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The Financial Situation.

The week has given ample evidence of abundance of funds and a rising tide of confidence. A number of large bond issues have been eagerly absorbed, although offered at new high levels. These offerings have included several notable foreign issues, which have been taken as quickly as domestic offerings. Notwithstanding these large offerings, prices of old security issues have advanced to new high ground. The stock market, too, has been active, with further sensational gains in some issues and indexes of average prices rising sharply. The turnover has been in large volume. Much of this is no doubt healthy, reflecting the convalescing of Europe, the excellent political situation at home and the very satisfactory conditions of many industries, with improvement in some others.

There are, however, indications of some unwholesome conditions. For example, the New York Stock Exchange has found it necessary to investigate conditions surrounding the soaring price of Maxwell Motor stocks. Present conditions lend themselves to excesses and to unthinking speculation. There is, no doubt, now much unsound reasoning in respect to values, much spreading of tips, much buying without knowledge of values, and much pyramiding of profits on narrow margins, which are sure to prove inadequate as soon as prices drop a little. This is not to say that conditions in some instances do not warrant high prices, nor that many sensational advances have not been justified, but simply to affirm that conditions such as exist are always productive of many excesses, which are bound to result in personal losses and a correcting general reaction.

It has been a subject of general comment during the week that railroad stocks have been lagging be-

hind "industrials." This, of course, has been characteristic for several years, but there have been many evidences of late that railroad shares are recovering the investment standing they once enjoyed. Since the stock market slump in March, their recovery has been far less than that of other securities. Two events of the week have revived interest in railroad shares; one, rapid progress in the hearing now going on before the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the Nickel Plate merger, and the other the announcement of the reorganization plan of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul. Speed in consideration of the Nickel Plate consolidation is most heartening, because it indicates that the Commerce Commission is giving alert co-operation in a national program that is an essential part of the reconstruction of the primary industry of rail transportation. The bold measures of the Van Sweringen plan, in grouping roads, forming new traffic routes, and moulding existing lines to modern needs, are characteristic of what is needed throughout the country. It is to be hoped that other consolidations will follow with similar undertakings. The measures of rehabilitation and realignment that have been worked out in the Boston & Maine reorganization and the Van Sweringen merger point the way to national economies in transportation and the restoration of value in great quantities of railroad securities.

It is not yet clear how far the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul reorganization will be adequate. It provides a financial readjustment designed to produce solvency, and to give reasonable satisfaction to bondholders, but there is question if it goes to the bottom of the railroad difficulties of the Northwest. That is it remains to be seen if it is a real railroad reorganization or merely a readjustment of the financial structure.

An engineering report by Messrs. Coverdale & Colpitts avers that provision for maintenance and depreciation has been inadequate, that the property is in a somewhat run-down condition, and that heavy expenditures for a series of years will be necessary. There is as yet no serious analysis of the fundamentals of railroading, such as has been furnished the Boston & Maine. It is to be hoped that St. Paul security holders, who are asked in this plan to take very serious cuts, will be given the benefit of further engineering studies and of the most constructive railroad thought available. Railroad troubles go deeper than financial structure. The St. Paul breakdown has not been primarily because of mistakes in financing, but because of unproductiveness of property and methods. If to correct this it is necessary to scrap part of the property and double the cost of the rest,

this should be done, no matter what the sacrifice. The basic need is physical and business reconstruction. The low prices of St. Paul securities reflect the failure of the enterprise. The plan, just announced, proposes adjustment of financial structure to the smaller base, but it should not stop there. The territory and its transportation needs remain. If these are adequately met there should be a restoration of value such as occurred in Union Pacific and Atchison and such as appears to be occurring in the recently reorganized St. Louis-San Francisco and Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Missouri Pacific.

The St. Paul plan leaves undisturbed \$181,370,400 bonds in what might be called the first mortgage group, comprising the general mortgage bonds, equipment trusts and guaranteed issues. Bonds of the second mortgage group and the Puget Sound Extension bonds, aggregating \$230,950,796, are to be refunded into a like amount of 5% adjustment mortgage bonds maturing in 2000, with interest cumulative from Jan. 1 1930, to be paid if earned after providing for certain capital requirements. Of the bonds held by the Government, \$35,000,000 are to be paid in cash in full and \$20,000,000 paid, \$17,000,000 in cash and \$3,000,000 preferred stock, or exchanged for \$32,000,000 of the 5% adjustment bonds. This accounts for all of the funded debt. The stock is assessed \$28 per share for the preferred and \$32 for the common, for which will be given \$24 and \$28, respectively, of new 50-year 5% mortgage bonds. This will provide \$70,032,548 in new cash against which only \$60,698,820 bonds will be issued. In addition, new preferred and common will be issued share for share against the old preferred and common. The cash will be used to pay the Government, for reorganization expenses and to increase working capital. The \$9,333,728 cash to be provided by the stockholders and against which no bonds will be issued will cover miscellaneous requirements, including reorganization expenses, thus making it possible that no securities shall be issued except in exchange for old securities or new cash retained by the road.

Through these changes fixed interest charges will be decreased by about \$10,333,000 and a contingent interest charge of \$11,547,540 on the \$230,950,796 new 5% adjustment income bonds set up; and bonds aggregating more than \$185,000,000 maturing during the next ten years will be refunded. Provision also is made for future financing through creation of a new first and refunding mortgage junior to the general mortgage, which is left undisturbed, but senior to the new mortgage bonds to be issued for cash and the new adjustment bonds. No bonds under this mortgage are to be issued at present. The situation is further helped by release of \$18,000,000 general mortgage bonds now pledged under bonds held by the Government.

It is interesting to compare the results of the past two years with existing fixed charges and income restated by Coverdale & Colpitts after proper provision for maintenance and depreciation, with estimates by these same engineers as to probable future results. The comparison follows:

Calendar Year—	Net Income.	Fixed Charges.	Contingent Interest Charges.	Deficit or Surplus.
1923	\$18,816,000	\$20,950,000	None	—\$2,134,000
1924	17,529,000	21,751,000	None	—4,252,000
1925	17,650,000	12,200,000	*\$11,547,540	—6,097,540
1930	30,150,000	14,415,000	11,547,540	+4,187,460
1934	39,100,000	15,792,000	11,547,540	+11,760,460

* Assuming the new status for 1925.

This indicates a hopeful outlook, with probability of interest on the income bonds in the near future and rapidly developing earning power for the stock issues. The new preferred stock, of which \$115,931,900 will be outstanding, the same amount as at present, will be entitled to 5% dividends on a preferred basis and to participate equally with the common above 5%. The dividend is not to be cumulative, whether earned or not. According to the estimates, the preferred dividend is likely to be largely or wholly earned by 1930 or soon thereafter.

The engineers cite as causes for the St. Paul breakdown depressed conditions in the Northwest, competition in through freight by the Panama Canal, competition in passenger travel by automobile, and increases in wages and taxes in greater proportion than in rates. They state that electrification of certain mileage over the Continental Divide has been justified by results and recommend further electrification. They advise expenditures for construction and improvements over the next ten years averaging \$17,580,000. Earning estimates were based on assumption of these expenditures being made.

It is of interest to observe the initial transactions in the proposed new securities on the New York Curb on a "when and if issued" basis. They were: 50-year mortgage 5s, 1975, 81¼, which yesterday sold up to 83; adjustment income 5s, 2000, 53½, and yesterday 54½; preferred stock, 28; common quoted 18 to 19.

Cotton has certainly made a good start. It will naturally have its ups and downs as the year progresses, and unfortunately these continue practically to the close of the cotton growing season. No important crop raised in the United States is subjected to such sudden and violent changes, and it is certain that no other crop more directly involves the prosperity of the country. In the first cotton crop report, issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington for the current year, on Tuesday of this week, a condition of 76.6% of normal is indicated. This relates to the position of the growing crop on May 25 last. A year ago the May 25 condition was 65.6% of normal. It ranged between 62.4% of normal to 71% of normal on May 25 during the preceding five years, or from 1920 to 1924, inclusive. For ten years prior to the current year, the May 25 condition was above the condition on May 25 this year, 76.6%, only three times, that is in 1915, when it was 80%; 1916, when it was 77.5%, and 1918, when it was 82.3%.

As to the situation in the different States for this year, attention naturally is first directed to Texas, where more than 30% of the crop is raised. On May 25 this year the condition of the cotton crop in that State was 70% of normal, against 66% a year ago and 77%, 61% and 70%, respectively, for the three preceding years, 1923, 1922 and 1921. There is an absence of sub-soil moisture in important parts of Texas this year, which may mean a great deal to the crop later in the season. In Oklahoma and Arkansas, two important States, the condition on May 25 last was high, 86% and 85%, respectively. Last year the May 25 condition in these two States was 58%, and for the three preceding years 1923, 1922 and 1921, on May 25, was 10 or 15 points lower than this year. Five other Southern States show a condition on May 25 this year of 80%, or higher; they are Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Florida. For Georgia the condition on May 25 was 78%, against 68% a year ago; North Carolina 74% and

71%; South Carolina, 71% and 68%; Alabama, 80% and 70%; Mississippi, 84% and 69%; Louisiana, 84% and 70%, and Tennessee, 82% and 54%. Missouri shows a condition this year of 77%, against 52% a year ago and Virginia 72%, against 62% last year.

It is naturally too early to lay any great store by these figures, but so far as they go they are most encouraging. It will be two or three weeks yet before definite knowledge is had regarding this year's acreage, but all preliminary reports tell of an increase over last year. Tuesday's Government report gives the revised estimates of the area in cultivation a year ago as 42,641,000 acres, which was much the largest on record. The area picked last year was 41,360,000 acres, which was also in excess of any preceding year, and the yield per acre 157.4 pounds, which was the highest of any year since 1920.

Business insolvencies in the United States during May were fewer in number than for any month since November and show a decline in number in comparison with May 1924. There are only two other months in the past year and one-half, November and January 1924, in which there was a decrease, in comparison with the corresponding month of the previous year. Commercial defaults last month numbered 1,767 and the indebtedness was \$37,026,622, these figures contrasting with 1,939 similar defaults in April for which the liabilities were \$37,188,622, and 1,816 failures in May 1924, involving \$36,590,905. In the early months of this year, from January to April, inclusive, business defaults were unusually numerous, the month of April, in some respects making rather the poorest showing. Only in the two preceding years, 1922 and 1915, when special conditions caused considerable losses, did the number of business failures exceed those of the early months of 1925. The drop of nearly 10% in the number from April to May, is perhaps significant of better conditions to come. As to the liabilities, while the amount is considerable, it is less than in other similar preceding periods, which is in the main due to the fact that there were fewer large defaults this year to date than for the corresponding periods of last year, 1922 and 1921.

Our comments on insolvencies are based on the tabulations prepared from the records of R. G. Dun & Co. These show that in May there were 400 failures of manufacturing concerns, with liabilities of \$18,183,856; 1,286 defaults of trading concerns, involving \$15,819,957 of indebtedness, and 81 failures of agents and brokers for \$3,022,739. During May 1924 there were 507 failures of manufacturing firms, owing \$17,756,977; 1,215 trading defaults for \$15,346,023, and 94 of agents and brokers, with a total indebtedness of \$3,487,905. As compared with a year ago, there was a marked decrease, it will be seen, this year in the number of manufacturing failures, while trading defaults were slightly more numerous this year. This feature has characterized the monthly failure reports for some time past. In addition to the above, there were 39 bank failures in May this year, most of which occurred in the South and West. As to the manufacturing defaults that occurred last month compared with a year ago, the decrease was largely in the lines embracing machinery and tools, lumber, clothing, hats and shoes and leather goods. There was also a considerable reduction shown this year in the liabilities reported for

lines embracing machinery and tools, lumber and clothing, while in the line embracing tobacco, a large failure added to indebtedness for that class, and the same is true as to cement. Among trading concerns, the increase in number is mainly among grocers and allied lines, hotels and restaurants, clothing, furniture and hardware. There was some decrease last month, compared with a year ago in dry goods defaults. The liabilities reported in May for general stores and grocers were smaller than in May last year, while quite an increase appears this year in the indebtedness for dealers in clothing, dry goods, shoes and furniture over a year ago.

There were 56 of the larger failures, those having in each instance \$100,000 of indebtedness or more, reported during last month, with \$18,098,769 of liabilities, the latter amount being practically 49% of the total defaulted indebtedness reported for that month. The remaining 51% of liabilities reported for that month amounts to \$11,162 for each of the other 1,711 mercantile defaults that occurred in May; the corresponding figures for May 1924 were \$12,153, and were in excess of that amount for May of each of the three preceding years, 1923, 1922 and 1921. Of the larger defaults reported for last month, there were 30 manufacturing failures with total liabilities amounting to \$12,650,367; 18 of the larger trading concerns reporting a total indebtedness of \$3,380,602 and 8 of the larger defaults of agents and brokers involving a total of \$2,067,803. These figures, as to the large defaults, do not differ materially from those reported in May 1924, the total number a year ago having been 59, with \$15,237,425 of liabilities.

Discussion of the payment of European war debts to the United States has continued. President Coolidge and his associates in the Administration were said to have been especially pleased with the action of the Belgian Government in deciding to send a commission to the United States, of which former Premier Theunis would be the head, to consider plans "for the definite settlement of the Belgian obligations to America." The Washington correspondent of the New York "Times," in reporting the official announcement, which was made at the national capital on May 29, said that "the Belgian Government, which had been indicated as reluctant to enter into arrangements for the payments of its war-time and post-war indebtedness to the United States until France had completed an agreement to refund similar obligations to this country, has come forward with a definite expression of willingness to make a debt funding settlement. Notice to that effect was given to-day to Secretary Mellon, Chairman of the United States World War Debt Commission, by Baron de Cartier, the Belgian Ambassador." He also observed that "this course of the Belgian Government, extremely pleasing to the Coolidge Administration, was announced this evening by Mr. Mellon." Continuing, he said that "the fact that Foreign Minister Theunis will head the Belgian Debt Commission is taken as evidence that a debt funding arrangement will be arranged with the least possible delay. He will have direct authority to speak for his Government. This new move of Belgium is supposed to be the immediate outcome of a diplomatic note presented to the Brussels Foreign Office in April by William Phillips, the American Ambassador. Since the Foreign Office received this commu-

nication there have been several conversations concerning its contents between Mr. Phillips and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and some discussion of it has taken place in Washington. Nothing has appeared to show that this note contained anything in the nature of a demand."

It is evident that France realizes the importance of doing something of a definite character about settling her war debt to the United States. It will be recalled that Finance Minister Caillaux and Foreign Minister Briand have the matter directly in hand. On May 30 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "it is possible that by the end of next week the French Government will send a communication to the American Government on the subject of France's debt. All members of the Government have been very fully occupied this week with the reopening of Parliament and the debate on Morocco, and, in addition, Finance Minister Caillaux has been busy pushing the 1925 budget through the Senate." He added that "at the Quai d'Orsay it is said MM. Briand and Caillaux hope to confer within the next few days with the object of paving the way for quick opening of negotiations." Continuing, he said: "It is understood the initial suggestion of the French Government to Washington will be that the total of the French debt to America be fixed. It is the French contention that while the amount is approximately known it never has been definitely fixed and that, they think, is the starting point. This point settled, the French intend to ask American suggestions as to the most efficacious way to conduct negotiations. While, on the face of it, Americans might reply that the French should approach the Debt Funding Commission, nevertheless Paris still cherishes the hope Washington will send a delegation to Paris to discuss the settlement. While the French recognize America's unwillingness to accept a part of German reparations for settlement, yet unquestionably they will seek to effect an arrangement by which it will be admitted that German payments affect France's ability to make payments to America. It is understood M. Caillaux sticks to his original estimate that if Germany fulfills the Dawes plan, France can devote 2,000,000,000 francs yearly to liquidation of foreign debts. Inasmuch as Paris hopes to obtain a large reduction from London, it is doubtless Caillaux's idea that the larger part of this amount, equivalent at current exchange to slightly more than \$100,000,000, will be paid to America."

While the suggestion has been made that the war debt conference be held in Paris or London, evidently Washington is determined it shall be held there. In a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" on June 1 it was stated that "direct negotiations for the funding of the war-time debts of foreign nations to the United States will be held in Washington and under no circumstances will members of the American Debt Commission consider going abroad to attend joint meetings with representatives of the debtor nations." The correspondent added that "such is the position taken definitely by Secretaries Kellogg and Mellon, who, along with Secretary Hoover, act as members of the American Debt Commission. It was pointed out to-day that if there were no other reason it certainly would be impracticable for three Cabinet officers to go abroad. But

in addition to this phase of the situation, the policy of the Administration and of the Commission has been that each of the war debts shall be taken up separately and without regard to the debts which the foreign nations owe among themselves." Continuing, he said that "there is reason to believe that the prospects for definite agreements with France, Italy and Belgium are brighter than at any time since the armistice, and in view of this situation the Administration is anxious that no talk to the effect that the American Commission might be willing to alter its policy, and join in a more or less general conference abroad should go undenied."

That the negotiations will not begin in the immediate future was indicated in a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" three days later. According to its author, "all the foreign Governments to which the United States extended credits during the war and since the armistice are now expected to send commissions here in the fall to fund their debts." He added that "the Administration feels satisfied this is their intention, although no definite dates had been set for the arrival of the delegations. The expectation is that Italy will be the first to send a commission, as her plans are said to be further advanced than those of the other debtor States. It is understood some assurances of Italy's intentions accompanied the negotiations of the credit of \$50,000,000, just obtained from J. P. Morgan & Co. As there is, however, always a certain rivalry between Italy and France, it may turn out that France will anticipate Italy's move and open the question of debt funding first."

Satisfactory reports have been made as to Germany's fulfillment of her reparations obligations, but the Conference of Ambassadors has ruled that she has not carried out all of the military clauses of the Treaty of Versailles. On May 29 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "the Reparations Commission, asked by the Conference of Ambassadors to state whether Germany was fulfilling her reparations obligations under the Dawes plan, voted unanimously to-day to reply in the affirmative." He explained that "German defaults on the Treaty of Versailles are now confined to military issues. The Reich will be told that when she had made good on the listed number of defaults Cologne will be evacuated. It is expected the communication will be delivered to the Berlin Government on Tuesday morning jointly by all the Allied Ambassadors there." Continuing, he said: "It is stated that the points with respect to which Germany must take action in order to obtain control of Cologne are: First, re-establishment of the great general staff, forbidden by the treaty; second, excess of trained troops above the 100,000 permitted by the treaty; third, excess of war material above the amount allowed; fourth, incomplete transformation of munitions factories and machinery; fifth, militarization of the State police. Accompanying the list of defaults will be measures the Allies ask Germany to take to rectify the situation. It was stated at the Quai d'Orsay this evening that Paris and London were in complete accord on the note. Special importance attaches to Germany's obtaining evacuation of Cologne, for it involves completion of the Ruhr evacuation, it being apparent that the French and Belgians cannot remain in the Ruhr after Cologne is evacuated."

The very next day (May 30) word came from Paris that "an Allied accord on the disarmament of Germany was registered to-day when the Conference of Ambassadors adopted a common Allied note, which left for Berlin by courier to-night and will be delivered at the Wilhelmstrasse on Tuesday." According to the New York "Times" representative in the French capital, "the note asserts that Germany has been found in default in a certain number of the military clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, and for that reason the Cologne area was not evacuated last January. There is attached a list of defaults, with Allied recommendations for the measures to be taken, and Berlin is informed that when the Allies are satisfied these measures have been taken the Cologne area will be evacuated. The note mentions that the Allies consider that, up to date, Germany has fulfilled her reparations obligations under the Dawes plan." He suggested that "this belated action on disarmament smooths the way for security negotiations, at least in the eyes of the Allies. There is the highest authority for saying, reports to the contrary notwithstanding, that the English and French are very near an accord on their attitude toward the Allied-German security pact proposed by Berlin in February. The Allies favor concluding an arrangement."

These assertions were substantiated in part by statements in special Paris and London cable messages to the New York "Herald Tribune." For instance, it was asserted in a dispatch from the former centre under date of May 29 that "Great Britain's reply to France's draft of the note to Germany regarding the proposed security compact was received at the Foreign Office to-night and official spokesmen said its tone was more than satisfactory, as the differences in the points of view of the two countries were only on matters of secondary importance." The correspondent said, on the other hand, that "French opinion generally, however, does not view the situation with equanimity. In view of reports from England concerning her stand, it is felt here that Great Britain regards the proposed compact as a means of protecting the rest of Europe against France as much as of protecting France against Germany." According to London advices, also dated May 29, "British official circles were highly optimistic to-day over the prospects of an agreement with France on the tri-partite security compact proposed by Germany several months ago." It was added that "other well-informed persons held such optimism to be premature, however, and felt that the so-called minor details remaining to be settled might turn out to be serious obstacles. Accounts of yesterday's Cabinet meeting—which, of course, supposedly was secret—were widely divergent in this morning's newspapers. It is generally understood, however, that the memorandum sent to Paris in connection with the French draft of the proposed answer to Berlin concerned itself mainly with technical points, but contained two important affirmations of British policy." It is easy to see that opinion with respect to these various important questions was considerably divided in both Paris and London.

In a Paris Associated Press dispatch on June 1 the following outline was given of the steps being taken, and about to be taken, relative to a security agreement: "A special courier from Paris is bound

for Berlin carrying France's reply to Germany's proposal for a Western Europe security pact. The note will be presented to Foreign Minister Stresemann by a group of Ambassadors of the Allies to-morrow. Twelve hours later the text of a covering letter accompanying the reply will be published in Paris and London. Twenty-four hours later an annex giving a list of German violations of the disarmament clauses of the Versailles Treaty will be made public. A day or two later the complete report on which this annex is based will be given out."

Premier Painleve made a speech in Strasbourg on June 1 that was regarded as specially significant by those who best understood the situation. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "Premier Painleve at Strasbourg to-day, on the eve of the negotiation of the Rhineland peace compact, held out the olive branch to Germany in eloquent words, charged with great meanings. To Alsace and Lorraine he gave assurance that 'no measure will be taken without full consultation with your representatives,' thus dispelling the uneasiness which has developed in the two recovered provinces during recent differences caused by the proposal to suppress the representation of France at the Vatican. Soon, he said, a consultative committee, in which all opinions will be represented, will be constituted in Alsace, which will aid in the absorption of the two provinces into the mother country in such a way as to safeguard all local rights. Such assurance of internal liberty and control of their own destiny within the corporate body of France is all the Alsations wish." The correspondent reported that "the Premier's promise, made at a banquet to President Doumergue, was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm. M. Painleve then turned to the position of Alsace as the frontier province for whose defense, if ever menaced, 'France would engage her whole existence.'" Going into greater detail as to the apparent significance of the speech, the "Times" representative said: "The Premier's speech couched though it is, in general terms, is regarded here as a bid for reconciliation with Germany. It marks very definitely the end of the policy of distrust and everlasting suspicion of which Poincare has been the most conspicuous apostle. As in the Senate last week, when Briand retorted to Poincare that he was not 'among those who believed it was always right to say no,' Premier Painleve underlined the contrast of his policy with that of his predecessors in the phrase about blind mistrust being as dangerous as blind confidence. He does not dismiss the German menace. President Doumergue yesterday at Strasbourg stressed the point that France could never feel absolutely secure so long as ideas of revenge were encouraged among the people who launched the last war and so long as treaties which have been signed are not loyally fulfilled. But to-day's speech, on the eve of negotiations with Germany for a Rhineland compact, coming from such an eminent pacifist as Premier Painleve, and in full accord with Foreign Minister Briand, is considered here as intended to clear the atmosphere for those negotiations and to create if possible in Germany a spirit of loyal co-operation in the establishment of peace."

Cabling on June 1, the Berlin representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" said that "Germany is ready to accept some of the demands contained in the

Allied disarmament note which will be delivered here to-morrow or Wednesday, but she will try to argue against some of the others." He added that, "according to information obtained at the Wilhelmstrasse, Germany is quite ready to comply with the Allied demands concerning the dissolution of the present general staff and the abolition of the system of temporary enlistments in the army, but she will balk at the demand for the demilitarization of the police and the destruction of certain industrial machinery which the Allied authorities believe can easily be converted for war purposes. The reorganization of the police along the lines desired by the Entente and its housing outside the military armories would seriously cripple the organization and place the nation in grave danger in the event of internal disturbances, Germany will contend, while the demand for the destruction of certain machinery, such as is still in use in the Krupp plant, will be opposed as an unjustified effort to cripple Germany industrially." He further observed that "the arrival of the Allied note is expected to unleash severe partisan strife between the extreme and moderate factions of the Nationalist Party."

It became known here through cable messages from Berlin dated June 4 that "the collective note embodying the demands of the Allies for German disarmament was presented here to-day by the Ambassadors of former enemy Powers. Lord d'Abernon, British Ambassador, in handing the note to Chancellor Luther, emphasized that it contained 'the prerequisites for evacuations of the Cologne zone' by the Allied troops." It was added that "Luther replied that Germany had stated her position on disarmament clearly in previous communications, but that the latest Allied note would be examined immediately. The text of the note will be made public here and in the Allied capitals Saturday" (to-day). The New York "Times" correspondent in the German capital said in a dispatch the same evening that "the Cabinet will meet to-morrow noon under the leadership of President von Hindenburg to discuss the probabilities for evacuation of the Ruhr and Cologne zone following the presentation to-day of the Allied note on German disarmament. President von Hindenburg's presence at the Cabinet meeting is considered of important political significance; it will be the first time the new President meets with the Government. Unless the Allied note stipulates a time for an answer the Government expects to take sufficient time to allow full discussion."

London appears to be confident that an agreement will be reached. The New York "Times" representative at that centre cabled Thursday night that "there is every expectation in London that the conversations which Foreign Ministers Chamberlain and Briand will have next week at Geneva, where they go as delegates to the League Council meeting, will bring complete Allied agreements on the security issue and thus lead to early negotiations with the Reich on the subject of the proposed Allied German peace compact."

Contrary to earlier predictions, the text of the Allied note to Germany was made public last night, instead of to-day. According to an Associated Press dispatch from London, "Germany has failed in thirteen conditions to comply with the disarmament requirements of the Versailles Treaty, declares the Allied note to Germany." The note was further outlined in part as follows: "In

order to obtain the evacuation of the Cologne area, Germany must, among other things, suppress the present general staff and reduce the number of German police from 180,000 to 150,000. The strength of the German army must be reduced to 100,000 fighting men. [This is the number allowed by the peace treaty.] The military character presented to-day by the German security police must entirely disappear. The note demands alteration of certain factories in order to make impossible the manufacture of war materials. All existing munitions in excess of amounts to be stated by the Allied Control Mission must be surrendered, including spare parts for small arms, bomb throwers, machine guns. Blank cartridges also must be surrendered. Legislation must be enacted to do away with short-term enlistments in the Reichswehr, the training of reserve cadets, military activities of associations and the import and the export of war material. Germany also has defaulted in the possession of and traffic in, and in the illicit manufacture of war material; she has engaged in wrongful activities in the forbidden zone and has failed to comply with war requisitions. The note said the Allied Governments 'consider it of capital importance to place in the foreground of their argument and general observation that the defaults noted, unless promptly rectified, would, in the aggregate, enable the German Government eventually to reconstitute an army modeled on the principles of a nation in arms.' The note declared 'this would be directly contrary to the treaty of peace, under which the German army was to be used exclusively for the maintenance of internal order and for control of the German frontiers. It is this circumstance which, while it demonstrates the importance of each individual default, renders the totality of these defaults so serious a menace to peace,' the note declared. The note concludes: 'The Allied Governments are convinced it merely requires good will on the part of the German Government and German authorities to insure that rectifications of these defaults . . . are carried out in a relatively short period. In fine, it now rests with the German Government and authorities themselves to create conditions in which evacuation can speedily be effected.' The covering letter delivered with the note, runs 1,200 words, while the amendments outlining the Allied demands and pointing out Germany's defaults are 15,000 words in length."

The point is stressed in Paris cable messages daily that Finance Minister Caillaux is not only giving attention to ways of balancing the budget, but also is looking ahead for some months to the large obligations that must be met then. In a dispatch on May 31 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "there are indications that Finance Minister Caillaux intends to seek to obtain from Parliament before July 1 consent to a special issue of bank notes for reimbursement of national defense treasury bonds which fall due within the next half year. Though the Finance Minister's intention to find a special and 'temporary' means of repaying the State's obligations was clearly indicated in his preface to the new budget proposals, it was believed he would postpone asking consent of Parliament until after the summer recess. Now, however, it appears he intends to push the measure through at once." He also explained that "on July 1 the Treasury will have to meet maturities amounting

to 3,250,000,000 francs. On Sept. 15 8,250,000,000 francs will have to be found and on Dec. 8, 10,000,000,000 francs will have to be repaid. It is, of course, to be expected that a large amount of bonds falling due on these dates will be renewed, while also their maturity can be, in a measure, met by the sale of new bonds. M. Caillaux, however, is determined that he will not be forced into the position which brought about the downfall of the last Government of being caught between limitation of circulation and necessity of cash repayments."

Further details of the maturities and other obligations during the rest of this year were given in another Paris cablegram in which it was stated that "Senator Louis Dausset has also prepared a special report on the Finance Minister's budget, which puts France's debt service for 1925 at 19,000,000,000 francs, or 58% of the total expenditure approved by the Senate commission. After showing France's debt service prior to the war was 1,555,000,000, 'which then appeared enormous,' M. Dausset writes: 'As long as France believed in rapid and important payments of reparations by Germany, she asked for loans to finance the debtor's default and undertook reconstruction of the devastated regions and pensions. She thus paid nearly 130,000,000,000 francs which could never have been raised by taxation.' M. Dausset points out that following the Dawes plan's initiation the most France can expect this year is 1,240,000,000 paper francs, but due to operation of deliveries in kind the Treasury will receive only a small part of this sum. As against this France's maturities this year are nearly 22,000,000,000 francs for the internal debt and 1,132,000,000 for the foreign commercial debt. The latter includes 214,000,000 for the 1920 loan in the United States, 249,000,000 for the 1921 loan in the United States, 198,500,000 for the 1924 loan in the United States, 98,000,000 interest on short-term operations abroad, 367,000,000 for the purchase of the United States war stocks and 5,250,000 for British war stocks."

On May 30 "the Chamber and Senate both voted the expenditures for foreign commercial debts, but only one-third of the internal maturing debt has been cared for so far. The Senate to-day completed the study of the Herriot budget and it will now go to the Chamber, where modifications according to Caillaux's plans will be added. Voting nearly unanimously, the Senate adopted the measure prepared by the previous Government, with various modifications, making the receipts 32,970,000,000 francs and expenditures 32,690,000,000. Caillaux's plan includes subtracting Dawes plan receipts and adding various expenditures not included at present and additional taxation to make up its deficit thus caused."

That the French Finance Minister is having a difficult time in arranging the finances of his country was shown in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris Thursday evening. It was stated that "France's \$100,000,000 loan from J. P. Morgan & Co. made last November is finally being brought into play to sustain the exchange rate of the franc, Finance Minister Caillaux said after to-day's Cabinet meeting, when he was asked about the exchange situation. He said, however, that he is using this money 'only to counteract speculation.'" It was added that "the fall of the franc was attributed in authoritative financial circles to accumulated commercial needs, accentu-

ated by operations of speculators and by rumors that Finance Minister Caillaux would resort to currency inflation in order to redeem Government bonds maturing in July. A sudden increase of 1,350,000,000 francs in the Bank of France's advances to the State is shown by a note issued by the Ministry of Finance to-day cautioning against misinterpretation of this heavy borrowing. The Ministry's note says 670,000,000 francs of the total is due to withdrawals by various banks from their deposits with the Treasury during the last few weeks. This, says the Ministry, is a normal banking operation during the settlement period."

Paris advices yesterday morning relative to the currency and financial situation in France were rather disquieting. The New York "Times" representative said that "internal politics seems likely to wreck, or at least to delay, M. Caillaux's reform of the French financial situation before it has got well under way." He claimed that "the origin of the trouble is largely in M. Caillaux's frank declaration that former Premier Herriot's budget was not really balanced. All of the Herriotists who had proudly voted for that budget as 'the first balanced budget which France has had since the war' regard this statement as censure on themselves and especially Vincent Auriol, the Socialist President of the Finance Commission has taken umbrage at the Finance Minister's opinion. The complaint of the Commission is that M. Caillaux and the Government did not consult the majority leaders first before issuing this wholesale condemnation of their past work. Passions have been roused, and the meetings of the Commission during the past two days have been stormy. M. Auriol has reverted to party doctrine as the only remedy in the situation—the Socialist plan of a capital levy."

The New York "Herald Tribune" said yesterday morning "that Joseph Caillaux, Finance Minister of France, is playing behind the scenes of one of the most daring and gigantic financial gambles in history is the view of a number of New York bankers in constant contact with Paris during recent weeks. Caillaux, it appears, has deliberately resolved to allow the franc to depreciate, with the object of scaring French internal bondholders, who constitute a large portion of the French people, into accepting devaluation of the franc and drastically enforced taxation. In other words, to make the French public face disagreeable realities, the Finance Minister is willing to stand passive while the franc starts to run down hill, following the course of the mark. When the point comes that bondholders fear the total loss of their securities through depreciation, he believes they will abandon their present hope of a return to pre-war parity and to save the country's currency from utter demoralization will consent to reforms that will put France financially on her feet."

The French Cabinet situation is easier at the moment, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris last evening. It was stated that "the Cabinet crisis threatening France apparently was postponed to-day when Finance Minister Caillaux surrendered in part to the Socialists' attacks on his financial program. The attacks were conducted by Louis Loucheur, former Finance Minister, and by Socialist leaders at a 'peace conference' with the Government and the Left bloc of the Chamber, called by Premier Painlevé to harmonize opposition to the Caillaux financial program. At first the attitude of

M. Loucheur and the Socialists seemed irreconcilable with that of M. Caillaux. The impasse was maintained during the greater part of a three-hour discussion, but finally, when M. Loucheur took the floor, the Finance Minister weakened and compromised. M. Caillaux insisted the balancing of the budget came first, while M. Loucheur and the Socialists contended that financial reforms must precede a budget equilibrium. M. Caillaux, however, emphatically rejected the Socialists' demand for a capital levy. M. Caillaux agreed to attempt to balance the budget and to 'rehabilitate' French finance simultaneously. This 'rehabilitation,' although described in general terms, was taken to mean the introduction of various measures leading to the refunding of the internal debt and stabilization of the franc. One of M. Caillaux's main arguments was that 'the United States is just now greatly interested in our situation,' and that the best way to obtain a satisfactory settlement of France's debt to the United States would be for France to balance her budget and even to make her receipts exceed expenditures."

The Italian Government has taken a definite step to stabilize the currency of the country. While all or any part of the \$50,000,000 credit granted by J. P. Morgan & Co. may be used for that purpose, it is quite possible that it may not be necessary for the Government to do so to any extent. The official announcement regarding the credit was made in Rome Tuesday afternoon, and was confirmed by J. P. Morgan & Co. before the closing of business here. Italian lire advanced sharply in the late trading in the foreign exchange market. While Finance Minister de Stefani set forth in his official statement that "the opening of this credit must not under any conditions lead to the contracting of a new debt nor was it done with a definite monetary settlement in view, as the time for this has not yet come, the necessary internal international conditions being still lacking," the opinion was expressed in a special Rome dispatch that it would pave the way for definite negotiations with the United States with respect to Italy's war debt. Special significance was attached to the fact that, "at the same time Senor de Stefani announced that the bank rediscount rate was raised from 6 to 6½% and interest on Treasury bonds from 4 to 4½%."

Commenting upon this action, the Rome correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "the raising of the bank rate, it is generally supposed, is intended to assist Signor de Stefani in his policy of reducing the fiduciary circulation. It is supposed also to herald a regime of greater retrenchment. A hint of this was contained in another passage of the Finance Minister's speech wherein he said it was his intention to demand of all citizens the most scrupulous respect of the fiscal laws and of all Government administrations, and the strictest economy on all new expenditures which cannot be covered by corresponding economies. Signor de Stefani's whole speech contained only one fleeting reference to the war debts. Speaking of the monetary situation and exchange he said: 'It must not be supposed that we are likely to be disturbed by a settlement of the war debts, because it appears to be pretty generally recognized by the creditor nations that any settlement must be subordinate to the debtors' capacity to pay and must not interfere with or disturb the natural trend of exchange.'"

Washington naturally was pleased over the announcements. The Associated Press representative at the national capital said in a dispatch Tuesday night that "the move made by the Italian Government to stabilize its currency by establishing a \$50,000,000 credit in New York is regarded by Administration officials as a hopeful sign of the Mussolini Government's progress toward a point where it soon can begin consideration of its external debts. Inasmuch as Ambassador de Martino already has informed the Treasury of his Government's intention to take up the question of funding the American debt, officials here viewed the announcement in Rome today as having especial significance to the United States. While the credit was established for the announced purpose of use in currency stabilization, the intimation that it probably would be unnecessary to draw on it except in case of an unforeseen emergency was accepted as meaning that greater progress had been made by the Italian Government in restoring sound financial policies than had been evident from fragmentary statements reaching America. Officials were careful not to expect too much from the Italian Government's program to get on a solid footing, but they were confident that it would be carried out, and it was suggested that Ambassador de Martino probably would not have taken up the debt funding question at this time had he not been apprised of the trend of events at home."

In local banking circles "financial experts said that predictions about the significance of this transaction would be premature, but agreed that it marked another important milestone on the highway to Europe's economic recovery, and some of them thought they saw in it a preparatory step on Italy's part toward the devaluation of the lira." According to the New York "Herald Tribune" of June 3, "it is understood that Italian financiers have seriously considered adopting for their country, not a full gold standard, but of a gold exchange standard such as Germany and Poland now have. This would mean that the Italian banks of issue would always be ready to give in exchange for lira notes drafts on London or New York."

While the Riff forces in Morocco continued more or less aggressive, the French troops appear to have made real headway in both their defensive and offensive operations. The most important report of the week relative to the whole Moroccan situation was that representatives of the Spanish Government might negotiate with Abd-el-Krim on behalf of France and that an armistice might be arranged preparatory to the negotiations as to a real settlement. It was suggested in a Paris dispatch that neither Spain nor France is anxious to prolong the war if an easier way of settlement can be found. In discussing this new phase of the situation in a dispatch on June 3, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said: "Ever since Deputy Malvy's visit to Spain close co-operation has been maintained between Paris and Madrid on all that affects the Riff. Almost daily interviews have been taking place in Paris between Foreign Minister Briand and the Spanish Ambassador and from Madrid come assurances that a joint policy is being followed. Just how far that policy goes is a secret which M. Briand has not divulged. The Spaniards are known to be negotiating with Abd-el-Krim. They are negotiating for themselves and perhaps they are negotiating to some

extent for France also. Certainly the desire of both countries is to induce the Riff leader to accept an armistice, during which peace terms can be discussed. In Paris it is expected that before such a consent will be obtained the Riffs will make at least one more attempt to break through the French line to Fez. All reports go to show that Abd-el-Krim's warriors are far from discouraged, and their propaganda agents are still busy preaching a holy war, even in the interior of Morocco. The whole country might be in danger of rising if the people were armed. But the French are confident that with the troops now at their disposal and used as they are they will be able to break any new attempt to reach Fez and hold the rebellion from spreading beyond the few frontier tribes which joined Abd-el-Krim at the beginning of his offensive." Continuing, the correspondent said: "So long as the treaty situation is such as it is, the French cannot cross the frontier line, and for them the great danger is to have to keep up a long-continued defense. Abd-el-Krim is as well aware of that as any one, and he is not in any hurry to expend his strength against the French forces. In the meanwhile, what the French are seeking to find out, through the intermediary of the Spanish, is the terms of peace this astute Mussulman will accept. Abd-el-Krim is not an ordinary wild tribesman. He is as modern a bandit as ever existed, and one of his interests is playing the stock market. Though he has roused his tribesmen with religious and xenophobe appeals, his real aim is control for himself of mining and other concessions in the Riff. That is the point on which both the French and Spanish are working. Unfortunately for them, Abd-el-Krim is to a far greater extent than they realized the master of the situation. He knows that France cannot keep up a long defensive war without political friction breaking out at home. He knows also that the tribesmen he has roused will not be content to forsake fighting for agriculture unless some of his promises to them are fulfilled of more fertile lands to till. These factors seem likely to prevent the success of any immediate peace, or even armistice negotiations, for some little time to come. There will have to be more fighting first. To that the French are reconciled, but with Spain acting with them, and even perhaps for them, in negotiations it is not considered impossible here that before autumn and after one or two more rebuffs the Riff leader will begin to see the necessity of treating."

On Wednesday, June 3, the Bank of Italy announced an increase in its discount rate from 6% to 6½%. Aside from this change official discount rates continue to be quoted at 9% in Berlin; 7% in Paris and Denmark; 6% in Norway; 5½% in Belgium and Sweden; 5% in London and Madrid, and 4% in Holland and Switzerland. In London the open market rates remained at 4⅜@47-16% for short and three months' bills, the same as a week ago. Call money at the British centre was slightly firmer, reaching 3⅞%, but closing at 3½%, against 3⅛% a week earlier. At Paris open market discounts continue at 6% and 2¼ in Switzerland, unchanged.

The Bank of England sustained a loss in gold this week of £217,676, accompanied by a further reduction in reserve of £866,000, the result of continued expansion of note circulation, to the amount of £648,

000. Moreover, the proportion of reserve to liabilities again sharply declined, viz., to 21.79%, as compared with 23.07% a week ago and 24.08% for the week of May 20. At this time last year the ratio stood at 15⅜% and in 1923 at 18½%. Important changes were likewise registered in deposits. Public deposits declined £4,175,000, while "other" deposits increased £7,395,000. Loans on Government securities expanded £5,960,000. Loans on other securities, however, were reduced £1,931,000. Gold holdings now stand at £156,472,603, as against £128,185,591 a year ago (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the £27,000,000 held by the Redemption account of the currency note issue), and £127,527,177 in 1923. Reserve aggregates £27,385,000, which compares with £21,357,941 in 1924 and £22,885,742 a year earlier. Loans total £73,109,000, in comparison with £69,932,877 and £67,994,005 one and two years ago, respectively, while note circulation is now £148,830,000, as against £126,577,650 last year and £124,391,435 the year before that. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £747,777,000, as compared with £725,710,000 last week and £816,857,000 a year ago. No change has been made in the Bank's minimum discount rate from 5%. We append herewith comparisons of the several items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1925. June 3. £	1924. June 4. £	1923. June 6. £	1922. June 7. £	1921. June 8. £
Circulation.....	148,830,000	126,577,650	124,391,435	122,513,410	128,280,135
Public deposits.....	11,602,000	10,788,168	11,548,747	15,541,214	17,658,802
Other deposits.....	114,112,000	127,802,873	112,175,307	125,938,176	133,286,961
Govt'n't securities	42,995,000	65,082,467	50,633,518	61,137,484	73,276,122
Other securities.....	73,109,000	69,932,877	67,994,005	73,280,722	76,909,666
Reserve notes & coin	27,385,000	21,357,941	22,885,742	24,822,719	18,539,419
Coin and bullion...a	156,472,603	128,185,591	127,527,177	128,886,129	128,369,554
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	21.79%	15½%	18.50%	17.50%	12.28%
Bank rate.....	5%	4%	3%	4%	6¼%

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency note issues and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to gold standard.
b Beginning with the statement for April 29 1925, includes £27,000,000 of Bank of England notes issued in return for the same amount of gold coin and bullion held up to that time in redemption account of currency note issue.

According to the weekly statement of the Bank of France, an expansion of nearly 1,000 million francs—945,575,000 francs, to be exact—occurred in note circulation during the week. The total outstanding is thus brought up to the new high level of 43,648,164,000 francs. The previous high record was 43,408,813,000 francs reached May 7 last. Last year at this time the amount was 39,965,821,105 francs and in 1923 only 36,701,889,685 francs. An increase of 1,350,000,000 francs in the Bank's advances to the State is shown in this week's statement. The Finance Ministry has issued a note cautioning against misinterpretation of this heavy borrowing. The Ministry's note says 670,000,000 francs of the total covered withdrawals by various banks from their deposits with the Treasury during the last few weeks. This, says the Ministry, is a normal banking operation during the settlement period. The Bank continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 46,375 francs. Total gold holdings now stand at 5,546,609,075 francs, comparing with 5,542,973,267 francs at the corresponding date last year and with 5,537,490,292 francs the year before; of the foregoing amounts 1,864,320,907 francs were held abroad in both 1925 and 1924 and 1,864,344,927 francs in 1923. During the week silver gained 125,000 francs, bills discounted increased 582,028,000 francs and advances rose 56,544,000 francs. On

deposits fell off 25,022,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 83,673,000 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.	Status as of		
		June 4 1925.	June 5 1924.	June 7 1923.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	46,375	3,682,288,168	3,678,652,360	3,673,145,365
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,344,927
Total.....Inc.	46,375	5,546,609,075	5,542,973,267	5,537,490,292
Silver.....Inc.	125,000	314,609,000	299,385,944	292,560,345
Bills discounted.....Inc.	582,028,000	5,177,359,000	4,990,696,692	2,262,894,175
Advances.....Inc.	56,544,000	3,045,301,000	2,606,894,700	2,156,842,180
Note circulation.....Inc.	945,575,000	43,648,164,000	39,965,821,105	36,701,889,685
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	25,022,000	60,937,000	13,083,340	20,093,702
General deposits.....Dec.	83,673,000	2,040,402,000	2,028,756,556	2,113,937,200

The Imperial Bank of Germany, in its statement for the week of May 30, showed the effects of strain to meet June 1 disbursements, and reported a large expansion in note circulation after the successive decreases in the three preceding weeks. The increase for the week is 405,985,000 marks. Other maturing obligations, however, are shown to have been reduced 254,893,000 marks, besides which loans from the Rentenbank decreased—693,000 marks, and other liabilities 61,685,000 marks. As to the bank's assets, bills of exchange and checks increased 297,135,000 marks and advances 11,393,000 marks. Deposits held abroad declined 9,048,000 marks and silver and other coins 2,652,000 marks, but reserve in foreign currencies increased 123,000 marks. There was a decline in the holdings of notes on other banks of 20,739,000 marks. Other assets decreased 197,097,000 marks. Investments increased 182,000 marks. The bank's gold and bullion holdings registered another small gain, namely, 369,000 marks, bringing the total up to 1,015,661,000 marks, as against 441,913,000 marks a year ago and 757,915,000 marks in 1923. Outstanding note circulation aggregates 2,608,797,000 marks.

According to the statements issued at the close of business on Thursday, the Federal Reserve banks this week lost considerable gold, although both locally and nationally the volume of bills rediscounted was somewhat smaller. The report of the System showed a shrinkage in gold holdings of nearly \$20,000,000. Rediscounting of paper secured by Government obligations declined \$8,200,000. In "other" bills, however, there was an increase of \$6,600,000, so that the net result was to draw down total bills discounted \$1,600,000. Holdings of bills purchased in the open market increased \$6,500,000. Total earning assets were larger by nearly \$10,000,000, and deposits by \$20,300,000. Changes in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation and in member bank reserve accounts, were relatively small, increasing approximately \$4,000,000 and \$8,700,000, respectively. At New York the loss in gold amounted to \$21,500,000. As to rediscounts, these were reduced about \$6,000,000 on all classes of paper. Open market purchases fell off \$2,100,000. A small loss was reported in total earning assets, namely \$1,600,000; deposits decreased \$5,600,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased \$2,200,000, while member bank reserve accounts fell \$9,800,000. As to the reserve ratios, the drain on gold reserves was sufficient to cause a distinct decrease. For the combined System the ratio is 75.9%, a decline of 1.1%; at New York the decrease is 1.6%, to 81.0%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, which on account of the Saturday holiday, was issued on Friday and commented upon briefly in the "Chronicle" of May 30, was featured chiefly by large increases in loans and deposits, as well as a fairly liberal addition to surplus reserve. The actual figures indicate that loans expanded \$50,668,000. Net demand deposits expanded \$68,965,000, bringing the total up to \$4,458,660,000—exclusive of \$21,470,000 in Government deposits—while time deposits were reduced \$1,638,000, to \$624,333,000. Changes in the reserves of State banks and trust companies were comparatively small. There was, however, an increase in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$8,416,000, to \$53,830,000, although this item is not counted as reserve. Member banks added to their reserves at the Reserve institution \$17,334,000, which was sufficient to counteract the enlargement in deposits, and bring about a gain in surplus of \$7,965,040, to \$49,404,320. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of 13% reserves for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in vault amounting to \$53,830,000 held by these member institutions on Friday of last week.

Call money was a little firmer at 4% during the early part of the week, softened to 3¾%, only to return to 4% in the last 15 minutes of business on the Stock Exchange on Thursday, and was 4½% yesterday. Generally speaking, conditions within and without the money market were largely unchanged. Speculation in stocks, while continuing well in excess of 1,000,000 shares daily, did not reach the 2,000,000 share level. More or less liquidation was reported at times, particularly in highly speculative issues that had been advancing rapidly for some time. According to the trade reports greater activity is developing gradually in several lines. Apparently the increase has not been sufficient to affect the money market for the country as a whole. Great activity, accompanied by large earnings, is reported in the automotive industry. The big demand for gasoline that has developed is seasonable. That the car loadings for the week ended May 23 totaled 986,209 shows that the aggregate business is larger. An announcement of the Government's June 15 financing is expected daily. A feature of the offerings of new securities has been the size of the foreign issues and the promptness with which they were said to have been disposed of. Although the actual offering of any part of the new securities may not be made for some little time, interest at the moment centres quite largely in the reorganization plan of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

As to money rates in greater detail, call loans have ranged during the week between 3¾% and 4½%, the same as a week ago. As a matter of fact very little movement was discernible. On Monday and Tuesday the high was 4½% and the low 4%, with renewals at 4% on both days. Call funds again renewed at 4% on Wednesday, which was the high, but before the close a low figure of 3¾% was quoted. Increased ease developed on Thursday, and the ruling rate for the day was 3¾%; the low was 3¾% and 4% the high. On Friday there was no change from 3¾% the renewal basis, but a slight flurry carried the quotation back to 4½%; the low was 3¾%.

For fixed date maturities the market was dull and uninteresting. Time money was on offer in fair volume, with but few takers; quotations were not changed from $3\frac{1}{2}@3\frac{3}{4}\%$ for sixty days, $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ for ninety days and four months, and $3\frac{3}{4}@4\%$ for five and six months. The former differential between regular mixed collateral and all-industrial loans is no longer observed.

Mercantile paper rates continue to be quoted at $3\frac{3}{4}@4\%$ for four to six months' names of choice character, with $4@4\frac{1}{4}\%$ required on names less well known. A ready market was reported for prime names, but the supply was limited. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at $3\frac{3}{4}\%$.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were a trifle easier for the shorter maturities in the open market, also for time delivery. A fairly broad demand was reported. Both local and country banks were in the market as buyers. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council was lowered to $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, as compared with $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ bid and 3% asked for bills running 30 days, $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked for bills running 60 days, $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ asked for bills running 90 days, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ bid and $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ asked for bills running 120 days and $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for bills running 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	$3\frac{1}{4}@3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}@3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}@3$
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$ 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
JUNE 6 1925.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 90 Days but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial Agric'l & Livestock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obliga- tions.	Bankers' Accept- ances.	Trade Accept- ances.	Agricul.* and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
New York.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
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.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$

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

Sterling exchange quotations were fairly stable this week, although at slightly lower levels than those prevailing a week earlier. During the greater part of the time demand bills hovered around 4 85 9-16 and 4 85 11-16. Trading, generally speaking, was stagnant. At the opening the dulness was intensified, first by observance in this market of the Memorial Day holiday on Saturday, then later by the Whit Monday holiday in London. Even with the resumption of business on Tuesday, however, little or no semblance of an increase in activity developed. Large buyers were practically out of the market, locally at least; so that when a small accumulation of

commercial bills, that had piled up over the double holiday, made its appearance it at once had the effect of depressing prices, in the absence of sustained buying support. Buying for London account was also smaller in volume, partly because of the holiday celebrations. Toward the close of the week all New York City sweltered in the grip of what turned out to be the severest heat wave experienced in a great many years and by common consent, seemingly, all but absolutely essential business operations were suspended. Speculative activity continues nil. Announcement that England and France had reached a final agreement on Germany's security proposals had a favorable effect on market sentiment, but was not sufficiently potent to offset the pressure of selling incidental to preparations for month-end settlements; hence the failure of sterling values to remain at the recent high point.

No change in banking sentiment regarding the future of sterling is noted. The feeling seems almost unanimous that the Bank of England has the situation in complete control and that rates may be expected to show consistent strength and stability. In addition to the demands for tourist accommodation, the high rates for money in London continue to attract capital to that centre, which of course is having a distinctly stimulating effect on sterling quotations. The effect of Great Britain's return to a free gold market continues to be closely watched. The small but steady outflow of the precious metal, coupled with prospects of heavy Colonial borrowing in the near future, has already been responsible for higher discount rates but the authorities express confidence in the outlook.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Monday (Saturday of last week was a holiday—Memorial Day) was exceptionally quiet, with the range still at 4 85 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 86 $\frac{1}{4}$ for demand, 4 86 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4 86 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and 4 83 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days. Holiday conditions in Europe added to the inactivity. Heavier offerings of commercial bills caused an easier tone on Tuesday and demand declined to 4 85 9-16@4 85 11-16, cable transfers to 4 86 1-16@4 86 3-16 and sixty days to 4 82 7-16@4 82 9-16. On Wednesday there was a further fractional lowering to 4 85 7-16@4 85 9-16 for demand, to 4 85 15-16@4 86 1-16 for cable transfers and to 4 82 5-16@4 82 7-16 for sixty days; trading was sluggish. Dulness continued the chief characteristic of trading on Thursday and demand again covered a range of 4 85 7-16@4 85 9-16, with 4 85 15-16@4 86 1-16 for cable transfers and 4 82 5-16@4 82 7-16 for sixty days. Friday's market was inactive and featureless, with quotations lower but little better than nominal; demand ruled at 4 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 85 9-16, cable transfers at 4 86@4 86 1-16 and sixty days at 4 82 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 82 7-16. Closing quotations were 4 82 7-16 for sixty days, 4 85 9-16 for demand and 4 86 1-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 85 5-16, sixty days at 4 80 5-16, ninety days at 4 79 7-16, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 81 11-16, and seven-day grain bills at 4 84 11-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 85 5-16.

No gold was reported this week either for export or import. The Bank of England continues to lose gold in small amounts to various European countries, but this week made a few small purchases of the precious metal.

Renewed weakness in francs and recovery in lire quotations were the most noteworthy features of the week in the Continental exchanges. Trading at no time was really active and the fluctuations were largely a reflex of what is going on abroad. Here, as in the sterling market, business was checked by holiday observance, here and abroad, and later on by abnormal sultriness here. As a result the market assumed an aspect of mid-summer dulness, and even speculators took very little part in the proceedings. Francs opened relatively firm, notwithstanding the strain of meeting June 1 requirements, mainly on news that the Allies had reached a favorable decision on the German security pact, also what seemed to be slight improvement in internal financial and political prospects. Later on, heavy selling set in and prices broke sharply to 4.66½, a decline of about 33 points. Belgian francs followed a similar course and broke to 4.79¾. The downward movement is explained by continued outflow of capital from France, also speculative selling of franc futures, due to pessimism over the outlook. Francs for delivery in thirty days were for a time 3½ points under cables. Nothing like a sustained speculative attack on francs was discernible; speculators being fearful of a coup by the Bank of France similar to that early in 1924, which resulted in nearly doubling values. The fact that the French institution has at its disposal the proceeds of the \$100,000,000 Morgan loan is kept in mind. Some French exporters are said to be leaving the proceeds of their sales abroad, while many banks have reduced their Paris balances, all of which made for lack of buying support. The break at the close was regarded to be temporary, since it was due to disturbing rumors regarding M. Caillaux's financial policies more than anything else. On the whole, however, a better feeling regarding the ability of France to "come back" financially is being entertained here, and Finance Minister Caillaux's proposed plans to revalue the franc at about \$.04825 continues to receive more or less serious consideration, although not a few regard this as little more than a feeler.

As to lire, the movement was in an opposite direction and after early weakness, when the quotation dropped to 3.95⅝ on publication of unfavorable trade figures, there was a gradual ascent until 4.07½ was reached, although nearly all the gain was lost at the close. This change of front was of course directly attributable to the announcement that a revolving credit of \$50,000,000 had been arranged for one year by a group of bankers headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., and co-operating with the Bank of Italy. It is expected that this credit, which is to be utilized as occasion requires, will have the effect of stabilizing the lira. In Rome the quotation went up to 24.75 to the dollar, an advance of about 35 points. Subsequently, realizing sales and the sentimental effect of the break in francs sent lire prices down to 3.94¾. In other branches of the market there is little that is new to report. Greek exchange suffered a setback on active foreign selling and broke to 1.66¼. German marks, as well as Austrian kronen, remain motionless. Publication of another unfavorable foreign trade statement makes it appear highly improbable that the German Government will contemplate the restoration of either a free gold movement or uncontrolled exchange. It will be recalled that the mark is now stabilized at par by the Reichsbank.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 98.90, as against 97.07 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 4.70, against 5.01¼; cable transfers at 4.71, against 5.02¼; commercial sight, 4.69, against 5.00¼, and commercial sixty days at 4.63¾, against 4.95 a week ago. Antwerp francs closed the week at 4.63 for checks and 4.64 for cable transfers. This compares with 4.89 and 4.90 a week earlier. Final quotations on Berlin marks were 23.81 for both checks and cable transfers, unchanged. Austrian kronen remained at 0.0014⅛, the same as heretofore. Italian lire finished at 3.93 for bankers' sight bills and at 3.96 for cable transfers, in comparison with 3.98 and 3.99 the previous week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96⅞, against 2.96½; on Bucharest at 0.47⅜, against 0.47¼; on Poland at 19.20, against 19.21, and on Finland at 2.53 (unchanged). Greek exchange finished at 1.68 for checks and at 1.68½ for cable transfers, as contrasted with 1.70¼@1.70¾ the week preceding.

The former neutral exchanges were dull and featureless with rate changes usually small and devoid of meaning. Guilders ruled at close to last week's levels. Swiss francs showed a small net gain, though the Scandinavians closed slightly lower. Spanish pesetas were well maintained, but inactive.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 40.16½, against 40.14½; cable transfers at 40.18½, against 40.08½; commercial sight bills at 40.07, against 40.06½, and commercial sixty days at 39.72½, against 39.70½ last week. Final quotations on Swiss francs were 19.37½ for bankers' sight bills and 19.38½ for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 19.34½ and 19.35½. Copenhagen checks finished at 18.75 and cable transfers at 18.79, against 18.79 and 18.83 the previous week. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.73 and cable transfers 26.77, against 26.73½ and 26.77½, while checks on Norway finished at 16.77½ and cable transfers at 16.81½, against 16.79½ and 16.83½ the week before. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.55½ for checks and at 14.57½ for cable transfers, which compares with 14.52 and 14.54 a week earlier.

With regard to South American exchange the trend was downward and Argentina, which had been soaring during recent weeks, sold off to 39.89 for checks and to 39.94 for cable transfers, although rallying and closing at 40.29 and 40.34, against 40.74 and 40.79 a week ago. Brazilian milreis declined to 10.65 for checks and to 10.70 for cable transfers, then turned firm and closed at 10.87 and 10.92, as against 10.71 and 10.76 last week. Chilean exchange was easier and finished at 11.21, against 11.33, but Peru remained at 4 12, unchanged.

Far Eastern exchange was as follows: Hong Kong 55½@55¾, against 55¼@55½; Shanghai, 75⅝@76⅝, against 74¾@75¾; Yokohama, 41½@42⅛, against 42@42¼; Manila, 49¾@50 (unchanged); Singapore, 57@57¼ (unchanged); Bombay, 36¾@37, against 36½@36¾, and Calcutta, 36¾@37 (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, MAY 30 1925 TO JUNE 5 1925, INCLUSIVE.

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 £3,500,900 held abroad. d As of Oct 7 1924.

	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	May 30.	June 1.	June 2.	June 3.	June 4.	June 5.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone	\$.14062	\$.14059	\$.14055	\$.14064	\$.14048	
Belgium, franc	.0490	.0482	.0483	.0480	.0476	
Bulgaria, lev	.007293	.007322	.007317	.007306	.007306	
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029627	.029630	.029631	.029630	.029629	
Denmark, krone	.1881	.1873	.1876	.1878	.1878	
England, pound sterling	4.8616	4.8607	4.8585	4.8603	4.8600	
Finland, marka	.025207	.025213	.025222	.025225	.025218	
France, franc	.0502	.0493	.0496	.0492	.0485	
Germany, reichsmark	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	
Greece, drachma	.017069	.016791	.016666	.016904	.016773	
Holland, guilder	.4016	.4017	.4016	.4017	.4017	
Hungary, krone	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	
Italy, lira	.0397	.0395	.0404	.0400	.0398	
Norway, krone	.1680	.1674	.1678	.1679	.1681	
Poland, zloty	.1920	.1921	.1920	.1920	.1919	
Portugal, escudo	.0503	.0503	.0504	.0503	.0504	
Rumania, leu	.04706	.04757	.004758	.004741	.004713	
Spain, peseta	.1454	.1455	.1456	.1457	.1458	
Sweden, krona	.2676	.2676	.2677	.2677	.2676	
Switzerland, franc	.1935	.1936	.1937	.1937	.1938	
Yugoslavia, dinar	.016463	.016613	.016630	.016642	.016660	
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.7729	.7783	.7792	.7792	.7775	
Hankow, tael	.7663	.7706	.7716	.7713	.7697	
Shanghai, tael	.7484	.7521	.7531	.7531	.7517	
Tientsin, tael	.7817	.7867	.7871	.7858	.7850	
Hong Kong, dollar	.5489	.5515	.5516	.5531	.5508	
Mexican dollar	.5477	.5507	.5510	.5523	.5513	
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	.5492	.5533	.5533	.5550	.5529	
Yuan, dollar	.5596	.5633	.5638	.5650	.5613	
India, rupee	.3638	.3639	.3639	.3637	.3642	
Japan, yen	.4158	.4114	.4112	.4106	.4109	
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5642	.5650	.5646	.5650	.5650	
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.999980	.999963	.999982	.999982	.999954	
Cuba, peso	.999896	.999896	.999974	.999974	.999870	
Mexico, peso	.499000	.498833	.498750	.498500	.498167	
Newfoundland, dollar	.998307	.997813	.997813	.997786	.997786	
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9271	.9183	.9131	.9097	.9136	
Brazil, milreis	.1056	.1062	.1058	.1061	.1072	
Chile, peso (paper)	.1125	.1134	.1134	.1134	.1122	
Uruguay, peso	.9800	.9748	.9644	.9657	.9648	

* One schilling is equivalent to 10,000 paper crowns.

The New State Rights—Mr. Coolidge at Arlington.

Mr. Coolidge gave an unexpected turn to his Memorial Day address at Arlington Cemetery, and in so doing opened up one of the large questions of politics and government which lie at the foundation of our national life. With only a brief, but entirely appropriate and dignified, reference to the subjects which are commonly dwelt upon at this annual commemoration, he went on to point out the nature of the government in whose defense thousands had made the supreme sacrifice, and to urge the States to do their part more perfectly if the Federal system is to work as it should. The men over whose graves the flags waved at Arlington did not die to support a particular Administration or to make Federal authority pervasive and great, but to defend a nation whose foundation of government is laid in a Federal Constitution which apportions power between the States and the nation, and which is equally, for the one as for the other, the supreme law of the land. It is the American theory and practice of divided sovereignty that Mr. Coolidge called upon the nation to preserve. The Federal system, as Mr. Coolidge sees it, is threatened by the disposition on the part of the States to rely upon the central Government in matters in which the Constitution clearly intends that they shall act for themselves. Against that tendency, in many ways stronger to-day than ever, the President voiced his opposition and urged his appeal.

Mr. Coolidge did not make the mistake of trying to specify all the things which a State may constitutionally do or ought to do. The Supreme Court long ago turned away from that task as not only unnecessary but impossible, and it would be idle for any other department of government to attempt it. The guiding principle, however, is simple. As a government of delegated powers, the United States possesses, under the Constitution, only those powers which the States have conferred upon it. Whatever is not granted, accordingly, is withheld, and resides in the States, to be used by them in accordance with their discretion. Wherein the States have failed to use, or to use wisely, the powers which constitutionally are entrusted to them, Mr. Coolidge, again, did not set forth in detail. He did, however, point to the contradictory laws relating to divorce and taxation, marked differences of attitude towards the enforcement of law, the increasing burden of State and municipal expenditure, and "the insidious practice which sugarcoats the dose of Federal intrusion" by dividing expenditures for public services or improvements between State and national treasuries. These are illustrations of a policy which, in Mr. Coolidge's view, not only amounts to a dereliction of State duty under our constitutional system and weakens the authority and efficiency of the States, but also forces the Federal Government to act in numerous directions in which the Constitution never intended it to operate.

The facts are undoubted, and Mr. Coolidge is to be commended for raising the question in this direct fashion. For his own party, on the other hand, as well as for the Democrats, this Executive championing of a new State rights doctrine presents an interesting situation. The Republican Party has never

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$919,431 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended June 4. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,193,431, while the shipments have reached \$3,274,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended June 5.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,193,431	\$3,274,000	Gain \$919,431

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, May 30.	Monday, June 1.	Tuesday, June 2.	Wednesday, June 3.	Thursday, June 4.	Friday, June 5.	Aggregate for Week.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Holdings	\$6,000,000	98,000,000	101,000,000	92,000,000	84,000,000	Cr.461,000,000

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 Systems' 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	June 4 1925.			June 5 1924.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 156,472,603	£ 156,472,603	£ 312,945,206	£ 128,185,591	£ 128,185,591	£ 256,371,182
France a	147,291,527	12,560,000	159,851,527	147,144,953	11,960,000	159,104,953
Germany c	47,263,700	4,994,600	48,258,300	22,093,600	5,752,850	27,846,450
Aus.-Hun.	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000
Spain	101,444,000	25,912,000	127,356,000	101,308,000	26,442,000	127,750,000
Italy	35,508,000	3,356,000	38,864,000	35,393,000	3,410,000	38,803,000
Netherl' ds	39,956,000	1,785,000	41,741,000	44,284,000	904,000	45,188,000
Nat. Belg	10,891,000	3,008,000	13,899,000	10,819,000	2,522,000	13,341,000
Switzerl' d	19,281,000	3,569,000	22,850,000	21,205,000	3,924,000	25,129,000
Sweden	12,939,000	12,939,000	25,878,000	13,753,000	796,000	14,549,000
Denmark	11,636,000	1,054,000	12,690,000	11,642,000	796,000	12,438,000
Norway	8,180,000	8,180,000	16,360,000	8,182,000	8,182,000	16,364,000
Total week	592,892,830	52,238,600	645,131,430	546,010,144	55,710,850	601,720,994
Prev. week	593,117,651	52,141,600	645,259,251	545,985,370	55,609,850	601,595,220

been particularly a State rights party, as the term State rights has been historically used, any more than were the Whig and Federalist parties that preceded it. Republican doctrine, coinciding in the main with that of the Supreme Court, has always supported a "broad" construction of the Constitution, and for a generation after the Civil War the application of the doctrine was carried to extremes. On the other hand, the Democratic Party, whose cardinal plank of State rights and "strict" construction Mr. Coolidge appears to have appropriated, is largely responsible for the prodigious extension of Federal authority over industry, individuals and the press which took place during the World War. If historical precedents are to be regarded, Mr. Coolidge would seem to have summoned his own party to the support of a doctrine which it has not heretofore emphasized, at the same time that he has called upon the Democrats to adhere to a doctrine which they appear to have honored quite as much in the breach as in the observance. State rights, in other words, is presented as both a tonic and a purge, clearing the national system of impurities at the same time that it builds up the nation's health.

Naturally, Mr. Coolidge is more successful in describing the situation and indicating its consequences than in showing precisely how the evil may be corrected. On the question of causes his address leaves something to be desired. The withdrawal of the States before an advancing Federal power is not a weakness for which the States are unreservedly to be blamed. It is obvious, for example, that with the immense extension and wide ramifications of inter-State commerce, the control of which is by the Constitution vested exclusively in the United States, the expansion of Federal authority should have been in accordance with needs. What is true of commerce is true also of business, daily becoming more and more both inter-State and international in its ordinary operations. In these matters as in others, the territorial limitations of State authority are apparent and their powers of action correspondingly circumscribed. An influence equally great, on the other hand, is to be found in Federal usurpation. There can be no reasonable doubt that the Federal Government, on both its legislative and executive sides, has deliberately sought to enhance its authority and bring about an increased measure of centralization under the guise of insuring greater efficiency. Much of what was done in this direction between 1914 and 1919 is doubtless to be accepted as an inevitable accompaniment of war, but for a great deal of the invasion of State, corporate and individual rights which took place during those years there was no constitutional defense whatever. The country still suffers from the Federal usurpation of the war period. The army has been demobilized, but "Federal intrusion," to use Mr. Coolidge's phrase, has not, and until the Government at Washington divests itself of the self-assumed tasks which the States are capable of performing, the States will continue to lack their due measure of constitutional freedom. Mr. Coolidge's appeal to the Constitution, accordingly, may properly be interpreted as an indication of the policy of decentralization which he is disposed to pursue, quite as much as an admonition to the States to resume the powers which the Constitution reserves to them.

It is always to be remembered, moreover, that the existence of State rights implies diversity of prac-

tice. It is of the essence of the Federal system that the States shall be free to act as they see fit in all matters which they have not intrusted to Federal control, and that pressure for uniformity is wholly out of place. It is to be assumed that Mr. Coolidge is prepared to acquiesce in this diversity of practice, although some of his illustrations of State conduct are not entirely happy. Until the control of marriage and divorce, for example, shall have been turned over to the Federal Government, there is no reason save that of convenience or expediency why State laws on those subjects should be uniform. The prompt and impartial administration of justice does not necessitate a uniform procedure in all the States. The recent rejection of the proposed child labor amendment clearly indicates a disposition on the part of the States to deal with child labor as each State may see fit. The reference to prohibition in the Arlington address suggests that the States are in some way bound to subordinate their several opinions to Congress or to so-called public opinion in the country at large. "A few years ago," Mr. Coolidge declared, "a majority of the States had adopted prohibition or rigid restrictions on the traffic in intoxicating liquors. But other States did not co-operate in advancing this policy, and ultimately by national action it was extended to all the Union. By failing to meet the requirements of a national demand the States became deprived of the power to act." This is confusion of thought, and as a statement of fact it is misleading. It is true that a majority of the States, practically all of them, in fact, had imposed restrictions upon the sale or use of alcoholic liquors as beverages, but nothing like a majority of them had adopted prohibition, and even if they had done so, there was no constitutional reason why the remaining States should have followed their example. The theory of State rights guarantees to the States the free exercise of all the powers of government that have not been delegated to the Federal Government, and it protects them equally against invasion of their domestic rights by organizations of special interests and by the coercive force of a temporary majority in Congress. Unity with diversity is implicit in the American system.

Nevertheless, Mr. Coolidge's general position is sound. If it cuts athwart the historical records of the two great parties, it is for the parties to adapt themselves to the requirements of the Constitution, for parties exist for the nation, not the nation for parties. The Constitution is not a scrap of paper; it is a fundamental law which controls the actions both of the States and of the Federal Government. The Constitution provides for a dual government, that of the Union and that of the States, and we shall not be well governed, as Mr. Coolidge points out with much force and commendable directness, and least of all shall we be in a position to give advice to other nations about the management of their affairs, unless the system which the Constitution embodies is preserved. That the system has been greatly altered in practice, to the detriment of the States, does not admit of doubt. To adapt a famous saying from English history, the power of the Federal Government has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished. If Mr. Coolidge's plain speaking shall serve to recall the States to the need of performing to the full their constitutional duties, the usurpation of Federal authority from which the country has too long suffered will have received an effective check.

"Evolution"—As Applied to Business and Politics.

For some seventy-five years evolution has been a basic problem in science. To-day in that circle it is so far accepted as a term for a definite line of advance that it is no longer open to debate. The public forgets that it is a "working hypothesis." Its sole ground for acceptance is that it works.

Within that range, as pruned of suggested accessories, it has evidence of ever wider application and more positive effect. It pertains not only to organic life in its better known forms, but the question now is how far it applies to the products of life, even those characteristic of man.

Here is in fact the keen question to-day. We are not concerned with the theological controversy between the Fundamentalists and the Moderns, but the strict evolutionary principle has recently moved into the field of business and of politics. The latest word of science is that evolution appears to have a definite limit—a *terminus ad quem*. Each series of advance or development reaches a certain height of attainment and then ceases, giving place to other lines to which in some indirect way it has made its contribution, and by which it will be superseded. A marked illustration is the megatherium and its congeners the dinosaurs which long since ended their line.

At once we face the question, does this apply not to man in himself, that is the question of the future of which we know little, but to man's daily work, the products of his life, his civilization, for instance, or even more particularly his efforts for success in his ways of business and of political government? Has he reached a goal in these, or, more urgently, is he working along lines which are necessarily temporary, having an approaching end and only a transient effectiveness, and this in the nature of the case unavoidable?

Here is a new question certainly. The scientists may have as yet no conclusive evidence, and only raise the question for future settlement, but to us it becomes important, working as we do with sadly imperfect knowledge and in constantly changing conditions. It affects our view of all our efforts. It may help to determine whether we should be pessimists or optimists, and how far either. Shall we go back some 3,000 years and say "All is vanity," and surrender ourselves to the dust? Or shall we recognize that the line of beneficent action which prepared the earth as the abode of man continues; and that in the knowledge of it we are helped to understand man himself, and also his work? If so, up to a certain point delay is needless. There may be cross currents, with rocks and reefs, but the main line is open and we have a settled course as well as sailing orders and a final shore, as we are elsewhere taught. We can know both what to do, and, if we will, how to do it.

It has long been known that the earliest form of organic life, whatever its origin, is in a cell which is the centre of a whirl of energies. In it are the generic forms and the vital energy which will produce progeny. The vitalized cell cannot be changed. It can be arrested in the course of its development as that is aided or impeded by its environment. It may be killed, but it cannot be altered. As every man is to the end the identical person he was at birth, so the gamecock is the fowl that broke out of a particular egg, and the eagle is out of his. The environment in

which the living creature finds itself as time goes on furnishes the material with which the initial life secures and shapes its own unfolding. In each there is vitality, that is an energy working along definite lines, with every evidence of a predetermined plan, and therefore an object and a goal.

Now we learn that there is reason to believe that no line of progress is indefinite. In every instance it appears set to accomplish a certain result. When that point is reached the energy wanes and the organism, as well in the series as in the individual, ceases to be. It has its place, it may be, in a far larger scheme of existence. It plays its part, it makes its contribution. Its value lies in what it has produced or possibly in what it was, or what it did. Its individuality is not essential and may not be preserved. Other forms will arise, perhaps already exist, which will be the richer for the inheritance it has left and will push on in a new line. It may be what is called a "sport," springing from the old stock. It may strangely appear as an alien; it certainly is a new entity, as in some notable sense every human child is. The point for us is that the initial energy, the original germ or cell, has done its appointed work. The impulse remains, progress has been made, the ultimate object is unchanged, but the agencies employed will be many and neither their forms nor their number can be foreseen.

Here is something very suggestive in human affairs. Civilization has been from time to time the supreme product of human effort. It has unfolded, shown great results in various forms and then disappeared, leaving only remains to be exhumed from the desert sands. Others have followed, often with an interval of many centuries, to have the same history. Now and then we can trace an inheritance for those who followed. Quite as often there is no visible connection. In the one case as in the other the earlier civilization as a whole has vanished. Ours is of to-day. It has roots in that of Rome and Greece, but that is only of yesterday. Ours has a character entirely its own, definitely in Christianity its sustaining impulse and guide. Will it also in time reach a stage and pass?

Turn to government and politics, for instance. We have staked great hopes on democracy. In 1919 the world, weary with two thousand years of contention and suffering, turned to it with hallelujahs. To-day it is discredited throughout Europe. The rest of the world stands "biting its thumb." Shall we have to turn our faces toward Babylon, Thebes, Carthage, or perhaps Pericles and Alexander, and believe that democracy and modern civilization will also pass, that the desert sands, if not the destroying hosts, are also gathering for us?

Learned critics are proclaiming our failures.* Civic government, they say, becomes the entrenched fortress of corruption and party. Law becomes the negation of justice. Religion perishes in ritual. Science is degraded into pretense. Logic becomes established nonsense. The school grows deadly to its desire for knowledge. Even culture may become embalmed by its aloofness. All institutions as social mechanisms tend to become repressive. We are not intrinsically better than our fathers, etc., etc. All of which may be true, but it is not the whole truth. There is something more to be said. Science itself is coming to our aid. To-day it calls us to perceive

*"Tantalus," by F. C. Schiller; "Daedalus," by J. B. S. Haldane; "Icarus," by Bertrand Russell, in the To-day and To-morrow Series, of E. P. Dutton & Co.

that we also are playing a great part in the unfolding ages. It is to be a contribution, a great advance toward the appointed goal. Let us be sure to make our work while it lasts as genuine, as beneficial, as enduring as possible, that what comes after us and shall be itself, may be other and better, but prepared for by us. We may yet enlarge our democracy, or transform it into something more workable. That will still be our achievement whatever may eventually be the Government of the men of the day to come. Whatever line it may open and follow, it also will play its part and move toward the goal. Each has answered the call, though no one could forecast the course. To be able to do that one must know the Mind that planned and directs the whole.

In business the question lies still closer to ourselves. That is a personal, rather than a social or political affair. No man is so wise or has worked so successfully that he need have no concern for the future of his work. Great as the business may be, immense the capital, or perfect the organization, who has assurance of its survival when he is gone? There are no venerated cemeteries or marble tombstones for dismantled industries or defunct business houses. The names of the men who created them are barely remembered. Judge Gary, speaking to the American Iron and Steel Institute, talks on "Diseases of Business," which he says are mostly mental. Others have declared that business troubles are largely "psychological." But the diagnosis is not especially helpful. The situation does not change. Heads of great corporations see to-day, as often in the past, that some businesses are doomed. Glancing at the headlines of the papers, they are apprehensive; Europe is far from settled economically. Is business always to be so shadowed? Cannot men take a very different view, no matter what the passing outlook may be? Certainly they can.

Suppose that this business, this creation of ours, is but a part, an incident, if you will, in the great Creation in which we find ourselves. We are here for a purpose. We come under the general scheme of its existence and the law of its unfolding. Much has preceded us. We had no part in that, but it advanced under sure guidance; form succeeding form, age following age. Everywhere the same method, the one purpose, beneficent, at least, in making a world ready for us.

We have our place, then. We look forward, not back. It is given to us to discern the process and to discover its law. The movement is majestic. The haven is not to be reached to-day or to-morrow. It is far beyond, of necessity. The window opens for us toward the sunrise. Of that we can be sure. All that we know of the past, call it evolution, as a process, if you will, proclaims a beginning, a course and an end, a goal worthy of it all.

Never did life seem worthier, never more hopeful and buoyant than to-day, despite the many problems. Never was there such reason visible as to-day to work, for the Day cometh and not the Night. Failure does not count. The ideal and the unattainable do not dishearten. Here is the appointed method, the task of the day in its day. Knowledge of "what is" points to "what may be" as fit subject of our effort, and rounds out success, and should bring content.

"The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's,
Is not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be, but, finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to our means."

Evolution far from hindering, when rightly understood, but clears the field and challenges to this.

The State of Tennessee Spurs Evolution.

The State of Tennessee has followed William Jennings Bryan into the last ditch—it has passed a law prohibiting the teaching of evolution in its schools, because this theory is in conflict with the story of creation as told in the Bible. And this is the last year in the first quarter of the Twentieth Century! It is somewhat difficult to approach this subject in the proper spirit. In the first place many thoughtful and intelligent persons believe this doctrine of evolution is pernicious, is rank infidelity, and therefore ought not to be allowed in the public schools to poison the minds of the youth. But on the basis of salacious books that when condemned become best sellers and of so-called immoral plays that when criticised fill the stalls, the very way to induce students in the schools to explore the mysteries of this doctrine is to banish it from discussion in the classroom. And, we imagine, it is going to be difficult for teachers to veer away from the forbidden heresy in time to avoid suggesting it to innocent minds. This is not what the Legislature and Governor of the State of Tennessee wish to accomplish.

But it is a strange performance to emanate from the South. We shall expect no more denunciation of Blue Laws and the burning of witches and pinning on of scarlet letters to come from this, shall we say, ironbound quarter of our Union. But we are curious to know which Bible, the Catholic or Protestant is to be enthroned in the classic shades of university and college—not that they differ materially as to the First Chapter of Genesis and the story of creation. We do find, however, some compensations (they are always to be found when we look for them) in this remarkable move of the Legislature of a sovereign State. We presume that, having taken this step, public opinion in Tennessee will not countenance the many new translations of the Good Book, which seek to make it "practical" and modern. Even a believer in evolution, if he have literary taste, will not surrender the stateliness, rhythm, imagery, of many portions of the King James translation for the monstrosities in language and interpretation that find their way into these "new editions."

But let us pass by these phases to consider a more important one: the conflict between Church and State. The Governor in signing the bill intimates the law is not in conflict with the freedom of worship. We cannot see it in this light. The public school is at least an annex to the administration of government. And this law compels the teaching of an account of creation, in so far as it may be said to be taught at all, that may be at variance with the belief of many persons who worship God according to the dictates of conscience, and also of reason. We imagine there are few Unitarians who accept this biblical story and perhaps some who would not want it taught to their children unless its scientific inaccuracies were pointed out. We recall an effort by a prevailing Protestant denomination to force a liberal President of a teachers' college to read the Bible at the morning assembly exercises. A committee of ministers solemnly appeared one day and more solemnly presented a handsomely printed and bound copy of the Book with the wish that it might so be used. The President of the school, having taken the

stand that the State school and religious instruction were separate and apart, and that though the Bible might be read at Assembly it was not a part of the school work, and all Jewish children would be excused from attendance on request, received the committee with his usual courtesy and also received the presented copy with a word of praise as to its contents, remarking that it should have a prominent place in the school's reference library. But that was many years before Mr. Bryan ran for the first time on his sacrosanct doctrine of the "free and unlimited."

Few scholarly professors to-day in any school, we think, would strive to impress upon the growing mind the "doctrine of evolution" as the true story of the origin of man. It is a hypothesis which explains some things, or seems to, but it is not perfect within itself. And it is only a hypothesis, however strong the array of facts which are presented with it. Why it should, therefore, be prohibited because in conflict with the Biblical account is hard to see. Is all science to be taken from the school merely because it is not proven? Is the Bible the only book to be left? And does modern intelligence propose that reason, the same reason applied to science, is not to be applied to the Bible? And are we to discard all other theories in science—what of the atom and electron in physics and chemistry? It is unfortunate that any such stand should be taken anywhere as that a conflict between a religious dogma and a scientific theory must be prohibited by a State law. This Act of the Tennessee Legislature, *does*, emphatically, place teaching and the teacher in a public school in a straightjacket of paternalism. Is the legislator better able to decide the merits of this controversy than the teacher? And what of the invasion of parental rights? Evolution shall *not* be taught—leaving the Bible a clear field. School money shall *not* be used save to teach that God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, then took a rib from his side and fashioned a woman out of it.

How petty the whole thing is—a veritable tempest in a teapot. If this tinkering with the relations of Church and State is to continue we will have religious wars in every hamlet in the land. For there are matters of religious import that transcend this one. Modernists and Fundamentalists are at war over the *origin* of Jesus Christ.

At the recent meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Columbus, Ohio, the Fundamentalists won a victory over the Liberals and Modernists by a ruling of the Assembly and its Judicial Commission that a "direct affirmation of the Virgin birth was essential to admittance to the Presbyterian ministry under the Confession of Faith." New York "Times" report.) The New York Presbytery, claiming the right to define the qualifications, had been haled before the Judicial Commission because it issued a license to a young man who stated he could not "affirm or deny" a belief in this doctrine. What might be termed a protest signed by a minority of the Commission and others was presented to the Assembly. It is said an immediate split was averted by the appointment of a special committee of fifteen to inquire into the whole field of the controversy and report to the meeting of the Assembly next year. The effect of the action of the General Assembly would be to force the New York Presbytery out of the church organization. Two questions are involved: the doctrinal question of be-

lief, and the Church constitutional question of the power of the Presbytery to rule its own procedure in licensing candidates to the ministry. But the important one is evidently that of belief or non-belief in the Virgin birth. This controversy arises, it is to be noted, a few years after the "union" between the "Old" school Presbyterians and the "Cumberland" Presbyterians, at which time it was affirmed (and by some of the latter denied) that the Church no longer held to the doctrine known as "Infant Damnation." In Kansas recently a doctrinal division as to faith or belief arose similar to these mentioned, causing a local upheaval. And under the Tennessee law alluded to above, a "professor" in a school has been formally indicted charged with "teaching evolution" to his pupils. A trial is to be hastened to make a test case, each side to be represented by a great array of legal talent, at which time our national constitutional guaranty of the freedom of worship will be invoked against the statute of Tennessee. In these church controversies valuable properties are at stake and sooner or later our civil courts are brought into action. "Dividing" a church often divides families and makes bitter enemies.

It is all regrettable on many grounds. No sooner is one dogma or doctrine settled than another arises, because it is necessary in a controversy to single out and define special points to make a case. In the matter of the Tennessee statute it would seem that exclusive of certain scientific text books is an ultimate result. The "Bible" evidently is to remain. Shall the Old Testament, since therein is found the story of creation, be separated from the New Testament, when introduced into the schools? Is there no controversy between the two? And then, what effect upon the child brought up in the atmosphere of dogmas when in later life reason comes to assert its sway? Education has been defined as the power to "suspend judgment." If it be admitted that evolution is taught as an infallible dogma of science then the teaching, it must be said, is arbitrary and contrary to accepted principles of the best in the profession. But it is narrow to exclude knowledge of a scientific theory.

It is better that liberalism fill life with the right to believe according to individual investigation and judgment. Turmoils succeed each other in politics and economics. Let us have peace in religion. Some time there may come out of many creeds the universal one. That time is not near. For the present, harking back to our Constitution and Declaration, let every man follow his own form of worship, his own formulated doctrine, provided they are not unseemly and in conflict with established standards of public propriety and welfare. Constantly trying to prohibit something or somebody does not tend to expand the vision of our human destiny. Maybe the earth is flat (a new demonstrator has recently appeared) but if so "truth crushed to earth" will rise again; and meantime there is no harm in sailing around the globe, or believing that we do.

Defense Day.

Is there anything that will defend us from our defenders? One of the tasks which the journalist sets for himself is the advancement of the public good. It is a delight to further, as far as may be in his limited power, constructive efforts to conserve national resources, and intensify productive enterprises. Unfortunately, the pleasure is marred by the need of pointing out facts and tendencies that

work in an opposite direction. His space is limited and his opinion by no means imperious. And he finds himself in many cases, therefore, an unwilling, perhaps an unpleasant, objector. These thoughts come to us when we are confronted by the suggestion that Congress fix the date of what is becoming known as "Defense Day." That the people are entirely competent to make this declaration and decision none may doubt. But how can they do it? And why do we find ourselves considering the matter? Because there is objection to displaying war strength on Armistice Day. On that happy occasion we are lauding Peace, not war. We have had but one day on which the industrial concerns were asked to show their power to transform the machinery of peaceful productive effort into that of war. It happened to coincide with the retirement of General Pershing. "Defense Day" received little attention regarding its wisdom. Now it threatens to become a fixture.

Thus a policy threatens to steal upon us unawares. It of course emanates from the minds of our military powers. While we are at least *talking peace* we are to stop for one day in each year and think of war, think as a people of our industrial preparedness for war, *show forth our latent war strength to all the world*. Is it wise or politic—if we really mean peace when we talk it? Is this the way to show our fitness for world leadership? Is it the way to promote the spirit of peace through gradual disarmament? Is it wise even from a war standpoint to display our reserves "in case war should come"? We can find no ground of justification for this innovation either in peace or war. Certainly it is contrary to the keeping alive of the spirit of peace. If it contradicts the natural sentiments evoked by Armistice Day, as the President well says it does, then it has a neutralizing effect on any and all our peace efforts. Yet the matter threatens to become an issue in Congress before the people have had a chance even to consider it. As we recall the one and only Defense Day we have had, it attracted little popular attention. A few industries, anxious to show their loyalty, mobilized their forces. The war powers declared the "Day" a success. The people thought little and said less.

