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The Financial Situation.

The failure announced yesterday of Dean, Onativia & Co. seems to have been the result of special causes and not symptomatic of any general unsoundness. At the same time the failure is a large one, being scheduled at \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000, and should serve as a warning against carrying the spirit of venturesomeness too far. The firm was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, though its collapse does not appear to have arisen out of any dealings there, but it is on the Stock Exchange that venturesomeness is just now being carried too far, where, indeed, it is fast degenerating into recklessness.

There are underlying elements of great strength in the industrial and financial situation. These have been set out in these columns many times at great length. In addition there are many special favoring circumstances which are full of promise for the future. Power development is opening possibilities never previously dreamed of. Our whole industrial life may be changed thereby. Costs, most assuredly, will be reduced. The railroads have been given, as it were, a new lease of life, and they represent a tremendous investment. The position of the agricultural classes during the past twelve months has been greatly improved, and Federal taxes, so burdensome to industry and to the individual, are being steadily reduced.

But all this furnishes no warrant for the speculative excesses on our Stock Exchanges, where manipulation is beginning to count for more than intrinsic merit, and where prices, as a result of such manipulation, are being whirled up to dizzy heights. In the end the manipulators will get out from under, and then the too credulous public will suffer just as it

did in the collapse of the grain markets last spring. It is a time for caution, and for discrimination and sound judgment. He who buys, whether for speculation or for investment, should have a care what he buys.

Naturally much enthusiasm prevails regarding cotton conditions. An enormous area and a high condition report, even though it is early in the season, justify it. The Government estimate of area, 46,448,000 acres, issued in the July report on Thursday, confirms all preliminary statements. And then the condition of 75.9% of normal, a decline of only 0.7 points from the report issued a month earlier, is much better than was generally looked for in view of the many unfavorable statements that have been given currency during the intervening period. In the preceding ten years there have been only three years in which the condition shown for the corresponding date was higher than is now shown for 1925, and it has not been higher since 1918. The condition relates to the crop on June 25, and last year at that date it was 71.2% of normal. Of the other five years since 1918, there were three years in which the condition on June 25 was 70% or less, and in the two years 1922 and 1920 71.2% and 70.7%, respectively. A number of important cotton States show a condition above the average. A leading one is Oklahoma, 88%, where the area is 4,867,000 acres this year against 4,022,000 acres in 1924, and where the yield last year was 1,509,000 bales. Other high States are Arkansas, 87%; Alabama, 79%; Mississippi, 88%; North Carolina, 77%; Georgia, 76%; Louisiana, 81%; Tennessee, 85%, and Missouri, 90%.

In Texas, where the area planted to cotton this year is put at 18,237,000 acres, against 17,706,000 acres last year, a condition of only 64% of normal is indicated. This contrasts with 70% a month earlier, and the same 70% on June 25 1924. A great deal depends as to the final outcome of the cotton crop this year on the yield in Texas, where the early deficiency of moisture has been the cause of much of the complaints about the crop in that State this year, and may result later in even more serious injury. For South Carolina a condition of 70% is indicated, Virginia 85%, and Florida 84%. The increase in area planted this year is largely in Texas and Oklahoma as above noted. Arkansas, with 3,649,000 acres, shows a considerable gain over preceding years; also, Alabama, with 3,425,000 acres; Mississippi, with 3,424,000 acres, and South Carolina, with 2,740,000 acres. Georgia reports 3,564,000 acres, which compares with 3,099,000 acres last year, and North Carolina 2,183,000 acres, against 2,099,000 acres in 1924. There is a small

increase in Tennessee and Florida this year compared with 1924. Based on the condition of 75.9% now indicated for this year, a yield of 147.7 pounds of cotton to the acre is forecast by the Agricultural Department. On the enormous area planted this year, which is 3,807,000 acres more than the final estimate of acreage made in December last, for the crop of 1924, the production for this year is now placed at 14,339,000 bales, the third highest, if this yield is realized, on record, contrasting with 16,135,000 bales, the highest on record in 1914; 15,693,000 bales, the second highest in 1911, and 13,618,751 the actual harvest last year. The yield per acre this year may exceed the above estimate, as it did last year at 157.4 pounds, and has in all but three of the last 15 years. Since 1920, however, the yield per acre has been cut down very materially from that of the preceding years, being as low as 124.5 pounds in 1921, the lowest reported, 141.3 pounds in 1922, and 130.6 pounds in 1923. The improvement last year to 157.4 pounds was quite noteworthy, but even at that it was considerably below most of the years prior to 1921.

Mercantile insolvencies during June continued quite numerous, as in the earlier months of the year, the number, 1,745, contrasting with 1,767 in May and 1,607 in June 1924. Likewise liabilities are quite heavy, the amount for last month, \$36,701,496, contrasting with \$37,026,552 in May and with \$34,099,031 in June 1924. This statement, compiled from the records of R. G. Dun & Co., includes only commercial failures, banking defaults being reported separately. Fewer large commercial failures occurred last month, which in part accounts for some reduction in the indebtedness shown, and this is particularly true as to manufacturing lines, where in some months last year the losses were very large. For the half year ending with June insolvencies numbered 11,420, with an indebtedness of \$239,398,450, against 10,785 defaults during the first six months of 1924, for \$304,459,959. For the first and second quarters of this year an increase in the number of failures appears in the comparison with 1924, but a decrease in both instances as to the indebtedness, the reduction being slightly more favorable in the comparison covering the second quarter of this year than the first quarter.

In some respects, the report of insolvencies for June is rather the best of the current year to date. Manufacturing defaults last month numbered 431 and the indebtedness shown was \$16,159,040, the former being nearly 25% of the total number of failures that occurred in the United States during that month and the latter 44% of the total liabilities. The above figures contrast with 439 manufacturing failures in June 1924, owing \$16,645,661, the ratio as to last year's figures being, respectively, 27.3% and 45.9%. These ratios for the two years show little variation. The larger manufacturing failures last month, that is the defaults where the liabilities in each instance were \$100,000 or more, numbered 23 and the total indebtedness was \$10,430,971, leaving \$5,728,069 for the remaining 408 manufacturing insolvencies, an average for each default of \$14,040, the latter comparing with an average of \$19,058 for June 1924. Trading failures last month numbered 1,229 and the indebtedness was \$17,213,189, the number of trading defaults in June last year being 1,084, and the liabilities \$14,809,593.

There were 17 trading failures last month where the liabilities in each instance amounted to \$100,000 or more, the total indebtedness for these 17 defaults being \$4,373,761; in June 1924 the larger trading failures numbered 15, with liabilities of \$3,610,771. The increase in insolvencies last month over a year ago is practically all of it in the trading class, and, as previously noted, this has characterized conditions as to failures for the past six or eight months. Among agents and brokers there were 85 defaults in June with \$3,329,267 of liabilities, against 84 a year ago for \$2,643,777. The increase noted in the trading class is largely among grocers, leather goods, shoes, etc., drugs and restaurants and hotels, and while the increase shown for liabilities affects most of the leading lines of traders, there was a noteworthy increase as to indebtedness in the classification covering furniture. In the manufacturing division, there were fewer defaults in June this year than a year ago in most of the leading departments, practically the only important exception being lumber. Marked declines are shown for clothing and furnishings manufacturing, a slight reduction is shown for manufacturers of machinery and tools as to the number of defaults, but liabilities as to that class are again high this year, owing to some large failures. An increase also appears this year in the liabilities reported for the lumber class, but there is a large decrease for iron and a reduction in most other lines.

The improvement in the second quarter of this year is not more than is customary. Both as to the number of commercial defaults and as to the indebtedness reported, there is a reduction for the past three months in comparison with the first quarter of 1925, as there has been in nine of the preceding ten years. The number of failures and the amount of liabilities for the past three months are likewise smaller than they were for the corresponding period of 1924. The improvement this year is largely in the South and in the Central West, the latter embracing the seven States west of the Mississippi River, including Minnesota, the Dakotas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Conditions in this section were rather unfortunate last year and failures at that time were quite numerous, not only of commercial concerns, but of banks. The returns this year in both respects show improvement, commercial failures in 1925 being fewer in number, while liabilities are less, and the same is true as to banking defaults. The change for the better is notable in the Dakotas and in Nebraska and Kansas, in which States the liabilities also are very much less than they were a year ago. The indebtedness reported in Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri is reduced, as compared with a year ago, but there is an increase in the number of commercial defaults in these States. In the South Atlantic States, for the second quarter this year, there were 517 commercial defaults, against 565 a year ago, whereas the liabilities were \$14,791,146, against \$13,247,667 last year. In Maryland and West Virginia, two States in this group, some large manufacturing defaults added to the liabilities in those States—hence the increase—likewise as to Georgia, where some large trading defaults occurred this year. Virginia reports fewer failures and a reduction in indebtedness this year as compared with 1924, and in Georgia and Florida the number of defaults is considerably less than a year ago. Fewer failures appear in the second quarter

of this year for Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana and for all these States, except the latter, liabilities were considerably reduced in 1925. Texas reports the same number of commercial defaults in the second quarter of this year as last year, but an increase appears in the indebtedness shown for that State this year, owing to some large insolvencies.

There is quite an increase in the number of failures this year over a year ago in the New England States, especially in Massachusetts and Connecticut; in the Middle Atlantic States, in New York and Pennsylvania (New Jersey reporting a decrease both in number and indebtedness), and in the three Pacific Coast States, all of the latter showing a considerable increase in number and liabilities this year. For the five Central States, Indiana alone shows fewer failures during the second quarter of this year than a year ago. Owing to some very large manufacturing defaults last year, the liabilities of failures in these States reported this year, especially for the States of Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin, are very much less than in 1924. For Michigan and Indiana the total defaulted indebtedness during the second quarter of this year is somewhat larger than for the corresponding period of 1924. Taken as a whole, however, manufacturing defaults in this group of five States, where the manufacturing interest is extremely heavy, are nearly 15% fewer in number this year than they were in 1924, while the indebtedness for the second quarter of this year shows a reduction of more than 26% in comparison with the amount reported for the corresponding period of 1924. This is one of the most notable features in the statement of defaults covering the second quarter of the past two years.

Banking failures during the second quarter of this year and for six months, show a considerable reduction from those of a year ago. Such suspensions in the three months recently ended numbered 111, with liabilities of \$42,859,470, as against 144 for \$43,925,548 in the first quarter of this year and 163 banking suspensions, with liabilities of \$52,953,120, in the second quarter of 1924. For six months of this year there were 255 banking defaults, involving \$86,785,018, against 428 similar defaults in the first half of 1924 with liabilities of \$153,228,720. In the section embracing Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa and Missouri, more than 40% of all the bank failures occurring in the past three months are shown, while the amount of liabilities for this section is in excess of 35% of the total. There were a number of bank failures during the past three months in the South, especially in South Carolina, Texas and Oklahoma; also, in North Carolina and Georgia. Four banking failures for \$10,356,000 were reported in Pennsylvania, and with this exception no banking suspensions occurred in the Eastern States.

The French Chamber of Deputies adopted one of the financial proposals of Finance Minister Caillaux at an early hour last Saturday morning, June 27. The vote was surprisingly favorable, 328 to 119. It was on Article II, increasing the paper circulation by 6,000,000,000 francs. The chief features of the bill as a whole were outlined in last week's issue of the "Chronicle." They include "an increase of 6,000,000,000 francs in the circulation of French bank notes and the floating of a new loan, the interest on which would be guaranteed on a gold basis." It will be recalled that "the plan is intended to meet the

crisis which the Government faces when the payments on the national defense bonds fall due next month."

The bill as a whole was adopted by the Chamber at 6 o'clock last Saturday morning, "after an all-night session." It then went to the Senate, which convened at 10 a. m. the same day, "having been summoned especially for the purpose." The bill was passed by the Senate in the afternoon, 24 hours after its introduction into the Lower House and after five hours' debate. The largest vote obtained by the Government in the Senate was 273 to 11, with a large number of abstentions.

