	4 1/2		117,000	100.0335	4.36	614	Pittsburgh, Tex.	5 1/2		110,000		
359	Highland Park, Mich.	4 1/4		383,000			734	Polk Co. Drain. Dist. No. 6, Iowa	5	1928-1940	6,400		
359	Hillsdale Irr. Dist., Ida.	6		280,000			485	Pontiac, Mich. (3 iss.)	4 1/2		7,600		
482	Homer and Cortlandville Un. Free S. D. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1926-1955	190,000	101.69	4.35	237	Port Washington-Salem Sch. Dist., Ohio	5	1926-1950	75,000	101.58	4.82
732	Howard County, Neb.	5 1/2		110,000			362	Prince George's Co., Md.	5	1926-1955	335,000	105.589	4.46
611	Illmo, Mo.	5 1/2	20 yrs	15,000			734	Pulaski County, Ind.	4 1/2	1926-1935	13,500	101.61	4.17
482	Interbay Drain. Dist., Fla.	6	25 yrs.	749,000	95		734	Pulaski County, Ind.	4 1/2	1926-1935	5,860	101.53	4.19
611	Ironton, Ohio	5 1/2	1925-1934	129,000	103.04	4.86	485	Radnor Twp. S. D., Pa.	4	1930-1955	450,000		
611	Jackson Co., Mich.	5		100,000	102.156		485	Reading S. D., Pa.	4 1/4	1926-1955	500,000	103.33	3.96
360	Jackson Co. Rd. Dist. No. 4, Miss.	6		40,000	104.33		362	Richfield, Minn.	5		20,000		
482	Jacksonville, Fla.	5	1927-1930	50,000	102.62	4.24	614	Richmond Co., Ga.	4 1/2	1926-1955	350,000	102.87	4.84
482	Jamsville, Ind.	5	1927-1939	25,000	104.55	4.39	485	River Falls, Wisc.	5		20,000	100	5.00
360	Jim Wells Co., Tex.	5 1/2	1930-1953	72,000	102.83		734	Roby, Texas	5 1/2	1955	40,000	100	5.00
732	Kalamazoo S. D. 4, Mich.	4 1/4	1945	20,000	101.46		838	Rochester, N. Y. (6 iss.)	4 1/4	1926-1955	4,800,000	101.64	4.07
611	Kansas City, Kan. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1945	350,000	102.90	4.28	614	Rock Falls S. D., Ill.	5	1930-1945	71,500	104	
360	Kansas City, Mo.	4 1/2	1942	5,200,000	103.05	4.24	614	Rockingham Co., No. Caro	4 1/2	1926-1955	1,000,000	101.01	4.67
732	Kearney, Neb.	4 1/4		135,000			362	Rockport, Mo.	5 1/2	1929-1940	6,000		
482	Kepper Co. Rd. Dist. No. 1, Miss.	6		50,000			614	Rockport, Mass.	4	1925-1929	15,000	100.23	3.92
732	Kennett, Mo.	6		92,000	100		362	Saginaw, Mich.	4 1/4	1926-1965	120,000	100.24	4.13
732	Kent Co. Rd. Dist., Tex.	5 1/4		350,000			735	St. Clair County, Mich.	5 1/4	1926-1934	48,000	102.57	
482	Kenyon, Minn.	4 1/2		7,000			485	St. Edwards, Neb.	5	1934-1944	7,500	100	5.00
482	Kern Co., Calif.	6		880,000			238	St. Helena Parish Road Dist. No. 10, La.	6	1925-1944	30,000	100	6.00
360	Kinney, Minn.	6		40,000			615	St. Marie Twp., Ill. (2 is.)	5	1926-1934	28,060		
612	Kossuth Co. Dr. Dists., Iowa (3 issues)	4 1/4	1929-1935	32,626	100.54		238	St. Joseph Co., Mich.	5	1926-1935	30,924	100.67	4.79
612	La Grande, Ore.	5		73,161	103.42		615	Salem, Ore.	6	1926-1935	90,000		
612	Lake Twp. S. D., Ohio	5	1927-1946	195,000	102.65	4.71	615	Salem, Mo.	5 1/2	5-20 yrs.	90,000		
733	Lake Wirth, Fla.	6	1950	100,000			238	Salem Twp. Spec. S. D., Ohio	5	1926-1949	60,000	101.03	4.87
733	Lamar, Mo.	4 1/4	1-15 years	30,000			735	San Bernardino Co. Road Dist. No. 25, Calif.	6		155,500		
612	Landrum, So. Caro.	6		100,000	101.55		362	Santa Paula S. D., Calif.	5	1926-1965	225,000	103.44	4.73

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Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Ottawa Co., Ohio, Palmyra, N. J., Palmyra, N. J., Pemiscot Co. S. D., Mo., Perryville Vil. S. D., Randolph Co., Ind., Richmond Co., No. Caro., Richmond Twp. Rur. Sch., Ridgeley, W. Va., Rittman S. D., Ohio, Ross Twp., Ohio, Rostraver Twp., Pa., Roylton Twp., Ohio, St. Clairsville, Ohio, St. Henry S. D., Ohio, Sharon Twp. Rur. S. D., Ohio, Shawswick S. D., Ind., Silver Lake, Ohio, Smithfield, Ohio, Smithfield, Ohio, South Creek Drain, No. Caro., Stuart, Fla., Tippacanoe Co., Ind., Tippecanoe Co., Ind., Topsail Twp. S. D., No. Caro., Troy, Ohio, Upper Glendive - Fallon Irrig. Dist., Mont., Vigo Co., Ind., Virginia, Minn., Warren, Ohio, Warren, Ohio, Warren, O. (2 is.), Warren, Ohio, Washington County, Ind., Waterville, Ohio, Wayne Co., No. Caro., West Jefferson, No. Caro., Whitley Co., Ind., Wilkes-Barre Twp., Pa., Wooster City S. D., Ohio.

Total bond sales for January (331 municipalities, covering 442 separate issues) \$124,931,186

Total amount of bonds sold during January \$7,115,510

d Subject to call in and during the earlier year and to mature in the later year. k Not including \$53,569,806 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds. y And other considerations.

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The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Includes entries for Carroll County, Ind., Greene County, Tenn., Hamilton County, Ind., Marion School Township, Ind., Mobile, Ala., Pemiscot County S. D., Mo., Ravenna, Ohio, Rocky River, Ohio, Salt River Valley Water Users Assn., Ariz.

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BONDS OF UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entry for Porto Rico (Govt. of).

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We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Aiken Co. S. D., So. Caro., Alameda, Ida., Alger, Ohio, Allen Co., Ind., Anna Maria, Fla., Auburndale, Fla., Berea, Ohio, Berlin S. D., Ga., Blackduck, Minn., Blount County, Tenn., Bounty S. D. 38, No. Dak., Bowie, Ind., Buffalo, Wyo., Cape Charles, Va., Centerburg, Ohio, Cheneyville, La., Clay Sch. Twp., Ind., Clinton, Okla., Cobleskill, N. Y., Coatsville Rur. S. D., Ohio, Collinsville S. D., Okla., Currituck Co., No. Caro., Daughters' Twp., Pa., Davis S. D., Ind., Deerfield, Ill., Dodge City, Kan., Dodge City, Kan., Dover, Ohio, Elkhart Co., Ind., Elkhart Co., Ind., Eureka Cons. S. D., No. Caro., Evangeline Parish, La., Florence, Ala., Florence, Ala., Floyd Co., Ind., Forest Sch. Twp., Ind., Franklin Co. Com. S. D., No. 3, Idaho (May), Franklinton, N. C., Franklinton, N. C., Fremont Co. Highway D. No. 1, Idaho, Garza Co. Rd. Dist. No. 2, Tex., Georgetown S. D., Ill., Gladys S. D. 36, No. Dak., Greene Co., Tenn., Hague, No. Dak., Hendry Co., Fla., Hot Springs-Springs Ark. Rd. Dist., No. C. (Aug.), Indianapolis, Ind., Inman, So. Caro., Jay County, Ind., Jim Wells Co. Com. S. D., No. 15, Tex., Knox County, Ohio, Knox Co., Ind., La Porte Co., Ind., La Porte Co., Ind., La Porte Co., Ind., La Porte Co., Ind., Larksville, Pa., Littleton, Colo., Manchester Eighth and Ninth, Ind., Mansfield, Ohio, Marion Sch. Twp., Ind., Matthews, No. Caro., Maysville, No. Caro., Milford Twp., Ohio, Millbury, Ohio, Mobile, Ala., Money Cons. S. D., Miss., Montgomery Vil. S. D., Ohio, Morrow Village S. D., Ohio, Oakland City, Ind., Oberlin, Ohio, Osborn, Ohio.

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for December. These additional December issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$91,534,522.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Belleville, Ont., British Columbia (Prov.), Burnaby Dist., B. C., Castor S. D., Alta., Edmonton, Alta., Erieau, Ont., Halton Co., Ont., Laval des Rapides, Que., Laval des Rapides, Que., Levis, Que., Medicine Hat, Alta., Midland, Ont., Quebec, Que., St. John, N. B., Sharnbrook, Que., Victoria, B. C., Virden, Man., Westville, N. S., Windsor, Ont.

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BONDS SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN JANUARY.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Belleville, Ont., British Columbia (Prov.), Burnaby Dist., B. C., Castor S. D., Alta., Edmonton, Alta., Erieau, Ont., Halton Co., Ont., Laval des Rapides, Que., Laval des Rapides, Que., Levis, Que., Medicine Hat, Alta., Midland, Ont., Quebec, Que., St. John, N. B., Sharnbrook, Que., Victoria, B. C., Virden, Man., Westville, N. S., Windsor, Ont.

Total amount of bonds sold during January \$7,115,510

NEWS ITEMS.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Legislature Asked to Validate \$2,000,000 Bond Issue to Finance Proposed Municipal Power Project.—Not to Be Acted on at Present Session.—The Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" of Jan. 30 said: Citizens of Aberdeen who two years ago voted a \$2,000,000 bond issue for the Wynooche power project, which was thrown out by the Supreme Court on a technicality, were blocked in their efforts on Jan. 29 to have the legislature validate the election. The senate committee on municipal corporations, after a hearing today' refused to consider the matter as emergency legislation at this short session, killing any hope of the election being validated at this time.

Connecticut (State of).—Senate Rejects Federal Child Labor Amendment.—The Connecticut State Senate on Feb. 3 by a vote of 33 to 1 refused to ratify the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution. In the House consideration of the amendment was made the order of the day for noon, Feb. 11.

Delaware (State of).—State Rejects Proposed Federal Child Labor Law.—The State Senate on Feb. 2 voted unanimously against the ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment. The lower house of the General Assembly voted against ratification of the amendment last week (V. 120, p. 608).

Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, No. Caro.—City Purchases Properties of Local Utility Corporations.—The city has purchased the properties of the Electric Light Company, Water & Power Company and the Elizabeth City Sewerage Company, all of Elizabeth City, at a total cost of \$370,000. The deal was consummated Jan. 31.

Indiana (State of).—Proposed Child Labor Amendment Is Rejected by State Senate.—The Senate of the Indiana Legis-

lature on Feb. 5 refused to ratify the proposed child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution by a vote of 32 to 16.

Melville, Sask.—*Agreement Reached With Debenture Holders—Cash and New Debentures to Be Given in Exchange for Old Debentures.*—According to the agreement between the debenture holders and the Town of Melville, debenture holders are required to send forward to the Secretary of the Local Government Board at Regina, Sask., both their past due and unmatured debentures and coupons, together with full details of their holdings. In exchange for these, debenture holders will receive a part payment in cash and the balance will be provided for by new annuity debentures bearing the same rate of interest and payable in 35 equal annual installments of combined principal and interest. A number of debenture holders have not as yet sent their holdings to be dealt with as previously explained, thereby causing unnecessary delay in completing the cash distribution and exchange of debentures.

Nevada (State of).—*Lower House of Legislature Rejects Federal Child Labor Amendment.*—The Nevada Assembly during the past week voted, 19 to 18, against ratification of the Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

New Jersey (State of).—*Proposed Legislation.*—Under a bill introduced in the Senate on Jan. 26 savings banks, banking institutions, trust companies and insurance companies, organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and any person acting as executor, administrator, guardian or trustee would have authority to invest in the bonds issued by any Joint Stock Land Bank authorized to do business in the State. By an assembly bill introduced on Jan. 27 authority would be given to the State Board of Taxes and Assessments to inquire into proposed bond issues of any county, municipality or school district, and either to affirm the same or to order a reduction therein, where the issue is found, upon investigation, to be, either in whole or in part, unwise, unnecessary or excessive. The bill seeks to safeguard the interest of taxpayers by providing that, upon their petition, any proposed bond issue in excess of \$10,000 may be subject to strict and impartial inquiry, before such obligations can be sold. Measures have also been introduced in assembly providing for a four-year term for Governor and for the continuation of the half mill tax for another year.

North Dakota (State of).—*State Paying all Bonus Claims—Arranges with Eastern Bankers to Finance Compensation Payments to Ex-Service Men Immediately.*—The State of North Dakota has completed arrangements, it was announced Feb. 6, to borrow funds from Eastern bankers for the purpose of paying immediately all bonus claims of ex-service men who entered the war from that State. The North Dakota Industrial Commission will use the money obtained from the bankers for the purpose of purchasing the soldiers' bonus claims of all who may wish to sell.

The arrangement is novel in that it makes it possible for ex-service men entitled to bonus compensation from North Dakota to obtain the funds due them at once instead of waiting until the necessary funds are collected by taxation.

The North Dakota Legislature originally authorized bonus payments to all its service men, such payments calling for an aggregate distribution of approximately \$11,500,000. These payments were to be made in order of filing by applicants, and were to be financed out of receipts from State taxes. To date, approximately \$5,000,000 has been paid to claimants, leaving approximately \$6,500,000 yet to be paid out. Such payments under the original arrangement were to be made as rapidly as funds from taxation were received.

In order to enable the ex-service men to obtain their money without further delay the State of North Dakota has worked out a plan whereby it is to issue notes payable out of the Returned Soldiers' Fund, the interest on which will be paid by discounting claims in accordance with a definite schedule. The rate of discount increases in proportion to the length of time before the claim is likely to be reached for payment in its numerical order.

Difficulty is being encountered by the State in getting its ex-service men, of whom there were approximately 30,000 to turn in their applications for bonus payments. This has been due, it is stated, largely to the fact that a great number of North Dakota's ex-service men have left the State for other parts of the world. Indicative of this, is the fact that some of the men who have already received payments have been found far removed from the home State. One soldier, for example, applying for a bonus sent his claim in from Iceland, to the Adjutant-General's offices at Bismark, No. Dak.; another sent his from Africa, and a third from Chile.

Tennessee (State of).—*Proposed Federal Child Labor Amendment Rejected by State Legislature.*—Tennessee rejected the proposed Federal Child Labor Law Amendment on Feb. 4 when both houses of the Legislature voted against the project. The Senate vote was 24 to 7 and the House vote 63 to 23.

Utah (State of).—*Proposed Federal Child Labor Amendment Rejected.*—Both Houses of the Utah Legislature have rejected the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Ritzville), Wash.—*BOND SALE.*—Cantrell, Richards & Co. of Spokane have purchased an issue of \$62,000 6% bonds at a premium of \$626 equal to 101.009. Due in 1 to 10 years.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—*CORRECTION IN MATURITY DATE.*—The \$3,000,000 4½% coupon or registered general obligation sewer bonds sold to a syndicate headed by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York (see V. 120, p. 608) mature yearly on Oct. 1 and not on Feb. 1 as stated in the above reference.

ALBERT LEA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Freeborn County, Minn.—*BOND ELECTION.*—On Feb. 13 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$250,000 school bonds.

ALGER, Hardin County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$6,000 5½% refunding bonds offered on Dec. 16—V. 119, p. 2787—were awarded to the Commercial Bank of Kenton for a premium of \$15, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 5.43%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due \$1,000 Dec. 1 1926 to 1931, inclusive.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—*CERTIFICATE SALE.*—Brandon, Gordon & Waddell of New York have been awarded \$100,000 6% coupon certificates of indebtedness. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 1930. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey.

Assessed valuation.....\$137,116,280
Total debt (less than 1%).....1,079,965
Population 72,421.

ALTUS, Jackson County, Okla.—*BOND SALE.*—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$47,000 5% school bonds. Due serially, 1936 to 1946.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$122,000 4½% street improvement bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 120, p. 609—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York City at a premium of \$1,465.32, equal to 101.20. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due yearly Feb. 1 1927 to 1934.

BAUDETTE, Lake of The Woods County, Minn.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Morris Willett, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bid until 8 p. m. Feb. 11 for \$16,000 6% village bonds. Date Mar. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due Mar. 1 1940. A certified check for \$500 is required.

BAY VILLAGE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—On Jan. 27 the Milliken & York Co. of Cleveland were awarded the \$11,042 15 5½% coupon Kenilworth Drive assessment bonds, Series No. 1, offered on that date—V. 120, p. 110—for \$11,181.15, equal to 101.25—a basis of about 5.10%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,542.15, 1926; \$2,500, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 and 1929.

BEND, Deschutes County, Ore.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$55,000 fire department coupon bonds offered on Jan. 25—V. 120, p. 479—were awarded to the Lumbermens Trust Co. of Portland as 5½% at 100.10. Due in 10 to 20 years.

BENEWAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. St. Maries) Idaho.—*BOND SALE.*—The State of Idaho on Jan. 26 1924 purchased an issue of \$100,000 school bonds as 5s at par. Date Jan. 26 1924. Denom. \$5,000. Coupon bonds. Due in 1943, optional in 1929. Interest payable J. & J.

BETHLEHEM SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Cass County, Ind.—*DESCRIPTION.*—Following is a description of the \$39,500 coupon school bonds awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$40,400, equal to 102.11, as was stated in V. 120, p. 110. Interest rate 4½%. Interest J. & D. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1925. Average maturity 9 years, 5 months. Net income about 4.23%.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$200,000 4% high school bonds has been awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 101.469. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due 1926 to 1945, incl. Other bidders were: Grafton Co., 101.38; White, Weld & Co., 101.372; Edmunds Bros. & Co., 101.29; Kidder, Peabody & Co., 101.26475; Old Colony Trust Co., 101.22; Harris, Forbes & Co., 101.18; Eldredge & Co., 101.123; F. L. Dabney & Co., 101.089; National City Co., 101.078; Curtis & Sanger, 101.021; Merrill, Oldham & Co., 100.931; Blodget & Co., 100.92; R. L. Day & Co., 100.899; F. S. Moseley & Co., 100.796; Paine, Webber & Co., 100.781; E. H. Rollins & Sons, 100.67; Brown Bros. & Co., 100.667, and A. B. Leach & Co., 100.520.

BIG HORN COUNTY (P. O. Hardin), Mont.—*BOND SALE.*—The United States National Co. of Denver has purchased an issue of \$20,000 6% funding bonds at par. Date Jan. 1 1924. Due serially in 20 years. Principal and interest payable at Kountze Bros., New York City. Legality approved by Pershing, Nye, Fry & Tallmadge of Denver.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Byron), Wyo.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Until 3 p. m. Feb. 24 sealed bids will be received by E. B. Powelson, District Clerk, for \$10,000 6% school bonds. Date Jan. 15 1925. Denom. \$1,000.

BIG PRAIRIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Big Prairie), Holmes County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$25,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 31—(V. 120, p. 357) have been sold to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati for \$25,282.50, equal to 101.13, a basis of about 4.80%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1925 and \$2,000, 1926 to 1937 incl.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 17 by L. E. Gray, City Clerk, for \$240,000 5½% public improvement bonds. Date March 2 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$24,000, 1926 to 1935, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, of New York City. A certified check for 1% of bid is required.

BLUFFTON, Allen County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received by C. A. Stauffer, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Feb. 28 for \$9,100 5½% South Main Street paving bonds. Denom. \$900 and one for \$1,000. Date March 1 1925. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1926 and \$900 Sept. 1 1927 to 1935, inclusive. Certified check for \$100 on a solvent bank or trust company, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

BRAWLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. El Centro), Imperial County, Calif.—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$38,000 6% coupon bonds was purchased during the latter part of 1924 by R. E. Campbell & Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$725, equal to 101.90. Due in 20 years.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Jerry C. Leary, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 24 for \$50,000 4½% coupon land purchase bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date March 2 1925. Principal and semi-annual int. (M. & S.) payable at the Gramatan Nat. Bank of Bronxville. Due \$2,500 March 2 1926 to 1945, incl. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of New York. Certified check for 5% of the bonds payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

BRYAN COUNTY (P. O. Durant), Okla.—*BOND DESCRIPTION.*—The \$50,000 road bonds purchased by Wm. Breg & Co., of Dallas (V. 119, p. 1198) are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$36,000 in 1941 and \$14,000 in 1942. Interest at the rate of 5%, payable J. & J.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—*CERTIFICATES SOLD.*—During the month of January the city of Buffalo sold to the Surplus Moneys of the General Fund 4% short-term certificates at par as follows:

Amount.	Purpose.	Date.	Price.	Int.	Date Due.
\$122,642.74	Temp. certificate	Jan. 2 1925	Par	4%	July 1 1925
67,050.00	Temp. certificate	Jan. 2 1925	Par	4%	July 1 1925
15,712.92	Mthly. local work	Jan. 15 1925	Par	4%	Jan. 15 1926

BURLINGTON, Racine County, Wis.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$30,000 5% city hall bonds offered on Jan. 30—V. 120, p. 352—were awarded to the First Wisconsin Trust Co. of Milwaukee at a premium of \$797, equal to 102.65, and expense of printing bonds and attorney's fees. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$3,000 yearly 1926 to 1935, incl. Interest payable F. & A.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Allison), Kan.—*BOND DESCRIPTION.*—The \$130,000 4½% road bonds purchased by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita—V. 120, p. 609—are described as follows: Date Jan. 1 1925.