Is it not fair to ask this question: How can we ever promote international peace as a people while we are called upon continually to exhibit in our domestic affairs the hard and fearful agencies of war? If we continue at cross purposes as to peace and war, when will we arrive at that unity of public opinion without which we can never really promote peace? Is this call for a "Defense Day," when our industries are to exhibit the bare bones of war, a trifling thing? Where did this call originate? Was it not in the War Department anxious to show that it is continually "on the job" of war? Can one imagine that the people in their respective business vocations thought out this "Defense Day" in a sudden united burst of so-called patriotism? No, it came from no such source; and yet it *threatens* to become one of our most important public days, *threatens*, we use the word intentionally, to fasten itself upon us?

There are two possible effects to setting aside a Defense Day. One is that the growing of new holidays will destroy the dignity of all of them, and this new one will fall into disuse. The other is that the war spirit will be stirred unduly each year on this day by the increasing manifestations of physical strength and the multiplied addresses glorifying war which will come to be a part of the ceremonies. For

holiday it will come to be. Fully carried out, factories will close for all work save the display of mobilization power. This will not wholly interest a people devoted to baseball and golf. Millions not directly connected with trades and manufactories that can be transformed into makers of war munitions will seek their usual diversions. "Defense Day" will come to be a day devoted to warlike thought and attitude, albeit in their carefree way the masses will enjoy themselves. The time to prevent this malignant growth is now. For we maintain that it is an excrescence and has no place in a healthy civil life. And even if it does keep alive the spirit of "preparedness" we assert that it is not good policy to show what we can do in war until the time comes to do it.

We cannot hold to the belief that it is possible to intermingle constructive work in our factories with destructive. Machinery is not so easily made reversible. Supplies for peace are not inherently supplies for war. Wonderful work *was* done in the World War by some of our industries, and done quickly, but at what loss of direct energy and at what ultimate cost to the people! No nation ever poured out money as did the United States in that brief period. No "Administration" ever worked with a freer hand. No waste ever occurred that was equal to it—witness the airplane scandal, witness the rotting hulks of hundreds of ships never used now about to be sold for junk. And instead of this being an argument in defense of Defense Day it proves the impossibility of keeping our major industries prepared for war, for if this *is* done peace must bear the colossal cost of waste.

Our chief objection is that Defense Day serves to keep alive the *spirit* of war. If competitive armaments ought to be suppressed, why have the nations of the world follow our Defense Day with one of their own to show the state of *their* industrial preparedness? Will any nation desire thus to advertise its weakness? The occasion will be used to whet the appetite for military display, to emphasize the virtues of war as the savior of the world. Yet at this moment every people is yearning for peace and the assurance of continued peace. Sometimes it would almost seem that certain military forces see the handwriting on the wall and are trying to perpetuate their jobs. The thought is unkind and irreverent. But ought not the people to ask that these same forces wait a little for instructions before proceeding in an arbitrary manner to establish dangerous precedents? If so, it is largely the fault of the people that they do not speak out boldly, directly, in their own behalf.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Gold Movement.

Regarding the gold movement in May, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its "Monthly Review" for June says:

The gold export movement, which began in December and reached a maximum in January, has continued to diminish steadily. During the first 25 days of May exports through the Port of New York totaled only \$9,400,000, while imports amounting to \$7,500,000, were the largest for any similar period since November.

The following table shows gold exports and imports for the country from December to April, and for the Port of New York only during the first 25 days of May. Of the export shipments, \$15,000,000 in both March and April, and \$6,250,000 in May, represented withdrawals by the Reichsbank of gold which had been earmarked here for its account for some time. Excluding these withdrawals, there would have been a small import balance for the country in April and for the Port of New York at least in May.

	Imports.	Exports.
December	\$10,274,000	\$39,675,000
January	5,038,000	73,526,000
February	3,603,000	50,600,000
March	7,337,000	25,104,000
April	8,870,000	21,604,000
May (1 to 25)*	7,470,000	9,419,000
Total	\$42,592,000	\$219,928,000

*Port of New York only.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, June 5 1925.

Business has continued to be more or less impeded by the weather for most of a week abnormally hot over most of the country with destructive tornadoes and big rains in some parts. The storms caused heavy damage in Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. The Central West and the East have been enveloped by heat of extraordinary severity and persistence for this time of year, following, perhaps, as a natural reaction, the abnormally cold spring. The persistently high temperatures, it is true, have finally helped business here in cotton dress goods, wash fabrics, knit goods and so forth. But in many cases such temperatures as 90 to 99 degrees in New York and nearby States, and 90 to 95 in parts of the West tend to keep people at home or make them indifferent to trading for the time being. Some New Jersey and Rhode Island mills have had to close temporarily. And certainly such weather does not tend to change the program followed for nearly two years of buying from hand to mouth. There is no lack of railroad cars. Deliveries are quick. Order one day and the goods are delivered the next day, or surprisingly soon. In the popular phrase, the railroads are on the job as never before. And the business by mail order houses and chain stores makes a good showing. They tend to confirm the opinions of those who contend that even though the size of the business under way is not so large as had been expected it makes in the aggregate no bad showing. It is said that the sales of pig iron in the United States in May were nearly 750,000 tons and that iron prices begin to show more steadiness, even if low quotations continue to be accepted by some manufacturers. The output of iron has recently been cut down to about 50% of capacity and sooner or later this will have a salutary effect on the condition of this branch of industry. Steel is being produced at the rate of 70% of capacity, with a fair business in some directions and very little in others. But here again retrenchment of output cannot fail ultimately to have a bracing effect on the business.

The grain markets have fluctuated widely, advancing latterly some 10 to 12 cents from the low point touched by wheat, for instance, earlier in the week. For unfortunately, the outlook for the wheat crop is far from satisfactory, so much so that it is suggested that the exportable surplus for the season beginning July 1 is likely to be much less than 50,000,000 bushels, as against total exports thus far this year, including Canadian, of some 380,000,000 bushels. Spring wheat, however, has been benefited to some extent by recent rains and also by high temperatures. The same is true, too, of the Western corn crop. Prices for corn end lower for the week, while those for wheat are 4 to 5 cents higher than last Friday. Cotton has advanced some \$4 to \$5 a bale, owing to continued hot dry weather in Texas, especially in the central and southern parts. To all appearances, too, the other parts of the cotton belt are now beginning to need rain, or soon will. At the same time stocks of cotton, both at the ports and interior towns, are rapidly decreasing, so that an acute situation has arisen in the spot cotton markets of the country. Within three days the price of the actual cotton here has risen nearly \$7 a bale. The takings by the mills continue greatly to exceed those of a year ago. World's stocks are decreasing much more rapidly than was the case at that time. And while Fall River's sales this week have aggregated only 30,000 pieces of print cloths, there has been, as already intimated, a better sale for various summer fabrics, much to the surprise and satisfaction of merchants who had been looking for nothing of the kind at this time. The Government cotton crop report of 76.6 on the 2d inst., or 11% better than last year, was a surprise, and for a time sent prices downward on that day very sharply. It was forgotten for the moment that a June 2 report based on conditions observable on May 25 is very far from being a criterion as to the ultimate outturn of the crop. Even the report for June 25 in 1918 was followed by a drop later in the season of 40%. And it is a fact that the things right before the cotton trade are now dominating prices as well as the threatening outlook for the crop. The trouble is that Texas lost the sub-soil moisture derivable from fall, winter and spring rains and must have frequent precipitations during

the rest of the growing season or the crop in that State may turn out to be a disappointment. Coffee has been rising sharply because of the fact that Brazil seems to have the whip hand, at least for the time being. We are right on the verge of a new season beginning July 1, as regards the coffee crop of Brazil, but meanwhile American stocks have been rashly allowed to become rather badly depleted. And the sequel shows that whatever grumbling the people may indulge in about prices coffee consumption in this country continues on a big scale. The people do not care for substitutes. They want the real thing and will pay any price to get it. Under the circumstances prices during the past week have advanced 1 to 1½ cents. One thing that has favored bulls in coffee is that the offerings of mild coffee have fallen off sharply, whereas at one time the competition of mild grades was a serious obstacle to any pronounced advance in Brazilian coffee. Sugar has been very active, and latterly firmer. The business in refined has taken a jump owing to the phenomenally hot weather all over the country. The summer season invariably brings in an active trade in sugar and often higher prices. The big textile industries are still for the most part quiet. Curtailment of output is gradually spreading at the South, or at any rate, plans are announced to that effect. And at Fall River the mills are operating at not much if anything above 50%. Some Southern mills are working at the same rate. The great heat has caused a temporary closing down of some mills in New Jersey and Rhode Island. Business in general merchandise is about up to the level of last year. Nothing better can be said of it. But bank clearings still show a large volume with the greatest gains in New York, a fact, however, which is explained by the big business in stocks and bonds. At the same time this expansion in the trade in securities is an evidence of growing confidence in the country at large. Latterly the stock market has been active and noticeably strong, even though to-day the transactions, no doubt partly because of the severity of the weather and the departure of many people for the summer resorts, showed some falling off in business. One drawback was the decline in French francs to the lowest price seen for some two years past, owing to the disturbed political situation in France. There was a sharp fall in the franc in London also. Meantime, "Joseph Caillaux, Finance Minister of France," according to one dispatch to the "Tribune," "is playing behind the scenes one of the most daring and gigantic financial gambles in history in the view of a number of bankers in constant contact with Paris." Others will doubt whether M. Caillaux, with a new reputation to make, will undertake any financial jugglery or anything suggestive of the futile methods of financial Ministers in the reign of Louis XVI. He may protect the franc within certain limits; he may slow the pace in plans for balancing the budget. But he is too shrewd not to know that financial acrobatics will not mend matters in the end; that the French people must be taxed more heavily, must put their shoulder to the wheel until the political and social organization known as France is out of the morass, and with actually, not pretendedly, balanced budgets is once more on good firm road leading upward to the normal safe and sane conditions.

Chinese bonds were inclined to be weak in London to-day, coincident with the disturbed industrial situation in China, where it seems some 200,000 workers are now on strike, while Japan offends China by politely offering to assist in suppressing the riots which have followed the big textile strikes.

An interesting event of the week was that J. P. Morgan & Co. agreed to grant a credit of \$50,000,000 to a consortium of Italian banks to be used to stabilize exchange. The firm also announced that various other banks would be associated with it in extending the credit.

The average swing of prices of merchandise in May was upward, due to advances in breadstuffs, live stock, provisions, non-ferrous metals, oils, and last but not least, miscellaneous products, owing to the rise in rubber, in May, more than offset the weakness in textiles, especially cotton and cotton goods and some building materials, and caused a sharp reversal of the preceding four months' weakness in commodities generally. The result was an advance in Bradstreet's price index number, after a fairly steady decline except in grain prices, since Jan. 1. The June 1 index

number was \$13.6177, which marked a gain of 2.2% over May 1, but was exactly the same percentage below the two most recent price peaks, those of Jan. 1 1925 and March 1 1923. It also registered an increase of 10.7% over June 1 a year ago, when prices were close to the low ebb of the year, but was 28% above the low point touched in June 1921, after the deflation of 1920-21.

Hartford, Conn., wired that 150 tenants, former employees of the American Thread Co. now on strike, will be notified to vacate the company's tenement houses at once. The strike now in its thirteenth week is for a return of wages to what they were prior to the 10% wage cut of Jan. 10. In Alabama three plants are running on short time; in Georgia, six; in South Carolina, one, and in North Carolina, twenty. At Talladega, Ala., the Samoset cotton mills, making denims, are curtailing 25%, with plans made to increase the curtailment another 25% in the near future. Charlotte, N. C., wired that curtailment of production to the extent of at least six days' normal output before Aug. 15 has been agreed upon by Southern mill officials operating more than 4,000,000 spindles and 85,000 looms, according to an announcement made by David Clark, who intimates that the number of spindles affected will doubtless go very much beyond the figures he gives. The aim is to get 10,000,000 spindles to curtail. Durham, N. C., wired further reports of curtailment from the cotton spinning mills of Gaston County. Indications, it added, were that with a dropping off in orders curtailment would become general and heavy. There would possibly be a two weeks' general shutdown, beginning about the middle or latter part of this month. A number of the mills already are running on two-thirds time, and whether or not these will curtail further has not been determined. W. A. Erwin, of Durham said that he did not contemplate any further curtailment of the mills already running on short time. It was intimated, however, that the mills running on full time might have to cut production later. At Columbus, Ga., though no mills have curtailed for a week, two of the largest are running on part time. In parts of North Carolina yarn mills are said to be the only ones in the Carolinas making curtailments. But plants manufacturing fine grade goods are said to be busy. Slack conditions in textile circles last summer brought about a scarcity of skilled labor. It caused some inconvenience to the mills of this section later, when under better trade came heavier production. For this and other reasons it is believed that output will not be cut in the Greenville district unless market conditions become much more serious. At Spartanburg, S. C., the Arkwright mills will curtail production to four days a week beginning Monday, June 15. The Southern Yarn Spinners' Association weekly bulletin says that it is probable that no agreement of curtailment will be effective at Southern cotton mills, but already some 7,000,000 spindles have indicated an intention of curtailing operations during the summer.

It seems that in May another organized closing by more than 40 textile mills specializing in cotton crepe has recently been started in Japan at Natorigun, near Kobe, and will continue until June 21. Curtailment of output had been going on for some time in that locality, as in Tokushima and the industry is almost dead except for mills specializing in wide cloth. The present price paid for other cloth at around 1 yen is far short of costs. At Shanghai, China, the strike of textile workers grows more serious, and all Chinese banks and Exchanges on the 4th inst. were reported closed. It was feared that the strike would become general. Later it was rumored that the strike had become general and that 200,000 men were out, closing all mills and industrial plants. To-day the situation was quiet, with only a few smaller disturbances. The Japanese Government has offered to restore order if the Peking Government cannot, but this is taken as a veiled threat and has disturbed large commercial interests in China.

At Paterson, N. J., on June 4 several mills were forced to close, owing to the intense heat. The operatives were unable to handle the silk. It became sticky. The workers not only suffered from the heat, but could not keep their work clean. It may be necessary to close afternoons while the heat wave continues, though manufacturers are reluctant to lose the time when their product is in such keen demand, and deliveries are already late. At Pawtucket, R. I., on June 4, owing to the extraordinary hot wave, the thread mills of J. & P. Coats with over 4,000 workers were closed at noon.

Revenue freight loading for the week ended May 23 totaled 986,209 cars, according to reports filed by the carriers

with the American Railway Association. This was the greatest number of cars loaded during any one week so far this year, exceeding by 1,293 cars the preceding week and by 6,795 cars the loading of the corresponding week last year. The present freight movement, it was said, is being met without car shortage.

At Akron, Ohio, tire manufacturers report May output of balloon tires the heaviest on record. Akron plants are now producing 100,000 tires of all kinds daily, of which 50% are balloon.

In Boston on June 2 the conference between the building contractors and the striking union members of the Common Laborers' Union did not break the existing deadlock. The unions still demanded an advance to 77½ and 80c. an hour for the skilled and partly skilled members of the Common Laborers' Union, which would mean in effect an advance of about 12½% over the scale prevailing prior to the walkout. Employers say they have no difficulty in filling places at the old wages.

The week has seen the hottest weather hereabouts on record. On June 1 the mercury here was up to 88. Chicago had 92, the highest in 55 years. Rains broke the drought of five months in Iowa and Nebraska, which helped grain and damaged hay. Cleveland had 90, Milwaukee and Detroit 92, and Philadelphia 95. South Dakota had a light rain that did not break its prolonged drought. At Rock Springs, Wyo., on the same day eight inches of snow fell, bringing out fur coats in contrast with Palm Beach suits in the Central West and in the East. At Helena it was 56; at Seattle 64 and at Minneapolis 86. On the 2d inst. it was 85 degrees here and on the 3d 92. Many were stricken. Sultry weather over-spread the Eastern States and the Central West got no relief from the big heat wave, so remarkable for the first week of June. In Rockland County, N. Y., on the 3d inst. it was 95 to 97 in the shade, stopping farm work. On the 3d inst. it was 99 at Ansonia, Conn., and automatic sprinklers were set off in the wire mill of the American Brass Co. In Cleveland and Detroit on the 3d inst. it was 92, in Cincinnati 94, in Chicago 86, in Kansas City 84 and in St. Paul 80. On the 4th inst. it was 95 here, the highest on record for that date. To-night it is said that there is no relief in sight, with 94 degrees here to-day. To-day the Fire Department turned on 600 showers. The parks and beaches have been thrown open to the people. At Coney Island 10,000 slept on the beaches last night. There may be no relief for a day or two except from passing thunder showers. At Elmira, N. Y., to-day it was 101. Buffalo was the coolest, with 72 degrees. In New England schools are closing owing to the heat.

Business Indexes of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board has issued under date of May 29 the following statement giving current figures of its various business indexes:

INDEX OF PRODUCTION IN BASIC INDUSTRIES.									
(Adjusted for seasonal variations. Monthly average 1919=100.)									
	Apr. 1925.	Mar. 1925.	Apr. 1924.		Apr. 1925.	Mar. 1925.	Apr. 1924.		Apr. 1925.
Total	119	120	114	Lumber	123	125	127		
Pig iron	128	136	127	Bituminous	105	95	94		
Steel ingots	128	146	119	Anthracite	106	96	97		
Cotton	121	110	97	Copper	136	142	127		
Wool	92	95	97	Zinc	124	131	114		
Wheat flour	90	94	105	Sole leather	69	70	62		
Sugar melting	134	133	115	Newsprint	115	110	111		
Cattle slaughtered	104	100	98	Cement	199	199	169		
Calves	124	138	116	Petroleum	194	187	189		
Sheep	120	102	102	Cigars	87	86	88		
Hogs	101	96	136	Cigarettes	178	170	157		
				Manufactured tobacco	95	89	91		

INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.									
(Not adjusted for seasonal variations. Monthly average 1919=100.)									
	Employment			Payrolls					
	Apr. 1925.	Mar. 1925.	Apr. 1924.	Apr. 1925.	Mar. 1925.	Apr. 1924.			
Total	96.0	96.4	99.1	107.6	110.4	110.6			
Iron and steel	88.7	89.5	95.1	93.9	96.5	102.0			
Textiles—Group	98.9	100.0	98.9	108.0	114.4	105.8			
Fabrics	100.8	101.0	98.1	111.7	114.2	105.4			
Products	96.5	98.6	99.8	103.5	114.7	106.3			
Lumber	100.6	99.6	105.9	107.9	109.7	114.4			
Railroad vehicles	88.8	89.9	91.5	95.4	100.2	99.1			
Automobiles	121.7	112.7	123.4	156.2	142.9	149.2			
Paper & printing	104.7	105.7	104.6	137.1	139.4	136.7			
Foods, &c.	83.7	86.8	89.9	98.5	103.5	101.6			
Leather, &c.	88.8	92.5	89.1	91.5	100.0	90.9			
Stone, clay, glass	123.2	116.8	125.0	149.9	143.4	156.3			
Tobacco, &c.	81.7	88.5	87.2	74.2	88.3	87.5			
Chemicals, &c.	75.4	75.5	78.2	97.6	101.6	102.8			

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.									
	Wholesale Trade			Retail Trade					
	Apr. 1925.	Mar. 1925.	Apr. 1924.	Apr. 1925.	Mar. 1925.	Apr. 1924.			
Groceries	75	79	79	Dept. store sales:					
Meat	68	73	61	Adjusted	132	120	131		
Dry goods	87	96	81	Unadjusted	135	121	133		
Shoes	64	63	69	Dept. store stocks:					
Hardware	108	107	108	Adjusted	136	137	136		
Drugs	115	121	114	Unadjusted	140	138	140		
				Mail order sales:					
				Adjusted	114	103	111		
Total	79	83	78	Unadjusted	117	120	114		

Manufacturing Production in April at Same Level as in March—Higher Than April 1924.

Manufacturing production in April was the same as in March, at 129% of the 1919 average, according to the index number of the Department of Commerce, and was 9% higher than in April 1924. Under date of June 1, the Department says:

The principal increases over March occurred in the output of automobiles, with a gain of more than 17%, and in stone and clay products with 13%, while slight increases were shown, when reduced to an average daily basis, in the output of paper and lumber. Increases over a year ago were made in all groups except foodstuffs, with textiles showing the greatest increase.

The output of raw materials was 1% less in April than a year ago, the marketings of animal products decreasing 1%, as computed by the Department of Commerce index numbers, while crop marketings decreased 9%, forestry products increased 2% and mineral production 7%.

The index of unfilled orders declined during April, but was the same as a year ago, iron and steel unfilled orders being higher on April 30 than a year ago, while orders for building materials declined.

Stocks of commodities held at the end of April decreased 5% during the month, when allowance is made for seasonal tendencies, but increased 4% over a year ago. Stocks in each group, however, except manufactured commodities, declined during April, when seasonal factors are eliminated, while compared with a year ago, all groups except manufactured foodstuffs showed increased stocks on hand.

	1925.			1924.	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.
<i>Production (Index numbers: 1919=100)—</i>					
Raw materials, total.....	95	96	86	94	87
Minerals.....	113	118	114	122	107
Animal products.....	102	111	117	107	118
Crops.....	81	75	49	71	54
Forestry.....	112	125	132	117	129
Manufacturing, grant total (adjusted)	124	129	129	124	118
Total (unadjusted).....	115	129	129	124	118
Foodstuffs.....	94	95	95	100	104
Textiles.....	108	112	111	100	97
Iron and steel.....	127	142	123	142	115
Other metals.....	171	182	183	195	176
Lumber.....	137	150	154	138	142
Leather.....	65	94	92	89	84
Paper and printing.....	99	111	116	104	112
Chemicals.....	152	161	155	141	141
Stone and clay products.....	100	125	141	123	129
Tobacco.....	100	109	107	102	100
Automobiles*.....	170	225	263	233	228
Miscellaneous.....	112	139	155	131	131
<i>Commodity Stocks (Index numbers, 1919=100)</i>					
(Unadjusted)—					
Total.....	164	160	145	146	136
Raw foodstuffs.....	234	239	199	212	178
Raw material for manufacture.....	137	120	105	103	97
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	83	74	69	75	73
Manufactured commodities.....	175	173	174	164	165
(Adjusted for seasonal element)—					
Total.....	152	149	142	136	136
Raw foodstuffs.....	187	192	176	169	164
Raw material for manufacture.....	139	130	120	110	109
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	86	80	75	79	86
Manufactured commodities.....	174	171	172	161	163
<i>Unfilled orders—</i>					
Total (based on 1920 as 100).....	63	58	54	61	54
Iron and steel.....	50	46	42	46	50
Building materials.....	115	105	104	124	112

* Included in miscellaneous group also.

Guaranty Trust Company Looks for Continuance of Business at Fairly High Level of Activity.

Recent developments in trade and industry have been highly irregular; but, taken together, they indicate the continuance of business as a whole at a fairly high level of activity, reports the current issue of the "Guaranty Survey," published May 25 by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. "Large trade volumes are reflected especially by such general indexes as freight traffic, sales at retail, and bank clearings," the "Survey" continues. "Payments by check as measured by debits to individual accounts reported by the Federal Reserve Board for the week ended May 6 were the largest ever recorded. In some of the basic industries further declines in output have appeared, while others have reached new high records."

Discussing commodity prices, gold resumption in England, general conditions abroad, &c., the Survey says:

Commodity Prices.

General commodity prices rose in the second and third weeks of May, after an almost uninterrupted decline of two months' duration. Whether this is only a temporary halt in a slow downward movement or the beginning of a sustained advance, it appears that, in either event, with rates of general consumption and industrial production so nearly in balance, business activity as a whole will be well maintained in nearby months.

Perhaps the most important feature of the present situation in its bearing on the course of business for the remainder of the year is the exceptionally good condition of the crops. Despite the prospect for a greatly reduced yield of winter wheat, the agricultural outlook in general is distinctly favorable. The cotton acreage will apparently be larger than ever before, and weather conditions have been such as to make early planting possible over a large part of the belt. Other crops also are much more advanced than at this season a year ago.

Gold Resumption in England.

The outstanding financial event of recent weeks is the partial restoration of the gold standard in Great Britain. Although surprise was expressed in some quarters that resumption had been undertaken without further delay, there was no lack of confidence that the project would be successful. The prospect of stability has been strengthened by the firmness of sterling exchange rates and the fact that only moderate exportations of gold from England have taken place.

Naturally, no measurable change in general business conditions, either at home or abroad, has immediately resulted from gold resumption. The

pound was already so near its gold parity that there could be no violent dislocation of exchange rates to disturb the course of trade. The principal effect is the psychological one. While this is necessarily of an intangible sort, there is no doubt that it will be an important influence in promoting general trade expansion.

General Conditions Abroad.

Events in Europe have moved with dramatic intensity during the last month. The focal points have been the partial return of Great Britain to the gold standard, the election of former Field Marshal von Hindenburg to the Presidency of the German Republic, and the appointment to the important office of the French Ministry of Finance of M. Callaux, who took his seat just five years after his exile for alleged friendly overtures to his country's enemies.

The election of von Hindenburg is generally regarded with equanimity since it is apparently merely a popular recognition of a war hero and a swing from communistic tendencies such as has simultaneously occurred in the municipal elections in France and Belgium.

Alleged Unfair Trade Practices.

The British Press has recently called attention to instances of boycott and other alleged unfair trade practices in certain European countries against manufacturing enterprises operating there through the investment of foreign capital. It is alleged that through pressure of various sorts the advertising of a large British corporation has recently been barred from tram lines in one European capital, that the eviction of shopkeeper tenants who sold the goods of this company had been effected, and in various other ways action hostile to this company, with substantial foreign capital invested in the country, has been brought about. Complaints of similar practices have been made by other important British industries.

General principles of reciprocity in international trade and in international banking demand that industrial enterprises representing the investment of foreign capital in a country and employing the labor of that country and observing all of its laws should, of course, be accorded the same treatment as industrial enterprises of such country financed by domestic capital. Discrimination against industrial enterprises lawfully operating and giving employment to labor within any country merely because the capital employed in such enterprises is furnished from foreign sources evidences most strongly the attitude of mind on the part of certain elements in some countries which can only affect their desirability as borrowers. As pointed out by the London press, this question concerns both the American and the British financial markets, as those are the main sources of funds to which such prospective borrowers must turn for external loans.

Business Sentiment in New England Definitely Improved in May, According to Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Discussing the business situation in the New England district, Frederic H. Curtiss, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston had the following to say under date of June 1:

The Situation.

There are times when a change in business sentiment gives a clearer perspective of the general situation than the actual current volume of trade or rate of production. This seems to be one of those times. The rate of business activity in New England has been slowly declining since January; until the latter part of April this was accompanied by a distinct feeling of uncertainty over the outlook for the summer. In May, however, business sentiment definitely improved. While this improvement may have been based in part on the rise in security prices, a great deal of it was attributable to stronger commodity prices.

The New England Business Activity Index for April was above the average of the past few years, while the Index for May will undoubtedly be close to that for April. The building industry is conspicuous, as being one of the most active in the district. The value of contracts awarded in April has been exceeded only once, and the value of projects contemplated is high. The cotton textile industry of New England has been more active than usual during recent months; in fact, certain individual cotton mills with unusually progressive managements are running at full production and making a profit. The woolen and worsted mills are less active than the cotton textile plants, and at no time this year have they consumed as much wool as in the corresponding months of either of the two previous years. The production of boots and shoes normally declines in April, May and June, as the season's run nears its end. Output during March of this year was approximately equal to that of a year ago, but in April it was below that of 1924. On the other hand, machine shops are generally active. Fewer persons were employed by the paper industry in Massachusetts during April than in either of the two previous months or April a year ago. The April employment report, which covers 941 representative establishments, employing over 230,000 workers, showed that fewer workers were on full-time schedules in April than in March, with the result that average weekly earnings declined. In addition, there was a decrease in the number employed.

Retail distribution of merchandise through New England department stores was in smaller volume during the first 4 months of this year than in the corresponding period a year ago. Sales of Boston department stores during the first 2 weeks of May were slightly in excess of those during the corresponding period in 1924.

Decrease in Wages of Factory Workers in New York State in April as Compared With March.

Factory payrolls in New York State showed a decided loss from March to April, says Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton in his monthly statement, issued under date of May 29. Commissioner Hamilton continues:

Wages of the workers for the week of April 15 are estimated at almost \$35,000,000, which is 4% below the March figure. The corresponding drop in employment was not quite 2%. The heavier reduction in payrolls is explained by shorter working schedules, seasonal part-time and holidays.

A year ago manufacturing had already begun to slow up in the third and most severe phase of the depression. The decrease in employment at that time was larger than the change this month, but the loss in wage payments is about the same for the two periods. In comparing April 1925 with April 1924, we find that this year there are over 60,000 fewer workers engaged in manufacturing in the State. Weekly payrolls are more than one and one-half million dollars less than a year ago.

April Gains in Building Plans in New York State.

Building plans in New York State showed a further advance in April. Permits issued in 21 cities of the State were valued at \$122,000,000, 16 millions more than in March. This April was also well above a year ago, when there was a sharp decrease in activity after the high record of the first quarter. The gain over last year modified slightly the large difference in the amount of work planned in the two periods. The total for the first four months of 1925 is now not quite 25% below 1924. This statement was issued at Albany by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton, under date of May 31. Continuing, the statement says:

This analysis is based on reports from the building bureaus of 21 cities which included New York, four cities in Westchester County which are affected by conditions in New York, and 16 up-State cities. These have almost 75% of the population of the State.

The lessened activity in the first four months of this year as compared with the corresponding period for 1924 is almost entirely in residential building. This class of construction constitutes from 60 to 65% of total building work. Fewer public buildings also have been planned, but commercial buildings, which included factories, stores, office buildings and public works, have kept even with last year. Amusement places showed a decided increase.

Value of Permits Issued in First Four Months.

Class of Building—	1925.	1924.
Residential -----	\$223,000,000	\$316,000,000
Public -----	24,000,000	39,000,000
Commercial -----	67,000,000	66,000,000
Amusement places -----	12,000,000	6,000,000

For the first time since 1921, plans for construction in New York City are being distributed over the spring months instead of being crowded into March. April, with its increase over March, followed the more normal course of the other cities of the State. Projects filed in the five boroughs amounted to \$113,000,000 for the month, more than double April 1924. The total for the first four months is 317 millions, where last year it reached 426 millions.

Almost all the boroughs gained over March, but Manhattan stood out with the highest figure for recent years. The record of February 1924 was almost 7 million dollars less than the total of 44 millions this month. Factories, offices, a hospital and several large apartments were responsible for the sudden rise in valuation. The other boroughs reported more plans filed in April than in March with the exception of Queens, where projects dropped from \$24,000,000 to \$20,000,000. However, it was only in the Bronx, where a large number of apartments were planned that residential building gained.

Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle lost this month, as all classes of building were less active, but White Plains doubled its March figure of \$660,000. Building in Yonkers continues to move ahead at an extremely rapid pace. Plans for the first four months equal two-thirds of last year's total, which was high.

The total amount of construction planned up-State was lower in April than in March. Ten of the cities reported increases from month to month, but the five decreases were enough to pull the total down. Two of the losses in Buffalo and Utica follows the filing of large plans in March. In Rochester the improvement was all in non-residential work, in most of the other cities it was either in dwellings or all kinds of buildings.

If allowance is made for the special condition in Rochester last year, when plans were rushed through before the building fee went into effect, we find that up-State is keeping fairly even in the first four months with 1924. Residential construction is ahead of last year, but public and commercial classes of building have fallen off decidedly. Amusement places show a marked gain.

Larger Building Program in Farming Regions Now Under Way Than For Several Years Past According to Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Regarding retail lumber sales and building activity in the Northwest, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has the following to say in its Monthly Review of Agricultural and Business Conditions, issued under date of May 29:

Retail lumber sales in the rural portions of this district were 50% greater during April than during the same month last year. The increases in the earlier months of this spring as compared with the volume a year ago have been largely due to more favorable weather. April, however, is always a good building month, and it can now be said with certainty that a much larger building program is under way in the farming regions of the Northwest than has been undertaken for several years past. Sales of these lumber retailers, measured in dollars and including other items as well as lumber, were 35% greater in April than a year ago. In spite of this increase in the dollar value of sales, accounts and notes receivable of lumber retailers were 7% smaller than last year at the close of April. There was a large seasonal increase in lumber sales between March and April. Stocks of lumber in retailers' hands were practically the same at the close of April as at the close of March and at the end of April a year ago.

Building activity in prospect showed very pronounced gains in April over March and over April last year. In 18 cities of this district there was an increase of 77% in the valuation of permits granted and an increase of 71% in the number of permits granted in April as compared with March. The April volume of permits was 95% greater in valuation than a year ago and 17% greater in number. At St. Paul the valuation of permits was \$4,360,000, as compared with \$1,458,000 in April a year ago. At Duluth the April valuation of permits granted was \$1,653,000, as compared with \$485,000 a year ago. All of the other 16 cities, from which we receive reports, showed good increases, with the exception of Butte and Eau Claire.

Building contracts awarded in this territory were only 4% greater in valuation in April than in the same month last year, according to the report of the F. W. Dodge Corporation. The character of building has changed considerably during the year. A year ago in April public works and public utilities accounted for 39% of the total, while this year it is only 9% of the total. Residential building a year ago was 29% of the total and this year it was 53% of the total. Contracts for commercial buildings were more than twice as great in April this year as in April a year ago, but educational and industrial building showed declines.

Building Operations in Federal Reserve District of New York.

The following regarding building operations is from the June 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

Contracts awarded in New York and Northern New Jersey in April were again much below the level of a year ago, and for the first 4 months of this year were nearly 30% smaller than last year. Due, however, to large increases in other districts the April total for the country was the largest ever reported, and for the first 4 months of the year was 7% larger than in the corresponding period of any previous year.

Building permits, which precede contracts, also showed in April a large increase over last year for the country, and in the case of permits the increase was shared by New York City, where the April figures last year were relatively small due to expiration of the tax exemption privilege for residential building at the end of March. For the first 4 months of this year, however, permits for this city continued substantially smaller than a year ago.

Illustration of the recent tendencies in building is shown by the accompanying diagram, [we omit this] which compares the first 4 months of this year by districts and by types of construction. In all districts except New York the value of contracts has been equal to or larger than a year ago. Despite the heavy building of recent years, the volume of residential construction for the country as a whole continues close to the high level of last year.

An Index of Trade in N. Y. Federal Reserve District.

In presenting a diagram indicating the trend of trade in the principal cities of the Federal Reserve District of New York (except New York City) since 1919, the June number of the Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York says:

In the Review of May 1 last year there was presented an index of trade in this country over the last 50 years, based upon bank clearings to 1919 and since that date upon bank debits. In this index allowance was made for seasonal variations, changes in the general price level, and growth of the country, so that its changes measured closely the variations in actual volume of trade or exchange of goods over this period.

It has recently been possible to construct a similar index of trade since 1919 in the chief cities of this district, except New York City, where debits reflect so largely financial and Stock Exchange transactions. This index is based upon debits in the following clearing centers:

Albany, N. Y.; Binghamton, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Elmira, N. Y.; Jamestown, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Montclair, N. J.; Newark, N. J.; Northern N. J. Clearing House Assn.; Passaic, N. J. and Stamford, Conn.

The accompanying diagram [this we omit.—Ed.] shows this index in percentages of variation from a line representing what has been the normal rate of increase. This line is here shown as a flat line, but in reality it is a line of gradual slope conforming with the growth of population and general volume of business. For comparison with this new index the index of trade for the country at large is also reproduced.

The similarity both as to direction and time of movement in the two lines reveals the close correspondence of business changes within the district with those for the country as a whole. It is noteworthy, however, that the extremes of high and low points are relatively small in this district, apparently indicating greater stability of business during this period than for the country as a whole. At the present time, both in this district and for the country, the indexes of debits are substantially above the trend.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Review.

One hundred and nineteen mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending May 23, manufactured 107,965,917 feet of lumber; sold 113,526,550 feet, and shipped 108,560,676 feet. New business was 5% above production. Shipments were 4% below new business.

Forty-two per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 47,828,971 feet, of which 35,166,967 feet was for domestic cargo delivery; and 12,662,004 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,982 cars.

Thirty-nine per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 41,813,097 feet, of which 31,391,126 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal; and 10,421,971 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 2,017 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 6,237,579 feet. Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 168,693,592 feet. Unfilled export orders 80,868,187 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders 5,286 cars.

In the first twenty-one weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 2,099,368,784 feet; new business 2,133,817,037 feet; and shipments 2,152,054,679 feet.

Lumber Purchases Continue Large.

The 362 leading commercial softwood lumber mills of the United States, which reported by wire to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association here to-day showed new business for the week ending May 30 20% in excess of that for the corresponding period of 1924. Shipments showed almost as much of a gain and there was a 5% increase in production. On the other hand, there was a falling off in all three factors as compared with the preceding week.

The unfilled orders of 244 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 623,901,074 feet as against 658,085,549 feet for 250 mills the previous week. The 131 identical Southern Pine mills in this group showed unfilled orders of 245,413,260 feet last week as against 249,943,770 feet for the week before. For 113 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 378,487,814 feet as against 408,141,779 feet for 119 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 362 comparably reporting mills had shipments 105% and orders 94% of actual production. For

the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 107 and 100; and for the West Coast mills 116 and 99.

Of the comparably reporting mills 338 (having a normal production for the week of 216,117,713 feet) reported production 102% of normal, shipments 109%, and orders 98% thereof.

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

Mills	Past Week.	Corresponding Week 1924.	Preceding Week 1925 (Revised).
Production	235,757,504	225,424,327	249,671,966
Shipments	248,299,451	206,423,684	251,963,808
Orders (new business)	222,058,262	177,647,933	243,671,190

The following revised figures compare the lumber movement for the first 22 weeks of 1925 with the same period of 1924:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1925	5,277,903,270	5,221,954,235	5,070,985,895
1924	5,284,841,828	5,254,801,213	4,938,696,536
1925 Decrease	6,938,558	32,846,978	
1925 Increase			132,289,359

The mills of the California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association make weekly reports but for a considerable period they have not been comparable in respect to orders with those of other mills. Consequently, the former are not represented in any of the foregoing figures. Eight of these mills reported a cut of 10,265,000 feet, shipments 10,799,000 feet and orders 9,838,000 feet. The reported cut represents 26% of the total of the California Pine region. As compared with the preceding week, there was a decrease of 904,000 feet in production, 441,000 feet in shipments, and an increase of 2,182,000 feet in new business.

Decrease in Paper Production in April, as Compared With Increase in March.

The April production of paper in the United States as reported by identical mills to the American Paper & Pulp Association and co-operating organizations, showed a decrease of 0.3% as compared with March's production (following an 8% increase in March over February), according to the Association's "Monthly Statistical Summary of Pulp and Paper Industry," issued under date of May 28. All trades showed a decrease in production as compared with March, with two exceptions. The March production of paper in the United States showed an increase of 8% as compared with February's production (following an 8% decrease in February over January), according to the Association's summary dated April 28. All grades showed an increase in production as compared with February, with one exception. The summary is prepared by the American Paper and Pulp Association as the central organization of the paper industry, in co-operation with the Binders Board Manufacturers' Association, Converting Paper Mills Association, Cover Paper Association, Newsprint Service Bureau, Wrapping Paper Manufacturers' Service Bureau and Writing Paper Manufacturers' Association. The figures for April for same mills as reported in March are:

Grade—	Number of Mills.	Production Net Tons.	Shipments Net Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month. Net Tons.
Newsprint	66	132,661	129,881	29,446
Book	63	91,354	90,538	39,668
Paperboard	103	118,848	113,899	35,131
Wrapping	81	50,743	49,219	62,225
Bag	25	10,542	9,500	7,289
Fine	82	30,615	31,322	39,419
Tissue	46	11,825	11,413	12,331
Hanging	8	3,522	3,542	1,983
Felts	20	18,488	18,498	3,965
Other grades	64	20,738	20,786	13,311
Total, all grades		489,336	478,898	244,768

During the same period, domestic wood pulp production increased 4%, this increase being distributed over one grade. The April totals (mills identical with those reporting in March) as reported by the American Paper and Pulp Association, are as follows:

Grade—	Number Mills.	Production. Net Tons.	Used. Net Tons.	Shipments. Net Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month. Net Tons.
Groundwood pulp	102	128,890	98,081	3,023	166,506
Sulphite news grade	40	43,024	39,591	2,939	9,660
Sulphite bleached	21	22,147	18,444	3,742	3,219
Sulphite easy bleached	5	3,177	2,633	414	754
Sulphite mitscherlich	6	6,613	5,343	1,208	926
Sulphate pulp	10	13,062	11,054	2,385	1,720
Soda pulp	11	17,787	12,936	4,872	2,075
Other than wood pulp	2	98	128	-	26
Total, all grades		234,798	188,210	18,583	184,886

The figures for March for same mills as reported in February are:

Grade—	Number of Mills.	Productio Net Tons.	Shipments Net Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month. Net Tons.
Newsprint	66	127,624	126,482	26,666
Book	63	94,719	95,242	39,501
Paperboard	105	118,271	119,798	30,418
Wrapping	83	49,986	50,875	59,305
Bag	26	11,173	11,099	6,547
Fine	82	31,552	30,415	42,295
Tissue	45	12,534	11,623	11,810
Hanging	8	4,225	3,985	2,003
Felts	20	15,027	14,821	3,823
Other grades	64	22,261	22,066	16,160
Total, all grades		487,372	486,406	238,528

During the same period, domestic wood pulp production increased 28%, this increase being distributed over all grades but one. The March totals (mills identical with those reporting in February), as reported by the American Paper and Pulp Association, are as follows:

Grade—	Number Mills.	Production. Net Tons.	Used. Net Tons.	Shipments. Net Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month. Net Tons.
Groundwood pulp	100	115,003	92,413	3,106	135,069
Sulphite news grade	38	41,528	37,562	3,389	8,997
Sulphite bleached	19	23,873	19,244	4,410	3,281
Sulphite easy bleached	5	4,875	4,469	602	700
Sulphite mitscherlich	5	4,221	3,516	739	840
Sulphate pulp	10	14,236	11,761	1,727	4,457
Soda pulp	11	18,271	13,463	4,714	2,097
Other than wood pulp	2	33	-	-	56
Total, all grades		222,040	182,428	18,687	155,497

Automobile Price Changes and New Models.

Further reductions in the price of certain types of automobiles became apparent during the week when reports indicated that the Hudson Motor Car Co. had reduced the price of the Essex coach \$45 and that of the touring car \$50. Both now list at \$850. The dispatch further stated that the price cut of \$45 is without significance as the company is far behind on orders. The cut is merely part of program of reducing prices as volume increases.

The announcement was made June 1 at the Willys-Overland offices in New York City of a \$90 reduction in price, effective at once, on the Overland six-cylinders standard sedan. The new factory price is \$895.

Advices of the 1st inst reported that the Nash Motors Corp. is introducing a new line of cars produced by its subsidiary the Ajax Motors Co. at Racine, Wis. The new Ajax line consists of a six-cylinder sedan at \$995 f. o. b. factory and touring model at \$865.

Further Advances in Gasoline Prices—Crude Oil Shows No Change.

Crude oil prices showed no changes during the week, but gasoline prices, on the other hand, advanced in several sections of the country. The Pierce Oil Co. on June 1 advanced tank wagon gasoline 1 cent a gallon throughout Texas, while the Magnolia Petroleum Co. announced a similar increase in Oklahoma, making tank wagon price 19½ cents. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on June 3 increased the price of fuel oil 5 cents a barrel at the New Orleans and Baton Rouge terminals. The new price at Baton Rouge is \$1 45 a barrel, and at New Orleans \$1 50. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. and Humble Oil & Refining Co. advanced tank-wagon gasoline 1 cent a gallon throughout Texas, making the new price in the Eastern territory 9 cents, and in the Western territory 20 cents. Reports from Pittsburgh on the 3rd inst. indicated that the Gulf Refining Co. has met the Texas advance of 1 cent in gasoline.

The National Petroleum Marketers' Association reported that the Magnolia Petroleum had advanced gasoline 1½ cents a gallon in Oklahoma. U. S. motor gasoline at Mid-Continent refineries was advanced ¼ cent a gallon to 13 cents, some refineries reporting sales at 13¼ cents. A Rutland, Vt., despatch on June 3 stated that a gasoline price war there between the leading distributors has resulted in a drop of 4 cents a gallon to 21 cents retail, exclusive of tax. Prices have been cut by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, the Texaco Oil Co., the New England States Oil Co. and the Gulf Refining Co. Effective June 4th Atlantic Refining Co. advanced the price of gasoline 1 cent a gallon, making tank-wagon price 21 cents and service station price 24 cents, plus 2 cents State tax.

Crude Oil Production Further Increased.

The American Petroleum Institute this week estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the Smaekover heavy oil field was 415,200 barrels, an increase of 25,900 barrels during the week of May 30. The daily average production in the United States for the week ended May 30 was 2,346,900 barrels, as compared with 2,314,750 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 32,150 barrels. The daily average production in the United States, excluding

Smackover heavy, increased 6,250 barrels. The daily average production east of California was 1,723,900 barrels, as compared with 1,699,250 barrels, an increase of 24,650 barrels.

California production was 623,000 barrels, as compared with 615,500 barrels, for the preceding week, an increase of 7,500 barrels; Santa Fe Springs is reported at 52,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 110,000 barrels, against 112,000 barrels; Huntington Beach, 43,000 barrels, no change; Torrance, 36,000 barrels, no change; Dominguez, 36,000 barrels, against 37,000 barrels; Rosecrans, 25,000 barrels, against 24,000 barrels; and Ingelwood, 33,000 barrels, against 23,000 barrels.

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, north, east central and west central Texas, north Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended May 30 was 1,364,450 barrels, as compared with 1,341,200 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 23,250 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 949,250 barrels, against 951,900 barrels, a decrease of 2,650 barrels.

The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks ended May 30, May 23, May 16 1925, and May 31 1924.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.				
(In Barrels)—	May 30 '25.	May 23 '25.	May 16 '25.	May 31 '24.
Oklahoma.....	448,500	448,100	444,700	448,450
Kansas.....	103,900	102,050	100,150	72,500
North Texas.....	89,250	91,400	90,400	79,900
East central Texas.....	121,000	125,250	130,400	135,650
West central Texas.....	92,450	89,850	85,000	50,300
North Louisiana.....	52,100	53,150	51,950	53,550
Arkansas.....	457,250	431,400	448,800	167,600
Gulf coast.....	115,000	110,800	105,400	69,650
Southwest Texas.....	52,350	52,100	52,850	41,600
Eastern.....	103,500	103,000	104,000	105,000
Rocky Mountains.....	88,100	92,150	89,800	127,950
California.....	623,000	615,500	602,500	631,250
Total.....	2,346,900	2,314,750	2,305,950	1,983,400

Record Breaking Gasoline Production—Heavy Consumption.

Production of gasoline in the United States, which has of late broken record after record, continues its upward trend, states the Department of the Interior in commenting on statistics compiled by the Bureau of Mines. The nation's output of gasoline during the month of April was 860,492,115 gallons, a daily average of 28,700,000 gallons. These are record figures for both total and daily average production. The daily average production of gasoline represents an increase over that of the previous month of 4%, and over that of April 1924 of 14%.

Domestic demand for gasoline, the Bureau of Mines reports, was 810,849,075 gallons, a daily average of 27,030,000 gallons, which is an increase over the previous month of 7,010,000 gallons, or 35%. It also represents an increase over the corresponding period of a year ago of 34%. Exports of gasoline in April amounted to 109,750,000 gallons, a drop in daily average from the previous month of 9%.

Stocks of gasoline on hand at refineries on May 1 were 1,561,002,024 gallons, a decrease from the previous month of 50,000,000 gallons. The seasonal decrease in gasoline stocks, due to the advent of the motoring season, has this year manifested itself earlier than usual. This is the first time since 1920 that gasoline stocks have shown a decrease before the month of May, likewise the first time since 1920 that stocks of any month have been lower than those of the same month of the previous years. Gasoline stocks as of May 1 represent 58 days' supply at the April rate of domestic demand. This compares with 80 days' supply on hand a year ago and 80 days' supply on hand on April 1. The statement continues as follows:

The production of kerosene during May was 201,000,000 gallons, a daily average of 6,700,000 gallons. Exports were 80,500,000 gallons, a slight drop in daily average from the previous month. Domestic demand for kerosene showed a material increase and stocks were reduced by 21,000,000 gallons to 420,000,000 gallons.

The production of gas and fuel oils in April was 1,230,000,000 gallons, a daily average of 41,010,000 gallons. These figures are record figures and represent an increase over the previous record figures of March 1925 of 6%. Domestic demand for these oils showed little change over the previous month, but stocks increased 89,000,000 gallons, standing on May 1 at 1,737,000,000 gallons.

The production of lubricants was 107,000,000 gallons, a daily average of 3,570,000 gallons, and a decrease from the previous month. Stocks, exports, and domestic demand showed little change during the month.

The production of wax was 48,900,000 pounds, a decrease from the previous month. Exports fell off 4,000,000 pounds to 24,600,000 pounds, domestic demand dropped off 3,000,000 pounds to 16,500,000 pounds, and stocks continued to increase, standing at 103,300,000 pounds as of May 1.

During the month of April the Bureau of Mines received reports from 296 operating refineries with an aggregate daily crude oil capacity of 2,439,967 barrels, running to stills a daily average of 1,972,659 barrels of both foreign and domestic crude oil, or 80.8% of their daily operating capacity. This is an increase of 0.7% over the refinery operations of the previous month, but a decrease of 4% from the operations of March 1924.

Runs of crude oil for the month totalled 59,179,774 barrels, of which 4,635,371 barrels were foreign oil. The daily average run of 1,972,659 barrels is the highest ever recorded. Stocks of crude at the refineries May 1 amounted to 44,409,291 barrels of which 4,253,641 barrels were foreign crude oil.

Steel Trade Appears to Gain Slowly—Prices Remain About the Same.

The fact that for three weeks now the country's steel production has held close to 70% of capacity is taken as the measure of a nearly stabilized market, in contrast with the very abrupt descent of the production curve in May last year, says the weekly review of market conditions issued June 4 by the "Iron Age," adding:

The character and volume of new buying in finished steel are little changed. Numerically, orders are increasing. Mill shipments still exceed orders, but the improvement last month in the latter is expected to show in a smaller May decline in unfilled orders than the 420,000 tons average for March and April.

The rate of current consumption is obscured by lack of data on consumers' stocks. Jobbers generally have good-sized stocks, as have the larger consumers, but if all consumers had been real hand-to-mouth buyers in the past three months, the decline in production would have meant some decline in consumption.

Sheets are still conspicuous for the stress producers are putting on getting orders even at greater price cuts. The weakness has now extended to automobile body sheets, which are \$2 a ton lower within the week.

Concessions on cold-rolled strip steel are also growing, and as low as 3.50c. is reported.

Pig iron buying in the Middle West is still on a liberal scale, though at Cleveland, where the activity has been greatest, the great total of the preceding week was not reached. In May no less than 350,000 tons was closed there. In other centres large interests that often sense the low point have bought fair-sized lots for third quarter, or are negotiating. Some low prices have been made in private deals.

With structural steel awards of about 38,300 tons, the week ranks as one of the most active of the year in building contracts. More than 8,000 tons is in oil tanks.

Chicago plate mills, which have been much in need of tonnage, are booking considerable steel for the oil fields, oil storage tank awards for the week being 8,400 tons for Baton Rouge and Los Angeles.

Of 54,000 base boxes of tin plate for the Nippon Oil Co., one-half will be supplied by American makers and one-half by Wales.

Reports of deliveries of Belgian wire nails in the Chicago district have not been verified, but it is known that foreign nails have been landed at Gulf ports at \$2 75 per keg, duty paid, which is the ordinary domestic price at Pittsburgh.

French bids on cast iron pipe at Detroit last week were the highest submitted, being \$46 50, delivered, on 24-inch pipe, against \$43 80 by the successful bidder. In all 14,000 tons was taken by domestic foundries. At the previous letting last month the French bidder took 3,000 tons.

The rise in scrap prices which began two or three weeks ago is supported by a moderate movement. At Pittsburgh the advance on heavy melting steel is \$1 50 over the low point of the year, while at Steubenville \$18 a ton has been paid, or 50c. more than last week's price. A 25,000-ton purchase in the Chicago district, the first by a consumer since the scrap market turned firmer, established a 50c. advance this week.

Steel demand in England is so poor that some makers are looking for relief under the "safeguarding of industries" Act. Low franc exchange hampers trade on the Continent. German and French interests have resumed their conference looking to exchange of ore and semi-finished steel for coke. Large German steel companies have agreed to give special low prices to rolling mills on steel intended for export.

American machinery exports in April amounted to \$36,033,980; imports to \$1,167,099. In the ten months ended April 30 exports of machinery were \$277,812,533; imports \$8,624,951. About the same proportion holds in metal working machinery.

The usual comparative composite price table shows no changes this week, but remains as follows:

June 2 1925, Finished Steel, 2.460c. 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.	(May 26 1925.....2.460c. (May 5 1925.....2.460c. (June 3 1924.....2.624c. (10-year pre-war average, 1.689c.
June 2 1925, Pig Iron, \$19 42 per Gross Tons.	
Based on average of basic and foundry irons, the basic being Valley quotation, the foundry an average of Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham.	(May 26 1925.....\$19 42 (May 5 1925.....20 63 (June 3 1924.....20 86 (10-year pre-war average, 15 72
Finished Steel.—High: 1925, 2.560c., Jan. 6; 1924, 2.789c., Jan. 15; 1923, 2.824c., April 24. Low: 1925, 2.460c., May 5; 1924, 2.460c., Oct. 14; 1923, 2.446c., Jan. 2.	
Pig Iron.—High: 1925, \$22 50, Jan. 13; 1924, \$22 88, Feb. 26; 1923, \$30 86, March 20. Low: 1925, \$19 42, May 26; 1924, \$19 21, Nov. 3; \$20 77, Nov. 20.	

With the growing conviction that the low point in new business was reached in April, the steel industry is maintaining a slow improvement in volume and stability declares the "Iron Trade Review" this week. At the same time it is manifesting a stronger expectation of better things to come. Absolute requirements are forcing buyers to increase or replenish their supplies more frequently and the sum of better specifications and fresh buying is nearing the point of equaling shipments. Under a market of this thin character, however backlogs of mill orders still are melting away even though more gradually and producers are unable to look far ahead, continues the "Review" adding:

Operations show some improvement this week. The Chicago district has gained 1% in active ingot capacity. Pittsburgh is back to 70% average. Steel mill activities in the Mahoning valley are up to 75%.

Sales by manufacturers of agricultural implements have been running the heaviest in 5 years and show no tendency to slow down. Automobile manufacturers after another large production month in May plan this rate for June.

Pig iron sales have run up higher to a grand total of about 700,000 tons since May 1. Cleveland furnace interests contributed 350,000 tons of this and Chicago 200,000 tons. The week's sales record shows 75,000 tons at

decorations, bronze and glass by Tiffany. The foundations rest on solid rock and the building is one of the few buildings in the neighborhood with soundproof and fireproof partitions throughout. The building produces a rental of approximately \$500,000 per annum.

In part payment, the sellers, Mandelbaum & Lewine, took from Mr. Billings free of mortgage "Farnsworth," a country

place at Locust Valley Long Island. "Farnsworth" cost Mr. Billings \$1,550,000 to construct.

"Farnsworth" has been placed in the charge of Joseph P. Day and the Charles F. Noyes Company for resale, and negotiations are pending. The "Johnson Building," at 30 Broad Street, will be placed under the management of the Charles F. Noyes Company when title is taken on July 1st.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on June 3, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows an increase of \$9,800,000 in total earning assets and of \$4,100,000 in Federal Reserve notes in circulation, and declines of \$24,300,000 in cash reserves and \$3,900,000 in non-reserve cash. Holdings of discounted bills went down \$1,600,000, while holdings of acceptances purchased in open market went up \$6,500,000 and of Government securities \$4,900,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The New York Reserve Bank reports a decline of \$5,900,000 in discount holdings, the Philadelphia Bank reports a decline of \$5,800,000 and Cleveland of \$3,300,000, while the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston reports an increase in discounts of \$5,400,000, St. Louis an increase of \$5,100,000, Atlanta of \$3,900,000 and Richmond of \$2,600,000. The five remaining banks show smaller changes in discount holdings for the week.

An increase of \$8,200,000 in acceptance holdings is shown for the Minneapolis Bank, the other Reserve banks reporting relatively small changes in this item. The System's holdings of Treasury notes increased \$6,300,000, while holdings of U. S. bonds and of Treasury certificates each declined by \$700,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week comprise an increase of \$3,800,000 reported by the San Francisco Bank and \$2,200,000 by New York, and decreases of \$1,900,000 and \$1,300,000, respectively, reported by the Cleveland and Boston banks.

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 2912 and 2913. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending June 3 1925 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	—\$24,300,000	—\$267,400,000
Gold reserves.....	—19,900,000	—307,000,000
Total earning assets.....	+9,800,000	+207,900,000
Bills discounted, total.....	—1,600,000	+10,900,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	—8,200,000	+72,400,000
Other bills discounted.....	+6,600,000	—61,500,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+6,500,000	+229,300,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	+4,900,000	—43,800,000
Bonds.....	—700,000	+64,200,000
Treasury notes.....	+6,300,000	—48,500,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	—700,000	—59,500,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+4,100,000	—209,400,000
Total deposits.....	+20,300,000	+181,000,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+8,800,000	+158,900,000
Government deposits.....	+400,000	+7,100,000
Other deposits.....	+11,100,000	+15,000,000

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

The principal changes in the condition of 736 reporting member banks in leading cities during the week ending May 27, as shown in the statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, comprise a decline of \$49,000,000 in net demand deposits, and increases of \$65,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, of \$17,000,000 in reserve balances, and of \$11,000,000 in loans and discounts. It should be noted that the figures for these *member banks* are always a week behind those of the Reserve banks themselves. The New York City banks reported a reduction of \$11,000,000 in net demand deposits, and increases of \$48,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, of \$19,000,000 in reserve balances and of \$18,000,000 in loans and discounts. Further comments regarding the changes shown by these *member banks* is as follows:

Loans on stocks and bonds went up \$35,000,000, of which \$23,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively, were reported by banks in the New York and Cleveland districts. "All other" loans and discounts, largely commercial, fell off \$19,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$5,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and St. Louis districts, and \$4,000,000 in the Cleveland district, these reductions being offset in part by an increase of \$16,000,000 in the Boston district.

Investments of reporting members changed but slightly during the week, small declines in the New York, Richmond and Atlanta districts being nearly offset by increases in other districts.

Net demand deposits declined in all districts except Atlanta, Minneapolis and Kansas City, the principal reductions being: Chicago \$23,000,000, Philadelphia \$10,000, and New York \$9,000,000. Time deposits of

reporting members went up \$11,000,000, small increases being shown for most of the districts.

Of the aggregate increase of \$65,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, \$46,000,000 was reported by banks in the New York district and \$11,000,000 by banks in the Cleveland district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2913—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.....	+\$11,000,000	+\$1,157,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	—5,600,000	—37,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+35,000,000	+1,022,000,000
All other.....	—19,000,000	+172,000,000
Investments, total.....	—1,000,000	+826,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	—25,000,000	+533,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	+1,000,000	—236,000,000
U. S. Treasury certificates.....	—2,000,000	+19,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	+25,000,000	+510,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	+17,000,000	+162,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+9,000,000	—2,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	—49,000,000	+1,242,000,000
Time deposits.....	+11,000,000	+846,000,000
Government deposits.....	+2,000,000	+51,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	+65,000,000	+37,000,000

Revolving Credit of \$50,000,000 Extended by J. P. Morgan & Co. to Italian Banks of Issue for Exchange Stabilization Purposes.

Coincident with the announcement on June 2 by T. W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., that a revolving credit of \$50,000,000 had been arranged by his firm to a group headed by the three Italian banks of issue, Finance Minister De Stefani also issued a statement at Rome regarding the new credit. Mr. Lamont's statement follows:

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. have arranged a revolving credit of \$50,000,000 for one year to a group, headed by the Bank of Italy, and consisting of the three Italian banks of issue, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Naples and the Bank of Sicily. The credit, which has the guaranty of the Italian Government, is to be utilized if occasion arises for exchange stabilization purposes. Messrs. Morgan have associated various banks and banking institutions with them in this credit.

It will be recalled that during the visit of Mr. Lamont to Europe (he recently returned from abroad), various reports were current regarding negotiations looking toward a loan to Italy, mention of which was made in these columns May 23, page 2641. The New York "Journal of Commerce" on June 3, commenting on the new credit, said:

In banking circles the opinion prevailed that this move foreshadowed the devaluation of the lira and the early return of Italy to a gold basis.

The lira which early in the day had dropped to .396 a new low for 1925, jumped over 10 points on the announcement of the granting of financial aid to the Italian banks and closed 10½ points above the day's low level.

The Bank of Italy raised its discount rate from 6 to 6½ yesterday.

The credit, which according to some bankers may be followed by others and later taken up by a long term loan, is expected to prove a great stimulus to trade between this country and Italy. It will serve to check any violent fluctuations in the lira, which, according to trade authorities, should stimulate commerce between the two nations.

Thomas W. Lamont, one of the members of J. P. Morgan & Co., recently returned from a vacation in Italy.

This is the third large credit granted by J. P. Morgan & Co. to a foreign nation for the stabilization of its exchanges in the past 14 months. The first was the \$100,000,000 credit to aid in the stabilization of the franc, and which was taken up by a long term loan in November of last year.

The Revival of Hungary—A Year's Progress—Unexpectedly Favorable Results—Less Than 30% of Reconstruction Loan Used Thus Far.

The following is a reprint of an interesting article by Sir William Goode, British Member of the Austrian Section of the Reparations Commission, which appeared in "The London Times" May 23, 1925. It is reproduced here because of the striking record of progress it discloses.

On the first day of May, just a year ago, a rather shy, middle-aged citizen of Boston arrived, for the first time in his life, at Budapest. No fuss or ceremony marked his entry into the city, but there were not a few old Hungarian nobles and many others who said, quite openly, that the coming of Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Jr., to Budapest spelled peril as great as had ever threatened, in nearly a thousand years, the holy Crown of St. Stephen.

Was not Mr. Jeremiah Smith armed, as Commissioner-General, with the full authority of the League of Nations—that "camouflaged" loud-

speaker of the victorious Powers? Was he not come to Hungary nominally to control the finances, but really to stamp out the soul of a country that had kept its soul through centuries, despite all the violence of conquering Turks and Austrians?

With a benevolent indifference and a good deal of courage, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, in the official report covering his first month of office, wrote:

There is no reason why the execution of the reconstruction plan should not produce the expected results and instill in the Hungarian people that spirit of confidence and hope for the future which is one of the essential features of the plan.

When Commissioner-General Smith wrote these words, only a few people in Hungary, or out of it, believed the reconstruction loan on which the plan depended could be raised. In the year that has elapsed the loan has been raised and the results have so far exceeded expectations as to astonish the League, the Commissioner-General, and every one else concerned. Yet everything has been done so quietly and undramatically as to create little comment in the outside world. Orderly progress generally makes dull reading, more especially when it has to be explained by means of Budget figures and financial statistics.

Unexpected Results.

Quite simply and briefly, what has happened is that, out of the international loan of about £11,000,000 Hungary has, so far, used less than £3,000,000. The League's Financial Committee—which includes some of the ablest bankers and authorities in Europe—were convinced that, even with the strictest supervision and economy, Hungary could not get through the first 18 months of reconstruction without drawing on the loan for six and two-third millions, and that, by the end of June, 1926, all of the £11,000,000 would have been expended to meet unavoidable Budget deficits. For the deficit of the fiscal year July 1 1924, to June 30 1925, the League provided a little over £4,000,000. It now appears probable that it will be unnecessary for Hungary to use any of this sum, and that she may also have a small surplus.

In other words, there should be a surplus of more than £4,000,000 over the League's estimate for the year. Temporarily, at least, the Budget equilibrium not expected by the League until June, 1926, will have been achieved by June, 1925. One month's pledged revenues—those of March—produced over 60 per cent. of the total sum required for one year's service of the Reconstruction Loan.

These utterly unexpected results are almost entirely due to the way in which the Hungarians have put their backs into the work of reconstructing themselves. They have imposed and rigorously collected high taxation; they have doubled and trebled revenues, in spite of last harvest being bad; they have cut down the expenses of State administration, and, last but not least, they have co-operated loyally with Commissioner-General Smith. Perhaps I might add that, when in doubt about financial problems, the Government have been wise enough to ask and take the advice of the British Treasury and the Bank of England, and they do not hesitate publicly to acknowledge their debt of gratitude for those friendly services.

National Bank of Austria Increases Its Gold Reserve from £2,500,000 to £7,750,000.

This close relation with London is particularly marked in connection with the new National Bank of Hungary, created under the League scheme and independent of Government control. By strong and sound management, and with the assistance of a capable British Adviser, the National Bank has placed Hungarian currency, which is stabilized on the pound sterling, in an unassailable position. Last June the gold and foreign exchange reserves equalled some £2,500,000, or 23% of the note issue. Today this reserve amounts to £7,750,000, or 40% of the note issue.

Agricultural "Credits."

The reasonable spirit in which Hungary is tackling her financial and economic difficulties is illustrated by the collective action recently taken to provide much-needed credits for agriculture, which was reported in detail in the financial columns of *The Times* of May 15. Agriculture is the life blood of Hungary, and Budget equilibrium of surpluses can only be constant if the production of the land is maintained. It is the basis upon which the League reconstruction plan really rests.

Nearly a million sterling, which will probably revolve into credits three or four times as much again, was provided by the Government, but what, to my mind, is more significant, was the willingness of the bankers to take joint action with the Government, the National Bank, and the Commissioner-General towards the creation of a uniform mortgage bond which should become a recognized international security. It proved that there was no reluctance to subordinate immediate and individual gain to future collective benefit.

Hungary's trade shows a slightly upward tendency since reconstruction began, but the adverse balance is not likely to be completely wiped out in the near future. Commercial treaties with other countries will probably be concluded within this year—a treaty has already been signed with Poland—but frankly, I do not think that these can be regarded as anything except transitory bases for more comprehensive agreement, later on, between the States of the Danubian basin. The Peace Treaties have left that part of the world so jumbled up, economically, and have created so many new political and other difficulties where enough already existed, that it is futile to expect too much too soon. It is still more futile to exert foreign pressure in the hope of accelerating action that depends upon a common understanding of common needs.

Signs of Financial Convalescence Marked.

One constantly hears in Hungary, just as one hears in England, that the individual is being sacrificed to the State and that trade is throttled by high taxation. The astonishing progress in financial reconstruction could scarcely have been achieved without the creation of some discontent. The pains of contraction after inflation are none the easier to bear because they are part of the healing process. The middle and professional classes, in particular, have been called upon to make great sacrifices, but, on the whole, the signs of convalescence are good.

The number of failures has increased, but the sums involved are not alarming. There have been no bank failures whatever, and savings and other deposits are increasing steadily. Prices are falling, and the purchasing power of wages is steadily increasing. In some of the better paid trades, wages are 100% per working hour of pre-war wages in terms of gold. In England, with only five or six times the population of Hungary, there are more than 30 times the number of unemployed.

Perhaps the best criterion of Hungary's financial position is the fact that her reconstruction loan is at a premium on the markets of the world, and that she is meeting all her foreign obligations—Reparation Treaty charges, Clearing House payments to England, France and other countries. M. Ter Meulen, chairman of the Financial Committee of the League of Nations, said, at the meeting held in Geneva last February, that the Committee were glad to convey "their very sincere congratulations" to Count Bethlen, to the Hungarian Government, and to the Commissioner-General on their "very remarkable achievement."

Communism Not Feared.

So far as I have been able to judge from frequent visits to Hungary, that country has been and is preoccupied in its own struggle against economic adversity. This preoccupation has only been disturbed by the grievances of the 3,500,000 Magyars, who form the minorities in the countries of the Little Entente. Since the citizen of Boston arrived in Budapest in the name of the League, Hungary has been, perhaps, the quietest country in Europe. Count Bethlen, now longer in office than any other Prime Minister in Europe, has steered his country with common-sense statesmanship through numerous internal and external difficulties.

Hungary is the one spot where Communism is not to be feared, yet there is sufficient respect for democratic government to re-create the Upper House of Parliament, partly on the elective system, and to admit women to membership. Personally I should like to see the secret ballot, now confined to the towns, made universal. I should also like to see the Hungarians less childish in their attitude to the Allied Military Commission, which is responsible for disarmament under the Treaty. In fairness, however, it must be admitted that the more you treat a nation as a child the more that nation is likely to behave as a child.

Col. James A. Logan, Jr., Resigns as Unofficial Observer on the Reparations Commission to Become Associated with Dillon, Read & Co.

Announcement of the resignation of Col. James A. Logan, Jr. as unofficial observer on the Allied Reparations Commission to become associated with Dillon, Read & Co. of New York, was contained in Associated Press advices from Washington May 29, which reported the acceptance of the resignation by Secretary of State Kellogg. It was stated in these advices that:

Until Sec'y Kellogg finds a successor, Mr. Logan's mission in Paris will be placed in the hands of Ralph W. S. Hill, Assistant Solicitor of the State Department. Mr. Hill is in Paris, where he has been acting as temporary observer during the absence of Mr. Logan, who was in Washington recently, and advised Sec'y Kellogg at that time of his desire to accept a business connection which, it was understood, had been offered him by Dillon, Read & Co., the New York banking firm which recently negotiated the purchase of Dodge Brothers, Inc.

In a special cablegram to the New York "World" from Paris May 30, Col. Logan was quoted as saying:

On my recent visit to Washington I gained the full approval of my superiors of resigning for the purpose of embarking on this new undertaking, which will be of a constructive public and private character. I will take charge of the negotiations of Dillon, Read & Co. in Europe, always acting in harmony with American foreign policies.

The cablegram also said:

The operations in financing European Governments and creating investment opportunities for American capital, which Dillon, Read & Co. are reported as planning, would place the firm in the class with the Morgan group.

From the New York "Evening Post" of June 1 we take the following comment on Col. Logan and his associations:

Wall Street was pleased today to welcome into the financial fraternity Col. James A. Logan, Jr., who has become associated with Dillon, Read & Co. as foreign representative. Although his particular duties will be to a large extent with European governments and he will make his headquarters in Paris hereafter he will be counted among Wall Street's "international bankers."

As a background for his new role Col. Logan has more than 10 years association with European political and financial leaders with whom he has labored in solving post-war problems. Probably the outstanding achievement of his last 10 years' efforts in behalf of the American Government was his work as "unofficial observer" in the Dawes Plan negotiations and the aid he was able to extend through his knowledge of Europe conditions to the American representatives, Charles E. Dawes and Owen D. Young.

According to London gossip it was Col. Logan who with his quiet diplomacy saved the Dawes plan by giving a dinner at a critical moment bringing together the opposing parties, which resulted in an agreement.

Resourceful in Crises.

Col. Logan is known as a silent man who can cut more red tape with an unofficial pair of scissors than a whole army of diplomats. There are many stories told about his resourcefulness in moments of crisis.

It is said that when he saw the serious turn affairs were taking at the experts' conference last summer he decided that Europe's hopes were in danger of being wrecked simply because the conferees were hungry. There actually were no serious difficulties in the way of agreement and the conference was wrangling over petty trifles.

It wanted an hour for lunch time.

The luncheon was held one hour earlier and an agreement was reached. The man who attends to the winding of the official clock still is puzzled to know why it ran one hour fast that morning.

The dinner is said to be Col. Logan's best weapon. Report is that he serves the best dinners in Paris and that he knows of more good places to eat than any other American in Europe. Col. Logan met Clarence Dillon in Paris soon after the Dawes conference and it is understood that Mr. Dillon has wanted him as an associate since then.

Rising from the rank of a private soldier in the United States Army, Col. James A. Logan, Jr., has had a romantic career. He was a student at Haverford University when the Spanish-American War broke out. He quit college at 19 to enlist as a private in Battery A, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Following service in the Philippines in 1901 Logan was commissioned as a captain and in the World War of 1914 he was made a colonel. Because of his familiarity with military customs abroad he was chosen as chief of the American Military Mission with the French army from Sept. 1914 to June 1917.

Put in Difficult Position.

In that post Logan was military ambassador in the difficult position of maintaining American neutrality. When it became evident that the United States would enter the war, Col. Logan was assigned to make ready for the arrival of Gen. Pershing in France.

He got the title of assistant chief of staff with general headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces and in this place had charge of the details of the formation of the skeleton organization which was to handle the millions of American soldiers who were to follow Gen. Pershing abroad.

In 1919 Logan became the principal assistant in Europe to Herbert Hoover in his work as Director General of Relief under the Supreme Economic Council. His work involved the transportation and distribution of about 5,000,000 tons of food.

This work completed Logan gave his attention to financial and political problems as between the countries of Europe in their relations with the United States. He was the unofficial delegate on the Reparations Commission in association with Roland W. Boyden up to August, 1923, when he took sole charge of America's interests on that commission.

Germany Not Disturbed by Protest of Americans Against Revaluation Bill.

The Associated Press had the following to say in advices from Berlin May 30:

Reports from America that holders of German securities intend to issue a joint protest against the German Government's revaluation plan have not disturbed the Cabinet.

At the Foreign Office it was stated today the Dawes plan itself constitutes a safe guarantee against agitation of this nature. Germany's creditors have every reason not to disturb the equilibrium which Germany with infinite pains has established, it was stated.

The protest against the revaluation bill made by the American Association of Holders of German Mark securities was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 2752.

Paper Money Order Explained by Germany.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" we quote the following Associated Press cablegram from Berlin May 17:

It was officially announced again today that the paper money issued prior to October, 1924, which has been recalled, also includes all pre-war bills, but not last year's issue of Renten Reichsbank notes. On July 5 of this year the recalled bills will be declared worthless.

German Reparation Receipts and Payments for Period Ended April 30 1925.

The Agent-General for Reparation Payments reported on May 11 that the total receipts during the first annuity year to April 30 1925 were 640,010,066 gold marks, while the total payments amounted to 630,850,945 gold marks, leaving cash on hand at the end of April of 9,159,121 gold marks. For the month of April 1925 the receipts were 59,929,020 gold marks, the total payments for the month being reported as 75,463,611. A balance on hand of 24,693,713 gold marks had been reported at the close of March in the statement for that month published in our issue of April 25, page 2098. The following is the April statement:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO APRIL 30 1925.
(On cash basis, reduced to gold mark equivalents.)

	Month of April 1925. Gold Marks.	First Annuity Year—Cumulative Total to April 30 1925. Gold Marks.
A. RECEIPTS.		
1. Cash withdrawn from proceeds of German External Loan, 1924.....	59,880,100 37	529,562,778 70
2. Cash received from Deutsche Reichsbahn-Gesellschaft, interest on reparation bonds for half year to Feb. 28 1925.....	-----	100,000,000 00
3. Receipts from Belgium and Luxemburg (see item B 2 below).....	-----	10,161,525 14
4. Exchange differences and interest received.....	48,919 19	255,762 30
Total receipts.....	59,929,019 56	640,010,066 14
B. PAYMENTS.		
1. To or for the account of:		
Great Britain.....	20,579,998 86	148,729,848 72
France.....	33,005,414 08	267,697,382 85
Italy.....	3,502,315 18	44,644,791 13
Belgium.....	8,583,939 41	65,688,349 90
Japan.....	1,134,427 39	3,652,748 74
Serb-Croat-Slovene State.....	2,311,556 05	19,632,154 83
Portugal.....	392,977 92	3,291,386 78
Rumania.....	980,141 62	4,846,554 53
Greece.....	629,077 57	1,821,041 17
2. For coal, transport, &c., to Belgium and Luxemburg, which are to be reimbursed to the Agent-General.....	-----	10,375,869 14
3. For expenses of:		
Reparation Commission.....	450,609 51	4,262,379 00
Rhineland High Commission.....	702,050 00	5,525,010 33
Military Commission of Control.....	500,000 00	7,000,000 00
Naval Commission of Control.....	-----	70,000 00
4. For service of German External Loan, 1924.....	2,282,003 80	41,576,661 60
5. On account of cost of administration of office for reparation payments.....	409,100 00	2,036,765 84
Total payments.....	75,463,611 37	630,850,944 56
Balance of cash at April 30 1925.....	-----	9,159,121 58
		640,010,066 14

Text of the British Gold Standard Bill.

We are giving herewith the text of the bill to facilitate the return of Great Britain to a gold standard, as it appeared in the London "Financial News" of May 3. The bill was presented to the House of Commons on May 2, and as we indicated in these columns May 9, page 2356, it passed the third reading in that body May 5. The third reading of the bill in the House of Lords occurred, as far as we can learn, May 13. The text of the bill follows:

1.—(1) Unless and until His Majesty by proclamation otherwise directs:
(a) The Bank of England, notwithstanding anything in any Act, shall not be bound to pay any note of the Bank (in this Act referred to as "a bank note") in legal coin within the meaning of Section 6 of the Bank of England Act, 1833, and bank notes shall not cease to be legal tender by reason that the Bank do not continue to pay bank notes in such legal coin;
(b) Subsection (3) of Section 1 of the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1914 (which provides that the holder of a currency note shall be entitled to obtain payment for the note at its face value in gold coin) shall cease to have effect;
(c) Section 8 of the Coinage Act, 1870 (which entitles any person bringing gold bullion to the Mint to have it assayed, coined and delivered to him),

shall, except as respects gold bullion brought to the Mint by the Bank of England, cease to have effect.

(2) So long as the preceding sub-section remains in force, the Bank of England shall be bound to sell to any person who makes a demand in that behalf at the head office of the Bank during the office hours of the Bank, and pays the purchase price in any legal tender, gold bullion at the price of £3 17s. 10½d. per ounce troy of gold of the standard of fineness prescribed for gold coin by the Coinage Act, 1870, but only in the form of bars containing approximately 400 oz. troy of fine gold.

2.—(1) Any money required for the purpose of exchange operations in connection with the return to a gold standard may be raised within.

Argentine Gold Exports, Removal of Embargo Welcomed in London.

Referring to the removal by Argentine of the embargo on gold, to which we alluded in our issues of May 16, page 2494 and May 30, page 2751, the London "Financial News" had the following to say on May 14.

According to a cable from Buenos Ayres, the Argentine Government has published a decree permitting the export of gold from June 10 1925. This move, which was preceded by lengthy and heated discussions for and against it, may largely be regarded as a direct consequence of the restoration of gold standard in Great Britain; in fact, since Mr. Churchill's announcement, it has been generally expected that Argentina would follow the example. So long as the United States was practically the only country on a gold basis, the resumption of gold exports by the Conversion Office was regarded as risky, but this objection has become void through the events of the last few weeks.

Already last year part of the gold reserve of the Conversion Office was used by the Government for the purpose of meeting its external liabilities, while it was decided this year that a similar exception should be made in favour of the external debt service of provinces and municipalities. From June 10, however, there will be no need for any such exceptional measure, for the Conversion Office will resume its role of regulating the exchange by means of gold movements.

Peso Exchange Prospects.

It is held in South American banking circles in London that the moment for the return to a gold basis is well chosen by the Government. The balance of trade is satisfactory, for, although last year's crop was well below the previous season's figures, the high prices in the world market have more than compensated Argentina for the deficiency of quantity. As to the situation of public finance, there is still much to be desired, but the country is on the right road, as is shown by the reduction of floating debt.

The Conversion Office is in a very strong position, its gold reserve amounting to 464,218,000 gold pesos at the end of February last. Of this amount 12,436,000 gold pesos were held by the Argentine Legation in Washington. It is held that the amount is more than sufficient to secure the stability of the peso around par. For this reason, it appears probable that the Buenos Ayres rate will attain the vicinity of par even before the Conversion Office has actually resumed its stabilising activity. The market has well received the announcement of the resumption of gold exports, and the peso rate underwent a marked appreciation yesterday, despite the fact that the step was largely anticipated. There is every reason to believe that the firmness will continue.

\$45,000,000 Bonds of Argentine Government Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co. and National City Co. Oversubscribed.

The \$45,000,000 external sinking fund 6% Gold bonds, issue of June 1 1925, of the Government of the Argentine Nation, offered on June 2 by J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Co. were quickly disposed of, announcement being made of an oversubscription, resulting in the closing of the books within an hour after their opening at 10 a.m. Reference to the proposed offering was made in these columns last week (page 2751) in noting the signing of a decree by Pres. DeAlvarez accepting the offer of the syndicate for the loan. In indicating the purpose of the issue the official circular says:

The Argentine Government has outstanding \$35,000,000 of dollar Treasury Notes payable during the current year. Of such Notes, \$20,000,000 were issued in anticipation of the sale of these bonds and will be retired by the proceeds thereof, the remaining \$15,000,000 being dealt with under other powers of the Finance Ministry. The proceeds of the issue in excess of the amount required to retire the \$20,000,000 maturing notes will be used to repay floating debt of the Argentine Government as provided for by Laws 11206 and 11207 which govern this issue.

The issue was offered at 96% and accrued interest, to yield over 6.25% to maturity. The bonds will be dated June 1 1925, will become due June 1 1959, and will be redeemable through the operation of a cumulative Sinking Fund of 1% per annum, calculated to be sufficient to retire the bonds of this issue not later than June 1 1959. In coupon form, the bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, and will be registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest will be payable in United States Gold coin of the present standard weight and fineness, in New York City at the offices either of J. P. Morgan & Co. or of The National City Bank of New York, fiscal agents for the bonds of the issue of June 1 1925, without deduction for any Argentine taxes present or future.

A statement (in which all figures originally stated in Argentine currency have been converted into United States dollars at par of exchange for the gold peso or paper peso, as the case may be) authorized by Felipe A. Espil, Charge d' Affaires of the Government of the Argentine Nation at Washington, D. C., says:

Obligation.—These bonds are to be direct external obligations of the Argentine Government. The government will covenant that if, while any of

these bonds remain outstanding, it shall create or issue or guarantee in accordance with the Argentine Constitution, any loan or bonds secured by lien on any of its revenues or assets, the bonds of this issue shall be secured equally and ratably with such other loan or bonds or such guaranty.

Sinking Fund.—The government will covenant to pay to the fiscal agents as a Sinking Fund, beginning Dec. 1 1925, and thereafter semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1, in each year, an amount equal to 1/2 of 1% of the maximum principal amount of bonds of the issue of June 1 1925 at any time theretofore issued plus an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid interest on all bonds previously acquired through the operation of the Sinking Fund. Such Sinking Fund payments (which may be increased by the executive power if considered advisable) are to be applied to the purchase of bonds below par through tenders, or, if not so obtainable, to the redemption of bonds, called by lot, at par.

Government Debt and Assets.—The total debt of the Argentine Government as of Dec. 31 1924 amounted to about \$935,000,000, or the equivalent of about \$93 50 per capita, as compared with the national wealth, according to the census of 1914 (the latest official figures), of \$14,543,000,000, or more than \$1,450 per capita. Government owned properties (including revenue producing investments of \$530,000,000) had a total value in 1914, according to the same census, of \$1,125,000,000, or about \$200,000,000 more than the total government debt now outstanding.

Gold Reserve.—A gold reserve of \$463,000,000 is held against the note circulation (equivalent to \$588,000,000), resulting in a reserve ratio of over 78%.

General.—Argentina has an area considerably greater than that part of the United States east of the Mississippi River, and has an estimated population of 10,000,000 persons. Agriculture and live-stock raising are the principal occupations of the country, which is one of the world's chief exporters of cereals, meat, hides, wool and linseed.

The foreign trade of Argentina is greater than that of any other Latin American country. During the past few years its purchases from the United States have been larger than the combined purchases of the three next largest South American customers of the United States. The Argentine's merchandise exports in 1924 were valued at \$976,000,000, its imports at \$800,000,000, resulting in a favorable trade balance of over \$176,000,000.

The improving Argentine trade balance during the past 18 months, has resulted in a steady rise in value of the Argentine paper peso, which is now quoted in New York at about 95% of par. Measures have recently been taken to prepare the way for a complete restoration of the gold standard which existed in the Argentine prior to 1914.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. The amounts due on allotments will be payable at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., in New York funds to their order, and the date of payment (on or about June 16 1925) will be stated in the notices of allotment. Temporary bonds, exchangeable for definitive bonds when prepared, are to be delivered.

\$30,000,000 Kingdom of Norway Bonds Offered By Syndicate Headed By Blair & Co. Inc. Over-Subscribed.

A large over subscription is reported to the offering on June 1 of \$30,000,000 40-Year 5 1/2% Sinking Fund external loan gold bonds of the Kingdom of Norway, the heavy volume of orders for the bonds, it is stated, having caused the closing of the subscription books within fifteen minutes following their opening. The syndicate which offered the bonds was headed by Blair & Co. Inc. in association with the Chase Securities Corporation, Brown Brothers & Co., White, Weld & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., Bankers Trust Co. and The Equitable Trust Co. of New York. The bonds were offered at 96 3/4 and interest, to yield 5.70% to maturity. The issue will be dated June 1 1925, will mature June 1 1965, and will be redeemable in whole or in part at 100 and interest on June 1 1935 and on any interest date thereafter. As to sinking fund provisions we quote the following official information:

The entire issue will be retired by maturity through the operation of a cumulative sinking fund beginning Dec. 1 1935, payable semi-annually. Sinking fund payments are to be used to call bonds by lot at par and accrued interest, but the Government may acquire bonds by purchase and tender them at par in payment of the sinking fund instalments.

The bonds, coupon, in the denom. of \$1,000 will be registerable as to principal only. Interest will be payable June 1 and Dec. 1. Principal and interest will be payable at the office of Brown Brothers & Co., New York, Fiscal Agent for the loan, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness without deduction for any Norwegian taxes present or future, and payable in time of war as well as in time of peace irrespective of the nationality of the holder. The National Bank of Commerce in New York is registrar for the bonds.

A statement prepared from information furnished to the syndicate by Helmer H. Bryn, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Norway to the United States, has the following to say regarding the issue:

Direct Obligation.—These bonds are to be the direct obligation of the Kingdom of Norway. The loan contract will provide that if the government shall sell, offer for public subscription or in any manner dispose of any bonds or loan secured by lien on any revenue or asset of the Kingdom, the bonds of this loan shall be secured equally and ratably with such bonds or loan.

Credit.—It is officially stated that no default of principal or interest has ever taken place on a Norwegian National Government loan. From 1886, the date of the earliest External Loan now outstanding, to the outbreak of the recent war the net cost to the government of its various loans ranged from 3.10% to 4.11%.

Purpose.—The proceeds of this issue will be used in part for conversion purposes. It is intended to call the Kingdom of Norway 8% Gold bonds for payment on Oct. 1 1925.

Finances.—The total national debt as of Dec. 31 1924, at par of exchange amounted to \$428,000,000. As compared with this the Government owns properties valued at approximately \$350,000,000 at par of exchange, most of which are revenue-producing, such as railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, forests, mines and hydro-electric plants. The Government towns and operates about 1,900 miles out of about 2,200 miles of railroads in the Kingdom. The State also owns other considerable properties the exact value of which cannot however be stated.

During normal times the revenues of the government have regularly exceeded expenditures. Government expenditures for the financial year ending June 30 1925 are estimated at 530,500,000 kroner, exclusive of capital expenditures, which amount corresponds to estimated revenues, exclusive of revenues from loans. The foreign exchange rate has increased from 13.85 cents per krone a year ago, to 16.80 cents per krone, the present rate, or an advance of 21%.

It is expected that application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. The purchase of the bonds by the syndicate was noted in these columns a week ago, page 2751.

Offering of Bonds of Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank.

A new issue of \$1,000,000 5% bonds of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh, N. C. was offered on June 1 by William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. Inc. and Harris, Forbes & Co. at \$103 50, and accrued interest, yielding about 4.56% to the optional maturity and 5% thereafter. The bonds will bear date June 1 1925, will mature June 1 1955, and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date on and after June 1 1935. Interest is payable semi-annually, June 1 and Dec. 1. Principal and interest will be payable at the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, Raleigh. Arrangements have been made whereby the coupons may be presented for payment at the office of the New York Trust Company in New York City. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000 and registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 and \$10,000. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan act and are exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and Local taxation; they are acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of government funds.

The Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank operates in North Carolina and South Carolina. As of April 30 1925, the bank reported capital stock \$500,000, paid in surplus \$50,000, earned reserve and undivided profits \$49,987. Present net earnings, it is stated, are at the rate of over 14% per annum. Dividends on the capital stock are being paid at the rate of 8% per annum. Total bonds outstanding, including this issue, \$8,850,000. To April 30th 1925 payments in amortization of principal amounted to \$120,761 and loans repaid to \$228,600 against total loans originally amounting to \$7,927,900.

The bank's statement as of April 30 1925 follows:

Acres of real estate security	362,042
Appraised value of real estate security	\$22,966,845
Total amount loaned	7,927,900
Average appraised value per acre	\$63 43
Average amount loaned per acre	21.89
Percentage of loans to appraised value	34.5%

A. W. McLean, for 4 years director of the War Finance Corp., is president of the bank. Mr. McLean had also been for over 25 years president of the National Bank of Lumberton, Lumberton, No. Carolina; for 1 year chairman of the Railway Loan Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Treasury and for about 1 year Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of Customs and Internal Revenue.

Suspension of Payment by Danish Bank.

Under date of June 2 Associated Press cablegrams from Copenhagen (Denmark) said:

The Danske Andelsbank has stopped payment, according to the Copenhagen papers, and its share capital of 23,000,000 kroner (about \$4,324,000) is considered lost. The papers attribute the institution's difficulties to its inability to obtain 20,000,000 kroner in new share capital.

The bank was the parent concern of various farming co-operative associations, which owe it about 51,000,000 kroner (approximately \$9,588,000).

Associated Press accounts added:

The Danske Andelsbank is described in Kelly's Directory of Merchants and Shippers of the World as a limited co-operative society with headquarters in Copenhagen and about 100 branches throughout Denmark. Its capital and reserve fund are given as about 15,000,000 kroner, or, roughly, \$2,820,000.

\$4,000,000 Saar Basin Loan Awarded to American Syndicate.

It was announced on June 3 that a loan of \$4,000,000 to the Saar Basin Consolidated Counties (Anleihe Zwerckverband Der Saarkreise) had been awarded to a syndicate composed of Ames, Emerich & Co.; Central Trust Co. of Illinois; Federal Securities Corp. and Strupp & Co. The issue is an external 7% sinking fund gold loan dated April 1 1925 and due March 31 1935. It will be offered simultaneously in America and Holland. The European portion

of the loan will be distributed by the Amsterdamsche Bank and the Internationale Bank of Amsterdam.

A sinking fund is provided to retire the issue by maturity. The bonds will be called by lot every six months at 102, in amount of \$145,000, to be increased semi-annually by the interest of the bonds previously retired. The bonds are redeemable as a whole at 105. Proceeds will be devoted primarily for income-producing municipal improvements, such as water works, electric light plants and railroad trackage. The bonds are a direct obligation of the Saar Basin Consolidated Counties as well as a joint and several obligation of each of the seven counties.

More American Money for Norway Being Placed Privately.

Following a rather appreciable investment by the Westinghouse Co. in a Norwegian corporation engaged in the manufacture of telephone equipments and the flotation of a \$30,000,000 loan in behalf of Norway, reports have reached the Foreign Department of Moody's Investors Service that American bankers are placing privately in behalf of the Norwegian Nitrogen Company (Det Norske Aktieselskap) a 10-year loan of \$1,800,000 bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum. In making this known, June 3, Moody's stated:

The bonds are a direct obligation of the Company which was incorporated in Norway in 1912 for the purpose of engaging in the smelting of aluminum and the production of aluminum ingot, and are further, guaranteed as to principal and interest, by endorsement on each bond, by the Aluminum Company of America. Of the capital stock of the Company, amounting to Kr. 15,000,000, the Aluminum Company of America owns one-third, the ownership of the balance being vested approximately one-third each in a British group and in a French group. The bonds are due April 1 1935, but may be called at the option of the Company as a whole on April 1 1929, or on any interest date thereafter at 103 on four weeks' notice. An annual sinking fund of \$180,000, commencing February 1 1927, is to be used to purchase bonds upon tender at below 103 and interest. Bonds are being offered at 103 and interest, which is payable April and October 1, and are in denominations of \$1,000.

Commercial Agreement Between United States and Spain.

During the past two and a half years many concerns in the membership of the National Chamber, having business with Spain, have written of the need for greater stability in our commercial treaty relations with that country, says the Chamber in a statement under date of May 8, which also has the following to say:

On November 5, 1922 Spain denounced the commercial agreement of August 1 1906 between Spain and the United States, the agreement terminating one year later, that is, on Nov. 5 1923. Previous to the date of expiration, however, the agreement was extended for 6 months to May 5 1924. In April 1924 a further extension of one year was arranged, that is, up to May 5 1925.

This method of extending the *modus vivendi* for set periods has resulted in great uncertainty in our export and import business with Spain, due to the recurring possibility of the termination of the agreement at the expiration of each extension period. Termination was automatic in the absence of definite action extending the *modus vivendi* or concluding a new agreement.

It is therefore with considerable relief that business interests have received the announcement of the Department of State on May 4, to the effect that the commercial *modus vivendi* between the two countries has been extended, by an exchange of notes on May 2, for a further period of one year and indefinitely thereafter subject to termination at the end of the first year or on 3 months notice given by either government during subsequent years. This new arrangement, it will be noticed, requires a positive step on the part of either government in order to effect its termination.

The new arrangement further assures to the United States most-favored-nation treatment on practically all but a few commodities, these few being commodities on which Spain has granted preferential rates in treaties concluded subsequent to the denunciation of the 1906 commercial agreement.

George Blumenthal to Retire From Lazard Freres.

The proposed withdrawal at the end of the present year of George Blumenthal as a partner in the banking firm of Lazard Freres was made known in press advices from Paris June 3. Mr. Blumenthal, who is now in Paris, announced that F. H. Greenbaum, of New York, also a partner in Lazard Freres, will withdraw at the same time. Mr. Blumenthal has been with Lazard Freres since 1893 and has been senior partner since 1904. He expects to spend 3 or 4 months in New York each year, devoting his time principally to the Mount Sinai Hospital, of which he is President, to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, of which he is a trustee and to the various other institutions with which he is identified.

Death of J. Kennedy Tod.

John Kennedy Tod, head of the former banking firm of J. Kennedy Tod & Co. of New York, died on June 2 at the age of 73. Mr. Tod was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and first came to this country in 1868 at the age of 16. He returned to Scotland to engage in the iron trade but in 1879 returned to the United States and entered the firm of J. S. Kennedy &

Co.; with the retirement of John S. Kennedy, Mr. Tod reorganized the firm under the name of J. Kennedy Tod & Co. He took a leading part in financing the construction of the Canadian Pacific and other railroads. Mr. Tod had formerly been a director of the Caledonian and Norwich Union Insurance Co. and of a number of railway and industrial corporations; a trustee of the Children's Society; he took an active part in civic affairs, was a member of the Committee of Seventy in the Strong Campaign of 1894 and served as Treasurer of the Citizens' Union of which he was one of the founders.

Death of Edmund R. Morse, Director of Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Edmund R. Morse, a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, died on May 26 at the age of 67. Mr. Morse was chosen as one of the first Class B directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston when the bank was organized in 1914 and was re-elected in 1916, 1919 and 1922, each time for a 3-year term, the last time for a term expiring Dec. 31 1925. He was a member of the Building Committee which had charge of the planning and construction of the new building of the bank which was completed and occupied in the early part of 1922. From time to time he served on the Executive Committee of the bank.

Mr. Morse was born in Rutland, Vermont, May 4 1858. He was graduated from Cornell University in 1879, and was admitted to the bar in 1882, although he never practiced. He started in the marble business in a clerical capacity in 1883 and was actively engaged in that industry ever since, with the exception of 6 months in 1890 when he served as private secretary to the Honorable Redfield Proctor, then Secretary of War. He was elected assistant treasurer and director of the Vermont Marble Co. in 1891 and treasurer in 1892, which position he held up to the time of his death, May 26 1925.

Inauguration of System Providing for Retirement Allowance for Employees of New York Stock Exchange.

Announcement of a generous retirement system for the more than 1,200 employees of the Exchange itself and its affiliated organizations was made by President E. H. H. Simmons of the Exchange on May 28. The statement issued in the matter by the Exchange says:

The Stock Exchange, following the custom of many other institutions, has always provided pensions for its old and faithful employees, but the notable fact about the plan passed by the Governing Committee to-day is that it is not only on a contributory basis under which the employees are allowed to participate, but the future pension obligation is funded each year through the purchase of annuities payable to each employee as he reaches age 65 or becomes disabled.

Contributions by Employees.

Every employee is allowed, if he desires, to make monthly deposits toward the purchase of an annuity for himself, which is entirely separate and distinct from the service annuity purchased for him by the Exchange.

If, however, the employee shows enough interest in his own future financial independence to make this purchase, the Exchange offers to double the service annuities it will provide for him from now on.

Employees who withdraw are permitted to continue their payments directly to the insurance company, or to have their money back in full.

Disability.

In the event of an employee's disability after 20 years of service, not only does he receive the full amount of the service annuities purchased for him up to that time, but all deposits on his individual annuity during disability are waived, so that the value of his own annuity continues to increase without any payments by him.

Quoting the announcement of President Simmons to the employees:

"The Board of Governors consider this a sound business-like and scientific method of providing you with a retirement allowance, and the contributory clause places our retirement plan on a basis where it cannot be considered either as a charity or as a gift."

The entire administration of the plan has been awarded to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

The special committee on pensions made the following report to the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange:

"The special committee on pensions, appointed Nov. 9 1921, begs to report that after the investigation of many pension and retirement systems, and discussion with those who have become expert on the subject, it is convinced that the following principles should govern the formulation of a retirement system:

"It should be based on definitely calculated retirement benefits rather than on final salaries of employees. This latter basis has been used in many instances and changes in the wage situation, with consequent changes of benefit, which could not be predicted, have brought embarrassment upon plans that had every appearance of being soundly set up.

"We have become convinced, also, that a pension promise made to-day should be covered by financial provision made to-day, rather than left as a responsibility for a future board. In other words, that the system should be set up on a reserve basis in such fashion that its assets may always equal its liabilities, and that if change or abandonment become necessary or desirable in future years, such change or abandonment may take place without the breach of any promise or the deposit of any additional funds.

"We have found that many plans, originally well conceived, have come to grief because of changes in rates of mortality and seemingly minor alterations of benefits in later years without coincident financial provision. We have further found that the experience in England where pension plans have been long in existence, is that those administered by insurance companies are not only guaranteed as to their benefits, but have actually in experience given greater money return for the investment than the privately administered funds.

"It is the consensus of opinion that pension funds conducted on a contributory basis under which the employees are permitted to share in the

cost and at the same time to increase their benefits are not only more highly appreciated by employees, but serve as a desirable incentive to thrift. Your committee, therefore, recommends the adoption of a plan:

- "1. With definite benefits.
- "2. Set up on a reserve basis.
- "3. Administered by a financial institution.
- "4. On a contributory basis.

"An outline of such a plan is submitted herewith. The plan, as submitted, is the same in principle and very similar in detail to the retiree plan recently adopted by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., into whose hands it is recommended that the administration of our own plan be given."

Trading in Maxwell Motor Stock Suspended by New York Stock Exchange.

Trading in Class A and B stocks of the Maxwell Motors Corporation was ordered suspended by the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange on June 3. A statement issued in the matter said:

Because of the small amounts of stock outstanding in Maxwell Motors A and B stocks, the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange rules that trading in said A and B stocks shall be suspended.

Over the counter dealings in the stock followed the ruling of the Exchange; regarding the latter's action we quote the following from the New York "Evening Post" of June 4:

Ruled off the New York Stock Exchange trading list because the investigation ordered by the Business Conduct Committee of that institution revealed that conditions did not conform with the requirements providing for a free and open market, the A and B shares of the Maxwell Motors Corporation, which had enjoyed phenomenal advances recently, were a feature in the over-the-counter market to-day.

Unlisted houses reported a substantial volume of dealings had taken place in the issues, which changed hands at prices ranging from 117 to 122, or approximately at the levels prevailing in the last transactions on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

While a virtual corner was found to exist in the shares the condition was by no means similar to the corresponding situations that have arisen in previous instances, such as the Northern Pacific corner in 1901, the Stutz Motor drive a few years ago and the recent Piggly Wiggly corner. All of the latter corners were engineered and represented a battle between opposing forces. The situation in the Maxwell issues, however, is the outcome of natural conditions, the supply of the stocks available having been constantly reduced through their exchange for the shares of the Chrysler Corporation, which is acquiring the Maxwell properties and assets.

Naturally some shrewd traders discerned in advance just such conditions as have arisen and it was only logical that they should profit by their foresight. Reports, however, that a basis of settlement for shorts had been reached were termed as unfounded by those purported to be on the inside of the situation.

They assert that there is really no extensive short interest remaining and that though there may be a scattering of small traders having short commitments to settle those can be taken care of, as there will be sufficient stock provided to cover their needs.

The over the counter market that has been established is expected to follow closely the course of prices quoted for the certificates of deposit on the Stock Exchange, or about 5%.

It is estimated that only 40,258 shares of the B stock are available for trading purposes, the remainder, 633,187 shares of the total issue, having been exchanged for certificates, while 213,665 shares of the A stock had been deposited in exchange for certificates, leaving only 25,940 shares of that issue available for trading purposes.

Check Speculation in Utilities on Curb—Stock Exchange Firms Refuse to Sell Certain Stocks on Margin.

According to the New York "Times" of June 4, individual action by a number of New York Stock Exchange houses holding memberships also on the Curb Market, or dealing in Curb stocks for their customers through other Curb members, has been taken for the purpose of minimizing chances of loss incident to the current heavy trading and speculation in some of the public utility stocks. The "Times" goes on to say:

Speculation in power and light company stocks particularly has reached an unprecedented stage, and fluctuations have been so wide in a number of instances as to make the ordinary margin account a precarious proposition for both broker and customer. Consequently, several of the large commission houses have put into effect a temporary rule that margin accounts in the stocks of certain utilities cannot be taken. There are exceptions made in the case of utility stocks, however, as in other stocks, where the speculative factor presents no particular problem or hazard.

There are many Curb stocks which Stock Exchange houses as such never accept for margin trading, but require that business be done with customers on the investment or cash basis altogether. The unusual feature of the restrictions being imposed on margin trades in a large number of the Curb utility stocks by Stock Exchange houses is the fact that they have been performing violently, and that as a result the speculative clientele in these shares has grown to such proportions as to make the keeping of these margin accounts a difficult task for the brokers.

Recently there have been advances in individual utility stocks of as much as 30 points in one short trading day from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. The tendency of buyers to "get in" when a stock is going up at such speed frequently results in the buyer being called upon when the stock begins to slump to put up additional margin or collateral representing the margin. In certain instances it has proved impossible for these customers to put up all the additional margin demanded for the protection of the broker executing the orders.

In one Stock Exchange house yesterday it was pointed out that the new rule while reducing the volume of orders placed with the firm for purchase of utility stocks on the Curb, at a time when speculative enthusiasm in the shares is rife, protects both customer and broker. In being obliged to put up cash for the entire transaction, the customer is encouraged to buy only what he can pay for and the Stock Exchange house automatically frees itself from burdensome obligations in connection with the borrowing it has to do in the call loan market for funds with which to carry on the trading.

The rule has the prospect of becoming general if the excessive movements in the utility group continue, regardless of the reasons for the gains and losses in these shares.

Lauzier-Wolcott Brokerage Co. of Butte, Mont., Closes Doors.

Newspaper advices from Butte, Mont., on Thursday of this week state that the Lauzier-Wolcott Brokerage Co., whose headquarters are in that city, on June 4 closed its doors in a territory covering three States. The offices closed, it is stated, are in Butte and Billings, Mont.; Wallace, Idaho and Spokane, Wash. Inability to meet obligations is given as the reason for the failure.

Lorin M. Kohn Temporarily Suspended From New York Curb Market.

The New York Curb Market Association on Thursday (June 4) announced that as a result of action taken by the Board of Governors, Lorin M. Kohn & Co., 50 Broad Street, this city, has been suspended from membership for a period of 30 days, beginning Wednesday (June 3). Mr. Kohn has been a member of the association since Jan. 6 1915. According to the announcement Mr. Kohn was suspended for violation of Article 17, Section 8, of the Constitution, which deals with acts detrimental to the interest and welfare of the association.

John J. Bryant, Jr., Elected President Chicago Stock Exchange.

John J. Bryant, Jr., of James H. Oliphant & Co., was elected President of the Chicago Stock Exchange at the annual meeting on June 1, succeeding Leeds Mitchell, of Harris, Winthrop & Co. Ernest A. Hamill was re-elected Treasurer. Other elections were:

Governing Committee for three years—Leeds Mitchell, M. J. O'Brien, Edwin Page and Frederick N. Webster.

Nominating Committee for one year—William H. Colvin, Chairman; Arthur H. Gilbert, Edward P. Russell, William A. Schubert and R. Arthur Wood. There was no contest.

Annual Report of New York Cotton Exchange.

According to the annual report of the New York Cotton Exchange, for the year ending April 30 1925, the amount of cotton delivered on contract during the fiscal year was 842,500 bales, 271,500 bales more than the preceding year. The report was submitted at the 55th annual meeting on May 26. In presenting the report President Edward E. Bartlett, Jr. and Secretary Thomas Hale said in part:

At the close of the year, the condition of the Exchange gives reason for satisfaction to its members. Further substantial progress appears to have been made in the direction of creating a better understanding with the trade at large and general public as to the important economic service the Exchange performs.

The members are also to be congratulated on the very satisfactory condition of its internal affairs, particularly in the matter of its finances in connection with the new building. The Exchange has completed the repayment to the Corn Exchange Bank of the entire second mortgage loan in less than half the time originally estimated. Arrangements have also been made to pay \$100,000 on the first mortgage on June 1, bringing the total outstanding indebtedness down to \$2,200,000. A depreciation account has been set up of \$60,000, and it is recommended that this policy be continued. By June 1 in excess of 90% of the building will have been rented, giving an estimated increase in rents over last year of approximately \$62,000.

Memberships have reached the highest figure in the history of the Exchange, having sold as high as \$35,000.

Believing it would further the general educational campaign, the Board of Managers accepted an invitation from the promoters of the Southern Exposition to enter an exhibit at the Grand Central Palace during the period of the Exposition May 11 to 23.

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In order that the cotton trade might have an opportunity to digest thoroughly the condition reports and estimates of the Department of Agriculture, trading on the Exchange was temporarily suspended five minutes before the issuance of the Nov. 21 1924 and Dec. 8 1924 reports, and continued so until 15 minutes after the issuance, trading then being resumed with a call. This procedure met with universal commendation, resulting in a more stabilized and orderly trading and the elimination of much of the demoralization which ordinarily attended these reports.

A change in the rules was made during the year providing that all trading in the current month shall cease at noon on the tenth day thereof, effective on Dec. 1925 contracts and thereafter. This change had as its object the prevention of undue premiums developing on near months, by affording all Southern points ample time to make shipment of cotton in fulfillment of contracts on sales made up to the expiration of trading in all months.

The Exchange has been represented during the year at cotton conventions and conferences held in Washington, New Orleans, Dallas, and Savannah.

In the death of Henry Hentz on Sept. 28 1924 the Exchange lost its only surviving charter member who had remained on the membership roster. Mr. Hentz was President of the Exchange from 1874 to 1876 and was active in its affairs up to within a very few years of his death.

Two other Ex-Presidents passed during the year to their final rest, J. Temple Gwathmey and Henry Schaefer. Both gave many years of faithful service to the Exchange and were well beloved by the members. Mr. Gwathmey, as Chairman of the Building Committee in charge of the erection of our present building, was largely responsible, as you know, for initiating and carrying the project to completion.

The Exchange suffered a severe loss in the death of Frank O. Millett, a member of the Exchange for over 41 years, Inspector-in-Chief since since 1907, and for many years Chairman of the Classification Committee. He was an efficient administrator and his conscientious devotion to duty was developed to an unusual degree.

During the past year, 43 new members have been elected and 72 memberships have been transferred, being 26 memberships held by members, 35 extra memberships, and 11 held by estates.

The Board of Managers recommends that the annual dues be fixed for the ensuing year at \$300, and an assessment of \$100 levied on each membership in the Exchange, payable Dec. 1 1925.

Reference to the dues and assessments will be found on a subsequent page in our Cotton Department.

Federal Reserve Board on Return of Great Britain to Gold Standard—Arrangements Whereby New York Federal Reserve Bank "Sells Gold on Credit to Bank of England."

Supplementing the approval given by the Federal Advisory Council to the credit of \$200,000,000 which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York recently placed at the disposal of the Bank of England to maintain the gold standard, the Federal Reserve Board has made known its endorsement of the participation by the Federal Reserve Bank—the Board stating that in giving its approval it "believed that the arrangement would be an effective aid toward general resumption of gold payments." The Board on June 1 made public its statement in the matter, which is to appear in the June number of its "Bulletin," to be issued later in the month. The Federal Advisory Council's statement regarding the credit was given in our issue of last week, page 2761. The Board states that "under its arrangement with the Bank of England the Federal Reserve Bank of New York undertakes to sell gold on credit to the Bank of England from time to time during the next two years, but not to exceed \$200,000,000 outstanding at any one time. As had been previously announced by Walter Guinness, Financial Secretary to the British Treasury (and noted in our issue of May 9, page 2356), the Board states that "the credit is to bear interest to the extent that it is actually used at a rate of 1% above the New York Reserve Bank's discount rate, with a minimum of 4% and a maximum of 6%, or, if the Federal Reserve discount rate exceeds 6%, then at the rediscount rate of the bank." The Board adds that the rate of interest to be paid by the British Government on the credit of \$100,000,000 established by J. P. Morgan & Co. is to be determined in a similar manner. The Board also states that "upon the purchase of gold the Bank of England will place on its books to the credit of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York an equivalent deposit in pounds sterling." "If occasion arises for the use of this credit," the Board says, "support can be given to sterling exchange either through the purchase of sterling bills in New York or abroad, or gold can be shipped to other countries on British account. Thus the Bank of England could meet a foreign demand for gold without reducing its own reserves, or it could replenish its reserves by withdrawing gold from this country or by earmarking it in New York." The Reserve bank, says the Board, in making these arrangements, "proceeded under authority of the Federal Reserve Act, which in addition to granting the Reserve banks power to make contracts, authorizes them under rules and regulations prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board to deal in gold coin or bullion at home or abroad, to purchase and sell in the open market, at home or abroad, cable transfers or bankers' acceptances and bills of exchange of the kinds and maturities eligible for rediscount, and with the consent, or upon the order and direction of the Federal Reserve Board, to open and maintain accounts in foreign countries, appoint correspondents and establish agencies in such countries wheresoever it may be deemed best for the purpose of purchasing, selling and collecting bills of exchange, and with the consent of the Federal Reserve Board to open and maintain banking accounts for such foreign correspondents or agencies."

The Board points out that the restoration of the gold standard in Great Britain was accompanied by similar action by Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the Dutch East Indies, and says that:

Restoration of an effective international gold standard from the viewpoint of the banking situation in the United States is of particular importance because for the first time since the Federal Reserve System was established gold movements, which for a decade have exerted an abnormal influence upon the position of the Reserve banks, will be more largely controlled by the traditional influences which regulated the flow of gold under normal conditions.

The Board's statement follows:

Restoration of the Gold Standard.

Restoration of a free gold market in London after a period of ten years has put Great Britain once more on the gold standard. At the time of England's return to a gold basis several other countries took similar action and this, together with the fact that many other European currencies have been stabilized with reference to gold for more than a year, removes from

the major part of the world's commerce and finance the uncertainties arising from wide and abrupt fluctuations of exchanges.

Free gold movements between countries that have re-established the gold standard will not only limit fluctuations of exchange rates but will again relate changes in the gold holdings of central banks to credit conditions at home and abroad and thus make changes in their reserve positions important factors in their credit policies. With the principal money markets of the world once more free gold markets and the exchanges between them stable, the flow of funds between those markets will respond more freely to differences in money rates and credit conditions. Credits in countries on the gold standard become interchangeable practically at par with dollar credits, which have been continuously equivalent to gold, and short-time funds will thus tend to be distributed more nearly in response to current demands as reflected in higher rates. With the removal of barriers arising from the risks of exchange, borrowing, particularly for purposes of financing international trade, will be drawn to the markets where money is cheapest. Thus the resumption of gold payments by the chief trading countries of the world furnishes a basis for the functioning of those forces which before the war operated to maintain a close contact between the money markets of the world.

Great Britain's Gold Standard Act.

The decision of the British Government to remove the embargo on the exportation of gold was announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on April 28, when he stated that the law of 1920 prohibiting gold exports for a period of five years, except under special license, would be permitted to lapse on Dec. 31 1925, and that for the remainder of this year the Bank of England would be given a general license to export gold. Control of gold exports in Great Britain, which from the outbreak of the war until the legal prohibition in 1920, was by informal methods, has applied since that time to all gold except to newly mined gold produced in the British Dominions and imported into England.

In removing restrictions upon gold exports the British Government adopted certain safeguards against the dissipation of the gold reserves through the re-introduction of gold coins into circulation and against the speculative hazards to which the pound sterling might be exposed in the period immediately following resumption. These safeguards were incorporated in a bill "to facilitate the return to a gold standard and for purposes connected therewith" to be known as the Gold Standard Act, 1925, which became law on May 13. It was recognized that a return to the use of gold currency in domestic circulation was not necessary for the purpose of the operation of the international gold standard, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that this use of gold would be an unwarrantable extravagance which the present financial stringency does not permit England to indulge in. In order to prevent the loss of gold into circulation the bill relieves the Bank of England of the obligation to redeem its own notes and currency notes in gold coin and relieves the mint of the obligation to coin gold bullion presented to it by anyone except the Bank of England. The Bank, however, is required to sell gold in bars containing approximately 400 ounces to any person at the price of £3 17s. 10½d. per ounce gold of standard fineness, that is in units of about £1,700. Thus, while the Bank is protected against a demand for gold coin for domestic circulation, it stands ready to meet all demands for gold bullion for export purposes. The provision of the Bank Act of 1844, under which the Bank of England is obliged to purchase at a fixed price all gold offered, remains in force.

As a means of supporting sterling exchange in case of speculative pressure the gold standard bill furthermore authorized the Treasury to "issue, either within or without the United Kingdom and either in British or in any other currency such securities, bearing such rate of interest and subject to such conditions as to repayment, redemption, or otherwise, as they think fit," and to "guarantee in such manner and on such terms and conditions as they think proper, the payment of interest and principal of any loan which may be raised for such purpose." All loans raised under this provision must be repaid within two years and guarantees given by the Treasury will also expire in two years from the date upon which it is given. In furtherance of the objects of these provisions American credits aggregating \$300,000,000 have been established, the details of which are discussed later in this review.

Report of Committee of Experts.

In reaching a decision to return to the gold standard at this time the British Government was guided by the recommendations of a committee which, in addition to considering whether the time had come to amalgamate the Treasury note issue with the Bank of England note issue, also entered into the question whether a return to the gold standard on the basis of the pre-war sovereign was desirable, and if so, how and when the steps required to achieve it should be taken.

In its report the committee expresses its agreement with the principles laid down in 1918 by the Cunliffe Committee, and after considering various alternatives, reached the conclusion that the gold standard must be re-established in England on the basis of the pre-war gold content of the sovereign. Neither devaluation nor the substitution of the commodity price level for gold as the regulating principle of the currency appeared to the committee to be desirable. The committee's analysis of England's position in foreign trade indicated that the existing volume of exports, visible and invisible, together with the income derived from foreign investments, was undoubtedly sufficient to meet England's foreign debts, to pay for necessary imports, leaving a moderate balance for foreign investments. "In these circumstances," the committee continues, "a free gold market could readily be established and maintained at the pre-war parity, provided that by control of credit we adjusted the internal purchasing power of the pound to its exchange parity, and restricted our foreign investments to our normal export surplus." While the committee believed that the price level in England was still too high relative to the level in the United States, it was its opinion that the adjustment could be accomplished without serious disturbance, particularly in view of the fact that sterling exchange at the time of the report in February was only 1½% below parity.

On the subject of the amalgamation of the two kinds of note issue, the Bank of England note, issued only in exchange for gold, and the currency note, issued by the Treasury and secured largely by Government obligations, the committee recommended that no action be taken for the present, that the limit of the currency issue, by which the actual maximum for one year becomes the legal maximum for the next year, be maintained and that the Bank of England take over the currency notes at such a time in the future when experience will have demonstrated what amount can be kept in circulation without resulting in a drain on the Bank's gold reserves. As an immediate step, the committee recommended that the £27,000,000 of gold held against currency notes be transferred to the Bank and an equal amount of Bank notes be substituted in the currency note account. This recommendation has been adopted and carried out.

Financial Policy Prior to Resumption.

Important factors placing Great Britain in a position to re-establish the gold standard have been the balancing of the budget, reduction in the floating debt, funding of the indebtedness to the United States, rigid adherence to the limitation upon note issue, and a policy of credit control. The

budget not only has been balanced, but there has been a surplus which enabled the Government to reduce the floating debt held in large part by the banks. Between the end of 1920 and the end of 1924 this debt was reduced by nearly 40%, or £560,000,000, and the reduction was accompanied by substantial declines, especially during 1921 and the early part of 1922, in the investments, bill holdings and deposits of the joint stock banks. With the decline in their holdings of Treasury bills, the banks were in a position to meet the increased credit demands of commerce and industry without increasing the total volume of bank credit in use. The policy of maintaining relatively high money rates, especially during the past year, and of discouraging excessive foreign lending contributed to the advance of sterling exchange toward parity. As a consequence of these developments, the extent of further necessary adjustment in the exchange rate and in financial conditions following the announcement of the removal of the gold embargo was greatly diminished, and the ability of Great Britain to maintain an effective gold standard greatly increased.

Course of Sterling Exchange.

Sterling exchange in the New York market since 1919, when the pegging of the exchanges was discontinued, has undergone wide fluctuations. The most rapid and continuous advance in sterling occurred between the middle of 1921 and the spring of 1923, when, owing partly to the operation of the factors already mentioned and to trade conditions, prices in Great Britain declined considerably, while prices in the United States advanced. From less than 4% below par sterling exchange declined during the remainder of 1923 to a low point in January 1924 more than 12% below par. An almost uninterrupted rise during 1924 and the early part of 1925 brought sterling to within 1% of parity at the time of the announcement of the resumption of gold payments.

In order to relieve the exchange market during the remainder of this year from demands for dollar exchange by the Treasury, particularly in the autumn, when Great Britain's purchases of agricultural products abroad are heaviest, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that a sufficient amount of dollar exchange had been acquired to meet all payments on the American debt, not only in June, but also in December.

Provisions for Supporting Exchange.

It was recognized by the committee advising the Government on the problems connected with resumption that the advance of the pound sterling since last summer may have been partly due to speculative buying and that when parity was reached profit taking by speculators might throw a strain on the exchange. Against this danger the committee regarded as a proper safeguard the existence of adequate gold reserves and a resolute use of those reserves for the purpose for which they had been accumulated. The available reserves were in the committee's opinion amply sufficient, but if it were deemed wise to acquire also a foreign credit, the credit should be used only after a considerable amount of gold had actually been exported, and the use of this credit should be considered from the point of view of the Bank of England's monetary policy as equivalent to a corresponding loss from its own reserves. "Unless these precautions are taken, borrowing abroad will, as has again and again happened, when it has been resorted to as a remedy for exchange difficulties, merely aggravate the mischief which it has been applied to cure." In announcing the establishment of the credits in America, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said: "These great credits across the Atlantic Ocean have been obtained and built up as a solemn warning to speculators of every kind and of every hue and in every country, of the resistance which they will encounter and of the reserves with which they will be confronted, if they attempt to disturb the gold parity which Great Britain has now established."

American Credits.

Two separate credits have been established in the United States, one by the British Government and one by the Bank of England. A credit of \$100,000,000 was arranged by the British Government with J. P. Morgan & Co. and a credit of \$200,000,000 by the Bank of England with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in participation with other Federal Reserve banks and with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board.

Under its arrangement with the Bank of England the Federal Reserve Bank of New York undertakes to sell gold on credit to the Bank of England from time to time during the next two years, but not to exceed \$200,000,000 outstanding at any one time. The credit is to bear interest to the extent that it is actually used at a rate of 1% above the New York Reserve Bank's discount rate, with a minimum of 4% and a maximum of 6%, or, if the Federal Reserve discount rate exceeds 6%, then at the rediscount rate of the bank. The rate of interest to be paid by the British Government on the credit which it has established is to be determined in a similar manner. Upon the purchase of gold the Bank of England will place on its books to the credit of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York an equivalent deposit in pounds sterling. This deposit may be used from time to time by arrangement with the Bank of England in the purchase of eligible sterling commercial bills which shall be guaranteed by the Bank of England, and in that case discount earned on the bills will be applied to the payment of interest.

If occasion arises for the use of this credit, support can be given to sterling exchange either through the purchase of sterling bills in New York or abroad, or gold can be shipped to other countries on British account. Thus the Bank of England could meet a foreign demand for gold without reducing its own reserves, or it could replenish its reserves by withdrawing gold from this country or by earmarking it in New York. The form in which the credit would be used would depend upon the circumstances at the time.

In making these arrangements with the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York proceeded under authority of the Federal Reserve Act, which in addition to granting the Reserve banks power to make contracts, authorizes them under rules and regulations prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, to deal in gold coin or bullion at home or abroad, to purchase and sell in the open market, at home or abroad, cable transfers or bankers' acceptances and bills of exchange of the kinds and maturities eligible for rediscount; and with the consent, or upon the order and direction of the Federal Reserve Board, to open and maintain accounts in foreign countries, appoint correspondents and establish agencies in such countries wheresoever it may be deemed best for the purpose of purchasing, selling and collecting bills of exchange, and with the consent of the Federal Reserve Board to open and maintain banking accounts for such foreign correspondents or agencies.

In January of this year the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was authorized by the Federal Reserve Board to make arrangements with the Bank of England which have been described. After the passage of the Gold Standard Act by the British Parliament in May, the Federal Reserve Board approved in detail the arrangements made by the New York Federal Reserve Bank. In giving approval the Board believed that the arrangement would be an effective aid toward general resumption of gold payments.

Comments of Advisory Council.

Commenting upon the participation of the Federal Reserve System in the arrangements made to facilitate the return of Great Britain to the gold

standard, the Federal Advisory Council, which held a regular meeting in Washington on May 22, said in part:

"It is with the deepest satisfaction that the Council has noted the arrangements now made, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, between the Bank of England, on the one hand, and the several Federal Reserve banks under the auspices of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on the other. These arrangements, in the view of the Council, will benefit not only the two countries directly involved, but they will ensure to the advantage of the entire world. The Council feels confident that in the annals of the Federal Reserve System these arrangements will be written down as one of its proudest and most constructive achievements. It is an impressive demonstration of the efficiency of the Federal Reserve Act, as at present constituted, that we are able to render assistance on a liberal scale without fear of adverse effect upon our own financial conditions."

International Trade and the Gold Standard.

Restoration of the gold standard in Great Britain was accompanied by similar action by Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the Dutch East Indies. Gold payments had been resumed in Sweden a year earlier and on June 1 South Africa removed restrictions on gold exports. The return to a gold basis over so wide an area was preceded by a continuous advance toward gold parity for about a year in most of the principal exchanges and by a narrowing of fluctuations in the value of other currencies. Furthermore, a number of European countries, though not in a position to restore freedom of gold movement, have maintained the foreign value of their currencies at a fixed relationship to gold, and consequently have conducted their foreign trade on a gold value basis. This growth in the area, though still not world wide, in which gold has once more been restored to its role as a standard, provides a broader and more stable basis for international trade than has prevailed at any time since the disorganization of the world's currencies which set in with the war. Re-establishment of the gold standard removes from commerce between nations that element of risk which arose from the uncertainties of fluctuating exchange rates and free gold movements will exert an influence toward closer adjustment between price levels in different countries. The significance of the restoration of the international gold standard should be measured not only by the benefits that will result from greater stability, but also by contrast with the declines and fluctuations in exchange that would have followed further postponement of the decisions to resume gold payments. These decisions give assurance that the exchanges of those countries which have returned to the gold basis will not be subject to sharp advances and declines and that trade with these countries, which include the largest purchasers of our agricultural products, can be conducted and financed with greater confidence and on a more secure basis.

Restoration of an effective international gold standard from the viewpoint of the banking situation in the United States is of particular importance because for the first time since the Federal Reserve System was established gold movements, which for a decade have exerted an abnormal influence upon the position of the Reserve banks, will be more largely controlled by traditional influences which regulated the flow of gold under normal conditions.

United States Chamber of Commerce Commends Federal Reserve Bank in Assisting in Restoration of Gold Standard in England—Other Resolutions—New Officers.

Commendation of the recent action of the Federal Reserve Bank in assisting in the restoration of the gold standard in England was recorded at the recent annual meeting in Washington of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the Chamber at the same time reaffirming its confidence in the fundamental principles of the Federal Reserve System. The Chamber also approved the recent action of the Federal Trade Commission in adopting new rules of procedure; it likewise recommended the appointment of a committee by the directors of the Chamber to study the subject of taxation, deplored the speculative fluctuations in the price of grain, and commended the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to bring about remedial measures by the principal grain exchanges; the Chamber also recorded its stand on other issues, the resolutions adapted being given further below. The meeting was held in Washington May 20, 21 and 22, and at the concluding session John W. O'Leary, Vice-President of the Chicago Trust Co., was elected President of the Chamber succeeding Richard F. Grant, who declined re-election. John Joy Edson, of Washington, was re-elected Treasurer of the Chamber. The following were also elected:

V.-Pres.: East division, Lewis E. Pierson, chairman of the board of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York, re-elected. North Central division, William Butterworth, pres. of Deere & Co., Moline, Ill. South Central division, Robert Ellis, pres. of the Hessigh-Ellis Drug Co., Memphis. Western division, Paul Shoup, v.-pres. of the Southern Pacific Ry. Co., San Francisco. Honorary V.-Pres., Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric Co., New York; Henry M. Robinson, banker, Los Angeles, and Roland W. Boyden, Boston.

The resolutions adopted are in part as follows:

Interference With Business.

It is the established policy of this Government not to interfere with the utmost freedom of action by the individual so long as he does not infringe upon the rights of others. The predominant position of this country in industry today is largely due to this attitude of our Government.

Consistent with this policy, the Government should not permit any of its bureaus to so operate as to harass and annoy business by frivolous and curious inquiry into the private affairs of business men. On the other hand, business men will make no objection to the fullest investigation by the Government of anything which the proper Government official may have good reason to suspect is a violation of the law of the land.

The chamber urges upon its members the heartiest co-operation with all departments of the Federal Government to the end that much useful and valuable information may be availed of, and a spirit of mutual helpfulness between the Government and business men may prevail.

Taxation.

The chamber has frequently spoken in favor of the reduction of the Federal income taxes, urging repeal of the war excise taxes affecting particular

businesses, and has advocated the creation of such a body as the Board of Tax Appeals, which has already by its expedition and clarity fully justified the expectations of the benefits that would follow.

The resolutions committee had before it a number of proposals for reforms in the Federal revenue law. The subject is so large and complicated that it would be inexpedient to offer resolutions covering the various phases of the law. Your committee therefore recommends that the board of directors appoint a committee to study carefully the whole subject of Federal taxation giving particular attention to the suggested changes which have been submitted to this committee.

Federal Reserve System.

The Federal Reserve system has been from its inception the subject of serious study and steadfast support by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. As the system enters upon the second decade of its corporate existence under conditions which for the first time during its life are approaching normal, we reaffirm our confidence in its fundamental principles, we give willing recognition of its past service and of its promise for the future; we ask for it better understanding and appreciation.

We commend the recent action of the Federal Reserve bank for its effective assistance in bringing about the restoration of the gold standard in England. This restoration has removed the danger of price inflation in this country; has increased the international purchasing power and will undoubtedly benefit our foreign trade.

Federal Trade Commission.

The chamber approves the recent action of the Federal Trade Commission in adopting new rules of procedure, which it is expected, will make the work of that body increasingly constructive, effective and helpful to American business.

Claims Against Germany.

In dealing with Alien Property Fund Congress, while fully recognizing the historic policy of the United States, holding immune from confiscation enemy private property in time of war, should have in mind at all times its obligations, no less sacred, toward American nationals, who suffered loss and injury through the aggressions of Germany during the late war.

Congress should accord to Germany full faith and credit for free and voluntary action on its part in entering into the Treaty of Berlin for the restoration of friendly relations with the United States and to that end should retain possession of the Alien Property Fund, in accordance with the explicit terms of that treaty, until Germany shall have made suitable provision for the satisfaction of all such American claims.

Commercial Treaty Policy.

Your committee on resolutions respectfully recommends the presentation to the board of directors of the report of the committee on foreign affairs on the subject of the commercial treaty policy of the United States, and all of the accompanying data and communications, with the suggestion that the subject be submitted to the membership in the form of a referendum at the earliest convenience of the board.

Relations With Canada.

Your committee respectfully suggests that the chamber, through its proper channels, conduct an inquiry as to the possibility of further improving the social and economic relations between the business men of Canada and the United States, to the end that each may enjoy the utmost advantage to be gained by the best possible social and business contact between the citizens of the two countries.

Speculation in Foodstuffs.

The harmful effect of incessant wide speculative fluctuations in price of grain, upon all interests connected with the production, conversion, distribution and export of our vast cereal crops and upon our foreign commerce generally, is so self-evident as to seem to demand prompt remedial measures by the principal grain exchanges. We commend the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to bring about such voluntary constructive action.

Railroad Rates.

The Transportation Act of 1920 expressly provides for the preservation of our transportation systems in full vigor. Proposed amendatory legislative action creates uncertainty in the public mind, tends to retard business, and thus interferes with the growth and development of our transportation systems.

If our transportation systems are to be improved and extended to meet the constantly growing needs of commerce, the regulation of our common carriers must be vested in a properly constituted administrative body.

The record of the Interstate Commerce Commission is such as to command that body as the proper agency through which all laws governing the common carriers should be administered.

Coastwise Laws.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States declares its belief in the wisdom of the coastwise navigation laws of the United States.

World Court.

The United States is committed emphatically and always has stood for the peaceful solution of international disputes. It has historically advocated and agitated for the formation of an international judicial tribunal for this purpose. The Permanent Court of International Justice is the embodiment of the aspiration and effort of our leading statesmen and jurists.

By resolution of the last three annual meetings the chamber has consistently and insistently indorsed the adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court on the conditions laid down by the Executive and former Secretary of State Hughes.

The President of the United States has stated his position unequivocally and the chamber expresses its disappointment at the delay in effecting the recommendation of the Executive. It believes that the objections which have been made to the entrance of the United States into the present court are unimportant as compared with the advantages which would accrue to us and the support and impetus which our action would give to the promotion of international justice and the furtherance of international peace.

The chamber reiterates its position in support of the Permanent Court of International Justice and urges the adherence of the United States thereto at the forthcoming session of Congress.

Judicial Salaries.

Litigation in the Federal courts, both civil and criminal, is increasingly important. Judges of these courts not only must be men of unimpeachable integrity and liberal education but they should have profound knowledge of the law and superior administrative ability in the dispatch of business. The Government is entitled to the service of competent lawyers on the Federal bench. The class of lawyers requisite for this service cannot be obtained unless they receive salaries enabling them to live in a manner commensurate with the position they occupy. No lawyer worthy of a position on the Federal bench should be asked to make the financial sacrifice required by the present salaries.

The chamber therefore urges upon the Congress the immediate passage of a law increasing the salaries of the Federal judges to such an amount

as will insure the services of capable lawyers and further the expeditious and economical administration of justice in the Federal courts.

Motor Common Carriers.

The chamber recommends that the Congress should amend the Transportation Act as to embrace motor common carriers engaged in interstate commerce.

York-Antwerp Rules—1924.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States approves in principle the work of the International Law Association as embodied in the York-Antwerp rules, 1924, as a great step forward in providing international uniformity in the definition and adjustment of general average losses. Although it recognizes that the said rules are an improvement over the York-Antwerp Rules, 1890, this chamber is unable to recommend the adoption of the York-Antwerp Rules, 1924, without modifications.

The American branch of the International Chamber of Commerce and the American branch of the International Law Association are requested to take steps to arrange for an international conference to revise the York-Antwerp Rules, 1924, so that they may receive universal approval and adoption.

Forest Highways.

The national forests, especially those in the Western States, because of their great extent and location, include many of the most important mountain passes; they practically surround and control access to our national parks and interpose large areas of land under Federal control between sections of our States held by private ownerships.

Roads into and across these vast forest areas are required not only to protect the Government property in the forest from the constant menace of destruction by fire, but also to give access to the national parks; to enable private property to be reached and to complete highways available to inter- and intrastate traffic. It is the duty of the Federal Government to provide these roads.

Congress, therefore, should continue to appropriate needed funds, within the limits of a reasonable national budget, for the improvement of such forest highways, under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture.

National Parks.

The policy of the Federal Government in establishing and maintaining national parks is now well fixed. This policy should be extended through the establishment of national parks in important areas of the country where they do not now exist and where scenery and other natural conditions afford recreational and educational advantages such as the public has come to expect in all national parks.

Study of Cotton.

In connection with some suggested subjects the resolutions committee recommends that the meeting should add its suggestions to the board as follows:

Cotton, with an expression of the meeting's confidence that the board will cause inquiries and study by the appropriate departments of the chamber of every phase of this important subject.

Public grazing lands, with an expression of confidence that the board will give sympathetic consideration to all means for promoting the efficient utilization of grazing lands in public ownership which are of outstanding importance to the great live stock industry of the West.

Reclamation with a suggestion that the chamber's interest should be continuous and that available information bearing upon future policy should be brought together.

Resale prices, with the information that the committee understands the board has already taken the action which the proposals contemplated.

State legislation respecting margarine, with a suggestion that there should be careful study by the appropriate departments of the chamber before there is any attempt to define a policy.

Aid for Highways.

Federal aid for highways, with the suggestion that there should be consideration by the Transportation Department with special reference to any declarations the chamber should later make in addition to the policy is has already adopted.

Highways, State administration and finance, with a suggestion that in recognition of the accomplishment which has been made by an organization member of the chamber in participating in the formulation of principles designed to give efficiency and uniformity, the board requests the chamber's transportation department to bring these principles to the attention of the local organizations in the chamber's membership and request their sympathetic interest and support in their own States.

Aircraft lighter than air, with a suggestion that it be referred to the transportation and foreign commerce departments for survey of all possibilities.

Aeronautics, with a suggestion that it be referred to the transportation department for consideration in connection with the chamber's policies already established as to aeronautics.

Dollar Credits for Gold Standard—The New York Arrangements.

The following is from the London "Financial News" of May 15:

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Thurtle asked if the possibility would be considered of carrying out the whole of the dollar credit transaction with the Federal Reserve Bank and thus save the £375,000 commission which it is proposed to pay Messrs. Morgan and Co.

Mr. Churchill: This proposal is quite impracticable. The whole transaction was interdependent and has, moreover, been definitely concluded.

Countries of Europe which have Returned to Gold Basis—New York Federal Reserve Bank Sees Therein Return to International Confidence.

A table showing the various European countries which since 1922 have taken steps to return to a gold basis is presented in the June number of the "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which states that one of the advantages likely to result therefrom is greater price stability. Free gold movements, it observes, also tend to greater stability of interest rates, but "more important than all else," it says, "the return of Great Britain and other countries to gold payments marks a return to international confidence. Confidence is at the basis of successful world trade. Since the war, all international trade has been car-

ried on in the midst of constant uncertainties. Every step in lessening these uncertainties is a stimulus to international trade." We give herewith the bank's observations:

The announcement on April 23 of the decision of the British Government to restore gold payments in Great Britain is one of the most important of a series of events leading gradually of the reorganization of world trade and finance on a more normal basis.

A large part of Europe is now included by countries whose currencies and exchanges are effectually stabilized, Government budgets balanced, and whose production and trade have been restored to approximately the pre-war volume.

In the map on this page [This we omit.—Ed.] the shaded portions show the countries of Europe which have returned to a gold or gold exchange basis. In addition, the Swiss exchange is quoted above par, and the exchanges of a number of other countries have been held to fluctuations of very narrow limits.

Some of the more important steps which have led gradually to this world recovery are indicated in the following:

1922.

September.—Bank of Lithuania established and new currency unit adopted, based upon gold.

October.—Russian Soviet State Bank authorized to issue the chervonetz, based upon gold.

November.—Bank of Latvia established and new currency created, to become converted into gold one year after the resumption of gold payments by the Bank of England.

1923.

January.—Austrian National Bank established.

October.—German Rentenbank established, and currency stabilized.

1924.

January.—Bank of Danzig established and currency stabilized with reference to sterling.

April.—Sweden removes restrictions upon gold exports and resumes specie payments; Bank of Poland established and new currency introduced, based on gold.

June.—Hungarian National Bank established and currency stabilized with reference to sterling.

September.—Reparations Commission proclaims the Dawes plan to be in effect.

October.—German Reichsbank reorganized under the Dawes plan and new reichsmark introduced.

December.—Germany removes restrictions on the export and import of gold and silver.

1925.

January.—South Africa announces intention to resume gold payments July 1 1925.

March.—Austria announces adoption of new currency.

April.—Great Britain re-establishes free gold market. Holland, Australia, New Zealand and Dutch East Indies withdraw embargo on gold exports.

The return to a free gold market in Great Britain is a peculiarly important step, because England for many years has been such an international banker, and so large a part of the trade of the world always has been carried on in sterling. Certain exchanges, as indicated above, have previously been stabilized with reference to sterling, and hence the return of sterling to par will automatically bring those exchanges to a gold parity.

The benefits likely to accrue from stabilized currencies and exchanges are so many and so great that they can only be summarized briefly in an article of this sort.

Instability of the exchanges has been a constant hazard and a serious obstacle to world commerce. The lessening of exchange risks will aid greatly in the restoration of a free flow of world trade.

A further advantage likely to result from the return of gold payments is greater price stability. When gold is moving freely it tends to be exported from a country when commodity prices rise above the world's levels; the credit volume tends to be reduced, and prices to fall. Conversely, when prices in a country fall below the world's level gold tends to be imported, with the result that the credit volume is increased and prices tend to rise. There are, of course, many limitations and exceptions to the free operations of these influences, but at least the free movement of gold provides an automatic tendency toward price adjustment, which does not exist when gold movements are restricted.

Free gold movements also tend to greater stability of interest rates, since gold tends to flow from the cheaper to the dearer markets, and there is thus an automatic readjustment in the capital markets.

But more important than all else, the return of Great Britain and other countries to gold payments marks a return to international confidence. Confidence is at the basis of successful world trade. Since the war, all international trade has been carried on in the midst of constant uncertainties. Every step in lessening these uncertainties is a stimulus to international trade.

Death of Louis A. Coolidge Former Assistant Treasurer of United States—Member of Board of Managers of Order and Liberty Alliance, &c.

Louis A. Coolidge, formerly Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, died at his home in Milton, Mass. on May 31. Many and varied were the activities of Mr. Coolidge, who in addition to serving in the capacity just indicated, had been Chairman of the Board of Directors of the sentinels of the Republic; member of Board of Managers Order and Liberty Alliance; some time Treasurer of the United Shoe Machinery Company; recent candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination in Massachusetts &c. Mr. Coolidge was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of finances in February, 1908, and resigned in April, 1909, to become Treasurer of the United Shoe Machinery Corporation. He had previously served as Washington correspondent for several newspapers; editor of the Congressional Directory and Indexer of the Congressional Record. He likewise held the presidency of the Coolidge Family Association. Mr. Coolidge was born in Natick, Mass., Oct. 8 1861. In paying tribute to him D. Chauncey Brewer, President Order and Liberty Alliance, says:

Louis A. Coolidge will be sadly missed. No one has been swifter to recognize the upstanding issues of the hour. Perception with him meant action. Therefore he became an invaluable recruit to the causes which he espoused.

Others have lamented existing conditions—the sad change in the personnel in the citizenry—industrial absorption—and the scrapping of political principles.

Mr. Coolidge had brains, and saw the threat in these unfortunate coincidences. He was courageous, and therefore gave of himself without reserve to the disentangling of what is a master problem.

Fellowshipping with the immigrant, he extolled Democratic institutions. Stirring great memories, he pointed out to citizens the absurdity of building a socialized state upon the principles underlying what was intended to be a Federal union of self-governing communities. Adept at organizing, he set himself to discouraging pernicious legislation, and, zealous in his effort to preserve the Constitution, he pointed out the danger of meddling with an instrument which had at one time provided a common standard for Americans of all sections and prejudices.

The United States does not lack in great Americans. Some of the most forceful of these dominate without disclosing their identity. Many are in conspicuous positions because they are personally colorless and ready to take dictation. There is no danger that we shall ever lack Americans of either type. Times like the present, however, demand the sort of leadership which not only has the requisite mentality, but the sort of soul integrity that dares to utter its convictions and convert the latter into corrective action. Louis A. Coolidge was such a leader.

Memorial Day Address of President Coolidge—Better Local Government, Not More Federal Government Needed—State Reliance on Nation Criticized—Urges That We Govern Ourselves Before Assuming Responsibility in Government of Others.

The need of America "to hold to its ancient and well-charted course" was urged by President Coolidge in a Memorial Day address at the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, who, in referring to the tendency of the States to look for support to the Federal Government, declared that "if there is to be a continuation of individual and local self-government and of State sovereignty, the individual and locality must govern themselves and the State must assert its sovereignty. Otherwise," he said, "these rights and privileges will be confiscated under the all-compelling pressure of public necessity for a better maintenance of order and morality." The President pointed out that "our country was conceived in the theory of local self-government," and acclaimed this to be "the foundation of our system of liberty," the preservation of which "is worth all the effort and all the sacrifice that it may cost." Noting that "the present tendency is not in harmony with this spirit," the President said:

The individual, instead of working out his own salvation and securing his own freedom by establishing his own economic and moral independence by his own industry and his own self-mastery, tends to throw himself on some vague influence which he denominates society and to hold that in some way responsible for the sufficiency of his support and the morality of his actions. The local political units likewise look to the States, the States look to the nation and nations are beginning to look to some vague organization, some nebulous concourse of humanity, to pay their bills and tell them what to do.

This, he said, "is not self-government. It is not American." "The individual and the local, State and national political units," he said, "ought to be permitted to assume their own responsibilities. Any other course in the end will be subversive both of character and liberty." "What we need," said the President, "is not more Federal Government, but better local government." It was pointed out by the President that "before we assume too great responsibilities in the governing of others, it would be the part of wisdom very completely to discharge our responsibilities for governing ourselves." He observed that "a large amount of work has to be done at home before we can start in on the neighbors, and very considerable duties have to be performed in America before we undertake the direction of the rest of the world. But we must at all times do the best we can for ourselves without forgetting others, and the best we can for our own country without forgetting other nations." In referring to problems of inter-State relations which we still have to handle, the President said:

So long as some can go to a distant State for divorce which others are denied at home, there is not equality in this regard. When some States grant valuable exemptions from taxation which other States impose, one person may enjoy while another is denied these benefits.

A few years ago a majority of the States had adopted prohibition or rigid restrictions on the traffic in intoxicating liquor. But other States did not co-operate in advancing this policy, and ultimately by national action it was extended to all the Union. By failing to meet the requirements of a national demand the States became deprived of the power to act.

He likewise referred to the subject of law enforcement, and while stating that "we are not a lawless people," described us as "too frequently a careless one." He declared that "there is no use disguising the fact that as a nation our attitude toward the prevention and punishment of crime needs more serious attention." In his further criticism he said:

I read the other day a survey which showed that in proportion to population we have eight times as many murders as Great Britain, and five times as many as France. Murder rarely goes unpunished in Britain or France; here the reverse is true.

In conclusion the President said:

The war which established Memorial day had for its main purpose the enforcement of the Constitution. The peace which followed that war rests upon the universal observance of the Constitution. This Union can only be preserved, the States can only be maintained, under a reign of national, and moral law, under the Constitution established by Washington, under the peace provided by Lincoln.

The address follows:

For those who are the inheritors of a noble estate and a high place in the world, it is a good thing to pause at intervals and consider by what favor of fortune and of ancestry their lines have fallen in such pleasant places. Thus to meditate upon that course of events which has given them what they have and made them what they are, will tend to remind them how great is their debt and how little is their share of merit.

This is the day on which the American people each year acknowledge that they have such a debt. It has been set aside that a grateful nation may do fitting honor to the memory of those who have made the greatest and most voluntary contribution to it. Here about us, in this place of beauty and reverence, lies the mortal dust of a noble host, to whom we have come to pay our tribute, as thousands of other like gatherings will do throughout our land. In their youth and strength, their love and loyalty, those who rest here gave to their country all that mortality can give. For what they sacrificed we must give back the pledge of faith to all that they held dear, constantly renewed, constantly justified. Doing less would betray them and dishonor us.

To such a memorial as exists here we can only come in a spirit of humility and of gratitude. We cannot hope to repay those whom we are assembled to honor. They were moved by a noble conception of human possibilities and human destiny. But we can undertake to find what was their inspiration and seek to make it our guide. By that they will be recompensed.

These who are represented here were men in whom courage had reached a high moral quality. They had been brave enough not to shrink from looking at facts and institutions. They had been honest enough to admit that they saw there much that was not good. They glossed over no wrongs, they hid away no skeletons. They did not pretend that wrong was right or ever could be right. They had put much thought to the lessons of hard experience and had frankly acknowledged that they must deal with a crisis in the nation's life. They were sure that union was a blessing, that slavery was a wrong, and that domestic war was the supreme human tragedy. This settled, they saw that one of three courses must be taken. They could have had peace with disunion, or they could have had peace and union with slavery. Freedom with union, they saw at last, meant war. We know how they decided. We know at what fearful cost they supported their decision.

We live far enough away from those times of test and trial to know that sincerity and honesty did not all lie on either side. We know the conflicts of loyalties, traditions, ancestry, and interest which drew men to one side and the other. I doubt if there ever was another so great and elemental a conflict from which men emerged with so much of mutual respect, with so little of bitterness and lingering hostility. The struggle brought the whole nation at last to see that its only assurance was in unity. United, it could go its way in all security; divided, both sections becoming the prey of jealousy and intrigue, would have dissipated all the power they now have for good in the world.

Our generation has recently lived through times still so vivid as to seem but as yesterday, which have taught us deeply to appreciate the value of union in purpose and effort. We have come to see as through a crystal that in the national variety of talents and resources, of cultures and capacities, of climates and of soils, of occupations and of interests, lies the guarantee of both our power and our authority. More than that, they have taught us how heavy and important is our responsibility in the world.

Conscious of a strength which removes us from either fear or truculence, satisfied with dominions and resources which free us from lust of territory or empire, we see that our highest interest will be promoted by the prosperity and progress of our neighbors. We recognize that what has been accomplished here has largely been due to the capacity of our people for efficient co-operation. We shall continue prosperous at home and helpful abroad, about as we shall maintain and continually adapt to changing conditions the system under which we have come thus far. I mean our Federal system, distributing powers and responsibilities between the States and the national Government. For that is the greatest American contribution to the organization of government over great populations and wide areas. It is the essence of practical administration for a nation placed as ours is. I thus become so commonplace to us, and a pattern by so many other peoples, that we do not always realize how great an innovation it was when first formulated, or how great the practical problems which its operation involves. Because of my conviction that some of these problems are at this time in need of deeper consideration, I shall take this occasion to try to turn the public mind in that direction.

When dealing with the distribution of powers between the General Government and the States, Chief Justice Marshall declared:

"When the American people created a national legislature with certain powers, it was neither necessary nor proper to define the powers reserved by the States. Those powers proceed, not from the people of America, but from the people of the several States, and remain after the adoption of the Constitution what they were before, except so far as they may be abridged by that instrument."

Our constitutional history started with the States retaining all powers of sovereignty unimpaired, save those conferred upon the national Government. The evolution of the constitutional system has consisted largely in determining the line of demarcation between State and national authority. The cases involved are many and complicated, but there is a fairly good popular understanding of this continuing struggle between these contending sovereignties. Because of better communication and transportation, the constant tendency has been to more and more social and economic unification. The present continent-wide union of 48 States is much closer than was the original group of thirteen States.

This increasing unification has well-nigh obliterated State lines so far as concerns many relations of life. Yet, in a country of such enormous expanse, there must always be certain regional differences in social outlook and economic thought. The most familiar illustration of this is found in the history of slavery. The Constitution did not interfere with slavery, except to fix a time when the foreign slave trade should be abolished. Yet within a generation the country was confronting a sharp sectional division on this issue. Changing economic conditions made slavery profitable in the South, but left it unprofitable in the North. The resulting war might have been avoided if the South had adopted a policy of ultimate abolition. But as this method was not pursued the differences grew sharper until they brought on the great conflict.

Though the war ended forever the possibility of disunion, there still remain problems between State and Federal authority. There are divisions of interest, perhaps more apparent than real, among geographical sections or social groups. The seaboard thinks it has interests in maritime transportation and overseas commerce which differ greatly from those of the interior, which is peculiarly dependent upon railroads. Difference in climate and physical conditions throughout so great a territory tend to varied social habits and modes of living which react upon the economic and political attitudes. The industrial development of some sections contrasts with the agricultural character of others. Obviously, these differences give rise to many problems in government, which must always be recognized. But it is hardly conceivable that a really menacing contest between the sovereignty of the States and of the Union could ever again arise.

Our country, having devised this dual system of government, and lived under it longer than any other, is deeply concerned to perfect and adapt it to the changing conditions of organized society. A community comprising half a continent and more than a hundred million people could not possibly be administered under a single government organization. We must maintain a proper measure of local self-government while constantly making adjustments to an increasing interdependence among the political parts.

Our national history has presented various phases of this problem. Slavery showed one; the complexities of inter-State commerce have kept others constantly in mind. On the day the Constitution was finished, probably more people would have seen seeds of conflict and dangers to the Union in future commercial relations than in slavery. But commerce became a source of strength, while slavery became a cause of division. It brought the Union into danger; and in the end was destroyed itself. Where there was sincere acceptance of the dual sovereignty theory; where the States sought to do their full part, and accepted the determinations of the national Government as to the rest, the plan worked. Where the States sought more from the Federal authority than it could give, and resisted national demands—then came disunion and at length, war.

Problems of Inter-State.

It would be folly to deny that we still have problems of inter-State relations to handle. We boast that this is a land of equal opportunity for all. We insist that there is one law for all the people. But that equality suffers often because of the divergencies between the laws of different States. So long as some can go to a distant State for divorces which others are denied at home, there is not equality in this regard. When some States grant valuable exemptions from taxation which other States impose, one person may enjoy while another is denied these benefits.

A few years ago a majority of the States had adopted prohibition or rigid restrictions on the traffic in intoxicating liquor. But other States did not co-operate in advancing this policy, and ultimately by national action it was extended to all the Union. By failing to meet the requirements of a national demand the States became deprived of the power to act. If questions which the States will not fairly settle on their own account shall have to be settled for them by the Federal authority, it will only be because some States will have refused to discharge obvious duties.

There is another responsibility of the States. It is quite aside from this one of jurisdiction. It is the subject of law enforcement. We are not a lawless people, but we are too frequently a careless one. The multiplicity of laws, the varied possibilities of appeals, the disposition to technicalities in procedure, the delays and consequent expense of litigation which inevitably inure to the advantage of wealth and specialized ability—all these have been many times recounted as reproaches to us. It is strange that such laxities should persist in a time like the present, which is marked by a determined upward movement in behalf of the social welfare. But they do exist. They demonstrate a need for better, prompt, less irksome and expensive administration of the laws. They point the necessity for simplification and codification of laws; for uniformity of procedure; for more accurate delimitation of State and Federal authority.

All these problems constantly come in the work of political and social development. But they stand for a vast progression toward better conditions, a better society, a better economic system. In approaching them, we need to have in mind the "Federalist's" analysis of our constitutional system: "The powers delegated to the Federal Government are few and defined; those to remain in the hands of the State Governments are numerous and indefinite."

That statement cannot be too much emphasized. The country's growth has compelled the Federal establishment to exceed by far the Government plants of even the greatest States. With this growth in physical extent, in revenue, in personnel, there has inevitably been the suggestion that the Federal Government was overshadowing the States. Yet the State Governments deal with far more various and more intimate concerns of the people than does the national Government. All the operations of the minor civil divisions, parishes, wards, school districts, towns, cities, counties, and the like, are dependencies of the State. The maintenance of order through police, the general business of enforcing law, is left to the State. So is education. Property is held and transferred on terms fixed by the States. In short, the structure of social and business relationship is built chiefly about the laws of the States. It depends upon the exercise by the States of that vastly greater share of Government power which resides in them, to the exclusion of the Federal Government. In ordinary times nearly the entire burden of taxation represents State and local demands. Even now, despite the enormous increase of Federal taxes from pre-war years, State and local taxes far exceed the Federal requirements. Moreover, the national burden is being continually reduced, while that of the local units is growing and likely to continue to grow.

Such is the real distribution of duties, responsibilities and expenses. Yet people are given to thinking and speaking of the national Government as "the Government." They demand more from it than it was ever intended to provide; and yet in the same breath they complain that Federal authority is stretching itself over areas which do not concern it. On one side there are demands for more amendments to the Constitution. On the other there is too much opposition to those that already exist.

Increasing Demands on Federal Government.

Without doubt, the reason for increasing demands on the Federal Government is that the States have not discharged their full duties. Some have done better and some worse, but as a whole they have not done all they should. So demand has grown up for a greater concentration of powers in the Federal Government. If we will fairly consider it, we must conclude that the remedy would be worse than the disease. What we need is not more Federal government, but better local government. Yet many people who would agree to this have large responsibility for the lapses of local authority.

From every position of consistency with our system, more centralization ought to be avoided. The States would protest, promptly enough, anything savoring of Federal usurpation. Their protection will lie in discharging the full obligations that have been imposed on them. Once the evasion of local responsibilities becomes a habit, there is no knowing how far the consequences may reach. Every step in such a progression will be unfortunate

alike for States and nation. The country needs, in grappling with the manifold problems of these times, all the courage, intelligence, training and skill that can be enlisted in both State and national administration.

One insidious practice which sugarcoats the dose of Federal intrusion is the division of expense for public improvements or services between State and national treasuries. The ardent States' rights advocate sees in this practice a vicious weakening of the State system. The extreme Federalist is apt to look upon it in cynical fashion as bribing the States into subordination. The average American, believing in our dual sovereignty system, must feel that the policy of national doles to the States is bad and may become disastrous. We may go on yet for a time with the easy assumption that "if the States will not, the nation must." But that way lies trouble. When the national Treasury contributes half, there is temptation to extravagance by the State. We have seen some examples in connection with the Federal contributions to road building. Yet there are constant demands for more Federal contributions. Whenever by that plan we take something from one group of States and give it to another group there is grave danger that we do an economic injustice on one side and a political injury on the other. We impose unfairly on the strength of the strong and we encourage the weak to indulge their weakness.

Evasion of Responsibility by Local Government Unit.

When the local Government unit evades its responsibility in one direction it is started in the vicious way of disregard of law and laxity of living. The police force which is administered on the assumption that the violation of some laws may be ignored has started toward demoralization. The community which approves such administration is making dangerous concessions. There is no use disguising the fact that as a nation our attitude toward the prevention and punishment of crime needs more serious attention. I read the other day a survey which showed that in proportion to population we have eight times as many murders as Great Britain, and five times as many as France. Murder rarely goes unpunished in Britain or France; here the reverse is true. The same survey reports many times as many burglaries in parts of America as in all England; and, whereas a very high per cent of burglars in England are caught and punished, in parts of our country only a very low per cent are finally punished. The comparison cannot fail to be disturbing. The conclusion is inescapable that laxity of administration reacts upon public opinion, causing cynicism and loss of confidence in both law and its enforcement and therefore in its observance. The failure of local government has a demoralizing effect in every direction.

These are vital issues in which the nation greatly needs a revival of interest and concern. It is senseless to boast of our liberty when we find that to so shocking an extent it is merely the liberty to go ill-governed. It is time to take warning that neither the liberties we prize nor the system under which we claim them are safe while such conditions exist.

We shall not correct admitted and grave defects if we hesitate to recognize them. We must be frank with ourselves. We ought to be our own harshest critics. We can afford to be, for in spite of everything, we still have a balance of prosperity, of general welfare, of secure freedom and of righteous purpose, that gives us assurance of leadership among the nations.

What America needs is to hold its ancient and well-charted course.

Country Conceived in Theory of Local Self-Government.

Our country was conceived in the theory of local self-government. It has been dedicated by long practice to that wise and beneficent policy. It is the foundation principle of our system of liberty. It makes the largest promise to the freedom and development of the individual. Its preservation is worth all the effort and all the sacrifice that it may cost.

It cannot be denied that the present tendency is not in harmony with this spirit. The individual, instead of working out his own salvation and securing his own freedom by establishing his own economic and moral independence by his own industry and his own self-mastery, tends to throw himself on some vague influence which he denominates society and to hold that in some way responsible for the sufficiency of his support and the morality of his actions. The local political units likewise look to the States, the States look to the nation and nations are beginning to look to some vague organizations, some nebulous concourse of humanity, to pay their bills and tell them what to do. This is not local self-government. It is not American. It is not the method which has made this country what it is. We cannot maintain the Western standard of civilization on that theory. If it responsibility. If that principle be maintained, the result which I believe is supported at all, it will have to be supported on the principle of individual America wishes to see produced inevitably will follow.

There is no other foundation on which freedom has ever found a permanent abiding place. We shall have to make our decision whether we wish to maintain our present institutions or whether we wish to exchange them for something else. If we permit some one to come to support us we cannot prevent some one coming to govern us. If we are too weak to take charge of our own morality, we shall not be strong enough to take charge of our own liberty. If we cannot govern ourselves, if we cannot observe the law, nothing remains but to have some one else govern us, to have the law enforced against us and to step down from the honorable abiding place of freedom to the ignominious abode of servitude.

If these principles are sound, two conclusions follow. The individual and the local, State and national political units ought to be permitted to assume their own responsibilities. Any other course in the end will be subversive both of character and liberty. But it is equally clear that they in their turn must meet their obligations. If there is to be a continuation of individual and local self-government and of State sovereignty, the individual and locality must govern themselves and the State must assert its sovereignty. Otherwise these rights and privileges will be confiscated under the all-compelling pressure of public necessity for a better maintenance of order and morality. The whole world has reached a stage in which, if we do not set ourselves right, we may be perfectly sure that an authority will be asserted by others for the purpose of setting us right.

Govern Ourselves Before Assuming Responsibilities in Government of Others.

But before we attempt to set ourselves up as exponents of universal reform, it would be wise to remember that progress is of slow growth, and also to remember that moderation, patience, forbearance and charity are virtues in their own right. The only action which can be effective in the long run is that which helps others to help themselves. Before we assume too great responsibilities in the governing of others it would be the part of wisdom very completely to discharge our responsibilities for governing ourselves. A large amount of work has to be done at home before we can start in on the neighbors, and very considerable duties have to be performed in America before we undertake the direction of the rest of the world. But we must at all times do the best we can for ourselves without forgetting others and the best we can for our own country without forgetting other nations.

Ours is a new land. It has had an almost unbelievable task to perform, and has performed it well. We have been called to fit the institution of ancient civilization to the conditions of a new country. In that task the leaders of the nation have been supported by a deep devotion to the essentials of freedom. At the bottom of the national character has been a strain

of religious earnestness and moral determination which has never failed to give color and quality to our institutions. Because our history shows us these things we dare make honest appraisal of our shortcomings. We have not failed. We have succeeded. Because we have been privileged to rely upon generations of men and women ready to serve and to sacrifice, we have magnificently succeeded.

Our gathering here to-day is in testimony of supreme obligation to those who have given most to make and preserve the nation. They established it upon the dual system of State Government and Federal Government, each supreme in its own sphere. But they left to the States the main powers and functions of determining the form and course of society. We have demonstrated in the time of war that under the Constitution we possess an indestructible Union. We must not fail to demonstrate in the time of peace that we are likewise determined to possess and maintain indestructible States. This policy can be greatly advanced by individual observance of the law. It can be strongly supplemented by a vigorous enforcement of the law. The war which established Memorial Day had for its main purpose the enforcement of the Constitution. The peace which followed that war rests upon the universal observance of the Constitution. This Union can only be preserved, the States can only be maintained, under a reign of national, local and moral law, under the Constitution established by Washington, under the peace provided by Lincoln.

The day's exercises were marked by the placing of wreaths on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by President Coolidge, General Pershing, the Secretary of the Navy, the Acting Secretary of War, and American Legion societies.

Death of Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of U. S. Under President Wilson.

Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of the United States during the administration of President Wilson, died in Washington on June 1. Mr. Marshall whose home was in Indiana had gone to Washington the week before his death, and was staying at the Willard Hotel. Following his arrival in Washington he suffered a heart attack, but was supposed to have been recovering, when he suffered a second attack. Death came while Mr. Marshall was reading his bible. Mr. Marshall's body was taken to Indianapolis on June 2, after brief funeral services were held at the Willard that day, which were attended by President Coolidge, Cabinet Members, Supreme Court Justices, and others prominent in the administration. In compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Marshall who was with her husband when he died, the services at Indianapolis on the 3rd inst. were simple, plans for a State funeral and for the body to lie in State in the rotunda of the capitol having been abandoned. The State House, Federal Building and city buildings were, however, closed on the day of the funeral, and an escort of State officials and Masonic members accompanied the funeral through the streets.

Mr. Marshall was born at North Manchester, Ind., on Mar. 14 1854. He came of the family from which Chief Justice John Marshall of the U. S. Supreme Court sprang, and besides serving as Vice-President of the United States Mr. Marshall had been Governor of his native state, to which post he was elected in 1908. President Coolidge in a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Marshall this week said:

The White House, Wash., June 1 1925.

My Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Just this moment the shocking intelligence has come to me of the death of your distinguished husband, and I hasten to express to you not only my deep sympathy and condolence but the real sense of personal loss.

Mr. Marshall's long and notable public service, both in Indiana and as Vice-President for 8 years had won for him recognition for high character and exceptional abilities. Beyond this, and something that he would have prized even more dearly, he had drawn to himself a truly remarkable power of friends and friendships extending to every part of the nation, and beyond it. His delightful fund of humor illuminated a philosophy of life and affairs that had made for him a unique place among public men. He leaves a place that there is none to occupy.

Mrs. Coolidge joins in my expression of sorrow and sympathy to you and yours in this time of your bereavement. Most sincerely yours,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Mrs. Thomas Riley Marshall, the New Willard Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

United States Supreme Court Rules Against Oregon Compulsory Public School Act.

Affirming the decree of the Federal Court at Portland (Oregon) which declared that the State of Oregon, acting in its legislative capacity, exceeded the limitations of its power in the enactment of the Oregon compulsory public school law, the United States Supreme Court on June 1 held that the States cannot require the attendance of children in public schools to the exclusion of private or parochial schools. The findings of the Supreme Court, handed down by Associate Justice McReynolds, were unanimous. The Oregon law which was adopted by initiative, by a vote of 115,506 to 103,685, at a general election in 1922, and was to have become effective September 1 1926, made compulsory the attendance of grammar school age at a public school.

The Supreme Court in presenting its conclusions said:

We think it entirely plain that the act of 1922 unreasonably interferes with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and

education of children under their control. As often heretofore pointed out, rights guaranteed by the Constitution may not be abridged by legislation which has no reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the State. The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all Governments in this Union repose, excludes any general power of the State to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations.

The proceedings to test the validity of the Act were brought by the Hill Military Academy and the Society of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. The Federal Court of Portland, in its decision rendered March 31 1924, denied the motion of the defendants, representing the State, for the dismissal of the suits to have the act declared void, and at the same time granted a preliminary injunction restraining the defendants "from threatening or attempting to enforce the Act."

The proceedings reached the Supreme Court on appeals from the decision of the Oregon Court. The following is the text of the decision of the Supreme Court:

These appeals are from decrees, based upon undenied allegations, which granted preliminary orders restraining appellants from threatening or attempting to enforce the compulsory education act adopted November 7 1922, under the initiative provision of her constitution by the voters of Oregon, Judiciary Code 266. They present the same points of law; there are no controverted questions of fact. Rights said to be guaranteed by the Federal Constitution were specially set up and appropriate prayers asked for their protection.

The challenged act, effective Sept 1 1926, requires every parent, guardian or other person having control or charge or custody of a child between 8 and 16 years to send him "to a public school for the period of time a public school shall be held during the current year" in the district where the child resides; and failure so to do is declared a misdemeanor. There are exemptions—not specially important here—for children who are not normal, or who have completed the 8th grade, or who reside at considerable distances from any public school, or who hold special permits from the county superintendent.

The manifest purpose is to compel general attendance at public schools by normal children, between 8 and 16, who have not completed the 8th grade. And without doubt enforcement of the statute would seriously impair, perhaps destroy, the profitable features of appellee's business and greatly diminish the value of their property.

Appellee, the Society of Sisters, is an Oregon corporation, organized in 1880, with power to care for orphans, educate and instruct the youth, establish and maintain academies or schools and acquire necessary real and personal property. It has long devoted its property and effort to the secular and religious education and care of children, and has acquired the valuable good will of many parents and guardians. It conducts interdependent primary and high schools and junior colleges and maintains orphanages for the custody and control of children between 8 and 16.

In its primary schools many children between those ages are taught the subjects usually pursued in Oregon public schools during the first 8 years. Systematic religious instruction and moral training according to the tenets of the Roman Catholic Church are also regularly provided. All courses of study, both temporal and religious, contemplate continuity of training under appellee's charge; the primary schools are essential to the system and the most profitable.

It owns valuable buildings, especially constructed and equipped for school purposes. The business is remunerative—the annual income from primary schools exceeds \$30,000—and the successful conduct of this requires long time contracts with teachers and parents. The compulsory education act of 1922 has already caused the withdrawal from its schools of children who would otherwise continue, and their income has steadily declined. The appellants, public officers, have proclaimed their purpose strictly to enforce the statute.

After setting out the above facts the society's bill alleges that the enactment conflicts with the right of parents to choose schools where their children will receive appropriate mental and religious training, the right of the child to influence the parents' choice of a school, the right of schools and teachers therein to engage in a useful business or profession, and is accordingly repugnant to the Constitution and void. And, further, that unless enforcement of the measure is enjoined the corporation's business and property will suffer irreparable injury.

Appellee, Hill Military Academy, is a private corporation organized in 1908 under the laws of Oregon, engaged in owning, operating and conducting for profit an elementary, college preparatory and military training school for boys between the ages of 5 and 21 years. The average attendance is 100, and the annual fees received for each student amount to some \$800. The elementary department is divided into 8 grades, as in public schools; the college preparatory department has 4 grades, similar to those of the public high schools; the courses of study conform to the requirements of the State Board of Education. Military instruction and training are also given, under the supervision of an army officer.

It owns considerable real and personal property, some useful only for school purposes. The business and incident good-will are very valuable. In order to conduct its affairs long-time contracts must be made for supplies, equipment, teachers and pupils. Appellants, law officers of the state and county, have publicly announced that the act of Nov. 7 1922 is valid and have declared their intention to enforce it. By reason of the statute and threat of enforcement appellee's business is being destroyed and its property depreciated; parents and guardians are refusing to make contracts for the future instruction of their sons and some are being withdrawn.

The academy's bill states the foregoing facts and then alleges that the challenged act contravenes the corporation's rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment, and that unless appellants are restrained from proclaiming its validity and threatening to enforce it, irreparable injury will result. The prayer is for an appropriate injunction.

No answer was interposed in either cause, and after proper notices they were heard by three judges (Jud. Code 266) on motions for preliminary injunctions upon the specifically alleged facts. The court ruled that the Fourteenth Amendment guaranteed appellees against the deprivation of their property without due process of law consequent upon the unlawful interference by appellants with the free choice of patrons, present and prospective.

It declared the right to conduct schools was property and that parents and guardians, as a part of their liberty, might direct the education of children by selecting reputable teachers and places. Also, that appellees' schools were not unfit or harmful to the public, and that enforcement of the challenged statute would unlawfully deprive them of patronage and thereby destroy appellees' business and property. Finally, that the threats

to enforce the act would continue to cause irreparable injury; and the suits were not premature.

No question is raised concerning the power of the state reasonably to regulate all schools, to inspect, supervise and examine them, their teachers and pupils; to require that all children of proper age attend some school, that teachers shall be of good moral character and patriotic disposition, that certain studies plainly essential to good citizenship must be taught, and that nothing be taught which is manifestly inimical to the public welfare.

The inevitable practical result of enforcing the act under consideration would be destruction of appellees' primary schools, and perhaps all other private primary schools for normal children within the state of Oregon. Appellees are engaged in a kind of undertaking not inherently harmful, but long regarded as useful and meritorious. Certainly there is nothing in the present records to indicate that they have failed to discharge their obligations to patrons, students or the state. And there are no peculiar circumstances or present emergencies which demand extraordinary measures relative to primary education.

Under the doctrine of *Meyer vs. Nebraska*, 262 U. S. 390, we think it entirely plain that the act of 1922 unreasonably interferes with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children under their control. As often heretofore pointed out, rights guaranteed by the constitution may not be abridged by legislation which has no reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the state. The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments in this Union repose excludes any general power of the state to standardize its children by enforcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the state; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations.

Appellees are corporations, and therefore, it is said, they cannot claim for themselves the liberty which the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees. Accepted in the proper sense, this is true. *Northwestern Life Insurance Company vs. Riggs*, 203 U. S. 243, 255; *Western Turf Association vs. Greenberg*, 204 U. S. 359, 363. But they have business and property for which they claim protection. These are threatened with destruction through the unwarranted compulsion which appellants are exercising over present and prospective patrons of their schools. And this court has gone very far to protect against loss threatened by such action. *Truax vs. Raich*, 239 U. S. 33; *Truax vs. Corrigan*, 257 U. S. 312; *Terrace vs. Thompson*, 263 U. S. 197.

The courts of the state have not construed the act, and we must determine its meaning for ourselves. Evidently it was expected to have general application and cannot be construed as though merely intended to amend the charters of certain private corporations, as in *Berea College vs. Kentucky*, 211 U. S. 45. No argument in favor of such view has been advanced.

Generally it is entirely true, as urged by counsel, that no person in any business has such an interest in possible customers as to enable him to restrain exercise of proper power of the state upon the ground that he will be deprived of patronage. But the injunctions here sought are not against the exercise of any proper power. Appellees asked protection against arbitrary, unreasonable and unlawful interference with their patrons and the consequent destruction of their business and property.

Their interest is clear and immediate, within the rule approved in *Truax vs. Raich*, *Truax vs. Corrigan* and *Terrace vs. Thompson*, supra, and many other cases where injunctions have been issued to protect business enterprises against interference with the freedom of patrons or customers. *Hitchman Coal and Coke Company vs. Mitchell*, 245 U. S., 229; *Duplex Printing Press Company vs. Deering*, 254 U. S., 443; *American Steel Foundries vs. Tri-City Central Trades Council*, 257 U. S., 184; *Nebraska District, etc., vs. McKelvie*, 262 U. S., 404; *Truax vs. Corrigan*, supra, and cases there cited.

The suits were not premature. The injury to appellees was present and very real, not a mere possibility in the remote future. If no relief had been possible prior to the effective date of the act the injury would have become irreparable. Prevention of impending injury by unlawful action is a well recognized function of courts of equity.

The decrees below are affirmed.

Regarding the issue the Associated Press dispatches from Washington, June 1 said:

In educational and religious circles keener and wider interest was shown in the attack upon the constitutionality of the Oregon public school law than in any other controversy which reached the Supreme Court in recent years.

Like most states, Oregon has a compulsory education law which requires children to attend school and prescribes the course of study. The right to enforce such regulations has not been seriously questioned in the courts. But in 1922 the voters of Oregon, 115,506 to 103,685, went a step further and enacted a law under which children between the ages of eight and sixteen, with some exceptions, would, after September, 1926, be required to attend "public" schools.

Summarized, Oregon's argument in the courts was that the national government was founded upon the theory that church and state should be maintained separate, a principle to be closely guarded in the education of its youth; that the right of a state to control a minor when public welfare required had been thoroughly established in the courts and included control over their education; that private and parochial schools are not superior to public schools, therefore the new law would not deprive them of any rights or privileges or subject them to any disadvantages; that the opposition came from those who wanted children given sectarian religious instruction.

The Protestant Episcopal Church, the Seventh Day Adventists and the American Jewish Committee each filed a brief as friend of the court in support of the position taken by the parochial and private schools.

Opponents of the new law declared it a serious menace. They attributed the weakening of the moral fiber of the time to the lack of religious and moral training, particularly in children, declaring that unless present tendencies were restrained, conditions here would be worse than those in Soviet Russia. Oregon's idea of separation of church and state would mean, they declared, no church but only state, because if schools could be prohibited from teaching religion and morality, all religious instruction would be brought within the control of the state.

The Federal Court at Portland in its decision of March last year said: "It is not denied that the State in its sovereign capacity is entitled to the exercise of what are termed police powers. . . . There are certain known callings and occupations that the State may, under and in pursuance of its police powers, regulate by reasonable interposition, but it cannot prohibit their exercise where to do so will infringe the guarantees of the fourteenth amendment." "No one," the court stated, "questions the proposition that our public schools are subject to a reasonable supervision of the State,

through its legislature, in the exercise of its police powers for safeguarding the health, morals and general weal of the public. Nor is it disputed that while parents possess a natural and inherent right to the nurture, control and tutorship of their offspring . . . the State yet stands in the position of parens patriae to, and may exercise its just powers 'in preparing the child in future life to support itself, to serve the State and in all the relations of adult life to perform well and capably its part.'" Stating that "the test here is not as to these primordial and long established principles," the court declared that "the real test is: Has the State, through its legislative functions, the power, under the guise of police regulation, to deprive parochial and private school organizations of the liberty and right to carry on their schools for teaching in the grammar grades." "The absolute right of these schools to teach in the grammar schools . . . and the right of the parents to engage them to instruct, we think," says the court, "is within the liberty of the fourteenth amendment. The right of the State to establish as its school policy compulsory education within its boundaries is conceded," says the court, which adds, "practically all the States in the Union have adopted such a policy, but no State has ventured so far as to eliminate parochial and private schools from participating in the promotion of the policy." "In our opinion," says the court in rendering its conclusions, "the State, acting in its legislative powers, exceeded the limitations of its powers—its purpose being to take utterly away from complainants their constitutional right and privileges to teach in the grammar grades—and has and will deprive them of their property without due process of law." The bill, according to Associated Press dispatches from Oregon in March of last year, was originally proposed by the Scottish Rite Masons and became one of the main issues in the general election of 1922, being backed by the Federated Patriotic Societies and the Ku Klux Klan. In the New York "Times" at that time it was stated that the Oregon school law was defined on the ballot as follows:

Requiring any parent or guardian or other person having control, charge or custody of a child over 8 and under 16 years of age, from and after Sept. 1 1926, to send such child to a public school during the entire school year, excepting (a) children physically unable; (b) children who have completed the eighth grade; (c) children between the ages of 8 and 10 living more than three miles from a public school, except when transportation is furnished; (d) children taught by parent or private teacher.

The same paper said:

Those advocating the law urged that "free and compulsory education of children in the public primary schools is the only sure foundation for the perpetuation and preservation of our free institutions," that the public schools were a means of assimilating the foreign born and preventing race religious or social antagonism.

Six elements of the Oregon voting population opposed the Compulsory Education law—the Episcopalians, the Lutherans, the Catholics, the Presbyterians, the Seventh Day Adventists and the representatives of private schools.

The decision of the Oregon court restrained Governor Pierce, Attorney-General Van Winkle and District Attorney Myers from enforcing the law.

Inheritance Tax Law of Pennsylvania—States Can Levy Only on Gross Estates Wholly Within Their Borders, United States Supreme Court Decides.

The United States Supreme Court in a decision handed down on June 1 in the case of the executors, et al. of the estate of the late Henry C. Frick who died in Pittsburgh on Dec. 21 1919 against the State of Pennsylvania, opposing certain taxes, ruled that States cannot validly collect inheritance taxes upon gross estates, not located within their boundaries. The Pennsylvania statutes impose an inheritance tax without making any allowance for taxes paid upon that part of the estate located in other States, which the plaintiff contested. Heirs to the Frick estate also contended that the State should have deducted the taxes paid to the Federal Government. The State, however, was successful on this point, the court holding that it was within the power of the State to refuse to make deduction for the estate tax imposed by the Federal Government. Mr. Frick left an estate valued at \$145,000,000. We quote from the "New York Times" the following "Washington Advice" dated June 1 to that paper regarding the decision:

Pennsylvania's tax laws were subjected to two marked revisions but were sustained in one important respect when the Supreme Court of the United States decided today in the case of the Henry C. Frick estate that States are debarred from levying inheritance taxes on gross estates not wholly located within their borders. Inheritance taxes paid to the Federal Government, however, should not be deducted, the Court ruled. Mr. Frick left an estate valued at \$145,000,000.