Commenting upon the manner in which this financial legislation was handled by the Finance Minister, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said in part: "Even Poincare, when, in February 1924, under pressure of American bankers who stepped in to save the franc, he pushed through the bill increasing all taxation 20%, never made Parliament work, or worked himself, under such pressure as Caillaux has done. It was 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he introduced the bill into the Chamber after a long Cabinet meeting. From then until 6.30 this morning, in commission, in a party group meeting and in full debate, the Finance Minister never ceased for an instant hammering the measure through. During the night he made three considerable speeches and constant replies to questions raised. All political intrigue and political conceptions which have been stirring during the past two months came to a head during the evening, and before Leon Blum's attack and the watchful attitude of the Right Caillaux had to be as alert as a duelist facing two adversaries." Continuing, he said: "Even his enemies admit his handling of the situation was masterly. He rushed every one to his own advantage and was always just a little ahead of his opponents. Apparently unfatigued, though three hours in bed was the most he could have had, he was ready at 11 o'clock this morning to face the Financial Commission of the Senate and begin the fight all over again. Again he rushed things. He insisted the bill must be passed to-day. By 9 votes to 5, with 11 abstentions, the Commission finally was persuaded to adopt the bill, which was immediately placed before the Upper House." That the vote in the Senate was not a representative one was shown by the following: "Unwarned of the Finance Minister's intentions, many Senators left town on Thursday for their country residences, and it was before a small House the bill was debated. None of the financial experts took any part. Henri Cheron, Poincare's lieutenant and the Nationalist Party boss, however, on behalf of his party, was ready with objections and reservations. He and his group abstained from voting, and, as in the Chamber, the Government's majority was composed of men of all parties, who decided for once to abandon party discipline and place the urgent need of the country above the attitude toward the Government." As to the manner in which the bill was received at first, the "Times" correspondent said: "The bill itself has been well received in financial circles. The franc, which last evening took a steep downward plunge, recovered well this morning, and there is no doubt the conversion loan, with its undertaking that service will be paid on a gold basis, will prove not only a relief to the Treasury but a great attraction to French bondholders." He likewise explained that

"this measure for which Caillaux has had to fight so hard is, however, the first of a series which he must undertake. He has now the even greater task in front of him of getting approval of the Finance Commission and the Chamber to his 1926 budget and increase of taxation by 4,000,000,000 francs, which he needs to secure a full equilibrium and the margin he wants."

The Paris representative of the Associated Press, after stating in a dispatch on June 29 that "it is understood the new gold loan, reserved to holders of national defense bonds, will be ready to issue within ten days, probably on Bastille Day, July 14, the occasion of France's national fete," made the following report of the manner in which the bill had been received: "Financial experts in general give favorable reception to the gold loan plan, although agreeing with M. Caillaux that it is a bold measure. Some, however, criticize it on the ground it is a dangerous innovation for the State to pay one class of debts in gold and the rest in paper. These critics point out that it may be seized upon by manufacturers dealing in Government supplies and others as a precedent in demanding payments calculated on a gold basis. The wisdom of increasing the note circulation is generally indorsed, and it is again remarked that the new issue will not constitute inflation, as the notes will not be used to cover budget expenditures but legitimate needs of commerce. Economists hold the note circulation ought to amount to one and a half times the budget total, and the figure authorized by Parliament will correspond to this ratio."

With respect to the carrying out of the financial plan of M. Caillaux, Paris heard on June 30 that he "has opened negotiations with the governing board of the Bank of France for a convention raising the total note circulation by 6,000,000,000 francs, with a corresponding increase in the bank's advances to the Treasury." It was added that, "at the same time, he is working out the conditions for the issue of the new gold basis loan, which he hopes to announce at the end of the week. As the first step, he held a council with representatives of the leading banks. He also is creating a special organizing committee to insure the successful floating of the loan. This is to be presided over by Georges Bonnet, Under-Secretary attached to the Premier's office, and directed by Eugene Regard, Assistant General Manager of the Credit Foncier Bank. The rate of interest also is undetermined, and it is said it will depend largely on the situation of the market."

One feature of the plan at least seems to have been especially well received. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" reported on June 30 that "Finance Minister Caillaux's project to consolidate the floating debt through launching a gold parity loan open only to holders of French national defense bonds already is bearing fruit. In the first day after the announcement of the loan it is estimated the number of national defense bonds issued during the course of the day was infinitely greater than the number which had to be redeemed." The correspondent further observed that "this circumstance, indicating the general feeling of confidence which has been created among holders of national defense bonds by the new project, is especially gratifying to M. Caillaux, who is inclined to perceive in this initial result of his announcement of the loan a forecast of

its eventual success. Interviewed on the subject to-day, M. Caillaux said: 'I cannot give you exact figures, but I admit, if you wish, that the difference in favor of the bonds amounts to close to 100,000,000 francs. If I have been reproached with being too daring, my project's first results would seem to indicate that I took the right course and that, as I like to repeat, daring creates confidence. It is evident people who have money to invest are eager to put themselves in condition to subscribe to the loan.'

The point was stressed in Paris cable messages that "M. Caillaux, the Finance Minister, has lost no time in wielding the axe under the first article of his financial law. He has summoned the heads of the departments which supervise the country's expenditures to confer with him on possible economies; he has suppressed 100 registration offices which are no longer necessary, and has notified 134 similar offices that they will be suppressed on an early date." The Associated Press correspondent in Paris said that "this first article has heretofore attracted but little attention, although it confers on the Premier and Finance Minister jointly powers which the 'Temps' to-night calls 'royal,' allowing them to effect economies in the Administration by decrees signed by them. The 'Temps' declares that the article is twin brother to the bill which M. Poincare pleaded for during eleven days of morning and afternoon sittings last year to give the Government power to bring about economies by decree—a bill which did much to bring about the fall of the Poincare Ministry."

France has taken steps with respect to negotiating a settlement of her war debt to the United States. It became known in Paris on July 1 that "the French Government soon will inform the United States of its desire to open negotiations in Washington for settlement of the French debt." It was stated in an Associated Press dispatch on that date that "anxious consideration is being given at the Foreign Office and Ministry of Finance to terms. The advisers of the Foreign Minister do not appear to have reached definite conclusions, but it is recognized that both the American and British debts must be arranged as part of the French Government's program to stabilize the country's finances this autumn. Credits in the United States are deemed necessary for this purpose. The word loan is not used, but rather credits, probably somewhat of the nature of those recently obtained by England from the Federal Reserve Bank to assist in stabilizing the pound." According to this dispatch, also, "M. Briand and M. Caillaux are agreed negotiations should be initiated only when the French Government is able to make a precise offer to America. Therefore they have desired to dispose of the budget question and assure a Treasury margin before sending a formal communication to Washington."

The Paris correspondent of the Chicago "Tribune" cabled positively on June 30 that "the French Cabinet decided to-day to fund its debt to America without further delay. Aristide Briand, Foreign Minister, read the Cabinet a draft of the French note to America in which the French Government officially recognizes the debt and states its intention to pay in full. In the conclusion the note announces the departure of a commission for Washington with full power to fund the debt. This note, which was in

reply to a recent communication of Secretary Kellogg, was unanimously approved by the Cabinet. The note will probably be handed to Ambassador Herrick this week, and the commission will be sent in two or three weeks, France not wishing to be the last debtor to fund its debt. The French undoubtedly will ask a moratorium, but they will not try to make payment dependent on France's financial condition. The French delegates will likely accompany the Belgian delegation headed by former Premier Theunis."

It was admitted in Paris cable advices that "the debt question has been thrust still further to the fore by the receipt from London of a new memorandum suggesting France make an offer for settlement of her debt to England, even if only a provisional one." Speaking more definitely, it became known in Paris on July 1 that "Austen Chamberlain, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has delivered to M. de Fleury, the French Ambassador to Great Britain, a new memorandum suggesting that the time is ripe for France to make an offer for the settlement of her debt to England, even if it is only a provisional one." The Associated Press representative in the British capital said that, "after summing up what has gone before, Mr. Chamberlain states that the British Government has no desire to interfere in negotiations which France might consider right to initiate with other creditor Powers—by which the United States evidently is meant—but feels it necessary to lay down the principle that it is entitled to be treated on an equal footing. The memorandum, which is couched in the friendliest terms, recalls the correspondence between Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and M. Clementel, former French Finance Minister, and the British note of Feb. 7, resulting in experts from the French Ministry of Finance being sent to London to study the problem with the British Treasury experts." Continuing, he said: "Officials of the Foreign Office are studying the British note, and M. Briand, the Foreign Minister, will take it up with his colleagues at the next Cabinet meeting, after which he will settle with M. Caillaux, Minister of Finance, the terms of the reply to be sent to London." It was stated in a special wireless message to the New York "Times" yesterday morning that "sixty million pounds is the sum Great Britain has mentioned in her note to the Allies concerning their debts as the amount she would gladly receive from them as soon as possible."

The French Ambassador to the United States, M. Daeschner, gave definite word to Secretary Mellon on Thursday that "France soon would be ready to initiate negotiations for the funding of her \$4,000,000,000 war debt to this Government." While an exact date was not set, it is expected that the sessions will begin "early in September." It was stated in a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" yesterday morning that "the exact date depends upon France." The correspondent said also that "France, it was explained by Ambassador Daeschner, would not be ready to suggest a date for the September meeting until the work of balancing the Government budget had been completed. He expected that this would be accomplished the latter part of July, at which time the French Foreign Office would further communicate with this Government on the subject." Further formal action was taken by the French

Cabinet yesterday with respect to sending a commission to the United States to settle the country's war debt. In an Associated Press dispatch last evening it was stated that "the Council of Ministers to-day approved a plan to send a French debt commission to the United States this summer. The commission is being selected now. The plan will be submitted to a full meeting of the French Cabinet to-morrow, with President Doumergue in the chair, for final action."

Confirmatory of what American bankers returning from Europe in recent weeks have said relative to the state of industry and trade in France, the Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled on June 30 that "business is booming in France. In contrast with the state of affairs in England disclosed by yesterday's debate in the House of Commons, it was stated to-day by the French Labor Ministry that there are no unemployed in Paris and scarcely more than a thousand in the whole country. It is not only the agricultural and industrial fields that are busy, but the enormous tourist trade is keeping everyone active. All kinds of manufactories are working full time. Steel and iron industries, the automobile industry, building trades, textile trades and the 'luxury trades' in lace and jewelry are making big gains, and the clothing industry in Paris is finding orders for everything that it can produce. Firms which a year ago were beginning to show the results of overproduction after the war, have discovered foreign orders, and are making ample amends for any falling off of home consumption."

The situation in Morocco seems to have improved somewhat for the French. It was stated in a special cable dispatch from Tangier to the New York "Times" on June 26 that "the French are preparing to launch an offensive in a fortnight, but are unlikely to extend operations into the Riff. The offensive will be confined to subduing and giving an object lesson to the revolted tribes within their zone and driving out the Riffians." Word came from Paris the same day that "by quick and adroit tactics the French command succeeded in checking what appeared the beginning of a new and decisive Riff offensive against Fez. The enemy's move against the Moroccan capital was discovered on Wednesday evening, when French outposts reported the appearance of Riff contingents in the vicinity of the route to Fez at Ain Aicha and Touanat." It was also stated that "yesterday morning the Riff advance guard boldly made its appearance at Ain Maatouf. The French command, grasping the significance of the Riff movement, at once dispatched a sufficient number of men with camions and artillery to the point of danger. The French made such an effective demonstration that the enemy advance guard withdrew to cover and the Riff advance ceased."

In Paris cable advices a day or two later it was indicated that the Riffians were preparing for more big battles, and that the French troops were compelled to fight hard to keep the territory they had gained. According to a cable message from Rabat, French Morocco, however, 300 Riffians were found dead on the field after an offensive against the French in the Upper Leben Valley.