Denom. \$500. Due serially 1926 to 1945. Interest payable J. & J. Coupon bonds.

CALLAWAY COUNTY (P. O. Fulton), Mo.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City recently purchased an issue of \$97,000 refunding bonds.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 3 a temporary loan of \$300,000 was sold to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston on a 2.87% discount basis. Date Feb. 4 1925. Due Sept. 1 1925.

CARTER COUNTY (P. O. Ardmore), Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$31,000 6% funding bonds was purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY (P. O. Little Valley), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., and H. L. Allen & Co., both of New York, jointly have been awarded \$700,000 coupon or registered gold bonds as 4 1/4s at 101.416, a basis of about 4.10%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (P. & A. 15) payable at the Seaboard Nat. Bank of New York. Due \$50,000 Feb. 15 1930 to 1943, incl. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$56,283,430
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	2,300,000
Population, 1920 Census, 71,323.	

CENTERBURG, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Centerburg Savings Bank of Centerburg has purchased the \$1,800 6% Centerburg deficiency coupon bonds offered on Dec. 27 (V. 119, p. 2672) at par and accrued interest. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due \$600 Oct. 1 1925 to 1927, incl.

CHELLENHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elkins Park), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$670,000 4 1/4% tax-free coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 4—V. 120, p. 234—have been sold to Stroud & Co. of Philadelphia at 103.17, a basis of about 4.01%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$134,000 Jan. 1 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950 and 1951.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chesterland), Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Herrick Co. of Cleveland has purchased the \$100,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 31 (V. 120, p. 234) for \$106,453, equal to 106.453, a basis of about 4.835%. Due yearly 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.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT, III.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the First Trust & Savings Bank, Illinois Merchants Trust Co. and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, all of Chicago, was the successful bidder for the \$3,000,000 4% Sanitary District bonds offered on Feb. 5—V. 120, p. 609—at 98.81—a basis of about 4.13%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$156,000, 1927, and \$158,000, 1928 to 1945, incl.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103 (P. O. Oak Grove), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Ralph Schneeloch Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$19,900 4 1/4% school bonds at 100.02. Interest payable J. & J.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are now in receipt of the following information regarding the \$4,300 road in Washington Twp. bonds sold to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis and reported in V. 119, p. 486. Denom. \$215. Int. M. & N. Interest at 5%. Due 1 to 10 years. Date June 2 1924. The bonds were sold for \$4,415.60, equal to 102.68.

CLEAR CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Huntington County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$70,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Nov. 29 (V. 119, p. 2205) were not sold.

CLINTON, Custer County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The Allied Contractors Co., Inc., of Omaha, purchased an issue of \$80,000 6% water bonds on Dec. 9. Date Sept. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 in each of the following years: 1934, 1939, 1944 and 1949. Interest payable M. & S. Notice that these bonds had been voted was given in V. 119, p. 1198.

COBLESKILL, Schoharie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$15,500 gutter, water, street and drainage bonds has been sold.

COLERAIN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Barton), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Kennedy, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 21 for \$50,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Clerk of Board of Education. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1926 and 1927, and \$3,500, 1928 to 1939, incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of Education, required.

COLLEGE CORNER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. College Corner), Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati, have been awarded the \$42,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 2 (V. 120, p. 358) at a premium of \$991, equal to 102.36—a basis of about 4.74%. Date Feb. 2 1925. Due every six months as follows: \$800 March 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1945, inclusive, and \$1,000 March 1 1946 to Sept. 1 1950, inclusive.

COLLINSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Collinsville), Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% negotiable coupon building bonds, favorably voted upon April 10 last—V. 118, p. 2344—were purchased by G. I. Gilbert of Oklahoma City.

COLORADO SPRINGS, El Paso County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on April 7 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$500,000 reservoir bonds.

COLORADO SPRINGS, El Paso County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—James H. Causey & Co. of Denver on Jan. 24 purchased an issue of \$250,000 5% outside electrical system bonds.

CONNERSVILLE, Fayette County, Ind.—DESCRIPTION.—Following is a description of the \$30,000 5% refunding bonds sold to the First Nat. Bank of Connersville for \$31,011, equal to 103.37, as was given in V. 119, p. 1761. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1924. Int. A. & O. Due \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 1 1925 to 1934, incl. Net income about 4.30%.

CREEK COUNTY (P. O. Sapulpa), Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$49,000 6% funding bonds was purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

CRETE, Saline County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue for \$15,103.04 street improvement bonds of Districts No. 12, 13 and 14 was purchased by the Allied Contractors, Inc., of Omaha.

CROSBYTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crosby County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on Jan. 29 registered \$75,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Due serially.

CULBERTSON, Hitchcock County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 24 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$110,000 bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%.

CURRITUCK COUNTY (P. O. Currituck), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 6% tick eradication funding bonds offered on Nov. 22—V. 119, p. 1983—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$173, equal to 101.08, a basis of about 5.52%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 1 1925 to 1928 inclusive.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 29 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$25,000 6% fresh-water supply bonds. Due serially.

DAUGHERTY TOWNSHIP, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia have purchased the \$30,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on Sept. 26—V. 119, p. 1531.—Date Sept. 1 1924. Due \$2,000 1929 to 1943, inclusive.

DEER PARK, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 14 by W. F. Huffman, Village Clerk, at 4060 Webster Ave., for the following issues of 6% coupon assessment bonds:

- \$3,155 76 Lansdowne Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$394 47. Date Feb. 11 1925. Due \$394 47 Feb. 11 1926 to 1933, incl.
- 3,815 92 Webster Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$476 99. Date Feb. 11 1925. Due \$476 99 Feb. 11 1926 to 1933, incl.
- 6,443 44 Hegner Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$805 43. Date Nov. 28 1924. Due \$805 43 Nov. 28 1925 to 1932, incl.

6,734 96 Webster Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$841 87. Date Nov. 28 1924. Due \$841 87 Nov. 28 1925 to 1932, incl.

3,464 08 Lansdowne Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$433 01. Date Nov. 28 1924. Due \$433 01 Nov. 28 1925 to 1932, incl.

Principal and semi-ann. int. payable at the First Nat. Bank of Norwood. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the village, required.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Carrie P. Weaver, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 16 for \$12,900 4 1/2% free gravel road bonds. Denom. \$645. Date Feb. 16 1925. Int. semi-ann. Due \$645 every six months.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—No sale was made on Jan. 28 of the \$17,000 4 1/2% impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 120, p. 234. The bonds will be re-offered on Feb. 7.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ellisburg), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 3—V. 120, p. 480—have been sold as follows: \$4,500 school bonds to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York for a premium of \$88.20, equal to 101.96, a basis of about 4.61%. Due \$500 Feb. 2 1927 to 1935 incl.

95,000 (\$100,000 offered) school bonds to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York for \$100,124, equal to 105.39, a basis of about 4.58%. Due yearly on Feb. 2 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1945 incl.; \$3,000, 1946 to 1963 incl., and \$1,000, 1964.

53,000 (\$55,000 offered) school bonds to C. W. Whittis & Co. of New York for \$55,025, equal to 103.82, a basis of about 4.53%. Due yearly on Feb. 2 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1930 incl.; \$3,000, 1931 to 1944 incl., and \$1,000, 1945. Date Feb. 2 1925.

DONNA, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 24 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds aggregating \$125,000: \$50,000 water, 40,000 sewer, 35,000 street improvement.

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. W. Bailey of Bay Village has purchased the \$4,200 5 1/2% street impt. bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 119, p. 2092—at a premium of \$21, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 5.39%. Date Nov. 1 1924. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$400, 1926 and 1927; \$600, 1928; \$400, 1929 and 1930; \$600, 1931; \$400, 1932 and 1933, and \$600, 1934.

DUCHESNE COUNTY (P. O. Duchesne), Utah.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$62,000 road bonds purchased by the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City—V. 120, p. 358—are described as follows: Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Interest at the rate of 5%. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1936 to 1943, incl., and \$7,000, 1944 and 1945. Interest payable J. & J. Coupon bonds.

EAST JEFFERSON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wamsley), Adams County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo were awarded on Jan. 5 the \$25,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 119, p. 2910—for \$25,982.50, equal to 103.93, a basis of about 5.09%. Date Jan. 2 1925. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1926 to 1950 inclusive.

EAST PALESTINE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Palestine), Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—CANCELED BONDS RE-SOLD.—The sale of the \$10,000 school bonds to the City Sinking Fund Commission at par (see V. 119, p. 2911) was cancelled. The bonds, which were informed, were later sold to the First Nat. Bank of East Palestine as 6s for \$10,051. Int. A. & O.

EAST YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. Feb. 24, sealed bids will be received by Irving Jean, Director of Schools, for \$60,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1925. Interest M. & S. Due \$3,000 March 1 1927 to 1946, inclusive. Certified check for \$3,000, payable to John W. Powers, Treasurer, required.

ELM CITY, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Tolson Banking Co. of Elm City on Jan. 29 purchased the following improvement bonds, aggregating \$30,000, at a premium of \$145, equal to 100.48: \$25,000 6% street improvement bonds, 5,000 6% water works extension bonds. Purchaser to pay for all expenses.

EUCLID VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Euclid), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 30 the \$400,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 120, p. 359—were sold to the Tillotson & Wolcott Co. of Cleveland for \$411,080, equal to 102.77, a basis of about 4.68%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1945 incl. Other bidders were:

Poor & Co.; A. E. Aub & Co.; L. R. Ballinger Co.; Bohmer, Reinhart & Co.;	\$410,081 92	Breed, Elliott & Harrison—	\$408,012 00
W. L. Slayton & Co.;	408,640 00	Braun, Bosworth & Co.;	
The Herrick Co.;	408,204 00	Prudden & Co.; Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc.;	406,283 00
		Otis & Co.;	402,841 00

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. A. Gilmore, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 9 for the following bonds, aggregating \$137,814.02:

103,615 34 improvement, Series "W," bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due Feb. 1 1935, optional in 1926.	
13,698 78 6% improvement, Series "X," bonds. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due Feb. 1 1935, optional in 1926.	
10,500 00 sewer bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 1935.	
10,000 00 paving bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. The Mayor to designate date of bonds. Due in 15 years. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.	
EUSTIS, Lake County, Fla.—BOND SALE. —The \$76,000 5 1/2% street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 30 (V. 120, p. 481) were awarded to the First State Bank of Eustis at a premium of \$950, equal to 101.25. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due serially from 1 to 10 years. Following is a list of other bidders:	
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo	\$75,369 80
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	75,909 00
Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, Cincinnati	75,900 00
Wright & Barlow, Orlando	75,300 40
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo	76,403 00
L. R. Ballinger Co., Cincinnati	74,837 20
Caldwell & Co., Nashville	76,020 00
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	74,252 20
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo	*76,000 00
First State Bank, Eustis, Wis.	76,990 00
Otis & Co., Cleveland	76,402 80
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo	76,295 00
David Robison & Co., Toledo	76,033 53
Prudden & Co., Toledo	76,843 20
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	76,021 00
Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago	76,693 70
Fred Emert & Co., St. Louis	75,530 00

* Less \$500 for expenses. Most of the above bids agreed to pay accrued interest.