Pennsylvania's contentions before the Court had the support of the State of New York, the legal department of New York asserting that States which have imposed taxes similar to Pennsylvania's would have to return millions of dollars already paid. Heirs to the Frick estate paid Pennsylvania \$1,978,949 and opposed the levying of an additional \$1,188,248 paid elsewhere.

The Court held, first that the value of tangible holdings in New York and Massachusetts should not have been included in determining the clear value on which the Pennsylvania tax was computed; secondly, that in determining this value it was wrong to include stocks in corporations of other States without deducting the taxes paid on these stocks to those States; and, thirdly, that no error was made in refusing to make any deduction from the value because of the estate tax imposed by the Federal Government.

The State of Pennsylvania lost on the first 2 counts, and must return a large amount of taxes to the Frick estate, but the State won upon the last count.

Mr. Frick, who died Dec. 2 1919 left about 53% of his estate to charity and public benefactions, and the rest to individual beneficiaries. Of his New York holdings, he bequeathed \$13,132,391 to an art gallery, and \$77,818 to his widow. Of the Massachusetts holdings he left \$325,534 to Mrs. Frick. Under the Federal law his estate paid a tax of \$6,338,898, and taxes were also paid on holdings in Kansas, West Virginia and other States.

In explaining the Pennsylvania procedure, Associate Justice Van Devanter, who handed down the Supreme Court opinion today, said:

"The Pennsylvania statutes provide that where a person domiciled in that State dies, seized or possessed of property, real or personal, a tax shall be laid on the transfer of the property from him by will or interstate laws, whether the property be in that State or elsewhere; that the tax shall be 2% of the clear value or so much of the property as transferred to or for the use of designated relatives of the decedent and 5% of the clear value of so much of it as is transferred to or for the use of others; and that the clear value shall be ascertained by taking the gross value of the estate and deducting therefrom the decedent's debts and the expenses of administration, but without making any deductions for taxes paid to the United States or to any other State.

In applying this statute to the Frick estate the taxing officers included the value of the tangible personalty in New York, and Massachusetts in the clear value on which they computed the tax; and in fixing that value refused to make any deduction on account of the estate tax paid to the United States or the stock transfer taxes paid to other States. In proceedings which reached the Supreme Court of the State the action of the taxing officers and the resulting tax were upheld by that Court. The matter was then brought here on writs of error.

"We think that the transfer of the tangible personalty in New York and Massachusetts occurred under and in virtue of the jurisdiction and laws of those States and not under the jurisdiction and laws of Pennsylvania, and that therefore Pennsylvania was without power to tax it.

"It must be held that the Pennsylvania statute, in so far as it attempts to tax the transfer of tangible personalty having an actual situs in other States, contravenes the due process of law clause of the fourteenth amendment and is invalid."

Real Estate Mortgages—Pennsylvania Trust Companies Under 1925 Legislative Enactment Permitted to Pool Mortgages on Real Estate Securing Bonds and Issue Participation Certificates as Investments to Trust Estates.

By an act passed by the 1925 legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, amending Clause V, Section 29 of act of April 29 1874 (Pamphlet Laws 73), last amended by act approved May 9 1889 (Pamphlet Laws 159), trust companies in that State acting as fiduciaries will hereafter be authorized to pool mortgages on real estate securing bonds in their trust departments and issue participation certificates as investments to trust estates.

We print below Clause V as amended placing the new matter in italics.

Clause V. The said companies shall keep all trust funds and investments separate and apart from the assets of the companies, and all investments made by the said companies as fiduciaries shall be so designated as that the trust to which such investment shall belong shall be clearly known. *Provided, That every such company shall have the right to clear receipts and payments of trust money in the regular course of business in the same manner as other funds held by it; And provided further, That said companies may assign to their various trust estates participation in a general trust fund of mortgages upon real estate securing bonds, in which case it shall be a sufficient compliance with the provisions of this section for the company to designate clearly on its records the bonds and mortgages composing such general trust fund, the names of the trust estates participating therein, and the amounts of the respective participations; and in such case no estate so participating shall be deemed to have individual ownership in any bond and mortgage in such fund, and the company shall have the right at any time to repurchase at market value but not less than face value any such bonds and mortgages from such fund, with the right to substitute therefor other bonds and mortgages.*

Prof. John T. Scopes Indicated on Charge of Teaching Evolution in Violation of Tennessee Law.

An indictment on a charge of teaching evolution in a public school in violation of the Tennessee law, was returned by a Rhea County, (Tenn.) grand jury, at Dayton Tenn. on May 25 against Prof. John T. Scopes a Dayton high school teacher. The indictment reads:

That John Thomas Scopes, heretofore on the 24th day of April, 1925, did unlawfully and wilfully teach in the public schools of Rhea county, Tennessee, which said public schools are supported in part and in whole by the public school funds of the state, certain theory and theories that deny the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and did teach instead thereof that man has descended from a lower order of animals, he, the said John Thomas Scopes being at the time and prior thereto a teacher in the public schools of Rhea county, Tennessee, aforesaid, against the peace and dignity of the state.

The law which Prof. Scopes is charged with violating was signed by the Governor on March 23, its approval having been noted in our issue of April 4, page 1695. July 10 has been set as the date for the trial, which will be held in Dayton.

According to the Associated Press accounts from Dayton May 25, Judge J. T. Raulston in charging the grand jury Criminal Court told the jurors that he considered a violation of the Tennessee statute against teaching of the theory of evolution in public schools as a high misdemeanor regardless of the question of unconstitutionality or policy. These accounts went on to say:

He was referring to the case of J. T. Scopes of the Dayton public schools arrested on a charge of violating the Tennessee law.

Detailing something of the possibility of the Scopes case, which has attracted world-wide attention and promises to bring into a test of the constitutionality of the law some of the brightest legal minds in the American legal fraternity and possibly some from abroad, the judge said that he had called the grand jury together at the request of citizens for an immediate inquiry.

He told the jury of the act involved, quoting the law which forbids the teaching of the theory of evolution in any state university, normal or state schools. The judge referred to the Bible for some of his charge. He read in its entirety the first chapter of the book of Genesis, from King James version of the Bible, in which the story of the creation of the world and of man is detailed.

The session of the court was opened with prayer by the Rev. H. L. Byrd, pastor of the Dayton Methodist Episcopal church.

Witnesses summoned before the grand jury were Walter White, superintendent of the Dayton Public schools, and eight high school students who attended classes in biology conducted by Scopes.

In charging the grand jury in the case Judge Raulston said:

"Gentlemen of the grand jury: At the request of some of your good citizens I have reconvened you for the purpose of investigating an alleged violation of chapter 27 of the acts of 1925 which makes it unlawful to teach in universities, normals and other public schools of the state, which are supported in whole or in part by the public school fund of the state, any theory that denies the story of divine creation of man as taught in the Bible and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animal.

"This act became the law in Tennessee on March 21 1925, and read as follows:

"Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Tennessee that it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the universities, normals and all other public schools of the state to teach any theory that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animal.

"Sec. 2. Be it further enacted that any teacher found guilty of a violation of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$100 or more than \$500 for each offense.

"Sec. 3. Be it further enacted that this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it."

"Since the act involved in this investigation provides that it shall be unlawful to teach any theory that denies the creation of man as taught in the Bible, it is proper that I call your attention to the account of creation as taught in the Bible, as is found in the first chapter of Genesis."

The judge then read the first chapter of Genesis from King James' version of the Bible, and continued:

"The vital question now involved for your consideration is, has this statute been violated by the accused teaching a theory in the public schools of Rhea county that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and if such an offense has been committed, was it committed since the passing of this act, and prior to this inquiry."

"If you find that the statute has been thus violated you should indict the guilty party promptly. You will bear in mind that in this investigation you are not interested to inquire into the policy or wisdom of this legislation.

"Both our state and federal governments are divided into three distinct and separate branches or departments, and each has its functions and responsibilities independent of the other, and there should be no interferences, infringement or encroachment by the one upon the rights, duties, responsibilities and functions of the other. The policy and wisdom of any particular legislation addresses itself to the legislative branch of government, provided the proposed legislation is within constitutional limitations. Our constitution imposes upon the judicial branch of government the interpretation of the statutes and upon the executive departments the execution of the law.

"The statute involved in this investigation provides that a violation constitutes only a misdemeanor, but there are degrees of crime not by expressed provision of statutes, but in reality, involved in misdemeanors as well as in felonies, and in the very nature of things, I would regard a violation of this statute a high misdemeanor. And in so declaring I make no reference to the policy or constitutionality of the statute, but to the evil example of the teacher disregarding constituted authority in the presence of those whose thought and morals he is to direct and guide. To teach successfully, we must teach both by precept and example.

"The school room is not only a place to develop the power of thought, but also a place to develop discipline, power or restraint and character. If a teacher openly and flagrantly violates the law of the land in the exercise of his profession, this example cannot be wholesome upon the undeveloped mind and naturally tends to create and breed a spirit of disregard for good order and a want of respect for necessary discipline and restraint in our body politic.

"In this investigation you should not be concerned as to the attitude of accused as to whether or not he is willing or unwilling to be indicted. If an accused is to be exonerated of guilt because of his having expressed a willingness to be indicted, this would afford a great avenue of escape for the guilty. What you and I, as court officials, are vitally interested in is to ascertain whether or not the law has been violated, and if it has, it becomes our duty to uphold the law and preserve its integrity.

"Now, gentlemen of the jury, it is your duty to investigate this alleged offense without prejudice or bias, and with open minds, and if you find that there has been a wilful violation of the statute, you should promptly return a true bill. Otherwise you should return 'no bill.' You may proceed with your inquiry."

A statement regarding Prof. Scopes's views was contained in a Lexington, Ky. dispatch May 27 to the New York "Times" from which we take the following:

"I believe that man and all animals ascended from the lower orders, but I have never seen or read any scientific statement that man is descended from a monkey, and I do not believe that," he said today.

Professor Scopes denied any pretensions to scientific knowledge, or that he had ever professed to teach any science except the elementary high school courses in general science.

"No person could teach even the most elementary courses in biology without recognition of the evidences of man's evolution," the Professor said, in affirming his acceptance of modern scientific theories of evolution and the development of man. He stated his acceptance of the belief that

man and the anthropoid apes came from a parent stem, but not that one descended from the other.

Professor Scopes said he had made no attempt to teach evolution either as a theory or a fact, except as it came up incidentally in discussion of text books adopted by the State of Tennessee, which are used in his classes. To the best of his memory, he said, he first mentioned the question several months ago, when one of his students in a physics class asked his belief about the theory of evolution. He then explained as simply as possible the knowledge which he had obtained while a student at the University of Illinois and the University of Kentucky.

The test case, the professor said originated in a drug store conversation some weeks ago, when some of the Dayton citizens were discussing the Tennessee law prohibiting the teaching in public schools of any theory of creation contrary to the biblical account. Professor Scopes stated that Dr. J. W. Rappleyea asked if he would be willing to submit to arrest to test the law, and he consented.

The forces of the defense are being marshaled by John R. Neal, a prominent Tennessee lawyer, who, it was stated, was ousted from his position as Professor of Law at the University of Tennessee two years ago because he affirmed his belief in evolution. There was no Tennessee law against the teaching at that time, Mr. Neal's case being handled by the university authorities. He was defeated later as a candidate for Governor.

Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, head of the Department of Zoology, University of Kentucky, has been requested by Mr. Neal to take part in the proceedings. Mr. Neal and Professor Scopes's friends, the latter said, will also ask leading American educators, scientists and clergymen who have expressed their belief in evolution to attend the trial as witnesses for him. Among those asked will be Dr. David Starr Jordan, President Emeritus of Leland Stanford University; Dr. James Rowland Angell, President of Yale University; Dr. Charles W. Elliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, and Henry Fairfield Osborn of the Pan-American Museum.

An Associated Press dispatch from Huntingdon, (Tenn.) May 27 said:

The Board of Education of Carroll County, Tennessee, adopted resolutions today announcing its purpose to employ no teachers who believe in evolution. The resolution supported in strong terms the Tennessee law prohibiting the teaching of evolution in the public schools.

Battle Over Evolution Spreads to Kansas; Friends Burn School's "Book of Knowledge."

Topeka, (Kans.) advises May 27, were reported as follows by the New York "Times."

The evolution battle has spread to Kansas. Last week patrons of School District 18, Jewell County, of which Ray D. Hodgell is Superintendent, voted 14 to 5 to order a set of "The Book of Knowledge" burned.

The books were purchased by the school board about two years ago. The books were said to contain a thorough discussion of the theory of evolution.

"Those who burned the books were members of a strict religious sect," said Mr. Hodgell.

From the report of the County Superintendent it appears those who favored the destruction of the books had their plans all laid and were out in force when the annual meeting was called. Other patrons, who did not care much about evolution or any other theory, were not in attendance.

The action has aroused bitter feelings. The anti-evolution faction, which numbers about half the taxpayers, is composed of an old-time set of Friends, which is more rigidly Fundamentalist than the modern Quakers.

According to leaders of this group, the present excitement in Tennessee over evolution has nothing to do with the burning of the school's books. The fight against implanting the theory of evolution in the minds of the school children has long been waged, they declare, in the school district.

Arlo Howell, aged 33, the school teacher, is a supporter of the evolution theory.

Will Test Delaware Law for Bible Reading in Schools.

The following under the above head, appeared in the New York "Times" of June 1.

Professor Clarence B. Skinner of Tufts College, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Freedom of the American Civil Liberties Union, said yesterday that his committee was seeking to bring into court a test case to determine the constitutionality of the Delaware law providing for compulsory Bible reading "without comment" in the public schools of that State. The law imposes a fine on any teacher who omits the Bible reading, according to Professor Skinner, who continued:

"Since it is customary to use the King James version of the Bible and the Protestant version of the Lord's Prayer in public schools, this law would make all religious teaching other than Protestant in the Delaware schools a serious misdemeanor. The law strikes so serious a blow at the religious freedom of teachers and pupils alike that we can well understand how any Catholic or Jewish parent in the State of Delaware would demand that this law be tested in the courts. It is equally probable that the law would be obnoxious to many teachers."

Elihu Root and Ex-Secretary of War Stimson Opposed to \$100,000,000 Bond Plan Favored by Gov. Smith.

Elihu Root and Ex-Sec'y of War Henry L. Stimson are among those who have indicated their opposition to the proposed Constitutional Amendment to empower the New York State Legislature to enact a law authorizing a \$100,000,000 bond issue for State improvements, the bonds to be put out in installments of \$10,000,000 a year for the next 10 years. Under this plan, which is favored by Gov. Smith, the present policy of submitting to a referendum the question of new bond issues would be abandoned. Objections to the proposal were voiced in letters at a dinner given on June 3 at Grant City, Staten Island, to United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr. by the Republican Club of the Borough of Richmond.

Mr. Root's letter which was addressed to Mr. Stimson was read by Ogden L. Mills, and was as follows:

May 27, 1925.

Hon. Henry L. Stimson, 32 Liberty St., New York City.

My Dear Stimson:

The proposed amendment of Article 7 of our State Constitution to empower the Legislature to authorize the creation of a debt of \$10,000,000 each

year for 10 years "to provide moneys for the acquisition by the State of real property and for the construction of buildings, works and improvements for the State, or for any one or more of such objects, and to issue bonds therefor without submission to the people" seems to be very bad indeed.

The provision is intended to relieve the legislature to the extent of \$100,000,000 from the limitation upon their power to create debts except "by law for some single work or object to be distinctly specified therein" and not to take effect until it "shall have been submitted to the people and have received a majority of all the votes cast, &c." Why should the Legislature be relieved from that limitation which has long been maintained with general approval. The limitation was created in the Constitution because the Legislature had abused its powers to create debts for the State. Why should the door be opened for further abuse?

I do not doubt that the plant of a number of our State institutions ought to be enlarged and improved but that affords no reason for authorizing a debt before being told what the debt is for. This proposed amendment does not tell what the debt which it authorizes will be for. Under it bonds could be issued to acquire any real property for any purpose under heaven for the construction of building anywhere and for any purpose. There seems to be nothing to prevent it all being expended in building bridges, or eliminating grade crossings, or building a new State Capital or deepening the Barge Canal. Doubtless many of the things which the Legislature would do under this unrestricted authority would be things of which the people of the State would approve.

Almost certainly many of the things the Legislature would do would be things of which the people of the State would not approve. The method now proposed is an exact reversal of the way in which public money may be used effectively and economically.

The right way dictated by universal experience is to determine whether a proposed thing ought to be done, and if the determination is that it ought to be done, then ascertain its cost and provide the means to do it. This proposal is to do exactly the reverse. It is to provide a fund to be expended and then find things to expend it upon. The temptation to extravagance, to ill-advised expenditures, to log-rolling among different localities will be almost too much for human nature to resist and the legislative history of the State indicates that it will be resisted.

Every meritorious project for a much needed construction or enlargement of a State institution in the general public interests of the State will involve the expenditure of money in some particular locality. Every such project will come before a Legislature composed of men, a large part of whom look upon the expenditure of State money primarily as a benefit to the locality where it is expended, and their support for the meritorious and needed project will have to be secured by giving to their localities what they regard as their fair share of the \$10,000,000 fund through expenditure upon unnecessary or less necessary projects in those localities.

That process is not peculiar to the New York Legislature. It is common to all legislatures and to Congress. That is one of the great difficulties in making up a public buildings bill in Congress. That is why such bills are stigmatized "park barrel" bills. Always given a fund to divide and the relative merits of projects for its expenditure become subordinated to considerations of local benefit through the expenditure.

The limitation of the legislative power to create debts under Article 7 was designed so far as possible to prevent that practice.

"The provision of this proposed amendment is admirably adapted to put the improvement of State institutions at the mercy of that practice and to insure its control by local interests as distinguished from the general public interests of the State. During the past 8 years our general budget appropriations in this State have increased from \$59,000,000 in 1916 to \$158,000,000 in 1924, and we have all been talking about how it might be possible to stop this continuing increase. I think a large part of the increase is due to our system of making appropriations in such a way as to facilitate the vicious practice I have described and which this proposed amendment seems adapted to apply to the expenditures for the improvement of our State institutions."

Mr. Stimson in part said:

I am strongly opposed to the enactment of such an amendment to the New York constitution. It abrogates what I consider one of the most important and salutary provisions of our state constitution. That is the provision which requires any law authorizing a state debt to be limited to a "single work or object to be distinctly specified therein" and in such form to be submitted to a referendum of the people of the state.

Taxation, both Federal and State, has imposed a burden upon the people of this country now greater than ever before; the Federal Government is making extreme efforts to reduce the burden. Every effort should be made on the part of our State and local governments to assist that wise work of retrenchment, rather than to nullify it by looseness or recklessness in the creation of local debts. Such an amendment as is now proposed would be sure to open the door to looseness and recklessness. Under the proposed amendment we would not even know authoritatively what the aggregate group of objects is for which it is proposed to create the State debt.

Under the present constitution each new work or object for which it is proposed to incur debt must be separately submitted to the people for their judgment. But under the proposed amendment we do not even know authoritatively what the aggregate group of objects is for which it is proposed to create the debt. We are told that the Governor and the heads of departments are conferring on that subject and will decide to what objects the money is to go. Their decision is necessarily entirely without binding effect. Neither the present Governor nor the present department heads will be in office for the ten years during which the creation of those debts would be authorized. Even during the time when they are in office their views are not controlling upon the Legislature to which is given the power to create the debt. All we know is that if this amendment is passed, we shall have given to the Legislature practically unrestricted power to incur \$10,000,000 indebtedness during each of the next ten calendar years without any canvass of the views of the people as to the objects upon which that money shall be expended. Experience shows that this will mean that instead of these questions being determined from a State-wide viewpoint they will be determined by the ordinary methods of district log rolling.

Business of Farmer Live Stock Agencies in 1924 Approximated \$235,000,000.

The rapid growth of farmer-controlled co-operative live stock sales agencies during the past few years, and the tremendous volume of business being done by these organizations, are brought out in figures compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture, and made public March 3. The Department said:

It is estimated that the 27 organizations of this type operating in 20 of the leading terminal live stock markets of the country handled business in 1924 amounting to approximately \$235,000,000. Over 12,000,000 animals

were received and sold or were bought for farmers desiring feeder stock. Savings to growers in commission charges alone totaled approximately \$1,000,000.

Most of these organizations have come into existence since 1921, and none of them is more than eight years old. The largest volume of business done by any one organization last year was that of the Chicago Producers' Commission Association, which was in excess of \$27,000,000 and involved the handling of more than 1,240,000 head of cattle.

The Central Co-operative Commission Association of St. Paul, Minn., did a business of more than \$25,000,000; the Farmers' Livestock Commission Co. of East St. Louis, Ill., \$19,625,000; Producers' Livestock Commission Association of East St. Louis, \$18,977,000; Producers' Commission Association of Indianapolis, \$16,865,000. Only two organizations handled less than \$1,000,000 worth of business each.

N. A. Olsen Appointed Assistant Chief of Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Department of Agriculture.

The appointment of Nils A. Olsen as Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was announced April 30 by Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine. The appointment is a promotion for Mr. Olsen, who has been connected with the United States Department of Agriculture since 1919. He was first employed as an assistant agricultural economist to do research work in agricultural history. In 1922 he assisted in the administration of the seed loan funds in the Northwest, and later was placed in complete charge of this work, with headquarters at Grand Forks, N. D. In July 1923 Mr. Olsen returned to Washington, where he was made Executive Secretary of the committee which prepared the report on the wheat situation submitted to President Coolidge in the fall of that year by Secretary Wallace. Following this, he was placed in charge of the Division of Agricultural Finance in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, conducting studies relating to farm credit, farm taxation and farm insurance, and he was frequently called upon to assist Secretary Wallace's office in connection with nation-wide agricultural problems. He collaborated with the late Secretary Wallace in the preparation of his book "Our Debt and Duty to the Farmer," which recently came from the press. Secretary Jardine promptly approved the recommendation of Dr. H. C. Taylor, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, for Mr. Olsen's promotion to the position now announced. His duties will deal with the co-ordination of the work of the various units of the bureau doing research work, developing programs of investigation, and applying the results of the practical benefit of the nation's agriculture. The appointment of an assistant chief in charge of research is especially important at this time, in view of the plans being developed for co-operation with the State Agricultural Experiment Stations for Economic Research with funds made available by the Purnell Act.

Renick W. Dunlap Appointed Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Renick W. Dunlap of Pickaway County, Ohio, member of a family long identified with farming and live stock improvement, was on March 16 appointed Assistant Secretary of Agriculture by President Coolidge. The nomination was confirmed by the Senate on March 17. Mr. Dunlap has spent practically all his life in farming. Nelson J. Dunlap, his father, began farming on one of the farms he now owns soon after his return from the Civil War and is known as one of the most successful farmers in that section of Ohio. Mr. Dunlap received his early education in a district school and later attended high school. He entered the College of Agriculture of Ohio State University in 1890 and was graduated in 1895. He was one of the early members of the Grange and of the Farm Bureau in the United States. For several years he was State Dairy and Food Commissioner, and while holding this office did much to eradicate impure and misbranded foods, drinks and drugs from the market. After retiring from this office he again went to farming and continued until 1915, when he was chosen by the State Board of Agriculture of Ohio as its Secretary. Following this work he took charge of a 60,000-acre range in Florida. In June 1923 he again took up farming in Ohio, and he was thus engaged when asked to accept the position of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

John T. Caine Named as Head of Packers and Stock- yards Administration to Succeed Chester Morrill, Resigned.

John T. Caine of Logan, Utah, has been named by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine as head of the Packers' and Stockyards' Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, a position made vacant two months ago by

the resignation of Chester Morrill. Mr. Caine was for a number of years head of the Animal Husbandry Department and later Extension Director, of the Utah Agricultural College, and during a leave period of one year did live stock work for the United States Department of Agriculture in the fifteen Western States. He comes to his new position with the Department from work in commercial live stock production, which he has been carrying on since 1920. Commenting on the appointment, Secretary Jardine said:

I have had in mind the unusual responsibilities of the position. The public stockyard markets are an important factor in the live stock industry. Those agencies operating in the public markets provide services which are of great public interest. The Packers and Stockyards Act lays down certain principles which should govern in these markets. Under this Act certain duties and obligations are placed upon the Secretary of Agriculture, and it is my purpose to discharge these duties to the best of my ability. I want the relation of this Department with all agencies to be co-operative and constructive. The Packers and Stockyards Act puts into statutory form those general principles of fair dealing and upright conduct that should be common to all men. I want to do everything I can to strengthen confidence in the live stock markets. It is important that the agencies operating at the markets should realize that the live stock of thousands of shippers is passing through the market centres every day and that the particular interest of no individual or group of individuals is paramount to the rights of those shippers. The duties of all are made plain under the law, and this Department will be frank and fair at all times and ready to give its unbiased judgment on those matters which fall within the scope of its authority.

Mr. Caine's wide interests have given him an extensive acquaintance in live stock circles in many States among leading stockmen and others interested in the business. He has judged livestock at most of the Western fairs and is a director of the Utah State Fair Association and the Cache County Fair Association. He has been active in the Farm Bureau and in various live stock associations, being a member of the following: Utah State Farm Bureau Association, American Association of Animal Production, Utah Wool Growers' Association, Utah Cattle and Horse Breeders' Association, National Wool Growers' Association, National Livestock Association, and Western Livestock Sanitary Association. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

Chester Morrill, officer in charge of the Packers' and Stockyards' Administration and the Grain Futures' Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, resigned, effective March 12. His resignation was accepted on March 6 by Secretary Jardine, who in his letter to Mr. Morrill said in part:

Since your resignation is actuated by a desire to enter a field which will offer greater opportunities I do not feel that I should interpose objection to your proposed course. I note with particular regret that you wish to leave the Department so early as March 12. In accepting your resignation I am conscious of the loss which I will sustain because of the extensive knowledge which you have acquired in having participated in the consideration of some of the most important problems with which this Department is faced.

Gov. Smith of New York Designates Week of June 8-14 as Flag Week.

In proclaiming Sunday, June 14, as Flag Day Gov. Smith of New York has designated the week of June 8-14 as Flag Week, urging the State to observe the occasions with patriotic exercises to stimulate that lively affection so glorious a flag deserves and to display the flag prominently. The Governor called attention to the movement of the United States Flag Association seeking "to foster ever greater devotion and love of that standard of humanity." Reference to the efforts of the American Flag Association in behalf of the widespread observance of Flag Day was made in these columns last week, page 2762.

Resignation of William Burgess From United States Tariff Commission.

The resignation of William Burgess (Republican) as a member of the United States Tariff Commission, which had been reported more than a month ago as imminent, was made known at the White House on June 1. Mr. Burgess' resignation, was tendered in a letter to President Coolidge on April 24 and was accepted on May 29. In his letter to the President Commissioner Burgess said:

As you already know from the several talks we have had on the subject during the past year that I have felt constrained on account of my family and business reasons to withdraw from my present position as a member of the United States Tariff Commission. The same reasons have become more urgent as time has passed. I now desire to tender my resignation from the Commission to take effect at your pleasure, or when my successor is appointed.

Permit me at this time to express my sincerest thanks and deep appreciation for the kindness and courtesy you have extended to me. If at any time I can be of any service to you, I assure you it will give me the greatest pleasure.

The President's reply follows:

White House, May 29, 1925.

My Dear Mr. Burgess:

It is with real reluctance that I accept your resignation from the Tariff Commission to take effect on June 1. To the work of the commission you brought not only a trained mind but that diligence and capacity for hard

work so necessary when proper conclusions are to be drawn from the great mass of figures and statistics upon which the recommendations of the commission are necessarily based. I wish to take this occasion to thank you for remaining long after the time when you first expressed a desire to leave the commission and to assure you of my appreciation of the service which you have rendered.

Very truly yours,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Hon. William Burgess,

United States Tariff Commission, Wash., D. C.

Reference to the expected resignation of Mr. Burgess, which became effective June 1, was made in our issue of May 2, in noting the appointment of W. S. Culberson, a member of the Commission, as Minister to Rumania.

Commissioner Eastman of Inter-State Commerce Commission Again Advocates Competitive Bidding for Railroad Securities—Especially Equipment Trust Issues.

The views of Commissioner Eastman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the question of competitive bidding for securities of railroads, are once more set forth in an opinion dissenting from the majority members in approving the proposed issue of \$3,525,000 of Northern Pacific Railway equipment trust certificates. The account of Commissioner Eastman's opinion wherein he dissented in a similar case in connection with the proposed issue of New York Central equipment trust certificates was given in our issue of May 30, p. 2770.

Commissioner Eastman in dissenting from the majority approval of the application in the present Northern Pacific case says:

This case is similar to *New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1925*, decided May 16 1925, and the grounds of my dissent are the same as those there stated. There is no good reason why securities of this nature should not be sold in a competitive market. Indeed they could be sold by the carrier direct to investors, without the payment of commissions to bankers.

There is here an opportunity for the carriers to do a little housecleaning on their own account. The proposition is conservative. I am not now suggesting that all railroad securities should be sold through competitive bidding, nor even that any very large part should be sold in this way. For the present the suggestion is confined to equipment trust certificates. No candid critic will, I believe, contend that it is an impracticable suggestion as to such securities.

The importance of the opportunity presented will be clear upon reflection. The carriers resent the charge that their policies are dominated by "Wall Street." They have here a chance to demonstrate their independence in a practical way. Without attempting a complete list, our records indicate that the following large carriers market their securities only through J. P. Morgan & Company, or financial institutions closely affiliated therewith:

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company,
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company,
Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company,
Erie Railroad Company,
Florida East Coast Railway Company,
Great Northern Railway Company,
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway,
New York Central Lines,
Northern Pacific Railway Company,
Southern Railway System.
Similarly our records indicate that the following carriers use Kuhn, Loeb & Company as their exclusive fiscal agent:

Central of Georgia Railway Company,
Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company,
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company,
Illinois Central Railroad Company,
International-Great Northern Railroad Company,
Long Island Railroad Company,
Missouri Pacific Railroad Company,
New Orleans, Texas & Mexico Railway Company,
Pennsylvania Railroad System,
Southern Pacific System,
Texas & Pacific Railway Company,
Union Pacific System,
Wabash Railway Company.

To the extent that these carriers hereafter sell securities through competitive bidding or to the extent that, even without competitive bidding, they curtail the present monopoly in the marketing of their securities, they will clearly lend weight to their declarations of independence of banking control.

Expenditures by Class I Railroads in 1924 for Wages, Maintenance, &c., Nearly 5 Billion Dollars.

Expenditures made by Class I railroads in 1924 for wages, materials and supplies and for improvements, totaled \$4,847,700,000, according to reports for the year just received by the Bureau of Railway Economics from the railroads of this country. The Bureau, in announcing this in a statement made public June 1, stated that a large part of this sum went directly to the industries of the United States through which source it reached the wage earners, contributing, to a large extent, to the prosperity of the nation. The principal expenditures of the Class I railroads in 1924 were divided as follows:

Wages paid for maintenance and operation.....	\$2,629,902,000
Materials purchased, including fuel.....	1,343,055,000
Capital expenditures (incl. new equipment & improvements).....	874,743,000
Total.....	\$4,847,700,000

The Bureau adds:

This amount, however, does not include approximately \$340,000,000 paid in taxes by the railroads, or an average of \$929,000 per day compared with a daily average of \$909,000 in 1923. It also does not include \$510,000,000 paid out in interest charges by the Class I carriers or \$310,000,000 paid out in dividends.

The total principal expenditures of the railroads in 1924 was a decrease of \$735,400,000 compared with 1923.

Of the total amount, the railroads paid out \$2,629,902 in wages for operation and maintenance work during the year while capital expenditures, including new equipment and improvements, totaled \$874,743,000.

Fuel as well as materials and supplies cost the railroads \$1,343,055,000 in 1924, a decrease of \$395,648,000 or 23% compared with 1923. This decrease under the year before resulted in part from the fact that the railroads purchased less materials in 1924 than in 1923 due to the somewhat smaller programs for maintenance and additions and betterments on one hand while some of the stocks in storage were drawn out heavily during the year. At the same time greater efficiency in operation played no small part in reducing the consumption of train and engine supplies. Declines in the unit cost of many materials during 1924, particularly bituminous coal, the largest single item purchased by the railroads, also had the effect of reducing the amount of expenditures.

Fuel during 1924 cost the railroads \$471,656,000, a decrease of nearly 24% under the year before. This decrease was brought about through a reduction in the actual number of units purchased due to greater conservation in the use of coal as well as the fact there was a decrease of 6% in the volume of freight traffic moved during the past year compared with 1923.

Bituminous coal alone cost the railroads \$373,483,000 in 1924, a total of 126,372,000 net tons having been purchased, compared with \$519,007,000 which was paid for 154,902,000 tons in 1923. Thus while 18% less tons were purchased during 1924 than the year before, the total outlay was 28% less.

The outlay for anthracite coal in 1924 was \$14,497,000 or 20% less than in 1923, while only about 7% fewer tons were purchased.

Class I railroads in 1924 purchased approximately 26% of the total bituminous coal production of the United States and 5.2% of the anthracite production.

The railroads in 1924 expended \$180,872,000 for forest products, a reduction of 22% under the year before. Of that amount, \$111,442,000 was spent for cross ties, 11% less than in 1923, while 14% fewer ties were purchased during the past year compared with the year before.

More than 27% of the total steel production of the United States was purchased directly by the railroads or for them through equipment manufacturers in 1924. Total expenditure for iron and steel products made direct by the railroads during the year was \$365,610,000. This was 21% less than the expenditure for that purpose in 1923. In tonnage, the railroads purchased nearly 21% less than the year before.

Approximately 2,210,800 barrels of cement were bought directly by the railroads during the past year, 8.5% less than the year before. The total purchase price in 1924 was \$5,141,000 or 16% less than 1923. This does not include, however, direct purchases made by contractors engaged in railway construction work.

Approximately 14,265,000 cubic yards of ballast were purchased in 1924 at a cost of \$12,608,000. As many carriers maintain their own gravel pits and quarries where they meet their requirements for ballast without purchasing in the open market, the quantity recorded as purchased in 1924 is considerably less than is utilized by them each year for maintenance and construction work.

Lubricating oil and grease cost \$13,158,000 during the past year, a decrease of \$2,520,000 compared with the year before while for brass, copper, zinc and various other non-ferrous metal products needed in railway operation, the railroads spent \$39,049,000, 32% less than was spent on the same account in 1923.

Railroad Freight Traffic During 1925 Expected to Exceed that of Previous Years—Record Car Loadings.

It was announced on May 15 that from information now available, railroad freight traffic during 1925 on the basis of the number of cars loaded with revenue freight, will equal, if not exceed, that of previous years. Announcement to this effect, was made by R. H. Aishton, President of the American Railway Association, and was in accordance with an estimate for the year made in a report submitted at the regular spring meeting in Chicago that day of the member roads of the American Railway Association by the Car Service Division of that organization. The report was adopted by the association. Total loading of revenue freight for the year, it is estimated, will approximate 50,494,570 cars, an increase of about 682,450 cars, or 1.4% over 1923, when more cars were loaded than ever before for any similar period. It is also expected that the total for 1925, according to the present business outlook, will exceed 1924 by about 1,976,350 cars, or 4.1%. The report said:

This estimate is our best judgment supplemented by reports received from the commodity committees of the various Regional Advisory Boards, which are located throughout the United States, as to the general business outlook and as to what the car requirements of various industries will be for the remainder of the year.

For the first eighteen weeks this year—Jan. 1 to May 2, inclusive—the total loading of all commodities has amounted to 16,463,608 cars, an increase of 468,817 cars, or 2.9% over the corresponding period last year and an increase of 425,985 cars, or 2.7%, over the corresponding period in 1923. All commodities, during the first eighteen weeks this year showed increases compared with the same period last year, except grain and grain products, live stock and coal.

In preparing this estimate for the year, the Car Service Division has assumed that revenue freight loading in June and July of this year will be less than in 1923, on the theory that continued adequate transportation has resulted in business organizations carrying smaller stock in advance of actual necessities than has been the practice in previous years. This tendency, in our opinion, will cause heavier loading in the fall months this year to meet the demands of that period and will cause a new high peak in

the volume of freight carried in September and October by the railroads, which could be obviated, to some extent, by earlier shipments in anticipation of the fall needs.

While it may be that we are overly optimistic as to the volume of traffic that will be handled during 1925, nevertheless we cannot see any substantial grounds to support statements we hear occasionally about a decline in business which would justify us making any change in our estimate.

Car loading figures, with the exception of coal, show an increase over the previous two years. For the first three months this year there was an increase in miscellaneous loading which includes manufactured products other than lumber. There was also an increase in less than carload lot loading due in part to receivers of freight recognizing that it is unnecessary to accumulate stocks and that adequate transportation service, to which they have become accustomed during the past three years, gives them the advantage of having to carry only what is necessary and letting the manufacturer carry the balance of what they formerly carried in stock. This, however, does not indicate any decrease in business but does, in effect, indicate a more even flow of traffic. Our estimate necessarily deals, not with the tonnage to be moved, but with the carloads to be handled and with that as a basis, we believe that our figures are conservative.

Lumber loading shows no decrease and there apparently is very little, if any, lessened building activity. No strikes in the building trades of any moment are being reported. There was a decrease in coal production during the first three months in 1925 compared with 1923, that decrease amounting to 10.7%. There also was a decrease of 8.8% compared with 1924.

The lake coal movement so far shows an increase of 372,240 tons over the previous year and our estimate of the total loading for the year is made with the idea that there will be approximately 27 million tons of coal transhipped to upper lake points during the year and that the total coal production in 1925 will be approximately 480 million tons, considerably less than in 1923, but about the same as in 1924.

Reports from commodity committees of the Regional Advisory Boards indicate almost without exception an anticipated increase in business for the next three months as compared with 1924.

It is impossible to figure very much on the crop movement at this date except in a general way, but conditions up to date apparently do not suffer by comparison with one year ago, except in Oklahoma and Texas, where there has been some shortage in rainfall. In the elevators at Atlantic and Gulf ports on April 15 there were 16,163 cars of grain, an increase of 10,275 cars, or 174% over the same period last year. In elevators at other than Atlantic and Gulf ports as of April 15, there were 100,458 cars of grain, an increase of 1,947 cars over the same period the previous year. From these figures, it is estimated that there will be, prior to the new crop, about the same movement of grain as last year.

In order to keep pace with the industrial development of the nation, the railroads from Jan. 1 1923 to April 1 1925 placed in service 398,442 freight cars, of which 44,153 were installed during the first three months this year. On April 1 freight cars on order totaled 46,126. With the installation of the new cars, the railroads have been able to retire much obsolete equipment, with the result that the average carrying capacity of freight cars on April 1 this year was 44.5 tons, compared with 43.8 tons in 1924 and 43.1 tons in 1923.

The railroads also placed in service during the first three months this year 430 locomotives, which made a total of 6,713 installed since Jan. 1 1923. Locomotives on order on April 1 totaled 815.

The average tractive power of locomotives on April 1 1925 was 40,048 pounds, an increase of 1.5% over that for April last year and an increase of 7.0% over two years ago.

Despite the fact that loading of revenue freight for the first eighteen weeks this year has been the heaviest for that season of the year in history, the number of surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for use has been considerably greater than it has ever been before in previous years, there having been on April 30 this year 337,181 surplus cars, an increase of 7,692 cars over the same date last year and an increase of 323,625 cars over the same date in 1923.

As to the condition of equipment, the report showed that the railroads on April 15 had 12,066 locomotives in need of repair, 18.8% of the number on line, but a smaller number than they had on the same date both in 1924 and 1923. The number of freight cars in need of repair on April 15 this year totaled 190,165, or 8.2% of the number on line, an increase of more than 13,000, compared with the same date last year but a decrease of nearly 24,000 under the same date in 1923. The American Railway Association at its meeting reviewed the general situation and expressed confidence in the ability of the railroads of this country to provide adequate transportation during 1925 in order to meet increased traffic demands.

Banking Committee First to Complete Quota In Salvation Army Drive.

J. K. Cooney, of the Bankers Trust Co., Chairman of the Investment Houses and Private Bankers Group in the current Salvation Army Drive for \$500,000, announces that his committee was the first to obtain the quota allotted to it in the Drive. "It is a curious fact," said Chairman Cooney, "that while the amounts asked by the Salvation Army since the war have been much smaller than the sums raised during the war, they have been more difficult to secure. The Salvation Army is doing just as good work as it did during the war days, and is equally deserving of the generous support of the public. Its activity now may not be as spectacular as it was then, but is certainly as essential." The Investment Houses and Private Bankers Group, of which John E. Berdich is Secretary, consists of the following:

J. K. Cooney, Chairman, Bankers Trust Co.; J. C. Andersen, Chase Securities Corp.; H. W. Beebe, The National City Co.; George W. Bovenizer, Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Hamilton Candee, Guaranty Co. of New York; W. H. Eddy, The Equitable Trust Co. of New York; H. H. Egly, Dillon, Read & Co.; Albert C. Lord, Lee, Higginson & Co.; Lester Powers, Dominick & Dominick; Walter Shepperd, Redmond & Co.; John Miles Thompson, Anglo London Paris Co.

1926 World Advertising Convention to Be Held June 20-25, in Philadelphia.

The new Executive Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, meeting in Houston following the World Advertising Convention there May 9-14, set June 20-25 as tentative dates for the next Convention, to be held in Philadelphia, and unanimously reappointed Carl Hunt manager of the Associated Advertising Clubs for the ensuing year. The dates agreed upon for the Convention will follow the closing of the University of Pennsylvania. The Poor Richard Club, Philadelphia, plans to accept the offer of the University to turn its buildings over for the numerous departmental meetings of the Convention. These dates will become final when they have the approval of a joint committee of the passenger association of the United States, which functions with organizations having large conventions to avoid conflict in dates. Mr. Hunt has been manager of the Associated Advertising Clubs for five years and a member of the headquarters staff for twelve years. C. K. Woodbridge, New York, who succeeds Lou E. Holland, Kansas City, as president of the Association, has sailed for Europe. While there, Mr. Woodbridge is expected to visit a number of the forty-odd affiliated Advertising Clubs of that side. He may also attend the first annual convention of the Fourteenth District of the Association (The British Isles and the Continent of Europe) to be held in Harrogate, England, July 4-11.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Two New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, that of Newton E. Stout, deceased, to Henry Thompson and that of Ralph L. O'Hara, deceased, to Alfred M. Morris, the consideration in each case being stated a \$106,000, an unchanged price from the last preceding sale.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Estate of John R. Tolan was sold this week to W. L. Harriss, for another, the consideration being stated as \$29,500. This is the same price as the last preceding sale.

A Chicago Board of Trade membership was reported sold this week for \$7,700 net to buyer.

Thomas N. Dysart, Frederic R. Fenton, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Investment Bankers Association of America, are making a tour of the country addressing the various groups of the association. Their first meeting was held last night (June 5) in Kansas City, where they addressed the members of the Southwestern Group of the I. B. A.

Maurice Silvester, representative of the Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris for the United States and Canada, announces the removal of his New York offices to-day (June 6) from 46 Cedar Street to 68 William Street.

The number of unit banks operated by the Manufacturers Trust Co. increases to fifteen on June 1 with the opening of the Fifth National Bank, 131 East 23d Street, corner of Lexington Avenue, as the Twenty-third Street office of the Manufacturers Trust Co., and the opening of the Gotham National Bank, 1819 Broadway, at Columbus Circle, as the Columbus Circle office of the Manufacturers Trust Co. Arrangements by which the Manufacturers Trust Co. took over the banks have previously been announced in these columns—our last reference appearing in our issue of a week ago, page 2792. The absorption of these banks gives the Manufacturers Trust resources of \$220,000,000, capital and surplus of about \$22,000,000 and deposits of approximately \$190,000,000. Nathan S. Jonas, President of the Manufacturers Trust Co., explaining the unit system of banking, "created and perfected by the Manufacturers Trust Co., and one of the main factors in its growth from a small institution with an original capital of \$500,000," says:

Decentralization into strong units—not centralization—is the policy of unit banking. As a result, every merger into the Manufacturers Trust Co. "adds to" instead of "takes from" a district. Twelve of the fifteen unit offices of the Manufacturers Trust Co. system were acquired in mergers, but in each case the districts served by the absorbed banks gained complete unit offices—virtually independent banks—instead of just branch banks with most of their services transferred to main offices.

Under the unit system, every office of the Manufacturers Trust Co. provides all the services of every other office. Backed by its own strength and by the resources of the entire institution, each unit office is a complete bank with facilities for world-wide service, but each, too, gives intimate, personal service attuned to the needs of the district it serves.

To better illustrate the manner in which unit banking works, Mr. Jonas cited as follows the way in which unit offices act on applications for lines of credit:

An office may have a number of loaning officers, each with a different limit on the amount of the bank's funds he can lend. A junior loaning officer, without consultation with any other officer, can lend up to a certain amount determined by his position and previous experience. A more experienced officer can lend a larger amount. The senior officer in charge of the office can lend still more. If a combination of two or three officers agree that an even larger loan is justified, they can make it, within fixed limits—without reference to any other office of the company. Under this unit system plan, decisions on loans are made promptly at the office where the applicant banks and where he is best known.

Announcement was made on June 1 by the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. of this city that George S. Mills, an Assistant Secretary, had been elected an Assistant Vice-President, and Carl A. Miller and Stanley T. Wratten, Assistant Secretaries. Mr. Mills has been associated with the institution since April 1905. He was appointed an Assistant Secretary of the former Columbia Trust Co. in January 1920 and retained that rank after the consolidation of the Columbia and the former Irving National Bank. He is in the Irving-Columbia's out-of-town office, in the Woolworth Building. Mr. Miller and Mr. Wratten both entered the employ of the Irving National Bank the same day, April 1 1920. Mr. Miller is in the company's general co-ordinating office, in the Woolworth Building, and Mr. Wratten in the New Utrecht office, at New Utrecht Avenue and 53d Street, Brooklyn.

Chauncey H. Murphey resigned this week as Vice-President of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., of New York, and on July 1 will enter the firm of Davies, Thomas & Co., 5 Nassau Street, as a general partner.

The board of directors of the Lawyers Mortgage Co. of New York have tentatively approved plans to increase the capital from \$7,500,000 to \$9,000,000 through the issuance of \$1,500,000 of additional stock at par. The subject will be discussed further at a meeting of the board on June 11, after which it will be placed before the stockholders on Aug. 5. If the proposition is approved the stockholders of record Aug. 15 will have the right to subscribe for one new share at par for each five shares now held. It is intended to continue payment of dividends at 10% per annum.

Kenneth Durland has been appointed Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the American Exchange Securities Corporation.

Andrew Wilson, of William A. Camp & Co., has been elected a director of the Franklin National Bank of this city.

The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank of New York opened its new uptown branch at 43d Street and Lexington Avenue on June 1. It is announced that 2,800 new accounts were opened at the branch on its first day of business. The proposed opening of the branch was noted in our issue of April 18, page 1975.

According to the Brooklyn "Eagle" of June 4, the merger of the National Bank of Bay Ridge with the East River National Bank is to be announced in a few days. The "Eagle" says:

Negotiations which have been in progress for many weeks, have been completed, and only the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency is now needed. If this approval is received, as expected, the merger is likely to become effective on Monday.

It was stated to-day that Edward E. McMahon, now President of the National of Bay Ridge, will be retained as Manager of the bank when it operates as an office of the East River National. Mr. McMahon was elected to the presidency of the Bay Ridge institution on Dec. 18 1923. He had been for some years Assistant Vice-President in charge of the New Utrecht office of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co.

The National Bank of Bay Ridge was organized as a local institution by merchants of the Bay Ridge section in the spring of 1923. Jacob Schaefer Jr. was its first President. The capitalization is \$300,000 with a paid in surplus of \$150,000.

The financial arrangement by which the institutions are to be merged is not made known. It is stated, however, that the basis of the merger is not entirely an exchange of stock, there being "some" cash payment to the stockholders of the Bay Ridge National.

With its new acquisition, the East River National Bank, which has a capital of \$2,500,000, will have two offices in Brooklyn. Some months ago an office was opened in Court Street. Dr. A. H. Giannini is President of the institution.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Bergen National Bank of Jersey City, N. J., Oswald Elmer was elected Assistant Cashier of the institution. Mr. Elmer, who is 32 years of age, has only been connected with the Bergen National Bank since the latter part of March the present year. Prior to enlisting in the United States Army in 1918 he was for ten years in the employ of a mercantile house in Atlantic City, N. J. Following his discharge from the army he became associated with the Atlantic Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Atlantic City and in 1922 was made Assistant Trust Offi-

cer of the company. The personnel of the Bergen National Bank is now as follows: John Warren, President; Joseph E. Bernstein, J. B. Payton and R. W. A. English, Vice-Presidents; Michael Pecora, Cashier, and Oswald Elmer, Assistant Cashier.

The Comptroller of the Currency announces that on May 25 the name of the Phillipsburg National Bank of Phillipsburg, N. J., has been changed to "The Phillipsburg National Bank & Trust Co."

The City National Bank of Salem, N. J., has changed its title to "The City National Bank & Trust Co. of Salem."

The Salem National Banking Co., Salem, N. J., has received permission from the Comptroller of the Currency to change its name to "The Salem National Bank & Trust Co."

The Second National Bank of Cooperstown, N. Y., announces the election of Hubbard L. Brazee as President of the bank to succeed the late Charles T. Brewer. The death of Mr. Brewer was referred to in our issue of May 9, page 2364.

A new bank is being organized in New Britain, Conn., with a capital of \$200,000 and a \$50,000 surplus. We are informed that its application has been approved, but that its charter has not yet been received. Although not definitely decided, the name under which the bank will be established will probably be the City National Bank of New Britain. The institution is expected to begin business in October or November. Its stock (par \$100) has not yet been offered for subscription. The incorporators are Joseph F. Lamb, Vice-President of Landers, Frary & Clark Co.; E. M. Wightman, Vice-President and Secretary of North & Judd Mfg. Co.; R. C. Twitchell, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Hart & Cooley Co.; Ernest W. Christ, Vice-President and Secretary of the Stanley Works; Arthur P. White, Credit Manager of the Russell & Erwin Plant; Mortimer H. Camp, Assistant Corporation Counsel, member of the firm of Kirkham, Cooper, Hungerford & Camp, and Paul K. Rogers, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Skinner Chuck Co.

Lee, Higginson & Co. of Boston recently purchased the real estate holdings of the First National Bank of Boston at the corner of Federal, Franklin and Congress streets, that city, comprising a four-story bank building at the corner (formerly occupied by the First National Bank) and an adjoining ten-story office building. This property, according to the Boston "Transcript" of May 27, has a frontage of 132 feet on Federal Street, 155 feet on Franklin Street and 140 feet on Congress Street, and occupies a total area of 15,485 feet. It is assessed, it is said, for a total of \$2,360,000, of which \$1,083,900 is on the land and \$1,276,100 on the buildings. Lee, Higginson & Co. propose to occupy the four-story bank building as soon as the premises are altered and remodeled to suit the company's requirements. The adjoining building, it is understood, will be rented. The firm of Lee, Higginson & Co. has occupied its present quarters at 44 State Street continuously since its inception in 1848, as stated in the following brief history of the company given in the above-mentioned paper:

From its start in 1848, when John Clarke Lee of Salem and George Higginson of Boston, middle-aged merchants, formed a partnership to engage in the private banking business in the front end of the building now numbered 44 on State Street, Lee, Higginson & Co. has grown to be one of the largest investment banking firms in America, with offices in Boston, New York, Chicago and 22 other cities. Affiliated with the firm is Higginson & Co. of London.

When the founders started their business they did all the work themselves—no clerks, no office boys, no messengers. Now there are 14 American partners and one English partner and the firm employs 625 persons.

Two new partners were admitted to the firm in 1853—Henry Lee and George Cabot Lee. The former remained a partner until 1897 and the latter until his death in 1910. Henry Lee established the Union Safe Deposit Vaults in 1868, the first safe deposit vaults in Boston, and among the first worthy of the name in America, as an affiliation of Lee, Higginson & Co. This enterprise was not, however, directly connected with the firm.

Major Henry L. Higginson was admitted to partnership in 1868. He was the son of George Higginson, one of the founders, and remained a partner until 1919, when he died, one of the best-known financiers in the United States.

Lee, Higginson & Co. took a prominent part in financing many of the country's greatest railroads—notably the Chicago Burlington & Quincy and the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, and many other large undertakings, among them the Calumet & Hecla mines. It was in the 60s that the firm began to handle railroad stocks and other stocks on a considerable scale.

Gardiner M. Lane became a partner in 1892, remaining until his death in 1914. In 1898 George L. Peabody was made a partner. He died in 1910.

James J. Storrow and George C. Lee were admitted as partners in 1900 and to-day are the oldest members of the firm. James Jackson, father of James Jackson, late State Treasurer of Massachusetts, remained a partner from his admittance in 1885 until his death in 1900.

It was Mr. Storrow who conceived the idea of merchandising bonds. The start was made with the bonds of public utilities, which in the past few

years have grown very popular, and later with industrial bonds. This business has grown almost beyond belief and now is national and international in extent.

In 1902 the firm established Higginson & Co. of London, then within a few years opened its offices in New York and Chicago. Since then it has been opening offices steadily, until now it has 22 branches aside from the main offices in Boston, New York, Chicago and London, spreading as far west as Minneapolis. The 625 employees are divided between the three American district offices as follows: Boston, 275; New York, 200; Chicago, 150.

N. Penrose Hallowell and Sir Hugh G. Levick became partners in 1906. Sir Hugh was associated with the British Treasury during the war and later retired in order to become a member of the Reparations Commission. In 1911 the firm admitted Francis L. Higginson Jr., and two years later Charles H. Schweppe. In 1915, Frederic W. Allen, who then was a Vice-President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of New York, was made a partner. In 1918, Jerome D. Greene, who had been with the Rockefeller Foundation in New York and formerly was Secretary to President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard; Barrett Wendell Jr. and James Nowell came into the firm. Charles E. Cotting, Donald Durant, Edward H. Osgood and William McCormick Blair were admitted in 1922, Sir W. Guy Granet, head of Higginson & Co., London, became a partner in Lee, Higginson & Co. in 1923, and in 1925 Edward N. Jesup was made a partner.

There are in all 14 American partners and one British partner and of these seven are in Boston, four in New York and three in Chicago.

Lee, Higginson & Co. have become one of the largest distributors of bonds and handle annually millions of dollars worth of high grade stocks. They have a flourishing foreign department, handling a large volume of financing for international business. Besides the bond, stock and foreign departments there are a number of special service and other departments.

Arthur H. Hough, the former Treasurer of the People's Trust Co. of Lebanon, N. H., whose arrest following the failure of the institution in January the present year was reported in these columns in our issue of Jan. 31, on June 1 pleaded "guilty" to two indictments charging misapplication of the bank's funds and was sentenced by Chief Justice Oliver W. Branch to from five to eight years in the State Prison at Concord in each instance, the terms to be served consecutively, according to a press dispatch from Woodsville, N. H., on June 1, printed in the Boston "Herald" of the following day. Twenty-six indictments, it was said, growing out of the bank's failure were returned against Hough by the Grafton County Grand Jury, to all of which he originally entered pleas of "not guilty." The two indictments to which he changed his plea to "guilty" on June 1 charged him, respectively, with the misapplication of \$20,000 which he loaned without the authorization of the directors to his own business enterprise, the Lebanon Machine Co., and the misapplication of \$25,000, which he loaned to Perley R. Eaton, President of the Manchester (Vt.) Marble Co., also without authorization by his directors. The dispatch further stated that the bank was still closed, but negotiations were under way for its reopening. The depositors, it is understood, will lose heavily.

The Fern Rock Trust Co. is being organized in Philadelphia with a capital of \$125,000 and surplus of \$25,000; the stock consists of 2,500 shares, \$50 par value; the shares are being sold at \$60 per share—\$50 to be applied to capital and \$10 to surplus. Formal application for a charter will be filed with the State Department on June 15. The organization committee has purchased property at the southwest corner of Broad Street and Nedro Avenue, which will be converted into a banking building. It is expected the bank will open for business about July 15 in temporary quarters. The organization of the bank is still in the hands of the organization committee and permanent officers and directors have not yet been chosen.

The Morris Plan Bank of Washington, organized to succeed the Fidelity Savings Co., which had operated the Morris Plan at the national capital since 1912, will remove on June 29 from its present building in 13th Street to larger quarters at 1408 H Street. With a paid-in capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$50,000, this bank operates under the supervision of the United States Treasury Department and is one of 97 Morris Plan institutions now in operation throughout the United States.

Samuel M. Fitch, formerly connected with the Lake State Bank of Chicago, on June 1 became associated with the Guardian National Bank of Chicago as Assistant Cashier in connection with the new business and bond departments. Mr. Fitch was at one time internal revenue collector for the Chicago district.

The new home of the First State Bank of Detroit at Griswold Street and Lafayette Boulevard, that city, was opened for public inspection on June 1. Thousands of persons visited the institution throughout the day and flowers in great profusion were sent to mark the occasion by practically all the other banks and financial institutions in Detroit. Business was carried on, however, without interruption and at

the close of the day it was announced that several hundred additional depositors had been enrolled. The new four-story building is of classic design and is said to be one of the handsomest banking structures in the West. It will be used exclusively by the bank. The following description of the building was given in the Detroit "Free Press" of May 24:

The exterior is modeled on classic lines, engaged columns of the Ionic order supporting a decorated attic story.

The large openings between the columns are filled with ornamental iron work and glass and the panels between the several floors are of Levanto marble. An enriched cornice with pierced balustrade surmounts all.

The main entrance door is of richly carved Tennessee marble and the doors are set within a beautifully ornamented and perforated frame.

Particularly noteworthy are the decorative panels between the windows and at the corner piers of the upper story. These, as well as other sculptured work about the building, were modeled by Anthony Di Lorenzo of New York. These panels bear allegoric figures symbolic of banking—labor—transportation and industry.

The design of the interior of the main banking room follows the character of the exterior. It has a low marble wainscot, over which Caen stone walls rise to an elaborately modeled and richly colored Italian renaissance ceiling.

All bank counters have a base of fleur-de-peche French marble in most unusual colorings—cream with veins of pink, rose, orange and sunset blues and purples.

The basement is devoted to the safety deposit vaults and supply rooms. Iron stairways and two elevators lead to the upper floors. On the second floor is the mortgage department—the third floor contains additional office space and workrooms. On the fourth is the directors' room and a spacious rest room for women employees.

The First State Bank of Detroit, now one of Detroit's prominent banks, had its inception in the ship-chandlery business of Edward Kanter in 1853. It seems it became the custom with Mr. Kanter to accept money from sailors for safe-keeping. His next step was to establish an agency for the sale of steamship tickets. About this time, too, he was appointed fiscal agent for the German Government for the district of Detroit. Having developed a profitable banking business he disposed of his ship-chandlery business and opened banking quarters at 30 West Larned Street under the firm name of E. Kanter & Co. In 1868 the name was changed to the Germania Savings Bank with a capital stock of \$100,000. In 1871 when the State of Michigan passed its State banking law, the first charter granted a Detroit bank went to the Germania Savings Bank, which then changed its name to the German-American Bank and Mr. Kanter became President. In April 1917 the name of the institution was again changed to its present title. After changing its location several times during the years the bank moved in January 1910 to the Griswold and Lafayette corner of the McGraw Building. In December 1923, with the Security Trust Co., it bought the entire McGraw block and its site from the Detroit Free Press Co. and almost immediately afterward the new owners began wrecking the old building, preparatory to erecting the new building which has now opened its doors.

The Chicago Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., announces the following appointments in its bond department: J. Preston Burlingham, Manager; J. N. Whipple, Manager Buying Department.

The Greenwood State Bank of Lakemille, Wis., announces the death of its President, Charles Frederick Greenwood on May 3.

J. F. Robertson, former President of the Farmers' Trust Co. of Grant City, Mo., which failed five months ago, has been found guilty by a jury at Albany, Mo., of receiving deposits when he knew the bank to be in a failing condition and was sentenced to five years in the State Penitentiary, according to a press dispatch from St. Joseph, Mo., on May 22, printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of the same day.

The death was announced in Louisville, Ky., on June 1 of Laurel W. Botts, President of the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co. of that city and one of its prominent citizens for many years. Mr. Botts, who was 60 years of age, had been ill with nephritis for some time. He was born in Shelby County, Ky., but moved to Louisville at the age of 16. Soon after, he entered the accounting department of the Columbia Trust Co. and gradually advanced until he became President of the institution. In 1912, when the Fidelity Trust Co. was consolidated with the Columbia Trust Co., Mr. Botts became sole Vice-President of the enlarged bank and seven years later (1919) was elected President, the position he held at the time of his death. Among his other activities he was a director of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad; director of the Louisville Railway Co.; Treasurer of the Louisville Henderson & St. Louis Railroad, and Vice-President of the Weissinger-Gaulbert Real Estate Co.

The semi-annual statement of the Bank of Montreal for the half year ending April 30 1925 appeared on May 25 and makes a favorable showing. The feature of the report is the increase in the capital stock from \$27,250,000 to \$29,916,700, due to the absorption of the Molsons Bank at the close of last year. Total assets are given in the statement as \$718,194,797, of which liquid assets amount to \$424,673,558, or equal to 65.92% of the institution's liabilities to the public. The principal items going to make up the liquid assets gold and subsidiary coin, \$17,760,372; Dominion notes, \$54,876,633; call and short loans in Great Britain and the United States, \$139,146,450; Dominion and Provincial Government securities, \$99,911,141; Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and Colonial public securities other than Canadian, \$45,756,339, and checks on other banks, \$25,012,043. Deposits total \$604,851,116, of which interest-bearing deposits amount to \$475,504,735, as against \$467,749,594 on the same date in 1924. Net profits for the six months under review, after the usual deductions, are shown in the report as \$2,414,012, which when added to \$761,586, representing balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding half year, made the sum of \$3,175,599 available for distribution. From this amount the following appropriations were made: \$1,768,335 covering two quarterly dividends at the rate of 12% per annum; \$241,806 set aside for Dominion Government taxes and \$316,700 transferred to rest account, leaving a balance of \$848,758 to be carried forward to the current half year's profit and loss account. The report further shows that \$2,350,000, representing "estimated surplus assets of the Molsons Bank in excess of the value at par of the capital stock of the Bank of Montreal issued and cash paid therefor," was transferred to rest account, making that account \$29,916,700—the same as the bank's capital.

THE CURB MARKET.

Business on the Curb Market started the week after the holiday, with a good demand, and prices moved to higher levels, especially as regards public utility issues. Thereafter the market turned irregular until to-day, when weakness developed and many new low records for the week were recorded. Public utility issues were the chief losers. Adirondack Power & Light common rose from 83½ to 95⅞, dropped to 81⅞, and closed at 82. American Gas & Electric common declined from 83¼ to 80⅞, and American Power & Light common from 65¼ fell to 58, the latter closing to-day at 60½. Commonwealth Power common, after early gain of some seven points to 164, dropped to 146½, the close to-day being at 150½. Electric Bond & Share Holding sank from 76½ to 70 and sold finally at 71¾. General Gas & Electric common jumped from 97½ to 130 and reacted finally to 125. Lehigh Power Securities dropped some 28 points to 132½ and ends the week at 141. United Light & Power Class A advanced from 68½ to 84, the close to-day being at 82¾. Oil shares were quiet and irregular, changes in prices for the most part being small. Humble Oil & Refining dropped from 63⅜ to 59½ but recovered to-day to 63¾. Prairie Pipe Line rose from 119 to 127 and closed to-day at 125. Among industrials Pathe Exchange was conspicuous for an advance from 53¼ to 67¾, the final figure to-day being 67¼. Chrysler was erratic, jumping from 104 to 126 and dropping to 112. The close to-day was at 114. Chapin Sacks common sold up from 34½ to 39⅞, reacted to 37⅞ and finished to-day at 37¾. Continental Baking Class A, advanced from 125 to 127⅞ and the preferred from 98½ to 102½, the close to-day being at 127⅞ and 102, respectively. Purity Bakeries Class B gained about seven points to 47 and reacted finally to 45⅞. A feature was the beginning of trading in the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. new company securities, "when issued." The preferred voting trust certificates opened at 28, sold down to 27⅞ and up to 28½, and at 28⅞ finally. The 50-year 5s eased off from 81¼ to 81, then rose to 83. The adjustment 5s gained a point to 54½ and sold finally at 54¼. United Oil Products 8s advanced from 30¼ to 50.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2928.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended June 5	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind. & Mts.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday			Holiday		
Monday	193,266	106,910	56,450	\$957,000	\$52,000
Tuesday	190,196	124,445	66,500	1,273,000	65,000
Wednesday	216,535	94,110	51,330	773,000	50,000
Thursday	204,345	112,770	77,550	1,223,000	33,000
Friday	205,895	128,530	79,100	1,029,000	27,000
Total	1,010,237	566,765	331,230	\$5,255,000	\$227,000

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The New York Stock market continued strong and active during the present week, with interest in the motor and industrial stocks the predominating feature. During the morning session on Monday nearly 20 new high records were registered by as many prominent issues, though several of these lost their early gains in the afternoon set-back; however, Reading, Baltimore & Ohio and Missouri Pacific closed from 1 to 2 points up. General Electric got an early start to 290³/₄ but subsequently lost part of its gain. Maxwell Motors B shot up to 110, but receded five points at midday and in the last hour rally again reached its high for the day. Baldwin, American Can and Mack Trucks had similar movements. The market continued strong on Tuesday, Mack Trucks, General Electric and Southern Railway leading the advance with new tops. Maxwell Motors B continued in the foreground and closed with a net gain of 10 points. The latter stock attracted special attention because of its sensational gains during the past few days. Motor stocks again took the lead in the upward movement on Wednesday. Speculative activity continued to center around Maxwell, Hudson, Pierce Arrow and Packard, all of which reached new high levels for the current year to date. General Electric had a brisk run up in the last hour, closing with a net gain of 3¹/₂ points. Baldwin Locomotive reached 118¹/₂ at its high for the day, though it closed fractionally lower. Railroad shares were somewhat stronger, substantial gains being recorded by Atchison, Frisco and St. Paul. Northern Pacific was also active at improving prices. Oil shares were weak in the opening hour, but gradually improved. As the day advanced firmness developed and several issues closed the day with moderate gains. A sharp downward reaction in speculative stocks on Thursday carried numerous active issues below the close of the previous day. In the downward drift General Electric broke nearly 6 points, closely followed by du Pont, which slipped off about 4 points. In the last hour Lehigh Valley and Reading improved and closed fractionally higher. The market was mixed on Fri-

day, considerable uncertainty developing in the first hour or two. As the day advanced Oil shares appeared to be the strong feature of the market and had a steadying and stimulating influence on the general list. Marland and Pan Petroleum were the high points of the group, the "B" issues of the latter going forward close to 79 and the Marland stocks selling at 42³/₄. Railroad shares were unsettled, Southern RR. slipping back a point or more, but D. L. & W., Lehigh, and Pittsburgh & West Virginia were in strong demand at advancing prices as the market closed. The final tone was strong.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended June 5	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c. Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday				
Monday	1,402,117	\$8,625,000	\$5,905,500	\$1,548,700
Tuesday	1,351,532	9,776,000	4,587,000	1,334,700
Wednesday	1,462,732	9,533,000	4,098,000	782,000
Thursday	1,293,110	8,193,000	4,781,000	1,118,000
Friday	1,130,200	7,399,000	3,124,000	796,000
Total	6,639,741	\$43,526,000	\$22,495,500	\$5,579,400

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended June 5		Jan. 1 to June 5	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Stocks—No. shares	6,639,741	2,929,392	180,785,100	100,445,046
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$5,579,400	\$17,979,000	\$172,302,860	\$451,310,000
State and foreign bonds	22,495,500	7,623,000	315,178,300	163,462,000
Railroad & misc. bonds	43,526,000	34,213,000	1,760,265,475	755,686,000
Total bonds	\$71,600,900	\$57,815,000	\$2,247,746,635	\$1,370,458,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ending June 5 1925	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday						
Monday	22,065	\$10,250	14,488	\$102,900	4,652	\$54,000
Tuesday	21,680	4,000	12,459	74,500	2,349	44,900
Wednesday	17,295	22,100	10,546	28,800	3,503	21,200
Thursday	18,093	33,200	37,405	47,600	3,413	31,100
Friday	19,592	8,000	7,740	27,000	3,948	52,000
Total	98,725	\$77,550	82,638	\$280,800	17,865	\$1,200
Prev. week revised	134,862	\$102,300	101,817	\$294,050	33,615	\$1,400

* In addition sales of rights were: Wednesday, 1,555.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings for the country as a whole will again show a satisfactory increase as compared with a year ago. This is the fourteenth consecutive week that our weekly totals have shown increases over the corresponding period last year. 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, June 6) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will run 20.4% larger than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,884,820,437, against \$9,039,021,128 for the same week in 1924. At this centre the increase is 25.4%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended June 6.	1925.	1924.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,644,000,000	\$4,501,224,226	+25.4
Chicago	763,035,038	600,294,240	+27.1
Philadelphia	537,000,000	425,000,000	+26.4
Boston	391,000,000	343,000,000	+14.0
Kansas City	115,216,435	96,562,993	+19.3
St. Louis	134,300,000	127,600,000	+5.3
San Francisco	157,629,000	140,900,000	+11.9
Los Angeles	*123,100,000	111,911,000	+10.9
Pittsburgh	144,624,855	123,243,374	+17.3
Detroit	143,866,263	131,944,180	+9.0
Cleveland	108,856,914	89,729,127	+21.3
Baltimore	110,028,808	81,697,531	+34.6
New Orleans	45,768,095	46,235,703	-1.0
Total 13 cities, 5 days	\$8,418,325,408	\$6,819,342,374	+23.4
Other cities, 5 days	985,691,623	879,841,900	+12.0
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,404,017,031	\$7,699,184,274	+22.1
All cities, 1 day	1,480,803,406	1,339,836,854	+10.5
Total all cities for week	\$10,884,820,437	\$9,039,021,128	+20.4

* Estimated.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete

results for the previous week—the week ended May 30. For that week there is an increase of 15.2%, the 1925 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,656,229,169, and the 1924 aggregate \$6,646,889,195. Outside of New York City the increase is 11.7%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 17.9%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is an improvement of 13.0%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city), of 17.8%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 14.9%. The Cleveland Reserve District has a gain of 9.9%, the Richmond Reserve District of 7.9%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 18.5%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 12.8%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 7.6% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 14.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is a gain of 8.8%, in the Dallas Reserve District of 17.2%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 6.0%. It should be noted that every one of these Federal Reserve Districts records an increase as compared with the same period last year.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended May 30 1925.	1925.	1924.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.
Federal Reserve Districts.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st) Boston.....12 cities	372,484,476	329,536,373	+13.0	398,234,545	328,333,962
2nd) New York.....11 "	4,496,886,333	3,815,807,702	+17.8	4,117,698,053	4,066,687,653
3rd) Philadelphia.....10 "	489,574,748	425,957,591	+14.9	443,060,369	426,877,858
4th) Cleveland.....8 "	308,048,642	280,192,555	+9.9	319,696,327	254,812,043
5th) Richmond.....6 "	164,969,522	152,947,897	+7.9	162,673,896	143,796,894
6th) Atlanta.....11 "	178,529,799	150,674,303	+18.5	147,633,686	113,113,826
7th) Chicago.....20 "	744,642,358	680,239,424	+12.8	808,229,415	729,698,516
8th) St. Louis.....8 "	94,717,812	82,603,945	+14.7	55,267,609	47,896,724
9th) Minneapolis.....7 "	177,305,332	164,716,946	+7.6	104,683,689	92,265,333
10th) Kansas City.....12 "	198,401,923	182,362,489	+8.8	209,220,677	189,805,949
11th) Dallas.....5 "	50,602,303	43,185,380	+17.2	41,076,226	37,609,830
12th) San Francisco.....17 "	380,087,921	358,675,590	+6.0	374,442,291	300,303,889
Grand total.....127 cities	7,656,229,169	6,646,889,195	+15.2	7,183,106,683	7,071,920,587
Outside New York City	3,268,926,935	2,924,668,520	+11.7	3,168,655,430	2,752,362,962
Canada.....29 cities	238,996,955	256,693,174	-6.9	329,145,629	326,772,320

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Main data table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of May (1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec.), Since January 1. (1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec.), Week Ended May 30. (1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec., 1923, 1922). Rows include Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Federal Reserve Districts with various cities like Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, and Chicago.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$385,726,648.58. Book credits for which obligations of foreign governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629.05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$85,596,972.

\$358,217 in Federal Reserve notes and \$17,470,271 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Government Revenue and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for May 1925 and 1924 and the eleven months of the fiscal years 1924-1925 and 1923-1924.

Table of Government Revenue and Expenditures for May 1925, May 1924, and 11 months of '24 and '23. Includes sections for Receipts (Ordinary, Internal revenue, etc.) and Expenditures (Ordinary, Public debt retirement, etc.).

Table of Excess of ordinary receipts over total expenditures and Expenditures for Public debt retirement. Shows chargeable against ordinary receipts and amounts for sinking fund, foreign repayments, etc.

*Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. a The figures for the month include \$812,104.93 and for the fiscal year 1925 to date \$9,797,123.71 accrued discount on War Savings certificates of the series of 1918, 1919 and 1920; and for the corresponding periods last year the figures include \$1,682,643.64 and \$23,714,575.63, respectively, for the series of 1918 and 1919. b Excess of credits (deduct). c The variation in above amount from amount appropriated is due to necessity for a small working balance in connection with certificate payments by Veterans' Bureau.

Public Debt of United States—Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of Mar. 31 1925.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued Mar. 31 1925, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1924.

Table of Cash Available to Pay Maturing Obligations as of Mar. 31 1925 and Mar. 31 1924. Includes balance end month, add or deduct, and total balance deficit or surplus.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

Table of Interest-bearing Debt Outstanding as of Mar. 31 1925. Lists titles of loans such as Consols of 1930, Loan of 1925, and various Liberty Loans with their respective interest and principal amounts.

Aggregate of interest-bearing debt... \$20,608,330,072. Bearing no interest... 296,390,278. Maturity, interest ceased... \$27,557,790.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

National Banks.—The following information regarding national bank is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

- APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED. May 27—The First National Bank of Hickman, Neb... \$25,000. May 29—The South Pasadena National Bank, South Pasadena, Calif... 100,000.

- APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED. May 26—The Hardware City National Bank of New Britain, Conn... \$200,000. May 28—The American National Bank of Santa Monica, Calif... 100,000.

- APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED. May 26—The Rochelle National Bank, Rochelle, Tex... \$25,000. May 28—The First National Bank of Robersonville, No. Caro... 37,200.

- APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED. May 29—Pacific National Bank in New York, N. Y... \$1,000,000. May 29—The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Celina, Tex... 25,000.

- CHARTERS ISSUED. May 25—12749—The Hamilton National Bank of the Town of Union, N. J. President, Archibald M. Henry; Cashier, Lionel Isaacs.

- CHANGES OF TITLE. May 25—1239—The Phillipsburg National Bank, Phillipsburg, N. J., to "The Phillipsburg National Bank & Trust Co., Salem, N. J., to "The Salem National Bank & Trust Co."

- VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. May 26—11225—The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Benton, Ark... \$25,000.

- Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like Standard G. L. of N. Y., Credit Dist. Corp., and various manufacturing companies.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like Merrimack Mfg. Co., Elder Mfg. Co., and various utility companies.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like National Shawmut Bank, Federal National Bank, and various utility companies.

By Messrs. L. & L. Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like Central Tr. & Savs. Co., Fidelity Trust Co., and various utility companies.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table listing dividends for various companies, including Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and other sectors. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed.

Main table listing dividends for various companies, including Public Utilities (Concluded), Banks, Trust Companies, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed.

Table with columns: Name of Company., Per Cent., When Payable., Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Associated Dry Goods Corp., Atlantic Terra Cotta, Atlas Powder, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company., Per Cent., When Payable., Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, Hayes Wheel Sugar, etc.

Table with columns: Actual Figures, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, a Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, and Trust companies.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
† This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: May 29, \$16,648,200; May 23, \$16,703,130; May 16, \$16,697,670; May 9, \$16,435,350; May 2, \$16,112,310.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House. The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Table with columns: Loans and investments, Gold, Currency notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, U. S. deposits, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, 20.7%.

Table showing RESERVE. State Banks: Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos. Trust Companies: Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos. Total.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on May 29 was \$88,104,800.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City. The averages of the New York City Clearing House Banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Rows list dates from Jan. 31 to May 29.

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 cyphers (000) omitted.)

Table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits. Rows include Fed'l Res' Bank, Grace Nat Bank, State Banks, Trust Company, and Grand aggregate.

† United States deposits deducted, \$35,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,142,000. Excess reserve, \$1,280 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:

Table with columns: BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, June 3 1925, Changes from previous week, May 27 1925, May 20 1925. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investments, Individual deposits, etc.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending May 29, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Table with columns: Two Cyphers (00) omitted, Week Ended May 29 1925, Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, 1925 Total, May 23 1925, May 16 1925. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, etc.

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business June 3 1925 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns: June 3 1925, May 27 1925, June 4 1924. Rows include Resources: Gold with Federal Reserve, Gold redemp. fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, etc. Total resources, 1,417,431,000.

CURRENT NOTICES.

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under a mortgage dated May 7 1925, securing an issue of First Mtge. Serial 6% Coupon Gold bonds of the Ashland Apartment Building, Buffalo, N. Y.
Nelson, Burrill & Babcock, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the admission of Livingston Parsons to general partnership in their firm

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, June 4, 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 2880, 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 JUNE 3, 1925.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business June 3, 1925. Columns represent dates from June 3, 1925, to June 4, 1924. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Bills, Bonds, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes, Deposits, etc.).

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 3 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.) at the close of business June 3, 1925. Includes a Total column.

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Foreign loans on gold, All other earning assets, Total earning assets, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total liabilities, and Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 3 1925.

Federal Reserve Agent at— Boston, New York, Phila., Cleve'd., Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr., Total. Rows include Federal Reserve notes on hand, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, Eligible paper/Amount required, Excess amount held, Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency, Collateral received from Gold, Federal Reserve Bank/Eligible paper, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Federal Reserve notes held by banks, Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources; 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 Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 2880.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business May 27 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. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, gross, Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, Investments, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Treasury certificates, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total investments, Total loans and investments, Reserve balances with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable & redisce. with F. R. Bk., Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, All other, Bankers' balances of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities, Due to banks, Due from banks.

2. Data of reporting member banks in New York City, Chicago, and for whole country.

All Reporting Member Banks, Reporting Member Banks in N. Y. City, Reporting Member Banks in Chicago. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, gross, Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, Investments, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Treasury certificates, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total investments, Total loans and investments, Reserve balances with F. R. banks, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Banks, Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, All other, Total borrowings from F. R. bks.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, June 5 1925.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2901.

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.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 82 1/2 @ 4 82 7-16 for sixty days, 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 9-16 for checks and 4 86 @ 4 86 1-16 for cables. Commercial on banks sight 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 5-16, sixty days 4 80 1/2 @ 4 80 5-16, ninety days 4 79 1/2 @ 4 79 7-16 and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 81 1/2 @ 4 81 11-16. Cotton for payment 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 5-16 and grain for payment 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 5-16. To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 4 60 1/2 @ 4 81 for long and 4 67 1/2 @ 4 86 1/2 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.72 @ 39.73 for long and 40.08 @ 40.09 for short. Exchange at Paris on London, 98.80 francs; week's range, 97.97 francs high and 98.90 francs low.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, 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, par. Cincinnati, par.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for bond types, dates, and prices.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table listing registered bond transactions with columns for bond type, date, and price.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness with columns for maturity, rate, and price.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing New York City banks and trust companies with columns for bank name, assets, and other financial data.

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. (z) Ex-dividend. (f) New stock (y) Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing New York City realty and surety companies with columns for company name and financial data.

* No par value.

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, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1925; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924. Includes stock names like Indus. & Miscell., Air Reduction, 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. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 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, Colorado Fuel & Iron, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. k Par value change from \$100 to \$50 and prices on that basis beginning June 3. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows for various stock categories like \$ per share, Stock, Exchange, Closed, Memorial, Day.

Main table listing various stocks under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1925' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924'. Includes companies like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Jordan Motor, Kansas & Gulf, etc.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend. Ex-new rights. No par. 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, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 30, Monday, June 1, Tuesday, June 2, Wednesday, June 3, Thursday, June 4, Friday, June 5); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1925; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924. Rows include various stock symbols and names like Pressed Steel Car, Reynolds Spring, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ New stock on the basis of 1 new share for three old shares.

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, Foreign Government, and various corporate bonds. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various price/interest details.

\$5 1/2 = £ a Due Jan. b Due July. c Due Aug. p Due Nov. s Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1., and various other details. Includes sections for 'BONDS' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

a Due Jan. b Due Feb. Due June. c Due May. d Due July. Due Aug. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Due Dec. Oton on sale.

Main table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ended June 5, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and a second set of columns for another bond listing.

Due Jan. Due July. Due Nov. Option sale.

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended June 5, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, Bonds Sold. Includes entries like St Paul Minn & Man con 4s, 1933, and Adams Express coll tr 4s, 1948.

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ended June 5, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, Bonds Sold. Includes entries like Am Wat Wks & Elec 6s, 1934, and Federal Light & Tr 1st 5s, 1942.

Due May. *Due June. # Due July. & Due Aug. *Option sale.

Main table containing two columns of bond listings. Each column has sub-headers: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ended June 5.', 'Interest Period', 'Price Friday June 5.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Bonds Sold', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', 'Bid', 'Ask', 'Low', 'High', 'No.', 'Lows', 'Highs', 'No.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', 'Bid', 'Ask', 'Low', 'High', 'No.', 'Lows', 'Highs', 'No.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.'. The listings include various bonds such as Havaya Elec consol, Hershey Choc 1st, and Philadelphia Co coll tr 6s.

Due Jan. 4 Due April. 7 Due Dec. s Option sale.

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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 to Friday), sales volume, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest) for both 1925 and 1924. Includes categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-rights. d Ex-div. and rights. Ex-div. @ Ex-stock div. l Assessment paid. g Price on new basis.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of stock and bond prices including categories like Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, and Public Utilities.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange May 30 to June 5, both inclusive.

Table showing Boston Bond Record with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table showing Baltimore Stock Exchange transactions with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table showing Bonds with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, and Range Since Jan. 1.

*No par value. Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table showing Philadelphia Stock Exchange transactions with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, and Range Since Jan. 1.

*Per share. †No par value. ‡Basis. §Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶New stock. //Flat price. //Last sale. //Nominal. //Ex-dividend. //Ex-rights. //Ex-stock dividend. //Sale price. //Canadian quotation. //Ex-int. est.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Phila Electric of Penna., United Gas Improv., and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including United Paper Board, U.S. Gypsum, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday 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 May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including All America Radio, American Pub Serv, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Am Vitriol Prod, Am Wind Glass Mach, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

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New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from May 30 to June 5, 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.

Table with columns: Week Ended June 5, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various stocks like Acme Coal Mining, American Hawaiian SS, etc.

Table with columns: Industrial and Miscellaneous Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Inter Match non-vot pf, Int Utilities, Class A, etc.

Main table containing stock prices for Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Other Oil Stocks, Mining Stocks, Bonds, and Foreign Government and Municipalities. Each entry includes the stock name, par value, Friday last sale price, weekly price range, sales for the week, and range since Jan. 1.

* No par value. k Correction. l Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. o New stock. s Option sale. w When issued. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of May. The table covers 8 roads and shows 12.28% decrease from the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Fourth Week of May, 1925, 1924, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for 8 roads and totals.

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the third week of May.

Table with 5 columns: Third Week of May, 1925, 1924, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for 16 roads and totals.

In the following we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Table with 5 columns: Week, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %. Shows weekly earnings from Jan to May.

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 include all the Class A roads in the country, with a total mileage each month as stated in the footnote to the table.

Table with 6 columns: Month, Gross Earnings (1925, 1924, Increase or Decrease), Net Earnings (1925, 1924, Increase or Decrease). Lists monthly totals for Jan-Mar.

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been January, 20.73% inc.; February, 4.77% dec.; March, 4.74% dec. In January the length of road covered was 236,149 miles in 1925, against 235,498 miles in 1924; in February, 236,642 miles, against 236,031 miles; in March, 236,559 miles, against 236,048 miles.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

Large table with 6 columns: Road Name, Gross from Railway (1925, 1924), Net from Railway (1925, 1924), Net after Taxes (1925, 1924). Lists earnings for various railroads like Alabama & Vicksburg, Atchafalaya, etc.

Large table with 6 columns: Road Name, Gross from Railway (1925, 1924), Net from Railway (1925, 1924), Net after Taxes (1925, 1924). Lists earnings for various railroads like Chicago Rock Island & Gulf, Colorado & Southern, etc.

capital stock leaving a balance of \$42,517 of indebtedness to this company on account of such advances for which stock of Flint Belt RR. has not been issued.

On account of the termination on Sept. 14 1924, of the corporate existence of the Grand Rapids, Kalkaska & Southeastern RR., a subsidiary of the Pere Marquette Ry., the capital stock of that company which was carried on the books of the Pere Marquette at a nominal valuation of \$1 was written out of the accounts.

On Jan. 1 1924, the Pere Marquette Ry. owned \$3,000,000 of U. S. Gov't securities, which were carried on the books at cost, viz.: \$3,004,453. During the year the company purchased at par \$2,000,000 additional Government securities and sold \$4,500,000 face amount for \$4,513,438. The profit on these transactions during the year amounted to \$13,985 and at Dec. 31 1924, the company had in its treasury \$500,000 of U. S. Treasury 4% Certificates which mature on March 15 1925.

A balance of \$55,000 on note of George B. Yerkes due May 1 1924, given the company in connection with the purchase by him of certain property at Detroit, was paid during the year.

Dividends.—Quarterly dividends at the rate of 1 1/4% were regularly paid on the Prior Preference stock and the Preferred stock. These payments were made out of surplus and amounted to \$560,000 on the Prior Preference and \$621,450 on the Preferred.

Quarterly dividends at the rate of 1% were also regularly paid on the Common stock. These payments were likewise made out of surplus and amounted to \$1,801,840.

Taxes.—Railway tax accruals during the year 1924 amounted to \$2,028,020, as compared with \$1,848,822 for the previous year, an increase of \$179,198 or 9.7%.

Profit and Loss.—The profit and loss surplus carried forward from Dec. 31 1923, amounted to \$13,930,799. During the year there was a credit from income of \$4,935,022 and there were charged to profit and loss dividends declared out of surplus amounting to \$2,983,290. There was also charged to profit and loss, an amount of \$521,953 on account of retired road and equipment, representing book adjustments due to tracks and other property retired and not replaced, including the abandonment and removal of the Buchanan Branch and of facilities at old Ottawa Yard, Toledo, O. The net debit of other profit and loss items during the year was \$45,347, leaving as of Dec. 31 1924, a credit balance of \$15,315,232, an increase during the year of \$1,384,433.

Additions and Betterments.—During 1924, charges amounting to \$2,303,281 were made to "Investment in Road" and \$2,255,746 to "Investment in Equipment;" the net charge to "Investment in Road and Equipment" for the year being \$4,559,028.

Roadway Retirements.—Upon application made by the Pere Marquette Ry., the I.-S. C. Commission authorized the abandonment of a branch line between Benton Harbor and Buchanan, Mich., approximately 22.5 miles. This branch was taken up in Oct. 1924. The credit to "Investment Account" resulting from the retirements amounted to \$348,827. Upon completion of the new engine terminal and yard facilities at Erie, Mich., it became unnecessary to continue further use of our similar facilities at old Ottawa Yard, Toledo, O. Abandonment thereof was effected and a credit to "Investment Account," in the amount of \$199,659 was made.

Number of Employees.—During 1924, the average number of employees was 11,085, as compared with 11,600 in 1923.

Freight Traffic.—The freight revenue for 1924, as compared with 1923, decreased \$2,792,904.