For several days rumors of peace negotiations between the French and Abd-el-Krim, the leader of the Riffians, have been coming from various sources. On June 30 the Paris correspondent of "The Sun" cabled that, "while Abd-el-Krim is attacking practically along the whole front in Morocco with slight success, possibilities for peace are being considered in Paris and Madrid. It is believed that Louis Malby's visit to Madrid was in connection with peace as well as the perfection of the blockade." In a special Marseilles cable dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" on July 1, it was stated that "the French parliamentary committee sent to investigate the Moroccan war has returned here. Deputy Charles Guilhaumon said: 'The situation in Morocco, which at one moment was critical and which remains serious, necessitates a rapid and bold offensive. I stress "rapid" because the rainy season in October will make the roads impassable. The smallest loss of ground by our side to the enemy will mean victory. It is necessary to prevent Abd-el-Krim's prestige from increasing as the penalty would be seeing French prestige diminish.'"

Word came from Melilla, Morocco, on July 1, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "Abd-el-Krim, the Riffian war lord, has suffered a broken leg by being thrown from the back of his mule. The mule, frightened by the noise of an airplane flying over the Bocoya region, suddenly bolted and threw its rider."

That the French Cabinet is being supported in the Moroccan campaign is shown by the following special Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" yesterday morning: "Without a dissenting voice, the Senate this afternoon voted confidence in the Government to continue military and diplomatic action in Morocco for obtaining peace with Abd-el-Krim. Both Premier Painleve and Foreign Minister Briand intervene in the debate which, in contrast with recent discussions in the Chamber, was not interrupted by Communists, but was conducted with dignity and calm. As in the Lower House, the military aspect of the campaign was somewhat lost sight of during the discussion in the preoccupation of the Senators with the effect of Bolshevist propaganda in French as in English colonies and China."

The German Government was said to have reached a decision on June 27 as to the chief features of its reply to the French and English terms for a security agreement. The German Cabinet conferred that day with the Premiers of the German States. The session lasted from 10 o'clock in the forenoon until evening. The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" said in a cable dispatch the same day that "after its Cabinet sittings, the German Government has reached a unanimous conclusion to answer Foreign Minister Briand's note on the security pact by officially asking for clarification of its critical passages." He added that "the German representatives in Paris and London will inform the Powers of Germany's desire to continue negotiations looking toward the conclusion of the security pact."

As to Germany entering the League of Nations, the Berlin correspondent of "The Sun," in a dispatch on June 29, asserted that "Germany will not

enter the League of Nations this year. This may be regarded as absolutely authoritative." He further claimed that "the reason why the League Assembly next September will not be called upon to vote the Reich into membership is because Chancellor Luther's Cabinet is firmly resolved not to join the League until Cologne has been evacuated and the German disarmament dispute has been settled. Foreign Minister Stresemann has informed his colleagues in the Cabinet that he considers it out of the question for these matters to be settled satisfactorily for Germany before the Assembly meets. Since the Reich can become a member of the League only by a majority vote at the regular Assembly or by extraordinary assembly specially convened for the purpose, which scarcely could be held before the end of the year, German participation at Geneva must be inevitably postponed until 1926. Meanwhile Stresemann looks confidently toward summoning a diplomatic conference at which Allied and German statesmen will meet on terms of complete equality and which will thresh out political problems grouped under the heads of national security and reduction of armaments. At this conference America, it is hoped in official quarters here, will be represented at least by an observer."

In an interview with newspapermen on June 26 President Coolidge was said to have been "indignant at the latest left-handed attempt to make the taxpayers of America pay the German reparations." It was stated by the New York "Herald Tribune" representative at Swampscott, Mass., the summer home of the President, that "this caustic reference to the suggestion at the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce at Brussels by Sir Joshua Stamp was made by a summer White House spokesman this afternoon." Continuing his account, the same correspondent said: "The President pointed out to callers that actually American purchases abroad right now are running more than 50% in excess of what they were before the World War. It was hinted also that there is no unemployment in France, so that the statement that France cannot reduce her duties to admit German goods is interesting but not persuasive when it comes to arguing that the United States should reduce her customs barriers so that American factories could slow down and permit German factories to furnish the goods. It was also pointed out that Great Britain, which claims to have free trade, must herself be the judge of what she wants to do, but, further, that there is no desire to produce unemployment in this country by so changing the tariff policy that German factories and mills will supply American needs instead of mills in this country."

Berlin cable advices on June 29 stated that "Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, former American Minister to Peking and newly-appointed Ambassador to Germany, to-day presented his credentials to President von Hindenburg. Addresses were exchanged in which each expressed the hope for a continuance of cordial friendship between the two countries." It was added that "Dr. Schurman, accompanied by his staff, was received by President von Hindenburg, with Foreign Minister Stresemann and other German officials in attendance. Von Hindenburg was in a happy and affable mood, and conversed personally with all members of Dr. Schurman's staff and chat-

ted in German with the Ambassador after the formal speeches had been made."

According to a special Berlin dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" on July 1, "the battle over Germany's security pact proposal was begun at a stormy meeting of the Reichstag's Foreign Relations Committee to-day, with Foreign Minister Stresemann and the Nationalist members of the committee supplying the fireworks. The fate of Stresemann, as well as that of the pact, is involved in the struggle, for if the decision is adverse to the Foreign Minister he doubtless will resign." It was added that, "although the proceedings were confidential, it was learned in authoritative quarters that Stresemann was subjected to a close examination of the Government's policies by the Nationalists, with emphasis on the pact, the inter-Allied disarmament note and the prospects for the evacuation of the Cologne zone. The Nationalists accused Stresemann of promoting the pact proposal without consulting their representatives in the Cabinet and without regard to German interests." Continuing his account, the correspondent said that "Stresemann defended himself vigorously, charging the Nationalists with playing a double game by pretending on one hand to support the Government and its efforts to come to an understanding with the Allies and, on the other, conducting sinister propaganda against the Government in a deliberate attempt to discredit its policies. He demanded that the Nationalist Party state clearly where it stands by drawing a sharp distinction between its own moderate and extreme elements, and for this purpose he announced the intention of the People's Party—his own group—to bring the pact and auxiliary questions of foreign policy up for debate in the Reichstag."

The new Greek Cabinet, of which General Pangalos is Premier, was sworn in on June 26, before Admiral Coundouriotis, Provisional President of the Republic. It was referred to by the Associated Press correspondent in Athens as a "hastily formed Ministry." The Premier also assumed the duties of War Minister, while M. Copinas, who was active in the 1922 revolution, has been appointed Minister of Finance. Prior to taking office, it was stated that "airplanes to-day scattered 100,000 copies of a proclamation issued by General Pangalos to the Greek people, wherein the General promises a good administration, punishment of speculators and relief for Greek refugees. The proclamation says: 'The erring Michaelakopoulos Government has been overthrown. In spite of the Cabinet's resistance until the last moment, not a drop of fraternal blood has been shed, as the revolution has the approval of the great majority of the Greek people, army and fleet. In taking responsibility for the overthrow I am conscious of my obligations to the people, and will make every endeavor to see that the future Government gives a good administration, equality, security and justice. Speculators who steal the sweat of the people will be punished severely, and on them the axe of justice will fall without mercy.'

The overthrow of the former Greek Ministry appears to have caused considerable uneasiness in European capitals generally. It was reported from London that the "British Naval Mission to Greece is to be recalled in consequence of the revolution

there." From Rome came an Associated Press dispatch stating that "the Greek revolution is being followed with keen interest here, especially by numerous Greek refugees who hope the unrest will lead to a return to power of the Greek royal family." The New York "Times" representative in Belgrade sent word that "the Greek coup d'etat, with the coming into power of General Pangalos, probably means a breakdown in all the negotiations between Jugoslavia and Greece over Saloniki, in the opinion of Belgrade newspapers. The situation is delicate, as the revolutionaries demand a complete change in foreign policy." According to a special London dispatch to the "Times" at the same time, "well-informed British circles believe important developments are likely in the Balkan Peninsula following the Greek revolution, not the least interesting of which may be a strong effort toward a general Balkan alliance." The Washington representative of the "Times," in referring to advices received by the State Department "from Herbert S. Goold, American Charge d'Affaires at Athens, and from Robert F. Fernald, American Consul at Salonika," said: "It was pointed out here that although reports refer to a 'revolution' in Greece, they show conclusively that there was no 'revolution' in the usual meaning of the word. What has occurred, it was explained, is a coup d'etat, aimed at the Cabinet and not endangering the form of government nor the prerogatives of either the President or Parliament." The correspondent added that "Americans are asked to bear in mind the peculiar situation in Greece, which is emerging from a long period of warfare which it did not instigate, and burdened with the influx of a million and a half refugees."

In a special wireless message from Athens two days following all of the foregoing dispatches, it was stated that, "although his own party contains only twenty Deputies, Pangalos hopes to gain a vote from the adherents of all parties. While a certain number of Deputies of other parties will support Pangalos it is not thought there will be enough of them to secure a majority for the Government and the passing of the sought-for vote of confidence."

The British Government has found it necessary to give further specific attention to economic problems within its own borders. Some of the opposition in this regard that the present Ministry has been called upon to meet is said to have been purely political. According to a special London cable dispatch to the New York "Times," this was particularly true of the "motion of censure" that was made in the House of Commons by Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Opposition and Premier when the Labor Party was in power. Fortunately, the Government was upheld by a vote of 373 to 143, which was taken on June 29. In his account of Mr. MacDonald's speech in favor of his motion of censure, the "Times" correspondent said it was "framed entirely on political lines." The correspondent added that "he [Mr. MacDonald] showed how unemployment had risen since May of last year from 1,057,000 to 1,253,000 this May and he kept asking why the Conservative Government did not do something in eight months in office to relieve the situation. He attacked the budget for helping classes able to look after themselves and made an original argument concerning Russia. He made the specific suggestion Russia could take a great quantity of Scotch herring. The seafaring pop-

ulation of the east coast of Scotland; he declared, was suffering because they could no longer sell to Russia their herrings and if only the export credits scheme was extended to include Russia, scores of thousands of decent men and women of Scotland would be made happy."

On the other hand, "Mr. Baldwin, in replying, began by adjuring the House not to allow itself 'to get rattled.' Allowing for additions to the numbers on the unemployment register due to a change in the law, he brought down the increase to 160,000, and he thought these entirely drawn from a few staple industries, such as coal, iron, steel, engineering and shipbuilding. He also pointed out that normal pre-war unemployment was about 500,000, and asked the House to remember the pre-war average of annual emigration of 200,000 had fallen to 130,000. Against the black spots, which the Premier fully admitted and deeply deplored, he asked the House to set 'the general and, on the whole, progressive improvement in trade that is more related to personal consumption—clothes, boots, shoes and furniture distribution. The importance of that is it shows that up to now, during these difficult times through which we are passing, the purchasing power of the community as a whole had not been seriously impaired."

By way of relief for the existing situation, the "Times" representative also reported that "the Government has decided the time has come to help the British film industry and to consider whether some form of subsidy should not be given to those industries which 'seem at the moment beaten down to a position of helplessness.'" He explained that "this announcement was made in the House of Commons to-night by Prime Minister Baldwin in his speech answering the motion for a vote of censure on the alleged lack of a policy toward the growing unemployment evil, made by Ramsay MacDonald, which the House later rejected, the Government getting a majority of 230." It was added that "Mr. Baldwin gave a catalogue of all forms subsidies could take: 'either by bounties on production or on export or subsidies of specific contracts or orders mainly for export or subsidies for specially distressed districts, aid in the rates to take the burden off those who manufacture in the district, or a subsidy to bring down freight rates on railways.' He made the suggestions to the House and invited discussion which might guide the Cabinet in its deliberations."