FAIRFAX COUNTY (P. O. Fairfax), Va.—BOND SALE.—Austin, Grant & Co., Inc., and Frazier & Co., Inc., jointly have purchased \$355,000 4 1/4% Dranesville and Falls Church Magisterial Districts Highway bonds. Date Feb. 2 1925. Due Feb. 2 1945. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds with privilege of registration as to principal. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City. These bonds are part of the \$355,135.94 (\$93,135.94 Dranesville District and \$262,000 Falls Church District) offered unsuccessfully on Jan. 5 (V. 120, p. 359). We are unofficially informed that the remaining portion of \$135,94 has been cancelled.

Financial Statement.

Real valuation	\$36,000,000
Assessed valuation (1923)	12,659,147
Net bonded debt	700,000
Population (1920 census)	21,943.

FAIRMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% school bonds offered on Jan. 26—V. 120, p. 481—were awarded to Banks, Huntley & Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$560, equal to 105.60, a basis of about 5.25%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1945 incl. Other bidders were:

Capital National Bank	Prem. \$416 00	Freeman, Smith & Camp	Prem. \$212 50
National City Bank	75 00	Bank of Italy	48 00

FAIRVIEW (P. O. Rocky River), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ross P. Jordan, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 2 for \$5,696 5 1/2% Story Road bonds. Denom. \$700 and one for \$796. Date Oct. 1 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank of Rocky River. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$796 1926 and \$700 1927 to 1933, incl. Certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

FALLS COUNTY (P. O. Marlin), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$150,000 5 1/2% road bonds.

FISHER COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Roby), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$20,000 5% school bonds purchased on Jan. 10 by the State Board of Education of Texas (V. 120, p. 359) are described as follows: Date July 18 1924. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly, 1925 to 1964, inclusive. Interest payable in April.

FLAGSTAFF, Coconino County, Ari.—BIDS.—Following is a list of bids received for the \$475,000 5 1/2% water works system bonds awarded to Geo. W. Vallery & Co. and James N. Wright & Co., both of Denver, jointly—V. 120, p. 481:

Bosworth, Chanute & Co., International Trust Co.	\$4,501 00
Boettcher, Porter & Co., Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co.	4,352 00
Central Trust Co., Title Trust & Guaranty Co., C. W. McNear & Co.	3,087 50
R. E. Campbell & Co., Well, Roth & Irving, Co. Seasingood & Mayer, Vandersall & Co., Sutherland, Barry & Co.	1,433 50
Wasatch Securities Co., Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co.	1,401 00

All bids included par and accrued interest.

FOND DU LAC, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago purchased on Jan. 28 an issue of \$400,000 4 1/2% city bonds. Date March 1 1924. Due 1925 to 1944.

FORT MEADE, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% special impt. bonds offered on Jan. 30—V. 120, p. 359—were awarded to the First State Bank of Fort Meade at a premium of \$787, equal to 103.14, a basis of about 5.30%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Coupon bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1926 to 1935 incl. Following is a list of other bidders:

Atlantic National Bank	Well, Roth, Irving Co.	\$25,330 00
Jacksonville	Caldwell & Co.	25,280 00
Florida Nat. Bk., Jacks.	Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	25,242 50
W. L. Slayton & Co.	Braun, Bosworth & Co.	25,161 00
Thomson, Kent & Grace, Inc.	L. R. Ballinger & Co.	25,141 50
	Spitzer, Rorick & Co.	25,047 00
	J. C. Mayer & Co.	24,900 00

FORT SCOTT, Bourbon County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 16 by Mayor W. E. Childress for \$31,000 4 1/2% internal impt. bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$3,100 yearly 1926 to 1935 incl. The city expects to retain \$15,000 of these bonds.

FREMONT COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. St. Anthony), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$52,000 6% funding bonds was purchased during the early part of 1924 by the Crosby-McConnell Co. of Denver. Due in 1934. Interest payable J. & J.

GADSDEN, Etowah County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Thomas, City Clerk, will offer at public auction on Feb. 16 at 7 p. m. \$25,000 6% bridge bonds. Date April 1 1925. Due April 1 1955.

GALION, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$87,000 5% street improvement special assessment coupon bonds offered on Feb. 3 (V. 120, p. 481) have been awarded to Seasingood & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$88,662, equal to 101.91, a basis of about 4.70%. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$8,500, 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$10,500, 1936. Following is a list of the bids received:

Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo	Premium \$1,158 00
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	1,350 35
Seasingood & Mayer, Cincinnati	1,662 00
Assel, Goetz & Meerlein, Cincinnati	1,351 00
Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	1,535 00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	930 90
L. R. Ballinger & Co., Cincinnati	878 70
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	1,157 10
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati	1,331 00
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo	922 26
A. E. Aub & Co., Cincinnati	1,313 16
The Herrick Co., Cleveland	1,428 00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	1,203 00
Benj. Dansard & Co., Detroit	1,123 30
Vandersall & Co., Toledo	748 00

GARZA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Post), Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$36,500 5 1/2% road bonds was purchased on Oct. 10 by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita. Date Oct. 10 1924. Coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 10 1954, optional Oct. 10 1934. The above corrects the report given in V. 120, p. 481.

GEORGETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Georgetown), Vermillion County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—R. M. Grant & Co. and H. D. Fellows & Co., both of Chicago on July 4 purchased \$60,000 school bonds at a premium of \$1,926, equal to 103.21.

GEORGIA (State of)—WARRANT SALE.—The \$3,000,000 school warrants offered on Feb. 3—V. 120, p. 359—were awarded to the Fourth National Bank of Atlanta at 3.99%. Due Feb. 1 1926 except those issued in Oct. & Nov., these maturing on Mar. 1 1926.

GERMAN FLATTS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hion), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, have purchased the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on Feb. 3—V. 120, p. 481—for \$275,721 30, equal to 102.11, a basis of about 4.32%: \$160,000 school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,800, 1926 to 1952 inclusive, and \$3,400, 1953. \$110,000 school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1953 inclusive, and \$2,000, 1954.

GIDDINGS, Lee County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 24 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$46,000 water bonds and \$45,000 sewer bonds.

LENDALE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 17 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$2,400,000 school bonds.

GLOUCESTER, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Thomas Malvin, Village Clerk, until 12 m. March 2 for \$3,000 6% debt extension bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 16 1925. Interest M. & S. Due \$500 Sept. 16 1926 to 1933, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

GOLDSBORO, Wayne County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 improvement bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 120, p. 359—were awarded to the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. of Goldsboro for the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston at 100.67, a basis of about 4.70%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926 to 1940 incl., and \$5,000, 1941 to 1961 incl.

GOVERNEUR, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—W. A. Harriman & Co. of New York purchased the \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon lighting plant bonds offered on Feb. 3 (V. 117, p. 611) at 102.309, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1945 incl. Bids received were as follows:

Caswell Securities Co.	101.141	Fidelity Trust Co., Buffalo	100.829
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	101.197	Clinton H. Brown & Co.	101.04
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.	101.21	Wm. R. Compton Co.	101.06
Batchelder, Wack & Co.	101.36	A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc.	101.455
Lage & Co.	102.07	E. H. Rollins & Sons.	101.699
Farson, Son & Co.	101.444		

GREELEY, Weld County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on April 7 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$100,000 sanitary sewer system bonds.

GREENSBORO SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Newcastle), Henry County, Ind.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The following additional information in connection with the \$21,000 school bonds awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$681, equal to 103.26, as was given in V. 119, p. 488, has come to hand. Denom. \$1,000. Interest at 5%. Date July 1 1924. Interest J. & J. Five and one-half-year average. Net income about 4.33%.

GREENVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—H. P. Dill, County Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 18 for \$200,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bethlehem R. F. D. No. 2), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 14 by Eli Bauder, Township Secretary, for the following issues of 5% coupon bonds: \$28,000 road bonds. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$6,000 1930, 1935, 1940 and 1945 and \$4,000 1950. 7,000 funding bonds. Due March 1 1955. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1925. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Township, required.

HAWKEYE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 10 by Geo. N. Jorgenson, County Clerk, at the office of the County Auditor for \$4,000 certificates of interest to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,000 in 18 months and \$2,000 in 12 months. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to School Treasurer, is required.

HENDERSON, Rusk County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 26 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$75,000 5% street paving bonds. Due 20 to 40 years.

HENDERSONVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Henderson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 18 by T. L. Durham, Secretary Board of Trustees, for \$280,000 5 1/2% school building bonds. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1937; \$8,000, 1938 to 1942; \$10,000, 1943 to 1947; \$12,000, 1948 to 1952, and \$14,000, 1953 to 1957, all incl. Principal and interest (F. A.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company payable to the above named official for \$5,600 is required.

HIAWATHA, Brown County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The following 4 1/2% improvement bonds aggregating \$17,779 32 were purchased by the Citizens' State Bank of Hiawatha at a premium of \$10 55, equal to 100.05: \$6,384 87 paving bonds. Due 1926 to 1930. 11,394 45 paving bonds. Due 1926 to 1935. Date Jan. 1 1925.

HIGHLAND, Doniphan County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. Feb. 16 by C. J. Thurber, City Clerk, for \$50,987 75 4 1/4% internal improvement bonds. Date Feb. 2 1925. Due serially 1-10 years. Legality approved by Zoversock & Fizzell of Kansas City. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 3 (V. 120, p. 112) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Austin, Grant & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Redmond & Co., and Geo. H. Burr & Co., all of New York, and the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis at 103.60, a basis of about 4.67%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$35,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$50,000, 1942 to 1946 incl., and \$55,000, 1947 to 1951 incl.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INTERBAY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Knight, Superintendent School Board, will receive sealed bids until March 5 for \$100,000 school bonds.

HILLSDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Hansen), Idaho.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$230,000 6% irrigation bonds purchased by Marshall Field, Glor, Ward & Co. of Chicago (V. 120, p. 359) are described as follows: Date Jan. 1 1921. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1935 to 1944, inclusive. Interest payable J. & J.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. St. Paul), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Lincoln Trust Co. of Lincoln has purchased an issue of \$110,000 school bonds.