Passenger Traffic.—The passenger revenue for 1924, as compared with 1923, decreased \$462,024; the mail revenue decreased \$18,757; the express revenue decreased \$47,445. Other passenger train revenue increased \$1,692. The number of passengers carried decreased 339,474; the number of passengers carried one mile decreased 15,345.63.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Average miles operated, Passenger revenue, Passengers carried, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger, Mail, Express, Miscellaneous, Total oper. revenue, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenue, Ry. tax accruals, etc.

The usual comparative balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1924 will be found in V. 120, p. 2398.

Rutland Railroad Company.

58th Annual Report—Dec. 31 1924.)

President Patrick E. Crowley, wrote in substance:

Year's Business.—The company moved 2,175,239 tons of revenue freight, a decrease of 366,866 compared with 1923. The principal cause of the decrease in tonnage was the falling off in anthracite and bituminous coal carried amounting to 359,123 tons. Unusual conditions in the coal fields in 1922 and 1923 make it necessary to go back of those years for a normal coal movement. In comparing this class of traffic handled in 1924 with that moved in 1921, we find only a slight decrease.

The number of passengers carried was 911,965, a decrease of 147,049. Of this decrease 50,316 was in interline, 90,624 in local and 6,109 in commutation passengers.

There has been a steady growth in milk traffic and the company's revenues in 1924 from this source were the largest it has had.

Operating Revenues.—The total operating revenues were \$6,509,063, a decrease of \$186,723 compared with 1923. Freight revenue was \$3,650,380, a decrease of \$192,027. Passenger revenue was \$1,406,716, a decrease of \$123,258. Mail revenue was \$165,688, an increase of \$42,043 principally attributable to an advance in rates granted to New England carriers effective Dec. 15 1923.

Operating Expenses.—Total operating expenses were \$5,476,007 compared with \$5,628,598 in 1923. Larger outlay for rail and tie renewals together with a retirement charge of \$19,000 in connection with the Rutland engine terminal improvement, account mainly for the increase of \$56,690 in expense for maintenance of way and structures. Decrease in charges for

repairs to locomotives, passenger cars and work equipment is the principal cause of the falling off of \$47,573 in expenses of maintenance of equipment. The decrease of \$167,537 in transportation expenses is partly accounted for by the reduction in traffic. Charges for fuel show a substantial falling off due both to decreased consumption and a lower average price per ton.

Non-operating Income.—The increase of \$16,899 in income from lease of road and the decrease of \$40,243 in income from unfunded securities and accounts are due almost entirely to adjustments in 1923 incident to final settlement of accounts with the United States Railroad Administration for the period of federal control.

The increase of \$51,987 in miscellaneous income is mainly due to an adjustment in connection with final settlement in 1923 with the United States Government for the guaranty period March-August, 1920.

Changes in Property Investment Accounts.—There was a net increase in property investments during the year 1924 of \$1,492,896.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Tons rev. freight carried, Tons rev. fr't carr. 1 m., Tons rev. freight carried 1 mile per mile of road, etc.

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT, CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c., Incid. and joint facility, Total ry. oper. rev., Operating Expenses, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Rows include Assets—Inv. in r'd & equip, Impr. on leased ry. property, Misc. phys. prop., etc.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

(Statement of Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers to Reorganization Managers.)

Coverdale & Colpitts, Engineers, in a letter to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and The National City Co., Reorganization Managers, state in substance:

At the request of the directors we undertook, beginning in Jan. 1925, a thorough investigation of the condition of the company's property, its capital requirements and its earning possibilities, with a view to advising the board with respect to the problem presented by the maturity on June 1 1925 of approximately \$48,000,000 of bonds. Our conclusion was that even if the maturing bonds could be taken care of, the financial problem of the company would not be met, and that a readjustment of the financial structure was necessary. Since the receivership we have continued our study in order to be in a position to advise in connection with such a readjustment.

For the purpose of presenting a view of the financial position of the system as a whole we have readjusted the income accounts for 1923 and 1924 to give effect to what we regard as more nearly adequate rates of depreciation of equipment, to include as joint facility rents, advances made to the Chicago Union Station for the purpose of paying bond interest under the agreement by which the railway company enjoys the use of the station and to treat the interest on the obligations of Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. (whose properties are operated under lease) as an interest obligation of the system. Upon such a readjustment there would be shown as available for interest in 1923, \$18,816,000 against interest charges of \$20,950,000 or a deficit of \$2,134,000, and as available for interest in 1924, \$17,529,000 against interest charges of \$21,751,000 or a deficit of \$4,222,000.

We believe that the electrification of portions of the mountain lines has been justified by the resulting operating economies and recommend the electrification of additional sections in order to secure the full benefits of the work already done. Rail renewals for a number of years have been inadequate and some of the lines are somewhat deficient in ballast. In addition certain of the shop machinery and power stations on the eastern lines are to some

extent obsolete, a considerable number of coaling stations should be replaced with mechanical plants and additional water treating plants should be provided. For the foregoing and other capital expenditures necessary to the normal anticipated development of the system, we believe that there should be adopted a program of additions and betterments to road for the next ten years, as follows:

1925	\$690,000	1929	\$5,100,000	1932	\$6,600,000
1926	7,775,000	1930	10,300,000	1933	7,100,000
1927	8,325,000	1931	9,600,000	1934	7,600,000
1928	5,850,000				
10-Year average					\$7,294,000

The equipment of the system is only in fair condition, a large number of units should be rebuilt and additional cars should be purchased to overcome the deficiency in ownership, to replace retirements and to meet the estimated increase in traffic. In this connection it should be noted that in recent years an extensive rehabilitation plan has been conducted, as a result of which the freight equipment is in much better condition than formerly. This should be continued. Reserves for depreciation of equipment have been inadequate and we deem it advisable that the rates for such depreciation be increased and allowance therefor be made in all estimates of future earnings. In our judgment there should be adopted a program for new equipment and for additions and betterments to existing equipment for the next ten years, as follows:

1925	\$14,667,000	1929	\$11,100,000	1932	\$9,300,000
1926	2,100,000	1930	11,100,000	1933	9,300,000
1927	15,600,000	1931	9,300,000	1934	9,300,000
1928	11,100,000				
10-year average					\$10,286,000

While this program contemplates total new capital expenditures averaging \$17,580,000 per year, for 10 years, the new equipment can doubtless be financed under equipment trusts for 75% of cost, leaving to be otherwise provided for—

Cash and deferred payments on new equipment trusts	\$4,165,000
Deferred payments on existing equipment trusts	2,662,000
Additions and betterments to equipment	1,700,000
Average per year for equipment:	\$8,527,000
Additions and betterments to road	7,294,000
Average per year for road and equipment:	\$15,821,000

The depreciation fund will, we estimate, provide for an annual average of \$7,590,000 of capital expenditures, so that about \$8,231,000 of the total annual expenditures contemplated by the program will be required to be financed by appropriations from surplus income or by the issue of new securities other than equipment obligations. We recommend that additional working capital of \$5,000,000 be provided to relieve the present deficiency of current assets over current liabilities. In explanation of this recommendation it may be stated that as of Dec. 31 1924 the current assets were \$4,931,343, but these assets included \$13,883,801 of notes and shares of the Puget Sound Lumber Co. which are not susceptible of quick realization, and materials and supplies amounting to \$13,575,288, a large part of which will eventually be used for improvements chargeable to capital account, and the balance must be maintained for the continued efficient operation of the property.

The current liabilities as of that date amounted to \$33,502,293, from which however, may be deducted the Timber Loan of \$2,340,000 which is to be otherwise liquidated under the plan. The available current assets as of Dec. 31 1924 were, therefore, \$17,472,254 against current liabilities of \$31,162,293. We have carefully studied the plan of reorganization which has been prepared by you. In our opinion, in the light of the knowledge which we have acquired of the whole situation, it adequately meets the financial problems of the St. Paul System. It is apparent that the first requisite of any plan of reorganization must be to provide a means for financing these necessary capital expenditures and to bring the fixed interest charges well within the prospective earnings. These ends the plan accomplishes through the present raising of new money, through making available to the new company a large amount of General Mortgage bonds, through the creation of the new 1st & Ref. Mtge. and through the conversion of the present fixed interest obligations secured under the Gen'l & Ref. Mtge. into obligations upon which the payment of the interest is dependent upon income.

We have estimated that if the program which we recommend is pursued the amount of earnings available for interest, based upon normal business conditions (as an average over a period of years) will be \$17,650,000 in 1925, \$30,150,000 in 1930 and \$39,100,000 in 1934. Assuming that an average of only \$2,500,000 per annum is appropriated from surplus income for capital expenditures, the fixed charges of the new company under the plan, exclusive of interest on the new Adjustment Mtge. bonds (figuring cost of new money at 5 1/2% per annum), would be for 1925 (including for that year interest on the Government loans), \$12,200,000, for 1930 \$14,415,000 and for 1934 \$15,792,000. Should the estimated earnings be realized the amount of the available net income (as defined in the plan) for interest on the new Adjustment Mtge. bonds would be \$15,015,000 in 1931, \$16,962,000 in 1932, \$18,894,000 in 1933 and \$20,808,000 in 1934.

Our study of the various underlying bond issues and the properties by which they are secured has convinced us that the value of such security, or, in the case of one or two of the smaller issues, the serious consequences which would flow from any other course, justifies leaving undisturbed the issues which are so treated by the plan. We also believe that the lease of Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. property and the ownership of the Chicago Milwaukee & Gary Ry. will be of such value to the new company that it should continue the present relation of the Railway Co. to those properties and their securities. The relative values of the security for the Puget Sound bonds and for the bonds secured under the General & Ref. Mtge. we believe justifies treating the two issues on the same basis and every practical consideration makes it advisable that both these classes of bonds be given new securities under a single mortgage rather than that separate mortgages be made upon the separate parts of the system.—V. 120, p. 2811.

Kansas City Railways Co.

(Statement of Receivers' Accompanying Reorganization Plan.)
Fred W. Fleming and Francis M. Wilson in a letter to Melvin A. Traylor, Chairman reorganization committee, submitted observations and statement of the operations of the company during the period of the receivership from Sept. 9 1920 to Jan. 1 1925. The statement says in substance:

Territory Served.—Company serves what is known as Greater Kansas City. Its population is approximately 500,000, and the district served has an area of 100 sq. miles. It presents unusually severe operating conditions which makes comparisons with other cities difficult. It is a city built on a succession of hills and bluffs. Over 97% of the lines have grades of from 5 to 12%. The retail business district is congested. These conditions are directly reflected in the maintenance and operating accounts, and the low traffic density per mile of track. Kansas City gives more miles of car service per capital than any other street railway property reporting to the American Electric Railway Association.

Mileage.—There are 317,714 miles of track, divided as follows: Kansas City, Mo., 229,437 miles; Kansas City, Kan., 69,300 miles; Independence and Jackson County, 18,977 miles.

Trackage includes car yards, industrial tracks and switches. 231 miles are paved. Practically all open track is on private right of way.

Physical & Financial Condition.—When receivers assumed control the physical and financial condition of the company was deplorable due to many and varied causes. Car equipment, tracks and power house were run down and in bad condition owing to the inability of the company to finance upkeep and produce betterments. The credit of the company was destroyed. One of the first acts of the receivers was to apply to the Court for authority to issue \$350,000 of receivership certificates in order to raise money sufficient to pay labor bills and other expenses actually necessary to the operation of cars. Authority granted, the receivers succeeded in disposing of the entire issue to Kansas City bankers without expenditure for commissions. Due to prompt change in policy and introduction of strict economies, these certificates were retired within 3 months. Accentuating the condition of the property at the time of the receivership, there was a net deficit for the year preceding (1919) of \$2,728,482, as against 1920, when the deficit was reduced to \$1,323,291.

Obligations of Company.—The following statement discloses obligations of the company at the time of the receivership. Detailed information is also given as to its condition Dec. 31 1924, showing progress. It will be observed that the item of suits filed against the company, which amounted at the beginning of the receivership to \$27,131,186 has been so materially

reduced that the receivers think they will be able to liquidate all these claims through compromise judgments and by agreement of parties to approximately \$1,500,000.

Indebtedness of The K. C. Railways Co. at Date of Receivership, Sept. 9 1920.
(Total \$33,893,842.)

Notes payable	\$2,205,400
Vouchers payable, current accounts	747,859
Payrolls	324,556
Car trust notes	317,507
Real estate mortgages	23,250
Miscellaneous accounts payable	50,998
23rd Street viaduct	143,930
Accrued taxes	837,467
Wyandotte County bridge	425,000
15th Street subway	100,000
Injury and damage certificate	126,297
2,523 Suits, amount sued for	27,131,186
Judgments	525,346
Claims in Federal Court (not in State courts)	935,046

Indebtedness of The K. C. Railways Co. and Receivers As Of Dec. 31 1924.
(Total \$11,209,524.)

Judgments on old cases (1,752)	\$2,131,042
Judgments on appeal (2)	37,500
465 Cases pending against receivers, amount sued for	5,221,184
Injury and damage certificates	1,516
Notes payable	2,205,400
Vouchers and accounts payable	296,024
Payrolls	155,273
Wyandotte County bridge	496,666
15th Street subway	100,000
Accrued taxes	564,920

The total reduc. in liab. during receivership amounted to—\$22,684,317

Cash and Material Account—	Sept. 9, '20	Dec. 31, '24
Accounts receivable	\$500,475	\$411,488
Cash assets	252,021	*5,296,845
Materials	833,426	861,638
Total	\$1,585,922	\$6,569,971

Gain in cash assets during receivership—\$4,984,049
Capital additions by receivers—2,691,820

Increase in cash assets and property account under receivers—\$7,675,868
* Cash on hand, April 18 1924, \$312,719. U. S. Government Securities, \$5,600,000.

Expenditures During Receivership from Sept. 9 1920 to Dec. 31 1924.

Pre-receivership debts, incl. current accounts, payrolls, car trust notes, 23rd St. viaduct taxes	\$2,413,661
Capital improvements on property	2,691,820
General and special taxes	2,418,146
Maintenance of track and paving	3,692,278
Maintenance of equipment	4,305,973
Personal injuries and property damage claims	2,103,333
Fuel	4,594,639
Wages	23,266,727

Last Year's Operation.—In some respects the showing in 1924 both in gross and net is below that of 1923. This result is not peculiar to Kansas City. During 1923 there was a steady increase in gross revenue up to June, when the effect of business depression in the farm and live stock industries began to be felt here. This depression was marked throughout the last year and practically all cities showed a marked falling off in gross business. Also the largely increased use of automobiles during 1924 tended to reduce the railways income.

Comparative Statements—	1924.	1923.
Total operating revenue	\$10,024,230	\$10,514,734
Total operating expenses	8,478,490	8,502,112

Net operating revenue—\$1,545,741 \$2,012,623
Fares.—The first increase in fares from 5 cents to 6 cents was granted July 19, 1918. The next increase, from 6 cents to 7 cents, was on Aug. 20, 1919 and on Dec. 14 1919 the fare was increased from 7 cents to the present rate of fare, which yields an average of 7.5 cents.

Equipment.—The passenger rolling stock at this date consists of 23 single truck trailers, 125 two motor single truck cars, and 621 four motor double truck cars, making a total of 746 motors and 23 trailers. All passenger equipment is in good physical condition.

Power.—Company's power station was completed in 1904. The building has an area of 50,340 sq. ft., is well designed and adaptable for installation of modern equipment.

At the date of the receivership power costs were unreasonably high and seemed to have an upward trend. Studies were made of the power plant, and with only nominal capital expenditures and without new motor equipment, the power costs have been reduced from a maximum of 1.838c per kw. hr. in Dec. 1920, to a minimum of .8319c in Dec. 1924.

Way & Structures.—The property today is in good physical condition—very much better than when the receivers assumed control. More than 13 1/2 miles of track have been completely rebuilt. 5 1/2 miles of track have been added. All track rehabilitation has been of the most substantial character. Paving has been repaired when necessary.

Number of Employees.—There has been a continuous decrease in the number of employees necessary to operate the property, due to the gradual increase of individual efficiency and the extension of one-man car operation. In Dec. 1920, there were 3,639 employees, while in Dec. 1924, the total number of employees was 3,076, a reduction of 563.

At the present time 28% of the total passenger miles operated are one man.

Freight Revenue.—Special attention has been paid to the development of freight revenue. During 1920 the company's freight income was \$36,097 and for the year 1924, amounted to \$84,007 a net increase of 133 1-3%.

Jitneys.—In the fall of 1920 there were approximately 700 jitneys in operation in Greater Kansas City, and the receivers recognizing the fact that the rehabilitation of the property was an impossibility in the face of this competition, inaugurated a campaign to eliminate jitneys. Every legitimate means of awakening the public interest in this evil were adopted, and as a result of this educational campaign during 1921 ordinances were passed by the municipal authorities which effectually eliminated jitney and bus competition. These ordinances were attacked in the courts and after numerous hearings were finally validated by the Missouri Supreme Court.

Automobiles.—In 1914 there were not to exceed 8,000 passenger vehicles in this city. At the present time the best available figures show a registration of over 100,000 automobiles in Greater Kansas City.

Motor Buses.—It was apparent early in 1924 that the constant bus propaganda was having its effect in Kansas City, and that something would have to be done by the company to overcome possible ruinous competition from this source. On account of the much improved public relations of the Railways Co. with the citizens of Kansas City, there was a general sentiment that the Railways Co. should have the preference in the granting of a bus franchise. On April 20 Judge Kimbrough Stone approved the expenditure of \$750,000 for 63 busses covering the better sections of the city and the building of a modern garage. In laying out this bus program every effort was made to co-ordinate it with the car lines so as to render the public the greatest possible service without encroaching upon present street car business. The receivers, under an order by Judge Stone, had completed negotiations with the City for a franchise which in a practical sense gives the company the exclusive right to operate busses in Kansas City for a period of 3 years upon favorable terms.

Taxes.—For 1920, the general taxes against the railways property was \$611,607. The receivers made every effort to secure a reduction in taxes, and as a result of numerous hearings before the taxing authorities, general taxes for 1924 were \$488,697. The net reduction in taxes last year was \$122,910 less than for the year 1920.

During 1921 the assessment of the Railways property in Missouri was increased by the State Tax Commission approximately \$9,000,000. The receivers enlisted the commercial organizations of Kansas City, public officials and newspapers in an effort to secure a just reduction, and through the joint efforts of all concerned the State Board of Equalization reduced and disapproved the increased assessment, which would otherwise have increased the tax burden of the Railways Co. approximately \$325,000 per year.

Receivership Expenses & Economies.—Receivership expenses are often a heavy charge upon financially unfortunate companies and corporations. We submit that our operation of the property has been highly constructive in many ways, particularly in the exercise of practical economies without decreasing service or increasing fares. For instance, soon after the receiver-

ship we effected an annual saving in office administration expenses alone of more than \$100,000—more than sufficient to pay all receivership expenses. Through further economies and increased efficiency the total number of employees was reduced approximately 560, although more work is being done and service materially increased. By cash payments of current accounts, discounts have been saved amounting to a comparatively large sum. Investment in Government securities of funds awaiting distribution under orders of the Court, has earned to April 18 of this year, approximately \$530,000.—V. 120, p. 330.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. Co.

(8th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION FOR CALENDAR YEARS.				
	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Miles of road operated...	511.60	511.60	511.60	511.60
Revenue tons carried...	15,231,932	15,359,467	10,212,795	10,269,231
Revenue ton miles...	1476470,456	1551357,255	895,712,125	1045778,410
Av. net tons per train m.	977	1,012	893	914
Avge. rev. per ton mile...	1.110	1.094 cts.	1.257 cts.	1.217 cts.
Av. rev. per mile of road	\$32,047	\$33,183	\$22,004	\$24,881
Passengers carried...	624,062	681,865	768,206	1,054,231
Passengers carried 1 mile	21,806,006	23,904,114	24,094,498	29,489,242
Av. rev. per pass. per m.	3.12 cts.	3.16 cts.	3.23 cts.	3.23 cts.
Pass. rev. per mile of rd.	\$1,330	\$1,477	\$9,520	\$1,861
Av. No. pass. per train m.	28.63	31.71	30.98	34.22
Net op. rev. per m. of rd	\$7,666	\$8,719	\$3,935	\$5,913
Net oper. rev. per tr. m.	\$1.69	\$1.91	\$1.12	\$1.48

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Corporate.		Federal and Corporate Combined.	
	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Operating Income—				
Railway oper. rev.....	\$18,332,401	\$19,213,669	\$13,179,902	\$14,791,993
Railway oper. exp.....	14,410,273	14,753,220	11,166,554	11,767,002
Net. rev. from ry. oper	\$3,922,128	\$4,460,449	\$2,013,348	\$3,024,991
Railway tax accruals...	1,255,606	1,326,809	1,229,557	1,064,972
Uncoll. railway rev.....	4,732	1,915	1,128	1,879
Ry. oper. income.....	\$2,661,791	\$3,131,724	\$782,663	\$1,958,141
Non-Operating Income—				
Rent from equipment.....	\$50,907	\$46,474	\$20,529	\$9,476
Joint facility rent income	41,236	40,101	27,940	28,930
Inc. from lease of road...	6,000	6,000	997,035	6,000
Miscel. rent income.....	19,392	19,509	17,331	18,310
Misc. non-op. phy. prop	10		55	257
Inc. from funded sec.....	100,279	100,279	100,279	100,312
Inc. from unfunded secs. & accts.....	78,320	45,847	689,994	19,874
Miscellaneous income.....	5,637	4204,631	11,903	186,068
Gross income.....	\$2,963,571	\$3,594,566	\$2,047,728	\$2,327,367
Deductions—				
Hire of freight cars, de-				
bit balance.....	\$294,944	\$371,114	\$279,350	\$263,291
Rent for equipment.....	13,036	60,221	66,002	5,828
Joint facility rents.....	84,465	76,209	66,176	52,451
Miscel. rents.....	742	1,529	475	794
Interest on funded debt...	1,254,247	1,303,701	1,326,315	1,265,782
Int. on unfunded debt...	21,653	22,224	26,073	170,580
Amor. disc. on fund. debt...	11,740	11,740	11,740	11,740
Net income.....	\$1,282,744	\$1,747,826	\$211,596	\$549,720
Invest. in rd. & equip...	\$78,115	\$87,149	\$77,820	\$78,244
Inc. applied to sinking & other reserve funds.....	30,000	30,000	25,000	30,000
Sur. trans. to prof. & loss...	\$1,174,629	\$1,630,677	\$108,776	\$441,475

Note.—(a) \$991,035; (b) \$55,000 and (c) \$10,000 additional amounts received in final settlement of accounts with Director-General of Railroads and included in 1922. (d) \$202,547 additional amount received in final settlement with the United States Government for guaranty period operation.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1924.		1923.		Liabilities—	1924.		1923.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Road.....	69,549,779	69,427,824	Pr. Lien cap. stk. cl.	11,882,600	11,882,600				
Equipment.....	15,985,234	16,035,691	Common stock...	33,641,300	33,641,300				
General.....	33,768	33,768	Preferred stock...	10,344,958	10,344,958				
Sinking funds.....	240,000	210,043	L. E. Div. 1st 5s	2,000,000	2,000,000				
Dep. in lieu of mtgd. prop. sold	34,395	18,895	Wheel. Div. 1st 5s	409,000	894,000				
Misc. phys. prop	129	581	Ext. & Imp. 1st 5s	409,000	409,000				
Inv. in affil. cos.:			1st Cons. M. 4s.	6,870,000	6,870,000				
Stock b.....	1,030,469	1,030,469	Equip. trust 5s.	1,386,000	1,848,000				
Bonds b.....	2,224,000	2,224,000	Equip. notes 6s.	3,355,000	3,660,000				
Advances.....	432,443	392,243	Participation cts	300,000	300,000				
Other investm'ts	1,769,662	1,463,462	10-Yr. notes, 7s.	900,000	900,000				
Cash.....	502,407	416,556	U.S. Gov. notes 6s	4,360,000	4,360,000				
Special deposits.....	463,907	476,745	Ref. Mtge. bds.	4,827,000	4,827,000				
Loans & bills re:			Nat. Ry. Serv. Corp. Eq. tr.	10,418,900	11,357,500				
Traff. & car serv. bal. receiv'le.	330,067	280,388	Notes payable.....		165,000				
Due fr. agts. & conductors.....	154,042	214,100	Traff. & car serv. bal. payable.	20,836	60,355				
Misc. accts. rec'd.	424,252	456,575	Audited accts. & wages payable	1,205,563	1,655,457				
Int. & divs. rec'd.	50,028	5,027	Misc. accts. pay	42,029	41,629				
Mat'l & supplies	998,132	1,169,233	Int. mat'd undp.	58,257	61,945				
Wkg. fund adv.	7,520	7,528	Unmat'd int. acr	363,863	378,188				
Ins. paid in advt.	16,770	18,662	Other def'd liab.	395,867	327,232				
Disc. on fd. debt.	26,455	38,196	Tax liability.....	808,632	858,788				
Nat. Ry. Service equipment	10,345,358	11,253,958	Accr. depr. equip	2,663,228	2,193,904				
Misc. unadj. deb's	351,684	399,387	Operating res'v'e	348,522	334,037				
			Oth. unadj. cred	1,552,635	1,391,909				
			Corporate surp.	5,892,312	4,809,906				
			P. & L. surplus.	5,892,312	4,809,906				
Total.....	104,979,503	105,608,409	Total.....	104,979,503	105,608,409				

a Investments in affiliated companies: (1) Stocks: Toledo Belt Ry., \$238,320; Zanesville Belt & Terminal Ry., \$100,000; Sugar Creek & Northern R.R., \$1,000; Lorain & West Virginia Ry., \$500,000; Wandle Co., \$191,149; total, \$1,030,469. (2) Bonds: Toledo Belt Ry., \$224,000; Lorain & W. Va. Ry., \$2,000,000; total, \$2,224,000. (3) Advances to the Wandle Co., \$432,443. Pledged as collateral security to funded obligations of the company, except stock owned in the Wandle Co. c No cumulative dividends have been paid on Prior Lien stock. d Additions to property through income and surplus, \$1,122,634; funded debt retired through income and surplus, \$190,000; sinking fund reserves, \$240,000; total corporate surplus, \$1,552,635. x The surplus has been temporarily used for additions and betterments to the property and for equipment trust payments.—V. 120, p. 2812, 207.

International Nickel Company.

(23d Annual Report—Year Ending Mar. 31 1925.)

President Robert C. Stanley, New York, May 27, wrote in substance:

Sales.—Sales of nickel were slightly greater than during the preceding year, notwithstanding generally inactive business conditions throughout the first 6 months. An increased demand for our products occurred in the last half of the fiscal period, due to the further development of new uses and to a revival of business in the steel and automotive industries. As a result of increased demand and improved world market conditions the price of nickel is recovering from the abnormally low figures that have obtained since 1921, but is still considerably below the average price of the preceding decade.

The tonnage of Monel metal and rolled nickel distributed exceeded the sales of last year despite several months of slack business. This gratifying increase is due in part to the greatly improved product of our Huntington works, but primarily to the joint activities of the research, development, and sales organizations.

Operations.—The Creighton mine, the Smelter at Copper Cliff and the refinery at Port Colborne were operated continuously throughout the year at approximately two-thirds capacity. Economies in process, careful supervision and co-ordination of operations enabled the management to reduce costs of smelting and refining. Mine development was augmented during the year and this important work will be vigorously continued in accordance with the company's established policy.

The company has ore reserves sufficient to meet smelter requirements for many years to come. All of the properties are being maintained in a high state of efficiency and the operating organization is prepared to realize further economies as production increases.

Huntington Works.—During the year steady and orderly progress has been made at the Huntington Works. As forecast in the last report there has been an increasing demand for sheets and rods of a high finish, which can be buffed to a lustrous surface at minimum cost. To meet this condition the management has increased facilities by the addition of mills and polishing equipment for the production of cold rolled sheets and cold drawn rods. These new materials are constantly finding a broader field of application.

The call for diversity of mill products has made necessary some additional floor space and equipment used in the initial step of the Monel metal process. As this expansion was anticipated when the plant was designed the work was completed by a comparatively small capital expenditure.

Capital Expenditures.—The management must constantly consider the advisability of expenditures for changes in existing equipment, installation of labor saving devices and provision of space and equipment necessary to obtain lower costs and improved quality of product.

During the year there were expended and charged to capital account sums aggregating \$471,735 as compared with \$706,006 for the previous year. The distribution was as follows: Copper Cliff \$55,562, Port Colborne \$90,435, Huntington Works \$301,639 and Bayonne Works \$24,099.

Outlook.—Distribution of nickel and rolled products is steadily becoming more diversified, a condition which should lead to increased and stabilized earnings. The general plan of exploitation, including research, field service, publicity and advertising, introduced during the past three years, has shown gratifying results and will be continued, and its scope extended as the volume of permanent business grows.

An active development program has been recently inaugurated as an endeavor to increase the use of nickel bearing steel and nickel cast iron; to introduce nickel into alloys produced in the brass foundry; and to improve the art of nickel-plating by increasing the thickness and density of nickel deposits. Technical field work will be supplemented by an advertising and publicity campaign, similar to that which is proving successful in developing a market for your Huntington Mill products.

The Research Laboratory has proved a valuable adjunct to development and sales effort and it is becoming more and more apparent that research is as necessary in developing new business in metals as in other branches of industry.

The company's foreign business is improving, both in volume of sales and realized prices, and it is fair to assume that exports will continue to increase as general business conditions abroad improve.

Company is making satisfactory progress and the management has every reason to believe that with a continuation of its present sale policy the consumption of Nickel and Monel Metal will increase.

Shareholders.—The number of Preferred shareholders was 1,509 on March 31 1925, as compared with 1,560 on March 31 1924. The number of Common shareholders was 12,447 on March 31 1925, as against 15,987 on March 31 1924.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF AMERICAN COMPANIES.

	1st Quar.		2d Quar.		3d Quar.		4th Quar.	
	June 30 '24.	Sept. 30 '24.	June 30 '24.	Sept. 30 '24.	June 30 '24.	Sept. 30 '24.	June 30 '24.	Sept. 30 '24.
x Earnings of all properties.....	\$794,777	\$894,203	\$1,344,966	\$1,880,343				
Other income.....	50,879	34,791	66,687	42,554				
Total income.....	\$845,656	\$928,994	\$1,411,653	\$1,922,897				
General office expense.....	\$103,304	\$90,428	\$95,090	\$103,994				
Res. for Fed. & Franchise Taxes (est.).....	60,659	85,526	148,092	173,229				
Orford works prop. & shut down expense*	29,131	\$25,411	\$27,225	\$34,112				
Depreciation & depletion	292,864	291,871	302,728	312,979				
Foreign comp. not incl.			8,500					
Preferred dividend.....	133,689	133,689	133,689	133,689				
Balance.....	\$226,010	\$302,068	\$704,829	\$1,156,395				
* Insurance, Taxes, &c., and Pensions of Ex-Employees.								

x After deducting manufacturing, selling expense, ordinary repairs and maintenance.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 120, p. 2822.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.

Assets—	1925.		1924.		Liabilities—	1925.		1924.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Property acct.....	x50,044,396	50,773,104	Pref. 6% non-cum. stock.....	8,912,600	8,912,600				
Real estate mtge. & sundry secs.....	229,006	236,459	Common stock.....	41,834,600	41,834,600				
Inventories.....	8,549,112	7,469,249	Accts. payable & payrolls.....	748,290	610,084				
Accts. rec'd.....	2,672,050	1,907,904	Taxes accrued.....	545,425	203,916				
Interest receivable.....	29,592	10,996	Divs. unclaimed.....	149	145				
Advances.....	103,587	112,224	Pref. div. No. 78						
Govt. securities.....	1,510,412	602,350	Payable May 1.....	133,689	133,689				
Loans on call (sec.).....	1,200,000	1,000,000	Ins. & contingent funds & reserves	522,823	395,645				
Cash.....	1,498,563	728,234	Surplus.....	13,139,143	10,749,841				
Total (ea. side).....	65,836,720	62,840,520							

x Properties owned and operated, including investments in stocks of Nickel Corp., Ltd., and Societe Miniere Caledonienne as at March 31 1924, \$60,958,374, less amount written off for dismantlement during year, \$118,820; leaving \$60,839,554, plus additions during year less recoveries, \$471,739; total, \$61,311,289; deduct depreciation of plants reserve, \$8,292,868, and depletion reserve, \$2,974,025; balance as above, \$50,044,396.—V. 120, p. 2822, 2408.

International Mercantile Marine Co.

(Advance Statement Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

Pres. P. A. S. Franklin at the annual meeting of stockholders June 1 reported in substance:

Annual Results.—Owing to unavoidable delays in the receipt from abroad completed accounts for 1924 will not be ready until the latter part of June. Pending such issue we give below estimated result of operation for the year 1924.

RESULTS OF OPERATING INT. M. M. CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES. (Incl. American Red Star, White Star, Atlantic Transport & Leyland Lines.)

	1924.		1923.		1922.		1921.	
	Estimated.	Actual.	Actual.	Actual.	Actual.	Actual.	Actual.	Actual.
Net result, incl. ins. fund sur. for 1924, after deduct. oper. & gen. exp., taxes & int. on exp. of sub. cos.....	*\$6,875,834	\$6,113,597	\$6,971,131	\$14,069,053				
Int. on I.M.M.Co. bonds	2,198,931	2,223,719	2,256,254	2,153,725				
Depre. on steamers.....	5,756,208	5						

NET EARNINGS FROM STEAMERS DIRECTLY OPERATED BY I. M. M. CO. PLUS MISC. EARNINGS & DIVS. FROM SUB. COS.

	1924. Estimated.	1923. Actual.	1922. Actual.	1921. Actual.
Total net earn. of I. M. M. Co. plus div. from sub. cos. after deduct. taxes & gen. exp.	\$4,303,103	\$3,417,522	\$6,354,838	\$8,329,309
I. M. M. Co. Bond int.	2,198,931	2,223,719	2,256,254	2,153,725
Deprec. on steamers directly owned	398,835	398,835	398,835	998,835
Surplus	\$1,705,337	\$794,968	\$3,699,750	\$5,176,749

* Dividends received from foreign subsidiary companies have been converted at the market rate of exchange on date received.

As stated in the 1923 annual report the new Immigration Act, which took effect July 1 1924, materially reduced the number of westbound second and third class passengers, which to a certain extent was offset by an increase in the first class movement both eastbound and westbound and also by an increase in the second and third class movement eastbound. The total passenger traffic across the Atlantic to and from the United States and Canada, in all of which the companies have an important share, shows a decrease of 217,041 passengers moved in the year 1924 as compared with 1923.

There was little improvement in the freight situation; nevertheless, the total combined earnings of all the companies made a better showing than for 1923, largely brought about by the concentration of sailings.

The earnings of company (the parent company) show a material improvement over 1923 due to the receipt of dividends from a subsidiary company, paid out of its surplus accumulated prior to 1924.

Although passenger rates for 1925 have improved, the volume of passenger traffic moving shows only a moderate increase. The freight business generally is not as satisfactory as it was a year ago, for while the European situation has improved, the development of trade and commerce thus far has been disappointing; the number of steamers available is largely in excess of the business offering and expenses of operating are considerably greater due largely to the increased cost of fuel oil. While the estimated net earnings for the first four months of 1925 are less than for the corresponding period of last year, it is hoped that the results for the entire year will not be less favorable than for 1924.

Although competition is very severe, we are maintaining our position in the various trades and doing our utmost to husband our cash resources with the view of being in position to take full advantage when the hoped for improvement comes.—V. 120, p. 459.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on May 22 had 327,216 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 3,217 under the number reported on May 14. Surplus coal cars in good repair on May 22 totaled 134,669, a decrease of 6,539 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 142,390, an increase of 2,677 during the same period. Reports also showed 23,626 surplus stock cars, an increase of 493 over the number reported on May 14, while there was an increase of 179 during the same period in the number of surplus refrigerator cars which brought the total for that class of equipment to 17,620.

Car Shortage.—No car shortage is being reported.

Locomotive Repair.—Class I railroads on May 15 had 11,389 locomotives in need of repair, 17.8% 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 288 over the number in need of repair on May 1, at which time there were 11,101, or 17.3%. It was, however, a decrease of 477 compared with the number on May 15 last year, at which time there were 11,869, or 18.4%. Of the total number, 6,377, or 10%, were in need of classified repairs, an increase compared with May 1 this year of 295, while 5,012, or 7.8%, were in need of running repairs, a decrease of 7 within the same period. Serviceable locomotives in storage on May 15 totaled 6,680, a decrease of 17 compared with the number of such locomotives on May 1.

Freight Car Repair.—Freight cars in need of repair on May 15 totaled 193,035, or 8.3% 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 3,521 over the number reported on May 1, at which time there were 189,514, or 8.2%. Freight cars in need of heavy repair on May 15 totaled 146,541, or 6.3%, an increase of 2,494 compared with May 1. Freight cars in need of light repair totaled 46,494, or 2%, an increase of 1,027 compared with May 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" May 30.—(a) Hearings on Nickel Plate merger, p. 2765. (b) Readjustments of rates and wages cost roads \$200,000,000 in 1924, p. 2766. (c) Settlement of accounts with Director-General of Railroads, p. 2767. (d) Loans made by Federal authorities under Control Act, &c., p. 2768. (e) Inter-State Commerce Commission sees rate fixing ineffective as means of insuring good transportation service, p. 2769. (f) Roads operated with greatest degree of safety on record, p. 2769.

Ann Arbor RR.—Sold to Wabash.

A despatch from Owosso, Mich., June 5 states that the Ann Arbor RR. has been sold to the Wabash RR. according to an announcement by J. E. Tussig, President of the Wabash. The sale is subject to the approval of the I.-S.-C. Commission.

The purchase of the Ann Arbor RR. by the Wabash is believed by New York observers to be part of the consolidation plan of L. F. Loree, Pres. of the Delaware & Hudson, to make the latter railroad the nucleus of a large trunk-line system. The Wabash is included in the program of Mr. Loree, filed with the I.-S.-C. Commission, on which the Commission has not yet acted. William H. Williams, Chairman of the Board of the Wabash, is also a V.-Pres. of the Delaware & Hudson. It was reported on May 19 that the Wabash had purchased 13,000 shares of the Common and Preferred stock of the Ann Arbor RR., and J. S. Bache, Pres. of the Ann Arbor, intimated at the time that one of the larger lines was on the point of buying the Ann Arbor. Mr. Bache became President of the road last April, succeeding the late Newman Erb.—V. 120, p. 2681.

Bonhomie & Hattiesburg Southern R. R.—Securities.

The I.-S.-C. Commission on May 23 authorized the company to issue (1) \$100,000 Common stock, par \$100 each, and (2) \$235,000 1st mtg. 6% bonds, the stock and bonds to be delivered to W. S. F. Tatum in payment for property acquired.

The commission on Jan. 5 1925 issued an amended certificate conditionally authorizing the company to acquire and operate a line of railroad extending from Beaumont to Hattiesburg, Miss., a distance of 25.95 miles (V. 120, p. 1325). The property to be acquired is owned by the Gulf, Mobile & Northern RR., and will be purchased by W. S. F. Tatum for the sum of \$335,000. Tatum will then convey the property to the company, receiving as consideration therefor the above securities proposed to be issued.—V. 120, p. 325.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Reorganization Plan.

A plan of reorganization has been promulgated by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City Co., reorganization managers, and has been adopted by committees representing the bondholders, the Preferred and Common stockholders. The announcement of the plan on June 2, less than three months after the appointment of receivers, sets a new record in railroad reorganizations, such proceedings having often been delayed two or more years.

Under the plan the company's indebtedness to the U. S. Government, amounting to \$55,000,000, will be liquidated. Preferred stockholders will be assessed \$28 per share, for which the holder will receive 5% mortgage bonds at the rate of \$24 and one share of new Pref. for each share held; and

Common stockholders will be assessed \$32 per share, for which the holder will receive 5% mortgage bonds at the rate of \$28 and one share of new Common stock.

The bankers who are now acting as reorganization managers have given long and careful study to the financial problems of the system, extending over a considerable period, during which they were co-operating with the board of directors of the company in endeavoring to find some way to solve the company's immediately pressing difficulties without the necessity of a receivership. The consummation of the plan, it is believed, will meet the problems of the system by effecting:

(a) Net reduction in the amount of fixed interest bearing securities by over \$227,000,000 and a reduction of annual fixed interest charges on funded debt from about \$21,800,000 to about \$11,467,000. This amount, it is believed, will be so well within the earnings of the system, even under such adverse conditions as have prevailed during recent years, as to remove the risk of financial embarrassment and insure the ready sale of the new 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds as they may be needed for future requirements.

(b) Funding of over \$185,000,000 of obligations maturing during the next few years into long term obligations, the interest charges upon over \$130,000,000 of which will be contingent upon earnings.

(c) Provision of \$70,032,548 of cash by assessments of \$28 per share on the Pref. stock and \$32 per share on the Common stock, for \$60,698,820 of which new 50-Year 5% Mortgage Gold Bonds will be issued at par and for the balance of which no new securities will be issued.

(d) Release of \$18,000,000 of General Mortgage Bonds now pledged to secure the Notes held by the U. S. Government. With the General Mortgage Bonds now in or due to the treasury of the Railway Company, \$26,370,000 of the bonds will thus be presently available for capital requirements, and upon the maturity in 1934 of the \$14,000,000 of 10-Year 6% 1st Mtge. Bonds Security, Gold Loan Bonds of 1924, which are secured by the pledge of \$20,000,000 of Gen. Mtge. Bonds, an additional amount of those bonds should become available.

(e) Adequate provision through the new 1st & Ref. Mtge. for financing future capital requirements and for refunding underlying bonds. No 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds will be presently issued under the plan.

(f) Funding the unsecured claims against the company into stock of the new company.

(g) Payment of all the expenses of the reorganization out of that part of the payments by stockholders for which new securities are not to be issued, thus accomplishing all the foregoing advantages without expense to the creditors and without burdening the System with additional capitalization for such expenses.

The reduction of fixed interest bearing securities is accomplished by the conversion of \$230,950,796 of bonds secured under the Refunding Mortgage and the Puget Sound Mortgage into income obligations the lien of which will be subordinate to the new securities provided for the raising of new money. The stockholders cannot be expected to provide the large amount of new money presently required unless (a) they are given for a substantial part of their new money a security the interest upon which is certain, (b) the new company is freed from a constant threat of financial embarrassment through fixed interest obligations for which there is no substantial margin of earnings, and (c) future requirements are provided for by a mortgage of sufficient security to enable the sale of bonds thereunder at normal discounts and interest rates.

Bondholders' Committee.—The following committee represents holders of the following bonds: (a) 4% Gold bonds of 1925, due 1925; (b) 4% 15-Year European Loan of 1910 bonds, due 1925; (c) 4½% Convertible Gold bonds, due 1932; (d) 25-Year 4% Gold bonds of 1909, due 1934; (e) Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound Ry. 1st M. 4% Gold bonds, due 1949; (f) Gen. & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series A and Series B, due 2014.

Frederick H. Ecker, Chairman, Bertram Cutler, Edward D. Duffield, Samuel H. Fisher, Jerome J. Hanauer, William E. Knox, Charles E. Mitchell, Charles A. Peabody, H. F. Whitcomb, with Sanford H. E. Freund, Sec., 55 Wall St., New York.

Committee Representing Preferred Stockholders.—Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman, Arthur W. Loasby, Oliver C. Fuller, John McHugh, Harold I. Pratt, with Boyd G. Curtis, Sec., 100 Broadway, New York.

Committee Representing Common Stockholders.—Donald G. Geddes, Chairman, George W. Davison, Bayard Dominick, Stanley Field, Walter L. Johnson, Percy A. Rockefeller, with C. E. Sigler, Sec., 80 Broadway, N. Y.

Depositories.—For (a) 4% Gold bonds of 1925, and (b) 4% 15-Year European Loan of 1910 bonds, United States Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., N. Y.; (c) 4½% Convertible Gold bonds, Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y.; (d) 25-Year 4% Gold bonds of 1909, Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., N. Y.; (e) Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound Ry. 1st M. 4% Gold bonds, United States Trust Co., 45 Wall St., N. Y.; (f) Gen. & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series A and Series B, Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y.

Depositories in Europe.—For 4% 15-Year European Loan of 1910 bonds, Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Paris, France and London, Eng.

Sub-Depositories for All Bonds.—National Shawmut Bank, Boston; Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia; Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh; Illinois Merchants' Trust Co., Chicago; First National Bank, St. Paul, Minn.; Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; National Exchange Bank, Milwaukee, Wis.; Seattle National Bank, Seattle, Wash.

All bonds deposited must bear all unpaid appurtenant coupons maturing after Feb. 1 1925.

Depositories for Stock.—(a) Preferred, New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. (b) Common, Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y.

Sub-Depositories for Preferred Stock.—First National Bank of Boston; Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia; First National Bank, Pittsburgh; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Merchants' National Bank, St. Paul; Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis; First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee; Dexter Horton National Bank, Seattle.

Sub-Depositories for Common Stock.—Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia; Bank of Pittsburgh, National Association, Pittsburgh; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Northwestern Trust Co., St. Paul; Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis; Second Ward Savings Bank, Milwaukee; National Bank of Commerce, Seattle.

An introductory statement to the plan says in substance:

Readjustment of Financial Structure Necessary.—Early in 1925 the Directors retained Coverdale & Colpitts, Engineers, to study the condition, the immediate and future capital requirements and the earning possibilities of the System in order to aid the Board in determining the action to be taken respecting the maturity, on June 1 1925, of approximately \$48,000,000 of European Loan Bonds and 4% Bonds, due 1925. As a result of their examination the Engineers advised that even if the maturing bonds could be refunded, the company's difficulties would not be solved and that a readjustment of its financial structure was required. The board concurred in this conclusion, feeling that the interests of the security holders would not be served by any course which would not permanently meet the company's difficulties. It accordingly placed the facts before Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and National City Co. and representatives of the bondholders and stockholders with a view to their co-operation in the formulation of a plan of readjustment. Through such co-operation this plan has been formulated.

Receivership.—On March 18 1925, receivers were appointed by the Federal courts and it is expected that proceedings will shortly be commenced for the foreclosure of the Refunding Mortgage and the Puget Sound Mortgage.

Extent of System.—The St. Paul System comprises more than 11,000 miles of railroad including mileage owned jointly with other companies or controlled through stock ownership and mileage leased or operated under trackage contracts. The lines east of the Missouri River radiate from Chicago and form a net-work in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri and Indiana, serving a territory which is one of the richest and most fertile in the United States. The line west of the Missouri River extend to Puget Sound and serve a vast territory which, although at present less productive than that to the east, is susceptible of unlimited growth as its population increases and its agricultural resources are developed.

Outstanding Capitalization.—The outstanding capitalization of the system as of June 1 1925, aggregated \$702,864,396, which is at the rate of approximately \$63,000 per mile. Of this \$469,521,196, or about two-thirds, is in fixed interest bearing obligations and \$233,343,200, or about one-third, is in stock.

Earnings Inadequate to Meet Fixed Charges.—Since the termination of Federal Control in 1920 the System's earnings, even with inadequate depreciation charges, have not in any year except 1923 equalled total

fixed charges, and for the year ended Dec. 31 1924, notwithstanding a policy of retrenchment, earnings fell short of total charges by over \$1,800,000.

Reasons for Decline in Earnings.—This inability of the System to earn its fixed charges in recent years has been in large part due to the depressed conditions which have prevailed generally in the northwest. Settlement of the country has been retarded, farmers have emigrated or cut down their buying, and a large part of the territory served by the System, has, for the time being, failed to produce the volume of traffic necessary to support the System. Water competition via the Panama Canal has also had an especially adverse effect, an increasing volume of trans-continental traffic, attracted by low freight rates between the Atlantic and the Pacific, and also to the Far East, via the Canal, having been diverted to water carriers. The company has also suffered from the large increases in wages, material costs and taxes which have not been offset by a commensurate increase in freight and passenger rates. Passenger earnings have fallen from \$31,034,000 in 1920 to \$21,768,000 in 1924, due largely to motor vehicle competition. The lack of adequate earnings has resulted in the System's equipment becoming both deteriorated in quality and insufficient in amount. In addition many of the shops on the eastern part of the System are not modern and therefore are not as efficient as they should be.

Forecast.—The forecast of earnings prepared by Coverdale & Colpitts indicates that it will at best be several years before the earnings equal the present fixed charges and the additional requirements, including additional rentals of approximately \$800,000 a year resulting from the opening of the New Union Station in Chicago and interest on new money necessary to be borrowed for essential capital expenditures. On the other hand their forecast indicates that under conditions of reasonable prosperity in its territory the System can again be put upon a sound and profitable basis, if the new money required for improvements to road and equipment and for additional equipment is provided and the necessary relief from the present excessive fixed charges is given.

Improvements.—The program for improvement to road and equipment recommended by Coverdale & Colpitts contemplates an average expenditure for the next ten years of \$7,294,000 for additions and betterments to road and \$10,000,000 for new equipment and additions and betterments to existing equipment, or a total average of \$17,580,000 per year. Since the receivership the receivers have ordered 6,500 freight cars and have authorized, under Court orders, the construction of a new freight yard near Minneapolis and St. Paul and other improvements which the financial condition of the Railway Company prior to the receivership had not permitted.

Maturing Obligations Under Existing Capital Structure.—Under its existing capital structure the company faced \$239,957,396 maturities during the ten years 1925 to 1934 (including equipment obligations) in approximately the following amounts:

1925	\$52,840,896	1929	\$2,662,500	1932	\$53,117,500
1926	5,745,500	1930	32,662,500	1933	2,662,500
1927	27,662,500	1931	2,662,500	1934	57,278,500
1928	2,662,500				

The company's salable free collateral is substantially exhausted and its only medium of financing and refunding is the Refunding Mortgage, bonds under which are obviously not marketable because of the failure of the System's earnings to cover their interest. A large part of the above mentioned maturities are in obligations secured under this Refunding Mortgage. Over \$2,600,000 annually are in equipment obligations which must be paid at maturity without refunding.

Like Treatment for Refunding Mortgage and Puget Sound Bonds.—The Reorganization Managers and all of the Committees have concluded, after careful study and conference with Coverdale & Colpitts, that the equities of the situation require that all of the various issues of bonds secured under the Refunding Mortgage and the Puget Sound Bonds outstanding in the hands of the public be treated alike in the allotment of new securities.

None of the several issues of bonds which are secured directly or indirectly under the Refunding Mortgage have any other security and, although by their terms they bear different rates of interest and mature at different dates, the defaults which have occurred or will shortly occur, together with the sale of the company's property upon foreclosure of the Refunding Mortgage and under the general creditors' bill, will result in all of them being matured, and their rights to payment out of the proceeds of the mortgaged property will be identical.

While the Puget Sound Mortgage constitutes a first lien at the rate of approximately \$77,107 per mile on about 2,356 miles of the 10,126 miles of the System's owned main lines and to that extent ranks ahead of the Refunding Mortgage, the Refunding Mortgage participates in the lien of the Puget Sound Mortgage through the pledge under the Refunding Mortgage of \$154,489,500, or more than 85%, of the \$181,664,500 of Puget Sound Bonds now outstanding. The lines of railroad embraced in the Puget Sound Mortgage, although of great strategic value, lie west of the Missouri River and serve a territory which, while capable of development, has not as yet produced a volume of traffic sufficient to give those lines a value, from the point of view of earnings, comparable to the value of the lines east of the Missouri. Upon the latter lines the Refunding Mortgage constitutes a lien, which is subject as to most of the mileage to underlying mortgages, but which is not shared by the Puget Sound Mortgage.

Indebtedness of Company to U. S. Govt. to be Liquidated.

Company is indebted to the United States Government upon three 6% Notes:

- (1) a Note for \$20,000,000 dated Nov. 1 1920, due March 1 1930, taken by the Director General of Railroads under Section 207 of the Transportation Act and secured by \$20,000,000 of Refunding 6% Bonds.
- (2) a Note for \$25,000,000 dated March 1 1922, due March 1 1927, taken by the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 210 of the Transportation Act and secured by \$12,000,000 of General Mortgage 5% Bonds and \$30,329,000 of Refunding 6% Bonds, and
- (3) a Note for \$10,000,000 dated December 15 1922, due March 1 1930, taken by the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 210 of the Transportation Act and secured by \$6,000,000 of General Mortgage 5% Bonds and \$10,500,000 of Refunding 6% Bonds.

All those who have participated in the formulation of the Plan are convinced that the interests not only of all the security holders but also of the reorganized System would best be served by the present liquidation of these Notes.

Where the Government to foreclose upon its collateral and to exchange that collateral for new securities under the Plan the funded debt of the New Company would be increased at least \$35,000,000, and its interest charges at least \$1,750,000. All this increase would rank on a parity with the new securities to be issued to present bondholders, and at the same time the \$18,000,000 of General Mortgage Bonds would be left outstanding and the New Company deprived of their use for future requirements. Such a dilution of the security of the bondholders, and the great additional burden thus put ahead of the stockholders' equity, would be seriously detrimental both to the new company and to its security holders.

Were the debt to the Government to be extended and the new securities issuable against the present collateral, or other new securities, continued as collateral, the question of the ultimate refunding of the debt would remain unsettled and a constant drag on the new company's credit. Bonds would have to be reserved under the new 1st & Ref. Mtge. for such refunding, thereby materially weakening the value of that security and its adequacy as a provision for future capital expenditures.

Were the debt to the Government reduced to an amount which could remain upon the security of the \$18,000,000 of General Mortgage Bonds, say \$13,000,000, the new company would be deprived of the use of its best bonds for capital requirements during its first few years, and it would, therefore, be necessary to use for such purposes the new 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds which would naturally have to be sold at a higher interest cost than the General Mortgage Bonds and at a higher interest cost also than that at which it is expected the new 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds can be sold later when the new company's credit has been established.

Of the three Notes held by the Government the two taken by the Secretary of the Treasury seem to be fully secured even at the depressed prices of the collateral which have prevailed since the receivership. It is therefore believed that the payment of these two Notes in full would give the Government no preference to which it is not entitled, while by such payment the \$18,000,000 of pledged General Mortgage 5% Bonds would be freed to the treasury of the new company. The Plan therefore provides for such payment.

However at the prices which have prevailed during the receivership the collateral for the Note taken by the Director General does not fully secure that Note. The Plan therefore makes as alternative offers for that Note either

- (a) \$17,000,000 cash and \$3,000,000 par value of new Preferred Stock, with full interest on the Note to the date of settlement in cash, or
- (b) \$32,000,000 principal amount of new Adjustment Mortgage Bonds, being the amount of such bonds issuable under the Plan against the amount of Refunding Bonds now held as collateral for the Note.

Several conferences have been held with the Director General of Railroads in an effort to reach a satisfactory adjustment of the Note, but he has been unwilling to make any commitment at this time when any offer must necessarily be contingent upon the consummation of the Plan and has expressed himself as desirous of retaining full freedom of action. It is believed however by the Reorganization Managers and the Committees that offer (a) is entirely liberal to the Government and, for the reasons stated, of advantage to the new company. Offer (b) it is also believed fully recognizes the Government's position as a secured creditor through the Refunding Bonds held as collateral. In order to avoid or reduce the increase of capitalization which would result from the acceptance of offer (b), the reorganization managers are expressly authorized, in case said offer shall be accepted, to purchase for cancellation such principal amount of new Adjustment Mortgage Bonds as they may determine not exceeding \$32,000,000 and at such prices as they may determine not exceeding an average of 62½% of principal amount (which is the price at which the Refunding Bonds are held as collateral for the Note).

Expect Plan Operative in Short Time.—The issue of new securities contemplated by the plan will be subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission to which the necessary application will be made as soon as deposits under the plan and the foreclosure proceedings have progressed sufficiently to insure the consummation of the plan. There is every reason to hope that with the prompt co-operation of the security holders the reorganization can be accomplished in a comparatively short time and the system taken out of receivership and restored to its place among the financially strong roads of the country. To that end holders of the various securities dealt with in the plan are earnestly urged to deposit their holdings subject to the plan and agreement with the respective depositaries or sub-depositaries.

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Amount of Cash Estimated to Be Required to Carry Out the Plan (\$70,032,548).

To be applied to the following and such other and further purposes as may be determined by the reorganization managers or by the new company:

- (1) To pay the 6% note dated March 1 1922, held by U. S. Govt. \$25,000,000
- (2) To pay the 6% note dated Dec. 15 1922, held by U. S. Govt. 10,000,000
- (3) To provide for cash payment in connection with the liquidation of the 6% note dated Nov. 1 1920, held by U. S. Govt. 17,000,000
- (4) To provide for adjustments and payments of interest in respect of bonds deposited under the plan 1,544,325
- (5) To provide for additions and betterments, new equipment and other capital expenditures; working capital; settlement of claims; expenses of foreclosure and of the receivership over which the court has jurisdiction, including compensation and expenses of trustees; organization, franchise and other taxes, incl. stamps; compensation and expenses of engineering and accounting experts, &c.; advertising, and all other expenses of the reorganization b16,488,223

a If offer (a) above is not accepted this amount may be applied toward the purchase for cancellation of new Adjustment Mtge. bonds, any balance to be paid to the new company as additional working capital or for other capital purposes.

b From this amount a sum equal to \$1.50 per share of the existing Pref. stock and Common stock will be set aside to provide for the compensation of the reorganization managers and the committees, and the fees and disbursements of their counsel and all depositaries and sub-depositaries, any balance to be paid over to the new company as additional working capital, or, if the reorganization managers shall so determine, to be returned pro rata to the holders of certificates of deposit for stock.

(1) **Provision for Cash Requirements.**—The cash requirements are to be met by payments of \$28 per share by the holders of the \$115,931,900 existing Pref. stock and of \$32 per share by the holders of the \$117,411,300 existing Common stock, for which only \$60,698,820 of new bonds will be issued.

In addition it is estimated that out of the surplus earnings of the system for 1925, after providing for interest on the undisturbed obligations and the 1925 interest on the new Adjustment Mtge. bonds to the extent required, and out of the depreciation reserves accumulated during the year, there will be available for the payment of \$3,520,500 of equipment obligations maturing during 1925 or the early part of 1926 and for other capital expenditures and working capital about \$9,412,000.

(Obligations to Remain Undisturbed—Total, \$181,370,400.)

(A.) Direct obligations of Company, and other obligations assumed or guaranteed by it, or secured by lien upon its property.

- (1) Milwaukee & Northern RR. Extended 4½% 1st M. bonds, 1934. \$2,155,000
- (2) Milwaukee & Northern RR. Extended 4½% Consol. Mtge. bonds, 1934. 5,092,000
- (3) Chicago & Missouri River Division 1st M. 5s. 1926. 3,083,000
- (4) Bonds issued under General Mortgage due May 1 1929: (a) Series A 4% bonds, \$49,000,000; (b) Series B 3½% bonds, \$8,950,000; (c) Series C 4½% bonds, \$42,597,000. a100,547,000
- (5) Bellingham Bay & British Columbia RR. 1st M. 5s, 1932. 455,000
- (6) 10-Year 6% 1st M. Bonds Security, Gold Loan bonds of 1924, due Jan. 1 1934. 14,000,000
- (7) Chicago Milwaukee & Gary Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1948. b3,000,000

(B.) Obligations in respect of which company has assumed liability under lease dated July 1 1921, from Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry.:

- (8) Bedford Belt Line Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1938. c250,000
- (9) Southern Indiana Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1951. 7,287,000
- (10) Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 50-Year 5s, 1960. d8,056,000
- (11) Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. Income Mtge. 50-Year 5s, 1960. 6,336,000
- (12) 6% Note of Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry., due Oct. 1 1925. 167,400

(C.)—Equipment Trust Obligations.

- (13) 6% Equip. Trust Gold notes, dated Jan. 15 1920. \$10,955,000
- (14) 5% Equip. Trust Certificates, Series A, dated July 15 1922. 7,007,000
- (15) 5% Equip. Trust Certificates, Series B, dated Feb. 1 1923. 1,280,000
- (16) 5½% Equip. Trust Certifs., Series C, dated April 1 1923. 11,700,000

In addition the obligations of the foregoing classes now in the treasury or authorized under the terms of mortgages securing undisturbed obligations to be drawn down for expenditures heretofore or hereafter made, will remain undisturbed and available to the new company and are included in the term undisturbed obligations unless otherwise noted.

Obligations to the U. S. Government, to Be Liquidated (Total, \$55,000,000).

- (17) 6% note to the U. S. Govt., dated Nov. 1 1920, due Mar. 1 1930, secured by \$32,000,000 Refunding bonds, Series "Z". \$20,000,000
- (18) 6% note to the U. S. Govt., dated March 1 1922, due Mar. 1 1927, secured by \$12,000,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds, Series "D", and \$30,329,000 Refunding bonds, Series "Z". 25,000,000
- (19) 6% note to the U. S. Govt., dated Dec. 15 1922, due Mar. 1 1930, secured by \$6,000,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds, Series "D", and \$10,500,000 Refunding bonds, Series "Z". 10,000,000

Other Obligations to Be Liquidated (Total, \$2,200,000).

- (20) 5% loan of company under the agreement dated July 2 1924, between the company, Milwaukee Land Co. and New York Trust Co., commonly known as the Timber Loan, due July 2 1925; this loan is secured by stocks and obligations representing the company's interest in timber and farm lands and believed to be worth much more than the amount of the loan. By the terms of the loan agreement the proceeds and income from the collateral are to be applied to the payment of the loan. \$2,200,000

Obligations to Be Exchanged for New Securities (Total, \$230,950,796).

- (21) Refunding bonds, due Jan. 1 2014: (a) Series A 4½% bonds, \$43,089,000; (b) Series B 5% bonds, \$29,141,300. e\$72,230,300
- (22) 4% bonds, due 1925. 36,344,981
- (23) European Loan bonds (other than bonds pledged to secure the 4% bonds, due 1925). x11,831,515
- (24) 4½% bonds, due 1932. 50,000,000
- (25) 4% bonds, due 1934. 33,369,000
- (26) Pref. Solid bonds, due Jan. 1 1949. 67,325,000
- (27) Preferred stock. 115,931,090
- (28) Common stock. 117,411,300

Total amount of securities of system now outstanding. g\$702,864,396

x At the rate of exchange stipulated for conversion into 4% bonds, due 1925, the European Loan bonds being payable at the option of the holders in French francs or English pounds sterling.

a Not including: (1) Series D 5% bonds in treasury, \$8,370,000 (this includes \$3,370,000 not yet actually drawn down but now available under

the terms of the Gen. Mtge. to be drawn down for the treasury of the company and may be of any series; (2) Series "D" 5% bonds pledged to secure notes to U. S. Govt., \$18,000,000; (3) Series "D" 5% bonds pledged to secure 10-year bonds of 1924, \$20,000,000.

b Not including \$2,700,000 in treasury.
c Not including \$100,000 pledged under Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. First & Ref. Mtge. 5%, 1920.

d Not including: (1) \$200,000 pledged under Southern Indiana Ry. first mtge. 4s, 1911; (2) \$301,000 pledged to secure 6% note due Oct. 1 1925, of Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry.

e Not including \$72,892,000 Series "Z" pledged to secure notes to U. S. Government, and (2) \$44,383,200 Series "Z" in treasury.

f Not including \$15,439,500 pledged under the refunding mortgage.

g This total includes the following securities in the insurance fund: \$38,000 Milwaukee & Northern RR. 1st Mtge. bonds; \$20,000 Milwaukee & Northern Consol. Mtge. bonds; \$759,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds, Series A, \$1,244,981 4% bonds, due 1925; \$19,200 4 1/2% bonds, due 1932; \$83,000 4% bonds, due 1934; \$1,000,000 Puget Sound bonds; \$11,500 Refunding bonds, Series "B"; \$86,100 Pref. stock and \$5,300 Common stock. The company, with other railroad companies, has also assumed liability in respect of the principal and interest of \$67,000,000 Chicago Union Station Co. (the company's proportion being 25%); \$46,326,340 bonds of Kansas City Terminal Ry. (the company's proportion being 1-3%); \$15,500,000 bonds of St. Paul Union Depot (the company's proportion being 11 1-9%); \$2,273,000 bonds of Minnesota Transfer Ry. (the company's proportion being 11 1-9%), and \$8,730,840 bonds of Indiana Harbor Belt RR. (the company's proportion being 20%).

New Company.—The reorganization may be accomplished by the foreclosure or enforcement of existing mortgages, by the sale of the properties of the company under the general creditors' bill, by the utilization of any existing corporation or corporations or by the organization of a new corporation or corporations under the laws of such State or States as the reorganization managers may determine and which shall own or control the properties of the company with such exceptions and additions as the reorganization managers may determine with the approval of a majority of the three committees. It is intended to vest directly in the new company title to the lines of railroad to be embraced in the reorganization so that, as far as deemed practicable by the reorganization managers, the new mortgages may be direct liens in their order of priority. In case delay should occur in acquiring any of the lines of railroad embraced in the plan, the execution of the plan will not necessarily be postponed for that reason, but existing bonds upon such lines deposited under the plan may be pledged under the new mortgages.

It is contemplated that the new company will deliver the new securities provided for by the plan in respect of the acquisition by it of the properties and securities to be vested in it pursuant to the plan.

Approximate Capitalization of the System Upon the Consummation of Plan

The obligations to remain undisturbed, aggregating in principal amount as of June 1 1925 \$238,045,000 \$181,370,400
The following securities to be authorized by new company to effect the reorganization:

	Auth. Incl. Bonds Presently in Treasury, &c. Outstanding.	Twice par value of stock outstanding	None to be issued in the reorganization
(1) New 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds		60,698,820	60,698,820
(2) New 50-Year 5% Mtge. gold bonds		230,950,800	230,950,800
(3) New 5% Adjustment Mtge. bonds		200,000,000	215,931,900
(4) New Preferred stock		1,174,113 shs.	1,174,113 shs.
(5) New Common stock (no par)			

x The amounts stated may be increased by the amount of any securities which may be issued in connection with the liquidation of the 6% note dated Nov. 1 1920 held by the U. S. Government.

y The stock without par value which is issued in the reorganization is to be taken at \$100 per share and any such stock which is issued hereafter is to be taken at the price at which it is issued, or if issued for property at the value, as determined by the directors, of such property, all as shall be more fully provided in the 1st & Ref. Mtge.

z This amount will be increased by the amount of Pref. stock applied in settlement of claims of general creditors of the company.

Description of New Securities.

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided the form and terms of all bonds authorized or issued, of the mortgages and deeds of trust under which they shall be issued, of any certificate of incorporation or articles of association or amendment thereof, of any stock certificates or other instruments relating to the Pref. stock or the Common stock of the new company, and of all other instruments deemed by the reorganization managers to be necessary or proper in connection with the plan, shall be such as the reorganization managers shall in their discretion determine. All bonds issued in the reorganization will be payable in New York City in gold coin of the United States of America, or equal or the standard of weight and fineness as it existed on Feb. 1 1925, and all, or any part, of the new Adjustment Mtge. bonds as the reorganization managers may in their discretion determine may also be made payable at the option of the holders at such place or places in France and England as the reorganization managers shall determine in French francs or in English pounds sterling at the gold parity of exchange.

The new securities may be issued in temporary form in the first instance or interim certificates may be issued therefor. Scrip may be issued and distributed in lieu of fractions of a share of stock or of bonds of any denomination not exceeding \$1,000. Such scrip may be non-interest or non-dividend bearing, but shall be exchangeable for new securities when presented in proper multiples, on terms and conditions approved by the reorganization managers.

The New Company is to authorize the following securities:

First & Refunding Mortgage Bonds.—Total authorized at any one time outstanding, together with any bonds reserved under the 1st & Ref. Mtge. for refunding underlying securities, shall be limited to twice the aggregate par value of the stock of the new company of all classes at the time issued and outstanding (stock without par value which is to be issued in the reorganization to be taken at \$100 per share) and any such stock issued hereafter to be taken at the price at which it is issued, or if issued for property at the value, as determined by the directors of the new company, of such property, as all shall be more fully provided in the 1st & Ref. Mtge. The 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds will be secured by a mortgage and deed of trust to a trustee or trustees to be selected by the reorganization managers, which will embrace (with such exceptions as the reorganization managers may determine) all railroads and other property, including stocks and bonds of subsidiary companies (but not including obligations of the classes to remain undisturbed under the plan) acquired by the new company in the reorganization and all properties thereafter acquired by the use of 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds or their proceeds.

The 1st & Ref. Mtge. will be a lien on the owned lines subject, as to various parts of the mileage, to an authorized amount of approximately \$191,893,000 of undisturbed underlying bonds, and a lien upon the leasehold interest in Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. Co.'s lines (upon which there will remain an authorized amount of approximately \$26,250,000 of obligations in respect of which the company has assumed liability under the lease) and upon the stock of Chicago Milwaukee & Gary Ry. Co. (upon the lines of which there is an authorized amount of approximately \$20,000,000 of bonds, \$3,000,000 whereof have been guaranteed by the company and are outstanding, and an additional \$2,700,000 whereof are owned by the company). For the refunding of all of the underlying bonds, including those on the leased and controlled lines, 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds will be reserved. The 1st & Ref. Mtge. will provide restrictions for the release from the lien thereof of property subject thereto.

The 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds may be issued in separate series, maturing on the same or different dates and bearing interest at the same or different rates payable on the same or different dates, and any series may be of such principal amount, mature on such date or dates, be redeemable in whole or in part at such times, on such notice and at such premiums, and may have such conversion privileges and other provisions as may be determined by the directors at the time of the creation of such series and be stated in the bonds of such series. New company will have the right upon the retirement of any series in whole or in part (other than upon conversion into stock or through any sinking fund or by the application of proceeds of released property) to issue, for such purposes and under such restrictions as may be prescribed in that behalf in the mortgage, a like aggregate principal amount of bonds of any other series or of other series, bearing the same or different rates of interest as the bonds retired and with such maturity or maturities and with such other provisions as the directors may determine.

Provision may be made that, if so determined, the principal or interest, or both, of any of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds of any series may be made payable (a) in New York City only, or (b) in N. Y. City and also in one or more other cities in the United States or foreign cities or countries, or (c) only in one or more foreign cities or countries. The bonds of any series which shall

be payable as to principal or interest, or both, in the U. S. of America, shall be payable in gold coin of the U. S. of America or equal to the standard weight and fineness existing at the date of the coupon bonds of such series and may be made payable without deduction for any tax, assessment or governmental charge which the new company or the trustee or trustees under the 1st & Ref. Mtge. may be required or permitted to pay thereon or to retain or deduct therefrom under any present or future law of the United States or of any State, county or municipality or other taxing authority therein.

In case any bonds of any series shall be payable as to principal or interest, or both, in any foreign country or countries such bonds may be made payable in the currency or currencies in which they may be made payable, at fixed rates of exchange, and may contain appropriate provisions as may be requisite or expedient to conform to the requirements of law or of commercial usage in the foreign country or countries in which they may be made payable, including provisions requiring the payment of the principal or interest thereof without deduction for taxes, foreign or domestic.

The 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds shall be issuable, under restrictions and conditions to be determined by the reorganization managers and expressed in the 1st & Ref. Mtge., only for the purpose of providing for betterments, improvements and extensions, and for the acquisition of additional property and equipment, and for the purchase, redemption, retirement, refunding or payment of bonds and other obligations secured by liens, prior to the lien of the 1st & Ref. Mtge., upon any of the property which, or a leasehold interest in which, may at the time be subject to the 1st & Ref. Mtge. and for such other corporate purposes as shall be stated in the mortgage. A sinking fund to be determined by the reorganization managers, shall be provided for any bonds issued in respect of equipment. After the principal amount of bonds issued for capital expenditures other than refunding presently outstanding undisturbed obligations shall have aggregated \$150,000,000, bonds may be issued only for 80% of such expenditures.

No 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds are to be issued in the reorganization.

50-Year 5% Mortgage Gold Bonds.—Will be limited to a total authorized principal amount of not exceeding \$60,698,820 at any one time outstanding, will mature in 1975, will bear interest payable semi-annually at the rate of 5% per annum, and will be secured by a mortgage and deed of trust to a trustee or trustees to be selected by the reorganization managers, which is to embrace the properties embraced in the 1st & Ref. Mtge. and from time to time becoming subject thereto, subject, however, to the 1st & Ref. Mtge. and to the prior payment out of the mortgaged property of all bonds at any time issued and outstanding under the 1st & Ref. Mtge. The bonds will be redeemable on any int. date at par and int. and a premium, to and including 5 years from the date of maturity, of 5% of the principal amount, and, thereafter, at a premium equal to 1/2 of 1% for each 6 months from the date of redemption to the date of maturity. The mortgage securing the bonds will provide restrictions for the release from the lien thereof of property subject thereto.

The form of the 50-Year 5% Mtge. Gold bonds and of the mortgage securing them shall be subject to the approval of the Pref. stockholders committee and the Common stockholders committee. The entire authorized issue is to be offered to holders of the Pref. stock and Common stock under the plan.

5% Adjustment Mortgage Bonds.—Limited to the total authorized principal amount at any one time outstanding of not exceeding \$230,950,800 plus any amount thereof which may be issued in connection with the liquidation of the 6% Note of the Railway Co., dated Nov. 1 1920, held by the U.S. Government, and will mature Jan. 1 2000. Secured by a mortgage and deed of trust to a trustee or trustees to be selected by the Reorganization managers, which is to embrace the properties embraced in the 1st & Ref. Mtge. and from time to time becoming subject thereto, subject, however, to the 1st & Ref. Mtge. and to the mortgage securing the 50-Year 5% Mtge. Gold bonds and to the prior payment out of the mortgaged property of all bonds at any time issued and outstanding under said mortgages. The Adjustment Mortgage will provide restrictions for the release from the lien thereof of property subject thereto.

The Adjustment Mtge. bonds will bear interest, payable annually or semi-annually, at the rate of 5% per annum, but required to be paid, prior to the maturity of the principal only out of the new company's net income ascertained in accordance with the accounting rules of the I.-S. C. Commission, or other analogous Federal authority, from time to time in force, but without deduction for interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds or for the sinking fund under the Adjustment Mortgage. The net income of the new company thus to be applicable to the payment of interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds is herein called the available net income. The interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds will be non-cumulative prior to Jan. 1 1930, but will be cumulative from and after Jan. 1 1930, but accumulations of interest shall not bear interest. At the maturity of the principal, all arrears of cumulative interest shall be payable. Interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds issued in exchange for bonds deposited under the plan shall be computed from Feb. 1 1925 to which date interest on the deposited bonds is to be adjusted. Interest on any Adjustment Mtge. bonds which may be issued in connection with the liquidation of the 6% Note of the Railway Co. dated Nov. 1 1920 held by the U. S. Government, shall be computed or adjusted from the date to which interest is paid on said note.

The Adjustment Mortgage will provide that the new company shall on or before April 1 1936 and on or before April 1 in each year thereafter, so long as any of the Adjustment Mtge. bonds shall be outstanding, pay or set apart as a sinking fund, as hereinafter provided, out of the available net income of the new company remaining after payment of full cumulative interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds, an amount equal to 1/2 of 1% of the authorized principal amount of the Adjustment Mtge. bonds; and such obligation shall be cumulative. The sinking fund shall be applied to the purchase either at public or private sale at not exceeding their principal amount together with full cumulative interest, or to the redemption, of Adjustment Mtge. bonds, all bonds purchased or redeemed for the sinking fund to be kept alive and the interest paid thereon from time to time to be added to the sinking fund and applied in the same manner. [If the sinking fund instalments and all arrears of interest on the bonds in the sinking fund are regularly paid without accumulation, the entire issue will be retired by 1936.] Adjustment Mtge. bonds will be redeemable for the sinking fund only, on any interest payment date on or after April 1 1936 at the principal amount of the bonds redeemed together with full cumulative interest.

The Adjustment Mortgage will provide that until Jan. 1 1930, the date after which interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds will become cumulative, no dividends on any class of stock at the time outstanding shall be paid in any year, or set apart for payment in any year, unless interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds for such year at the full rate of 5% per annum shall have been paid or set apart for payment, and that no dividends on any class of stock at the time outstanding shall be paid in any year, or set apart for payment, after Jan. 1 1930, unless the full cumulative interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds shall have been paid or set apart for payment, and after April 1 1936 unless, in addition to said interest, the full cumulative sinking fund payments under the Adjustment Mortgage shall have been paid or set apart.

The Adjustment Mortgage will further provide that all of the available net income of the new company for each year beginning Jan. 1 may be applied, and that 1/2 of the available net income of each year until the available net income of such year shall equal \$10,000,000, and all of the available net income of each year in excess of \$10,000,000 shall be required to be applied, Mtge. bonds and thereafter, to the payment of interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds and thereafter, beginning April 1 1936 to the sinking fund under the Adjustment Mortgage, including all accumulations of both interest and sinking fund during the cumulative period. Interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds will, however, be required to be paid only in multiples of 1/4 of 1%, smaller fractional amounts being carried forward and added to that portion of the available net income of the new company for the ensuing year required to be applied to the payment of interest and sinking fund on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds. Any remaining available net income of the new company of any year until Jan. 1 1930, for which interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds at the full rate of 5% per annum shall not have been paid or set apart for payment, and any remaining available net income of the new company of every year thereafter for which full cumulative interest and full cumulative sinking fund payments shall not have been paid or set apart for payment, will be required to be carried into a separate account available only for expenditures chargeable to capital account under the accounting rules of the I.-S. C. Commission or other analogous Federal authority, from time to time in force, or for providing for discounts on securities sold, or, as to that part of the special account arising from available net income accruing after Jan. 1 1930, for instalments of cumulative interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds, or, when full cumulative interest on the Adjustment Mtge. bonds to date shall have been paid, for the sinking fund.

For the purpose of determining the available net income for any period from and after Feb. 1 1925 before the mortgaged lines of railroad embraced in the Plan shall have been delivered to the new company, the gross income of the Railway Co. or of the receivers of the System for such period shall be deemed gross income of the new company for such period and shall be subject only to such deductions, including proper depreciation charges, as would

have been made if the mortgaged lines of railroad had been owned and operated by the new company during such period and the bonds secured under the Ref. Mtge. and the Puget Sound bonds had been exchanged under the terms of the plan on Feb. 1 1925 for new Adjustment Mtge. bonds. For the period Feb. 1 1925 to Dec. 31 1925, however, eleven-twelfths of the gross income for the year 1925 shall be taken.

The Adjustment Mtge. bonds will be redeemable otherwise than for the sinking fund, at the option of the new company, in whole or in part, on any interest payment date on or after Oct. 1 1930 at 105 together with full cumulative interest.

The form of the Adjustment Mtge. bonds and of the Adjustment Mortgage shall be subject to the approval of the Bondholders Committee.

The entire authorized issue of Adjustment Mtge. bonds (except such amount as may be issued in connection with the liquidation of the 6% Note of the Railway Co. dated Nov. 1 1920, held by the U. S. Government) is to be applied in exchange for bonds \$230,950,796 deposited under the plan.

Preferred Stock.—Authorized 2,000,000 shares par \$100 each. Holders of the Pref. stock shall be entitled in any fiscal year of the new company to receive dividends to the amount of \$5 per share, but no more, before any dividends shall be paid in such fiscal year or declared or set apart for payment in such fiscal year, upon the Common stock; but no part of such dividends shall be accumulative whether or not in any fiscal year there shall be net income available for payment of such dividends. After full dividends on the Pref. stock to the amount of \$5 per share shall have been paid in any fiscal year, or declared and set apart for payment in such fiscal year, holders of the Common stock shall be entitled to receive all further dividends which may be paid in such fiscal year, or declared or set apart for payment in such fiscal year, up to the amount of \$5, but no more, before any further dividends shall be paid in such fiscal year, or declared or set apart for payment in such fiscal year, upon the Preferred stock; but no part of such dividends shall be accumulative whether or not in any fiscal year there shall be net income available for payment of such dividends. All dividends in excess of \$5 per share which may be paid in any fiscal year or declared or set apart for payment in any fiscal year, shall be paid, or declared or set apart for payment, equally in amount per share upon both the Pref. stock and the Common stock. Dividends on both the Pref. stock and the Common stock shall be payable only out of the net income or the surplus of the new company as determined by the directors and only as and when declared by the directors, but in any fiscal year be paid out of such net income or surplus whether arising during the same fiscal year or accrued during prior fiscal years and may be paid annually, semi-annually or quarterly.

In the event of the dissolution, winding up, or liquidation of the new company, the holders of the Pref. stock shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the new company the par value of their shares before any distribution shall be made to the holders of the Common stock but shall not be entitled to share in any assets of the new company thereupon remaining. The foregoing provisions shall not be deemed to require the distribution of assets among the stockholders in the event of a consolidation, merger, lease or sale which does not in fact result in the liquidation or winding up of the enterprise, if the terms of such consolidation, merger, lease or sale make other provision for the Preferred stock and are consented to by the holders of a majority in amount of each class of stock.

The Pref. stock and the Common stock are to have equal voting power per share and in addition provision is to be made that (a) no change shall be made in the articles of association of the new company, (b) the new company shall not dispose (by sale, consolidation, merger or lease or otherwise) of its properties as a whole, or substantially as a whole, (c) no mortgage on its lines of railroad to secure additional indebtedness shall be created (except the 1st & Ref. Mtge., the mortgage securing the 50-Year 5% Mtge. Gold bonds, and the Adjustment Mortgage or purchase money mortgages solely upon additional properties hereafter acquired), (d) the authorized amount of Pref. stock shall not be increased and (e) no additional stock ranking either as to dividends or assets on a parity with or in priority over the Pref. stock shall be created without, in each such case, the consent of the holders of a majority in amount of the outstanding Pref. stock and of the holders of a majority in amount of the outstanding Common stock, voting separately.

Of the authorized issue of new Preferred stock \$115,931,900 is to be offered to holders of Pref. stock of the company deposited under the plan. The remainder of the authorized issue (except such amount as may be issued in connection with the liquidation of the 6% note of the railway company dated Nov. 1 1920, held by the U. S. Government and as may be required to be applied in settlement of claims of general creditors of the company) will be reserved for future issue for corporate purposes of the new company.

Common Stock.—Authorized, 1,174,113 shares, which shall be without par value, or may have such par value as the reorganization managers shall determine.

The entire authorized issue of new Common stock is to be offered to holders of Common stock deposited under the plan.

Voting Trust.—All of the Pref. stock and Common stock issued in connection with the reorganization shall be deposited under a trust agreement, in such form and with such terms (which may include the pledge of the stock as additional security for the Adjustment Mtge. bonds) as the reorganization managers shall determine, and under which the entire voting power in respect of the stock shall be vested in 5 voting trustees, to be designated by the reorganization managers. Of the voting trustees named in the trust agreement, three shall be persons approved by the bondholders committee, one by the Preferred stockholders committee and one by the Common stockholders committee.

New Securities in Exchange for Old Securities Participating in Plan.

Existing Securities—	Outstanding.	Cash Adj. of Interest to Feb. 1 '25.	Will Receive Adj. Mtge. Bonds.
European loan	\$11,831,515	\$78,876 76	11,831,515
Per \$1,000		\$6.66 2-3	36,344.981
4% bonds 1925	36,344,981	242,299 88	36,344.981
Per \$1,000		\$6.66 2-3	1,080
4 1/2% bonds 1932	50,000,000	375,000.00	50,000,000
Per \$1,000		\$7.50	1,000
4% bonds 1934	33,369,000	111,230.00	33,369,000
Per \$1,000		\$3.33 1-3	1,000
Puget Sound bonds	27,175,000	90,583.33	27,175,000
Per \$1,000		\$3.33 1-3	1,000
Ref. bonds, Series "A"	43,089,000	646,335.00	43,089,000
Per \$1,000		\$15.00	1,000
Ref. bonds, Series "B"	29,141,300		29,141,300
Per \$1,000			1,000

Terms Offered to Present Stockholders.

Out-standing.	If Paying.	5% M.Bds. Pref. Stock.	Will Receive Com. Stock.
Pref. stk. \$115,931,900	\$28 per sh.	27,823,656	115,931,900
Each \$100.	\$24	\$100	
Com. stk. \$117,411,300	\$32 per sh.	32,875,164	1,174,113 shs.
Each \$100.	\$28		1 sh.

The sum of \$28 in respect of every share of deposited Preferred stock shall be payable (a) \$14 per share on a date fixed therefor by the reorganization managers upon 30 days notice when or after the plan has been declared operative, and notation of such payment will be made on the certificates of deposit, and (b) \$14 per share on, or at the option of the holders of the certificates of deposit at any time before Feb. 15 1927 with int. at the rate of 6% per annum from the date fixed for payment of the first installment to the date of full payment.

The sum of \$32 in respect of every share of deposited Common stock shall be payable (a) \$16 per share on a date fixed therefor by the reorganization managers upon 30 days notice when or after the plan has been declared operative, and notation of such payment will be made on the certificates of deposit, and (b) \$16 per share on, or at the option of the holders of the certificates of deposit at any time before Feb. 15 1927, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date fixed for payment of the first installment to the date of full payment.

Failure by any holder of a certificate of deposit for Preferred stock or Common stock to make payment of the first installment, or to make full payment, will forfeit all rights in respect of the shares of stock represented by his certificate of deposit, all rights in respect of all prior payments under such certificate and all rights to receive new securities and otherwise under the plan, and his certificate of deposit shall thereupon become void and of no effect for any purpose.

Interest on the new 50-Year 5% Mtge. Gold bond deliverable to depositors of stock shall accrue from, or be adjusted as of, the date upon which said first installment shall be payable.

Provision for Other Obligations and for General Creditors.

The 6% notes held by the U. S. Government for \$25,000,000 and \$10,000,000, dated respectively March 1 1922 and Dec. 15 1922, are to be paid in full in cash.

For the 6% note held by the U. S. Government for \$20,000,000 dated Nov. 1 1920, there is offered to the Government the option to receive

either (a) \$17,000,000 cash and \$3,000,000 par value of new Pref. stock, with full interest on the note to the date of settlement in cash, or (b) \$32,000,000 new 5% Adjustment Mtge. bonds, interest on which shall be computed from the date to which interest is paid on the note.

The reorganization managers may, in case offer (b) shall be accepted, purchase for cancellation such principal amount of new Adjustment Mtge. bonds as they may determine not exceeding \$32,000,000, and at such prices as they may determine not exceeding the average price at which the refunding bonds are now pledged as collateral for said note.

The timber loan, to the extent that it remains unliquidated under the loan agreement upon the completion of the reorganization, may be liquidated by the sale to the holders of the loan of such of the obligations of third parties held as collateral to the loan, and at such prices as the reorganization managers in their discretion may determine, and the obligations so taken by the purchasers may be guaranteed by the new company by endorsement or otherwise, or the loan may be dealt with in such other manner as the reorganization managers in their discretion may determine.

In so far as any creditors of and claimants against the company (other than holders of obligations dealt with) are not paid by the company or by the receivers, such creditors and claimants shall be entitled upon the completion of the reorganization to receive Pref. stock in the new company at par for the face amount of their claims, but only in so far as such claims shall have been allowed by one of the District Courts of the United States in which the receivers have been appointed, and only upon assignment of such claims to the National City Bank, New York, as depository for the reorganization managers.

Comparative Table Showing Capitalization and Interest Charges.

	Present Capitalization.	Fixed Int. Charges.	After Reorganization Capitalization.	Fixed Int. Charges.
Undisturbed bonds	\$181,370,400	\$88,431,904	\$181,370,400	\$88,431,904
Timber loan to be liquidated by U. S. Govt.	2,200,000	110,000		
Notes to be paid, compromised or settled	55,000,000	3,300,000		
Bonds to be exchanged	230,950,796	9,994,889		
50-yr. 5% M. Gold bds.			60,698,820	3,034,941
Adjustment Mtge. bonds			230,950,796	
Preferred stock	115,931,900		115,931,900	
Common stock	117,411,300		117,411,300	
Total	\$702,864,396	\$21,836,793	\$706,363,216	\$11,466,845

a Amounts may be increased by the amount of any securities which may be issued in connection with the liquidation of the 6% note of the railway company dated Nov. 1 1920 held by the U. S. Govt. These amounts include the new securities issued for new money. b Aggregate of interest for full year at respective rates on principal amount of obligations outstanding June 1 1925. c This amount will be increased by the amount of Pref. stock required to be applied in settlement of general claims against the company. d Taking no par value Common stock at \$100 per share.

Methods of Participation in Plan.—The holders of securities entitled to participate in the plan may assent thereto by depositing their bonds (in the case of coupon bonds with all coupons maturing after Feb. 1 1925 attached) or stock on or before July 15 1925, or such later date as the reorganization managers shall determine.