It seems that Premier Baldwin's plan for subsidies met with opposition at once from the industrialists. The London correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled on June 30 that "leaders of industry and commerce, interviewed to-day, expressed strong disapproval of the policy of subsidies as tending to increase the already tremendous burden on the taxpayers, unless Sir Alfred Mont's scheme for diverting individual unemployment payments to relieve depression in the industries is adopted." The next day he sent word that "the text of the Government's new unemployment bill, issued to-day, shows that it was put forth to appease the industrialists who vigorously opposed the pension plan contained in the budget. The bill decreases by two pence weekly in the case of men and a penny in the case of women, boys and girls, the premiums payable by both the employers and employees to the unemployment insurance fund." It was explained

also that, "while this fund technically is separate from the pension fund, the effect of the new scale will be to halve the cost to workmen and employers of the Churchill social insurance plan. A part of the saving will be accounted for by restricting somewhat the scope of the unemployment dole now paid, and the rest will represent an increased contribution to the fund from the Treasury. The Laborites naturally will resist any curtailment of the dole, but they have no chance of voting down the Government."

Still another specific problem with which the British Government has had to deal has been the 30-day notice given by the owners of the coal mines to the miners, "ending the present national agreement fixing wages and hours." The New York "Times" representative in the British capital declared that "the most acute issue is that of coal. England cannot sell her coal on the Continent and she cannot sell it because it costs too much to produce. It costs too much to produce because the men work seven hours instead of eight, nine and ten in the Continental mines and because their wages are way above those of the French and German miners. Many mines are closed and there are 200,000 fewer men digging coal than a year ago. The operators say this cannot go on, and seek to restore the eight-hour day and reduce pay." Continuing, the correspondent said: "There can be no doubt that production cost is what is ruining the British coal trade. That cost stands now at 13 shillings 6¾ pence per ton, as compared with 6 shillings 10½ pence per ton before the war. These scales, which show an increase of 97%, may be compared to the per ton cost of Germany and France, which runs about 7½ shillings. It is stated that every ton of coal sold abroad in the past three months presented a loss of a shilling and a half. Five hundred closed coal pits in England result from France and Germany getting England's coal trade on the Continent. The general opinion expressed among all but the miners is that restoration of the eight-hour day will do much to relieve the situation. Operators and miners are to begin their conferences the coming week, and doubtless out of it will come a common effort to cut cost of production."

Taking up the third big problem, he said: "On the labor horizon in addition looms a railroad struggle due to the falling off of the roads' income and their consequent desire not only not to meet demands for increases in wages but to try and effect a decrease of existing scales. These developments are only features of the general situation growing out of the increasingly difficult economic situation and reflected in increasing unemployment and waning foreign trade, which in the opinion of many observers mean that England will have to come to protection. In fact, it is a common prediction now that the Labor Party will soon be out against free trade." This is certainly an interesting statement to be made by the representative in the capital of a free trade country of a Democratic newspaper in America.

In discussing still another feature of the trade situation, the London correspondent of "The Sun" said in a dispatch on the afternoon of June 30 that "at 5 o'clock this evening all goods which are to escape the McKenna duties, reimposed to-morrow, must be entered at the British customs houses. As a consequence, every available airplane engaged in cross

Channel traffic is involved to-day in a big race to dump on time silks, watches, clocks, musical instruments and even spare parts of airplanes. This dumping, which became feverish in the last 48 hours, is responsible for the landing in Great Britain of a formidable amount of silk from France and Italy, and for huge consignments of Swiss watches and clocks." He further stated that "it is the first time airplanes have been used so extensively to dump goods on which duties are about to be imposed. French airplanes alone carried six tons of silk yesterday and to-day, a big consignment from Lyons being rushed by plane via Paris. It is expected to reach England only a few minutes before the customs close. For weeks past there has been a steady stream of American automobiles, some of them arriving here without being boxed, so great was the pressure for time. In the face of this sensational wave of dumping it is possible that Chancellor of the Exchequer Winston Churchill may carry out his threat of making the 33 1-3% duties retroactive, in which case the great hustle will have been all in vain."

Debt negotiations between Italy and the United States are not likely to be taken up again actively in Washington until the latter part of August. A second conference was held there on June 30. It was explained in an Associated Press dispatch that, "with the capacity of Italy to pay already established as the basis upon which negotiations will proceed the second conference between Italian and American officials was called to-day to consider terms on which Italy's war debt may be funded." According to a later message from the Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" to his paper, "debt funding negotiations with the Italian Government ended abruptly here to-day, not to be resumed until the latter part of August, when Italy's official commission is expected to arrive here with data on which the United States Debt Funding Commission can arrive at some definite conclusion of Italy's ability to pay." It was added that "Mr. Alberti, Italy's financial Minister Plenipotentiary in the preliminary negotiations, it was announced, following two brief conferences to-day, will return to Rome at once to supervise the assembling of facts and figures relative to Italy's economic status." The correspondent also said that "the American officials have made it clear that they do not propose to drive Italy into an agreement the terms of which would not be justified by her economic condition."

According to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" the same evening, "Italy has been informed that in effecting an agreement for the funding of her \$2,000,000,000 war debt to the United States she will be expected to make settlements along the lines laid down in the debt compact signed with Great Britain in June 1922." It was also stated in the dispatch that "this was made known after it had been announced that the exchanges between the representatives of the United States and Italy, who met for the second time at the Treasury Department to-day, had been suspended for the present, but would be resumed in August and then continued until an agreement was reached." Continuing, the correspondent said: "The abrupt termination of the negotiations at first created the impression that the conferees had reached an impasse in their labors, but Treasury officials hastened to explain that as an

agreement for the adjustment of the Italian debt, in the nature of things, must be predicated upon Italy's capacity to pay, more time had been given the Italian representatives to prepare figures showing Italy's present economic condition and her prospects for the future in the matter of Governmental revenues."

The following Associated Press dispatch from Rome yesterday morning apparently contains the latest news relative to conditions in Italy: "The Cabinet at its meeting to-day [July 2] made a comprehensive survey of Italy's internal and international situation and judged both to be excellent. It decided to take 'immediate and positive steps to defend the lira and punish speculators and persons causing a panic and lira depreciation, which is unjustified and absurd.' The Cabinet agreed to Premier Mussolini's proposal to create a 'Permanent Grain Committee' to suggest to the Government plans for increasing Italian grain production, the insufficiency of which has necessitated large importations adversely affecting the national trade balance. The Premier said Italy and Jugoslavia would soon sign about thirty partial agreements dealing with local questions affecting Fiume and Dalmatia and intended to improve traffic and economic relations between Italy and Jugoslavia. He told the Cabinet negotiations for a German-Italian commercial treaty probably would be concluded soon. With regard to the Western European security compact proposed by Germany, he said Italy's attitude continued to be one of 'waiting for developments.'"

According to a cable dispatch from London, dated July 2, the Bank of India's discount rate has again been reduced; this time from 5% to 4%. Aside from this, however, official discount rates at leading centres continue to be quoted at 9% in Berlin; 7% in Paris, Italy 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 discounts were easier and short bills were quoted at 4¼@4½%, but closed at 4 7-16%, against 4 9-16@4 5-8%, while three months' bills closed at 4½@4 9-16%, against 4 9-16% a week ago. Call money at the British centre was strong and touched 3⅞%, but declined and closed at 3¼%, as compared with 3⅜% last week. At Paris and Switzerland open market discount rates were not changed from 5⅞% and 2⅞%, respectively.

The Bank of England this week reported a gain in gold holdings of £418,768, as against a loss of almost as much last week. This, however, was accompanied by a decline in reserve of £940,000, the result of expansion in note circulation of £1,359,000. Moreover, there was a further lowering in the proportion of reserve to liabilities to 19.74%, as against 24.02% a week ago and 25.51% for the week of June 17. A year ago the reserve ratio stood at 13⅜% and in 1923 at 14¼%. Sharp changes were likewise shown in the deposit items. Public deposits decreased £1,900,000, while "other" deposits increased £25,697,000. Loans on Government securities expanded £7,545,000 and on other securities £17,255,000. The Bank's stock of gold now is £157,602,608, as against £128,265,538 a year ago (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the £27,000,000 gold formerly held by the Redemption Account of the currency note issue), and £127,624,425 the year before that.

Reserve aggregates £30,716,000, against £20,215,013 in 1924 and £20,597,735 a year earlier. Loans total £96,278,000, in comparison with £95,355,732 a year ago and £96,425,366 in 1923, while note circulation is now £146,628,000, against £127,800,523 and £126,976,730 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £942,336,000, which compares with £703,037,000 last week and £907,587,000 a year ago. No change has been made in the Bank's official discount rate from 5%, the previous figure. 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. July 1.	1924. July 2.	1923. July 4.	1922. July 5.	1921. July 6.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	146,628,000	127,800,523	126,976,730	124,523,140	129,108,285
Public deposits.....	11,658,000	11,741,973	19,457,755	14,922,857	19,720,551
Other deposits.....	143,953,000	140,135,561	123,784,779	133,393,567	129,041,060
Government securities	46,575,000	54,222,467	44,333,731	67,987,920	63,798,078
Other securities.....	96,278,000	95,355,732	96,425,366	75,819,578	85,102,305
Reserve notes & coin	30,716,000	20,215,013	20,397,735	22,385,822	17,710,798
Coin and bullion.....	157,602,608	128,265,538	127,624,465	128,458,962	128,369,083
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	19.74%	13¾%	14¼%	15%	11.90%
Bank rate.....	5%	4%	4%	3½%	6%

^a Includes beginning with April 29 1925 £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency note issue and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to the 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 700,388,000 francs occurred in note circulation during the week. The total outstanding is thus brought up to a new high level, namely 43,700,527,840 francs. The previous high record was 43,648,164,000 francs, reached June 4 last. Last year at this time the amount was 40,115,647,810 francs, and in 1923 only 37,661,950,940 francs. The Bank continues to show small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 39,425 francs. Total gold holdings now stand at 5,546,721,550 francs, comparing with 5,543,218,534 francs at the corresponding date last year and with 5,537,743,836 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 general deposits gained 6,289,000 francs and bills discounted rose 491,687,000 francs. On the other hand silver decreased 666,000 francs; advances were reduced 39,119,000 francs and Treasury deposits fell off 6,289,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1924 and 1923 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		July 2 1925.	July 3 1924.	July 5 1923.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....	Inc. 39,425	3,682,400,643	3,678,897,627	3,673,398,909
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,344,927
Total.....	Inc. 39,425	5,546,721,550	5,543,218,534	5,537,743,836
Silver.....	Dec. 666,000	312,271,498	299,802,926	293,427,703
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 491,687,000	4,327,984,936	4,726,672,908	3,006,250,265
Advances.....	Dec. 39,119,000	3,013,071,969	2,602,535,601	2,061,196,496
Note circulation.....	Inc. 700,388,000	43,700,527,840	40,115,647,810	37,661,950,940
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 6,289,000	29,838,498	14,793,183	18,641,887
General deposits.....	Inc. 668,359,000	3,077,793,529	2,205,677,258	2,553,715,320

The Imperial Bank of Germany, in a statement issued as of June 23, but received too late for inclusion in the "Chronicle" of June 27, reported a reduction of 124,361,000 marks in bank note circulation. Other maturing obligations were expanded 84,949,000 marks, but there were declines in both loans from the Rentenbank and in other liabilities, 3,217,000 marks and 25,171,000 marks, respectively, as an offset. On the assets side, the bank showed that

holdings of bills of exchange and checks decreased 36,506,000 marks, while advances fell 1,806,000 marks. Deposits held abroad, however, increased 21,249,000 marks and silver and other coins 2,206,000 marks. There were also increases of 7,149,000 marks in reserve in foreign currencies and 8,762,000 marks in holdings of notes on other banks. Investments expanded nominally—99,000 marks. Other assets decreased 69,151,000 marks. Further gains were indicated in holdings of gold and bullion, the stock on hand increasing 21,447,000 marks, to 1,061,641,000 marks, against 462,187,000 marks a year ago and 756,912,000 marks in 1923. Note circulation outstanding aggregates 2,238,572,000 marks.