HUMBOLDT, Richardson County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$16,000 5% refunding water bonds purchased by Burns, Brinker & Co. of Omaha on Nov. 12—V. 119, p. 2557—are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1924. Coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1944; optional any time after Nov. 1 1929. Int. payable M. & N.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—The following additional information in connection with the \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding court house bonds sold to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$60,516, equal to 100.86 (see V. 119, p. 111) has come to hand. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1924. Int. J. & J. Average maturity 3 1/2 years. Net income about 4.24%.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 4:30 p. m. Feb. 13 sealed bids will be received by Ed. Metz, City Clerk, for approximately \$70,000 4 1/4% internal improvement bonds. Date March 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due serially 1 to 10 years. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Richard O. Johnson, Business Director Board of School Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 10 for the following issues of school bonds not to exceed 6 1/2%: \$500,000 special fund bonds. 500,000 local tuition fund bonds. Payable June 30 1925 at such bank or trust company in Indianapolis as bidder may designate. Eider to state denominations desired.

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Stanford), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Feb. 24 sealed bids will be received by Ella Bailey, Clerk of Board of Trustees, for \$4,588 74 amortization funding bonds. Due Jan. 1 1935, redeemable Jan. 1 1940.

KALAMAZOO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Kalamazoo), Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 4 1/4% school bonds has been awarded to Whittlesey, McLean & Co. of Detroit for \$20,293 81, equal to 101.46.

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 3—V. 120, p. 612—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Blodgett & Co., Detroit Co. and Phelps, Fenn & Co., all of New York and Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City at 108.09, a basis of about 4.30%. Date July 1 1921. Due July 1 1941.

KEARNEY, Buffalo County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver have purchased an issue of \$135,000 4 1/4% refunding bonds.

KENNETT, Dunklin County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Smith, Moore & Co. of St. Louis has purchased \$92,000 Ditch District No. 39 bonds at par.

KENT COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Claremont), Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$350,000 5 1/2% road bonds.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, Cleveland County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 17 by Chas. E. Dilling, Town Clerk, for \$60,000 5 1/4% public improvement bonds. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1951.

incl., and \$3,000, 1952 to 1955, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National City Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thronrdike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Legal proceedings by Storey, Thronrdike, Palmer & Dodge under the supervision of Bruce Craven and preparation and sale of bonds under the supervision of Bruce Craven and Trinity. A certified check for 2% of bid is required. These are the bonds offered on Feb. 7.—V. 120, p. 612.

KINGSFORT, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds, aggregating \$72,500, offered on Feb. 3 (V. 120, p. 482), were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$3,623, equal to 104.99, a basis of about 5.25%: \$41,000 city improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due Oct. 1 1944. \$31,500 Improvement District No. 24 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due \$3,500 1925 to 1933 incl.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The following improvement bonds aggregating \$184,796 32 offered on Feb. 3—V. 120, p. 483—were awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$5,051 46, equal to 103.17, a basis of about 4.49%: \$111,736 65 5% street paving bonds. Due Dec. 1 1930. \$73,059 67 5% street paving bonds. Due Dec. 1 1934. Date Dec. 1 1924.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Hammond), Ind.—DESCRIPTION.—Following is a description of the \$172,000 coupon Fulton road construction bonds awarded to the Peoples State Bank of Crown Point as was reported in V. 119, p. 841. Interest at 5%. Denom. \$860. Date July 15 1924. Int. M. & N. Due \$8,600 every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 incl. The bonds were sold for \$177,135, equal to 102.98, a basis of about 4.39%.

DESCRIPTION.—We are now in receipt of the following information regarding the \$140,000 coupon Meyn road bonds sold to the First Nat. Bank of Crown Point as was stated in V. 119, p. 841. Interest at 5%. Date July 15 1924. Int. M. & N. Due \$7,000 every six months from May 15 1925 to Nov. 15 1934 incl. The bonds were sold for \$144,461, equal to 103.18, a basis of about 4.35%.

LAKE WORTH, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cinc. have purchased an issue of \$100,000 6% improvement bonds. Date Jan. 2 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 2 1950. Principal and interest (J. & J. 2) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

Financial Statement. Value of taxable property \$7,500,000. Assessed valuation 6,021,353. Total bonded debt \$1,058,477. Water debt and elec. lt. 345,000. Sinking fund 57,783. Assmt. debt 159,477. Net debt 496,217. Population (official report), 4,000.

LAMAR, Barton County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 4 1/4% bonds was purchased on Jan. 27 by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City. Due serially 1 to 15 years.

LA MESA, Dawson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$120,000 water and sewer extension bonds and \$30,000 city hall bonds at the election held on Jan. 20—V. 120, p. 235.

LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by J. W. Barnes, City Auditor, until 12 m. March 3 for \$5,000 5% sewer construction bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1925. Interest M. & S. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1926 to 1935 inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Neva Line, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 17 for the following issues of 5% coupon highway bonds: \$6,000 Johnson and Lincoln Twp. bonds. Denom. \$300. 59,400 Center Twp. bonds. Denom. \$540. 10,800 Center Twp. bonds. Denom. \$540. 30,400 Center Twp. bonds. Denom. \$1,520. Date Feb. 16 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due one bond of each issue every six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Meridian), Miss.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$400,000 5% road bonds purchased by the Meridian Finance Corporation (V. 120, p. 483)—are described as follows: Date Mar. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Due serially. Interest payable M. & S.

LENEXA, Johnson County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,988 07 5% internal improvement bonds offered on Jan. 28—V. 120, p. 483—were awarded to M. F. Kelley of Lenexa at 102.50, a basis of about 4.46%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Coupon bonds. Due Feb. 1 1926 to Feb. 1 1935.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. North Platte), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The James T. Wachot Co. of Omaha has purchased an issue of \$75,000 school bonds.

LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Springville), La.—BIDS REJECTED—BONDS SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE.—All bids received for the following 6% school bonds aggregating \$54,000 offered on Jan. 26—V. 120, p. 236—were rejected. The bonds were purchased later at a private sale by L. E. French Co. of Alexandria as follows: \$4,000 School District No. 28 bonds at a premium of \$15 equal to 100.35. Due serially Feb. 1 1926 to 1933. 50,000 School District No. 27 bonds at a premium of \$555, equal to 101.11. Due serially 1926 to 1945. Date Feb. 1 1925.

LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Crook), Colo.—BOND ELECTION—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held soon, \$17,000 4 1/4% school building bonds were purchased by the United States National Co. and the United States Bond Co., both of Denver, at 101.61.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10.30 a. m. Feb. 17 by Robert Dominguez, City Clerk, for \$1,300,000 Municipal Improvement District No. 36 bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5 1/2%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$33,000 1926 to 1951, inclusive, and \$34,000 1952 to 1964, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest, payable at the City Treasury or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York City. Legality to be approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer is required.

LYNDHURST TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lyndhurst), Bergen County, N. J.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the two issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$405,000, offered on Feb. 3 (V. 120, p. 360). The rate of interest, it is stated, was too low.

McMINNVILLE, Yamhill County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,753 65 6% impt. bonds offered on Jan. 23—V. 120, p. 483—were awarded to the Ralph Schneelock Co. of Portland at par. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$500, except one for \$253 65. Due Feb. 1 1935. Coupon bonds. Int. payable F. & A. In the above reference we stated the amount of bonds to be offered as \$9,283, which was incorrect, the correct amount being as given above.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 5 1/2% coupon Fire Department bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 120, p. 113) have been sold to the Citizens National Bank of Mansfield at a premium of \$450, equal to 103.21, a basis of about 5.03%. Date Dec. 1 1924. Due \$500 every six months from Mar. 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1939 incl.

BOND SALE.—Ryan, Bowman & Co. of Toledo have purchased the following issues of 6% special assessment bonds offered on Aug. 4 (V. 119, p. 607) at a premium of \$250 89, equal to 104.72, a basis of about 3.57%: \$2,680 West Third Street bonds. Due one to three years. 1,980 Dave-Bartley Avenue bonds. Due one to three years. 650 Chester Avenue bonds. Due one to three years. Date Aug. 1 1924.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$20,000 5 1/4% school-building bonds purchased by Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver (V. 119, p. 359) are described as follows: Date July 1 1924. Denom. \$500. Coupon bonds. Due July 1 1944. Interest payable J. & J.

MEXIA, Limestone County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 27—V. 120, p. 236—the voters authorized the issuance of \$40,000 water works bonds.

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of the following bonds aggregating \$1,500,000: \$75,000 street railway ext. bonds \$50,000 hospital bonds 50,000 incinerator bonds 400,000 wharves and docks extension bonds 75,000 public market bonds 250,000 public park bonds 100,000 sanitary sewer bonds 400,000 water works bonds 100,000 street bonds

MILFORD, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. Feb. 14 sealed bids will be received by L. D. Wadsworth, Village Clerk, for \$3,500 6% fire apparatus bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1924. Int. M. & N. Due \$500 Nov. 1 1926 to 1932, incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

MISSOURI (State of)—NO BONDS SOLD—TRUST COMPANY MERELY LOANS STATE MONEY.—In our issue of Jan. 17, page 361, we reported that the American Trust Co. of St. Louis had purchased \$300,000 building bonds. We are now informed, upon inquiry of the above company, that this was not a new sale, the bonds being part of an old issue maturing on Jan. 1 1925. C. L. Sager, Vice-President and Treasurer of the American Trust Co., says: "This was not a new issue of bonds, but the last of an old issue that matured on Jan. 1 1925. The outgoing Legislature could not make an appropriation from the funds available to provide for their maturity, and the incoming Legislature did not meet until about the 10th of January, and the incoming Legislature did not meet in default, owing to the inability of the Legislature to meet the situation, and at the request of L. D. Thompson, the then State Treasurer, we advanced the funds necessary to pay par and interest, for which we have since been reimbursed."

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jasper County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased an issue of \$26,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Montgomery), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5 1/4% school bonds offered on Dec. 16 (V. 119, p. 2674), have been sold to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1946, inclusive, and \$1,500, 1947 and 1948.

MOORESBORO, Cleveland County, No. Caro.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$12,000 6% electric-light bonds offered on Dec. 3 (V. 119, p. 2558) have not been sold. Date Dec. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Registered bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1933, inclusive. Interest payable J. & D.

MORVEN, Anson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 electric light bonds offered on Jan. 22—V. 120, p. 361—were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo as 6s at a premium of \$414, equal to 101.38, a basis of about 5.58%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1926 to 1955, inclusive.

MULLINVILLE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Kiowa County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 120, p. 613—were awarded to the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita at a premium of \$500, equal to 101, a basis of about 4.34%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$5,000 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Nacogdoches), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 28 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$800 5% school bonds. Due in ten years.

NAPLES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Morris County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 17 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$34,000 5% school-building bonds.

NASHUA, Hillsboro County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 10 by Samuel Dearborn, City Treasurer, for \$100,000 4 1/4% coupon fire station bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold coin at the City Treasurer's office or at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston. Due \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1926 to 1945 incl. The 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 the above bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Feb. 11 at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston.