A letter of Coverdale & Colpitts, engineers, to the reorganization managers is given under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.

Opposition to Plan Pending Rate Decision.—Roosevelt & Son, members of the New York Stock Exchange, advise the several security holders against depositing their securities under the plan. In an advertisement setting forth their reasons the bankers state:

"No reorganization should be consummated until the pending rate applications have been decided and every effort to obtain fair rates has been made. With fair rates the bondholders would not have to make the heavy sacrifices required by the plan, and stockholders would not be required to pay so burdensome an assessment as the price of preserving their equity." The bankers state that the difficulties of the St. Paul are not due to excessive capitalization, but are due principally to inadequate rates. The I.-S. C. Commission is considering the rate structure at the present time.

Following is the comparison of operating statistics of the St. Paul with those of four other railroads doing like business but having different rates, as given by Roosevelt & Son, in their protest that the owners of the St. Paul's stocks and bonds should not make the heavy sacrifices required by the proposed reorganization until the I.-S. C. Commission has acted in the pending rate investigation:

	St. Paul 1924.	Atge. 4 Other Rds.	Difference.	St. Paul's Superiority.
Bond debt, per 1,000 ton m.	\$42.00	\$49.00	\$7.00	13%
Total capital'n, 1,000 ton m.	63.00	70.00	7.00	10%
Transportation costs y.	2.14	2.71	0.57	21%
Rate structure, avge. rev. per ton mile.	1.091 cts.	1.380 cts.	.289 cts.	21%

x The four roads are the Atlantic Coast Line, the Southern Railway, the St. Louis-San Francisco, and the Missouri Kansas & Texas RR.

y Direct cost of train and engine service per 1,000 ton miles in 1924.

z Inferiority.—V. 120, p. 2811.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Dividends on C. & N. W. Co's. Stock not to be Received by Chicago St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha Ry. Stockholders.

We have been advised that the stockholders of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Ry., who deposit their stock in exchange for Chicago & Northwestern Common stock, will not receive the dividend payable June 30 on the latter issue, which payment, it was reported last week, would be made to all C., St. P., M. & O. stockholders who made the exchange by June 5.

The time within which the minority stockholders of the C., St. P., M. & O. Ry. may deposit their stock in exchange for Northwestern stock has been extended to June 20.—V. 120, p. 2811.

Chicago Union Station Co.—Open To Public.

The Company's new \$80,000,000 station has been thrown open to the public. This giant project covering many acres of ground, has been under way for 10 years. Strikes, lock-outs, and the war were among the innumerable handicaps. Joshua D'Esposito, chief engineer, says the formal opening will take place about June 15.—V. 120, p. 2811.

Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry.—Extra Dividend of 3 1/2% on the Common Stock.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3 1/2% on the Common stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 3%, both payable June 26 to holders of record June 15.

Extra dividends of 3 1/2% have been paid on the Common stock semi-annually since 1921.—V. 119, p. 2757.

Cowlitz, Chehalis & Cascade Ry.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on May 23 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$729,000 6% Gen. & Ref. Mtg. bonds.—V. 120, p. 2142.

Fort Worth & Denver City Ry.—Assumption of Oblig.

The I. S. C. Commission on May 19 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of securities of the Union Terminal Co. of Dallas, Tex., by becoming a party to a certain operating agreement.

It appears that the Terminal Company has outstanding \$5,000,000 1st mtge. 5% Gold bonds, maturing April 1 1942 and \$510,000 of 6% extended notes, maturing Oct. 10 1925.

Under an operating agreement dated April 1 1912 the facilities provided by the Terminal Co. are used by seven railroad companies, namely, the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., the Houston & Texas Central RR. (for itself and the Texas & New Orleans RR.), the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Ry. Co., the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. of Texas, the Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry., the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. of Texas, and the St. Louis San Francisco & Texas Ry. Co. To each of these companies there was issued 1/4

of the \$48,000 of the capital stock of the Terminal Co. The Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry. was one of the parties to the agreement of April 1 1912 and had issued to it 1/8 of the Terminal Company's stock, but it has never used the facilities.

In 1914 the Trinity & Brazos Valley was placed in the hands of a receiver. Because of default under the operating agreement the Terminal Company has taken steps to exclude the Trinity & Brazos Valley from use of the facilities. The Forth Worth Co. with the consent of the 7 proprietary companies not in default has purchased, under appropriate court orders, the capital stock of the Terminal Co. issued to the Trinity & Brazos Valley.—V. 120, p. 2811.

Golden Belt RR. Co. of Kan.—Applications Dismissed.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 23 dismissed the application of the company for authority to issue \$800,000 Common stock and \$500,000 1st Mtge. 7% bonds, the proceeds of which were to be used in connection with the construction of a proposed line of railroad from Great Bend to Hays, Kans. The Commission also dismissed the application of the company to construct the above line; the commission "found that the public convenience and necessity had not been shown to require the contemplated construction."—V. 112, p. 1617.

Grand Canyon Railway.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 19 authorized the company to issue one registered 1st mtge 6% gold bond, series A, in the denom. of \$300,000; said bond to be delivered to the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway in satisfaction of a like amount of indebtedness for advances for capital purposes.—V. 118, p. 663.

Houston (Tex.) Belt & Terminal Ry.—Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$4,872,868 on the total used and \$3,917,500 on the total owned property of the company as of June 30 1916.—V. 116, p. 2636.

Houston (Tex.) & Brazos Valley Ry.—Tentative Value.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative value of \$667,733 on the total used properties of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 118, p. 1772.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—Loses Revaluation Suit.

The company on June 2 lost its appeal from a District of Columbia Supreme Court decision in which it sought a mandamus to compel the Inter-State Commerce Commission to place a valuation on its entire property. The District Court of Appeals held that the road really sought to vacate the valuation previously given and to obtain a revaluation; that the mandamus could not be used as a substitute for an appeal nor as a writ of error and that it could not review the Commission's proceedings.—V. 120, p. 1872, 1739.

Lehigh & New England RR.—Report.

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Total ry. oper. revs.	\$5,413,879	\$5,843,136	\$4,597,073	\$4,775,737
Total ry. oper. exps.	4,138,723	4,468,245	3,664,039	3,795,741
Railway tax accruals.	204,842	224,979	219,424	226,437
Uncoll. railway revenues.	767	98	26	-----
Total ry. oper. inc.	\$1,069,546	\$1,149,814	\$713,584	\$753,560
Non-operating income.	253,698	258,361	171,833	364,610
Gross income.	\$1,323,244	\$1,408,175	\$885,417	\$1,118,169
Joint facility, &c., rents.	119,281	106,427	96,129	85,340
Miscell. tax accruals.	866	891	479	611
Int. on fd. & unfd. debt.	319,256	301,801	308,740	319,073
Amor. of disc. on fd. debt.	4,908	5,374	5,829	6,342
Miscell. income charges.	18,954	17,787	90,045	4,396
Income applied to skg., &c., reserve funds.	9,698	8,910	8,206	6,489
Dividends.	(15%) 1,020,000	(3) 204,000	(10) 680,000	(10) 680,000
Balance, surplus.	def\$169,717	\$762,984	def\$304,013	\$15,916

Maine Central RR.—Declares Dividend of 2 1/2% on Account of Arrearages on Preferred Stock.—The directors on June 3 declared a dividend of 2 1/2% on account of accumulations on the outstanding \$3,000,000 Cumul. Pref. stock, payable June 15 to holders of record May 29. These are the dividends which were due June 1 and Sept. 1 1924 and designated as dividends Nos. 34 and 35. This payment will reduce accruals on the stock to \$17.50 per share.

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred shares was paid June 1 to holders of record May 15. (See also V. 119, p. 2176.)—V. 120, p. 2008.

Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry.—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$46,944,428 on the total owned, and \$46,057,544 on the total used properties of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 120, p. 2546.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Bonds Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 20 granted the company authority (1) to procure the authentication and delivery of \$35,317,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, series "E"; \$25,000,000 thereof to be sold to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. at not less than 96 3/4 and int., and pending delivery, all or any part to be pledged as security for certain interim certificates, and \$10,317,000 to be pledged as collateral security for any note or notes which the company may issue under paragraph (9) of section 20a of the interstate commerce act; (2) to issue \$25,000,000 of interim certificates; and (3) to pledge as security for such certificates all or any part of \$9,044,000 of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "C." Carl A. deGersdorff for applicant. (See offering in V. 120, p. 2008.)—V. 120, p. 2811, 2546.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Equipment Trusts Sold.—J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank and National City Co. have sold at prices to yield 4 3/4% \$3,525,000 4 1/2% Serial Trust Gold Certificates. Issued under the Phila. plan.

Dated March 15 1925. Serial maturities of \$235,000 per annum, March 15 1926 to March 15 1940, both inclusive. Dividends payable M. & S. Certificates and divs. payable in N. Y. City at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, New York; trustee. Denom. \$1,000 e*.

These Certificates are to be issued to provide for part of the cost of the standard new railway equipment below mentioned. The title to the equipment is to be vested in the Trustee, which is to lease the equipment to the Company at a rental sufficient to discharge the Certificates and the dividend warrants and other charges as they mature. The equipment to be vested in the Trustee consists of: 1,000 40-ton Steel Underframe Box Cars; 800 50-ton Steel Underframe Gondola Cars; 10 Steel Passenger Coaches; 5 Steel Baggage Cars; 5 Steel Mail and Express Cars and 10 Steel Observation Cars.

The foregoing equipment is to cost approximately \$4,712,215, of which over 25%, or approximately \$1,187,215, is to be paid by the company in cash at the time of acquisition.

Issuance.—The I.-S. C. Commission on May 26 approved the issuance of the above certificates at 96.89 and div. For dissenting opinion by Commissioner Eastman see under "Current Events" on a preceding page. Frederic E. Williamson, of New York, has been elected Vice-President in charge of operations and maintenance, effective July 1, to succeed the late A. M. Burt.—V. 120, p. 2143.

Pennsylvania RR.—Guaranty Settlement.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on June 1 certified to the Secretary of the Treasury that \$12,250,596 is the final balance due the road, accruing to it under the Government guaranty following the period of Federal control.

President Samuel Rea, commenting on the final settlement with the Government for the guaranty period, said that settlement had now been made for that period for each of the 16 operating corporations in the system; also that all of the companies in the system had made final settlement for the Federal control period.

The \$12,250,596 received from the Government for the guaranty period will be applied to pay off the remaining obligation to the Government for

the Federal control period, which has been reduced to \$7,811,543. The balance of \$4,439,052 will go into the company's treasury.—V. 120, p. 2812, 2266.

Perkiomen RR. (of Pa.).—Tentative Valuation.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$1,896,532 on the total owned and used properties of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 110, p. 2193.

Seaboard Air Line Railway.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 20 granted the company authority (1) to procure the authentication and delivery of \$2,294,000 1st & Consol. Mtge. gold bonds, due 1945, 6%, series A, and to pledge them as collateral security for any note or notes which the company may issue within the limitations of paragraph (9) of section 20a of the interstate commerce act; and (2) to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of \$434,000 of Tampa & Gulf Coast RR. Co. 1st Mtge. bonds.—V. 120, p. 2398, 2392.

Tampa Southern RR.—Construction of Extension.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 21 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension of its line of railroad from the southern terminus near Sarasota, Sarasota County, and extending in a general southeasterly direction through Sarasota and Manatee Counties to a point on the Fort Myers branch of the Atlantic Coast Line RR. or near Fort Oden, De Sota County, a distance of approximately 39 miles, all in the State of Florida.—V. 110, p. 872.

Texas & Pacific Ry.—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$68,170,227 on the total owned, and \$65,083,616 on the total used properties of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 120, p. 2542.

Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry.—Earnings.

Year—	Gross Revenue.	Net (after Taxes).	Other Income.	Charges &c.	Dividends.	Surplus.
1924	\$2,530,475	\$143,879	\$286,487	\$252,091	-----	\$175,275
1923	2,910,527	721,981	323,896	234,509	(6%) 270,750	540,618
1922	2,444,381	450,108	344,532	272,257	(6%) 270,750	251,653
1921	2,677,984	379,838	329,713	374,300	(6%) 270,750	64,501
1920	3,229,736	724,083	250,519	314,401	-----	660,200

Wabash Ry.—Acquisition of Ann Arbor.

See Ann Arbor RR. above.—V. 120, p. 2682, 2547.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Telephone Rates in New Jersey North of Trenton are Advanced an Average of 30% Pending Decision by Public Utilities Commission.—New York "Evening Post" June 1, p. 3.

Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—Power Merger.

In connection with the proposed \$50,000,000 up State utility merger (see Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. below) a circular to the holders of the Common stock says:

There has been a rapid growth in recent years in the demand for electric power from the systems of the various companies in the region of this company, and new facilities have been required to meet the demand. New plants have been and are being built and interconnections have been made with various independently owned systems, thus making it possible to use at all hours facilities which would otherwise be idle on occasion, but the demand continues to grow and it is clear that the maximum use of all the facilities of each of the separate companies is required if the public is to be served properly and economically. This full use can be obtained only by co-ordinating the operation of, as many as possible of these systems into a sole control and a plan to accomplish this has been prepared.

A new company, Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., has been organized in New York, with a capital stock consisting of preferred, second preferred and common shares, all without par value. The new corporation has completed arrangements by which, if the P. S. Commission approves, it will acquire substantially more than half the common stock of this company, two-thirds or more of the common stock of Utica Gas & Electric Co., Fulton County Gas & Electric Co. and of Cohoes Power & Light Corp., and substantial amounts of the capital stock of Municipal Gas Co. of the City of Albany, probably more than two-thirds. \$7,249,360 of cash has been subscribed for common stock of this new company and it has arranged to acquire 80,000 shares of the common stock of Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co., 35,000 shares of the \$7 cumulative preferred stock of Power & Electric Securities Corp., (which owns 85% or more of the common stock of Northern New York Utilities, Inc.) and substantial amounts of the bonds and notes of Fulton County Gas & Electric Co. In some cases the new company will acquire all the stock of corporations owning some of these securities rather than the securities themselves.

Only stock of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. will be issued for these assets and the maximum number of shares so to be issued will be 280,000 shares of pref. stock, 182,654 shares of 2d pref. stock and 981,692 shares of common stock. Both the preferred stock and second preferred stock are entitled to cumulative preferential dividends at the rate of \$7 per share per annum and to \$100 per share in distribution of assets other than by dividend from surplus or profits and both are callable at \$107.50 per share and divs.

With each share of the 2nd pref. stock option warrants will be issued entitling the owner thereof to purchase a total of two shares of common stock of the new company at any time at \$50 per share, payable in cash or by the surrender of one share of 2nd pref. stock for two shares of common stock.

The shares of the common stock of Adirondack Power & Light Corp. to be acquired by Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. are owned by General Electric Co. and Ledyard Cogswell, Jr., Francis E. Frothingham, Wm. O. Hotchkiss, Cornelius D. Scully. With respect to each share so acquired from the General Electric Co. and the others mentioned, Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. will issue one-third of a share of its 2nd pref. stock with the accompanying option warrants at the rate mentioned above, and one share of its common stock, together with a subscription warrant entitling the bearer to subscribe for one additional share of said common stock at \$10.

Common stockholders are invited to exchange their shares for shares of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. on the same basis. Arrangements have been made, however, under which they may receive for each of their shares of common stock at their election, either (a) One-third of a share of the 2d pref. stock (with the accompanying option warrants for two-thirds of a share of common stock as mentioned above) and one share of the common stock of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., together with a subscription warrant entitling the bearer thereof to subscribe for one additional share of common stock at \$10 (the basis on which the shares of General Electric Co. and the others will be exchanged); or (b) One-third of a share of 2d pref. stock (with the accompanying option warrant for two-thirds of a share of common stock), \$20 in cash (in lieu of the share of common stock) and a subscription warrant entitling the bearer thereof to subscribe for one share of the common stock at \$10.

Those desiring this exchange should deposit their stock with Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City and at the same time elect which of the alternatives set out above they will accept.—V. 120, p. 2547, 1745.

American District Telegraph Co.—To Recapitalize.

The stockholders will shortly vote on changing the present authorized capital of 100,000 shares of Common stock, par \$100, to 100,000 shares of 7% Preferred stock, par \$100 and 100,000 shares of new no par Common stock. Under the plan one share of new Preferred and one share of new no par Common stock would be issued in exchange for each share of stock now held.

Dividends on the new Preferred would be cumulative and payable quarterly. The Preferred stock would be callable at 110 and voting power would be vested exclusively in the Common. Provision is made for an annual sinking fund of 2 1/2% of outstanding Preferred stock.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. controls about 85% of the present outstanding \$9,965,351 capital stock.—V. 120, p. 326, 2144.

American Gas Co. (Pa.).—Time for Deposit of N. J. Co. Stock Extended.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange was advised on May 28 that more than 75% of the outstanding stock of the American Gas Co. (N. J.) has been deposited under the plan for the acquisition of the stock by the United Gas Improvement Co., which is the amount requisite to make the first step in the plan effective. In order to afford opportunity to all stock

holders of the American Gas Co., (N. J.), who have not already deposited their stock, to do so, the time for making deposits has been extended beyond June 1 1925, which extension has been consented to by the United Gas Improvement Co. The extension of time allowed for making deposits may be terminated at any time, but 10 days' notice will be given to the Stock Exchange in advance of such termination.

A special meeting of American Gas Co. of Pennsylvania has been called for June 19 to act on agreement of merger and consolidation with United Gas Improvement Co. American Gas Co. of Pennsylvania was formed as a vehicle for effecting the acquisition by the United Gas Improvement Co. of stock of American Gas Co. (New Jersey). Assets of American Gas of Pennsylvania consist of stock of American Gas (New Jersey) deposited under the merger plan. The stock of the Pennsylvania Co. is held in a voting trust, voting trust certificates having been issued in exchange for New Jersey company stock deposited.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on May 29 authorized the listing of \$4,788,100 (95,762 shares) additional American Gas Co., (Pa.) voting trust certificates, issued against the deposit of a like amount of capital stock of the company deposited under voting trust agreement, dated April 22 1924, in connection with the acquisition of the Common stock of the American Gas Co., (N. J.), by the United Gas Improvement Co., making the total amount of voting trust certificates listed \$9,680,500 representing 193,610 shares American Gas Co., (Pa.), deposited.—V. 120 p. 2813.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend at the rate of 1-50 of a share on each share of the present non-par value Common stock has been declared in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the Common stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 10 and to stockholders who have not prior to June 10 1925 surrendered their certificates for par value shares in exchange for non-par value shares, upon the making of such exchange, but not prior to July 1 1925. An extra dividend at the rate of 1-50 of a share was also paid Jan. 2 last on the Common stock, no par value.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share on the unstamped non-par value Preferred stock and 1 1/4% on the outstanding Preferred stock (par \$50) have been declared for the quarter ending July 31 1924, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 10.—V. 120, p. 1879, 1324.

Appalachian Power Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Operating revenue	\$3,661,349	\$3,434,228	\$2,949,602	\$2,487,607
Operating expenses	1,791,092	1,796,239	1,556,128	1,381,896
Operating income	\$1,910,256	\$1,637,990	\$1,393,474	\$1,105,710
Other income (interest)	136,778	22,933	24,363	20,342
Total income	\$2,047,034	\$1,660,923	\$1,417,837	\$1,126,052
Interest	\$890,038	\$656,109	\$638,624	\$675,556
Amort. of disc. & exp.	82,725	67,922	57,960	61,760
Deprec. reserve	350,000	325,000	250,000	250,000
Comm'n. &c., 1st Pf. stk	36,575	53,110	3,750	—
Profit on sale of office bldg	Cr. 20,976	—	—	—
1st Pref. stock divs	206,606	136,684	70,938	33,867
Divs. Preferred stock	259,420	259,420	64,855	—
Balance, surplus	\$242,646	\$162,678	\$331,710	\$104,869

—V. 120, p. 451.

Arkansas Natural Gas Co.—Earnings.—

[Including Arkansas Fuel Oil Co.]
Combined Income Account for Quarter Ended Mar. 31 1925.

Gross income	\$1,356,750
Gross expense	657,681
Deductions	54,126
Surplus 1st quarter, 1925	\$644,944

—V. 120, p. 2813.

Beech Grove Traction Co., Indianapolis.—Sale.—

Sale of the company at a price not less than \$30,000 was ordered by Judge Harry O. Chamberlin, of Circuit Court at Indianapolis May 27. The sale will be held June 22 at the offices of the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., receiver for the company.

The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. was named receiver for the road in Nov. 1917. A total of approximately \$100,000 in bonds is outstanding. The road is four miles in length, connecting Beech Grove with the lines of the Indianapolis Street Ry. About two miles of the city street car lines are used, making the traveling distance of Beech Grove cars about 6 miles.

It is reported that if the line should be discontinued, a bus line will be established.

Bradford Electric Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 6%, Series "A" Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1929 have been called for payment July 1 at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 118 p. 1915.

Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corp.—Merger.—

The corporation has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to acquire and hold more than 10% of the Common stock of the Buffalo General Electric Co., Niagara Falls Power Co., Niagara-Lockport & Ontario Power Co. and Tonawanda Power Co. See also V. 120, p. 2683, 2547.

Calumet Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisitions.—

The Indiana P. S. Commission has approved the purchase by the company of 6 privately owned electric and power utilities serving various communities in the northern part of Indiana. The purchase price, according to the commission's order, was \$818,264.

The companies included in the purchase and the prices fixed were: The Indiana Electric Utilities Co. of Angola, \$310,141, subject to loan of \$186,400; C. F. Cain Power & Light Co., Ontario, \$159,188; Hawk Brothers Milling Co., Mongo, \$86,382; Bass Lake Electric Light & Power Co., \$19,980; Nevada Mills Electric Co., \$33,083, and the Orland Light & Power Co., \$23,090.—V. 120, p. 1456.

Central Connecticut Power & Light Co.—Report.—

Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.

	Cent. Conn.	Essex Light	Pr. & Lt. & Pr. Co.	Combined.
Current income	\$144,583	\$114,228	—	\$258,811
Miscellaneous income	8,281	3,551	—	11,832
Investments	21,564	—	—	21,564
Total income	\$174,428	\$117,779	—	\$292,207
Operating expense	116,443	76,667	—	193,111
Bond and note interest	30,729	—	—	30,729
Dividends	25,300	21,000	—	46,300
Balance	\$1,955	\$20,111	—	\$22,067

—V. 117, p. 897.

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisitions.—

The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to acquire all of the outstanding stock of the Citizens' R.R., Light & Power Co., and all of the outstanding stock and mortgage bonds of the Southern Dutchess Gas & Electric Co., and to merge these companies. The company has also applied for permission to purchase the stock of the Fishkill Electric Ry.—V. 120, p. 1325.

Central Illinois Light Company.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. End.	Apr. 30 1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$3,646,227	\$3,579,643	\$3,252,488	\$2,790,047
Oper. expens., incl. taxes & maintenance	1,977,649	2,064,032	2,039,569	1,611,224
Fixed charges	535,794	479,355	488,161	425,156
Preferred dividend	297,623	280,998	222,365	184,627
Prov. for replac. & depre.	256,800	225,600	210,000	210,000
Balance, surplus	\$578,361	\$529,658	\$292,393	\$359,039

—V. 120, p. 2010, 954.

Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Ry.—Sale.—

Floyd O. Jellison, special master, will sell the entire property at Gary, Ind., on June 29. Under a tentative reorganization plan announced February last the property will be transferred to Insull interests (see V. 120, p. 701).—V. 120, p. 1746, 1201.

Cohoes Power & Light Corp.—Power Merger.—

In connection with the \$50,000,000 up-State power merger (see Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. below) a circular says:

Frank M. Tait has agreed, with other stockholders, to transfer his holdings of stock of the corporation, in exchange for stock of the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., on the basis of one share of stock of the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. for 1.84 shares of Cumul. Pref. stock of the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., without par value, each share carrying dividends at the rate of \$7 per annum, and 1/2 share of Common stock of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., without par value.

The Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. has offered to acquire all of the Common stock of Cohoes Power & Light Corp., Municipal Gas Co., Utica Gas & Electric Co., Adirondack Power & Light Corp. (or companies holding such Common stock) and the securities of certain other companies in exchange for its own stock.

If certain percentages of the Common stocks of the various companies above mentioned (two-thirds in the case of the Cohoes Power & Light Corp.) are not made available for acquisition by the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. is not obligated to carry out this transaction.

Present dividends will be continued on the Cohoes Power & Light Corp. stock, if earned, up to the date from which dividends become cumulative on the new \$7 Cumul. Pref. stock.

The earnings of the new company, including the earnings of the operating companies, which will accrue to the new company, are estimated to be substantially in excess of the amount necessary to pay \$7 per annum on the Pref. stock of the new company.

This transaction will be closed (if and when the approval of the P. S. Commission is obtained) at the office of the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York, N. Y., which has agreed to act as depository.

Stockholders desiring to make the above exchange should deposit their stock with Central Union Trust Co.—V. 116, p. 1537.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Sets Subscription Date.—

The following are the important dates relative to the plan for the acquisition of the Tennessee Electric Power Co., through the exchange of stocks (see V. 120, p. 2683, 2548).

(a) Stock of record June 12 is entitled to vote at special meeting June 23.

(b) Bankers Trust Co., depository, is not authorized to accept any further deposits of 2d Pref. and Common stock of the Tennessee Electric Power Co. after June 15 under offer of the Commonwealth Power Corp. dated May 22 1925.

(c) Meeting of stockholders of Commonwealth Power Corp. is called to be held on June 23 to act upon the matters contained in notice dated May 22 1925.

(d) July 1 is the tentative date of record for dividends payable Aug. 1 on Pref. and present Common stocks of Commonwealth Power Corp. and 2d Pref. stock of the Tennessee Electric Power Co.

(e) July 2 has been set as the tentative date on which Common stockholders of Commonwealth Power Corp. will be asked to send in their certificates of stock to have them split up into four shares of new Common for one share of the present Common stock. Up to this same date holders of present outstanding Common stock option warrants upon exercise thereof and for each \$100 paid thereon, will receive one share of present Common stock of the Commonwealth Power Corp. After this date they will receive upon like exercise four shares of new Common stock of the Commonwealth Power Corp. for each \$100 paid thereon.

(f) July 24 has been set as the tentative date of record as of which holders of new Common stock of the Commonwealth Power Corp. will be sent warrants evidencing their right to subscribe at \$30 per share to additional new Common stock to the extent of 1-10 of their holdings of such new stock on such date of record.

(g) Aug. 31 has been set as the tentative date after which subscription warrants evidencing the right to subscribe to new Common stock of Commonwealth Power Corp. at \$30 per share become void.—V. 120, p. 2814.

Community Traction Co.—Tenders, &c.—

The Bankers' Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until June 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds dated Jan. 31 1921, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$142,395, at a price not exceeding 104 and interest.—V. 119, p. 2759.

Connecticut River Power Co. (of N. H.)—Tenders.—

The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, Boston, Mass., will until June 12 receive bids for the sale to it of First Mtge. 5% 30-year Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due June 1 1937, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$36,171.—V. 116, p. 2642.

Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Balto.—Bonds Sold.—

Alex. Brown & Sons, Brown Bros. & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Jackson & Curtis and Spencer Trask & Co. have sold at 100 1/2 and interest \$9,000,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "F".

Dated June 1 1925: due June 1 1965. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at office of Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore, and Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York. \$1,000,000 each, \$* \$1,000 and \$500 and \$* \$1,000 and authorized multiples. Red. all or part, at any time on 60 days' notice at 105 during first 10 years, at 104 during second 10 years, at 102 1/2 during third 10 years, at 101 during next 8 years and at 100 during last 2 years; plus int. in each case. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these \$9,000,000 bonds, together with additional cash to be supplied by the company, will be used to refund \$5,532,500 1st Ref. Mtge. 6 1/2% bonds, Series "D," which are to be called for redemption at 110 on Aug. 1 1925 (thereby decreasing Bond interest charges by \$127,987 per annum), and to reimburse the treasury of the company, in part, for cost of property additions and extensions.

Security.—These \$9,000,000 5% Series "F" bonds (equally with \$11,263,000 6% Series "A" bonds and \$5,000,000 5 1/2% Series "E" bonds) are secured by mortgage on all property now owned or hereafter acquired. Bonds are reserved to refund all underlying issues.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund of 1% of 1st Ref. Mtge. bonds outstanding, used for purchase or call and retirement of 1st Ref. Mtge. bonds, began on Aug. 1 1923.

Preferred Stock Sold.—

Spencer Trask & Co., New York and Boston and Chase & Co., Boston, announce the sale of \$1,000,000 6% Cumul. Pref. (A. & D.) stock, Series "D," at \$100 50 per share, to yield 5.97% (dividends will accrue from July 1 1925).

Dividends payable quarterly beginning Oct. 1 1925. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice, at 110 and div. At no time shall the number of shares of Preferred stock issued and outstanding exceed 1/4 the number of shares of Common stock issued and outstanding and not held or owned by the company. Preferred stock may be issued in different series, the fixed preferential dividends upon which shall in no case exceed 8% per annum. Preferred stock outstanding or subscribed, including present issue, \$12,000,000. Transfer agents: New York Trust Co., New York; Continental Trust Co., Baltimore; Registrars: Guaranty Trust Co., New York; Union Trust Co. of Maryland, Baltimore. Outstanding Preferred stock is listed on the Baltimore Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the present issue.

Data From Letter Of Herbert A. Wagner, President of the Company.

Company.—Does the entire gas, electric light and power business in Baltimore, including the supply of all power used by the street railways. Its operations also extend into the suburbs and surrounding counties, now serving a population of about \$25,000. Company has generating stations aggregating over 266,000 h.p. capacity. The construction of a new generating station to have an ultimate capacity of 185,000 h.p. is now under way. Company is also furnished, under an advantageous contract, with power from the largest water power plant in operation east of the Mississippi and south of Niagara. Its gas plant has a capacity of 67,000,000 cu. ft. daily and it also has a contract under which it purchases from the Bethlehem Steel Co. by-product coke oven gas for a substantial part of its output.

Dividends.—Continuous cash dividends on the common stock have been paid since 1909. In Oct. 1924, the Common stock, then of a par value of \$100 per share, was changed into Common stock of no par value, on the basis of 4 shares of no-par stock for each share of \$100 par value. For the 10 years prior to Oct. 1 1924 the dividend rates averaged more than 7 3/4% per annum. The present dividend rate, \$2 per share per annum, is equivalent to 8% per annum on the old stock, which 8% rate had been in effect since April 1 1917.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the treasury in part for the cost of additions and extensions to gas and electric plants, transmission lines, distribution systems and other capital expenditures.

Valuation of Property.—In June 1923 the P. S. Commission of Maryland rendered a decision that the valuation of the company's property was at least equal to the par value of its entire security issues then outstanding (bonds, preferred stock and common stock) and its book surplus. The return allowed by the Commission on the valuation as a whole, amply assures the continuance of dividends not only on the preferred stock but also on the common stock at the rate of \$2 per share per annum.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

8% Cumul. Pref. Stock, Series A	\$5,000,000
7% Cumul. Pref. Stock, Series B	2,000,000
6 1/2% Cumul. Pref. Stock, Series C (incl. \$48,500 subscribed but not fully paid for)	4,000,000
6% Cumulative Pref. Stock, Series D	1,000,000
Common Stock—paying \$2 div. (701,288 shs. no par value)	17,532,200
Consol. Gas Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co. Gen. Mtge. 4 1/8s, 1935	13,845,000
Consol. Gas El. Lt. & Pow. Co., Balto., 1st Ref. Mtge. S. F.	
Series "A" 6s 1949	11,263,000
Series "E" 5 1/8s 1952	5,000,000
Series "F" 5%, due June 1 1965	9,000,000
Consol. Gas Co. of Balto. City Consol. Mtge. 5s 1939	3,400,000
Consol. Gas Co. of Balto. City Gen. Mtge. 4 1/8s 1954	6,100,000
United Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co. 1st Consol. Mtge. 4 1/8s 1929	4,428,000

Guaranteed Issues of Subsidiary Companies.

Roland Park Elec. & Water Co. 1st Mtge. 5s 1937	300,000
Baltimore Elec. Co. of Balto. City 1st Mtge 5s 1947	3,943,000
Baltimore Elec. Co. of Balto. City 5% Pref. stock	1,000,000
Public Service Bldg. Co. 1st Mtge. 5s 1940	795,500
Public Service Building Co. 6% Pref. stock	676,700

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	Gross Income	Oper. Exp. & Taxes	Net Earnings	Fixed Charges, &c.	Sur. Avail. for Div.
1919	12,813,617	8,012,906	4,800,711	2,283,622	2,517,089
1921	16,612,388	10,584,582	6,027,806	2,861,184	3,201,622
1923	22,221,690	12,588,592	9,633,107	3,088,722	6,544,385
1924	27,711,928	13,064,002	14,647,926	3,074,365	11,573,561
1925c	21,919,654	12,890,308	9,029,346	3,052,277	5,977,169

a Exclusive of amortization. b Rate decrease effective July 1923. c 12 Months ended April 30.

To Retire Series "D" 6 1/2% 1st Ref. Mtge. Bonds.

All of the outstanding Series "D" 6 1/2% 1st Ref. Mtge. S. F. Gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1919, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 110 and int. at the holders' option, at the Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York, or at the office of Alexander Brown & Sons, Baltimore, Md., or at the Midland Bank, Ltd., London, England. See also V. 120, p. 2814.

Consolidated Telegraph & Electrical Subway Co.

The company has increased its authorized Common stock from 604,500 to 704,500 shares of no par value. The 37,500 shares of no par Preferred stock remain unchanged.—V. 118, p. 3083.

Consumers Power Co.—Earnings.

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$18,595,453	\$17,874,410	\$15,164,921
Oper. exps., incl. taxes & maint.	9,723,438	9,663,958	8,034,188
Fixed charges	2,657,903	2,260,581	2,420,424
Preferred dividend	1,784,126	1,282,133	1,204,292
Prov. for replac. & deprec.	1,320,000	1,184,000	1,094,078
Balance, surplus	\$3,109,987	\$3,483,737	\$2,591,938

—V. 120, p. 2267, 2010.

Continental Passenger Railway Co.—Dividend.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on May 29 announced the declaration of the semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share, payable June 30 to holders of record May 29, less 38 cents per share to cover first and second quarterly installments of the 1924 income tax.—V. 118, p. 2823.

Detroit Edison Co.—Bonds Sold.—A syndicate composed of Coffin & Burr, Inc., Spencer Trask & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Security Trust Co., First Nat'l Co. of Detroit and Bankers Trust Co. has sold at 99 1/2 and int., yielding over 5% \$8,000,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, series "B," 5% due 1955. Dated Oct. 1 1924; due June 1 1955.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data From Letter of Alex Dow, President of the Company.

Company.—Does the entire commercial electric lighting and power business in the City of Detroit, now the fourth largest city in the United States and in an extensive adjacent territory in the State of Michigan, serving a total population conservatively estimated at 1,650,000. Company also conducts a steam heating business in the central area of the City. The property of the Company includes four large modern steam generating plants with an aggregate capacity of 503,000 kw.

Security.—Secured by a general mortgage on the entire fixed property and franchises of the company, and in addition are secured by the deposit of \$12,500,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds. Additional underlying bonds may not be issued unless they are deposited as further security for the bonds issuable under the indenture securing the Gen. & Ref. Mtge. Bonds. The indenture contains provisions for modification thereof and of the rights of the bondholders in certain respects, with the assent of the company and of the holders of not less than 85% of the outstanding bonds.

Earnings, Year Ended April 30 1925.

Gross earnings	\$34,586,502
Oper. exps., taxes & deprec.	24,038,023
Annual interest on mtge. bonds (incl. this issue)	3,657,390
Balance	\$6,891,089
Capitalization—	
Stock (has paid 8% divs. regularly since 1916)	\$85,000,000
Convertible Debentures:	
One issue of 6s due 1932	\$4,146,200
Three issues of 7s due 1928, 1929 and 1930, aggregating	5,638,800
Gen. & Ref. Mtge. bonds: Series A, 5% due 1949	x \$12,500,000
do Series B, due 1955 (this issue)	8,000,000
1st & Ref. Mtge. due 1940; 5% Series A	16,665,000
do 6% Series B	y 18,319,000
First Mortgage 5%, due 1933	10,000,000
Eastern Mich. Edison Co., 1st Mtge. 6s, 1931	4,000,000

x Limited only by the restrictions of indenture. y Authorized \$75,000,000. In addition to the \$34,984,000 Bonds shown as outstanding, there are \$12,500,000 Bonds deposited as security for the Gen. & Ref. Mtge. Bonds and \$13,516,000 Bonds in the treasury. Neither the Bonds in the treasury nor any other 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds may be issued unless they are deposited as security under the indenture securing the Gen. & Ref. Mtge. Bonds.

Purpose.—This issue will provide about one-half of the new capital estimated to be needed for the calendar year and the first months of 1926. The proceeds of this issue will be applied towards the construction of three new substations in the downtown district of Detroit, a new steam heating plant in the same district, very large extensions of the underground cable transmission system, an additional tower line, with two circuits at 120,000 volts, between the Trenton Channel plant and the western industrial district of Detroit, a new hydro-electric plant at French Landing on the Huron River which will go into commission late in the summer, and numerous expenditures towards the provision of distribution wires, line transformers, service connections and meters for an expected addition during the calendar year of more than 36,000 customers, of which number 14,885 have already been added between Jan. first and this date.—V. 120, p. 2814.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.—Notes Called.

All of the outstanding 3 1/2-Year 7% Secured Gold notes, Series "A" and "B," due Aug. 1 1925, have been called for payment July 1 at par and int. at the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, 10 Post Office Sq., Boston, Mass. See also Houston Electric Co. below.—V. 119, p. 74.

Great Western Power Co. of Calif.—Bonds Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, Lee, Higginson & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., New York, and Peirce, Fair & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 99 and interest to yield about 5.57%, \$6,300,000 First & Ref. Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "D" 5 1/2%. Dated Feb. 1 1925; due Feb. 1 1955. (See description in V. 120, p. 956.)

Company.—Incorp. in 1915 in California. Does an extensive electric light and power business in central California, serving a population of over 1,400,000. Since the beginning of 1912 the connected load has been increased from 110,000 h.p. to about 482,000 h.p. and the number of consumers from 4,230 to over 54,000. During this same period gross earnings have increased from about \$2,000,000 per annum to over \$7,780,000 per annum. Company's electric generating plants have a present productive capacity of 225,000 h.p., of which 175,000 h.p. is hydro-electric and 50,000 h.p. is in auxiliary steam plants.

Company is controlled by Western Power Corp., which has recently acquired control of San Joaquin Light & Power Corp. and its affiliated companies (Midland Counties Public Service Corp. and Fresno City Water Corp.).

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds, together with funds on hand, will be used to retire on Aug. 1 1925 all 1st & Ref. Mtge. Series "B" 7% bonds of the company.

Capitalization Outstanding After Giving Effect to This Financing.

Common stock	\$27,500,000
Preferred stock 7% cumul. (incl. \$1,518,000 subscribed for but not fully paid up)	11,188,084
Debentures—6%, due 1925	4,177,600
First & Ref. Mtge. bonds, Ser. "D," 5 1/2%, 1955 (incl. this offering)	8,500,000
do Series "C" 6%, 1952	5,923,000
do Series "A" 6%, 1949	5,891,300
Underlying Divisional Mortgage bonds (closed mortgages)	2,817,950
First Mortgage 5% bonds, 1946 (closed mortgage)	19,535,000
Earnings (Reclassified) Twelve Months Ended April 30, 1925.	
Gross earnings, exclusive of int. during construc'n	\$7,328,865
Operating expenses, taxes, rentals, &c.	2,701,681
Net earnings	\$4,627,184
Annual int. on outstanding mtge. bonds (incl. this offering)	\$4,704,850
	2,294,685

Balance.—\$2,410,165
Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on the company's Caribou plant, which has a present productive capacity of 88,000 h. p., and which is capable of increase to an ultimate capacity of 176,000 h. p. Bonds are in addition secured by a general mortgage on the entire property now owned, subject to underlying liens, and also on all property hereafter acquired. No further underlying bonds may be sold to the public.

Under the terms of the First & Ref. Mtge., additional bonds may only be issued for 80% of the cost of additional property, and then only when net earnings as defined in the mortgage are at least 1 1/4 times the annual interest on bonds issued under this and underlying mortgages, including the bonds requested to be certified.

[All of the outstanding Series "B" 7% 1st & Ref. Mtge. S. F. gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1920, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 110 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.]—V. 120, p. 2683.

Hackensack (N. J.) Water Co.—Stock Offered.

Holders of the 7% Preferred stock and Common stock of record June 12 will be offered, subject to the approval of the New Jersey P. U. Commission, the right to subscribe on or before June 30, at \$25 per share, for 7% Cumul. Preferred Class A stock (par \$25), to extent of one share of new stock for each five shares held.—See also V. 120, p. 2815.

Harlem Valley Electric Corp.—Acquisition.

The Katonah Lighting Co. has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for permission to transfer its franchises, works and system to the Harlem Valley Electric Corp.—V. 120, p. 2400.

Houston Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—Lee, Higginson & Co., Estabrook & Co., Parkinson & Burr, and Stone & Webster, Inc., have sold at 94 1/4 and interest, to yield about 6.80%, \$5,000,000 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Series A 6%. Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1935. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in Boston, New York and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable as a whole at any time or in part on any interest date at 102 during the first two years, decreasing 1/2% at end of each two-year period from date of issue to par, during last two years, plus interest in each case. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. First National Bank, Boston, trustee.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of This Financing.

First Mortgage Series A 6s (this issue)	\$5,000,000
Equipment Trust Certificates	349,381
Capital stock	5,000,000

Data from Letter of C. F. W. Wetterer, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in Texas in 1901. Does the entire street railway and an auxiliary bus business in Houston, Texas, serving a population of about 190,000. Entire capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) is owned by Galveston-Houston Electric Co., which also controls Galveston-Houston Electric Ry. and Galveston Electric Co.

Properties include a steam station located in the heart of the city, equipped for oil burning with a generating capacity of 2,800 h. p.; substations with a total installed capacity of 4,700 h. p.; 90 miles of equivalent single track; modern and fully equipped car barn and shops; 203 cars, and 4 motor buses. An additional 60 cars and 17 motor buses are being operated and will be owned as soon as the above Equipment Trust certificates are paid off. Lines interconnect with those of the Galveston-Houston Electric Ry.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on all property now owned, estimated to have a present value of approximately \$10,000,000, or twice the amount of these bonds. Additional bonds can be issued for not in excess of 75% of the cost or fair value of additions or improvements under careful restrictions of the mortgage outlined in accompanying letter.

Sinking Fund of 2% per annum on total amount of Series A bonds issued (first payment April 20 1926) to be used to purchase or call Series A bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire two issues of bonds maturing on Aug. 1 1925, aggregating \$2,974,000 in principal amount, to retire floating debt incurred to finance additions and extensions and to provide funds for this year's construction requirements.

Earnings Twelve Months Ended March 31.

	1923.	1924.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$2,021,929	\$2,087,700	\$2,613,843
Operating expenses and taxes	1,678,524	1,730,114	1,947,549
Net earnings	\$343,405	\$357,586	\$666,294
Interest requirement on present funded debt (incl. this issue)			\$320,963

—V. 118, p. 431.

Indiana Service Corp.—Redemption of Scrip Certificates.

All of the scrip certificates issued by the Commercial Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa. (now the Bank of North America & Trust Co.) for fractional shares of the Pref. stock of the corporation, will be redeemed at the office of the Bank of North America & Trust Co. on July 31 by the payment of a sum of money equal to the par value of such scrip certificates upon the surrender thereof. Holders of any such scrip certificates not presented for redemption on or before July 31 shall not thereafter be entitled to receive any dividends or exercise any rights as holders thereof, but shall be entitled only to receive the funds so set apart for the redemption thereof upon surrender of such scrip certificates at the office of the trust company.—V. 120, p. 1326.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Div. Rental.

See Manhattan Ry. below.—V. 120, p. 2815.

Interstate Power Co.—Preferred Stock Sold.

Pynchon & Co., West & Co. and W. S. Hammons & Co. have sold at \$95 per share and div., to yield about 7.37%, 30,000 shares \$7 Dividend Preferred stock. Preferred as to both assets

and cumulative dividends. Shares are fully paid and non-assessable.

Dividends are exempt from normal Federal income tax. They are exempt also from all Federal income taxes when received by an individual whose net income, after all allowable deductions, does not exceed \$10,000. Dividends are not subject to Federal income tax when received by a domestic corporation. Transfer agents, American Exchange National Bank, New York; Office of the company, Chicago. Registrars, Chase National Bank, New York; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Preferred stock is entitled to receive cumulative divs. at the rate of \$7 per annum, payable Q.-J. Has priority in liquidation or dissolution up to \$100 per share, together with all dividends accrued, plus a premium of \$15 per share if such liquidation or dissolution be voluntary, before any distribution shall be made to the holders of Common stock. Callable all or part by lot or pro rata, at \$115 per share, plus divs.

Further details regarding history, business, property, capitalization, earnings, &c. were given in V. 120, p. 2815.

Iowa Electric Co.—To Retire Bonds.—

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 20 year 6% Gold bonds (with 1 1/2% additional interest certificates attached) due July 1 1934, have been called for redemption July 1, at 105 and int. at the Chicago Title & Trust Co., trustee, Chicago, Ill.—V. 119, p. 2878.

Iowa Light, Heat & Power Co.—Acquisition.—

The company is reported to have acquired 300 of the outstanding 500 shares of stock of the Holstein (Ia.) Service Co. at \$310 per share. The Cedar Rapids Light & Ry. Co. holds the other 200 shares.—V. 119, p. 1514.

Kansas Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Spencer Trask & Co. and Marshall Field, Glone, Ward & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$2,100,000 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Series "A" 6%.

Dated May 1 1925; due May 1 1955. Red., all or part, on 60 days' notice on any int. date up to and incl. Nov. 1 1945 at 105 and int., with successive reductions in redemption price on each May 1 thereafter of 1/4 of 1%. Int. (M. & N.) payable in Chicago or New York. Denom. \$1,000 & \$500 c*. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, and M. H. MacLean, co-trustee. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% (Conn., Penna. and Calif. 4 mills and the District of Columbia 5 mills taxes and Maryland securities tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills per \$1 per annum, and Mass. income tax on int. not exceeding 6% of such int. per annum, refunded).

Insurance.—Approved by the Kansas P. S. Commission.
Data from Letter of Clement Studebaker Jr., President of the Co. Company.—Is controlled through the ownership of its Common stock by Kansas Public Service Co., which is a subsidiary of the Illinois Power & Light Corp. Company is constructing on the Kansas River at Tecumseh, Kan., a modern steam electric generating station, together with 60 miles of double circuit steel tower transmission lines connecting Tecumseh with the electric utilities of Kansas Public Service Co. and subsidiaries at Topeka, Atchison and intermediate points. The initial generating capacity installed at Tecumseh will be 15,000 k.v.a., with water supply and power house designed for an ultimate installation of 90,000 k.v.a.

Company's property has been leased to Kansas Public Service Co. for a period of 50 years, or 20 years beyond the maturity of these bonds. The terms of this lease which has been approved by the Kansas P. U. Commission provide for monthly payments, constituting an operating charge of Kansas Public Service Co. The estimated cost of the first unit of the power house, plus the transmission lines, will be \$3,600,000. The estimated annual rental to be paid under the lease amounts to \$468,000, or over 3.70 times the annual interest requirements of this issue. This rental is subject to a readjustment from time to time under conservative restrictions. Surplus earnings of Kansas Power & Light Co. after Pref. dividends will be available for the payment of dividends upon the Common stock held by Kansas Public Service Co.

Earnings.—The combined gross earnings for 1924 of the properties of Kansas Public Service Co. and subsidiaries were \$2,091,625; net earnings (after operating expenses, maintenance and local taxes) were \$614,738. Substantial economies in operation, resulting from the use of the new plant, with the latest improved types of equipment, will save Kansas Public Service Co. a considerable part of the rental which it is to pay and make available additional energy for sale to the growing territory served.

Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing).
Common stock (\$10 par value fully paid).....\$500,000
First Pref. stock, 7% Cumulative.....1,370,000
First Mortgage Gold bonds, Series "A" 6% (this issue).....2,100,000

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on the entire fixed property now or hereafter owned, subject to underlying bonds, if any, on hereafter acquired property. The amount of 1st Mtge. bonds (this issue) issuable against the initial installation mentioned above is limited to \$2,100,000. The Illinois Power & Light Corp. has agreed to supply as needed all funds (not supplied by Kansas Power & Light Co.) necessary for the completion of the above mentioned initial installation and to pay interest on these bonds during the construction period. The deed of trust provides that additional bonds may only be issued under conservative restrictions as recited in the accompanying letter.

Sinking Fund, &c.—The deed of trust provides for the payment to the trustee on May 1 1926 and each year thereafter a sum equal to 2 1/2% of the cash cost or fair value, whichever is the lesser, of all property against which bonds have been issued, less the amount of the sinking fund requirement of underlying issues, if any. Funds so deposited shall be employed for the retirement of underlying bonds, if any, or bonds of this issue or for renewals and replacements, or for additions, improvements or acquisitions which shall not be made the basis for the certification of additional bonds.—V. 119, p. 2529.

Kansas City Railways.—Reorganization Plan.—A plan of reorganization, formulated and being promulgated by the reorganization, has been unanimously approved and adopted by the 1st Mtge. gold bondholders' committee (Melvin A. Traylor, Chairman) and the collateral gold noteholders' committee (H. L. Stuart, Chairman). The cash required for the purposes of the plan will be provided from funds available in hands of the receivers.

Holders of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds and Collateral Gold notes not heretofore deposited who desire to participate in the plan, may on or before June 30 1925 deposit with any of the respective depositaries (below) their bonds or notes with all unpaid coupons attached and receive therefor appropriate certificates of deposit issued under the appropriate deposit agreement, and by making such deposit shall be conclusively and finally deemed to have assented to the plan.

Holders of Secured Promissory notes who desire to participate in the plan, may, on or before June 30 1925, deposit with Chase National Bank, New York, or with Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., as depositaries, and upon making such deposit shall be conclusively and finally deemed for all purposes to have irrevocably assented to and approved the plan.

The reorganization committee, acting for and on behalf of the holders of First Mortgage, Gold bonds, Collateral Gold notes and Secured Promissory notes, and with the approval of the committees representing such First Mortgage, gold bonds and Collateral Gold notes, has contracted to purchase the judgments for personal injury and property damages against the old company. The reorganization committee will provide in due course for the assignment, transfer or delivery of such judgments (or certificates representative thereof) for the benefit of the bondholders and noteholders, to such persons and in such manner as the reorganization committee may prescribe, and in accordance with arrangements heretofore made for such acquisition.

No specific provision is made for the deposit of 2d Mtge. bonds, so-called other promissory notes and other debts, obligations and claims. The offers of the reorganization committee to the committee representing such 2d Mtge. bonds and to representatives of a large majority of such other promissory notes have been heretofore rejected. The reorganization committee has been authorized to negotiate or arrange for the readjustment, acquisition or settlement of any such bonds, notes, debts, obligations or claims,

in whole or in part, and in the event of any such adjustment, acquisition or settlement they may be required to be deposited with such depositaries, or assigned, transferred or delivered to such persons and in such manner as the reorganization committee may in each instance require.

Introductory Statement.—Company has been in the hands of receivers since Sept. 9 1920. In October 1923 the reorganization committee was constituted and appointed by the 1st Mtge. Gold bondholders and Collateral Gold noteholders' committees with a view to effecting, if practicable, a fair adjustment of the various securities and claims, of terminating litigation and bringing about a just and proper reorganization. The reorganization committee succeeded in settling all issues in litigation with the exception of those raised by the 2d Mtge. bondholders' committee, by the holders of certain promissory notes and by various Pref. stockholders. These unsettled issues went to trial in April 1924 and were determined favorably to the contentions of the 1st Mtge. Gold bondholders and Collateral Gold noteholders, the court rendering a decision on Dec. 30 1924 sustaining the 1st Mtge., the 1st Mtge. Gold bonds issued thereunder, the Collateral Gold notes and the pledge of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds as security therefor. On May 15 1925 a decree of foreclosure under the 1st Mtge. was entered by the court. Pending the entry of decree of foreclosure, the reorganization committee prepared the accompanying plan, and the same was unanimously approved and adopted by the 1st Mtge. Gold bondholders and Collateral Gold noteholders' committees.

The primary object of the reorganization committee has been to evolve a sound and conservative plan of reorganization under which the property may be successfully and satisfactorily rehabilitated and operated from the standpoint of both the security holders and the public. The accompanying plan is designed and intended to accomplish these results by the recapitalization of the old company in accordance with sound and prudent financial and business principles, the reduction of fixed charges to an amount safely within the minimum earning capacity of the property, settlement of the problems affecting operations under public grants and of the litigation and claims resulting from personal injuries and damages to property, adjustment of the respective interests of the security holders and other creditors, termination of the receivership, provision for present and future capital requirements, restoration of credit and the establishment of the property on a basis which will enable it to keep pace with the growth and development of the communities served and to render the highest standard of public service.

Reorganization Committee.—Melvin A. Traylor, Chairman; H. L. Stuart, Vice-Chairman; J. K. Newman, George W. Davison, P. W. Goebel, with James J. Fitzgerald, Secretary, 78 West Monroe St., Chicago.

Committee Representing First Mtge. Gold Bonds.—Melvin A. Traylor, Chairman; J. K. Newman, Willis Pollock, John W. Stedman, Louis W. Steele.

Collateral Gold Noteholders' Committee.—H. L. Stuart, Chairman; George W. Davison, Henry C. Olcott, Harry A. Wheeler.

Depositaries for First Mtge. Gold Bonds.—First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Chase National Bank, New York; The Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Phila.; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee; St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.; First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.; Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Depositaries for Collateral Gold Notes, 2-Year 6% and 3-Year 7%.—Chase National Bank, New York; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Phila.; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee; St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.; New England National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.; Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Depositaries for Secured Promissory Notes.—Chase National Bank, New York, and Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Digest of Reorganization Plan, Dated June 1 1925.

<i>Bonds, Notes, Debts and Obligations of Old Company in Hands of Public.</i>	
(a) 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, dated July 1 1915.....	\$15,917,400
(b) Collateral 6% Gold notes, dated Dec. 1 1917 (secured by \$1,219,600 1st Mtge. Gold bonds bearing int. at rate of 6% p.a.).....	1,000,000
(c) Collateral 7% Gold notes, Series A, dated May 15 1918 (all notes issued under the trust agreement, whether Series A or Series B, being equally secured by \$2,575,000 of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds bearing int. at rate of 6% per annum and \$8,076,000 of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds bearing int. at rate of 5% per annum, but upon which the company has covenanted to pay additional interest of 1% per annum).....	7,750,000
(d) Secured Promissory notes (\$200,000 being secured by \$218,000 of Collateral Gold notes, Series B, dated May 15 1918, and \$200,000 being secured by \$200,000 of Collateral Gold notes, Series B, dated May 15 1918).....	400,000
(e) 2d Mtge. Gold bonds, dated July 1 1915.....	3,924,000
Series A, bearing interest at rate of 6% per annum.....	1,000,000
Series B, bearing interest at rate of 5% per annum.....	1,797,000
(f) Other promissory notes.....	2,700,000
(g) Tort judgments (estimated to amount, with interest and costs, on completion of reorganization to approximately).....	

In addition to the foregoing, (1) other tort claims have been asserted against the company or its receivers and are now in course of litigation or adjustment, and (2) claims against the company aggregating approximately \$1,000,000 have been filed with its receivers by public authorities and other parties alleging money due for taxes, viaduct construction, materials, furnished, &c.

<i>Bonds, Notes, Debts and Obligations Dealt with Under Plan.</i>	
	<i>Principal Unpaid Int. Amount, to July 1 '25.</i>
1st Mtge. Gold bonds.....	\$15,917,400 \$4,775,220
Collateral Gold notes, 2-year, 6%.....	1,000,000 365,000
Collateral Gold notes, 3-year, 7%.....	7,750,000 3,322,813
Secured promissory notes.....	400,000 129,000

Second Mortgage Gold Bonds.—The reorganization committee heretofore made an offer of readjustment of the 2d Mtge. Gold bonds, 5% and 6%, to the committee, consisting of E. V. R. Thayer, Frederick J. Horne and H. P. Wright, representing bonds of that issue assigned to or deposited with such committee. This offer was rejected and litigation followed which resulted adversely to the claims of the 2d Mtge. bondholders committee. The reorganization committee shall have the right in its discretion to negotiate or arrange with any parties for the readjustment or acquisition of the 2d Mtge. Gold bonds, or any of them, but shall be under no obligation to do so.

Other Promissory Notes.—The reorganization committee heretofore made an offer of readjustment of the so-called other promissory notes to representatives of the holders of a large majority of the notes. This offer was rejected and litigation followed which resulted adversely to the claims of the promissory noteholders. The reorganization committee shall have the right in its discretion to negotiate or arrange with any parties for the readjustment or acquisition of such notes, or any of them, but shall be under no obligation to do so.

Tort Judgments.—The holders of a large number of judgments against the old company for personal injury and property damages intervened in the receivership proceedings, contending that such judgments were a charge on the property prior to the 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Collateral Gold notes and Secured Promissory notes and attacking the validity of the bonds and notes. The great majority of these judgments were obtained and are held by residents of Greater Kansas City as the result of personal injury occasioned by the old company in its operations. The reorganization committee, believing it to be to the best interests of the holders of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Collateral Gold notes and Secured Promissory notes, has arranged on behalf of the bondholders and noteholders to purchase these tort judgments and similar claims subsequently reduced to judgment. Payment therefor is to be made, on the basis provided in the plan, from funds and/or bonds applicable to the 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Collateral Gold notes and Secured Promissory notes, the reorganization committee being hereby constituted by the holders of the bonds and notes their representative with authority to receive such funds and/or bonds, and to apply the same to such purchase. The holders of tort judgments are not participants in the plan, but are to assign their judgments as directed by the purchasers upon payment of the agreed consideration therefor. This arrangement has been unanimously approved by the members of the 1st Mtge. Gold bondholders and Collateral Gold noteholders' committees, and has been accepted by substantially all the holders of said judgments.

Other Debts or Claims.—The reorganization committee shall have the right to negotiate or arrange for the readjustment, acquisition or settlement of claims for taxes, viaduct construction, materials furnished and such other debts, obligations or claims, whether arising as a result of operations or under franchises or otherwise, as may not be included in the foregoing itemization and/or may not be disposed of by the receivers.

Cash Requirements and Provision Therefor.

The amount of cash estimated as required to carry out plan is as follows:
 For improvements, betterments and working capital of new company, less amounts required for settlements of claims and liabilities of old company and receivers, payment of expenses of foreclosure and sales and expenses of reorganization, &c. (est.) \$3,650,000
 To be paid to holders of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Collateral Gold notes and Secured Promissory notes, to be applied by them (through the reorganization committee as their representative) to the purchase of tort judgments (estimated) 1,350,000

Total \$5,000,000
 The cash required for the purposes of the plan will, it is estimated, be provided as follows:

Cash estimated to be available in hands of receivers upon completion of reorganization \$5,000,000

New Company.—The reorganization may be effected through a new corporation, or if deemed advisable, through one or more corporations, formed or to be formed, which may include the old company. There will be vested in the new company, through a foreclosure of the first mortgage or otherwise, provided the purchase or acquisition is arranged at a price deemed satisfactory to the reorganization committee, title to the street railways, equipment, franchises, securities, rights and other property of the old company and such cash as may be available in reorganization and not otherwise required, with such exceptions and additions as the reorganization committee shall determine.

New Securities.—The bonds and stocks herein provided for may be issued by one company or by two or more companies acquiring the property of the old company as provided.

First Mortgage Bonds.—The reorganization committee is empowered to provide for the creation of an issue of bonds of the new company, to be known as 1st Mtge. bonds (or other suitable designation), limited to such aggregate principal amount or unlimited as the reorganization committee may determine, and which may be made issuable from time to time in series, in such amounts, with such maturities, rates of interest, sinking fund if any, redemption if any, conversion if any, and other provisions as may be provided. New company may be empowered to refund or retire any series in whole or in part and issue for such purposes and under such restrictions as may be prescribed bonds of any other series bearing the same or different rates of interest, &c., as the directors at the time may determine.

The first issue of such bonds (Series A) shall not exceed \$20,000,000, shall bear 6% int., shall be dated and payable on such date as the reorganization committee may fix, red., all or part, at such price (not less than their face value) as the reorganization committee may determine. Of the Series A bonds at least \$5,000,000 shall be reserved and shall be issuable from time to time only for the acquisition of or to reimburse the new company for the acquisition of property additions as defined in such mortgage and deed of trust at least equal in cost or value to the principal amount of the bonds so issued; and the balance of the Series A bonds, less the bonds required for distribution in reorganization to security holders of the old company under the plan, may be issued to provide for capital requirements (including payments to the treasury of the new company to offset capital expenditures made by the receivers subsequent to Jan. 1 1925 and (or) for the purposes of the reorganization. First Mtge. bonds of additional series may only be issued from time to time under restrictions to be contained in the mortgage and deed of trust for the acquisition of or to reimburse the new company for the acquisition of property additions as defined in such mortgage and deed of trust, for the refunding, retirement or acquisition of any bonds previously issued and outstanding and for other capital requirements and proper corporate purposes.

Preferred Stock.—Pref. stock will be authorized to such an amount, to be provided in the charter of the new company, as the reorganization committee may deem advisable, the shares to be without par value or, if the reorganization committee shall so determine, of the par value of \$100 a share. The Pref. stock may be issuable in series, each series (subsequent to Series A) to bear dividends at such rate, not exceeding \$7 a share per annum, and cumulative from such date, and to be red. at not exceeding \$107.50 a share; and the stock of each series will have preference over the Common stock, as to assets on liquidation to an amount not exceeding \$100 a share and divs., and as to divs. at the rate to be specified for each series.

The Pref. stock to be issued in reorganization (Series A) will be entitled in preference to the Common stock to divs. at the rate of \$7 a share per annum and no more, cumulative without interest from such date as the reorganization committee may determine, will be subject to red. at \$107.50 a share and divs., and will be preferred as to assets on liquidation to the amount of \$100 a share and divs. The holders of Pref. stock will have the same voting rights as holders of Common stock, viz., one vote for each share held.

If the reorganization committee shall so determine, the charter of the new company may authorize the issuance of Prior Pref. stock, to provide for future capital and corporate requirements. In such event the terms and authorized amount of such prior Pref. stock and the rights, preferences, voting powers if any, limitations and restrictions thereof shall be as determined by the reorganization committee. No such stock shall be issued in reorganization.

Common Stock.—Common stock will be authorized to such an amount, to be provided in the charter of the new company, as the reorganization committee may deem advisable, the shares to be without par value, or, if the reorganization committee shall so determine, of such par value as it may fix. Holders of Common stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share held.

Voting Trust.—The reorganization committee shall have power, in its discretion, to create a voting trust or voting trusts for all or any part of the Pref. and Common stock of the new company, and to cause such stock or any part thereof to be deposited thereunder, for the purpose of providing for representation of public authorities or of holders of any class of stock on the board of directors of the new company or otherwise, such voting trust or trusts to be for such period or periods and to contain such provisions as the reorganization committee in its discretion may prescribe.

Table of Exchange of Old Bonds and Notes for New Securities.

Existing Securities	Outstanding	New Bonds.	Pref. Shs.	Com. Shs.
x 1st Mtge. 6s, 1944	\$15,917,400	\$6,366,960	47,752.2	111,421.8
Each \$1,000		400	3	7
y 6% Coll. Tr. notes, 1919	a1,000,000	487,840	3,658.8	7,317.6
Each \$1,000		487,840	3,659	7,317
z 7% Coll. Tr. notes, 1921	b7,750,000	4,042,400	30,318	60,636
Each \$1,000		3,912	3,912	7,824
Secured Promissory notes	c200,000	113,700	852.7	1,705.4
Each \$1,000		568.5	4,264	8,528
Secured Promissory notes	c200,000	104,300	782.3	1,564.6
Each \$1,000		521.5	3,912	7,824

d Participation of holders of above bonds & notes to be retained by reorg. comm. and applied by it on behalf of such holders to purchase of tort judgments (est.) \$1,350,000 new bonds and \$1,350,000 cash

x With Jan. 1 1920 and subsequent coupons attached. y With Dec. 1 1919 and subsequent coupons attached. z To extent of 40% of principal amount of old company 1st Mtge. Gold bonds pledged to secure same. b To extent of 40% of that portion of principal amount of old company 1st Mtge. Gold bonds pledged under trust agreement, dated May 15 1918, as allocable to Series A notes. c Secured by Collateral Gold notes, Series B (\$2,180,000 and \$200,000, respectively), issued under trust agreement, dated May 15 1918, to extent of 40% of that portion of principal amount of old company 1st Mtge. Gold bonds pledged under the trust agreement as is allocable to Series B notes. d There will be retained by the reorganization committee out of securities and cash applicable to 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Collateral Gold notes and Secured Promissory notes of the old company (and additional to the amounts of new securities to be distributed to the holders of said bonds and notes of the old company as provided above), an amount sufficient to purchase the judgments against the old company for personal injury or property damages, on the basis arranged, to wit: For each \$1,000 of such judgments (including interest and costs, but not including attorneys' fees) the reorganization committee shall retain, as representative of said bondholders and noteholders, \$500 in cash and \$500 principal amount of 1st Mtge. bonds, Series A, 6%, and shall apply the same to the purchase of such judgments.

Sale of Bonds and Stock.

If the reorganization committee shall determine that it is to the best interests of the new company, or of the parties entitled to receive 1st Mtge. bonds of the new company under the plan, the reorganization committee may in its absolute discretion withhold distribution of the new 1st Mtge.

bonds, or any part thereof, for a period not exceeding 6 months subsequent to completion of the reorganization, and may retain the bonds for such period as agent of the parties otherwise entitled thereto, and may issue in lieu thereof certificates or receipts evidencing proportionate interest in such bonds and (or) the proceeds thereof.

The reorganization committee may at any time during the 6 months period sell or otherwise dispose of the bonds in whole or in part to such party or parties as it may select at such price and upon such terms as it may fix, and shall within a reasonable time thereafter distribute the bonds and (or) proceeds thereof in the hands of the reorganization committee to the holders of such certificates or receipts or to the parties appearing to be entitled thereto as their respective interests may appear; provided that at least 10 days' notice of the proposed price and terms of any such sale or other disposition of said bonds or any part thereof shall be mailed to the holders of certificates or receipts issued in lieu thereof or to the parties appearing to be entitled thereto, at their addresses if any appearing on the books of the reorganization committee, and any such holder or party may, by notice mailed to the reorganization committee and received by it within 8 days after date of mailing of the notice from the reorganization committee, disapprove such sale or other disposition as concerns such holder or party, in which case the bonds represented by his certificate or receipt or to which he appears entitled shall not be subject to such sale or other disposition, otherwise the reorganization committee shall have full power and authority to make such sale or other disposition.

The reorganization committee may likewise withhold distribution of the Pref. and Common stock of the new company and sell same as above provided in connection with the bonds.

The reorganization committee shall also have power, apart from the foregoing, to set aside as a separate entity, for sale to employees of the new company and (or) to residents of Greater Kansas City, such number of shares of Pref. stock, Series A, not exceeding 20% thereof, and an equal number of shares of Common stock, which shares would otherwise be distributable under the plan to the holders of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, Collateral Gold notes and Secured Promissory notes of the old company, as it may in its discretion determine, and may issue certificates or receipts therefor applicable only to and evidencing proportionate interest in such stock and (or) the proceeds thereof; and may sell said stock or any part thereof, at any time within six months subsequent to such completion of the reorganization, at such price and upon such terms as the reorganization committee may fix; and shall within a reasonable time thereafter distribute ratably to the holders of such certificates or receipts or to the parties appearing entitled thereto the stock and (or) proceeds thereof in the hands of the reorganization committee.

Non-Assenting Holders of Bonds and Notes.—The plan makes no provision for any payments of cash or delivery of bonds or stock to any holder of bonds and (or) notes of the old company of the classes specifically herein provided to be readjusted who does not participate in this plan and assent to the agreement. Any cash, bonds or stock which would have been distributed under the plan to any such non-assenting holders had they participated in the plan may remain unissued or be disposed of for reorganization purposes by the reorganization committee as it may deem advisable in its discretion.

Comparison of Capitalization, Debt and Fixed Charges.

Old Company as of July 1 1925—	Out-standing	Annual Fixed Chas.
1st Mortgage 5% Gold bonds	\$15,917,400	\$795,870
6% Collateral Gold notes	1,000,000	60,000
7% Collateral Gold notes	7,750,000	542,500
Secured Promissory notes	400,000	26,000
*Tort claims reduced to judgment or which may be reduced to judgment (estimated)	2,700,000	162,000
2d Mortgage 5% and 6% Gold bonds	4,924,000	285,440
Other promissory notes	1,797,000	125,700
*Other claims (estimated)	1,000,000	60,000
Capital stock	100,000	-----
Total	-----	\$2,057,600

New Company—

1st Mortgage 6% Gold bonds	\$12,465,200	\$747,912
Shares Preferred stock	83,364	-----
Shares Common stock	182,645.4	-----
Total	-----	\$747,912

* Estimated charges 6% per annum.

A report of the company's operations, physical condition and earnings is given under "Financial Reports" above. —V. 120, p. 330.

Keokuk (Iowa) Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Stone & Webster, Inc., New York, and Chicago Trust Co., are offering at 98 and interest, to yield about 6.15%, \$700,000 First Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds, Series "A."

Dated May 1 1925; due May 1 1945. Interest payable M. & N. in Boston or Chicago without deduction for normal Federal income taxes up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 et. Redeemable, all or part, on 30 days' notice at 105 prior to May 1 1935, reducing 1/2 of 1% for each year thereafter to 100 on and after May 1 1944, plus interest in each case. Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, trustee.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on all the physical property and franchises now owned except the electric railway system and a first mortgage on all future acquired unencumbered physical property other than electric railways. The reproducible value of the mortgaged property is estimated at over twice the face value of this issue of bonds. Additional bonds may be issued up to 75% of the cost or value, whichever is less, of additional property on which these bonds are a first mortgage when net earnings are 1 1/4 times annual interest charges on all bonds outstanding, including bonds for which application is being made.

Company.—Does the entire electric lighting and power and street railway business in Keokuk, Iowa, and in Hamilton and Warsaw, Ill., the lighting and power business in Montrose, Iowa, the gas business in Keokuk, and operates an interurban electric railway between Keokuk, Hamilton and Warsaw, serving a population estimated at 20,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$400,000 mortgage notes, called for payment on June 1 1925; \$125,000 underlying bonds, due July 1 1925, and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization Outstanding (upon Completion of Present Financing).

First mortgage 6s, Series A, due 1945 (this issue)	\$700,000
Preferred stock, 6% cumulative	250,000
Common stock	650,000

Earnings Twelve Months Ended March 31 1925.

Gross earnings	\$422,600
Operating expenses and taxes	315,750

Net earnings \$106,850

Interest on First Mortgage bonds (this issue) required 42,000

Management.—Company has been under the executive management of Stone & Webster, Inc., since 1912.—V. 120, p. 2683.

Lawrence (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding Series "A" 1st Mtge. 7% 20 year Gold bonds dated Aug. 2 1920, of the Lawrence Gas Co. (now the Lawrence Gas & Electric Co.) have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 109 and int. at the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., 100 Franklin St., Boston, Mass.—V. 120, p. 2683, 2550.

Manhattan Ry.—Jan. 1 1925 Payment Authorized.

The directors of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. on June 2 authorized the quarterly installment of the Manhattan (Elevated) Ry. rental, due July 1 1925, at the rate of \$1.25 per share. Payment of the deferred quarterly installment due on Jan. 1 1925 at the rate of \$1.25 per share, was also authorized. Both payments will be made on July 1 1925 to holders of record on June 15. See also V. 120, p. 1327, 1747.

Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of Canada, Ltd.

Dr. Milton L. Hersey, a director, has been elected President, succeeding C. G. Greenshield, K.C.—V. 120, p. 2401.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Acquisition.

The company has acquired the property of the Noblesville (Ind.) Water & Light Co.—V. 120, p. 2147.

Mohawk Hudson Power Corp.—\$50,000,000 Upstate Utility Merger Planned—Albany, Cohoes, Utica and Adiron-

dack Companies to Be Included—Terms of Exchange.—The plan for consolidating the operations of several electric light and power companies in the Mohawk and Upper Hudson valleys, which has recently been under consideration, was submitted to the New York Public Service Commission on June 1 in petitions for its approval of the plan. Circulars were also mailed to the holders of all the Common stock of Municipal Gas Co. of Albany, Cohoes Power & Light Corp., Utica Gas & Electric Co., and Adirondack Power & Light Corp., inviting them to participate in the plan.

An official statement issued in connection with the proposed merger says:

The economic necessity for the plan is emphasized in the applications. It is urged that the growing public demand for electric power and light, the necessity for increasing the efficiency of generating and distributing facilities by unifying the operations of independent plants into a single operating unit, the elimination of waste and duplication of investment and a reduction in the heavy capital expenditures necessary for the production of electric power, make the amalgamation necessary.

The several operating companies will continue to conduct their operations as heretofore, but a new company has been organized to acquire their stocks and co-ordinate their operations. In this manner the facilities of the respective companies will be more efficiently utilized and substantial economies will be accomplished.

The new company, organized in New York in May 1925, is called *Mohawk Hudson Power Corp.* It has three classes of stock. The Preferred stock and Second Preferred stock are entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$7 per share per annum. The plan is for this corporation to acquire a majority or more of the Capital stock of the Municipal Gas Co. of Albany, Cohoes Power & Light Corp., Fulton County Gas & Electric Co. of Gloversville and Johnstown, and a majority or more of the Common stock of Adirondack Power & Light Corp. and of Utica Gas & Electric Co., or of the Preferred stocks of Utica Gas & Electric Co. and of Adirondack Power & Light Corp. will remain outstanding.

The petitions and circulars show that the new company will issue its shares for the shares which it acquires on the following basis:

(a) For each share of Municipal Gas Co. of Albany stock, 2 shares of Pref. stock and 1/2 share of Common stock; (b) for each share of Cohoes Power & Light Corp., 1.84 shares Pref. stock and 1/2 share of Common stock; (c) for each share of Common stock of Utica Gas & Electric Co., 2.1-10 shares of Pref. stock and 1/2 share of Common stock; (d) for each share of Common stock of Adirondack Power & Light Corp., 1-3 of a share of Second Pref. stock and 1 share of Common stock; and (e) 21,018 shares of Second Pref. stock for 13,324 shares of Fulton County Gas & Electric Co. stock, which is at the rate of about 1.58-100 shares of Second Pref. stock for each share of the First Pref. and Common stock of the Fulton County Gas & Electric Co., and approximately 86-100 of a share of Second Preferred stock for each share of the Second Pref. stock of the Fulton County Gas & Electric Co.

The new company has also arranged to acquire in exchange for its Second Pref. stock substantial amounts of the bonds and notes of Fulton County Gas & Electric Co. and of Mohawk Hydro-Electric Co., 80,000 shares of the Common stock of Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co. and 35,000 shares of the \$7 Cumulative Preferred stock of the Power & Electric Securities Corp., which owns most of the Common stock of Northern New York Utilities, Inc. In addition, a total of \$7,249,360 of cash has been subscribed for Common stock of the new company.

For each share of the Common stock of Adirondack Power & Light Corp. which participates in the plan, the owner also has the right to subscribe at \$10 for one share of the Common stock of the new company, and he is also given an option to accept \$20 in cash instead of the share of Common stock to which he is entitled on the exchange.

Provision is made for the ultimate retirement of the Second Pref. stock by issuing option warrants entitling the owner thereof to purchase two shares of Common stock at \$50 per share, payable in cash or by the surrender to the company of Second Preferred stock, which will be accepted for this purpose at \$100 per share. If all the stock is exchanged there will be outstanding 280,000 shares of Preferred stock of \$7 no par value and 182,600 shares of Second Pref. \$7 no par value, and 999,000 no par value Com. stock.

The board of directors of the new company will consist of representatives of the various companies participating in the plan.

Further details are given under the individual companies involved.

Municipal Gas Co., Albany, N. Y.—Power Merger.

In connection with the \$50,000,000 up-State utility merger (see Mohawk Hudson Power Corp.) a circular to the stockholders says:

Robert C. Pruyn and Nicholas F. Brady have agreed, with other stockholders to transfer their holdings of stock of the company, in exchange for stock of the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., on the basis of one share of stock of the Municipal Gas Co. for 2 shares of Cumulative Preferred stock of the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., without par value, each share carrying dividends at the rate of \$7 per annum, and 1/2 share of Common stock of the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., without par value.

The Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. has offered to acquire all of the Common stock of Municipal Gas Co., Cohoes Power & Light Corp., Utica Gas & Electric Co., Adirondack Power & Light Corp. (or companies holding such Common stock) and the securities of certain other companies in exchange for its own stock.

If certain percentages of the Common stocks of the various companies above mentioned (two-thirds in the case of the Municipal Gas Co.) are not made available for acquisition by the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. is not obligated to carry out this transaction.

Present dividends will be continued on the Municipal Gas Co. stock, if earned, up to the date from which dividends become cumulative on the new \$7 Cumulative Preferred stock.

The earnings of the new company, including the earnings of the operating companies, which will accrue to the new company, are estimated to be substantially in excess of the amount necessary to pay \$7 per annum on the Preferred stock of the new company.

This transaction will be closed (if and when the approval of the Public Service Commission is obtained) at the office of the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York.

The National Commercial Bank & Trust Co. of Albany and the Central Union Trust Co. have agreed to act as depositories for the stock of the Municipal Gas Co.

Stockholders desiring to make the above exchange should deposit their stock immediately either with National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany, or Central Union Trust Co., New York.—V. 120, p. 2550.

Municipal Service Co.—New Control.

See National Public Service Corp. below and V. 120, p. 2816.

	Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.			
	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings.....	\$5,109,210	\$4,734,343	\$3,626,299	\$2,473,165
Oper. expenses & taxes..	3,251,360	2,979,034	2,298,012	1,671,541
Income from oper'ns....	\$1,857,850	\$1,755,309	\$1,328,287	\$801,627
Other income.....	97,090	124,690	39,604	23,474
Gross income.....	\$1,954,940	\$1,879,999	\$1,367,891	\$825,101
Income deductions.....	11,053	6,781	6,043	11,892
Fixed charges subs., incl. minority interest..	470,915	478,538	308,252	116,179
Exp.—Munic. Serv. Co.	46,072	33,682	39,066	17,148
Int. collat. trust bonds..	208,044	198,384	183,646	157,771
Interest coupon notes...	62,048	65,584	88,931	88,754
Other interest.....	5,188	14,597	10,276	26,138
Amortization disc., &c..	43,712	42,342	49,865	45,984
Renewal reserve.....	546,720	441,712	315,321	148,816
Federal income tax.....	92,088	96,198	63,861	8,710
Bal. available for divs.	\$469,098	\$502,183	\$302,629	\$203,710

National Public Service Corp.—Acquisition.

The Municipal Service Co. operating 9 subsidiary utility companies in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Ohio has been taken over by purchase

by the National Public Service Corp. Municipal Service Co. serves a territory with a population in excess of 500,000 and includes the Alexandria Light & Power Co., Valdosta (Ga.) Lighting Co., Ware County Light & Power Co., Chester Valley Electric Co., York Railways, Glen Rock Electric Light & Power Co., Citizens Traction Co. and the Tusculum Light & Power Co. in Pennsylvania and the Youngstown, O., Suburban Railway. See also National Public Service Corp. in V. 120, p. 2816.

New York Central Electric Corp.—Acquisition.

It is reported that this company has closed a deal whereby it will come into the possession of the Hammondsport Electric Light Co.—V. 119, p. 2411.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Gas Rates Reduced.

California Railroad Commission has reduced the gas rates in San Francisco 3 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. At the end of last February the company was authorized to increase its gas rates 5 to 8 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. because of the increase in crude oil price of 25 cents a barrel, making the basic rate in San Francisco \$1.05 per 1,000 cu. ft., up 5 cents (see V. 120, p. 1089). The decrease just made by the Commission brings this rate to \$1.02 a thousand. The reduction is in line with the schedule adopted by the California RR. Comm., automatically adjusting the gas rate to the price of oil.—V. 120, p. 2817, 2402.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—Fares Reduced.

This company, which recently took over the East Penn. Electric Co. on May 25 reduced fares in Pottsville, Pa., from 10 cents to 5 cents.—V. 120, p. 1089.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—Rights.

Stockholders of record June 17 are given the right to subscribe at par (\$100) to \$3,850,000 additional capital stock to the extent of 10% of their holdings.

Subscriptions may be paid either in full on or before July 17; in four installments each of \$25 a share on or before July 17, and Oct. 19 1925, and Jan. 18 and April 19 1926, respectively, or in ten monthly installments of \$10 a share; the first on or before July 17, with the final payment on April 19 1926.—V. 120, p. 2270.

Philadelphia Co.—Bonds Called.

Certain First Ref. & Collat. Trust Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, Series "A," due Feb. 1 1944, aggregating \$89,800, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and interest at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York City.—V. 120, p. 2684.

Power Corp. of New York.—Common Div. No. 2.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on the Common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. An initial dividend of like amount was paid April 1 last. They also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the Preferred stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15.—V. 120, p. 2270, 1461.

Quebec Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—Authorized Capital Reduced by Decreasing Par Value of Shares.

The stockholders recently voted to reduce the authorized share capital of the company from \$10,000,000 to \$2,500,000 by decreasing the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$25 each. The new certificates will be ready for delivery on and after June 15 at the office of the Montreal Trust Co., transfer agent, in exchange for \$100 certificates on the basis of one new certificate for one old.

The Quebec Power Co. owns a majority of the stock of the railway company.—V. 120, p. 1748, 2149.

San Antonio Public Service Co.—Stock Increased.

The stockholders have increased the authorized capital stock from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000.—V. 120, p. 1091.

Southern Gas & Power Corp.—Stock Offered.—Hambleton & Co. are offering at \$23.50 per share 50,000 shares Class "A" stock (no par value).

Class "A" stock will be entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$1.75 per share per annum, after dividends on the Preferred stock, payable Q-M. 15, and will also be entitled (on the basis of the shares of Common stock to be presently outstanding) to receive additional dividends equivalent to one-half of each dividend on the Common stock, provided that the Class "A" stock shall not in any year receive dividends (except accumulations in excess of \$2.50 per share per annum. Class "A" stock will participate on liquidation to the extent of \$25 per share plus divs., before any distribution on the Common stock. Class "A" stock will be red. all or part on any div. date at \$25.50 per share and after 30 days' prior notice. Class "A" stock will have limited voting rights in case of default in cumulative dividends, as to be provided in the charter. Transfer agents, Guaranty Trust Co., New York; Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore. Registrars, Chase National Bank, New York; Commerce Trust Co., Baltimore.

Data from Letter of Walter Whetstone, President of Company.

Company.—A Maryland corporation. Controls through stock ownership Gas Light Co. of Augusta (Ga.), Bluefield Gas & Power Co. (W. Va.), Suffolk Gas-Electric Co. (Va.), Concord & Kanawpolis Gas Co. (N. C.), Gastonia & Suburban Gas Co. (N. C.), Cumberland & Allegheny Gas Co. (W. Va.), and Martinsburg Heat & Light Co. (W. Va.), and has contracted to purchase the bonds and capital stocks of Tri-City Gas Co. (Gadsden, Ala.) and Valdosta Gas Co. (Ga.). Company, through its subsidiaries (including the Valdosta and Gadsden companies to be acquired), furnishes artificial or natural gas without competition for lighting, cooking, heating and industrial purposes in 34 communities with an aggregate population of 276,000. The territory served by the company has shown a steady development and the aggregate population served has increased more than 50% since 1910. The number of meters in service is over 35,000.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Lien Coll. Tr. Gold Bds., Ser. "B" 6 1/2%	a	\$1,500,000
Gas Light Co. of Augusta 1st M. 5s. '25-'36	b	366,000
5-Year Convertible 6% Gold notes.....	1,000,000	1,000,000
Preferred stock—7% Cumulative.....	5,000,000	516,100
Class "A" stock (without par value).....	150,000 shs.	c50,000 shs.
Common stock (without par value).....	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

a Additional 1st Lien Coll. Trust Gold bonds may be issued only under the conservative provisions of the indenture securing the same. b Closed, except for the issuance of bonds to be deposited with the trustee under the indenture securing the 1st Lien Coll. Trust Gold bonds. c Approximately 38,135 additional shares of Class "A" stock will be reserved for conversion of the 5-Year Convertible 6% Gold notes.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this Class "A" stock and the Convertible notes to be presently issued as now contemplated will be used by the company to liquidate the present outstanding 1-Year notes, to retire all the outstanding 1st Lien Coll. Trust Gold bonds, Series "A," 7%, for the purchase of the bonds and capital stocks of Tri-City Gas Co. and Valdosta Gas Co., and for other corporate purposes.

	xConsolidated Earnings 12 Months Ended April 30.	
	1925.	1924.
Operating revenue.....	\$1,771,579	\$1,695,102
Net earnings, after taxes & maint., but before depr	517,617	471,866
Interest on funded debt.....	115,800	115,800
Div. requirements on 6% Conv. bonds.....	60,000	60,000
Div. requirements on 7% Preferred stock.....	36,127	36,127
Dividend requirements on Class "A" stock.....	87,500	87,500

Balance..... \$218,190 \$172,439
x Actual figures for all present subsidiaries of the company irrespective of date of acquisition, in addition to similar figures for Tri-City Gas Co. and Valdosta Gas Co., based on above capitalization.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made to list this Class "A" stock on the New York Curb Market and also on the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

Management.—Sanderson & Porter, engineers.

All of the outstanding 1st Lien Collat. Trust Gold bonds, Series "A," 7%, dated Jan. 1 1924, have been called for payment July 1 at 105 and int. at the Baltimore Trust Co., trustee, Balt., Md.—V. 120, p. 1329.

Southwestern Utilities Corp.—Notes Called.

The First Lien Collateral Conv. 7% Gold notes, called for redemption July 1, may be presented for payment at the Empire Trust Co., New York, or at the Lumbermens Trust Co., Portland, Ore. See V. 120, p. 2818.

Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. End.	Apr. 30, 1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$2,634,488	\$2,647,035	\$2,392,166	\$2,185,332
Oper. exp., taxes & main.	1,603,397	1,678,620	1,566,193	1,363,252
Fixed charges	428,626	439,649	391,306	391,970
Preferred dividend	231,350	198,936	168,875	156,070
Prov. for replac't & depr.	207,000	202,333	200,000	200,000
Balance, surplus	\$164,115	\$127,497	\$65,791	\$74,039

—V. 120, p. 2149, 2013.

Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	Gross Earnings.	Net Income.	Dividends.	Surplus for Year.
1921	\$3,795,425	\$328,460	\$320,000	\$8,460
1922	4,465,428	350,968	350,550	418
1923	5,188,039	962,997	368,828	594,169
1924	5,474,997	1,005,220	479,506	525,714

—V. 119, p. 2189.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Stock Increased, &c.—
 The stockholders on June 5 increased the authorized capital stock from 1,521,456 shares to 1,654,862 shares.
 Stockholders of both Common and Preferred stocks of record June 12 will be given the right to subscribe between July 1 and July 28, both incl., at par (\$50) plus an amount equivalent to the dividend accrued at the rate of 8% from July 1 to July 28, or a total of \$50.30 cash per share to the extent of 10% of their holdings. Subscription warrants in negotiable form will be mailed June 27. Subscriptions for full shares are payable in full between July 1 and July 28, incl. (See also V. 120, p. 1882.)—V. 120, p. 2552.

United Light & Power Co.—Larger Com. Cash Dividend.
 The directors have declared the following dividends on the stocks of the company:
 (1) A quarterly dividend of \$1.62 per share on the Class "A" Preferred stock and a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the Class "B" Preferred stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.
 (2) A dividend of 50 cents per share on the Class "A" and Class "B" Common stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15.
 On May 1 last the company paid a stock dividend of 1-40 of a share of "A" Common stock to holders of "A" and "B" Common stock in addition to a cash dividend of 45 cents per share. See also V. 120, p. 1330, 2685.