Some large changes were shown in the Federal Reserve banks' statements issued at the close of business on Thursday. For the System as a whole there was a decrease in gold reserves of \$25,200,000, while rediscounts of all classes of bills increased approximately \$56,000,000, thus bringing the total of bills discounted up to \$511,625,000, which compares with \$369,001,000 a year ago. Holdings of bills bought in the open market increased \$7,300,000. There was a very large addition to earning assets, namely \$92,500,000, while deposits increased \$42,000,000 and the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation rose \$18,800,000. Generally similar conditions were indicated in the New York bank, which reported a loss in gold of \$19,100,000, and expansion in rediscounting of Government secured and "other" bills amounting to \$30,200,000. Open market purchases were larger by \$11,400,000. Earning assets showed a gain of \$70,000,000 and deposits of \$36,600,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation expanded \$10,000,000. Both locally and nationally large additions were made to member bank reserve accounts, \$35,700,000 for the former and \$59,000,000 for the latter. As a result of the contraction in gold reserves, reserve ratios declined. The ratio of the banks as a group dropped 2.1%, to 74.9%; for the New York bank there was a loss of 5.0%, to 78.8%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies reflected the strain of meeting July 1 dividend and interest disbursements; in that there was substantial addition to loans, while surplus reserves diminished more than \$21,000,000. The detailed figures show that loans and discounts expanded \$30,852,000. Net demand deposits, however, declined \$1,775,000 and time deposits \$12,704,000. The grand total of demand deposits is \$4,394,125,000, exclusive of \$13,193,000 in Government deposits, while time deposits aggregate \$600,201,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank increased \$1,361,000, to \$45,170,000; although this is not counted as reserve. State bank and trust company reserves in own vaults expanded \$198,000 and reserves kept in other depositories by State banks and trust companies gained \$182,000. Member banks drew down their reserves at the Reserve institution to the extent of \$22,297,000, so that in spite of lessened deposits, surplus reserve fell \$21,209,800, to \$22,482,980. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in vault amounting to \$45,170,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

Perhaps in reaching 6% on Monday call money in the local market went a little higher than had been expected. Every well-informed person was fully prepared for higher rates while the necessary steps were being taken to get ready for the large disbursements on July 1. Although there may have been some professional selling of stocks on the announcement of the 6% quotation, the stock market was not actually disturbed by this incident. It was regarded just as certain that the money rates would decline after July 1 as that they would advance before that date. The quotations were lower on July 1, and the following day dropped to 4¾% in the regular market, while a 4¼% rate was reported in the "outside" market during the last hour of business. Yesterday there was a further decline to 4%. That the United States Treasury is in a surprisingly strong position is shown by the fact that the fiscal year was closed on June 30 with a surplus of \$250,505,238. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" stated that "the surplus was far beyond the expectations of officials a few weeks ago, and at the beginning of the fiscal year it was estimated that there would be a surplus of but \$67,000,000." He also stated that "it was held down somewhat by a jump in ordinary expenditures of running the Government during the last two days." It is expected that the statements of the individual banks throughout the country in response to the Federal and State bank calls will disclose a relatively strong position. The business of this country is on about the same scale as recently. A good-sized volume of domestic financing is being put through, while the offerings of foreign securities have been on a larger scale.

As to money rates in detail, call loans covered a range of 4@6% during the week, as against 3¾@5% a week ago. Monday call funds shot up to the highest level since December 1923, although renewals were made at 4½%, and this was the low. On Tuesday no loans were put through above 5½%, but renewals advanced to 5%, which was the lowest for the day. There was no range on Wednesday, a flat rate of 5% being named; all loans were made at this figure. Thursday 5% was again the ruling rate; there was, however, a decline to 4¾% at the close; the high was 5%. Increased ease developed on Friday and the range was lowered to 4@4¾%, with 4¾% the renewal basis. The unusual firmness was of course due to the strain of meeting heavy July 1 disbursements. In time money the strain was less evident and with the exception of one day (July 1), when six months' money advanced to 4½%, all maturities from sixty days to six months ruled and closed at a range of 3¾@4%, unchanged. In the late dealings fixed date funds were in larger supply. Trading was not active and the market was dull and narrow.

Mercantile paper rates have not been changed from 3¾@4% for four to six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known still requiring 4@4¼%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at 3¾%. Trading was quiet and featureless with the bulk of the business done at the higher or outside figures. City and country institutions figured in the limited buying.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were only moderately active, which was due to the flurry in the call market. Offerings were restricted and the

demand was equally light. Country banks were the principal buyers, but the turnover was small. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council was advanced to 4¼%, against 4% the previous week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running 30 days, 3¼% bid and 3⅛% asked for bills running 60 days, 3⅜% bid and 3¼% asked for bills running 90 days, 3½% bid and 3⅜% asked for bills running 120 days and 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for bills running 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3⅜@3¼	3¼@3¼	3¼@3
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	3¼ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¼ bid		

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JULY 3 1925.

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

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

There were no new developments in sterling exchange and the market continues to rule steady, without the slightest semblance of activity. Trading was, if anything, duller than before and, as last week, quotations moved aimlessly back and forth, within a range of ⅛ of a cent for the week. Demand bills ruled between 4 85⅝@4 85¾. Commercial offerings were light throughout, thus necessitating very little buying support to uphold values, while as an added influence in the general undertone of firmness London sent firm cable rates practically the whole of the week. Holiday celebrations on the Continent early in the week and at the close, the approach of our own Independence Day holiday exercised a restraining influence and brought trading to almost a complete standstill on Friday (yesterday). So far as speculative activity is concerned, this was entirely absent, there being no inducement whatever to speculate in a controlled market. For the time together or have transferred their attentions to some of the Continental currencies. Whether sterling price levels will be able to withstand the offerings of commercial bills, which are looked for a few weeks hence with the coming of seasonal shipments of grain and cotton, is of course still an open question and one which is receiving some discussion. Bankers are said to be giving this phase of the exchange situation close attention; although the general opinion is that the Bank of England will be well able to maintain sterling at par or thereabouts.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady on very light trading; there was no range and demand ruled during the entire half-day session at $4\ 85\frac{3}{4}$, cable transfers at $4\ 86\frac{1}{4}$ and sixty days at $4\ 82\frac{5}{8}$. On Monday there was an advance of 1-16c. and prices ranged between $4\ 85\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 85\ 11-16$ for demand, $4\ 86\ 3-16$ @ $4\ 86\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 82\ 9-16$ @ $4\ 82\frac{5}{8}$ for sixty days; no increase in activity was noted. After a firm opening, sterling receded a trifle on Tuesday and demand was quoted at $4\ 85\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 85\ 11-16$, cable transfers at $4\ 86\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 86\ 3-16$ and sixty days at $4\ 82\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 82\ 9-16$; trading continued lifeless. Wednesday's market was a shade easier, chiefly on freer offerings and lack of buying support; hence quotations declined 1-16c., to $4\ 85\ 9-16$ @ $4\ 85\frac{5}{8}$ for demand, $4\ 86\ 1-16$ @ $4\ 86\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 82\ 7-16$ @ $4\ 82\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days. Dulness characterized Thursday's dealings and the range for the day was practically unchanged, with demand at $4\ 85\ 9-16$ @ $4\ 85\ 11-16$, cable transfers at $4\ 86\ 1-16$ @ $4\ 86\ 3-16$ and sixty days at $4\ 82\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 82\frac{5}{8}$. On Friday the market took on a pre-holiday aspect and trading came to a virtual standstill; quotations were little better than nominal, at $4\ 85\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 85\frac{3}{4}$ for demand, $4\ 86\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 86\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 82\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 82\frac{5}{8}$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $4\ 82\frac{5}{8}$ for sixty days, $4\ 85\frac{3}{4}$ for demand and $4\ 86\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 85\frac{1}{2}$, sixty days at $4\ 80\frac{1}{2}$, ninety days at $4\ 79\frac{5}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 81\frac{3}{4}$ and seven-day grain bills at $4\ 84\frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 85\frac{1}{2}$.

No gold was reported either for import or export this week. It is understood that about \$2,000,000 in United States gold coin is being taken via Honolulu by the American fleet to Australia for reminting. This is a special transaction with the Australian Government and is expected to result in a saving in the exchange rate to the American fleet for meeting payrolls of over \$30,000.

The Continental exchanges were by turns subjected to sudden and violent fluctuations, first down and then up, that is, so far as the so-called debtor or reparations currencies are concerned. Trading during much of the time was wildly excited and more active locally than has been the case in many weeks, while dealings at the important European centres at times indicated abnormal conditions and verged upon semi-demoralization. Attention continued to centre upon francs and lire, both of which suffered severely. French exchange displayed a downward tendency from the start, and announcement of the passage by the French Parliament of Finance Minister Caillaux's bill raising the legal limit of the Bank of France note circulation was followed by a break of 11 points, to $4.50\frac{1}{4}$. Later on, what was regarded as speculative selling sent the price to 4.43, or a net loss of 18 points. On Thursday, however, the outlook appeared to be more favorably regarded and a sudden change of front developed; and on a greatly confused but feverishly excited market, franc offerings were apparently withdrawn and bidding for francs commenced both here and abroad. The result was a speedy recovery of more than 22 points, bringing the quotation back to 4.67, with a further advance yesterday to $4.74\frac{1}{2}$. Lire followed an almost identical course, only showing even more violent losses, while the bulk of the selling was in London

and on the Continent. After opening at $3.61\frac{1}{2}$, the quotation was forced down by rapid degrees to 3.54, to 3.49, and finally to 3.33, the lowest level ever recorded for this currency. Before the close there was a recovery to 3.57. This alarming collapse was attributed primarily to the causes operative last week; that is, pressure to sell by Italian importers who had over-stayed their market, and uneasiness regarding the effects of the latest political moves of the Fascisti Party. The selling, however, was not wholly commercial. Speculators were evidently at work, especially after rumors had been placed in circulation that negotiations regarding the funding of Italy's debt to the United States had been broken off. Intervention of a religious holiday apparently put a stop to the operations of Government agents for a time so that the lira was left to the mercy of the speculative element. As was the case with francs, however, there was an abrupt reversal of tone on Thursday, when without any apparent change in underlying conditions, lire quotations suddenly shot up, on heavy buying and a lessening in offerings, more than 20 points in the space of a few hours. This totally unexpected rally in both francs and lira came as a complete surprise to local interests, few of whom were venturesome enough to hazard more than a guess as to the real reason for the change. Among the explanations offered were that the market had become oversold and that panicky shorts had rushed to cover, although no new development could be found that seemed to warrant a movement in this direction. Still others intimated that the buying was official in character and the work of French and Italian agents. The main objection to this view was that the buying had not emanated from the dealers who are accustomed to act for the Government in such cases, but was unusually diversified and this ultimately led to the belief that it might be largely the familiar "natural reaction" to an unwarranted decline. Undoubtedly there was a good deal of profit taking in the latter part of the week.