Financial Statement Jan. 31 1925. Bonded debt \$1,917,000 00. Sinking fund 255,108 32. Net debt 1,661,891 68. Assessed valuation, 1924 4,720,814 00

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12.30 p. m. Feb. 20 sealed bids will be received by Philip F. Weiderum, County Comptroller, for \$140,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$45,000, 1934 and 1935, and \$50,000, 1936. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Nassau County Trust Co. of Mineola, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to William E. Luyster, County Treasurer, required.

NEW LONDON, New London County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Carey Congdon, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 11 for the following issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds: \$2,000,000 public improvement, Series 4, bonds. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$13,000 1926 to 1935, inclusive, and \$14,000 1936 to 1940, inclusive.

225,000 water works improvement, Series 9, bonds. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926 to 1950, inclusive, and \$5,000 1951 to 1955, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the said trust company, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the official and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Storey, Thronrdike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. Bids to be on forms furnished by the above trust company. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City, required.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Philadelphia), Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following are the bids submitted on Jan. 17 for the \$375,000 5% school bonds, awarded on that date to the Citizens National Bank of New Philadelphia and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$17,550, equal to 104.68, a basis of about 4.49%, as stated in V. 120, p. 484:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes Tillotson & Wolcott Co. and Guardian Sav. & Tr. Co., Paine, Webber & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Bank, Wm. R. Compton Co. and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Bohmer, Reinhart & Co., Assel, Goetz & Moerlien, Inc., A. E. Aub & Co., Citizens National Bank, Canton Bond & Investment Co., W. L. Slayton & Co., Benj. Dansard & Co., A. T. Bell & Co., Title Guarantee & Trust Co., N. S. Hill & Co., W. L. Slayton & Co., Herrick Co., Otis & Co., Braun, Bosworth & Co., Harris & Oatis, Inc.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Mar. 2 by R. M. Murphy, Commissioner of Public Finance, for \$962,000 paving certifica...

NEWTON, Newton County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 school bonds was purchased by H. C. Brent & Co. of Houston at a premium of \$650, equal to 102.16.

NEWTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zanerville), Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. G. Harkness, Clerk Board of Education, until 1 p. m. Feb. 16 for \$20,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1925. Interest M. & S. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1926 to 1945, inclusive. Certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, required.

NEW WASHINGTON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Washington), Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 2 the \$75,000 5 1/4% school bonds offered on that day (V. 120, p. 361) were sold to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$4,975, equal to 4.81%. Date April 1 1925. Due \$1,500 April 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1950, inclusive.

Following is a list of bids received:

Table with columns for Bidder, Bid, and Bidder. Lists various companies and their respective bid amounts for school bonds.

NEW YORK CITY.—TEMPORARY LOANS ISSUED DURING JANUARY.—During the month of January this city issued short-term securities, all bearing 2 1/2% interest with the exception of assessment bonds, which bear 4%, in the aggregate of \$42,350,000, consisting of revenue bonds and bills, tax notes, assessment bonds and corporate stock notes, as follows:

Table with columns for Amount, Maturity, Issued, and Amount, Maturity, Issued. Lists financial details for various bond issues.

Table with columns for Special Revenue Bonds of 1925, Amount, Maturity, Issued. Lists specific bond issues.

Table with columns for Tax Notes of 1925, Amount, Maturity, Issued. Lists tax note issues.

Table with columns for Corporate Stock Notes of 1925, Amount, Maturity, Issued. Lists corporate stock note issues.

NORMAN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (P. O. Ada), Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election was held on Feb. 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$2,000 4 1/4% school bonds.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$250,000 has been awarded to Grafton Co. of Boston at 3.11% interest to follow. Date Feb. 5 1925. Due Oct. 9 1925.

NORTH TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 4 p. m. Feb. 19 sealed bids will be received by Thomas A. Quinn, Village Clerk, for \$470,000 4 1/4% coupon water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1924. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1925 and \$12,000 1926 to 1964, incl. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York. Certified check for \$4,000, payable to Edward A. Martin, Village Treasurer, required.

OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Port Clinton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Blanchet, Thornburg & Vandersall, of Toledo, have purchased the \$24,500 5 1/4% road bonds offered on Dec. 22 (V. 119, p. 2914) at a premium of \$982.45, equal to 101.01, a basis of about 4.58%. Date Dec. 22 1924. Due every six months as follows: \$1,500 March 22 1926 to March 22 1932, inclusive, and \$1,000 Sept. 22 1932 to Sept. 22 1934, inclusive.

OTISVILLE, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Feb. 17 sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk for \$50,000 water works bonds.

PALMYRA, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon or registered bonds offered on Jan. 29 (V. 120, p. 362) were sold as follows:

\$118,000 (\$120,000 offered) sewer assessment bonds to Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York for \$120,253, equal to 101.90, a basis of about 4.58%. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1926; \$15,000, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1931, inclusive; \$8,000, 1932 to 1934, inclusive; \$7,000, 1935 and 1936, and \$5,000, 1937.

20,000 storm sewer bonds to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, at 103.07, a basis of about 4.64%. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1926 to 1945, inclusive.

PASADENA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, until Feb. 9 for \$750,000 4 3/4% school bonds. Date July 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1926; \$25,000, 1927 and 1928; \$26,000, 1929; \$27,000, 1930 to 1953, incl., and \$13,000 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City, at option of holder. A certified check for 3% of bid, payable to the order of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is required.

These are the bonds originally offered on Feb. 2 (V. 120, p. 614).

PHARR, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of \$20,000 street and \$25,000 6% water bonds.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of W. Freeland Kendrick, Mayor, until 12 p. m. Feb. 24 for a \$7,000,000 coupon or registered loan bearing 4% int. Date Feb. 16 1925. Int. J. & J. Due Feb. 16 1955. Registered bonds will be in denominations of \$100 and its multiples, and those in coupon form in the sum of \$1,000 each. Loan certificates will be interchangeable as to form from registered to coupon, or from coupon to registered, and re-exchangeable from one to the other from time to time, at option of holder, and coupon form may be registered as to principal. Bids must be on form, which may be had on application to Mayor's office. Certified check for 5% of par value of amount of loan bid for required.

PIKETON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Piketon), Pike County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$125,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 120, p. 113—were not sold, due to injunction proceedings.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 10 for \$400,000 road and bridge bonds.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. March 17 by K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$356,000 road and bridge bonds.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. March 3 sealed bids will be received by K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$520,000 road and bridge bonds.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 24 for \$75,000 road and bridge bonds.

PITTSFORD (P. O. Pittsford), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Curtiss, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 16 for \$7,500 fire bonds not to exceed 6% interest.

PLEVNA, Fallon County, Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$6,700 6% lighting plant bonds offered on Dec. 13 (V. 119, p. 2440) have not been sold to date. Date July 1 1924.

POCAHONTAS, Tazewell County, Va.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 10 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds aggregating \$90,000: \$20,000 indebtedness. \$25,000 sewer system. 30,000 school. 15,000 street improvement.

POLK COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased an issue of \$6,400 5% drainage bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$400 and \$500. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$400 in 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1940, incl. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the office of the above named firm. Legality approved by F. C. Duncan of Davenport.

POUGHKEEPSIE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Arlington), Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York have purchased the \$15,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 4 (V. 120, p. 485) at 105.45, a basis of about 4.35%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1929 to 1943, incl.

PRIMROSE, Boone County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$15,000 water works bonds purchased by the Henning Engineering Co.—V. 120, p. 485—are described as follows: Date Feb. 15 1924. Coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Due in 1944, optional in 1934. Int. at the rate of 6%, payable F. & A.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis were the successful bidders for the two issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds, aggregating \$19,360, offered on Jan. 28 (V. 120, p. 485), as follows: \$13,500 Frank Finley et al. gravel road bonds for \$13,717.50, equal to 101.61 a basis of about 4.17%. Denom. \$675. 5,860 Harvey and Fritz gravel road bonds for \$5,949.70, equal to 101.53, a basis of about 4.19%. Denom. \$293. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns for Bidder, Bid, Premium, Issue, Premium. Lists various banks and their bid amounts.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Asheboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4 1/4% road and bridge bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 120, p. 614—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Henry D. Linsley & Co., H. L. Allen & Co. and A. M. Lampert & Co., Inc., all of New York, Federal Securities Corp. of Chicago and Federal Commerce Trust Co. of St. Louis at 101.039, a basis of about 4.68%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1944 to 1953, incl.

RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Alexandria), La.—BOND OFFERING.—W. J. Avery, Secretary of Parish School Board, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 11 for \$20,000 coupon Pineville District school bonds.

RHAME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17, Bowman County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. Feb. 6 by Mrs. R. C. O'Connell, District Clerk, at the office of the County Auditor, in Bowman, for \$2,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Due Feb. 6 1926.

RICHMOND, Henrico County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 4 1/4% Shoccoe Creek special bonds offered on Feb. 3—V. 120, p. 485—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Hayden, Stone & Co.; Wm. R. Compton Co.; Brown Bros. & Co., and Lee, Higginson & Co., all of New York, at 101.30, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$100,000, 1926 to 1934, inclusive.

Table with columns for Bidder, Bid. Lists various banks and their bid amounts for Richmond bonds.

Table with columns for Bidder, Bid. Lists various banks and their bid amounts for other Richmond bonds.

RIVERSIDE (P. O. River Edge), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Walter E. Chapman, Borough Clerk, until 8:20 p. m. Feb. 17 for an issue of 5% coupon or registered street improvement bonds, not to exceed \$38,000. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Dec. 1 1924. Interest, J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1925 to 1940, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1941 to 1947, inclusive. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, of New York. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Collector, required.

ROARING SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Motley County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 6% school bonds on Jan. 29. Due in 40 years.

ROBY, Fisher County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 1/4% water bonds offered on Jan. 30 (V. 120, p. 362) were awarded to Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas at par. Date Feb. 10 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Due in 1955. Interest payable F. & A. 10.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of J. O. Wilson, City Comptroller, until 2:30 p. m. Feb. 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 four months from Feb. 13 1925 at the Central Union Trust Co., New York City; will be drawn with interest, and will be deliverable at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City, Feb. 13 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.

ROCK COUNTY (P. O. Luverne), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,309.43 trunk highway reimbursement bonds offered on Feb. 2 (V. 120, p. 614) were awarded to Wells-Dickey & Co., of Minneapolis, as 4 1/4% at a premium of \$136, equal to 100.30. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 1935 to 1937, inclusive. Interest payable F. & A.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Lynn C. Butts, City Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Feb. 14 for \$60,000 canal purchase and improvement bonds not to exceed 6%. Date March 1 1925. Interest semi-annual. Due \$10,000 March 1 1926 to 1931, inclusive. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, of New York. Certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

ROSEBORO, Sampson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 water and sewer bonds offered on Feb. 2 (V. 119, p. 3040) were awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis and Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, jointly, as 6s, at 104.12.