12 Months Ended April 30—

Gross earnings, all sources	1924.	1925.
Oper. exp. (incl. maint., gen. & income taxes)	\$34,094,105	\$34,959,842
Net earnings	\$13,532,067	\$14,452,411
Interest on bonds and notes of sub-companies due public	\$3,903,344	\$3,903,344
Divs. on Pref. stocks of sub. cos. due public & proportion of net earnings attributable to Common stock not owned by co.	\$2,508,318	\$2,508,318
Gross income available to United Light & Power Co.	\$8,040,749	\$8,040,749
Deduct—Int. on funded debt, \$1,937,821; other interest, \$83,727; Prior Preferred stock, \$373,275	\$2,394,823	\$2,394,823
Divs.—Class "A" Pref., \$716,609; Class "B" Pref., \$302,833	\$1,019,442	\$1,019,442
Surplus avail. for amort., deprec. & Com. stock dividends	\$4,626,484	\$4,626,484

—V. 120, p. 2685, 1330.

Utica Gas & Electric Co.—Power Merger.—
 In connection with the \$50,000,000 up-State utility merger (see Mohawk Hudson Power Corp.) a circular to the Common stockholders says:
 Nicholas F. Brady and Wm. E. Lewis and other Common stockholders have agreed, subject to the consent of the P. S. Commission, to exchange all their holdings of Common stock in the company for the stock of a holding company called Wanita Holding Corp.
 Wanita Holding Corp. is a New York corporation with an authorized capital stock of 4,000 shares of stock (that is, one-tenth of the outstanding shares of the Common stock of Utica Gas & Electric Co.), all of one class without par value, and the basis of exchange is one share of Wanita Holding Corp. stock for 10 shares of Utica Gas & Electric Co. Common stock.
 Wanita Holding Corp. has agreed to accept at the same time any additional shares of the Common stock of Utica Gas & Electric Co. tendered to it, and to issue its capital stock in exchange therefor on the same basis as its shares are to be issued to the above.

The above have agreed to exchange the shares of Wanita Holding Corp. so to be issued to them for shares of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., and Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. has agreed that it will accept at the same time any shares of Wanita Holding Corp. in addition to those owned by the above which may be tendered to it at the same time and to issue its Preferred stock and Common stock in exchange therefor on the same basis, that is on such a basis that the holder of each share of Common stock of Utica Gas & Electric Co. will receive 2 1-10 shares of the \$7 Cumul. Pref. stock without par value and 1/2 share of the Common stock without par value of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp.
 Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. has offered to acquire all of the Common stock of the Municipal Gas Co., Cohoes Power & Light Corp., Wanita Holding Corp., Adirondack Power & Light Corp., and the stock of certain other companies in exchange for its own stock.

If certain percentages of the Common stocks of the various companies above mentioned are not made available for acquisition by Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. is not obligated to carry out this transaction.

Present dividends will be continued as earned up to the date from which dividends become cumulative on the new \$7 Preferred stock.
 The earnings of the new company, including the earnings of the operating companies which will accrue to the new company, are estimated to be substantially in excess of the amount necessary to pay \$7 per annum on the Preferred stock of the new company.

Stockholders are invited to transfer their shares of the Common stock of Utica Gas & Electric Co. to Wanita Holding Corp., and then to transfer their shares of Wanita Holding Corp. to Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. on the basis of exchange above outlined.

The transfer will be effected (if and when the approval of the P. S. Commission is obtained) at the office of the Central Union Trust Co., which has agreed to act as depository. For the convenience of stockholders in and about Utica, the First National Bank & Trust Co., Utica, N. Y., has agreed to act as local depository for the Central Union Trust Co.—V. 120, p. 2271.

Wanita Holding Corp.—Stock Exchange for Utica Gas & Electric Co. in Connection With Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. Merger.—
 See Utica Gas & Electric Co. above.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Tire Prices Advance.—Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. on May 29 announced advanced prices on all types of from 5 to 10% effective June 1. U. S. Rubber, Goodyear Tire & Rubber and B. F. Goodrich companies made similar price advances.—"New York Evening Post,"—May 29.
 Kelly Springfield and Fisk made similar advances effective on the same date.—"Phila. News Bureau,"—May 29.

Acadia Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—
 Results for Year Ended Dec. 27 1924 (in Canadian Currency).

Net trading profit for year	\$618,904
Previous surplus	63,154
Total	\$682,058
Adjustments of 1924 deprec. & prior years taxes	338,548
Interest on funded debt, &c.	273,419
Directors' remuneration	7,300
Profit and loss surplus at Dec. 27 1924	\$62,791

—V. 115, p. 762.

Alexandria Apartments, Ltd., Toronto.—Bonds Offered.
 —McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Toronto, are offering at 100 and int. \$350,000 6 1/2% 1st (Closed) Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated May 15 1925, due May 15 1940. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton or London, Ont. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. for the first year and thereafter at a price lower by 1/4 of 1% for each year, but in no case at a lower price than 102 and int. Union Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto, trustee.

Capitalization—

	Authorized.	Issued.
1st Mtge. 6 1/2% (this issue)	\$350,000	\$350,000
2d Mtge. 7%.	50,000	50,000
Capital stock	350,000	350,000

Company owns and operates "The Alexandra," of Toronto, a 7-story apartment hotel building of substantial steel and brick construction.
Earnings.—The company's net earnings, during the last four years and three months ended March 31 1925, available for depreciation on the buildings and equipment, and for interest charges, were as follows: 1921, \$39,382; 1922, \$39,671; 1923, \$39,259; 1924, \$38,059; 1925 (3 mos. ended March 31), \$10,408.

Amalgamated Silk Corp., N. Y.—Earnings, &c.—
 Results for Six Months Ended Dec. 31.

Gross income after depreciation	\$390,823
Int. on bonds, mtges. & adv., and comm. paid to Factors	336,724
Net income	\$54,099

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
 [Incl. its subs., the Cedar Cliff Silk Co. & Amalg. Dyeing & Finishing Co.]

Assets—	1924.	1923.	Liabilities—	1924.	1923.
xPlant, equip., &c.	5,845,208	5,053,795	7% Pref. stock	3,549,214	3,501,500
Cash	411,667	545,765	yCom. stk. equity	414,420	600,896
Cash value of int. in sub. realty co.		a21,342	Pur. money oblig. &sh.—term mtges		135,000
Accts. receivable	122,701	75,099	1st Mtge. bonds	3,945,500	3,945,500
Inventories	3,090,433	3,831,207	Acceptances pay'le	978,600	752,095
Prepaid ins., &c.	39,102	25,711	Accts. payable, &c	421,822	294,872
Inv. & sund'y assets	1,354	3,732	Acer. int. payable	93,755	93,876
Stnk. fund cash	5,772	3,865	Fed. inc. tax res.		6,000
Deferred charges	14,370		Res. for conting.	127,296	230,777
Total	9,530,606	9,560,516	Total	9,530,606	9,560,516

a In course of liquidation. x After deducting \$597,517 for reserve for depreciation and \$1,148,828 for reserve for plant contingencies. y Surplus, balance available for 200,000 shares of Common stock, no par value. z Incl. reserves for accumulated divs. on Pref. stock. Compare also V. 119, p. 943.

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—Annual Report.—
 President Henry H. Rolapp, Ogden, Utah, in the annual report for the fiscal year ended Feb. 28 1925 says (in part):
 "During the past fiscal year the company finally paid the last remnant of the accumulated dividend-arrearages and delinquent sinking fund requirements of the Preferred stock. We also succeeded in meeting current dividend requirements on that stock, as well as bond interest and amounts due on sinking funds."
 "Net income after operating expenses, interest, taxes, depreciations, losses and charges, except dividends on Preferred stock and sinking fund requirements, amounts to only \$194,943."

Condensed Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Feb. 28 '25.	Feb. 29 '24.	Liabilities—	Feb. 28 '25.	Feb. 29 '24.
Plants, sites, equipment, &c.	8,366,179	8,404,222	8% Preferred stock	4,390,400	4,749,100
Cash	518,462	625,054	Common stock	3,165,468	3,165,468
Cts. of deposit	817,500		1st Mtge. bonds	3,612,000	3,852,000
Notes & accts. rec.	606,531	1,217,699	Commercial paper		125,000
Sugar on hand	3,012,384	4,390,212	Liabil. for partic. beet pay. (est.)	349,137	1,198,020
Beet seed & by-prod. inventory	371,618	464,080	Acer'd bond int.	109,053	115,822
Material & supplies	595,818	435,284	Other current liab.	100,023	237,427
Sinking fund cash	13,151	8,815	Def. cr. & long-term liabilities		64,053
Invest. & long-term receivables	x1,562,540	1,875,180	Res. for conting.	357,043	333,429
Unamort. bd. disc.	247,408	278,888	Surplus	1,467,401	1,359,390
Freight, insurance, beet exp., &c.	502,987	436,223	Total	16,614,578	18,135,657
Total	16,614,578	18,135,657	Total	16,614,578	18,135,657

x Company stocks and bonds, \$445,725; other stocks and bonds, less reserves, \$371,789; sundry notes and mortgages receivable, less reserves, \$140,109; Onida project investment, less reserve, \$604,917. y 724,624 shares of no par value.—V. 119, p. 696.

American Beet Sugar Co.—Balance Sheet March 31.—

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Factories, lands, equipment, &c.	22,925,987	20,000,000	Common stock	x15,000,000	15,000,000
Secur. of other cos	240,405	241,304	Preferred stock	5,000,000	5,000,000
Cash	1,882,494	3,026,719	Notes payable	2,250,000	
Unsold sugar (cost)	3,222,437	1,919,947	Accounts payable	424,510	401,103
Accts., &c., receiv	829,783	511,170	Acer. local taxes & interest, &c.	220,290	\$0,623
Commere'l live stk	34,232	27,328	Acer. Fed. taxes	187,155	
Material & supplies	1,328,287	1,059,475	Divs. declared	684,720	675,000
Advanced acct. of next campaign		89,815	Approp. for add'ns & improvements		127,264
Deferred expenses	664,415		Reserve for deprec.		2,645,178
Total	31,128,042	26,875,758	Res. for wkg. cap.	3,000,000	2,946,590

x Authorized, 260,000 shares, no par value; to be issued, 150,000 shares in exchange for present outstanding stock) stated value, \$15,000,000.
 The usual income account was given in V. 120, p. 2553.

American Chicle Co.—Recapitalization Plan Approved.
 The stockholders on June 2 approved a plan of readjustment of capitalization, dated May 12 1925, which provides, among other things, for the payment of accumulated dividends on the 6% Preferred stock, and the issuance of 24,670 additional Common shares.

1. **Reasons for Readjustment of Capitalization.**—The company made an operating profit for 1924 of \$1,083,083. Accordingly, the company is making a substantial operating profit which would be applicable to dividends upon the stock if there were no impairment of capital. On Dec. 31 1924, however, there was a deficit in the capital account of \$2,377,344 after charging to surplus the losses due to the revaluation of inventories and other capital assets during the years 1921 and 1922. The net earnings for the last 4 years have shown a substantial increase as follows:

1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1st Quar. '25
loss \$1,378,015	loss \$169,215	prof. \$499,799	prof. \$1,083,083	prof. \$256,367

Unless this impairment of capital is made up, either out of operating profits or by a reduction in the capital of the company, the laws of New Jersey do not permit the declaration or payment of any dividends upon the outstanding stock of the company.
 On June 1 1925 the arrearages of dividends aggregated \$750,000 or 25% accrued upon the Preferred stock. Future dividends upon the Preferred stock will necessarily continue to accrue and be unpaid until the impairment of capital above referred to has been made good out of present and future earnings.
 Furthermore, under an agreement made by the company with the Bank Creditors' Committee dated Oct. 1 1922, no dividends can be declared by the company upon its outstanding Capital stock until the bank indebtedness, amounting in principal on May 1 1925 to \$915,200 has been paid in full. Similar prohibition as to the payment of dividends is contained in the Trust Agreement between the company and the Bankers Trust Co. as Trustee, dated Oct. 1 1922, securing the 6% 5-Year Notes, of which there were outstanding on May 1 1925 \$684,000.

2. **The Plan.**—Because of the foregoing situation, the directors throughout the past year from time to time have had negotiations with certain Common stockholders of the company, and investment bankers interested in the stock of the company, and the Bank Creditors' Committee, and

representatives of the Noteholders' Committee, with a view to readjusting the capital so that the bank indebtedness and the outstanding 5-Year Notes can be paid, satisfactory adjustment made with the Preferred stockholders with reference to the arrears of dividends, the item of "Goodwill, Patents and Trademarks" written down to \$5,000,000, the company's capital decreased so that there is no impairment thereof, and funds obtained by the company for its necessary corporate purposes.

The holders of a large amount of the Common stock have agreed that this impairment of the capital may be eliminated by reducing the capital through allocating to capital the sum of \$20 per share for the Common shares without par value. The holders of a large amount of outstanding Preferred shares have agreed to surrender their shares together with all claims for dividends thereon on the basis of one share of existing Preferred stock in exchange for 1 1/4 shares of no par Common. Prior Pref. stock entitled to \$7 per share per annum, and other stockholders and directors of the company have agreed to underwrite the issuance of approximately 24,670 additional shares of Common stock at \$50 per share.

The Preferred and Common stockholders of record June 4 have been given the right to subscribe on or before June 22 for \$24,670 shares of Common stock at \$50 per share in the ratio of two shares for each 15 shares held. This offer also applies to holders of voting trust certificates.

It is hoped that all of the shares of additional Common stock subscribed for will be deposited immediately upon their issue with Voting Trustees under existing voting trust agreement dated June 16 1924 under which a majority of the existing stock of the company is on deposit and under which the following are now constituted voting trustees: Walter S. Primley, Warren S. Hayden, Louis R. Adams and Silas B. Adams.

The shares of Cumulative Prior Pref. Stock issued will similarly be deposited with the voting trustees. The existing voting trust certificates are listed upon the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the certificates representing the new shares of Common stock and certificates representing shares of the Cumulative Prior Preference stock.

In order to make sure that the necessary funds for the purpose of paying the bank indebtedness and the 5-Year Notes of the corporation will be forthcoming, arrangements have been made with a banking syndicate to underwrite the purchase of this additional Common stock by the stockholders for an underwriting commission of 3 1/2 per share at a price of \$50 per share. Participation of this banking syndicate is contingent upon the plan of readjustment of capitalization being declared operative by the directors.

The members of this banking syndicate include: White, Weld & Co., W. C. Langley & Co., Bankers Trust Co. and Gude, Winmill & Co.

Directors anticipate that the company will be able to inaugurate, provided the plan is consummated, payment of dividends upon the Cumul. Prior Preference stock.

The proxy committee is advised by counsel that no income tax is payable by the Preferred stockholders upon the exchange of one share of existing Preferred stock for 1 1/4 shares of Cumul. Prior Preference stock, until and unless shares of Cumul. Prior Preference stock received are sold and the transaction completed.

The plan of stock ownership for the management group, also approved by the stockholders, forms no part of the plan of readjustment of capitalization.

When the present management took control of the company in Dec. 1921, the Preferred stock was selling at approximately \$25 per share and the Common stock at approximately \$8 per share. The company owed \$2,860,000 to banks and other creditors and had outstanding \$1,900,000 past due 6% 5-Year notes. The deficit for the year ending 1921 was \$1,378,015. The present time has been reduced to \$915,200. The notes have been refunded and there are outstanding \$684,000 of the refunded notes at the present time. The Preferred stock is selling at approximately \$107 per share and the Common stock is selling at approx. \$54 per share. See also V. 120, p. 2685.

American Cyanamid Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 1% on the Common stock and 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, all payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were paid during the six previous quarters.—V. 120, p. 1206.

American Express Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns for 1924 and 1923. Rows include Resources (Real property and equipment, Cash on hand, Demand loans, etc.), Total resources (\$68,170,886), Liabilities (Capital stock, Reserves, Dividends payable, etc.), Total liabilities (\$68,170,886), and Surplus (\$63,321,495).

American Fork & Hoe Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% and a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the Common stock, both payable June 15 to holders of record June 5.—V. 114, p. 413.

American Ice Co.—Consolidated Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '24 and June 30 '24. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., machinery, Good-will, etc.), Liabilities (Pt. stk., Common stock, Bonds and mtgs, etc.), Total (\$44,106,271), and Less reserve for depreciation.

American Lime & Stone Co.—New Control.—

See Charles Warner Co. below.—V. 119, p. 1067.

American Linseed Co.—Notes Sold.—

Equitable Trust Co. of New York and Dominick & Dominick have sold at 100 and interest \$6,000,000 6% Coupon notes.

Dated June 15 1925; due \$500,000 June 15 1930; \$750,000 June 15 1931; \$1,000,000 June 15 1932; \$1,250,000 in each of the years 1933, 1934 and 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Redeemable, all or part, by lot on 30 days' notice on any interest date before June 15 1930, at 102; on or after June 15 1930 at 100 1/2. Interest payable J. & D. 15 in New York City. Equitable Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of R. H. Adams, President of Company. Company—Organized in 1898. Is one of the leading producers in the United States of linseed oil and edible oil products. Linseed oil is an essential raw material used in the manufacture of paints, varnishes, printers' ink, linoleum, oilcloth and kindred articles. In addition to its linseed oil business, the company through its principal subsidiary, Best Foods, Inc., whose entire Capital stock it owns (except directors' shares), is engaged in the edible oil business on a large scale.

The plants of the company and its subsidiaries comprise five flax-crushing mills with a combined capacity of approximately 100,000 gallons of oil

daily, and three plants for the manufacture of edible oil products. In addition the company owns steam lighters, barges and 266 tank cars.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reduce current liabilities. Earnings, After Depreciation, Federal Taxes and Charges, Available for All Interest Charges.

Table with columns for 1918a, 1919a, 1920b, 1921c, 1922c, 1923c, 1924c. Rows include 1918a (\$3,029,423), 1919a (4,343,466), 1920b (2,666,807), 1921c (def \$3,874,681), 1922c (1,156,866), 1923c (def 496,278), 1924c (\$1,384,325).

Profits during the first three months of 1925 have been larger than they were in the same period in 1924.

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Capitalization (Preferred stock, Common stock, 6% Coupon notes), Assets (Balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1924), and Liabilities (Current assets, Net current assets).

Assets.—Balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1924 is adjusted to give effect to the present financing, shows current assets of \$13,701,145 against current liabilities of \$4,556,906. Net current assets of \$9,114,239 are equivalent to over 150% of the principal amount of this issue of notes.—V. 120, p. 2403, 2014.

American Railway Express Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Calendar Years (Charges for transport, Express privileges, Rev from transport, Other revenue, Total operating rev, Operating expenses, Uncollected revenue, Express taxes, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Deductions, Dividends, Net income).

In April 1921 the company also paid a dividend of \$2 per share on its \$34,642,000 Capital stock for the last four months of 1920.

General Balance Sheet December 31

Table with columns for 1924 and 1923. Rows include Assets (Real prop. & eq't, U. S. Govt. bonds, and notes, Other securities, Cash, Special deposits, Loans and notes rec., Traffic bal. rec'le, Net balances rec'le from agencies, Acc'ts rec'le U. S. Government, Misc. acc'ts rec'le, Mater. & supp., Int., divs. & rents receivable, Working fund adv., Exp. rents, &c., Paid in advance, Accrued revenues, Misc. unadj. debits, Deferred assets) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Loans and notes payable, Traffic bal. pay'le, Audited accts. and wages unpaid, Misc. accounts payable, Express priv. liability, Estimated tax liability, Other current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Operating & insurance reserve, Other unadjusted credits, Surplus).

—V. 120, p. 1750, 213.

American Radiator Co.—Consol. Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1924.

(Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiary Companies.)

Table with columns for 1924 and 1923. Rows include Assets (Plant, property, &c., Cash, Government bonds, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Investments, Prepaid insurance, taxes, &c., Other charges, deferred to future operations) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Accrued wages, Notes payable, Accounts payable, for Government taxes, Pref. div. of sub. co. payable, Reserves, Pensions and benefit, Conting. depr. on invent's, Depreciation & depletion, General reserves, Redeemable Preferred stock, Surplus).

x Of Detroit Lubricator Co., Dominion Radiator & Boiler Co., Ltd., and Fox Furnace Co., outstanding at par.

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 1462, 2014.

American Ship & Commerce Corp.—Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31—

Table with columns for 1924 and 1923. Rows include Assets (Vessel property, aPlants of shipbldg and mfg. cos., Misc. equipment, Cash, Demand loan, Marketable secur., Accounts, notes & claims receiv'le, Inventories, Deferred charges, Miscell. investm'ts, Workmen's comp'n Claims for refund on taxes, Shawmut SS. Co.) and Liabilities (Cap. stk. & surp., Notes payable, Serial notes, maturing, Accounts payable, Passenger deposits, Acrr. lab. & res'ts, Deferred credits, Funded and long-term debt, Cap'l stock of sub. cos., not owned).

Total 38,442,625 39,443,575

a At depreciated values. b Represented by 591,271 shares of no par value outstanding. x Accrued interest on notes and bonds, only.

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 2272.

American Steel Foundries.—Div. on New Com. Shares.

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 75c a share on the new no par Common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record July 1. The Common dividend is at the same rate as paid on the old Common stock of \$33 1-3 par value before the exchange of five shares of new no par Common for each four shares of the old.—V. 120, p. 2553.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—To Pay 25% of Notes.

Pursuant to an order of the U. S. District Court, dated May 29, the receivers will pay 25% of the principal amount of all liquidated indebtedness of the company in respect of which there is no dispute as to liability or amount, together with interest accrued and unpaid thereon to June 1, upon the presentation on or after June 1 1925 of the instruments evidencing such indebtedness for appropriate notation thereon of such payments of interest and on account of principal and, in case of interest coupons, upon the surrender of such coupons for cancellation.

Holders of outstanding 5-Year 7 1/2% Sinking Fund Convertible Gold notes, in order to receive such payments of accrued interest and on account of principal, must present their notes to Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City, for notation thereon of such payments of interest and on account of principal, and must surrender to said bank for cancellation the coupons of interest accrued and unpaid on such notes to June 1, accompanied by duly executed Federal income tax ownership certificates covering such interest payments.

Holder of other liquidated indebtedness in order to receive such payments of accrued interest and on account of principal, must present the instruments evidencing such indebtedness at the office of the receivers, 131 Water St., N. Y. City, for appropriate notation thereon of such payments of interest and on account of principal, and must deliver properly executed receipts or instruments of assignment as the receivers in their discretion may require.—V. 120, p. 2553, 2403.

American Window Glass Machine Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Common and 1 3/4% on the Preferred, all payable July 1 to holders of record June 12. This is the seventh consecutive extra dividend of 1% paid on the Common stock.—V. 120, p. 1330.

Amparo Mining Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921), Gross earnings, Expenses, Net profit, Misc. charges, Taxes, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—Stock Div. Approved.—

The stockholders on June 5 confirmed their actions at the special meeting on May 20, and then approved resolutions to capitalize £1,000,000 now standing as "capital reserve" and to distribute this sum as a 33 1/3% stock dividend on the Ordinary shares. See also V. 120, p. 2686, 2272.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921), Prof. (aft. exc. prof. duty), Deprec. (ships, plant, &c), Int. & prem. on notes paid off, Income & corp. tax, Loss on steamships sold, Dividends, Balance, surplus.

Arnold, Constable & Co., Inc.—Bal. Sheet Jan. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: 1925, 1924, 1925, 1924. Assets: Fixtures & equip., Leasehold, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Prep. rent, ins., &c, Other assets. Liabilities: Common stock, Loans payable, Accounts payable, Accrued pay-roll, Res. for contin. &c.

x Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value. The usual comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 1884

Associated Oil Co. of California.—Increases Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$56,000,000 Capital stock, par \$25, payable July 25 to holders of record June 30. Dividends at the rate of 6% per annum (1 1/2% quarterly) had been paid since Jan. 1920.—V. 120, p. 2540.

Associated Simmons Hardware Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923. Book value of 930,000 com. partic. shares, Appreciation arising from appraisal of real estate & bldgs. at Springfield, Mass. acquired during year, Total, Loss from operations for year together with sundry adjustments, Associated Simmons Hardware Companies, Grant Leather Corporation, Balance, Deductions: Bal. of warehouse development exps. written off, Res. for possible loss on sale of Grant Leather Corp. properties, Divids. paid during year on pref. partic. shares, Book value of 930,000 common participation shares at Dec. 31 1924, x At Dec. 31 1923, y At Dec. 31 1922, z After deducting unamortized discount on 7% Gold Notes written off at July 2 1923, date of redemption.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at December 31 1924.

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Assets: Real estate & buildings, Fixtures & equipment, Prop. of Grant Corp., Trade Marks, Good Will, &c, Cash, Accts. & notes rec., less res., Misc. inv. & adv. incl. sec. notes, Prepaid ins., int., &c, Adv. to empl. for exps., &c, Winchester Co. and subs., Inventories, Receivable from sale of bldgs., Defd. chgs. to future oper. Liabilities: Gold notes due July 1 1933, 1st Mtge. 7% notes of Grant Corp., Min. int. in subs. cos., Part. Share Certificates: 7% Cum. Pref. stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Notes payable to banks, Simmons Hardware Co., Grant Leather Corp., Due to empl. for comm. &c, Int. on notes due Jan. 1 1925, Res. for local taxes, Res. for Fed. taxes (pr. yrs.)

x Received in connection with the sale of Grant Leather Corp. inventories due at various dates up to Jan. 1 1927. y Authorized 1,000,000 shares; outstanding 930,000 shares, no par value. z Since Dec. 31 1924 and up to April 6 1925. \$700,000 has been received from the sale of 70,000 additional Common shares, and Gold Notes to the amount of \$840,000 (par value) have been purchased and held in treasury.—V. 119, p. 2413.

Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd.—New Directors.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921), Net profits, Bond interest, Other interest, Reserve for depreciation, Reserve for bad debts, &c, Repairs, &c, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus.

J. B. Coombs, of New York, and J. L. Counsel, K.C., of Hamilton, Ont., have been elected directors. F. S. Armstrong, of New York, resigned from the board.—V. 118, p. 2576.

Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies S. S. Lines.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1925, 1924, 1925, 1924. Consolidated Statement for March and 3 Months Ended March 31. Month of Mar. 3 Mos. Mar. 31. Gross earnings, Net after deprec., Gross income, Int., rents & taxes, Sur. after taxes & chgs.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Assets: Ships & equip., prop. equity in terminals, &c., Investments, Cash in hands of trustees, Good-will, franchises, &c., Inventories, Accts. receivable, Bills receivable, Agents' balances, Insurance claims, Miscell. securities, Cash, Cash for coupon payable, Open voyage ac- counts, &c., U. S. Ship. Bd. & R.R. Admin. (net). Liabilities: Common stock, Preferred stock, Stocks of subsidi- ary companies, Coll. trust bonds, 1st 5% of sub. cos., Preferred sinking fund 7%, Marine equip. 5 1/2%, Marine equip. 7%, Preferred mortgage 6% bonds, U. S. Govt. loan, Accts. payable, Accrued interest, Coupons payable, Notes payable, Open voyage acct., Agents, Sundry reserves, Profit and loss.

Total (each side) 75,088,680 77,272,632. Investments in and advances to Atl. Gulf Oil Corp., \$4,954,062, and Mallory Gulf Terminal Co., \$3,600. b After deducting \$5,036,600 held in treasury. c After deducting \$6,257,100 in treasury. d Authorized, \$15,000,000; issued, \$13,000,000. e Fleet in commission at value based on appraisal Dec. 1918, plus cost of additions since (net), \$54,969,773; vessels under construction, \$2,103,391; shore property and equity in terminals, \$6,292,170; less reserve for depreciation of \$18,582,271. y Including investment in New York & Cuba Mail Steamship Co. (now in receivership). A comparative income account for years 1923 and 1924 was given in V. 120, p. 2404, 2819.

Austin, Nichols & Co.—Consol. Bal. Sheet Jan. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: 1925, 1924, 1925, 1924. Assets: Plant & equip., less depreciation, Inventories, Accts. rec. less res., Notes receivable, Misc. investments, Cash, Deferred charges. Liabilities: 7% Cum. Pt. stk., Common (150,000 shs., no par val), Notes payable, Accts. payable, Prov. for Fed. taxes, Special deposits, Surplus.

Total 17,104,587 15,556,061. Total 17,104,587 15,556,061. The usual comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 1884, 2819.

Bankers Mortgage Bond Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham, Ala., are offering at 100 and int. \$100,000 1st Mtge. Coll. 6% Bonds, Series "D." Dated May 1 1925; due \$20,000 May 1 1930 and \$80,000 May 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 4% at American Trust & Savings Bank, Birmingham, or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Red. on any int. date upon 30 days notice at 101 and int.

Company.—Incorp. in Alabama in 1913, and has continuously and profitably operated since its incorporation. It has a paid up capital of \$505,000.

Security.—As security for these bonds, there have been deposited with and assigned to the trustee, notes aggregating \$111,500, constituting in each case a first lien upon improved Birmingham real estate, together with mortgages, fire insurance policies, and all other necessary papers. In each case the loan has been made by the officers of the Bankers Mortgage Bond Co. and independently appraised on behalf of the company. Provision is made in the deed of trust that the aggregate cash market value of the securities pledged, as determined by Ward, Sterne & Co., shall at all times be equal to not less than 110% of the outstanding bonds.

The aggregate value of the properties mortgaged to secure the \$111,500 deposited notes, as certified to the company by independent appraisers, is \$223,250.

Barnsdall Corporation.—Stock All Taken—Calls Bonds.

The corporation announces that in relation to the warrants issued to stockholders prior to May 27, giving the right to subscribe to 177,134 additional shares of Class "A" stock (par \$25), at \$22 50 per share, the stockholders have subscribed to the entire issue so offered. The underwriters will not be called upon to take any of the stock. (See V. 120, p. 2272.)

The directors on June 2 authorized the calling of \$1,500,000 8% Sinking Fund Convertible Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1931, Series "A" and "B." This amount is in addition to the \$477,200 already called for redemption on July 1 1925 at 105 and interest at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., 43 Exchange Place, N. Y. City, or 44 State St., Boston, or at 209 So. La Salle St., Chicago. The right to convert into Class "B" Common Capital stock, the principal of any of the bonds designated for redemption, will expire at the close of business on the 10th day preceding July 1 1925. The company will also retire \$854,000 of outstanding bank loans at once.—V. 120, p. 2819, 2404.

Beaver Products Co., Inc.—Bonds Called.—

Certain First & Ref. Mtge. 20-Year 7 1/4% Sinking Fund Gold bonds dated July 1 1922 (V. 114, p. 2828), aggregating \$100,000, have been called for payment July 1 at 110 and interest at the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustee, 125 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.—V. 120, p. 2405.

Besse System Co., Springfield, Mass.—Increase.—

The Besse System Co. of Springfield has increased its capital from \$1,455,400 to \$1,500,000, and 12,500 shares no par Common stock by authorizing 12,500 additional shares of Common stock. Of the additional stock, 4,411 shares will be sold at \$150 a share, making the outstanding stock 16,911 Common shares and 13,304 Pref. shares.—V. 116, p. 1054.

Blind Brook Lodge, Rye, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—

G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at par and int. \$900,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Real Estate gold bonds.

The bonds are secured by the Blind Brook Lodge, to be erected at once on a plot facing both the Boston Post and Milton roads in Rye, N. Y. The land and building have been independently appraised at \$1,415,300, and the net annual earnings of the structure have been estimated at \$128,580. The entire issue will be amortized serially from 2 to 12 years, interest payable April 15 and Oct. 15 of each year. The normal Federal income tax up to 4% will be refunded to bondholders paying such taxes and in addition any State or district taxes will be also refunded.

Bridgeport Machine Co.—Report for Cal. Year 1924.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923. Net sales and rentals, Cost of sales, Deprec. allowance, Preferred dividends, Surplus, Common stock equity (150,000 shs., no par value).

—V. 119, p. 2883.

Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge.—Bonds Sold.—

The Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., New York, Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., and O'Brian, Potter & Co., Buffalo, have sold at 99 1/2 and int. \$3,000,000 30-Year 7% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1955. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo, trustee, or at the agency of the company in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100 c & r*. Red. on any int. date, all or part, at 107 1/2 and int. up to and incl. June 1 1930, and then at a price decreasing 1/2 of 1% for each year or part thereof until June 1 1943, and at 101 thereafter.

Data from Letter of Frank B. Baird, President of the Company.

Sinking Fund.—Annually, out of the net earnings, after payment of interest on the 7% First Mtge. bonds and the 8% Debenture bonds, there will be paid to the trustee \$100,000 for the retirement of the 1st Mtge. bonds. Thereafter net earnings up to \$50,000 will be paid to the trustee for the retirement of the 8% debentures. Out of any surplus remaining after these payments have been made a dividend not to exceed 7% on the \$50,000 capital stock shall be paid, i. e., \$3,500. Any surplus earnings remaining after the above payments shall be applied as additional sinking funds for the bonds in the ratio of \$2 for the 1st Mtge. bonds and \$1 for the Debenture bonds.

Company.—Is being formed by the amalgamation and consolidation of two companies of the same name, one incorporated by special Act of the Dominion of Canada and the other incorporated by special Act of the Legislature of the State of New York. Each special Act gave to the corporation authority to construct, own and operate a vehicular and pedestrian public bridge over the Niagara River between Buffalo, N. Y., and Fort Erie, Ont. By virtue of express permission contained in each Act, the two corporations are being consolidated, and the resulting corporation will be vested with all the rights, privileges, franchises and powers possessed by each of the constituent companies. The Acts under which these are derived are:

An Act of the United States Congress approved June 3 1924. An Act of the New York State Legislature approved March 31 1922, being Chapter 379 of the Laws of 1922. An Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada approved June 13 1923, being Chapter 74 of 13-14 George V. Approval of plans and site by the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of New York, United States War Department and the Governor-General in Council of the Dominion of Canada.

Construction.—Company will construct a steel, concrete and masonry bridge with a roadway 36 feet wide between curbs and with a 5-foot sidewalk on either side for pedestrian traffic. The need for a means of communication between Canada and the United States at Buffalo in place of the present wholly inadequate ferry system makes this proposed bridge a public necessity. It is expected that the bridge will be open to traffic about Sept. 1 1927.

Earnings.—In accordance with records filed annually in Ottawa by the Niagara Ferry & Transportation Co., showing the actual number of cars and passengers carried by the present ferries over the last few years, and assuming toll charges equal to the present ferry rates (which schedule has been approved by the U. S. War Department), estimated earnings for the first year of operation 1927-1928 will be as follows:

Gross income from tolls	\$550,000
Operating expenses	100,000
Interest on \$3,000,000 First Mortgage bonds	210,000
Interest on \$1,500,000 Debenture bonds	120,000

Balance applicable for sinking funds and to dividends limited to \$3,500 on Common stock \$170,000

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
30-Year First Mortgage 7%	\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000
20-Year Debenture 8%	1,500,000	1,500,000
Common stock (par \$100)	3,000,000	50,000

The Common stock of the company is limited, during the life of the First Mortgage and the Debenture bonds, to cumulative dividends of 7% per annum, on a par value of \$50,000, all other earnings being applicable to sinking funds on the issue of bonds. After the bonds have all been retired the Common stock is to be retired at par.—V. 114, p. 1184.

Burns Bros.—President Burns Asks Support for Management's Choice for Proxies-at-Large—Minority Seeks Proxies.

President Burns, of Burns Bros., has addressed a letter to the stockholders, soliciting support of S. M. Williams and Allison Dodd to represent them as proxies at the annual meeting June 11, instead of the parties suggested by the independent stockholders' committee in a special letter sent to the stockholders on May 27.

Messrs. Williams and Dodd have been associated with Burns Bros. as large stockholders and directors for twenty years and were named by the management as proxies-at-large for the annual meeting. The names were confirmed by the executive committee and the board of directors at the May meeting.

In his letter Mr. Burns says in part: "Prior to my election a year ago I had the distinct advantage of serving the company for over twenty years, and, as made apparent by statement heretofore submitted to you by the company, as your chief executive officer for the last period, I have been able to carry this company along in its successful career, so that for the year ended March 31 1925 our full dividend was earned and paid, though that year is recognized by anybody who has any connection with the coal business as being one of the most difficult years the coal trade has had to encounter. The new year commenced April 1, and during April our earnings were \$223,962, against \$184,207 in April 1924. This same growth of business has continued during May, and, unless abnormal conditions develop, I can reasonably promise a successful year."

The independent stockholders' committee in their letter sent to stockholders requested proxies for the election to the board of directors of A. T. Holley and W. J. Wason Jr., who are now serving on the board, and W. T. Payne, S. M. Schatzkin and S. A. Wertheim. These men, together with Max I. Schallek, signed the letter to stockholders. Mr. Schatzkin formerly served the company in the capacity of Vice-President.

In addition to the request for proxies on behalf of the independent stockholders' committee, the latter asked stockholders to sign an agreement which called for the sale of properties with which Mr. Wertheim is now connected to the Burns Brothers, for a "fair, reasonable and equitable consideration." It was also stipulated in the agreement that if the stockholders approved the plan of the minority interests, which included the sale of the properties to Burns Brothers, some of the new directors "would sever existing business connections to devote all their time to the business of building up the Burns Brothers organization and sell the properties they now control to Burns Brothers."

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31.

[Burns Bros., N. J., and Burns Bros., N. Y.]		1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—		\$	\$	\$	\$
Real-est., equip., &c	3,889,604	4,240,753		2,630,000	3,000,000
Cash	1,452,802	2,395,526		739,100	869,300
Notes and acceptances receivable	187,528	115,201		x8,094,400	8,094,400
Accts. receivable, less allowances	4,741,412	4,925,318		y647,520	647,520
U. S. Government, &c., securities	204,214	203,217		1,616,607	1,894,975
Coal supplies	1,573,975	1,255,952		123,789	97,329
Inv. in other cos., mortgages, &c.	2,129,246	2,127,910		60,000	127,814
Wm. Farrell & Sons, Inc.		5,640,000		Res. for Fed. taxes	153,500
Leases, good-will, &c.	4,957,133	4,957,133		Reserve corp. exp.	282,377
Prepaid items	188,534	132,812		Res. for cont'g's.	650,000
				Dividend payable	52,500
				Surplus approp'ns.	230,618
				Surplus unapprop.	3,170,355
				Surplus—Wm. Farrell & Sons, Inc.	z873,681
Total (each side)	19,324,447	25,993,821			6,513,681

x Class "A" Common stock, 8% cumulative, no par value, stated at \$100 per share (authorized, 100,000 shares). y Class "B" Common stock, no par value, stated as \$8 per share (authorized, 100,000 shares). z Paid in from Wm. Farrell & Sons, Inc., \$6,513,681, less leases, contracts and good-will written of \$5,640,000.

The comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 2819.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production.

Month of—	May.	April.	March.	February.
Copper output (lbs.)	4,410,000	5,196,000	3,416,000	3,063,000

—V. 120, p. 2686, 2405.

Camden Land & Cattle Co.—Protective Committee.

A protective committee for the holders of the 20-Year 6% Gold bonds has been formed, consisting of John T. Wilson, Chairman, Thomas Gresham and Clinton Williams, with Williams & Allen, counsel. The bonds are dated April 2 1917, and are secured by a mortgage of like date from the company to Savannah Bank & Trust Co., as trustee. Bank of Commerce & Trusts, Richmond, Va., and Savannah Bank & Trust Co., Savannah, Ga., are depositaries. There have been deposited with the protective committee \$516,500 of bonds out of the total issue of \$529,000.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc. (of Va.)—To Split Shares and Reincorporate in Delaware.

The directors have approved a plan calling for the exchange of its shares for those of a company of the same name, organized under the laws of Delaware June 1 1925, on the basis of 4 shares of stock of the new corporation for each share of the Class "A" and Class "B" stocks of the old corporation. It is expected that the new shares will be put on a \$1 annual basis. The old stock is paying \$3 a year.

The new corporation will have an authorized capitalization of 800,000 shares of no par value, of which 428,000 shares will be outstanding. It is not proposed to issue the balance of 372,000 shares except in such amount as may be necessary to cover paid up subscriptions made under the old corporation's employees' stock subscription plan approved Sept. 22 1924.

The present capitalization consists of authorized issues of 100,000 shares each of Class "A" and "B" stocks of no par value, of which 52,000 shares of the former and 55,000 shares of the latter, a total of 107,000 shares, are outstanding. See also V. 120, p. 2015.

Casein Co. of America (N. J.)—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Earns. & inc. sub. cos.	\$341,870	\$352,766	\$572,840	\$73,592
Dep. & accts. written of.	145,648	131,988	170,916	160,961
Net earnings	\$196,222	\$220,778	\$401,924	def\$87,369
Divs. rec. on Casein Co. (Delaware)	\$7,854	\$7,854	\$5,236	\$5,194
Less—Divs. on pf. stk. (12%)	120,000	(12)120,000	(8)80,000	(8)80,000
Divs. on Dry M. Co. stk	2,079	2,079	2,079	2,079
Balance	\$81,996	\$106,553	\$325,081	def\$164,254
Surplus of previous year	\$1,209,361	\$1,102,808	\$777,727	\$941,982
Surplus	\$1,291,358	\$1,209,361	\$1,102,808	\$777,728

—V. 119, p. 2650.

Chapin-Sacks Corp.—Annual Statement.

Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.	
Net sales	\$6,353,348
Cost of sales and expense	5,691,747
Depreciation, \$253,480; other deductions, \$60,370; Federal tax reserve, \$25,000; total	338,850
Net addition to surplus	\$322,750

Charcoal Iron Co. of America.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$3,071,859	\$4,554,912	\$3,068,865
Cost of sales	2,554,076	3,343,134	2,573,350
Gross profit	\$517,783	\$1,211,778	\$495,515
Miscellaneous income	10,662	65,316	99,160
Total income	\$528,446	\$1,277,094	\$594,675
Selling and administrative expenses	343,904	408,734	384,614
Interest and expenses	177,609	127,692	x882,304
Depreciation		190,000	

Surplus loss\$588,067 \$550,668 loss\$672,243
x Includes interest charges, the plant expenses and extraordinary charges and depreciation.—V. 120, p. 1884.

Childs Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.

Auerbach, Pollak & Richardson have purchased and sold privately 6,000 shares 7% Preferred stock at 114. The offering does not represent any new financing. The company operates at present 108 restaurants throughout the principal cities of United States and Canada, 53 being located in Greater New York. Gross business for the year 1924 amounted to \$24,675,564 and the net income to \$1,808,969, or 5.16 times annual Preferred dividend requirement. Dividends have been paid on the Preferred stock without interruption for 26 years. The Preferred stock is followed by 302,403 shares Common stock with a present market value in excess of \$16,000,000. The five-year convertible notes, which at the beginning of 1925 were outstanding to the extent of \$1,980,000, have now been reduced by conversion to \$470,000.—V. 120, p. 2273, 1884.

Columbia Phonograph Co., Inc.—Personnel.

The following directors have been elected: George R. Baker, Mortimer N. Buckner, George L. Burr, Henry C. Cox, William C. Dickerman, William C. Fuhri, Fred W. Shibley, Louis Sterling, H. Mercer Walker and Horatio L. Whitridge.

At the organization meeting of the board these officers were elected: Chairman of the Board, Louis Sterling; President, H. C. Cox; Vice-President, W. C. Fuhri; Secretary and Treasurer, F. J. Ames.—V. 120, p. 2406.

Commonwealth Shoe & Leather Co. (Mass.)—Stock.

The company has voted to increase its capital from 12,000 shares of 1st Pref. Class "A" stock, 8,000 shares of 1st Pref. Class "B" stock and 20,000 shares of Common stock, all of no par, by an additional issue of 20,000 shares of industrial partnership stock. This latter stock is to be issued from time to time to officers of the corporation for services rendered. This stock is to be paid for out of net profits at the rate of \$100 a share.

(John T.) Connor Co., Boston.—Sales.

Period Ended May 30—	1925.	1924.	Increase.
Four weeks	\$1,149,335	\$1,224,227	\$74,892
Nine weeks	2,666,048	2,802,963	136,915

During May, the company opened 15 new stores and is now operating 548 stores.—V. 120, p. 2406.

Consolidated Coppermines Corp.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1924.	1923.	Liabilities—		1924.	1923.
Property & equip.	6,718,908	6,657,553	Capital stock	6,152,752	5,947,973		
Def'd development	3,520,310	3,319,406	*Vendors	229,793	430,427		
Investments	149,296	148,886	Current liabilities	94,645	33,027		
Current assets	474,781	672,086	Deferred liabilities	9,733	9,212		
Treasury stock	35,167	35,167	Res. for depletion	354,663	354,663		
Deferred accts.	3,180	5,531	Paid-in surplus	4,060,054	4,063,325		
Total	10,901,642	10,838,628	Total	10,901,642	10,838,628		

* Stock to be issued for property acquired.—V. 118, p. 2185.

Copper Range Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Copper produced (lbs.)	25,109,175	23,571,360	29,029,474	32,669,738
Proceeds	\$3,455,575	\$3,490,566	\$4,129,538	\$4,324,638
Interest, &c., received	196,910	197,197	140,883	132,667
Gross income	\$3,652,485	\$3,687,763	\$4,270,422	\$4,457,305
Net after expenses, &c.	\$574,480	\$582,746	\$699,847	\$471,873
Surplus earnings of Copper Range RR. Co.	Cr.44,951	Cr.34,807	Cr.77,094	Cr.126,801
Deduct Champion net	354,638	369,435	445,258	363,489
Deprec. and depletion	740,893	711,543		
Tr'm't shut-down exp.		107,321		
Dividends	394,727	394,422	394,422	
Balance deficit	\$870,828	\$965,167	\$62,739	sur235,185

—V. 120, p. 1885.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Gold Production.

Month of	May.	April.	March.	February.	January.
Gold prod. (value)	\$361,165	\$354,972	\$356,084	\$345,478	\$351,301

—V. 120, p. 2153, 2407.

Draper Corp., Hopedale, Mass.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 a share, payable July 1 to holders of record June 6. In previous quarters disbursements of \$3 a share were made on this issue. This is in accordance with the policy of the company as announced last March. See V. 120, p. 1209, 1334.

Dumbarton Road Realty Corp., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.

Fidelity Trust Co., Detroit, is offering at par and int. \$250,000 6% 1st Mtge. Serial Sinking Fund bonds.

Dated April 1 1925; due serially April 1926-1930. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Fidelity Trust Co., Detroit, Mich., trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*.

These bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on the fee of 1,554 feet fronting on Dumbarton Road and 52,716 sq. ft. fronting on Grand River Ave. Of this property 833.37 ft. have been sold for \$276,150 and contracts amounting to a balance due of \$242,260 have been assigned to the Fidelity Trust Co., trustee, for collection.

Moneys due from contracts for the year 1925 amount to \$242,260, which is more than 16 times the greatest annual int. charges of this issue.

Davison Chemical Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921) and rows for Gross income, Administration expenses, Interest & discount, Reserve for depreciation, Other reserves, Non-op. exp., Prem. disc., 8% deb., and Balance deficit.

Balance deficit—\$499,847 sur \$1223,591 \$502,532 \$411,938 x As follows: Gross profit from manufacturing and trading operations, \$15,278 and profit from sale of 79,950 shares of the Silica Gel Corp. at \$25 a share, \$2,066,533.

[Incl. Davison Chemical Co. and Davison Sulphur & Phosphate Co.]

Table with columns for Assets (Real estate, Tugs and barges, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Davison S. & P. Co. 1st M. 6s., etc.) for years 1924 and 1923.

Total (ea. side) 23,997,264 25,916,912

Note.—The above statement does not include contingent liabilities on account of trade notes receivable discounted amounting to 218,919.

x After giving effect to the sale in Jan. 1925 of 16,300 shares of Davison Chemical Capital stock, representing 184,650 shares of Common stock of the Silica Gel Corp. without par value at \$25 per share.

The Voting Trust Agreement under which the Davison Chemical Co.'s stock was deposited expired May 31 1925.—V. 120, p. 1209.

Dominion Textile Co., Limited.—Report.—

Table with columns for Years End. Mar. 31 (1924-25, 1923-24, 1921-22, 1920-21) and rows for Profits, Interest received, Total income, Bond int., rentals, &c., Welfare, Bad debts, Preferred dividends, Com. divs., Surplus, Previous surplus, Prof. & loss balance, and Including pension fund provision.

Note.—No financial statement was issued to the stockholders in 1923 subsequent to split up of the company's shares. Hence the comparison of the year 1923-24 with 1921-22.—V. 120, p. 2820, 24.

East Butte Copper Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921) and rows for Tons ore mined, Copper produced, Silver produced, Gold produced, Gross income, Total costs, Balance deficit, Depreciation, Explorations, and Net deficit.

—V. 120, p. 709.

18-20 East Forty-first Street Building (Twenty East 41st Street Corp.), N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—Hoagland, Allum & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,200,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund 15-Year gold loan.

Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1940. Legal for the investment of trust funds under the laws of the State of New York. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Manufacturers Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*.

Property.—The building is one of the best located office buildings in New York City; situated in the heart of the shopping, hotel, club and up-town financial districts, a few steps from the main entrance to the Public Library, two blocks from Grand Central Terminal, Biltmore and Belmont hotels and one block from 42d St. and 5th Ave., said to be the "best corner in the world."

The building, 20 stories and basement, constructed of steel and concrete with stone and white terra cotta exterior, occupies approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of land, was completed in 1914, and contains a net rentable area of 69,217 sq. ft., 100% of which is leased to 65 tenants representative of over 25 different professional and business activities.

Security.—This loan will be secured by first mortgage on the land and building, owned in fee simple, valued, according to recent independent appraisals, by J. Romaine Brown Co. and W. Albert Pease Jr., at \$1,825,000 and \$1,800,000, respectively.

Earnings.—Leases now in force, less operating expenses and taxes for the year ended April 30 1925, show net income applicable to principal and interest on this loan of \$135,790, or approximately twice the maximum annual interest charges.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide for deposits with the trustee of \$72,000 annually in quarterly installments, commencing Sept. 1 1925, for the payment of interest, and of \$97,000 annually in quarterly installments commencing June 1 1927, for the payment of interest and the reduction of principal. Securities shall be called for this sinking fund at prices as above noted if not purchasable in the open market at or below these figures. This sinking fund will, it is estimated, reduce the amount of the loan approximately \$500,000 by maturity.

Elk Horn Coal Corp.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921) and rows for Earnings (all sources), Oper. exp., taxes, &c., Depreciation, Net earnings, Fixed charges, Preferred divs., Balance, surplus, and V. 118, p. 1525.

Fair Co., Louisville, Miss.—Bonds Offered.—A. K. Tigrett & Co., Memphis, are offering at par and int. \$150,000 6% 1st Mtge. Serial Gold bonds. Dated April 15 1925, due April 1926-1935. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at Capital National Bank, Jackson, Miss., or A. K. Tigrett & Co., Memphis.

Company.—The Fair Brothers, who own the Fair Co., a partnership, have been in the lumber industry and merchandising business for 20 years. Business consists of the manufacturing of pine and hardwood lumber, cross ties, and general merchandise. Saw mill plant has a capacity of 60,000 feet per day, planing mill 100,000 feet per day.

Purpose.—To clear up all outstanding indebtedness to banks and to provide additional working capital.

Foster & Kleiser Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Years Ended Mar. 31 (1925, 1924, 1923, 1922) and rows for Gross income, Net profits, and various financial metrics.

After providing for payment of Federal taxes, earnings for the year ended Mar. 31 1925 were more than 7 times the dividend requirements on the \$2,000,000 7% pref. stock outstanding. After providing for payment of the 574,675 shares of common stock, both A and B, outstanding, within the year ending May 15 1925 a dividend of \$1 per share was paid to each and every holder of class A & class B common stock.—V. 117, p. 1668.

Foundation Co., New York.—New Business, &c.—

President John W. Doty is quoted as saying: "Our new business for the first 6 months will be a great deal better than in the corresponding period last year. Earnings will also be much better. The first and second quarters of our business year are generally rather poor but second quarter earnings this year will show substantial improvement over the first quarter."

We are doing business in 14 countries and are not showing a loss in any. Our total indebtedness for all outside construction amounts to less than \$100,000. There is no funded debt, no Preferred stock and only 90,000 shares of Common stock, on which we are paying 8%. Cash in bank totals \$1,600,000. The operating company has closed \$11,000,000 worth of new business since Jan. 1. We expect to do a good business abroad this year, Earnings and new business should greatly exceed last year's record.—V. 120, p. 2688.

Fox Film Corp.—235% Stock Dividend—Rights, &c.—

The directors have declared a 235% stock dividend, 200% to stockholders and 35% to leading employees who have contributed to the company's success. The dividend is payable in Class "A" Common stock without par value and is incident to the complete recapitalization of the company.

Holders of the present Common stock have been given the right to subscribe for 165,000 shares of additional Class "A" Common stock at \$43 a share, on the basis of 1.65 new shares for each share now held. These subscriptions will be received by the Bankers Trust Co.

Consolidated Income Account for 52 Weeks Ended Dec. 27 1924.

Table with rows for Rentals & sales, Income, Depreciation on film and literature, Exchange and other expenses, Home office and administration expenses, Advertising, Int. paid & accrued, Cost of export, industrial and educational sales, Depreciation building, equipment, and furn. and fixtures, and Profit from operations.

Compare V. 120, p. 2821.

Freeman Dairy Co., Flint, Mich.—Bonds Offered.—

Hayden, Van Atter & Co. and H. W. Noble & Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. \$375,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1925, due May 1 1935. Free from State and city taxes in Michigan. Interest payable M. & N. without deduction of normal Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*.

Capitalization.—Authorized, Outstanding, 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Preferred stock, Common stock.

Company.—A Michigan corporation. Is the third largest, and one of the oldest dairy product organizations in Michigan. Present company, which was incorp. in 1913, is engaged in every department of the dairy business, including the distribution of milk in Flint, the manufacture and distribution of ice cream and ice cream mix, the preparation of a special grade of condensed milk for bakers, and the manufacture of butter and other dairy products.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage upon entire properties now or hereafter owned. These properties have a net sound value, as appraised Jan. 1 1925, of \$866,517, or over \$2,300 for each \$1,000 bond.

Earnings.—Net earnings for 1924, available for interest, but before Federal taxes and depreciation, were \$239,531, or over 9 1/2 times the annual interest requirements of the bonds. Such earnings for the past five years have averaged \$177,145, or over 7 1/4 times the annual interest charges. Since incorporation, company has never failed to make a profit, and constant expansion of the company's business has resulted in increased earnings each year.

Sinking Fund.—Trust deed will provide for a sinking fund, commencing Oct. 1926, under the provisions of which a minimum of \$30,000 par value of bonds must be retired each year until maturity, either by purchase at not exceeding the current redemption price, or by the call of bonds by lot by the trustee.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the general expansion of the company's business, to provide additional working capital, to retire existing bank loans and to furnish mechanical refrigeration to additional dealers.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, O.—Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend (No. 2) of 1 1/4% on the 7% Pref. stock, payable July 15 to holders of record June 20. An initial distribution of like amount was made on the 7% Pref. stock on April 15 last (see V. 120, p. 1335).—V. 120, p. 2275.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25-Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Table with columns for 1925-May-1924, 1924, 1925-5 Mos.-1924, and 1924, and rows for Sales figures.

—V. 120, p. 2408, 1887.

General Refractories Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns for Mar. 31 '25 and Dec. 31 '24, showing Assets and Liabilities.

(G. A.) Gray Co., Cincinnati, O.—Notes Offered.—Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati, are offering at prices to yield from 5.45% to 6%, according to maturity, \$360,000 6% Serial Gold notes.

Dated March 1 1925, due annually March 1 1927 to 1938. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at Union Trust Co., Cincinnati, trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date on 4 weeks' notice at 100 and int. plus 1/2% premium for each unexpired year or fraction thereof, but not to exceed 105.

Company.—Organized in 1881 and incorp. in Ohio June 11 1886. The metal planer, which this company manufactures, ranks among the oldest and most important of the fundamental machine tools.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to help finance the purchase of the land and the erection thereon of a new shop costing approximately \$450,000. This first unit will give not only the floor space required, but also the increased crane capacity and other manufacturing facilities for building new improved planers with utmost economy and efficiency.

Table showing 6% Serial Gold notes and 6% Preferred stock with values for Dec. 31 1924.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the past 6 years ending Dec. 31 1924, after depreciation but before Federal income taxes, have averaged 5.61 times the interest charges on this \$360,000 issue of notes.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Forms New Maryland Company to Facilitate New Employees' Ownership Plan.—

With more than \$352,000,000 a year passing over the counters of its 12,000 stores throughout the country, the company announces a plan whereby its employees may share in the profits through ownership of its Common stock.

The company pursues the most progressive lines in large businesses today, namely, that the closer relationship between capital and labor is prevalent, and, with this end in view, stock that formerly was very closely held by the family of the founder of the business will be distributed among the employees on a partial-payment plan; to facilitate this, a Maryland corporation has been formed that will hold the stock of the operating companies.

The company does the largest cash business in the world. It extends no credit and its volume of gross sales now surpasses that of any of the country's chain stores or mail-order houses.

The business was founded in 1859 and had its inception in a single store in that year in New York City. To-day the company operates over 12,000 stores, employing over 35,000 people.

Coincident with the important change in the company's financial policy, a new plan of operation has been instituted to take care of further expansion which, when established, should run the total sales for the current year to well over \$420,000,000.

On March 1 the business was divided into five divisions, designated as the New England, Eastern, Central, Southern and Middle Western divisions. Each division will have its own officers and directors.

The company owns and operates 27 warehouses. These have manufacturing, packing and coffee-roasting departments. In 14 cities are also located the company's own bakeries.

The company owns factories and canneries located at Brockport, N. Y.; Felton, Del.; West Bend, Wis., and Brooklyn, N. Y. The company owns cheese-packing and storage plants at Cuba, N. Y., and at Green Bay, Wis., and 3 salmon fisheries and canneries in Alaska. At West Bend, Wis., the company owns the largest single evaporated-milk condenser in the world.

Tremendous quantities of food pass over the counters of A & P stores. In one year coffee sales total 67 million pounds; flour sales, 225 million pounds; butter sales, 75 million pounds; egg sales, 39 million dozen; sugar, 385 million pounds; potato sales, 504 million pounds; milk sales, 90 million cans.

The A & P "Red Front" stores in the Metropolitan section come under the Eastern division, which includes the New York, Brooklyn, Newark and Paterson districts. The officers and directors of this division are: Robert B. Smith, Pres.; John A. Hartford, 1st V.-Pres.; William M. Byrnes, V.-Pres.; Harry J. Southwell, V.-Pres.; Elmer L. Reynolds, V.-Pres.; Alan M. Burtis, Treas. & Sec.; J. A. Fogarty, A. B. McCormick. —V. 120, p. 2555.

Table showing sales for 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

(M. A.) Hanna Co., Cleveland.—Defers Dividend on 2d Conv. Pref. 8% Cumul. Stock.—Earnings, &c.—

The directors on June 2 decided to defer payment of the usual quarterly dividend of 2% due at this time on the 2d Conv. Pref. 8% Cumul. stock. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock was declared payable June 20 to holders of record June 10.

Table showing Consolidated Income Account for Quarter Ended March 31 1925.

Table showing Net corporate loss and Minority stockholders proportion.

Table showing Deficit and Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Tot. (each side) 49,410,247 49,480,460. x After deducting \$11,679,842 depreciation, depletion and obsolescence. z Common stock auth., 500,000 shares, no par value, issued 282,844 declared Common capital, \$12,000,000.

Harriman Building, N. Y. City.—Bonds Sold.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., have sold at 100 and int. \$5,250,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold Loan.

Dated July 1 1925, due July 1 1958. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. in part for sinking fund purposes on any int. date upon 30 days' notice to and incl. July 1 1936, at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. July 1 1947 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1958 at 101 and int. Red. as a whole on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 101 and int. Int. payable without deduction of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of the Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Kansas and California taxes not to exceed 4 mills, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, Kentucky and District of Columbia 5 mills tax, Michigan 5 mills exemption tax, Virginia 5 1/2 mills tax, and Massachusetts income tax not to exceed 6%.

Building.—The Harriman Bldg., a 33-story office building, will occupy the northeast corner of Fifth Ave. and 44th St., N. Y. City, in the Grand Central and 42d St. section. The building upon completion will be designed for office and banking purposes with stores on the entire street level.

Security.—This loan will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and building owned in fee, the plot extending approximately 95.5 ft. on Fifth Ave. and 140.0 ft. on 44th St., having a total ground area of over 12,158 sq. ft.

The property has been independently appraised as having a value upon completion in excess of \$8,650,000, making this loan less than a 61% mtge.

Earnings.—The building will have a total net rentable area of approximately 215,793 sq. ft., all of which will be particularly well adapted for office and business purposes. The design of the building, affording exceptionally favorable light conditions will contribute to the rentability of space and will tend to supply the constant demand for high grade banking, office and store space in this section of New York City. Independent experts estimate the annual net earnings available for payment of interest after deducting operating expenses, maintenance, insurance and taxes to be not less than \$885,000, or over 2.8 times maximum annual interest charges on this loan.

Legal for Trust Funds.—Legal for the investment of trust funds under the laws of the State of New York.

Havana Docks Corp.—Bonds Called.—

Certain First Collateral Lien 7% bonds, Series "A," dated July 1 1921, aggregating \$77,500, have been called for redemption July 1 at par and interest, at the Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass. —V. 119, p. 2653.

Holland-St. Louis Sugar Co.—Annual Report—Year Ended April 30 1925.

Table showing Surplus as of April 30 1924 and Net income, year ending April 30 1925.

Table showing Total surplus, Cash dividends paid on Pref. stock for 4 years to April 30 1925, Interest on Federal taxes applicable to years 1919 and 1920, Premium on \$1,200,000 1st Mtge. 8% Gold bonds redeemed, and Unamortized disc. & exp. on 1st M. 8% Gold bonds redeemed.

Balance Sheet April 30.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for April 30, 1925 and 1924.

Hurley Machine Co., Chicago.—Stock Increased, &c.—

The stockholders on June 2 increased the authorized Common stock from 200,000 share, of no par value to 300,000 shares of no par value.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for Dec. 31, 1924 and 1923.

x Authorized, 300,000 shares of no par value; outstanding, 180,175 shares, valued at the excess of assets over liabilities. y Provision for Federal income tax only.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 120, p. 1887, 2557.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record June 15 will be given the right to subscribe on or before July 6 for additional Capital stock at \$30 per share to the extent of one new share for each 9 shares held.—V. 120, p. 2557, 2018.

Indian Refining Co.—Annual Report.—

Table showing Profit from operation and Profit on sale of capital assets for 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921.

Table showing Total profits, Deduct—Interest paid, Depreciation, Amort of disc. & exp., and Prof. divs. (7% p. a.).

Table showing Balance, deficit, sur, Profit and loss, deficit, x Central Refining Co., y Central Refining Co. and Indian Refining Co.

International Shoe Co., St. Louis.—Earnings.—

Table showing Net sales, Cost, exp., deprec., &c., less other inc, Interest, Federal taxes, Preferred dividends, and Common dividends for 1925, 1924, and 1923.

Surplus 2,090,079 2,432,218 2,588,189 —V. 120, p. 710, 204.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Table showing First 20 Weeks of Year—Sales for 1925, 1924, and Increase.

Klots Throwing Co.—Bond Redemption.—

The company has called for payment July 1 at 105 and int., \$119,000 of its 1st & Coll. Trust 7% bonds, due Dec. 1 1933, at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City. See also V. 118, p. 1019.

(B. B. & R.) Knight, Inc.—Receivership.—

G. Edward Buxton of Providence, V.-Pres. & Treas. of the company, was appointed temporary receiver May 29 upon petition of Archibald

O. Gayton of Warwick, a Preferred stockholder. The Court's decree provides for continuation of the operation of the various plants by the receiver, and notices that the mills will continue to operate under the same management...

An attachment for \$5,140,000 against the property of the company was granted May 29 by Supreme Court Justice Lydon at New York, after the Consolidated Textile Corp., which has the claim, had notified the Mechanics & Metals National Bank to take such action as was necessary to enforce collection.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—May Sales.— 1925—May—1924. Increase. 1925—5 Mos.—1924. Increase. \$7,837,554 \$7,157,494 \$680,060 \$36,616,059 \$32,858,165 \$3,747,894

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—May Sales.— 1925. 1924. Increase. Month of May \$3,545,384 \$3,017,061 \$528,323 5 months ended May 31 15,897,431 13,258,010 2,639,421

(Fried.) Krupp, Ltd. (Fried. Krupp Aktiengesellschaft), Essen, Germany.—Definitive Notes Ready.— Interim receipts for 7% 5-Year Merchandise Secured Gold Dollar notes, due Dec. 15 1929, may now be exchanged for definitive notes at the office of Goldman, Sachs & Co., fiscal agents for the loan, 30 Pine St., N. Y. City.

Lawyers Mortgage Co., N. Y.—To Increase Stock, &c.— The stockholders will vote Aug. 5 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$7,500,000 to \$9,000,000. It is proposed that stockholders of record Aug. 15 shall have the right to subscribe on or before Oct. 1 for one share of the additional stock for each five shares held at \$100 a share.

(P.) Lyall & Sons Construction Co., Ltd.—Report.— Years Ended Mar. 31 1924-25. 1923-24. 1922-23. 1921-22. Earnings \$260,121 \$210,698 \$161,097 \$240,738

Lyon & Healy, Inc.—Notes Offered.—First Trust & Savings Bank and Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101.64 and int., to yield from 5% to 6%, according to maturity, \$2,200,000 6% Serial Gold notes.

Dated June 1 1925, due serially June 1 1926 to 1935. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data From Letter of Marquette A. Healy, President of the Company. History & Business.—This business has been in continuous existence under the Lyon & Healy name in Chicago since 1864. Company distributes at retail in the Chicago district, and at wholesale throughout the country.

Security.—Notes are the direct obligation of company, and will be issued under a trust agreement, whereby the company will assign and transfer to the trustee, \$2,200,000 customers' installment notes which are issued against merchandise sold in the ordinary course of business and (or) dealers' notes, cash, United States Government obligations, bankers' acceptances.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the 8-year period, 1917 to 1924, inclusive, after all charges except Federal income taxes, have averaged \$701,499, or 5.3 times annual interest charges of \$132,000 on this issue of notes. The stability of the business is evidenced by the fact that the company has shown a profit in each of its 61 years of continuous operation.

Assets.—Financial statement as of March 31 1925, reflecting this financing, shows current assets of \$4,660,222, compared with current liabilities of \$713,444.

Capitalization.—Stockholders have ratified the formation of new company to take over the assets of the present organization. The new corporation is capitalized as follows: \$2,200 of 6% notes (above), \$2,000,000 7% Cumul. Preferred stock and 200,000 shares of \$5 par value Common stock, all of the stock being held closely by officials of the company.

MacAndrews & Forbes Co.—Annual Report.— Calendar Years— 1924. 1923. 1922. 1921. Net earnings \$1,232,151 \$1,307,744 \$1,153,023 \$783,988

Prof. dividends (6%) \$145,702 \$152,075 \$165,834 \$168,936 Common (cash) divs. 1,162,000 1,216,335 899,508 599,672

Balance, surplus, def \$75,551 \$441,362 \$87,681 \$15,381 Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31 1924, \$2,314,762. Reserves transferred to surplus. Total net earnings from sale of licorice, dyewoods, box boards, wall boards, &c., after deducting all charges, expenses, &c., and provision for income tax.—V. 119, p. 2889.

McCord Radiator & Mfg. Co.—Stock Sold.—McClure, Jones & Reed and Potter & Co. have sold at \$22.50 per share 30,000 shares Class "B" stock (Voting Trust Cdfs.), no par value. The sale of these shares does not constitute new financing.

Dividend dates Q.-F. Transfer agent, Bankers Trust Co., New York; registrar, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Class "B" stock is entitled to receive dividends of \$2 per share per annum after Class "A" stock has received \$3 per share per annum. 40% of all earnings remaining after these dividends have been paid must be used to retire Class "A" stock by purchase in the market if obtainable at or below \$50 per share and divs. or by call at that price.

Authorized. Outstanding. 1st Mortgage bonds \$855,967 Class "A" stock (no par value) 50,000 shs. 40,555 shs. Class "B" stock (no par value) 200,000 shs. 150,000 shs.

Data From Letter of A. C. McCord, President of the Company. Company.—Is one of the largest manufacturers of radiators and radiator cores in the United States. It was organized in 1923 to take over the plants

and business of the radiator, gasket and lubricating divisions of the McCord Manufacturing Co., Inc., which had long occupied a leading position in their respective fields.

Company's radiator customers include Dodge, Studebaker, Moon Motors, General Motors Truck, Hupp, Mack, Truck, Yellow Cab and other manufacturers, besides which the company does a large radiator and radiator core replacement business handled by approximately 250 jobbers through distribution of their products outside the automotive industry.

The National Radiator Co. was originally a part of the National Can Co. The latter company was acquired several years ago by Adrian D. Joyce, President of Glidden Co. Later on the can business was sold to the Continental Can Co. The purchase by the McCord was made through Mr. Joyce.

Dividends.—The company has paid dividends at the rate of \$3 per share per annum on its Class "A" stock and \$2 per share on Class "B" stock since its organization.

Net Sales and Net Profits Before Federal Taxes (Adjusted for Non-Recurring Charges) of this Business.

Year Ended Dec. 31— Net Sales. Net Profit. 1917— \$6,353,040 \$841,954 1918— 7,215,751 569,383 1919— 7,516,504 663,456 1920— 7,417,959 def\$219,948

Comparative Balance Sheet. Assets— Apr. 30 '25. Dec. 31 '24. Cash \$162,965 \$151,303 Notes & accts. rec. 992,793 789,773 Inventories 1,073,394 1,121,049

McCrorry Stores Corp.—May Sales—Report.— 1925—May—1924. Increase. 1925—5 Mos.—1924. Increase. \$2,094,919 \$1,963,172 \$131,747 \$9,868,452 \$8,851,392 \$1,017,060

Income Account for Calendar Years. 1924. 1923. 1921. Sales \$25,223,344 \$21,367,824 \$17,123,253 Cost of sales 17,635,526 14,888,936 11,797,154

Balance, sur. or def. sur \$408,875 def\$327,305 sur\$174,564 def\$666,959 On March 1 1924 the company paid 40 cents a share in cash and 5% in Common stock, and on June 2 1924 paid 40 cents in cash and 1% in Common stock on Common and Class "B" Common stocks; and on Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 1924 paid 1% in stock.

Statement for Quarter Ended March 31. 1925. 1924. 1923. Sales \$5,508,812 \$4,801,518 \$4,256,146 Cost of sales 4,048,479 3,541,137 3,116,383

Net profit \$1,460,333 \$1,260,381 \$1,139,763 * After paying \$52,129 cash divs. on Pref. and \$164,545 cash divs. on Common and Class "B" Common stock there was a surplus of \$40,164.

Comparative Balance Sheet. Mar. 31 '25 Dec. 31 '24 Assets— \$ \$ Real estate 2,026,038 4,669,878 Leaseholds, furniture & fixtures 6,228,780 5,845,508

x Represented by a total of 411,853 shares outstanding of no par value, being 362,024 shares Common and 49,829 shares Class B Common.—V. 120, p. 2822, 2410.

Mack Trucks, Inc.—Declares Regular Dividends.— The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share on the Common and \$1.75 per share on the 1st and 2d Pref. stocks, all payable June 30 to holders of record June 15.

The company on June 2 issued the following statement: "When the March dividend was declared it was understood that no consideration was given to the question either of an extra cash dividend or stock dividend on the Common. The same absence of consideration is believed to have obtained at to-day's meeting. The energies of the management and organization and the financial resources of Mack Trucks are fully absorbed in handling the record business which has featured 1925 operations.

Maxwell Motors Corp.—N. Y. Stock Exchange Suspends Trading in Class "A" and "B" Shares.— The Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange June 2 ordered the suspension of all trading in the undeposited Class "A" and "B" stocks of the Maxwell Motors Corp.

Because of the small amounts of stock outstanding in Maxwell Motors "A" and "B" stocks, the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange rules that trading in said "A" and "B" stocks shall be suspended. Opinion in the financial district after the close of business was that a technical corner existed in the shares.

The holders of either the Class "A" or "B" stocks of the Maxwell Motors Corp. in order to liquidate their accounts, it was explained, would merely have to deposit their securities under the plan by which the assets and goodwill of the Maxwell organization will be transferred to the newly organized Chrysler Corporation. By this exchange holders will receive new securities of the Chrysler Corp., or Central Union Trust Co. certificates of deposit representing the Maxwell "B" stocks, which can be easily liquidated.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Extra Dividend.— The directors have declared an extra dividend of 40 cents on the Common stock and an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the Preferred, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of \$1 on the Common and \$2 on the Preferred stock, all payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.—V. 120, p. 2156.

Stern Bros., New York.—New Director.—
R. C. Schaffner, of A. G. Becker & Co., has been elected a director and also a voting trustee for the Common stock.—V. 120, p. 2825.

Studebaker Corp.—All Banks Loans Retired.—
President A. R. Erksine on June 2, made the following statement: "Studebaker's May cash collections were \$19,600,000 and exceeded disbursements by \$4,200,000. Receipts for March, April and May were \$54,000,000 and exceeded disbursements by \$14,000,000.
"Bank balances June 1 were \$10,700,000, with no bank loans outstanding. May production was 14,492 cars.
"Demand continues to exceed production, and all plants are operating at capacity, with total employees numbering about 21,000."
In April Mr. Erksine announced that all corporation bank loans would be retired July 1. The foregoing statement shows that this has been accomplished a month earlier than expected. This marks a new high spot in the corporation's financial history.—V. 120, p. 2825.

Tuckett Tobacco Co., Ltd., Hamilton, Ont.—Earnings.

	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
Net profits aft. taxes, &c	\$311,558	\$361,279	\$250,314	\$249,934
Prof. dividends (7%)	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Common dividends (4%)	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Balance Sheet March 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Property, &c.....	\$1,154,390	\$3,004,812	Capital stock.....	\$4,500,000
Goodwill, trade marks, &c.....	2,478,672	—	B. and A. pay.....	179,483
Bills & accts. rec.....	469,473	528,514	Dividends due.....	60,000
Investments.....	206,600	313,675	Reserve.....	620,264
Inventories.....	1,715,167	1,680,287	Surplus.....	834,016
Cash.....	158,756	28,996		762,457
Def. charges.....	10,707	—		
Total.....	\$6,193,763	\$5,556,285	Total.....	\$6,193,763

* Including Goodwill, trademarks, &c.—V. 118, p. 2837.

United Dyewood Corp.—Report.
Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1924 (Company Proper).
Divs. received, \$656,106; other income, \$50,614; total income.... \$706,720
Expenses, &c..... 110,884
Prof. dividends, \$261,625; Common dividends, \$417,549..... 679,174
Deficit..... \$83,338
Profit and loss surplus..... \$914,458
Consolidated Statement of Subsidiary Companies for the Year 1924.
Net profit from operations, \$732,255; other income, 20,294; total income..... \$752,550
Deprec., int., Fed. taxes, &c., \$292,911; reserves, \$124,167..... 417,078
Dividends paid (United Dyewood Corp., \$678,562; minority interests, \$23,427)..... 701,989
Deficit..... \$366,517
*Profit and loss surplus..... \$2,639,800
* Equity of United Dyewood Corp. amounts to \$2,620,022.—V. 120, p. 1471.

United States Realty & Improvement Co.—Contracts.
The directors have approved construction contracts aggregating \$22,124,800, including Lincoln Alliance bank and office building, Rochester, N. Y.; Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. office building, Ottawa, Canada; dormitory for Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami, Fla., and Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill.—V. 120, p. 2562, 2539.

United States Rubber Co.—Outlook.
Vice-Pres. E. V. Hopkinson says in substance: "Our tire business has increased greatly and sales have gained commensurately. Earnings are running away ahead of last year and I expect them to continue at more than the present rate throughout the year.
"I look for the present high price of rubber to continue for some time. Advances in tire prices are inevitable. The present high price of rubber has helped us considerably. We have in our plantations 55,000 acres in bearing and 135,000 acres under cultivation. Production is about 13,000,000 pounds annually. Our business is divided about equally between power manufacturers and the manufacturers of commercial articles, including boots and shoes. I think rubber companies have definitely turned the corner."—V. 120, p. 1471.

Walworth Manufacturing Co., Boston.—Acquisition.
The company has acquired the National Pipe & Foundry Co. of Atalla, Ala.—V. 120, p. 1341.

(Charles) Warner Co.—Acquires Controlling Interest in American Lime & Stone Co.
This company of Wilmington and Philadelphia, which has been operating the American Lime & Stone Co. under a management contract for the past 3 years, has now purchased the controlling stock interest of the American Co. from the estate of A. G. Morris of Bellefonte, Pa. and from J. K. McLanahan, Jr. of Hilldaysburg, Pa. The American Lime & Stone Co. operates extensive building and chemical lime plants at Bellefonte, Pa. and several crushing plants for preparing furnace, ballast and construction stone located in the Bellefonte, Tyrone and Hollidaysburg districts.—V. 119, 2659.

(W. K.) Washburn Buildings, Oakland, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—Wm. Cavalier & Co. and Bradford, Kimball & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and interest \$300,000 1st Mtge. 6½% Serial Gold bonds.
Dated April 1 1925; due serially April 1 1928 to 1945 incl. Czzlable al or part, last maturity first, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000, c*. Interest payable A. & O., normal Federal income tax up to 2% paid by the owner. Principal and interest payable at American Bank, San Francisco, trustee. Exempt from personal property tax in California. Legal investment for California Savings Banks.
Security.—Secured by a 1st mtge. deed of trust on two parcels of land located in the new business section of Oakland. Parcel No. 1 is improved by a new modern 3-story reinforced concrete building, which is leased to the General Motors Co. and is known as the "Chevrolet Building." Parcel No. 2 is improved by a modern 3-story reinforced concrete building which is leased to Earle C. Anthony, Inc., and is known as the "Packard Building."
The real estate securing this issue has been appraised by three competent appraisers, whose figures average \$310,833. The cost of reproducing buildings as estimated averages \$325,000. As an additional check estimates have been obtained by a construction engineer whose average cost of reproducing buildings is \$339,340. This makes a total average appraisal on land and buildings of \$635,833.
Leases.—The "Chevrolet Building" is leased to the General Motors Co. and the "Packard Building" is leased to Earle C. Anthony, Inc., which leases are adequate to take care of all charges. These leases will be hypothecated with the trustee as part of the security under this issue.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Co.—New President.
David F. Edwards has been elected President, succeeding T. H. Wickwire Jr.—V. 120, p. 2694.

Willys-Overland Co.—Quarterly Preferred Dividend.
The directors on June 3 declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 7% Cum. Pref. stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. A distribution of like amount was made on May 10 last, which was the first since Oct. 1 1920.—V. 120, p. 2160.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Reorganization.
An extension of time until June 13, to deposit securities under the reorganization plan, was announced June 2 by Frank O. Wetmore, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Chicago, and Harold Stanley, President of Guaranty Co., respectively the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the reorganization committee.

More than a majority of the bank debt and commercial paper and of the convertible bonds and stocks, to be adjusted under the plan of reorganization, has already assented thereto.

Claims on obligations assigned to the bank creditors' committee and deposited with its depository and on convertible bonds deposited with the depositories of the debenture bondholders' committee or their agents before the close of business June 13, will be filed by those committees. Holders of such deposited obligations will thus save themselves the trouble of filing proofs of claim thereon, which otherwise they must do on or before June 15, in accordance with a notice given by the receivers under orders of the Federal court.—V. 120, p. 2562, 2414.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—May Sales.
May sales..... \$18,509,867 \$17,076,750 \$14,791,432
Five months sales..... 83,376,153 75,806,490 66,789,270
According to H. T. Parson, President of the company, the gain in the 1,397 stores operated for May was \$1,433,117, or 8.39%, and for the 5 months was \$7,569,662, or 9.99%. The gain for May in 1,276 old stores was \$533,487, or 3.12%, and for the 5 months was \$3,310,213, or 4.37%. In commenting on the sales, Mr. Parson said: "In May 1924 we had 26 business days which included 5 Saturdays. In May 1925 we had 25 business days and only 4 Saturdays. There is not one of the 13 districts representing the entire business that shows a loss in sales for the month of May."—V. 120, p. 2414.

Wyandot Copper Co.—50-Cent Assessment.
The company has levied an assessment of 50 cents per share to be paid June 16. The last assessment was paid seven years ago and made the \$25 par shares, \$13 paid in. There are 100,000 shares outstanding.—V. 105, p. 723.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The National Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, which during the past 13 years has developed into an intensive nationwide system for the maintenance of the "Truth-in-Advertising" standard, announced at the World Convention at Houston, Texas, recently its incorporation under the laws of Delaware as the National Better Business Bureau. The change in name arises from the fact that the Committee is affiliated with and co-ordinates the local work of the many Better Bureaus in leading cities of the country. Operations of the National Better Business Bureau will be in charge of fifteen directors; five selected from the Better Business Bureaus, five from the sustaining members of the National Vigilance Committee, and five from the Executive Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. There will be no change in operating policy, but it is believed this step will enhance the prestige and influence of the Bureau work throughout the country and make of it a still more useful servant of advertising, American business and the consuming public. The incorporators of the National Better Business Bureau are Lou E. Holland, of Kansas City, retiring President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World; Herbert S. Houston, of New York, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Vigilance Committee; Harry D. Robbins, Chairman of the Committee on Management of the National Vigilance Committee, and Merle Sidener, of Indianapolis, a member of the Committee on Management.

—The firm of Bainbridge & Ryan, 100 Broadway, organized in 1920, announce that they have become members of the New York Stock Exchange through the admission of Perry B. Strassburger, a member of the Exchange, as a general partner. The firm's personnel consists of many ex-National City men, L. M. Bainbridge having opened the Chicago office of that company, R. T. Ryan having been Sales Manager of the Wall Street office of the City Company at one time, and C. A. Rubel having been Manager of the Detroit and Cleveland offices of this firm. Mr. Strassburger before joining the Exchange in 1923, was manager of the Bond Department of the American Express Company and prior to that time was associated with the Bond Department of the National City Co. A. C. Curry, the other member of the firm, was formerly associated with Smith, Worthington & Co. manufacturers of leather goods and horse equipment, which firm was established over 125 years ago.

—A third printing of "Good Will and Its Valuation," a 32 page booklet devoted to the value of Good Will in business, is announced by Ernst & Ernst to be now ready for distribution among investment bankers and business executives. The author of this booklet is Mr. A. C. Ernst, Managing Partner of Ernst & Ernst, whose treatment of the subject displays a comprehensive grasp of all factors pertinent to the discussion, as would naturally be expected in view of the long, wide and varied experience which Mr. Ernst has had in audits, systems and tax service.

—J. S. Farlee & Co. of New York have prepared a circular and map on the Georgia & Florida Railway for distribution to those interested in the company's securities and their possibilities. Copies can be obtained on application.

—The Federal Commerce Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo. which is affiliated with the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis, has opened an office at 14 Wall St., New York, under the management of J. C. Walker, Assistant Treasurer.

—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., New Orleans, announce that C. E. Kepingler, formerly Vice-President of Fred Emert & Co., is now associated with them.

—Fox, O'Hara & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Eric H. Marks has been admitted to general partnership in the firm, and that Herbert L. Carlebach has retired as a general partner.

—Frederic Edward Schluter and Levan Grant Smith announce the formation of the new firm of Schluter & Co., Inc. with offices at 61 Broadway, to deal in investment bonds of all descriptions.

—Baker, Simonds & Co., members Detroit Stock Exchange, have opened a New York office at 111 Broadway in charge of A. William Rutter, Vice-President.

—Samuel Weinberg, formerly with Rudolph Guenther-Russell Law, Inc., and the Chatham and Phenix National Bank, has joined the trading department of Block & Co., specialists in Joint Stock Land Bank securities.

—Carlisle N. Greig, formerly advertising manager of The World, has been made financial manager of a new office at 80 Broadway which is being opened by the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

—The Western Reserve Securities Corp. announces the removal of its offices to The Physicians Building, 9 East 4th St., Jamestown, New York.

—Prescott, Wright, Snider & Co., Members of the Investment Bankers Association of America, have opened a branch office in Forth Worth, Texas.

—Lackner, Butz & Co., Chicago, announce the association with them of Carl F. Thiel, as Manager of their Wholesale and Syndicate Departments.

—Tooker & Co. announce that Edgar B. Spear, formerly with Batties & Co. is now associated with their firm.

—J. Walter Steel has become associated with Pynchon & Co. and will represent them in the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

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, June 5 1925.

COFFEE on the spot was firmer with Maracaibo up ½ to 1c. and Columbian ¼ to ¾c. and some mild, very scarce, Santos 4s, 24¼ to 25c.; Rio 7s 20¾ to 21c. Maracaibo Trujillo was 22 to 22½c.; fair to good Cucuta 24 to 24½c.; prime to choice 25 to 25½c.; washed 26½ to 27½c. Colombian, Ocano 22½ to 23c.; Bucaramanga, natural 25 to 26½c.; Washed 27 to 28c.; Honda 27½ to 28c. Mexican washed 27½ to 28c. East India, Ankola 34 to 36c.; Mandheling 34 to 35c.; Genuine Java 34 to 35c.; Robusta washed 20 to 20½c. natural 19½ to 20c.; Mocha 27½ to 28c.; Harrar 26½ to 27c. Cost and freight offers from Santos on the 2nd inst. were unchanged although those from Rio were lower. Prompt shipment offers included Bourbon 2s-3s at 23.70c.; 3s at 23.80c.; 3s-4s at 23¼ to 24c.; 4s at 23¼ to 23.60c.; 4s-5s at 22½ to 23¼c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 2s-3s at 24c.; 2s-4s at 23¼ to 23½c.; 3s-5s at 22¾ to 23¼c.; 4s-5s at 22.15 to 23c.; 4s-5s at 21.80c.; 5s-6s at 22c.; 6s at 21.15 to 21.75c.; 7s-8s at 19c. Santos peaberry 3s-5s at 22.80c. Bourbon grinders 6s at 21.20c.; 7s-8s at 18.30 to 19.10c. Rio 7s at 18.60 to 19.50c. Rio 7s sold at 18.60 to 18.75c. Cost and freight business increased sharply with fair sales of 4s reported at 22¼ to 22½c.; 3s-4s at 23c.; Victoria 7s-8s at 18¼c. and Rio 7s at 19c.

Futures advanced after a decline early in the week with cost and freight offers high, especially from Santos, Exchange rising, spot coffee firmer and shorts covering. July tended to increase its premium. It is to all intents and purposes the spot position. The new season is close at hand but American reserves are small. Available supplies are down to a minimum. Brazil seems to be regaining its grip on the situation. On the 1st inst. Santos term prices were at one time 250 to 750 reis higher with exchange and the dollar unchanged, while Rio was 150 reis net lower to 525 reis higher with exchange on London held at 5¾d and the dollar buying rate 20 reis net higher. On the 4th inst. prices ran up 40 to 66 points with transactions 103,000 bags and cables up. Cost and freight business was much larger. Consumers have been caught napping. Their supplies are too small. Brazil has been aggressive, with sales of Santos 4s at 22½c. and 4-5s at 22c. There was a net gain of 3-64d in Rio exchange on London to 5 13-32d while the dollar buying rate lost 130 reis. Rio terme prices were 125 reis lower to 125 reis higher. The Santos cable showed terme prices 50 reis higher to 25 reis lower with exchange improved 1-32d and the dollar rate 90 reis net lower. Mild coffee offerings have fallen off sharply and the smallness of the visible supply of Brazilian coffee is stamping itself on the situation.

The stock of Brazil coffee here was 193,609 bags against 302,297 a year ago. The total in sight for the United States was 472,867 bags against 748,969 a year ago. This includes 247,400 bags afloat from Brazil against 397,900 last year. Rio's stock was 970,000 bags against 255,000 a year ago and Santos' 2,033,000 against 1,194,000 last year. Laneville put the world's visible supply of coffee on June 1st at 5,164,000 bags a decrease of 90,000 bags since May 1. So far the figures made up by the New York Exchange point to an increase of 90,000 bags. Total world's deliveries for the last 11 months are given at 19,056,000 bags, which is about 1,300,000 bags less than during the same period last year. To-day prices advanced 25 to 55 points with cables higher and shorts covering. Santos term prices were 800 to 875 reis net higher; exchange advanced 1-16d. and the dollar buying rate 130 reis net lower. Rio was 425 to 200 reis net higher with exchange up 1-16d. at 5 15-32d. and the dollar buying rate off 110 reis. Private cables reported strong cost and freight offerings including genuine Santos Bourbon 4s here at 24c.

and Bourbon 8s. at 19.25c. For the week prices here show an advance of 100 to 160 points.