Absorption in the kaleidoscopic movements of francs and lire prevented attention in other branches of the market, which were in neglect the greater part of the time. Greek and the other minor exchanges ruled dull at close to the levels of a week ago. Belgian francs moved in sympathy with Paris checks. German and Austrian exchange were unaffected by the various influences of the week and continued at the levels so long in force. Notwithstanding the introduction of the new forms of Russian currency, there is very little doing in Russian exchange, and chervonetz remain at a few points from par, namely, 5.13, with no trading to speak of. Whatever business is being done with Russia is usually financed in either dollars or sterling.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 102.80, as compared with 106.00 last week. In New York, sight bills on the French centre finished at 4.69, against $4.49\frac{1}{4}$; cable transfers at 4.70, against $4.50\frac{1}{4}$; commercial sight bills at 4.68, against $4.48\frac{1}{4}$, and commercial sixty days at $4.62\frac{3}{4}$, against 4.43 a week ago. Antwerp francs closed the week at 4.64 for checks and at 4.65 for cable transfers, which compares with $4.49\frac{1}{4}$ and $4.50\frac{1}{4}$ the previous week. Final quotations on Berlin marks were $23.80\frac{1}{2}$, one rate for both checks and cable transfers (unchanged). Austrian kronen closed at $0.0014\frac{1}{2}$, the same as last week. Italian lire closed at 3.57 for bankers'

The League of Nations and Price Control.

One of a number of things for which we should thank President Coolidge, is that he is striving to turn the public mind to the importance of governing ourselves before striving to lead others in Governmental affairs. He does not stop at State Governments and local self-governments, but goes further to that governing of self which makes of the individual a good citizen. This desire to embrace the whole world in our schemes is not confined to any one people or country. A brief dispatch from Ottawa, June 17, read as follows: "A suggestion that Canada recommend to the League of Nations concerted action by its members to stabilize price levels through control of currency was made in a report filed to-day by the Banking and Commerce Committee of the House of Commons." . . . "The subject of price fluctuations in relation to currency supply was exhaustively examined by the committee." . . . "Over the protest of the Opposition leader, Arthur Meighen, who contended that Parliament should not commit itself on such an important question on nothing more than a committee report, the document was adopted." There might well be hesitation in giving consideration to such a suggestion, even though the petition came from more nations than one.

The relation of currency to prices is not yet susceptible of mathematical proof, even though it be admitted that there *is* some relation. Likewise, the possibility of stabilizing price levels, we can easily imagine, would cause even the super-power of the League some trouble. The volumes of debate that would ensue in that body over the principles involved in so stupendous an undertaking would prevent, at least for a long time, consideration of the methods to be applied. A phrase, "the long arm of the law," is sometimes used to indicate the reach and persistence of the police power of the State in the apprehension of criminals, but a League law that could control currency and prices can be likened to nothing save the sweep of the Pleiades and the "process of the suns." There is nothing on earth with which to make the comparison. And yet it is not quite strange that a committee in Canada should look with longing upon this super-Government at a time when all peoples are turning to Government to do for them what they cannot or will not do for themselves.

Perhaps we should make an exception to this in the action of the Federal Reserve in undertaking, as it has been expressed, "to sell gold on credit over a two-year period, if and when demanded, up to a maximum of \$200,000,000 at any one time." Control of credit as expressed in currency within territorial limitations may be one thing and spreading the control over the earth is another; but selling a country's gold on credit for a term of years, wherever and whenever it will do the most good, gives us at least a touch of that unlimited and omnipresent power which it is the purpose of this committee in Canada to place in the League of Nations. Why, *why*, is it necessary to examine this proposal? Credit, though an admitted influence, does not, cannot, control price. Nor can credit itself be controlled by a power wholly outside trade. Talk about "price levels"—where would they begin, where end? Who and what would make the classifications? And what can "stabilize" the waves of the sea of production?

If currency controlled price, which it does not, though it may exert some influence upon it, what is

to control currency? More than one war-ravaged country undertaking to use Government credit in the form of currency found itself hitched to a runaway steed it could not control. Again, currency in normal and well-ordered times must be based on gold. Is it to be supposed that the League can control the production or the natural flow of gold, in a word, distribute arbitrarily, for the sake of harnessing credit in order to stabilize price levels, the gold stock of the world? Again, the need for currency arises in trade, though as against check-and-draft credits it is a small quantity; and if given control of currency, price would be largely independent. The form of credit which most influences price is the credit that springs spontaneously out of trade transactions themselves. No power can ever control this, for it cannot be foreseen. This credit is facilitated by banks, but is not controlled by them, though influenced thereby, and is far and away from any power in Government, whether considered as money, currency or credit.

But the basic elements in price-control lie in conditions wholly outside currency, credit or Government—in production, distribution, consumption and use, of all peoples working independently and yet together for sustenance, culture and happiness. Enter scarcity—due to seasonal influences. Enter energy—and inventive genius of peoples—together with quantity and quality—in a word, supply and demand that react upon each other. Currency which is one form of credit is a mere device of man to facilitate exchange of goods for goods—important, necessary, beneficial, but not a controlling factor in price. As for "price-levels," they are as imaginary as the plane surfaces of a geometrical figure. If we take textiles, iron and steel, lumber, and cereals, as four great classifications whereupon to establish price-levels, we find these shifting in relation to each other, even when most stationary, or "stabilized," under natural conditions, much as the facets of a figure revolving on an unstable axis. The one great possible "level" in price is the result of the action and reaction of all the *free* forces in production, trade and use.

This insistent, consuming, alluring, yearning for price control is comparable to nothing but the vague superstition that somewhere fortune waits upon those who wish for it. Working and wishing are not partners in well-doing. We need hope, but it will never supplant toil. No man can control price of that which he himself owns. He may think he can, but forces stronger than himself can wait longer than he. We say often the buyer controls price, and it is largely true, but even the buyer must some time yield. If thus price cannot be controlled in the daily transactions of life between individuals, how can price levels be controlled in the great revolving onward progress of peoples? It is a dream—fascinating, no doubt, but impossible of realization. Yet we seem not able to rid ourselves of the hope and belief that Government possesses some mystic power to control the uncontrollable. Having a super-Government of a sort in the League of Nations we make our pilgrimage to this Mecca and upon our knees prefer our petitions for relief and restoration, blind devotees at the throne of imagined Power.

The idea of apportioning *currency* among the nations to control price is repugnant to common sense. If money, gold and currency, credit issues thereon, *did* control price, we would still be powerless. Paper money in war-times ought to explode the whole

theory. Wherever Government in whole, or in part through Government banks, has essayed the task it has proved disastrous. Inflation is inevitable, affecting price not directly but by the volume and nature of trade transactions, followed by deflation and depression. No nation can control price or price levels within its own border. A League of Nations would be less powerful for the territory it covers, than a single State. And all these yearnings are due to a mistaken notion of the province of Government—that it is instituted to do for man in the field of business that which he cannot do for himself. Supplicants are always weak and woe-begone. The sooner the peoples of earth return to independence, the sooner the normal will appear. Hoping to transfer price control to a League of Nations is the last infirmity.

China and the Powers—The Question of Concessions and Extra-Territorial Rights.

The announcement from Washington that the American Government is disposed to take part in an international conference, looking to the abolition of special foreign rights in China and the furtherance of judicial or other reforms in that country, and has suggested that such a conference be held, affords a ray of hope in a situation which for several weeks has been marked by confusion as to the facts and anxiety as to the outcome. Ever since May 30, when a body of international police at Shanghai, acting under British command, fired with deadly effect upon a crowd of Chinese who were parading in sympathy with a strike which had lately been declared, the cities of Shanghai and Canton, and to some extent other parts of the country, have been the scene of political and economic disorders which the Peking Government has been unable to suppress, and which the foreign legations have felt compelled to deal with by force. Charges and counter-charges, allegations and denials, rumors of widespread conspiracies and of Communist activities, have followed one another from day to day in the news dispatches in confused fashion, not only obscuring the underlying questions mainly at issue, but also making it difficult to determine exactly what was going on on either of the several sides. The Washington announcement is tentative, and the final action of other Governments is not yet known, but it nevertheless serves to bring into relief one of the fundamental reasons of the disorders which of late have been distracting the Chinese State.

Most of the controversies which have arisen between China and the American and European Powers have been seen to involve, sooner or later, the question of foreign concessions and extra-territorial rights, and the efforts of certain European Powers to control the economic development of China for their own advantage. At the Washington Conference, in 1921-22, a serious attempt was made to deal with both of these matters. Resolutions adopted by the conference bound the Powers concerned to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China, to provide the fullest opportunity for the development and maintenance of an effective and stable Government, to uphold the principle of the "open door," and "to refrain from taking advantage of conditions in China to seek special rights or privileges which would abridge the rights of subjects or citizens of friendly States,

and from countenancing action inimical to the security of such States."

In pursuance of the letter and spirit of these resolutions, a revised customs tariff, intended to insure to China a 5% duty on imports, was drawn up, and became effective Jan. 17 1923. The extreme irritation in China caused by the retention of Shantung by Japan, under the Treaty of Versailles, was in considerable part removed by a treaty, negotiated through the good offices of the United States, by which Japan undertook to surrender its political, military and railway interests in Shantung, together with the leasehold of Kiao-chao. The Governments of Great Britain and France have also announced their readiness, under certain conditions, to surrender their leases of Wei-hai-wei and Kwangchow-wan, but the negotiations with Great Britain over the former of these territories have not been completed, and France still holds Kwangchow-wan. Of importance because of its present effect upon Chinese opinion, although historically due to other reasons, is the fact that France has also declined to follow the example of the United States and Great Britain in remitting the balance due on the Boxer indemnity, and has not only insisted that the payments be made in gold instead of at current rates of exchange, but has also announced its intention to apply the indemnity to the reconstitution of the Industrial Bank of China, an institution whose failure in 1921 revealed a political scandal of considerable proportions.

Further to improve the situation of China, the Washington Conference provided for the creation of a commission to inquire into the present state of extra-territoriality in that country, as well as into the state of Chinese law and judicial administration, with a view to laying before the Governments concerned the facts in the case, together with such recommendations regarding the administration of justice or the reform of legislation as "would warrant the several Powers in relinquishing, either progressively or otherwise, their respective rights of extra-territoriality." Conditions in China made it impracticable for the Chinese Government to participate in the inquiry at the early date that had been anticipated, and the failure of France to ratify the Washington agreement has further postponed action up to the present time. It is this commission, apparently, that the Washington Administration is prepared to assist in assembling if the other Powers agree that the time is ripe. The action of the Administration has perhaps been hastened, or at least encouraged, by the note which the Chinese Government presented to the diplomatic representatives at Peking on June 24, urging a revision of the treaties under which foreigners enjoy special privileges in China. This request, it should be noted, is carefully to be distinguished from the so-called "thirteen demands" formulated by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in May, and reaffirmed by the Peking Government in a second note on June 24, which relate almost entirely to the adjustment of difficulties incident to the disturbances at Shanghai.

There is much to be said, at least on the face of the matter, for the request which the Chinese Government has made, as well as for the suggestion emanating from Washington. Some of the concessions and extra-territorial rights which China seeks to abrogate had their origin many years ago, long before Secretary Hay laid down for the Powers the principle of the "open door," and when China was still

a monarchy of ancient type. Special political privileges do not go well with an open door in trade, and while the present parliamentary Government in China has not been successful in asserting its authority throughout the country, the continuance of special foreign jurisdictions does not make its task easier. Grievances due to the treatment of China in the peace settlement after the World War still rankle in the Chinese memory. As the note of June 24 points out, China was encouraged to believe that its international status would be improved in consequence of its participation in the war on the Allied side, but although it is a member of the League of Nations, it still finds itself under a regime of extra-territorial courts, concessions, leased territories and externally-imposed taxation quite unlike anything prevailing elsewhere. It cannot, for example, increase its customs revenue from 5% to 7½%, as it desires to do, without foreign consent. To all this is to be added the marked growth of national feeling which has taken place in recent years, and to which America and Europe, by the educational advantages which they have extended to thousands of Chinese students, have directly contributed. It is this student element, thoroughly familiar with the theory and practice of representative government in Europe and the United States, and occupying influential positions in business and Government service, that is insistent in its demand for independence and the abolition of foreign tutelage.