ROSEBUD, Falls County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 26 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$38,000 5 1/2% sewer bonds.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. Port Huron), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 5 1/4% Road Assessment District No. 72 bonds offered on Jan. 23—V. 120, p. 362—have been sold to the Detroit Trust Co. and Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Detroit for \$49,208, equal to 102.57. Date Nov. 1 1924. Due 1926 to 1934, incl.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The State Teachers Retirement System has purchased the following three issues of coupon bonds offered on Oct. 24: July 1 1924, assessment bonds (see V. 119, p. 1659). Date \$8,481 92 6% Newell Ave. assessment bonds (see V. 119, p. 1659). Date 5,000 00 6% village's share bonds (see V. 119, p. 1872). Date July 1 1924. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$700, 1925 to 1930, incl., and \$800, 1931.

19,000 00 5% oil station joint county road construction bonds (see V. 119, p. 1872). Date Oct. 1 1924. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1932 incl., and \$3,000, 1933.

ST. HENRY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Henry), Mercer County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 27 the \$5,000 6% coupon school bonds, offered on that date (V. 119, p. 2792) were awarded to Bernard Gels of St. Henry for \$5,163, equal to 103.26, a basis of about 5.36%. Due \$500 on Sept. 15 from 1926 to 1935 incl.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$30,923 74 6% street improvement bonds awarded to the Ralph Schneeloch Co. of Portland—V. 120, p. 485—are described as follows: Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Coupon bonds. Due Jan. 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1935. Interest payable J. & J.

SALT CREEK RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mt. Hope), Holmes County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens State Bank of Strasburg has been awarded the \$9,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 2 (V. 120, p. 362) for \$9,076, equal to 100.84, and other considerations. Date March 1 1925. Due \$1,000 March 15 1926 and \$500 Sept. 15 1926 to March 15 1934, inclusive.

SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION (P. O. Phoenix), Maricopa County, Ariz.—CORRECTION.—Using a report furnished by our Western correspondent, we reported in V. 120, p. 238, that the New York Life Insurance Co. had purchased \$250,000 water bonds of this place. He now informs us that this report is erroneous and was taken from an unofficial newspaper clipping.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. San Bernardino), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Elliott & Horne Co. of Los Angeles recently purchased an issue of \$155,500 6% road bonds, Date Jan. 8 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (J. & J. 2) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

Financial Statement of District. Assessed value of property \$655,000 00 Appraised value of property 1,965,000 00 Bonded debt, this issue only 155,500 00 Total acreage in district 8.300 Average debt per acre 18.73 Average appraised value per acre 236.73

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 24 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$60,000 library bonds.

SAN MARCOS, Hays County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 24 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$20,000 school bonds.

SAN RAFAEL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$133,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 3 (V. 120, p. 615) were awarded to W. W. Adams & Co. at a premium of \$9,717 17, equal to 107.31—a basis of 4.43%. Date April 1 1923. Due April 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1935 to 1953, inclusive.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Milton), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. Cox, Chairman, Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 3 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$13,000: \$5,000 Munson Consol. Spec. Tax Sch. Dist. No. 10-B. Due Jan. 1 1945. 4,000 Chumuka Consol. Spec. Tax Sch. Dist. No. 8-B. Due Jan. 1 1945. 4,000 McLean Consol. Spec. Tax Sch. Dist. No. 11-B. Due Jan. 1 1935. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, Milton. A certified check for \$100, payable to the Board of Public Instruction, is required.

SCIENOR HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$1,600 6% school bonds on Jan. 29. Due serially.

SCIOTO TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Piketon, Route 1), Pike County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati have purchased the \$50,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 30—V. 120, p. 363—for \$51,150, equal to 102.30—a basis of about 4.79%. Date Jan. 15 1925. Due every six months as follows: \$1,000 on each March 15 and \$1,500 on each Sept. 15 from March 15 1926 to Sept. 15 1937, incl., and \$1,000, March 15 1938 to Sept. 15 1947, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Bid Amount, and Current Bid Amount. Well, Roth & Irving Co. \$850 00, Bohmer-Reinhart & Co. \$30 00, Stranahan-Harris & Otis \$10 00, Seasongood & Mayer \$708 00, The Herrick Co. \$676 00, The Davies-Bertram Co. \$75 00, Braun, Bosworth & Co. \$567 00, Otis & Co. \$450 00, W. L. Slayton & Co. \$345 00, David Robison & Co. \$93 10, Ryan, Sutherland & Co. \$65 00.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY (P. O. Sallisaw), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$36,000 6% funding bonds.

SHADYSIDE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati on Feb. 2 purchased \$3,180 6% coupon water works improvement bonds.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Clear Lake), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—O. W. Edwards District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 13 for \$20,000 funding bonds. Date Feb. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

SMITH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belmont R. F. D.), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati have purchased the \$15,500 5% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 120, p. 363—at a premium of \$122 45, equal to 100.78. Date July 15 1925. Due every six months from March 15 1926 to Sept. 15 1935, inclusive.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY (P. O. Everett), Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$1,050,000 bonds offered on Jan. 26—V. 120, p. 363—have not been sold.

SOUTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Kress, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. Feb. 17 for an issue of 5% coupon or registered general improvement bonds not to exceed \$59,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$59,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1924. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Dec. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1928 incl., and \$3,000, 1929 to 1945 incl. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York. Certified check for 2% of the par value of bonds bid for required.

SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, Nowata County, Okla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$4,000 6% electric light bonds purchased during November (V. 119, p. 2441) by the Condon National Bank of Coffeyville are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1929.

SPARTANBURG, Spartanburg County, So. Caro.—BOND RE-OFFERING.—FIRST SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—T. J. Boyd, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 11 for \$1,350,000 water bonds to bear interest not exceeding 5 1/2%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. 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. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. The sale of these bonds to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville (see V. 120, p. 238) was never consummated, due to the fact that the bonds were insufficiently advertised.

SPENCER, Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 28 (V. 120, p. 485) were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a premium of \$1,250, equal to 104.18, a basis of about 5.69%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1933, and \$2,000, 1934 to 1945 incl.

SPRINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Springdale), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 20 by John A. Hendrickson, Secretary Board of Directors, until 8 p. m. Feb. 20 for \$125,000 4 1/4% coupon tax-free school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1925. Interest A. & O. Due April 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1930 and 1935; \$25,000, 1940 and \$30,000, 1945 and 1950. Purchaser to pay for printing of bonds. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the School District, required.

SPRINGWELLS (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit have purchased \$165,000 4 1/2% coupon fire station bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 2 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A. 2) payable at the Wayne County & Home Savings Bank of Detroit. Due Feb. 2 1955. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of New York.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation, 1924 \$80,855,275 Total bonded debt, including this issue 4,917,000 Less sinking fund 415,729 Net bonded debt 4,501,271 Population (official estimate), 13,000.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$200,000 offered on Jan. 31—V. 120, p. 615—has been awarded to the Nat. Shawmut Corp. of Boston on a 3.04% discount basis. Date Jan. 31 1925. Due Oct. 6 1925.

STEELTON, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. R. Rupp, Borough Secretary, until 4 p. m. Feb. 24 for \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon municipal building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Borough Treasurer. Due \$2,000 April 1 1926 to 1950, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Treasurer, required.

STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Breckenridge), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$1,000,000 road bonds purchased by H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston (V. 120, p. 486) are described as follows: Date, Jan. 12 1925. Interest at the rate of 5 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1926 to 1950. Interest payable A. & O.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$1,000,000 5 1/2% special road bonds on Jan. 27. Due serially.

SWISSVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Swissvale), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George L. Pyle, Secretary Bd. of Education, until 8 p. m. Feb. 25, for \$75,000 4 1/2% tax-free coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1925. Int. semi-ann. Due \$3,000 Feb. 1 1927 to 1951 incl. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the Board of Directors required.

THORDENSKYOLD TOWNSHIP DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, Barnes County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Mar. 3 by O. W. Nelson, County Auditor, for \$7,500 drainage bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Date April 15 1925. Due April 15 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1940 incl. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

TOMBSTONE, Cochise County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Mayor O. Gibson will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 2 for \$25,000 6% electric light plant bonds. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due Feb. 1 1945.

TOOLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Toole), Utah.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 31—V. 120, p. 486—the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 school bonds. We stated in the above reference that \$75,000 school bonds were to be voted upon.

VANCOUVER, Clarke County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Mar. 2 by D. E. Crandall, City Clerk, for \$15,000 five apparatus bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5 1/2%. Date Mar. 16 1925. Due serially 1926 to 1940. Denom. \$100. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

WARRENTON, Clatsop County, Ore.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$13,242 50 improvement bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6% offered on Jan. 24 (V. 120, p. 486). Due in 10 years.

WARSAW, Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 6% coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 120, p. 616—have been awarded to Farson Son & Co. of New York at 100.074, a basis of about 5.99%. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due \$1,000 Apr. 1 1925 to 1945 incl.

WASHINGTON, Fayette County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. H. Hitchcock, City Auditor, until 12 m. Feb. 14 for the following issues of 5 1/2% street-improvement bonds: \$4,000 Hickory St. bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 Feb. 15 1926 to 1935, inclusive.

Table with 3 columns: Bond Description, Denom., and Due Date. 6,730 Third St. bonds. Denom. \$673. Due \$673 Feb. 15 1926 to 1935, inclusive. 1,200 Broadway St. bonds. Denom. \$120. Due \$120 Feb. 15 1926 to 1935, inclusive. 1,250 Market St. bonds. Denom. \$125. Due \$125 Feb. 15 1926 to 1935, inclusive.

Date Feb. 15 1925. Interest F. & A. Certified check for \$100, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Hatten-Nelson Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$24,483 91 improvement bonds at 104.50.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Grafton Co. of Boston has been awarded a temporary loan of \$250,000 on a 2.979% discount basis. Due Nov. 25 1925.

WEST VIEW, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 25, by A. E. Jones, President of the Council, for \$45,000 4 1/4% tax-free coupon Borough bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1933 and \$10,000 1941, 1947, 1952 and 1955. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the Borough Treasurer, required.

WEST VIRGINIA (State of),—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Feb. 10 by Governor E. F. Morgan at Charleston for \$5,000,000 4 1/4% road bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Coupon bonds convertible into fully registered bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$5,000. Due serially Jan. 1 1930 to Jan. 1 1950. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at office of the Treasurer of the State of West Virginia or at the National City Bank, New York City, at option of holder. These bonds are part of an issue of \$20,000,000. Bonds will be sold subject to approval of counsel of purchaser. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the order of the State of West Virginia, is required.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation \$2,122,927,997 Bonded indebtedness: (1) 1919 Virginia Debt bonds (original issue \$13,500,000) \$9,915,000 (2) 1921 State Road bonds 15,000,000 (3) 1923 State Road bonds 15,000,000 Total bonded indebtedness \$38,915,000 (4) 1925 Authorized issue of road bonds 20,000,000 Maximum total bonded indebtedness except by amendment to Constitution submitted to a vote of the people \$58,915,000

- (1) \$675,000 required to be retired annually. (2) One-twentieth required to be retired annually, beginning July 1 1927. (3) One-twentieth required to be retired annually beginning April 1 1929. (4) Only \$5,000,000 of 1925 authorized issue now offered for sale. The Constitution of West Virginia provides that the aggregate amount of bonds outstanding for roads shall at no time exceed \$50,000,000.