Spot (unofficial) 21¼c.	September ----- 17.20c.	March ----- 14.80c.
July ----- 19.40c.	December ----- 16.04c.	May ----- 14.30c.

SUGAR.—Cuban raws advanced ½c. on duty free sugar for June-July shipments; 3,000 tons Philippine Island centrifugals sold for June-July at 2 23-32c., equal to 4.49c. delivered. Business was done at 2½c. for Cuban prompt. Later 2 11-16c. was paid. An event was the appearance of Java sugars in the United Kingdom on a parity for Cuban sugars. Java sugars may prove a formidable rival to Cuban. That remains to be seen. Some contend that shipments of Cuban will have to be large to meet world's requirements. Sugar futures advanced. Cuba bought, it seems, about 3,500 tons early in the week. The long interest in July and September is supposed to be large. This and the possibility of Japanese competition kept advances within bounds. It is believed, however, by many that a Cuban crop of 5,000,000 tons has been pretty well discounted. Granulated was 5.60 to 5.70c. with a better demand, due partly to the heat wave in this country. In Cuba rains were general. Holidays in the United Kingdom markets interfered with business. They recently sold Cuba for June-July shipment at 12s. 7½d. France may perhaps have to import 50,000 to 75,000 tons before new crop purchases can become available. French buyers bought over 1,000 tons of refined sugar here on the 2d inst.

On the 3rd inst. came renewed activity at a rise of 3-32c. that is 2 11-16c. for Cuban c. & f. Sales included 100,000 bags Cuban and Porto Rican for prompt and late June at 2 11-16c. c. & f., 1,250 tons of Philippine Island centrifugals due July 1st at 4.46c. delivered. But it was estimated that fully 250,000 of raw sugars including Cuban preferential duty sugars and duty free Philippine Island and Porto Rican sugars had been bought by refiners on the way up from 2½c. to 2 11-16c. c. & f. basis. Cuban duty free sugar was offered for June, second half of June and even July delivery at 2¼c. c. & f. Later business slackened after recent transactions reaching 500,000 bags but Cuban raw for July sold at 2 11-16c. and prompt at 2 21-32c. Cuban interests bought some 4,000 tons of futures largely July. Total sales were 14,850 tons. Refiners are hard put to it to meet a big withdrawal demand at 5.60 to 5.70c. Meltings of sugar during the week ending June 4th increased to 75,000 tons; receipts dropped to 56,441 tons and stocks to 218,227 tons. United States Atlantic port sugar statistics compiled by Willett & Gray are as follows: Receipts for the week 55,441 tons against 93,264 in previous week, 80,228 same week last year and 74,719 two years ago; meltings 75,000 against 68,000 previous week, 64,000 same week last year and 62,000 two years ago; total stock 218,227 against 237,786 previous week, 216,922 same week last year and 194,910 two years ago. To-day Cuban raws showed very little change. There were offerings at 2 11-16c. but refiner's ideas were lower. Some Porto Rican sold at 1-32c. less and refiners were reported to be showing interest at 2 21-32c. For the week there is an advance on futures of 5 to 7 points.

Spot (unofficial) 2 21-32c.	September ----- 2.86c.	March ----- 2.93c.
July ----- 2.74c.	December ----- 2.91c.	May ----- 3.00c.

LARD on the spot was higher with a better demand partly for export recently and not reported then. Also futures were up. This helped. And supplies were falling off. Moreover in Chicago on June 1st the stock was 66,902,064 lbs. against 81,752,971 on May 1st and 71,255,332 on June 1st last year. Prime Western was 16.90 to 17c.; City lard in tierces 16½ to 16¾c.; in tubs 16½ to 17c. Compound, carlots in tierces 12¼ to 12½c.; refined pure lard Continent 17½c.; South American 18¼c.; Brazil 19¼c. Futures advanced early in the week despite a sharp decline in grain. Backers were good buyers encouraged by a larger spot demand. To Germany the clearances late last week turn out to have been 8,250,000 lbs. It seemed to hint at a sub-rosa foreign demand recently while the talk has been persistent to the

effect that there was none at all or next to none. Despite a decline later in corn and cottonseed oil lard futures were steady. The decrease in lard stocks was the leading and determining factor. Clearances from New York on the 2nd inst. were 2,390,000 lbs. Foreign interests seemed to be buying freely. This offset selling by cotton oil people. Also packers bought. Today prices declined 25 to 30 points but for the week they show an advance of 77 to 78 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery-----cts. Holt-	16.35	16.42	16.97	17.30	17.00	
September delivery---- day	16.60	16.62	17.15	17.52	17.22	
October delivery-----	16.60	16.65	17.17	17.55	17.30	

PORK quiet; mess, \$38 50; family, \$36 50 to \$39 50. Fat back pork, \$36 50 to \$40. Beef quiet; mess, \$19 to \$20; packet, \$19 to \$20; family, \$20 to \$24; 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 meat firm but quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 20¼ to 22¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 23 to 24c. Butter creamery, lower grades to high scoring, 38½ to 44c. Cheese, flats, 21½ to 27½c. Eggs, fresh gathered, mediums to extras, 29 to 35c. The stock of cut meats on June 1 was 127,290,079 lbs., against 128,405,257 on May 1 and 137,842,761 on June 1 last year.

OILS.—Linseed early in the week was in rather better demand and higher. Leading crushers quoted \$1 07 a gallon in earlots cooperage basis. The advance in flaxseed on Friday gave strength to linseed. Later on the market declined 1c. to \$1 06. There was less disposition to purchase beyond immediate requirements. Stocks on hand are said to be of fair proportions. New buying was absent. Paint makers were taking very little, and the demand from linoleum interests was more spasmodic. Coconut oil, Ceylon, barrels, 10¼ to 10½c.; Cochin, 10¼ to 10½c.; Corn, crude, tanks, 10¾c.; edible, 100-bbl. lots, 12½c. Soya bean, crude, tanks, 12c. Lard prime, 18¾c.; extra strained New York, 14¼c. Cod, domestic, 61 to 63c.; Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Spirits of turpentine, 98 to \$1 01. Rosin, \$8 65 to \$14 50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 29,900 P. Crude S. E., 9¾c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----	10.60@10.90	August	11.12@11.15	November	10.45@10.55
June-----	10.60@10.90	September	11.28@11.30	December	10.30@10.50
July-----	10.86@10.87	October	11.19@11.20	January	10.30@10.50

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline demand of late has improved somewhat. The tank wagon prices were raised 1c. throughout Texas. Consumers, however, are not interested in distant deliveries. They are only taking enough to fill immediate wants. Recently export business has been disappointing. For U. S. motor in bulk at refineries 14½c. was asked, although in some quarters business, it is understood, could be done at 14c. on a firm bid. Stocks abroad are small. Cased gasoline is not moving very freely. The local price in steel barrels to garages is 21c. Kerosene has been dull. Big buyers are not anxious to purchase at present prices. At local refineries water white was quoted at 6¾c. in bulk and the tank wagon price 13c. Very little export business is being done. Bunker oil was dull at \$1 75 a barrel for grade C in bulk at local refineries. Diesel oil steady at \$2 30 a barrel at refineries. Gas oil demand has been slow; 36-40, 5½c. a gallon; 28-34, 5¼c. Lubricating oils at one time were in better demand and firm. A good inquiry was reported from France for Pennsylvania grades. For 600 s.r. in barrels New York 29c. was quoted. Gasoline in bulk was advanced ½c. late in the week.

Advices from Tulsa on May 31st were to the effect that the Magnolia Petroleum Co. advanced the gasoline tank wagon price 1 cent making the State-wide price of 19½c. which plus the 3c. State tax makes a uniform price of 22½c. at the filling stations. A good demand for gasoline from oil jobbers and heavy purchases of high test gasoline by the Standard companies, it is said, are responsible for the continued advance in the market. The production of gasoline gained 4% in April. The production for the month was 860,492,115 gallons according to the Department of Interior. The daily average was 28,700,000 gallons. The domestic demand was 810,849,075 gallons, a daily average of 27,030,000 gallons, or an increase of 35%. Stocks of gasoline, on hand at refineries on May 1st were 1,561,002,024 gallons a decrease from the previous month of 50,000,000 gallons. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Navy specifications deodorized 30.15c.; bulk per gallon 16.50c.; export

naphtha, cargo lots 19.25c.; 62-63 degrees H.20. 50c.; 66-68 degrees 22c. Kerosene, cargo lots, cases 16.40c. Petroleum refined, tanks, wagon to store 13c. Motor gasoline garages (steel barrels) 21c.; Up-State 22c.

Pennsylvania-----	\$3.55	Bradford-----	\$3.65	Illinois-----	\$2.02
Corning-----	1.95	Corsicana, light---	2.00	Crichton-----	1.70
Cabell-----	2.20	Lima-----	2.23	Plymouth-----	1.55
Somerset, light---	2.45	Indiana-----	2.03	Mexia-----	2.00
Wyoming-----	2.15	Princeton-----	2.02	Calif., 35 & above.	1.85
Smackover, 27 deg.	1.30	Canadian-----	2.63	Gulf, coastal-----	1.75
Powell-----	2.00	Wortham-----	2.00	Richland-----	2.00
Buckeye-----	3.40	Eureka-----	3.50		
Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas---				Mid-Continent---	
Under 2 Magnolia-----	\$1.00			Below 30 deg-----	\$1.35
31-32.9-----	1.55			30-32.9-----	1.55
39 and above-----	2.25			33-35.9-----	1.80
Below 30 Texas Co-----	1.35			36 and above-----	2.00
33-35.9-----	1.80			Caddo-----	
42 and above-----	2.35			Below 32 deg-----	1.70
				32-34.9-----	1.85
				38 and above-----	2.05

RUBBER advanced and touched 75c. here on the spot on the 3rd inst. Behind this and in spite of a full lower London market was the strong statistics of supply. Stocks in London fell off to 5,691 tons this week against 6,605 last week, 11,720 a month ago and 51,479 last year. Besides the increasing consumption naturally tells plainly. Nothing is expected in the near future from the plan proposed by Secretary Hoover to reclaim old rubber. London on June 3rd fell ¼ to 1 recovering part of the loss before the close Ribbed smoked sheets Spot 36d to 36½d; June 36 to 36½d; July-Sept. 30¾d to 31½d; Oct.-Dec. 27¾ to 28¾d. First latex crepe spot 32d to 32½d; June 32 to 32½d; July-Sept. 30¾d to 31d; Oct.-Dec. 27¾ to 28¾d. Late in the week prices advanced on the strength of London. Ribbed smoked sheets spot-June 75 to 77c.; July 73 to 73½c.; Aug.-Sept. 68 to 69c.; Oct.-Dec. 60½ to 62½c.; First latex crepe spot-June 73 to 75c.; July 71 to 72c.; Aug.-Sept. 67 to 68c.; Oct.-Dec. 59½ to 61½c. London advanced 2½d on spot and June and 1d on distant positions. Ribbed smoked sheets spot 38½d to 38¾d.; June 38 to 38½d.; July-Sept. 31¾ to 32¼d. Oct.-Dec. 28¾c.; First latex crepe spot June 34d to 34½d; July-Sept. 31¾ to 31¾d.; Oct.-Dec. 28¾ to 29¼d. Singapore was quiet but prices advanced ½d on spot and nearby and 1d on futures. Spot 30½d; June 30¾d; July-Sept. 28¾d and Oct.-Dec. 25½d.

HIDES were generally quiet and prices seemed none too steady. River Plate trading, however, was reported more active. It was even declared that European buyers had taken 30,000 hides. One lot of 2,000 Swift Montevideo steers sold at \$40 50 or 18c. c.&f. It was none too easy to tell precisely where the market stood. One uptown packer is reported to have sold two cars of May native steers at 14c. Country hides were slow. In Chicago at one time heavy native cows were active in the big packer hide market. May brought 13c., April 12¾c. and earlier 12½c. June production is said to be well sold up. Independents were not offering June, though for May they asked 13½c. for all-weight native cows. Packer calfskins were at 23c. with first salted Chicago city skins offered at 2c. Country extreme weight hides were firm, but buffs and heavies were quiet. Some refused 14c. for free of grub 25-45 pound weights, though others were accepting it. Some 20% grubby 25-50s brought 13½c. Most tanners do not bid much above 13c. Moderately grubby buffweights brought 11½c. to 11¾c., with 12c. for free of grubs and 11 to 11½c. for ordinary quality. All-weight country hides 11½c., selected delivery. Western country branded hides were active at 10c. flat Chicago freight basis. Leather was still dull except for a rather brisk trade in patent and even that was in good supply at 28 to 32c. a foot for third grade leathers, depending on spread. Some 500 dry salted Peruvians sold, it was said, at 15c. for shipment. Frigorifico steers in the River Plate section were quoted at \$36. In Chicago on June 4 big packer branded hides were active with sales of Colorado steers at 12½c. Heavy Texas and butt branded steers were also in brisk demand at 13½c., or ½ to ¾c. off from recent prices. Branded cows were steady with sales of 10,000 at 13c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were quiet after a large business last week at fairly steady rates. Lower rates came later with grain prices up recently 6 to 10c.

CHARTERS included grain from North Pacific to United Kingdom and Continent, wheat, option barley, San Francisco, 35s. option Mediterranean, 37s. 6d.; sugar from Montreal to Avonmouth and United Kingdom, three ports, 20s. 9d. June; lumber from Columbia River to Australia, \$14 50 July; time charter, round trip prompt United States and east coast of South America, 90c.; one round trip United States and West Indies, 90c. prompt; crude oil from United States Gulf to North of Hatteras, 20c. June; coal from Hampton Roads to Montreal, 95c. June; clean oil from Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 21s. July; grain from North Pacific to United Kingdom

Continent, 34s. September; time charter, delivery Hampton Roads, 9 to 12 months, to South Alberta Lumber Co., 90c.; one round trip West Indies prompt, \$1; New York-Cuba trip down at \$1 60 prompt; grain, 36,000 qurs. heavy, 10% from Montreal to Mediterranean, 16c. one port, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. added for each of two more ports, June 8-17; grain from Montreal to Bristol Channel, 2s. 9d. early June; coal from Hampton Roads to West Italy, \$2 75; from Hampton Roads to Rio, \$3 40; time charter, 997-ton steamer, United States and West Indies, round voyage, \$1 45; 70,000-bbls. crude oil from United States Gulf to North Hatteras, 20c. June; lumber, 675 standards from Gulf to Mediterranean not east of West Italy, 130s. one port, with options June 15 to July 15.

COAL.—Anthracite has been in fair demand. Bituminous has remained quiet with the big industries slow. Lake shipments of anthracite increased moderately. As to bituminous stocks at Hampton Roads they were reported as 291,324 tons early in the week, of which 233,774 tons were low and 57,550 tons high volatile. Dumpings on the preceding day were 65,408 tons. Vessels under charter called for 83,640 tons, leaving the surplus otherwise available of 207,684 tons. Bituminous stocks at New York tidewater were 1,490 standing cars and 414 dumped. Some large dealers quoted prices for egg coal, New York, at \$13 70; for stove, \$14 20, and for chestnut, \$13 70. At Hampton Roads trade flagged later and prices declined. There is a fair trade in smokeless at steady prices.

TOBACCO has met with a moderate demand and prices have maintained a fairly steady appearance. There is no use disguising the fact that business is not up to the level that everybody would like to see. The purchases for the most part are of small or moderate-sized lots, whether of home or foreign tobacco. But there is hope of better things later on, when general trade throughout the country brightens up, lifting tobacco along with other commodities to something like the old-time plane of activity.

COPPER prices were unchanged at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. delivered in the valley and 13.60c. f. a. s. New York. For several weeks they have stood at this level. Some producers report a better business. They declare that sales are greater than the present rate of production. Lake district reports stated that May production was considerably less than consumption and about 75% of the June output is already sold in advance. Deliveries to public utility companies show a marked increase and export business is steadily increasing. While it is true production has been cut in some districts, lake companies have not taken any action in this direction. Production of refined copper in the Lake district in May was 12,450,000 lbs. The Calumet & Hecla group of mines including Isle Royale, produced 8,350,000 lbs. Of late London has declined. On the 2nd inst. spot standard fell 2s. 6d. and on the following day a similar decline was recorded. Brass and wire mills are working at about 70% of capacity.

TIN early in the week advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in the absence of a cue from London, which market was closed for the Whitsuntide holiday. The advance here was attributed to the fact that American prices were below the British parity and an optimistic feeling in London. The market here was generally quiet. Later on the market declined in sympathy with a lower London market and a greater increase in the visible supply than was expected. London prices on the 3d inst. dropped 10s. to 15s., and here the decline amounted to $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Spot Straits here, 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. The world's visible supply increased 2,792 tons in May, and the total is now 20,897 tons, against 10,105 tons a month ago. The United States visible supply was 9,781 tons at the close of May, against 8,907 a month ago and 9,577 two months ago. Late in the week London advanced £1 10s. to £2, and prices here followed to the extent of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Straits sold at 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Owing to the lightness of the fruit and vegetable pack this year, less tin plate will be used. On the other hand, tin plate consumption by the automobile industry has been heavy.

LEAD has been higher in the outside market, but the leading refiner continued to quote 8.40c. New York. The St. Joseph Lead Co. advanced its price for East St. Louis to 8.40c. and actual spot was selling in that section at from 8.55 to 8.70c. on the 2d inst. Business has been fair, but of late there has been some slowing up in the demand. Some think that prices have moved up too rapid and are looking for lower prices before long. The outside market for New York has been as high as 9c., but of late it has been 8.90c.

ZINC has been quiet and easier. Spot New York, 7.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; East St. Louis, 6.97 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7.02 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. But zinc ore prices have been higher. Sales have been made at \$51 per ton in the Tri-State district.

STEEL has in general been comparatively steady, with the output at 70%, and the pig production falling off. There has been rather more buying, but it was in small lots. Iron and steel scrap advanced \$1 per ton more in the Pittsburgh district. Heavy melting steel sold at \$17 50 to \$18, delivered, to dealers. Consumers did not take any, but may have to conform to the quotation of \$18; when they do buy. Builders have taken 38,500 tons of structural steel, about 20% for oil tanks and large contracts, i. e., for some 55,000 base boxes of tin plant have been made. Belgian wire nails have met the American price in the Gulf ports; that is, \$2 75; also 15,000 tons of cast iron pipe were sold. Hot weather has cut down the output of sheets. Cast iron pipe fell \$1 per ton in the East; 6-inch sizes now being \$51 50 to \$52 50 per net ton f. o. b. New York. The City of New York wants 8,500 tons of pipe. French cast iron pipe begins to look rather like a fixture here, despite the 20% duty. Now there is talk of trying to get the duty raised 50%, under the law leaving it to the President.

PIG IRON has been steadier after recent considerable sales, namely 750,000 tons in May including 350,000 tons at Cleveland alone. And some Buffalo producers have advanced prices 50c. per ton to \$19.50 base, and observe 50c. differentials between silicon grades. One producer in that district still quoted \$19. Likewise in eastern Pennsylvania the more usual quotation is \$20.50 base, but \$20 it is said is not always refused on tonnage especially for outside shipment. Mergers of iron selling houses may help to stabilize prices. Indian iron was quoted at \$22.50; sometimes more sometimes less, depending on circumstances as to competition with American iron. Pig iron output in the United States fell off 13% in May. There was a net loss of 24 active furnaces and by the close of May only 49% of the practical blast furnace capacity of the country was in operation. London has recently been dull and weak. Belgium quoted billets at £6 delivered or 17s 6d under London. British trade lags even with prices at some further decline now in some cases below the cost of production. English low phosphorous iron has been selling at \$34.60 duty paid. About 1,000 tons of German iron recently landed at Philadelphia. Importations however have been dying down. Rockdale, Tenn. quoted ferro phosphorous up to \$95.

WOOL has been quiet and reported steady. Foreign markets were dull and Bradford doubtful of prices' stability. In Boston buying has been confined to small lots. They say more business has been done there, especially in the finer grades. But buyers keep close to shore. There is no real activity. Good fine staple was quoted at \$1 25 to \$1 30. Fine French \$1 20 to \$1 25. Both $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ blood staple are declared to be rather steadier. London was reported steady; also Bradford, but many buyers, it seems, distrust the staying power of the present prices. In the West little business has been done and a good deal of wool has been stored. That is not the most promising feature conceivable. New York nominal quotations in a slow market are as follows:

Domestic fleece, unwashed, Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 48 to 49c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, 48c.; $\frac{3}{4}$ blood, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, 44 to 45c. Territory, clean basis, fine staple, \$1 22 to \$1 25; fine medium, French combing, \$1 15 to \$1 20; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood staple, \$1 10 to \$1 15; $\frac{3}{4}$ blood, 90c. to 95c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, 80c. to 85c. Texas clean basis, fine, 12 months, \$1 25 to \$1 28; 10 months, \$1 20 to \$1 25; 6 to 8 months, \$1 10 to \$1 12. Pulled, scoured basis, A super, \$1 05 to \$1 10; B, 90c. to 95c.; C, 70c. to 75c.; mohair, best combing, 75c. to 80c. Australian, clean basis, in bond, 64-70s. combing, \$1 13 to \$1 20; 64-70s. clothing, \$1 05 to \$1 10; 58-60s. 80c. to 90c.; 56s. 70c. to 75c.; 50s. 60c. to 65c. New Zealand, grease basis, in bond, 56-58s. super, 52c. to 54c.; 50-56s. 45c. to 47c.; 48-50s. 42c. to 44c.; 46-48s. 40c. to 42c.; 44-46s. 39c. to 41c. Buenos Aires, grease basis, in bond III (46-48s.), 38c. to 40c.; IV (44s.), 33 to 35c.; V, Lincoln (40s.), 30c. to 32c. Montevideo, grease basis, in bond, 58-60s. 48c. to 50c.; I (56s.), 46c. to 48c.; II (50s.), 42c. to 44c.; III (46-48s.), 38c. to 40c. Cape, clean basis, in bond, best combings, \$1 05 to \$1 10; average longs, \$1 to \$1 05; best shorts, 95c. to \$1.

At Bradford, Eng., wool was dull, buyers fearing another decline. Top-making yarns were dull and lower. Piece goods buying was very cautious. In London on June 4, at a meeting of the wool merchants and selling brokers, it was decided to close the list of new arrivals for the July series of Colonial wool sales there as from 4 p. m. July 3. These include 22,000 bales Australia, 39,000 New Zealand, 1,500 Cape and 700 other sorts, a total of 63,200 bales, in addition to 108,000 bales carried over from the last (May) series though it is supposed that a large percentage of the latter will not be for sale.

COTTON.

Friday Night, June 5 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

31,997 bales, against 44,085 bales last week and 44,069 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1924, 8,983,792 bales, against 6,466,280 bales for the same period of 1923-24, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1924 of 2,517,512 bales.

Table with 8 columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Lists ports like Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Baltimore.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1924 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

Table with 7 columns: Receipts to June 5., 1924-25, 1923-24, Stock. Lists ports like Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Port Arthur, &c., New Orleans, Gulfport, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Georgetown, Wilmington, Norfolk, N. port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with 7 columns: Receipts at—, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920. Lists ports like Galveston, Houston, &c., New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N. port N. &c., All others.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 111,468 bales, of which 15,106 were to Great Britain, 11,670 to France, 21,597 to Germany, 7,786 to Italy, 18,400 to Russia, 20,855 to Japan and China, and 16,054 to other destinations.

Table with 9 columns: Week Ended June 5 1925, Exports from—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total. Lists ports like Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, New York.

Table with 9 columns: From Aug. 1 1924 to June 5 1925, Exports from—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total. Lists ports like Galveston, Houston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle.

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 April the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 19,587 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 10,328 bales. For the nine months ending April 30 1925 there were 173,362 bales exported, as against 127,282 bales for the corresponding nine months of 1923-24.

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:

Table with 7 columns: June 5 at—, On Shipboard, No Cleared for—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Cont'n't., Coastwise, Total, Leaving Stock. Lists ports like Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports*.

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was active on the 2d inst. at much lower prices. They fell 80 points from the early high touched before the Bureau report appeared. The Bureau of Agriculture report was the sensation early in the week, i. e. 2 to 4 1/2 points above the previous reports and fully 2 points higher than the average estimate of the Exchange. The Bureau's report of 76.6% in condition compares with 65.6 a year ago, 71 in 1923, 69.6 in 1922 and a 10-year average of 72. Texas was 70, against 66 last year, 77 in 1923, 61 in 1922 and a 10-year average of 72. Oklahoma was 86, against 58 last year, 63 in 1923, 67 in 1922 and 72 for the 10-year average. Georgia was 78, against 68 a year ago, 65 in 1923, 71 in 1922 and 70 as the 10-year average. Alabama was 80, against 70 last year and the year before, 80 also in 1922 and 71 as the 10-year average, and Mississippi was very high, i. e., 84 against 69 last year, 70 in 1923, 75 in 1922 and 73 as the 10-year mean. Louisiana was also another State with a very high condition; that is 84, against 70 last year, 68 in 1923, 70 in 1922 and 73 for the 10-year mean; Arkansas was 85, against 58 last year, 66 in 1923, 76 in 1922 and 72 for the 10-year period. Tennessee was 82, against only 54 last year, 70 in 1923, 79 in 1922 and 72 for the 10-year period. All this offset less favorable reports about the Carolinas and Virginia. There is a little weevil in Texas or eastward of Alabama in the Gulf States. The report was the signal for heavy selling by Wall Street, the West and scattered interests uncovering stop orders. Liverpool sold early. Worth Street was quiet and there were reports that buying orders for goods had been canceled. Fall River was quiet. So was Manchester. Calcutta merchants have entered into an agreement not to buy foreign piece goods for four months. The American crop report might but for later events have tended to confirm them in this resolution, particularly as Texas and Oklahoma nowadays raise nearly half the crop. Dry weather may have retarded growth in parts of Texas, but it has also kept down the weevil. Many feel that a good June report this year means more than it has at times in the past. For the stands are good. Fields are well cultivated. Fertilizers are of better quality than heretofore, and in some States are more plentifully used than they were last year.

But a very sharp advance came later. For Texas drought was persistent. It needs rain at short intervals to make up for the deficit in the summer, fall and winter rainfall of 1924-25. With rains will come perhaps a greater menace from the weevil. In the eastern States weevil are more plentiful than a year ago. In every county of South Carolina it has appeared and also in southern Georgia and Florida. Weevil and the deficit in subsoil moisture in Texas are threatening factors. June promises are not always fulfilled. In 1918, for example, an 84% condition on June 25 was followed by 43 on Aug. 25, a drop of 41%. A May 25 condition, many insist, means nothing. Last year it was 65.6, and it was a black outlook indeed. It was followed by a crop of 13,619,000 bales, the largest in 10 years. For the incredible thing happened, i. e. a dry hot summer and fall, keeping down the weevil, with a killing frost late to cap the climax. Moreover, the recent tendency here has been to oversell. The net decline on Tuesday was cut down to 33 to 40 points. Shorts appeared apprehensive of too much company. The trade bought. Calcutta, Manchester thinks, cannot stick to its fanatical plan of not buying for four months. The East Indian monsoon has just broken. Buying of July was a feature here and in New Orleans. There was a rumor, unconfirmed, that New Orleans would take 100,000 bales of the New York stock for delivery on July contracts. July has been 120 points over October

be determined by managers. The vote was 79 for and 5 against.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON COTTON CONDITION.—The Agricultural Department at Washington issued on June 2 its report on cotton condition as of May 25 as follows:

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates, from the reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Extension Departments, that the condition of the cotton crop on May 25 1925 was 76.6% of a normal, as compared with 65.6 on May 25 1924; 71 on May 25 1923, 69.6 on May 25 1922 and 72 the average of the past ten years on May 25. An estimate of acreage this year will be included in the July 2 cotton report. Revised estimates of acreage in cultivation June 25, acreage finally harvested and yield per acre in 1924 are given below, with the production shown by final ginnings. Comparisons of conditions, by States, follow:

Table showing cotton condition by state for May 25. Columns include State, 10-Year Average, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925. Includes a total for United States.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF COTTON ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE AND PRODUCTION, 1924, BY STATES.

Table showing revised estimates of cotton acreage, yield per acre, and production for 1924 by state. Columns include State, Area in Cultivation, Area Picked, Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre, and Production.

* 50 lbs. gross. a Six-year average. b Five-year average. c About 140,000 acres planted and 137,000 acres picked in Lower California (Old Mexico) not included in California figures, nor in United States total. d Including 8,000 acres of Arizona Egyptian (Pima) long-staple cotton.

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COTTON CROP COMMENTS.—The United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, in giving its report on June 2, also added the following comments:

The cotton condition on May 25, reported at 76.6% of a normal at that date, is the highest since 1918. This favorable present condition, however, does not necessarily imply an equally favorable situation later in the season.

Two factors, the effects of which are as yet little in evidence, but may have a controlling influence on the crop, are the increased weevil emergence in the southeast and the scanty supply of subsoil moisture in parts of Texas. Weevils are much more in evidence in the Eastern States than they were last year at this time.

They have appeared in every county in South Carolina and everywhere in southern Georgia and Florida. Few reports of weevil have been received from the west or eastward to Alabama, and the generally dry weather in the western area has been favorable to the insect.

Grasshoppers are present in considerable numbers in Texas, but have done little damage as yet. Lice are holding back the crop in southern Texas and in some of the dryer sections of that State.

Cotton was planted about a week earlier than usual in most of the belt, except Texas, where it was several days late, being held back by drought, and in Oklahoma, where the planting date was practically the same as last year.

The preparation of the soil was better over practically the entire belt because of the early favorable season. Fields have nearly everywhere been well cultivated. Fertilizers are being used more freely in some States and apparently less so in others, but the quality of the fertilizer is quite generally better than last year.

Crop prospects were nearly as good as usual on May 25 in North Carolina and the outlook was favorable in South Carolina. Early plantings were up to a good stand and the crop was well advanced in southern Georgia; later plantings elsewhere in the State were coming to a fair to good stand.

In Tennessee on May 25 cotton was up to a stand and doing better than for years on that date. The northern half of Alabama and portions of the southern have excellent stands, but in some southern sections stands were not at all satisfactory, because of lack of rain. Stands were generally satisfactory in Mississippi and the condition of the crop in Louisiana was considerably above the average.

The Texas crop had irregular condition from county to county and even within the same county; the southern half of the State had no general rain this season before May 25, but the crop in the northern half was in fair to very good condition.

In Oklahoma, California and Lower California in Mexico the crop was in unusually good condition. About one-half of the cotton acreage in California is now in the San Joaquin Valley, the other half being in the Imperial Valley.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.—The United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, in giving its report on June 2 on the cotton crop condition in this country, also added the following:

A report of the latest available information as to cotton production in foreign countries has been compiled by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and is submitted herewith as being of interest to cotton producers in the United States.

Reports of the new cotton crop in foreign countries of the Northern Hemisphere so far are generally favorable. In Egypt private forecasts indicate that the acreage is as large or larger than in 1924, but with re-

seedings as great or slightly larger than last year. Although slightly backward, the new crop is healthy in condition. The area planted in Russia up to May 1 is stated by the International Institute of Agriculture to be 1,401,000 acres, which is 17% greater than the total area for last year. Statements made public in April announced a probable total cotton area for Russia of 1,515,000 acres. In Mexico conditions are less favorable. The lack of irrigation water in the Laguna District, the principal cotton-growing region of the country, has resulted in a heavy curtailment in the acreage planted. The condition of the crop both here and in Lower California is favorable, according to last reports.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON.—The first bale of cotton from the 1925 crop was received at Houston on June 1. This bale came from Mission, Texas, the extreme southern part of the State, and weighed 497 pounds. This bale was 26 days ahead of the first bale in 1924. J. H. Hutton & Co. of Houston, bought this first bale of cotton at auction on June 2 for \$1,425. This amount is \$20 more than was realized for the first bale of 1924 cotton.

This bale of cotton will be shipped to the large Cotton Exchange to be auctioned off again and again, the proceeds from these sales usually going to charity.

RICHARD T. HARRISS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.—At the annual election of the New York Cotton Exchange on June 1, Richard T. Harriss was elected for one year as President to succeed Edward E. Bartlett Jr. Samuel T. Hubbard Jr. was elected Vice-President, and James F. Maury Jr. re-elected Treasurer. The following were elected members of the Board of Managers: Julian A. Acosta, Edward E. Bartlett Jr., Herman B. Baruch, John C. Botts, Thomas F. Cahill, Henry T. Dumbell, Max Greeven, John W. Jay, William H. Judson, John H. McFadden Jr., Edward A. Pierce, Clayton E. Rich, Henry H. Royce, George M. Shutt, J. Lawrence Watkins Jr. William H. Judson was elected trustee of the Gratuity Fund to serve for three years.

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.

Table showing receipts from plantations by week ending. Columns include Week ending, Receipts at Ports (1925, 1924, 1923), Stocks at Interior Towns (1925, 1924, 1923), and Receipts from Plantations (1925, 1924, 1923).

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1924 are 9,133,397 bales; in 1922-24 were 6,468,036 bales, and in 1922-23 were 5,107,287 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 31,997 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 3,673 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 28,324 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 29,416 bales and for 1923 they were 133 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources for which statistics are obtainable, also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table showing cotton takings by week and season for 1924-25 and 1923-24. Includes sub-tables for Visible supply, Total supply, and Total takings.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,865,000 bales in 1924-25 and 3,667,000 bales in 1923-24—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 14,836,704 bales in 1924-25 and 12,000,840 bales in 1923-24, of which 9,592,704 bales and 6,941,440 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table showing India cotton movement from all ports for June 4, comparing 1924-25, 1923-24, and 1922-23. Columns include Week, Since Aug. 1, and Since Aug. 1.

down to 34,968,000 bushels, against 43,111,000 a year ago. On June 1 the European exchanges were closed as usual on Whit Monday and no export business was done. And in this connection if the exportable surplus in the United States for the season of 1925-26 threatens to be small the crop outlook in Europe is in the main good. Berlin cabled: "Crop reports from Germany and elsewhere from Central Europe continue extremely good. Unless weather conditions become exceptionally unfavorable, there is now a feeling that high record yields are assured. Rome cabled that the outlook for the wheat crop of 1925 was above the average almost everywhere in Europe, even somewhat so in Russia. In the Balkan States the outlook is extremely good. In the Mediterranean and in Africa the prospect is somewhat less satisfactory, with Egypt an exception. On the 2d inst. prices advanced under the lead of the Northwest on adverse crop news, though it was in some degree modified by rains in both the spring and winter wheat belts. On the 3d inst. prices were 7c. higher than the "low" on the 2d inst. That was owing to bad crop reports from Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Missouri. Export sales were 500,000 bushels. Liverpool was weaker. Some good showers were reported, and early prices at Chicago were lower. Bad crop news swung prices upward later. The Government weekly weather report was bad as regards winter wheat and somewhat more favorable as to spring wheat. Leading Western and Eastern commission houses were buying. World's shipments so far this season were 633,800,000 bushels, against 635,728,000 for the same time last year and 574,056,000 two years ago. Argentine shipments were 1,799,000 bushels last week and Australian 2,568,000 bushels, the latter exporting since Jan. 1 90,640,000 bushels. World's exports, exclusive of North America, were 4,631,000 bushels, or slightly larger than those of a week ago. The American visible supply last week decreased 243,000 bushels, against 964,000 in the same week last year. This makes the total 17,140,000 bushels, against 12,288,000 a year ago. The Melbourne, Australia, Government will introduce a bill in Parliament to continue the existing wheat pool for five years. In Russia the acreage sown to the more important spring crops are larger this year than last, according to a cable to the United States Department of Agriculture, by 5.7%, 3.5% on oats, 5% on barley, 17% on flaxseed and 6% on potatoes. Liverpool closed at 3½ to 3¾d. net advance to-day, with July at 12s. 8d. and October 12s. ½d. Buenos Aires opened at 2½c. advance. New crop winter wheat, on account of recent damage, is not being offered for distant delivery. The first threshing returns from Texas are disappointing. Kansas may not have over 65,000,000 bushels, one estimate says, against 154,000,000 last year; also, it was estimated that, taken altogether, six States, southwest and west Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, would produce 150,000,000 bushels less than in 1924. On June 4 high temperatures—90 to 95 degrees—and hot winds, sent prices up 3 to 4c. More bad crop reports were received from Illinois and Indiana. Hot winds in Kansas increased fears for that State. Private estimates put the Kansas yield at under 80,000,000 bushels. The winter wheat crop may, some fear, fall below 400,000,000 bushels. Europe sold futures early, but bought later. They assert, however, that American damage reports are exaggerated. Liverpool closed ¼d. higher for the day after being 1d. lower early on selling. The Canadian wheat pool offered wheat abroad at a relatively low price, it was said. Export business was only 250,000 bushels. To-day prices advanced 2½ to 4½c. for a time and then reacted sharply, only to rally later on. Winnipeg was up 1 to 4c., but receipts were large and export business only 250,000 bushels. Argentine exports will be 2,682,000 bushels, against 1,789,000 in the previous week. World's exports will be larger. Outside of North America they are already known to be 5,106,000 bushels, against 4,631,000 last week. Prices ended at a net rise for the week of 4 to 5c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.....cts.	Sat. 194 ¼	Mon. 194 ¼	Tues. 198	Wed. 202 ¼	Thurs. 202 ¼	Fri. 202 ¼
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....cts.	Sat. 160 ¾	Mon. 161 ½	Tues. 164	Wed. 168	Thurs. 168 ½	Fri. 168 ½
September delivery in elevator.....day	157 ¾	159 ¼	160 ¾	163 ¾	164 ¾	164 ¾
December delivery in elevator.....	160 ¾	162 ¼	162 ¾	165 ¼	166 ¾	166 ¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July delivery in elevator.....cts.	Sat. 174 ¾	Mon. 173	Tues. 178 ¾	Wed. 182 ¾	Thurs. 182 ¾	Fri. 182 ¾
October delivery in elevator.....	147 ¾	146 ¾	149 ¾	150 ¾	150 ¾	150 ¾
December delivery in elevator.....	147 ¾	146 ¾	149 ¾	150 ¾	150 ¾	150 ¾

Indian corn gave way early in the week some 2½ to 3c., with some rains at the West of a certain benefit. Also, country offerings increased. "Still plenty of time to replant" was an idea that together with the break in wheat helped to depress corn. Heavy selling of September was a leading feature. Houses with Western connections were good buyers, but this was neutralized by the big selling. The spot basis was ¼ to 1c. lower as compared with July, with receipts of 670 cars at Chicago. Corn has been suffering for rain in South Dakota, and some fell on June 1. On the 2d inst. corn broke 3 to 5¼c., the latter on December, or 8c. below the level of Monday, owing to good rains. These and hot weather, it was thought, might do wonders for the crop. The tendency, if such conditions continued, would be to increase the estimates of the crop. And receipts were larger than a year ago. That also counted. They were 1,279,000 bushels; a week previous 846,000; last year 861,000, and shipments 564,000 bushels; a week previous, 444,000; last year,

519,000. The selling was heavy. The country also sold to a fair extent and the cash demand is not large enough to sell. Some 275,000 bushels at Chicago were loading for the East and 275,000 bushels more loaded on Thursday. Prices advanced later with those for wheat on the 3d inst. They had reacted sharply early on news of warm wet weather and liquidation. On the 4th inst. prices advanced, as recent rains were found to be inadequate over much of the belt. Offerings fell off. December was in demand; it led the rise of 2½ to 3½c. Primary receipts were 765,000, against 912,000 a week previous and 617,000 last year; shipments, 586,000, against 438,000 a week previous and 429,000 last year. To-day prices were irregular, advancing 1 to 4½c. early, only to react and close slightly lower for the day on some months owing to general profit taking, despite hot dry weather. December led the advance. Receipts were large. Some reports about the cash trade were good; others not so good. July was comparatively weak. Last prices showed a decline for the week of 1½ to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 mixed.....cts.	Sat. 133 ½	Mon. 132 ½	Tues. 132 ½	Wed. 135 ½	Thurs. 135 ½	Fri. 135 ½
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....cts.	Sat. 115 ¾	Mon. 114 ¾	Tues. 114 ¾	Wed. 117 ¾	Thurs. 116 ¾	Fri. 116 ¾
September delivery in elevator.....day	115 ¾	114 ¾	114 ¾	117 ¾	116 ¾	116 ¾
December delivery in elevator.....	98 ¾	95 ¾	94 ¾	98	98 ¾	98 ¾

Oats declined slightly early in the week with other grain. But the drop was small compared with that in wheat and corn. At times, indeed, oats were noticeably firm. For the crop outlook was not good. The total was estimated by one statistician at 1,391,000,000 bu., against 1,542,000,000 harvested last year. Also, the American visible supply showed a good-sized decrease. It was 2,195,000, against only 61,200 in the same week last year. This brings the total down to 35,161,000 bushels, a rather grim-looking one, it is true, compared with 6,688,000 bushels a year ago. Export business, too, was small. At times commission houses were inclined to sell following the trend in other grain markets, but at others to buy, for damage to the crop was to all appearances widespread. Small sales for export were made. The average crop estimate is 1,275,000,000 bushels, against 1,542,000 harvested last year, with acreage estimated at 43,300,000 to 45,848,000, compared with 42,452,000 acres last year. On the 3d inst., after declining on rains, prices advanced on poor crop news. Commission houses bought early and sold later, owing to the rains. Prices advanced 1½ to 2c. on the 4th inst. on bad crop news from the Central West. With pastures poor and the hay crop scanty, coarse grain may be in greater demand for feeding. Washington wired: "Additional Federal grades for oats to cover feed and mixed feed oats have been established by the Secretary of Agriculture under the provisions of the United States Grain Standards Act. These standards will supplement the grades which are now in effect and will become operative Sept. 1 next." To-day prices were in the main strong and closed higher by ¾ to 1½c. Profit taking, however, was very noticeable. Still, the undertone was firm, with continued hot dry weather over most of the belt, and complaints of crop damage very general. Shorts covered. Last prices showed a rise for the week of 1½ to 3¼c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white.....cts.	Sat. 59 ½	Mon. 58 ¾	Tues. 58 ¾	Wed. 60	Thurs. 61	Fri. 61
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....cts.	Sat. 47 ¾	Mon. 47 ¾	Tues. 47 ¾	Wed. 49 ½	Thurs. 50 ¾	Fri. 50 ¾
September delivery in elevator.....day	48 ¾	48 ¾	48 ¾	50 ¾	51 ¾	51 ¾
December delivery in elevator.....	50 ¾	50 ¾	50 ¾	52 ¾	54 ¾	54 ¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July delivery in elevator.....cts.	Sat. 58 ¾	Mon. 57 ¾	Tues. 58 ¾	Wed. 58 ¾	Thurs. 59 ¾	Fri. 59 ¾
October delivery in elevator.....	53 ¾	53 ¾	53 ¾	54 ¾	54 ¾	54 ¾

Rye declined on the 1st inst. 2 to 2½c., partly in sympathy with the break in wheat. Rains which helped wheat no doubt helped rye. And export trade was small. Also, the American visible supply decreased last week only 35,000, against a decrease in the same week last year of 435,000 bushels. The total is 10,226,000 bushels, against 18,825,000 a year ago. The rye crop was estimated by Cromwell at 57,000,000 bu., against 58,700,000 by the Government on May 1 and 63,000,000 bu. harvested last year. Of barley the visible supply in the U. S. decreased last week 555,000 bu., against no change last year. The total is now 1,798,000 bu., against 757,000 a year ago. On the 3d inst. export sales were made of 100,000 bushels to Norway, Copenhagen and Sweden. Crop news was not encouraging, despite some good rains. Bad crop reports came from South Dakota. They caused buying of July. Later prices gave way with those for other grain. One crop estimate was 53,600,000 bushels, against 63,000,000 bushels produced last year. Small sales of barley for export were made. On the 4th inst. prices rose 2½ to 4½c. on bad crop talk, a better speculative demand and an idea in some quarters that the market will soon feel the effects of the smallness of European stocks. To-day prices advanced 1 to 2c., partly in sympathy with other grain. There were some showers at the Northwest. They were not enough. This offset the absence of export business. Rye disregarded reactions in other grain. Last prices show a net rise for the week of 1¼ to 4¼c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....cts.	Sat. 115 ¼	Mon. 113 ¼	Tues. 115	Wed. 117 ¼	Thurs. 118 ¾	Fri. 118 ¾
September delivery in elevator.....day	114	113 ¾	115 ¼	119 ¼	120 ¾	120 ¾
December delivery in elevator.....	119	115 ¼	117 ¼	121 ¼	123 ¾	123 ¾

Closing quotations were as follows:

Table with columns for Flour (Spring patents, Clear, first spring, etc.) and Grain (Wheat, New York; Corn; Oats). Includes prices per bushel and various grades.

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Table showing receipts of flour and grain at various ports (Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, etc.) for the week ending Saturday, May 30, 1925, and for the same weeks in 1924 and 1923.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, May 30, follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at various ports (New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.) for the week ending Saturday, May 30, 1925, and for the same weeks in 1924 and 1923.

* 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, May 30 1925, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports of flour and grain from various ports (New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.) for the week ending Saturday, May 30, 1925, and for the same weeks in 1924 and 1923.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1924 is as below:

Table showing the destination of exports for flour, wheat, and corn from various ports for the week ending May 30, 1925, and for the same weeks in 1924 and 1923.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, June 5, and since July 1 1924 and 1923, are shown in the following:

Table showing world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Friday, June 5, 1925, and for the same weeks in 1924 and 1923.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 30, were as follows:

Table showing grain stocks (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley) at various ports (United States, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.) as of May 30, 1925, and for the same weeks in 1924 and 1923.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 288,000 bushels; Baltimore, 32,000; Buffalo, 285,000; Buffalo, afloat, 62,000; Duluth, 61,000; Toledo, afloat, 180,000; total, 908,000 bushels, against 1,377,000 bushels in 1924.

Canadian— Montreal, 2,610,000; Ft. William & Ft. Arthur, 24,513,000; Other Canadian, 4,239,000.

Summary table showing total grain stocks for the week ending May 30, 1925, and for the same weeks in 1924 and 1923.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 2.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending June 2, follows:

At the beginning of the week an extensive high pressure area was charted over the western Lake region and Mississippi Valley, with unseasonably low temperatures prevailing over the eastern half of the country. During the following couple of days the high pressure drifted eastward to the Atlantic coast, with slowly rising temperature over the central and eastern portions of the country, and by Thursday seasonal warmth prevailed in most districts.

Rainfall was generally of a local character during the first half of the week, and was confined principally to showers in the Northeast and extreme Southeast, over a belt from the western Lake region southwestward to northern Texas, and over the far Northwestern States.

Chart I shows that the temperature for the week, as a whole, averaged below normal in most sections from the Appalachian Mountain districts eastward and in the Southwest. The weekly means were near normal in the lower Mississippi Valley and considerably above normal from the upper valley westward.

The continuation of widespread dry weather from the Mississippi Valley eastward has intensified droughty conditions in most sections of that area and general and copious rains are much needed. The drought has become especially severe in the area comprising the Ohio Valley and Lake region, with reports of grains, hay, and pastures drying up in northern sections.

Over the Northwestern States the week was much more favorable. Under the influence of general rains and warm weather, crops made splendid growth and, in most sections, the soil is now in good condition, though rain is still needed in much of South Dakota, southern Minnesota, and generally in Nebraska. The rainfall was especially beneficial from North Dakota and northern Wyoming westward.

Low temperatures early in the week retarded germination and growth over the eastern portions of the country and there was some further frost damage in the Appalachian Mountain districts. Late reports on the cool wave of last week show that heavy damage was done, particularly to minor crops in the North-Central States. The latter part of the week had sufficient warmth for good growth, and vegetation made favorable advance wherever there was sufficient moisture. Much replanting of frosted crops was accomplished in the North-Central States, and much frosted corn was recovering nicely.

SMALL GRAINS.—In the Winter Wheat Belt conditions have been unfavorable during the past week. The crop is generally heading short because of lack of moisture, and in Kansas the fly, the chinch bug, and foot rot are adding to the damage by the drought. Some wheat that was headed was killed by frost in Indiana. Progress of winter wheat has been generally slow and condition ranges from poor to fair. In the Spring Wheat Belt conditions have been more favorable, although rain is still needed in sections of South Dakota; rainfall was especially beneficial in North Dakota and Montana. Oats are generally reported poor to good, averaging generally fair; this crop is also needing rain and heading short in the Dakotas and Wisconsin. Rice is needing heavy rains in Louisiana and irrigation is being hindered by salt in the bayous.

CORN—The outstanding factor in the corn situation is the lack of moisture, and progress during the week and condition at the end are only fair. Helpful rains are reported in localities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and most of the southern States, but the greater portion of the belt needs rain. The damage from frost has also been considerable, particularly in Indiana where about one-fourth has been replanted, but in Iowa only about 5% needed reseeded. Illinois also reports this crop badly cut back by frost, but mostly recovering. Planting is practically completed and cultivation has advanced northward to Minnesota.

COTTON—While the first half of the week was much too cool in the eastern Cotton States, and very little rain occurred over the belt, except in the north-central and more western districts, cotton made fairly good advance in most sections. The late-seeded, however, was needing rain in many places.

In general, the crop made very good progress in Texas, except the late-planted in the central and southern portions of the State where it was too dry; chopping is well advanced and weevil damage slight. In Oklahoma progress and condition were also mostly very good, and reports from Arkansas ranged from fair to excellent, except from local areas. Conditions were generally favorable in Louisiana.

Growth ranged from poor to fair in Mississippi and Alabama, with the general condition of the crop mostly fair. Early cotton is withstanding the drought well in Georgia, but the late made poor advance, with much not yet up. Conditions were mostly favorable in Tennessee, though it was rather too dry. Cotton deteriorated in western North Carolina, and made mostly unsatisfactory advance elsewhere, while growth was considerably retarded in South Carolina and rain is needed.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

New England—Boston: Too cool and cloudy for good growth. Potato planting finished. Tobacco setting continues and grass doing well. Little frost damage.

New York—Ithaca: rain much needed over west for all crops. Wheat and oats doing well; corn about all planted and most potatoes, meadows, and pastures improving where rainfall sufficient. Gardens and truck improved by warm weather.

New Jersey—Trenton: Increasing heat with one shower and ample sunshine greatly benefited growth. Grains and grass very good. Corn, pastures, potatoes, and truck improving. Fruit fair, but small crop. Warm showers needed. Cranberries fair; some bogs and farm crops badly hurt by hail.

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia: Frost in many places on 25th and 27th, with damage in some western and northern counties. Week closed hot; soil mostly in good condition. Corn planting finished in northern and cultivating general in central and southern counties. Late potatoes mostly planted. Rye headed and wheat heading and looking fine.

Maryland and Delaware—Baltimore: Crops continue in good condition generally, but need rain. Wheat blooming, rye filling out, and peas and strawberries being picked in south and central. Early potatoes blooming in south and on Eastern Shore. Cultivation of corn continues; planting not yet finished.

Virginia—Richmond: Dry and cool until latter part of week when warmer. Unfavorable, except for small grains, meadows, and pastures, which continue good in most sections. Latter part of week more favorable for corn, cotton, and tobacco, but these crops need rain. Slight damage by frost middle and western localities and considerable damage in extreme southwest. Fair progress setting out tobacco, but dry weather unfavorable. Fruit prospects fair to good.

North Carolina—Raleigh: Crops needing rain in many localities, mainly in south and west; much frost damage to corn, potatoes, and truck in mountains on 26th. Cotton deteriorated in west and progress poor to fair in east; condition varies from very poor to very good; mostly poor. Favorable for harvesting oats and hay.

South Carolina—Columbia: Early in week cool nights retarded germination of late corn and cotton. Tobacco, corn, truck, and other crops need rain, but maintain fairly healthy color. Early and intermediate cotton condition and progress fair, but needs rain; chopping general and squares appearing in early crop; few weevil, but damage slight. Cereal and potato harvests progressing; oat harvest nearing completion.

Georgia—Atlanta: Drought becoming serious in many sections. Early part week too cool, checking growth, but warmth favorable latter part. Early cotton withstanding drought well, but progress only fair; early crop forming squares and blooming in southern division; progress of late poor and much not up; few weevil. Corn needs rain badly.

Florida—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of early cotton very good; late fair to very good; few weevil in west. Corn improved, but needs rain in west and uplands of north and central. Cane and peanuts good progress. Citrus groves improved, but crop unfavorably affected by dry weather. Pineapples and ranges improved in south.

Alabama—Montgomery: Widely scattered showers latter part, but good general rains needed. Oat harvesting quite general. Progress and condition of corn, potatoes, truck, pastures, and minor crops mostly fair to good where recent rains occurred; otherwise mostly poor. Progress of cotton rather poor to fair; much late-planted not up; blooming locally in south; condition mostly fair and chopping made good progress; few weevil reported locally in south.

Mississippi—Vicksburg: Week began cool; ended somewhat warm; progress of crops affected by light rains in extreme north and extreme south, but generally moderate rains elsewhere. Progress of cotton mostly fair; some squares in north and bloom in south; cultivation generally very good; chopping completed. Progress of corn mostly fair; cultivation very good.

Louisiana—New Orleans: Weather continued mostly favorable, although rain needed in most sections. Progress and condition of cotton generally very good; chopping late crop and early blooming. Advance of corn generally poor, although crop holding color and condition satisfactory due to excellent cultivation. Cane and rice needing heavy rains; irrigation of rice hindered by salt in bayous.

Texas—Houston: Unfavorable in central and much of south account drought. Progress of pastures, winter wheat, oats, corn, and minor crops very good, except poor in dry sections, and condition poor to fair. Progress and condition of rice good. Advance of cotton very good, except early deteriorated in Corpus Christi section and late deteriorated or made only fair progress in much of central and south; average condition fair; chopping well advanced; weevil damage slight; season generally backward, though first bale marketed at Houston.

Oklahoma—Oklahoma City: Week favorable, but soil dry in much of east, south-central, and northwest portions. Stand, progress, and condition of cotton generally, and very good; cultivating and considerable chopping; still planting in extreme north and west. Progress and condition of corn generally fair to very good; some laid by. Progress of winter wheat generally poor; ripening and condition very poor to fair; averages poor.

Arkansas—Little Rock: Cotton advance fair to excellent, except in some central and northeastern localities where soil too dry; well cultivated and clean; chopping well advanced; plants small in many fields, but condition fair to very good. Progress of corn fair to very good, except in central and northeast where it deteriorated or made only poor progress due to drought. Oat harvest started; poor to fair.

Tennessee—Nashville: Progress of cotton last four days fair, although dryness unfavorable for germination; condition averages fair; considerable chopping. Progress and condition of corn fair to very good; beginning to feel drought; cultivation excellent. Somewhat unfavorable for winter wheat account warmth and lack of moisture; condition averages fair.

Kentucky—Louisville: Cool first two days; otherwise favorable, but rain badly needed as drought appearing in north and west. Progress and condition of early corn fair; color better and germination of late fair. Progress of winter wheat generally very good; blooming and filling. Tobacco setting about half done; awaiting rain in hill districts.

on fall production. However, such a spurt in demand is expected to be ultimately reflected in the buyer's attitude, as for instance, more confidence in the matter of future deliveries which will probably be manifested in fall ordering which has already commenced. The prevailing heat, therefore, has materially helped fall selling prospects. In the meantime, reports from Western distributing centres have been particularly encouraging, as trade was said to be much better than a year ago. Silks remained the most popular fabric, with reports from both wholesale and retail channels claiming that they were much easier to sell than any other textile fabrics. This has been due to the lustre and softness, as well as the brilliant colorings in which they are obtainable. Operating schedules at producing centres have continued at capacity. It was claimed that hosiery mills in some cases are sold as far ahead as Thanksgiving. In regard to the floor covering division, although pre-inventory quiet has prevailed, manufacturers were optimistic in regard to the future. Retail buyers were reported to be ready to negotiate business because of their belief that the consuming purchasing power will be strong the latter part of the year. An item of particular interest to the trade was the decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding trade associations' cost data methods. Such items as the cost of production and transportation were held as legitimate subjects of inquiry. This is hoped to result in greater regulation and stabilization of production.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: While higher temperatures stimulated demand for certain of the seasonal summer fabrics, buyers for the most part were reluctant to operate in the markets for domestic cotton goods during the week. This was principally due to the unexpected high Government cotton report, which placed the condition of the crop as of May 25 at 76.6% of normal. The immediate effect of this report was claimed to have resulted in additional caution among buyers and the cancellation of certain orders. Buyers were unwilling to proceed at once with operations they had started pending receipt of the report, and manufacturers preferred to wait and watch the course of the market. It was generally believed that a report of such proportions foreshadowed lower raw cotton prices, but it was claimed doubtful whether cloth prices could be depressed further with curtailment actually under way at mill centres. Manufacturers have continued their plans for the furtherance of curtailment of production in the South, and mills not actually under contract were urged to partially shut down machinery. Reports received by agents for colored cotton mills stated that while full time was operative, in a number of cases fully a third of the looms were idle and others will be stopped when orders expire. On the other hand, however, certain fabrics have enjoyed a sharp revival in demand, owing to the sudden outburst of hot weather. The spot demand for such seasonal items as wash fabrics, printed voiles, silk and rayon and cotton mixtures have quickened most satisfactorily. Also, an urgent call was reported for wash fabrics, underwear supplies, white goods and dress cottons. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 6 3/4c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6 1/4c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 10 1/2c., and 38-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12c.

WOOLEN GOODS: A steadier undertone, which was generally accepted as a forerunner of a turn for the better, was noticeable in the markets for woollens and worsteds. This was expected to take place within a short time, when prices for the new spring season will be under consideration. Factors in the men's wear division agreed that the showing of merchandise for the spring season should be earlier this year as a means of establishing a price list based on the low point of the wool and yarn market, and thus stimulate business which has been lagging for some months. Numerous mill agents admitted that their spring lines were either ready or rapidly nearing completion, but were waiting for the big company to lead the way. Factors, speculating as to the probable date, have named July 15 as not very far out of the way. In the meantime the recent depression of raw wool markets has left its marks and buyers maintained a cautious attitude and placed the minimum of forward business.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Little change was noted in conditions surrounding the markets for linens. While a fair call was reported for certain of the fancies, such staples as household and dress linens continued dull. In retail channels it was claimed that departments were only interested in sacrifice offerings and these were not as plentiful as was the case up to the earlier part of the year, owing to the limited stocks of merchandise in importers' hands. In regard to household linens, conditions continued quiet, with plans for curtailment of production furthered in Belgium and other producing centres. In the dress linen division, there has been little, if any, improvement, despite the fact that there have been fair outlets in some directions. Italian and Madeira linens have moved poorly. Competition has been unusually keen, owing to the large number who overbought in primary markets. Substantial price reductions have done little to stimulate sales, as the trade has lost confidence in values. Burlaps have ruled irregular. While quiet the earlier part of the week, owing to the holidays in Calcutta, prices advanced the latter part. Light weights are quoted at 7.20c. and heavies at 9.50c.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, June 5 1925.

Sales of silks and other textile fabrics suitable for summer use rose with the mercury during the past week. Retail distribution of such merchandise was claimed to have broken all records and re-orders accumulated rapidly in manufacturers' hands. Thus retail stocks were considerably reduced, although the latter had no direct effect upon mills, nor their present rate of operations, as they are occupied

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN MAY.

State and municipal financing for the month of May was featured by the placing of several large bond issues. The total for the month was \$186,892,336, higher than for any previous May on record and the third highest for any single month. The highest monthly total ever recorded was \$276,706,107, in June 1924, and the next highest \$220,466,661, in December 1921.

The largest borrower of the month was New York City, which successfully marketed \$60,000,000 4 1/4% school construction bonds. The bonds were awarded to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. and the First National Bank, both of New York City, at public offering on May 5 at 102.3197, a basis of about 4.045%. Several other large bond issues were placed during May. We summarize as follows the issues for \$2,000,000 and over:

\$10,000,000 4% highway bonds of the State of Illinois, awarded to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York at 99.881, a basis of about 4.02%. The same syndicate also took a 15-day option on an additional \$10,000,000 block.

\$7,000,000 State of Alabama public road, highway and bridge, Series D. bonds, sold to the First National Bank of New York at 99.60, a basis of about 4.17%, taking \$3,000,000 as 4s and \$4,000,000 as 4 1/4s.

\$5,173,000 Cleveland, Ohio, bonds (representing seven separate issues), bought by a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York at 101.429, a basis of about 4.05%.

\$5,073,000 4% bonds of Allegheny County, Pa. (comprising four separate issues), purchased by the First National Bank of New York and associates at 100.63, a basis of about 3.95%.

Two issues of 4 1/2% bonds of Jersey City, N. J., awarded to the First National Bank of New York and associates as follows: \$3,078,000 general impt. bonds at 104.09, a basis of about 4.13%, and \$1,770,000 water bonds at 104.597, a basis of about 4.12%.

\$3,225,000 Cowlitz County Consolidated Diking Improvement District No. 1, Wash., bonds, awarded to the Long Bell Lumber Co. as 5 1/2s at 93.

Six issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$2,995,000, of Westchester County, N. Y., sold to the First National Bank of New York at 100.92, a basis of about 3.92%.

Five issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$2,955,000, of Boston, Mass., awarded to Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston at 100.64, a basis of about 3.93%.

\$2,500,000 5% bonds of Duval County Special Tax School District No. 1, Fla., sold to a syndicate headed by the Wm. R. Compton Co. of New York at 107.239, a basis of about 4.40%.

State of California soldiers' bonus bonds, \$2,000,000 in amount, disposed of to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York at 103.169 for 4 1/2s, a basis of about 4.16%.

\$2,000,000 Louisville, Ky., sewer bonds, purchased by the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co. and Henning, Chambers & Co., both of Louisville, jointly as 4s at 100.65, a basis of about 3.97%.

\$2,000,000 4 1/4% Stamford, Conn., school bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 103.67, a basis of about 3.97%.

The temporary loans negotiated during May aggregated \$38,426,696. Of this amount New York City alone contributed \$30,100,000.

Canadian long-term bond disposals during May were made in the amount of \$9,987,197.

In the following table we publish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations put out in May for the last five years:

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm't loans (U. S.)	186,892,336	117,445,017	95,088,046	106,878,872	63,442,294
*Temp. loans (U.S.)	38,426,696	79,811,249	39,465,000	15,435,000	78,162,000
Can. loans (perm't)					
Placed in Canada.	6,487,197	4,796,741	5,142,250	10,675,337	16,099,286
Placed in U. S.	3,500,000	2,600,000	1,000,000	6,234,000	2,000,000
Bonds of U. S. Poss.		500,000	135,000	None	None
Gen. fd. bds., N.Y.C.		None	None	None	5,500,000
Total	235,306,229	205,153,007	140,830,296	139,223,209	165,203,580

* Including temporary securities issued by New York City, \$30,100,000 in May 1925, \$57,600,000 in May 1924, \$17,540,000 in May 1923, \$3,950,000 in May 1922, and \$67,622,000 in May 1921.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during May 1925 were 495 and 677, respectively. This contrasts with 526 and 679 for April 1925 and with 448 and 648 for May 1924.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregates of long-term issues for May and the five months for a series of years:

Month of	For the	Month of	For the
May.	Five Months.	May.	Five Months.
1925	\$186,892,336	1908	\$25,280,431
1924	117,445,017	1907	15,722,336
1923	95,088,046	1906	14,895,937
1922	106,878,872	1905	16,569,066
1921	63,442,294	1904	55,110,018
1920	37,280,635	1903	14,846,227
1919	46,319,625	1902	20,956,040
1918	33,814,730	1901	14,562,340
1917	23,743,493	1900	9,623,264
1916	29,006,488	1899	7,897,642
1915	42,691,129	1898	7,036,926
1914	34,166,614	1897	8,258,927
1913	33,234,579	1896	10,712,538
1912	98,852,245	1895	11,587,766
1911	33,765,245	1894	14,349,410
1910	18,767,754	1893	4,093,969
1909	27,597,869	1892	7,856,860

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS.

Argentine (State of).—\$45,000,000 External Bonds sold in the United States.—On Tuesday, June 2, J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Co., both of New York City, sold to the American investing public, at 96 and interest, yielding over 6.25% to maturity, \$45,000,000 6% gold coupon (registerable as to principal only) external sinking fund bonds, issue of June 1 1925, of the Government of the Argentine nation. The bonds are described as follows: Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date June 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, in New York City, at the offices of either J. P. Morgan & Co. or the National City Bank, fiscal agents for the issue, without deduction for any Argentine taxes, present or future. Due June 1 1959. The following with regard to the sinking fund provision for the retirement of the bonds, is taken from the offering circular:

The Government will covenant to pay to the fiscal agents as a sinking fund, beginning Dec. 1 1925, and thereafter semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1, in each year, an amount equal to one-half of 1% of the maximum principal amount of bonds of the issue of June 1 1925 at any time theretofore issued plus an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid interest on all bonds previously acquired through the operation of the sinking fund. Such sinking fund payments (which may be increased by the Executive Power, if considered advisable) are to be applied to the purchase of bonds below par through tenders, or, if not so obtainable, to the redemption of bonds, called by lot, at par.

Further information regarding the loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Chicago Sanitary District, Ill.—District Asks United States Supreme Court for Rehearing in the Case Upholding the Injunction Reducing Flow into the Sanitary Canal.—On June 1 the Chicago Sanitary District asked the United States Supreme Court for a rehearing in the case in which that court on Jan. 5 of this year affirmed the decree entered by the District Court of the United States at Illinois, reducing the water flow into the sanitary canal from Lake Michigan from about 10,000 cu. ft. a second to 4,167 cu. ft. (V. 120, p. 231). It is declared by the district that the Canadian boundary waters treaty had been erroneously construed by the court. "Washington advices," dated June 1, to the "New York Times," said with regard to the matter:

The Sanitary District of Chicago to-day asked the Supreme Court for a rehearing in the case upholding the injunction restricting the amount of water the district could withdraw from Lake Michigan.

The Sanitary District declared that the Canadian boundary waters treaty had been erroneously construed by the court. It also was argued that the permits granted for the opening of the drainage canal and the enlargement of the Chicago River were irrevocable, that the court had erroneously construed the effect of the permits which had been granted and that the Attorney-General had sought relief exclusively under the River and Harbor Act of March 3 1899, while the court had not confined its opinion to a construction of that law, but had applied other principles in sustaining the position taken by the Government.

The Canadian boundary waters treaty clause quoted by the court, the district insisted, had no application to Lake Michigan. The waters of that lake, it was held, are not boundary waters under the preliminary article of the treaty.

The jurisdiction of the International Joint Commission, it argued, did not include Lake Michigan. The United States, it added, is under no treaty obligation as to the diversions, having reserved jurisdiction subject only to two conditions, with which the court is not concerned and which do not apply to the 10,000 seconds feet diversion. Such diversion, the Sanitary District insisted, was not in dispute at the time the treaty was made.

New Bill Increasing District's Debt Limit Passed by Legislature—Must now be Signed by Governor.—The State Legislature has passed the new bill, referred to in V. 120, p. 2840, to increase the district's debt limit from 3%, the present rate, to 4%. It was stated on June 3 that the measure would be sent to Governor Small for signature as soon as possible. The Governor has indicated that he will sign it. Since the bill carried an emergency clause, it will go into effect as soon as signed.

Connecticut (State of).—Legislature Adjourns.—The State Legislature, which convened in regular biennial session on Jan. 7, adjourned June 3.

New Jersey (State of).—State Proposes to Issue \$10,000,000 Loan.—An Associated Press dispatch dated June 5 to the New York "Evening Sun" of even date, in reporting this proposed offering says:

Bids will be received by State Comptroller Bugbee June 23 on a \$10,000,000 issue of State bonds. The issue is divided into three groups on each of which separate proposals are asked. All bonds will be coupon form and of \$1,000 denomination.

The first group comprises \$5,000,000 worth of highway extension bonds bearing interest at 4 1/4%. July 1 1955 is the State date of maturity, though the bonds may be redeemed at option any time after fifteen years upon six months notice.

A \$3,000,000 issue of road bonds and a \$2,000,000 issue of bridge bonds comprise the second and third groups to be offered.

New York (State of).—Investment of Trust Funds.—Under an Act passed by the 1925 Legislature (Chapter 604, Laws of 1925), amending Section 111, Chapter 18, Laws of 1909, last amended by Chapter 593, Laws of 1922, trust funds may be invested in parts of mortgages and bonds executed by banks authorized to conduct a trust department, as well as by trust companies and title guaranty corporations. We give below the text of Section 111, as it now stands, placing the new matter in italics:

Section 111. Investment of trust funds. An executor, administrator, trustee or other person holding trust funds for investment may invest the same in the same kind of securities as those in which savings banks of this State are by law authorized to invest the money deposited therein, and the income derived therefrom, and in bonds and mortgages on unincumbered real property in this State worth fifty per centum more than the amount loaned thereon, and in shares or parts of such bonds and mortgages, provided that any share or part of such bond and mortgage so held shall not be subordinate to any other shares thereof and shall not be subject to any prior interest therein, and provided further that bonds and mortgages in all of which any fiduciary may invest trust funds together with any guarantees of payment, insurance policies and other instruments and evidences of title relating thereto shall be held for the benefit of such fiduciary and of

any other persons interested in such bonds or mortgages by a trust company, a bank authorized to conduct a trust department or title guaranty corporation organized under the laws of this State, and that a certificate setting forth that such corporation holds such instruments for the benefit of such fiduciary and of any other persons who may be interested in such bond and mortgage among whom the corporation holding such instruments may be included, be executed by such corporation and delivered to each person who becomes interested in such bond and mortgage. Every corporation issuing any such certificate shall keep a record in proper books of account of all certificates issued pursuant to the foregoing provisions. An executor, administrator, trustee or other person holding trust funds may require such personal bonds or guarantees of payment to accompany investments as may seem prudent, and all premiums paid on such guarantees may be charged to or paid out of income, providing that such charge or payment be not more than at the rate of one-half of one per centum per annum on the par value of such investments. But no trustee shall purchase securities hereunder from himself. Whenever any trust funds are invested in the shares of a savings and loan association, organized under the laws of this State, at the time said funds shall come into the possession of any executor, administrator, trustee or other person, entitled to hold the same, the investment of such funds in the shares of such savings and loan association may be continued, provided, however, the total amount of trust funds invested in the shares of such savings and loan association shall not exceed the amount of its guaranty fund.

Chapter 604, Laws of 1925, also amended Section 21, Laws of 1909, last amended by Chapter 599, Laws of 1922, which section is, as regards investments by trust funds, substantially the same as Section 111. The amendment to Section 21 is the same as to Section 111 referred to above.

Norway (Kingdom of).—\$30,000,000 External Loan Floated in the United States.—A syndicate of American bankers, headed by Blair & Co., Inc., of New York, successfully floated here on Monday, June 1, \$30,000,000 5½% 40-year sinking fund external loan gold bonds of the Kingdom of Norway. The offering price was 96.75 and interest, to yield 5.70% to maturity. Bonds are coupon bonds in the denom. of \$1,000, registerable as to principal only. Dated June 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the office of Brown Bros. & Co., New York, fiscal agent of the loan, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Norwegian taxes, present or future, and payable in time of war as well as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the owner. Due June 1 1965, optional June 1 1935 or any interest date thereafter in whole or in part at 100 and interest. The entire issue will be retired by maturity by a cumulative semi-annual sinking fund, of which the offering circular says:

The entire issue will be retired by maturity through the operation of a cumulative sinking fund beginning Dec. 1 1935, payable semi-annually. Sinking fund payments are to be used to call bonds by lot at par and accrued interest, but the Government may acquire bonds by purchase, and tender them at par in payment of the sinking fund installments.

National Bank of Commerce of New York is registrar of loan. Additional data regarding the loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page of this issue.

Pennsylvania (State of).—U. S. Supreme Court Hands Down Decision in Frick Estate Case Involving State Inheritance Tax Law—States Can Levy Only on Gross Estate Within Their Borders, Court Decides.—In our "Department of Current Events & Discussions" on a preceding page, the points of this decision are outlined at length. We add here the following, taken from the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 2:

At the State Treasury at Harrisburg, it was said yesterday (June 1) that no final accounting of the H. C. Frick estate had been made and that it is not known what deduction will be claimed as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision.

The appraisal as filed with the Fiscal Officers of Pennsylvania was \$91,203,156.77. Of this total \$24,178,348 was subject to the 2% direct inheritance tax of Pennsylvania and netted the Commonwealth \$483,566.96. The sum of \$29,907,655 was subject to the 5% collateral inheritance tax, and the tax paid amounted to \$1,495,382.75.

The estimates as to the effect of the decision on New York State finances, are that the New York State's loss through refunds and diminution of future revenues will not amount to more than \$100,000 a year.

Town of West Hoboken and Union Hill, N. J.—Towns Merged as Union City.—On June 1 the consolidation of the towns of Union Hill and West Hoboken into one city, to be known as "Union City," became effective. The voters of the two towns voted for consolidation at a special election held on March 4 1924, under authority of Chapter 117, Laws of 1923, but it was only really accomplished following lengthy litigation involving the validity of the election. The new city will have a population of about 75,000, and was incorporated by an Act passed by the 1925 Legislature.

Vermont (State of).—Correction.—In V. 120, p. 2713 in reporting the amendments made by the 1925 legislature to Section 5363 of the General Laws, which governs the investments by savings banks, a mistake occurred with regard to the new sub-section added to Paragraph V. The new sub-section to that paragraph is lettered (o) and not (n) as reported by us.

Yonkers, N. Y.—City Manager Plan Rejected.—At a special election held May 29 the voters of this city rejected the city manager form of government. An unofficial count of the final vote gave 9,379 against the proposition and 5,862 for it.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADMIRE, Lyon County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. June 6 by Raymond McDaniel, City Clerk, for \$11,000 4½% electric light bonds. Date May 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due May 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1933, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1934 to 1940, inclusive. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

ADRIAN, Lenawee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of G. Percy Love, City Clerk, until 1 p. m. (central standard time) June 15 for the purchase of Sewer bonds series B in the sum of \$175,000 to consist of serial bonds of \$1,000 each maturing \$5,000 yearly from July 1 1927 to June 1 1942, both incl., and maturing \$8,000 yearly from July 1 1943 to July 1 1952, both incl., and \$15,000 on July 1 1953. All bonds are to be dated July 1 1925 and will bear interest at the rate of 4½% payable semi-annually on July 1 and Jan. 1 of each year. The principal and interest are payable at the Commercial Savings Bank, Adrian State Savings Bank and National Bank of Commerce all of the city of Adrian, or at the City Treasurer's office. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 10% of bid. All bids must be unconditional and at par or above as provided for in the City Charter. The approving opinion as to the legality of said bonds of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone attorneys of Detroit will be delivered with the bonds. The bonds will be furnished by the city and will be printed as soon as possible after the award and executed for delivery to the successful bidder.

ADRIAN, Lenawee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Lenawee County Savings Bank, of Adrian, has purchased the \$100,000 4½% sewer bonds offered on May 18 (V. 120, p. 2320) at 104.261—a basis of about 4.13%. Date June 1 1925. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1941, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1942 to 1952, inclusive. At 4½% bids were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Rate. Includes Lenawee County Sav. Bank, Security Trust Co., Bank of Adrian, Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Detroit Trust Co., Bank of Detroit, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Joel Stockard & Co., Fidelity Trust Co., Lewis & Co., Continental & Commercial, Nat. Bk. of Comm., Trust & Savings Bank, W. L. Slayton & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Bonbright & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Rate. Includes Lenawee County Sav. Bank, Continental & Commercial, Bank of Adrian, Trust & Savings Bank, Detroit Trust Co., Security Trust Co., Fidelity Trust Co., Joel Stockard & Co., and Lewis & Co.

*And pay all expenses. x And pay printing.

AGAWAM, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The City Treasurer has awarded to R. L. Day & Co. at 100.59 \$60,000 4% bonds, dated June 1 and payable 1926 to 1940 inclusive.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Otis & Co., of Cleveland, have purchased the following issues of 4½% coupon bonds offered on June 1 (V. 120, p. 2713) at 103.14—a basis of about 4.21%: \$350,000 water-works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$14,000 Oct. 1 1926 to 1950, inclusive.

76,800 sewerage system bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,800, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 to 1950, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1950. Date June 1 1925.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Rate. Includes Otis & Co., W. A. Harriman & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Bankers Trust Co., National City Co., Thilston & Wolcott, Hayden, Miller & Co., National City Bank, Akron, A. B. Leach & Co., Stevenson, Perry, Stary & Co., Detroit Trust Co., Guardian Trust Co., Cleve., Blodgett & Co., and W. L. Slayton & Co.

ALABAMA (State of).—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BOND SALE.—The \$7,000,000 public road highway and bridge, Series D, bonds, sold by the State on May 4, were bought at 99.60, a basis of about 4.75% by a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Wm. R. Compton Co., Eldredge & Co., Kountze Bros., and Redmond & Co., all of New York, and Marx & Co., of Birmingham, and Caldwell & Co. and Phelps, Fenn & Co., also of New York, as follows: \$3,000,000 as 4s, maturing \$1,000,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1929 to 1951, inclusive.

4,000,000 as 4½s, maturing on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000,000, 1952 to 1954, inclusive, and \$500,000, 1955 and 1956.

Bonds are coupon bonds in \$1,000 denomination, registerable as to principal and interest. Dated June 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable in gold in New York City or Montgomery, Ala. This notice supersedes the one appearing in V. 120, p. 2458.

ALBANY, Morgan County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 bridge coupon bonds offered on June 1—V. 120, p. 2713—were awarded to Caldwell & Co., of Birmingham as 5¼s at a premium of \$775, equal to 101.55. Date July 1 1925. Due in 1945. Principal and interest (J. & J.), payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

ARKANSAS CITY, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 8 for \$65,000 4½% water works improvement bonds.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—This city has awarded to Grafton Co. at 3.33% discount plus \$1 72 premium a \$100,000 loan due Nov. 26. Other bidders were: Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, 3.43% plus \$1 50; S. N. Bond & Co., 3.40% plus \$1 75; First National Bank, 3.39%, and Menotomy Trust Co., 3.347%.

ASHLAND, Schuylkill County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5% coupon or registered water works system bonds offered on May 22—V. 120 p. 2583—were sold to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia. Date May 1 1925. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1939, incl.; \$10,000, 1940 to 1945, incl.; \$15,000, 1946 to 1949, incl.; \$20,000, 1950 to 1952, incl., and \$25,000, 1953 to 1955, incl. Bonds are subject to approval of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$58,000 4½% street improvement bonds offered on May 29—V. 120, p. 2713—were awarded to Westcott, Kear & Parrott of New York at a premium of \$1,205.82, equal to 102.07. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Coupon or registered bonds. Due serially in 1 to 9 years. Interest payable J. & D.

BALTIMORE COUNTY (P. O. Towson), Md.—BOND SALE.—The Guaranty Co. of New York and Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York have purchased the \$1,000,000 4½% coupon (registered as to principal) Baltimore County Metropolitan District bonds offered on June 1—V. 120, p. 2583—at 105.579, a basis of about 4.17%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the Second National Bank of Towson, Towson. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1936; \$12,000, 1937; \$13,000, 1938; \$14,000, 1939; \$16,000, 1940; \$17,000, 1941; \$19,000, 1942; \$21,000, 1943; \$22,000, 1944; \$24,000, 1945; \$26,000, 1946; \$27,000, 1947; \$29,000, 1948; \$30,000, 1949; \$32,000, 1950; \$33,000, 1951; \$35,000, 1952; \$37,000, 1953; \$39,000, 1954; \$41,000, 1955; \$43,000, 1956; \$44,000, 1957; \$46,000, 1958; \$48,000, 1959; \$50,000, 1960; \$51,000, 1961 to 1963, incl.; \$59,000, 1964 and \$60,000, 1965.

BEAVER COUNTY (P. O. Beaver), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by James H. Cunningham, County Controller, until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) June 22 for \$500,000 4¼% road, Series 4 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual. Due \$20,000 Aug. 1 1928 to 1952, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, required.

BELLEUE, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,155 5¼% coupon Heter St. Improvement bonds offered on May 9—V. 120, p. 2054—were sold to Geo. Lieber of Bellevue for \$1,175 equal to 101.73, a basis of about 5.16%. Date Apr. 1 1925. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$155, 1927 and \$125, 1928 to 1935 incl.

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Albuquerque), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. June 19 by H. J. Gardner, County Treasurer, for \$12,000

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS.

Cameron County Road Districts No. 1 and No. 2 (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—Bond Call.—Bonds of Cameron County Road Districts No. 1 and 2 are called for payment July 1 1925 at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.

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WHEELER COUNTY (P. O. Wheeler), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 court house bonds offered on May 23—V. 120, p. 2723—were awarded to H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston as 5s at a premium of \$1,755, equal to 102.19, a basis of about 4.85%. Date June 1 1925. Due \$1,000, 1926 to 1935, incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1955, incl., and \$3,000, 1956 to 1965, incl.

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co., at 3.42% discount, purchased a \$25,000 loan, due Nov. 20.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN AWARDED.—The Town Treasurer to-day awarded a temporary revenue loan of \$100,000, payable Jan. 15 1926, to F. S. Moseley & Co. at 3.39% discount.

ZANESVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zanesville), Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) June 11 will be received by H. H. Collins, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$5,600 5½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$250 and one for \$100. Date May 15 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the above official. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$250, 1926 to 1947, incl., and \$100, 1948. Certified check for \$250 required.

ZELIENOPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zelenople), Butler County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 4½% school bonds offered on May 26—V. 120, p. 2593—were sold to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Phila. for \$86,955, equal to 102.30, a basis of about 4.04%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1925. Interest semi-annual. Due early on June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1931, incl.; \$3,000, 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$4,000, 1941 to 1952, incl.

	Premium.		Premium.
Fidelity Trust Co., Buffalo	\$1,517 25	W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia	\$1,835 66
S. M. Vovkel Co., Pittsburgh	1,771 40	Glover & McGregor, Pittsb.	1,532 00
Graham, Parsons & Co., Philadelphia	1,461 66	Union Trust Co., Pittsb.	1,122 00
Redmond & Co., Pittsb.	1,287 75	A. B. Leach & Co., Phila.	1,726 35
		Mellon Nat. Bank, Pittsb.	1,645 50

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA (Province of).—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$2,250,000 4½% bonds has been sold to the National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., both of New York. Dated June 15 1925. Due June 15 1945. Principal and semi-ann. int. (June 15 and Dec. 15) payable in gold at the Bank of the Manhattan Co. in New York or the Imperial Bank of Canada in Toronto, Montreal or Edmonton. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 registerable as to principal only.

BAGOTVILLE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids are invited up to 4 p. m. June 10 for the purchase of \$89,000 bonds, dated May 1 1925. Alternative bids are asked for 3% serial bonds payable in 10 or 20 years, and 5½% serial bonds payable in 10 or 20 years. Bonds are in denom. of \$100 each or multiples thereof, and are payable at any branch of La Banque Canadienne Nationale in Quebec Province. L. P. Chayer, Sec.-Treas.

CAYUGA, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Matthews & Co. have purchased \$20,000 5½% 20-installment hydro-electric bonds at 103.20, which is equal to a cost basis of 5.12%.

DIGBY, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALE.—W. F. Mahon & Co. were awarded \$40,000 5% 20-year serial water-works debentures.

EAST YORK TOWNSHIP Ont.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Ames Co., Ltd., were awarded the \$311,795 5% 40-installment, and \$15,860 5½% 10-installment bonds at 100.29. Bids were as follows:
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd. 100.29 | C. H. Burgess & Co. 99.71
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co. 99.697 | Wood, Gundy & Co. 99.55
Bell, Gouinlock & Co. 99.40 | Gairdner, Clarke & Co. 99.37
Matthews & Co. 99.33 | Macneill, Graham & Co. 98.83
Goss, Forgie & Co. 98.80 | W. C. Brent & Co. 98.63
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. 98.18 | Murray & Co. 98.09

QUEBEC (Province of).—BOND OFFERING.—The Government received sealed bids until 3 p. m. June 5 for \$5,000,000 Province of Quebec bonds dated March 2 1925, due March 2 1950, bearing interest at the rate of 4½%, payable half-yearly on March 2 and Sept. 2. Principal and interest payable in gold dollars at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, or at the option of the holder, at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec and Toronto. Delivery in Montreal against payment in Montreal funds. The bonds will be redeemable at the option of the Government of the Province of Quebec as a whole, but not in part, on and after March 2 1945 and not earlier, on 60 days' notice at 100% and accrued interest. A sinking fund will be established sufficient to retire the bonds at maturity. Bonds in denominations of \$500 and \$1,000, with coupons attached, and may be registered as to principal only if desired by the holder. Or, \$5,000,000 Province of Quebec short-term bonds to be dated June 15 1925, due June 15 1927, bearing interest at the rate of 4½%, payable half-yearly on June 15 and Dec. 15. Principal and interest payable in gold dollars at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, or at the option of the holder, at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec and Toronto. Delivery in Montreal against payment in Montreal funds.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$114,839 6% 10-year serial bonds has been awarded to Royal Financial Corp., at 98.33, which is equal to a cost basis of 6.38%. Bids were as follows:
Royal Financial Corporation 98.33 | C. H. Burgess & Co. 98.25
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd. 98.28 | R. P. Clark & Co. 97.11

SASKATOON, Sask.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. purchased \$105,405 5½% 10, 15, 20 and 30-installment bonds at 101.14, which is equal to a cost basis of 5.40%. Alternative bids were asked for 5½% bonds payable in Canada only, and payable in Canada and United States, although some of the dealers bid on 5% bonds.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—The School Commissioners will receive bids up to 5 p. m. June 9 for the purchase of \$75,000 5% 30-year serial bonds, payable at Shawinigan Falls, Montreal and Quebec. The bonds are in denom. of \$500 and \$1,000 each. J. O. S. Brunet, Sec.-Treas.

WHITBY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,050 5½% 10-installment, and \$10,100 5½% 30-installment bonds has been sold locally at par.

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NEW LOANS

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C. C. Pashby, City Clerk, Memphis, Tennessee, will receive sealed bids at the City Hall until 2:30 P. M. **TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925**, for \$612,000.00 general liability, serial, negotiable coupon bonds. The bonds will be dated January 1, 1925. Interest in January and July at Memphis or at office of fiscal agent of Memphis in City of New York. The bonds are exempt from Federal Income Tax and all taxes in the State of Tennessee. The bonds will be furnished and delivered in New York, or equivalent. The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Esq., Attorney at Law, New York City, will be furnished. The bonds are for new improvements. Maturities range from one to twenty-seven years with an average of about 8¼ years for the four issues combined. The bidder will name a rate for each issue from those enumerated in the ordinances, respectively. Bonds can not be sold below par. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Complete data concerning sale may be had from the undersigned.

Attest:
C. C. PASHBY,
City Clerk.

ROWLETT PAINE,
Mayor.

NEW LOANS

**\$50,000
Herkimer County, N. Y.
Highway Bonds**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder at the front door of the Court House at Herkimer, N. Y., on the 16th day of June, 1925, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described bonds: \$50,000.00 County of Herkimer Highway Bonds, Series of 1925, said bonds to bear date the first day of July, 1925, to be of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, and numbered from one to fifty, both inclusive, to bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of October and April, and to mature in numerical order as follows: \$2,000.00 par value of said bonds being numbers one and two, on the first day of April, 1927, and \$2,000.00 par value of said bonds being numbers three and four, on the first day of April, 1928, and \$2,000.00 par value of said bonds of the next succeeding numbers, on the first day of April of each and every year thereafter, until all of said bonds are fully paid.

The successful bidder will be required to pay for the bonds on or before twelve o'clock noon on the first day of July, 1925, at which time said bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder.

Before any person will be allowed to bid for said bonds, such person shall deposit with the undersigned a certified check for ten per cent of the amount of the par value of the bonds bid for, drawn on a National Bank or Trust Company in the State of New York, and payable to the Order of the County Treasurer.

Checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the conclusion of the sale. When the bonds are delivered and paid for under the terms of this Notice of Sale, said certified check shall be considered as an advanced part payment for the bonds, or be retained as and for liquidated damages in the event the purchaser fails to comply with the terms of sale.

No bids of less than par will be considered. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated Herkimer, N. Y., May 15th, 1925.
EUGENE G. SWIFT,
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.
GEORGE F. WALLACE,
County Treasurer.

George H. Bunce,
County Attorney,
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BOND CALL

Bonds of Cameron County Texas Road Districts No. 1 and 2 called for payment July 1 1925 at the Hanover Natl. Bank, New York City.

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