Whether or not, on the other hand, the extra-territorial or other privileges which foreign States or their subjects enjoy in China may properly be abandoned or materially modified depends, of course, upon the ability of the Chinese Government to give to foreigners and foreign interests adequate protection in person and property and in the pursuit of legitimate occupations. In the recent disturbed state of the country it has not always been able to do this, and something more than assurances or good intentions will be needed to safeguard the future. The security of foreign loans, also, is to be considered. Foreign control of the customs administration is maintained primarily as security for foreign loans and the Boxer indemnity, and the salt tax, or gabelle, has been under foreign supervision as security for the reorganization loan of 1913. It is not necessary that the flag should follow a loan, but it is not to be expected that foreign holders of Chinese securities will acquiesce in the total abandonment of special foreign privileges unless the ability of China to meet its financial obligations abroad is better assured than it has generally been thus far.

These are some of the considerations that will have to be weighed. Nevertheless, it is well that the fundamental question has been raised, and it is to be hoped that it may be satisfactorily adjusted. The reported hesitation of the British Government appears to be due in part to a fear lest a conference at any early date may be premature, and in part to the necessity of considering the important commercial interest of British subjects in China. In France, on the other hand, Foreign Minister Briand is reported to have urged the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber of Deputies to take immediate action upon the Washington agreements in order that France, now that payment of the Boxer indemnity has been resumed, may give its support to them. The American Government, with its championship of the "open door" and a consistent record of non-aggression as

far as Chinese territory is concerned, is in a specially favorable position to urge the carrying out of the Washington policy, and to make its influence felt in the study of a question upon whose answer the immediate outlook for peace in China seems to depend. Even if it should not be practicable, as we fear it would not, to grant at once all that China has asked or that the most advanced section of its people desire, a good deal can be done to relieve the tension due to extra-territorial or other privileges, and thereby prepare the way for the early abandonment of such claims altogether.

Public Education as the Basis of International Peace.—The Philippines an Illustration.

It is natural that the interest of the public in the college Commencements should challenge attention to education in its more general and in some respects more important relations as represented by the schools. Some 23,000,000 children and youth are supposed to be in school in the United States. Whether they are actually or only potentially there is unimportant when the comparison is made with the relatively small number of their elders, some 550,000 who are attracting attention in their attendance in the 800 colleges and universities recognized by the Commissioner of Education. These latter may be the leaders of the future. But thoughtful observers are calling attention to the fact that in the entirely new international conditions created by the war the people of the different countries rather than their statesmen and rulers will in the future have the determining of national action for or against war. Their patriotism will be real; but it cannot be ordered into action in issues which they do not understand or have no voice in deciding.

How far this will in the future be true, the absence of such consent and support secured in advance in the past has had much to do with the difficulty of securing peaceful conditions among the nations in the seven trying and turbulent years since the war.

The costly result of the lack of that support on the part of the people and the utter ignorance of the real nature of the issue at stake on their part, and a like ignorance on the part of those who undertook to aid them, is illustrated in the case of a small nation now an immediate concern of ours.

Who is able to-day to say with any definiteness what ought to be our policy with the Philippines? Whatever doubts one may have as to the future, the facts of the past which have produced the present situation are set out in Dr. F. C. Laubach's book on "The People of the Philippines," recently brought out by Doran. One word characterizes the whole period, Ignorance. Dewey sank the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor and then did not know what further to do. He cabled to Washington and President McKinley did not know what instructions to give him and could find no one to tell him. After a sleepless night he cabled to "go ahead and take possession." The natives knew nothing of what was to come; Aguinaldo rushed over from China to Dewey's support, bringing several vessels loaded with munitions and some eager followers. Manila was soon captured; the Filipinos were tossed this way and that under different counsels and with constant uncertainty as to who Americans were and what was to be expected from them, until we had killed a lot of the natives at the expense of much confusion in our own minds and

some very considerable loss of valuable lives and our self-respect.

In 1900 President McKinley sent over a second Commission, headed by Mr. Taft, entrusted with the civil government. It had become apparent that peace depended on the exclusion of the Spanish friars whose legal rights had been secured by a clause in the treaty with Spain in 1898, suggested by the Archbishop of New Orleans, who was present in Paris when the treaty was signed, and who demanded \$20,000,000 compensation for them, while President McKinley insisted by cable that our rights were already acquired by conquest. Upon his sudden succession, President Roosevelt sent Mr. Taft to Rome and compromised by agreeing to pay \$7,240,000 to the holding companies for the lands under dispute, but was defeated in securing the exclusion of the friars. When this came to the knowledge of the Filipinos they felt that they were betrayed. The case was referred to the Supreme Court of the United States and the Court decided that as the clause was in the treaty of '98 it must stand.

Before this, in the fierce guerrilla war extending from November 1899 through 1900, when Aguinaldo was captured in March 1901 Aglipay, the patriotic priest, became their leader and stayed with the troops in the mountains until the war was hopelessly lost, when he surrendered and took the oath of allegiance to the United States, of which he could say "And I have kept it." The Federal Party thereupon issued a message to their fellow-countrymen assuring them that the Constitution of the United States required utter neutrality in religious matters and would secure justice to all. The record reads: "A war which never ought to have begun had come to an end."

With the return of Mr. Taft and the dismal news of his failure at Rome in October 1902, trouble broke out again. Mr. Taft issued his famous "Proclamation of Peaceable Possession." The Federal Party under Aglipay claimed 3,000,000 adherents in 1903 and four millions in 1905. The disturbance was great and continues in the various forms that have made the situation more and more difficult ever since.

Americans with the desire of laying permanent foundations of peace in the hearts and lives of the nine and a half to ten million people began to arrive in 1899 and something has been accomplished. But ignorance on all the essential conditions remains. New generations of the natives will be needed before the knowledge, so much a matter of course in the Western world, is given to them or the Filipinos will be able either to understand the situation or to present their problems so as to be understood by the outside world.

Within 55 years Japan has made phenomenal progress, but Japan to-day claims to have provided so thoroughly for the education of her people that not a child in her territory but has a school within walking distance. Even with all that can be claimed for the native ability of the Filipinos it must be many many years before that opportunity for the children, even with all outside help, can be true of them. A single case, if it be extreme, is illustrative and sufficient and worth giving in this full detail.

So the question comes home to us. How much attention are we giving to the Grammar or even the Secondary schools? The colleges cannot save the country; nor can they create an enlightened people.

Indeed, without intelligent co-operation from the schools they cannot really maintain themselves. Are we reaching the homes, are we really educating the people through the schools, educating them in the way and to the degree that will be more and more necessary if the peace of the world is to be in their hands? This is indeed the pressing question to-day.

It may be cheerfully admitted that the colleges were never more worthy of support, their faculties never more competent and devoted to their task, though still poorly paid, or the students a finer body of youths. Indeed, as a class, young men and women, in quality, in spirit, in strength, in eager intelligence and openness of mind, taken as a whole, they never were better, or their coming forth more enthusiastically welcomed. They are indeed the flower and hope of the land. Unfortunately, the number pressing for admission to the colleges is not in itself evidence of increased appreciation of that special fitting for life for which the colleges stand. The motives that bring students to college are to-day varied. They extend through a long list from the desire for what is called "serious" study, to those which arise in the easy and luxurious life that fills so large a place in modern society. Going with the crowd; athletics; making pleasant friends; spending in an attractive way four years for which there is no immediate call in other directions; all have their effect. Each in its way may lead to a desirable result. But in fact the lack of any definite compelling worthwhile purpose in a large proportion of college students has become a care that is finding expression on the lips of many college officers.

The situation points to influences arising outside, to what are in fact pre-college conditions. The aims and motives of the young people, and no less their morals and their manners are established before they come to college. The homes and especially the Secondary schools are the important factors. The latter should guide and mold the young people in their relations to the community and the public. Their studies open their eyes to the vision both of the world and its inhabitants, and give them their vision of what awaits them in its coming contacts. They are quick to see possible opportunity; they need to be taught with equal clearness to perceive the force of obligation. They have duties to others as well as to themselves.

The public is waking up to this. It is recognized that greater attention should be given to the task of the Secondary Schools. The principals already complain of the pressure upon them in the demands of the colleges for a more extensive preparation of the pupils they send up to college. As these are a very small percentage of their total attendance they feel that it is but right that those of their pupils who are not fitting for college are the ones who should have more care and time rather than less, and they cannot give more to both. As a matter of fact, for years the High Schools have furnished many of the best scholars in college.

But wholly apart from the college requirement, the Secondary Schools of all classes are the vital ones from the standpoint of making good citizens. They lay the foundations of public opinion and prepare the material for good citizenship. If the peace of the world is to rest upon the sentiments and knowledge of the people of the different nations, intercourse between different peoples, understanding and appreciation of one another, and the interdependence

of their lives and interests cannot be too carefully taught.

This is coming to be the aim of certain groups. The "English-speaking peoples," for example, have for some time felt what Walter Page termed "the only job now in the world worth the whole zeal and energy of thoroughbred English-speaking men." Mr. Bryce also made it the burden of many of his addresses. Using his name a Foundation has been created to secure an annual series of prizes offered in Secondary schools throughout the country for essays on "Right Understanding." It has awakened an immediate response, evidenced in the addresses of school principals and university professors. Its wide significance is stated by Professor Blakeslee of Clark University, who says: "The aim of course would not be Anglo-American world-hegemony; it would hasten the co-operation and better understanding of all the nations of the world."

It serves to emphasize attention to a very real need among ourselves, as well as to its crucial form in our responsibility for the perturbed and perplexing condition of our dependency, the Philippines. Quite beyond this, it points to ways that must be opened if the world is to find peace.

The Federal Reserve Banks and Studying the Reserve Question.

[From the "Journal of Commerce" of New York City, June 18 1925.]

It is a wise decision that has been taken by the Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks in concluding to look carefully into the reserve situation with a view to finding out approximately what percentage of reserve ought to be carried by our banks under present conditions. Better late than never is a maxim whose soundness has long since been demonstrated. The facts which are thus being sought ought to have been available a good many years ago, but the time has been reached when we must have them. Congressional legislation is at a point which requires this kind of information in order to direct itself at all sanely. The Reserve System has done well to anticipate any demands that might come from legislators and to be ready with the facts.

Twelve years ago, when the Reserve bill was being prepared for subsequent introduction in Congress, a great deal of study was given to this question of the necessary reserve percentage. There was a lack of data at the time as regards the real facts in the case and a political situation which prevented their being secured through direct application to the banks. Nevertheless it was recognized that reserve, or central, banking made possible a very great economy of reserves, while it was also seen that with banking conditions as they are in this country some kind of compulsory centralization of a part of the reserve fund, in order to give a nucleus of strength to the Reserve banks, would be essential. The danger of the "pyramided" reserves which then existed as a result of inter-bank deposits was recognized and the Reserve Act finally did away with it. It was on these fundamental bases, none of them admitted or provided for in the Aldrich bill and the preceding legislation, that the Federal Reserve Act was founded. It gave permission, almost instructions, to the Reserve Board to revise our list of Reserve cities and country banks and thereby to bring about a better reserve situation; but the power thus granted has never been used and reserve conditions have been left to drag along as they chose. The matter has been treated with the utmost indifference, notwithstanding the constant complaints of banks that present reserve provisions were unfair to them.

Practically the only change that has been made in the situation since the Reserve Act was adopted was found in the so-called War Inflation Bill of 1917. This bill was recommended by the Reserve Board and originally took shape as a proposal to allow Reserve notes to count in vault reserves. The proposal was antagonized by the sounder members of the Board and a compromise was finally reached whereby the total amount of reserves to be required was reduced, the full amount of this reserve was ordered concentrated in the vaults of Reserve banks and at the same time members were left to keep whatever they chose in their own vaults, whether in Federal Reserve notes or not. This is

the literal and truthful account of the way in which our present reserve requirements came to be established. It is not pleasant to think that a great subject has been dealt with in this way, and yet such is the fact. Of course no one can for a moment make a very good defense of present reserve rates when they have been arrived at in the way indicated above. Hence the necessity for a thoughtful and careful study of the actual reserve needs of the country, and this, no doubt, the Reserve banks will make.