The Constitution of West Virginia does not authorize the issuing of bonds for any other purpose.

Population (1920 Census), 1,463,701.
WEWOKA, Seminole County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 27—V. 120, p. 486—the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 water bonds and \$50,000 sewer bonds.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3:30 p. m. Feb. 9 by E. S. Worrell, City Clerk, for approximately \$458,000 4½% internal improvement bonds. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due serially in 1 to 10 years. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Tex.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$394,000 refunding bonds offered on Feb. 2 (V. 120, p. 617) were rejected.

WILBUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Williston, Box 310); McKenzie County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Until 12 m. Feb. 22 sealed bids will be received by Paul Paulson, District Clerk, for a \$1,000 7% certificate of indebtedness. Due in 12 months.

WILKES-BARRE, Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Feb. 6 sealed bids will be received by Joseph G. Schuler, Supt. of Accounts and Finance, for \$81,000 5% street paving bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1925. Interest J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1930.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Quitman), Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 court house warrants was purchased by H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston at 99.50.

WORTHINGTON, Greene County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,980 5% coupon lighting system bonds offered on Feb. 2 (V. 120, p. 364) have been sold to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$68 75, equal to 101.40, a basis of about 4.58%. Date Feb. 2 1925. Due \$830 yearly on July 1 1926 to 1931 incl.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, New Hanover County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$60,000 5% water works and jetty bonds have been disposed of. Date Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 yearly 1926 to 1945 incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in New York.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—REPORT OF BOND SALE ERRONEOUS.—In V. 119, p. 115, we reported the sale of \$35,000 7% road bonds to John E. Price & Co. of Seattle. This was erroneous, as Roy E. Crooks, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, informs us that no such bonds were sold.

YOAKUM, Lavaca County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 school auditorium bonds favorably voted upon on Jan. 10 (V. 120, p. 617) have been taken over by the Sinking Fund at par.

ZAP, Mercer County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 9 by A. T. Zimmerman, Village Clerk, at the office of the County Auditor at Stanton, for \$5,200 7% bonds. Date Feb. 2 1925. Coupon bonds. Interest payable annually on Feb. 2, 1935. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Guaranty Company of New York, A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co., all of New York, has purchased \$4,000,000 4½% gold coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) bonds. The purchase price was 99.28 (Canadian funds) for three-year bonds on a basis of about 4.74%. Alternative bids were also called for on a 25-year issue. Bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 each. To be dated Feb. 2 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A. 2) payable in U. S. gold in N. Y. City; also payable at option of holder in Canada in Canadian funds. To mature Feb. 2 1928. Legality to be passed on by E. G. Long, K.C., of Toronto.

BRACEBRIDGE, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received up to Feb. 10 at 12 m. for \$85,000 5½% 30-year installment bonds for high school purposes. Alex. C. Salmon, Treasurer.

HOLTON COUNTY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—R. A. Daly & Co., it is stated, were the successful bidders for an issue of \$69,000 5% 20-installment bonds. At the purchase price of 99.59, the money is costing 5.05%. Bids were as follows:

R. A. Daly & Co.....	99.59	C. H. Burgess & Co.....	98.68
Cochran, Hay & Co.....	99.33	Macneil, Graham & Co.....	98.67
Mathews & Co.....	99.33	Bell, Gouinlock & Co.....	98.60
Dyment, Anderson & Co.....	99.25	McCoo, Padmore & Co.....	98.54
A. E. Ames & Co.....	99.19	Worthington, Savage & Co.....	98.53
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.....	99.17	Mackay-Mackay.....	98.50
Wood, Gundy & Co.....	99.13	H. R. Bain & Co.....	98.45
Gairdner, Clarke & Co.....	99.073	Hanson Bros.....	98.37
Harris, MacKeen & Co.....	99.06	Toronto Bond Exchange, Ltd.....	98.19
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.....	99.037	W. A. Mackenzie & Co.....	99.18
R. M. Bird & Co.....	99.033	Dominion Securities Corp.....	98.01
G. A. Stinson & Co.....	98.762	Goss, Forgie & Co.....	97.91
McDonagh, Somers & Co.....	98.762	Stewart, Scully & Co.....	97.63
Municipal Bankers Corp.....	98.755		

BURNABY DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that an issue of \$74,000 6% 15-year bonds has been sold to Royal Financial Corp. at 102.17, the money costing 5.78%. Bids were as follows: Royal Financial Corporation...102.17 | C. H. Burgess & Co.....101.62

ERIEAU, Ont.—BOND SALE.—During the month of January Macneil, Graham & Co. of Toronto purchased \$7,000 6% hydro-electric bonds. Due 1944.

LEVIS, Que.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that Bray, Caron & Dube, Ltd., were the successful bidders for an issue of \$46,200 5½% 15-year bonds, paying 100.89, which is equal to a cost of 5.41%. Alternative bids were asked for 5 or 5½% bonds. Bids were as follows:

Bray, Caron & Dube, Ltd.....	5%	5½%
L. G. Beaubien & Co.....	97.38	100.89
Credit Anglo Français, Ltd.....	97.81	100.23
Versailles, Vidricaire & Boulais, Ltd.....	97.01	100.22
Dominion Securities Corporation.....	96.756	
Credit Municipal, Ltd.....	97.72	100.44
Credit Canadien, Ltd.....	96.82	99.21
Municipal Debentures Corporation.....	97.28	
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.....		101.09

NORTH BAY, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids for the purchase of \$435,000 5½% local improvement bonds of the Town of North Bay are invited and will be received up to 12 m. Feb. 14. These debentures are issued to pay the cost of permanent street paving and are repayable in 20 equal annual installments at the Royal Bank, North Bay, Ont., and both purchase and repayments are to be in North Bay funds. Bidders are requested to mention the name of his or their legal advisers. Wm. N. Snyder, Town Clerk.

POINTE AUX TREMBLES, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received up to 5 p. m. Feb. 9 for the purchase of \$40,000 5½% 30-year school bonds, dated May 1 1924, with interest payable at Montreal. F. McLearn, Secretary-Treasurer, 5047 Notre Dame St., Montreal East.

VRIDEN, Man.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$15,000 6% 20-year school bonds, we are informed, has been sold locally.

WESTVILLE, N. S.—BOND SALE.—Unofficial reports say that an issue of \$45,000 5½% 20-year school bonds was sold locally.

WESTMINSTER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lambeth), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of E. S. Hunt, Township Clerk, up to 10 a. m. Feb. 10 for the purchase of \$18,000 Township of Westminster 10-year installment bonds with 5½% coupons of interest attached, payable semi-annually on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1. Principal and interest payable at the Market Branch, Bank of Montreal, London, Ont. These bonds are being issued under authority of By-law No. 845 of the Township of Westminster, dated July 18 1924, copy of which will be furnished on application. The Township will be at no expense for legal opinion or otherwise. The assessment of the township is \$5,288,190; the bonded debt is \$75,762, no part of the principal or interest of which is in arrears.

WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$304,830 5% 10-year bonds was awarded to Cochran, Hay & Co., and Aird, MacLeod & Co. at 98.66, which is equal to a cost basis of 5.68%. Bids were as follows:

Cochran, Hay & Co.....	98.66	Wood, Gundy & Co.....	98.19
Aird, MacLeod & Co.....	98.66	Fry, Mills & Spence.....	97.887
Dyment, Anderson & Co.....	98.438	C. H. Burgess & Co.....	97.77
Mathews & Co.....	98.41	George Carruthers & Son.....	97.68
W. A. Mackenzie & Co.....	98.32	Bell, Gouinlock & Co.....	97.65
A. E. Ames & Co.....	98.25	Dominion Securities Corp.....	96.766

Assessment liable for all taxes, 1923.....	\$52,863,850 00
Exempted property:	
Real property liable for school rates only.....	\$1,350,150 00
Business assess't liable for school rates only.....	437,125 00
	1,787,275 00
Real property liable for local improvements only.....	10,489,150 00

Total for all assessments.....\$75,140,275 00
 Bonded debt for all purposes.....\$10,380,732 88
 Total sinking fund.....98,735 69
 Value of municipal assets.....11,183,640 59

Population, 52,638; population 5 years ago, 29,344. Area of municipality, 3,130.52 acres. Rate of taxation, 1923: General, 19.007 mills; schools, 16.993 mills; total, 36.000 mills. Gross receipts from water works, 1923, \$188,946 77. Gross receipts from hydro-electric system, \$928,178 55.

WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that an issue of \$304,810 5% 10-year bonds has been awarded to Cochran, Hay & Co. and Aird, MacLeod & Co. on a bid of 98.66. Following are the bids received: Cochran, Hay & Co. and Aird, MacLeod & Co.....98.66 | Wood, Gundy & Co.....98.19 | Aird, MacLeod & Co.....98.66 | Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.....97.887 | Dyment, Anderson & Co.....98.438 | C. H. Burgess & Co.....97.77 | Mathews & Co.....98.41 | George Carruthers & Son.....97.68 | W. A. Mackenzie & Co.....98.32 | Bell, Gouinlock & Co.....97.65 | A. E. Ames & Co.....98.25 | Dominion Securities Corp.....96.766

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HIGHWAY BONDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York, at the office of the said Town Board in the Village of Southampton, New York, at 12:00 o'clock noon on the 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1925, for the purchase of any or all of an issue of bonds of said Town of Southampton, in the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000), issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 138A and 177 of the Highway Law of the State of New York, for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of the Quogue-Riverhead County Highway No. 694 in the County of Suffolk and State of New York, at an additional width; the said bonds will be dated February 15th, 1925, and shall bear interest at the rate of five per centum (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of February and August in each year until retired.

The said issue shall consist of thirty (30) bonds for ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) each, which will mature in numerical order, bonds 1 to 5 inclusive on the 15th day of February in the year 1926 and five (5) bonds on the 15th day of February in each year thereafter to and including the year 1931.

Said bonds and interest will be payable at the First National Bank of Southampton, New York. All bids must be in writing, sealed and the number of bonds bidder will purchase stated and must be accompanied by a certified check for 10% of the amount of the total amount of the bid. No bonds will be sold for less than par. Interest will be charged purchaser from February 15, 1925, to date of delivery.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder at the time and place above stated.

Dated January 28th, 1925.
 BENJAMIN G. HALSEY,
 Supervisor of the Town of
 Southampton, New York.

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