While the System is at work upon this study of percentages it should also add to its list of points to be remembered the fact that *there is no country in the world which concentrates the entire amount of reserves in the Reserve banks or central bank of such country.* There may be and often are occasions when practically all of the reserve is thus held. When it is so held the situation is the result of voluntary action on the part of the depositing banks and of the holding out of inducements by the central bank. The reserve is there because it is needed and has been attracted by the usual legitimate methods. *There is not the slightest reason why our Reserve banks should be vested with the right to hold a dead reserve equal to 100% of the required reserve of the member banks on which the latter do not earn a cent of income and which is far larger than is necessary for the maintenance of liquidity.* Reserve banks have no magisterial quality and it may easily be that their management of reserve is less efficient and less satisfactory than that of their members.

It is, of course, to be hoped that such will not be the case and because of that hope they are properly given a modicum of reserve cash to be held in their vaults. Everything beyond that minimum, however, should come as the result of a deliberate policy on their part, carried out just as it is in other countries where central banking has been used for many years. These facts are being better and better understood by the rank and file of banks throughout the country and the latter are likely more and more to insist that such new legislation as may be adopted shall take cognizance of them. The Reserve System would do well to remember this general situation.

Some Misleading "Indexes."

[From the "Journal of Commerce" of New York, June 30 1925.]

In studying the reviews of retail sales, wholesale trade and other matters which are being currently published by some of the Reserve banks it is well to notice a point which is currently overlooked by various observers who are supposed to take these figures practically as they stand.

It is a fact that in various of the tables that are now presented the practice has been adopted of using as a base line or "normal" not the figures for any particular base or period, but an imaginary base which has been "computed" by processes whose nature is not very evident. The effect of using this mathematical method is, of course, evident. If, for example, it appears that retail sales at a given date are represented by a figure of 110, this means not that they are 110% of the corresponding figures for last year, or 110% of the average over a series of years, but merely that they are 110% of an imaginary figure which someone has selected as representing "normal" conditions.

Where an index of a sort just described is employed the result, of course, is to make its value dependent entirely upon the judgment of those who have selected or computed the "normal" base. Since any such computation is necessarily conjectural or imaginative, the figures are not likely to be of real statistical value, since they are vitiated by an element which is likely to introduce an error often as large as or larger than the variation which they would otherwise show when compared with the preceding year or an average of years.

The Credits for England.

London, June 5 1925.

Editor of the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle":

A good many banking friends in London shared with me in the pleasure one received from reading your vivid and temperate criticism in the "Chronicle" of May 23 of the arrangement of a credit to the Bank of England by the Federal Reserve Bank. The particular line of criticism you follow is, obviously, of interest to American citizens alone and not a matter for foreign interference. All that one can say on that head is that, applying your reasoning to our own central bank, I think it very unwise that such an institution should set apart any portion of the resources it holds as

trustee for the benefit of another institution or another country. But here it has been done repeatedly.

My purpose in writing this letter, however, is to reveal to the American financial world that we have in this country reasons to criticize the two credits arranged in New York on entirely different grounds. As financial editor of a morning and evening paper which jointly appeal to 1,400,000 readers each day, I opposed the immediate return to the gold standard on the grounds, unassailable in my humble view, that we should wait until we could support it upon our own resources. That view was held by a great number of bankers, discounters, industrialists and merchants. Their criticism was not vocal purely for the reason that they knew nothing of the arrangements made with your Federal Reserve Bank and Messrs. Morgans, or the other steps taken for returning to gold in April, until the accomplished facts denuded all criticism of any effectiveness.

Now, as to the objections to the credits engaged in New York. These, like the advance purchase of dollars for our debt repayment, are uneconomic and unnecessary. The sole cause for their engagement is that for some time sterling has been over-valued in the dollar exchange. In a word, we were not on an economic level with you when we returned to gold, nor are we now, nor can we hope to be until our internal prices are at least 10% lower.

Because of this fact we had cause to fear a gold withdrawal on our resuming the free market in gold, which is now ensured by the license to our central bank. What was the alternative to buttressing this weak position by gold credits at your end? There were at least two. One was to postpone our return to gold. This would have occasioned no harm to our prestige, for I think I may say that British financial integrity is now pretty well known to the world. We could have announced that we would return unaided at a future date.

But, again, we could have made available the necessary support for the gold standard from our own resources without depending upon yours by a simple and perfectly honest expedient. We had £27,000,000 gold in the currency note reserve. As you know, the main backing of this issue of notes is Government securities held in the Currency Note Redemp-

tion Account. Had we retained that £27,000,000 of gold in the currency note reserve, and met all demands for gold from that sum, replacing gold withdrawn by Government securities as and when it occurred—had we done this instead of transferring the currency note gold to the Bank of England we could have tided over the transition period without difficulty and without recourse to external credit. At the same time our industrial and commercial interests and our money market would have been saved from the incessant uncertainty now prevalent as to whether gold will go or come to the Bank, since every movement in and out is now raising hopes or causing depression.

Of a more direct kind, psychological and not economic, is a further objection to the credits that I share with some British economists and financiers. In a word, we do not like to think we have sought aid to do a thing we could have done for ourselves; we do not like the repetition of the remark that this nation is being assisted to the gold standard. After all, Britain is no mendicant. Though for nearly five years she bore the major expense of the war and gave help to every European ally, she has paid her way and has climbed to a glorious position. Is this the sort of country that should ask assistance; or that should pay £375,000 to Messrs. Morgan for a credit if it never has occasion to use it, and should pay to your Federal Reserve Bank and Messrs. Morgans, in case we do use it, the ordinary rediscount rates of your money market? One can appeal to the proud citizens of your great country in these words, knowing they will appreciate our pride of country that is sensitive when it does not receive the honor it deserves. We do not question the bargain your citizens made with our Bank of England; but we do question our central bank's right to sell Britain's promises to pay on such terms.

I could hope, if such a thing were possible, that your protest may cause a revision of the arrangement with our Bank. For we can, if so minded, bring our own resources into use with profit to our financial life, and build up our position as a gold standard country with the strength of our own right arm.

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Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 3 1925.

As usual at this time of the year trade shows a tendency to slacken. Yet on the whole there has been a fair retail business and jobbers have had quite a good trade. Industries show a tendency to reduce output partly for the purpose of taking inventories. There is an undercurrent of cheerfulness in the vast avenues of trade throughout the United States. People are not unduly venturesome; they still pursue a conservative course. But there is a feeling that the underpinning of American trade is sound and that after a prolonged period of very conservative trading the tendency later in the year will be toward betterment. The suspension on the New York Stock Exchange to-day was not taken too seriously, as it was understood to be largely due to special causes, namely the holding of securities which for one cause or another were not finding a ready market, despite the activity in a great mass of investments. Confidence at the Stock Exchange was not seriously affected by this incident, however regrettable in itself. And even though it be true that with liabilities estimated at as high as \$35,000,000, it is the biggest failure in history in Wall Street Money rates were easier and bonds were in better demand. The week reveals lower prices for grain, cotton and other commodities, including sugar and coffee. Lower prices for grain, however, merely reflect a better outlook for the crop, while prices are still very much above those current a year ago. The violent fluctuations in foreign exchange and the agitated trading in it are, of course, to be regretted. There has been big selling of francs and lire, but this may be taken as a merely temporary phase in the European situation. It is bound to be corrected sooner or later. "When things get to their worst they mend." The general tendency of European currencies which have latterly been conspicuously depressed can hardly fail to be upward as times goes on and

imperative measures are taken to relieve the situation. In finance, as in everything else, "self-preservation is the first law of nature." Meanwhile the stock market is at top prices on this movement.

Cotton has declined some \$3 50 per bale, owing to a very favorable Government crop report on the 2d inst., pointing to a yield so far as June 25 indications may be trusted, of 14,340,000 bales, or some 700,000 bales more than the last crop and much the largest since the yield of 1914 or 16,135,000 bales. The only drawback is Texas, with its condition of 64%, or some 11% under the ten-year average, and the prospects of a crop smaller than the last one. Texas is in a measure the crux of the situation. Nobody, of course, will put too much stress on the fact that the condition of the crop is given as close to 76%, seeing that July and August weather may greatly change the outlook, especially if the rainfall in the belt, particularly in Texas, continues to be deficient. It seems that the unparalleled acreage of 46,448,000 acres, which so greatly surprised the cotton trade at home and abroad, was largely traceable to the abandonment of grain lands west of the Mississippi River. In the Atlantic States other causes operated to the same effect, namely a change of some other products to cotton, although the price is 5 cents lower than a year ago, and it has been repeatedly declared that present prices were unprofitable to the farmer. But at the decline it was noticeable that cotton merchants and the mills are disposed to buy. Their purchases to-day are understood to have been large. Shorts, too, were overcrowded, and uncomfortable, finding contracts scarce. And preferring discretion to valor, they covered on a large scale this afternoon. The future of prices, needless to say, depends upon the weather in the next two months. Coffee has declined during the week, owing to lower prices in Brazil and more disposition on the part of home and foreign interests to sell, although to-day there was a sudden upturn in Brazilian markets, followed by New

York. Sugar has shown little change during the week. The Cuban crop, it seems to be generally admitted, has reached the high record of 5,100,000 tons, and thus far this summer the trade has been somewhat disappointing. Iron has shown little change in price and certainly no very perceptible improvement in trade if, indeed, there has been any at all. And steel is in not much better case. In fact, structural and automobile steel are said to be rather weaker in price. For the most part the output is still on a very moderate scale, and yet it is difficult, if not impossible, to bring about anything like a general advance in prices. Railroad interests are not buying on a large scale. That is one noticeable drawback. And in other directions there is a manifest disposition to buy frequently and in moderate lots, rather than on a large scale and for distant delivery. A coal mine strike is threatened in order to tighten the grip of the unions on the industry. The weather in the corn belt has been better. That had not a little to do with a decline in corn during the past week of some 2 or 6 cents, while wheat is off 10 to 11 cents, with a better outlook in the spring wheat region, even if the total crop will turn out to be less than that of last year. The yields of corn, spring wheat and cotton, in other words, show a tendency toward totals noticeably above those of 1924. The corn crop, indeed, may reach a high record. Meanwhile, mail order business for the half year shows a total unprecedented in the history of that branch of business. Bank clearings also make a new high record. Wool has been reported steadier, but quiet. Much will depend upon the result of the auction sales beginning in London on the 7th inst. and in Australia on the 13th. There is no evidence of any marked increase in the demand for raw wool in this country or of any genuine revival in the woolen goods industry. Worsteds and some kinds of woolens, it is true, have been reported in somewhat better demand. But these are the exceptions which prove the rule.

As regards the general condition of credits in this country, it is gratifying to notice that in spite of the slowness of the turnover in many directions, the failures are fewer for the half year and the individual liabilities are smaller than for the like period last year. Cotton fabrics have been in better demand here. And at Fall River the transactions in print cloths this week have exceeded 100,000 pieces, the largest total for months past. The sales would have been much larger if the mills had the material on hand. The bracing effects of curtailment are already noticeable. Southern mills to the amount of 10,000,000 spindles are said to be planning curtailment for a couple of weeks in August. But on the whole there is less talk of mill curtailment in this country than there was some weeks back. Lancashire will cut working time on American cotton some 8¾ hours per week, but it is noticeable at the same time that the forwardings of raw cotton to the mills from Liverpool are still on a very large scale, especially of American cotton. Car loadings are still very large, gaining 8% in May, though it must be added that the increase in gross receipts for May was only 2%. Crude oil production has fallen off further. Lumber has been less active and shipments have fallen off, but there is an increase in output so that it is not surprising to learn that prices seem to be wavering.

Give the pessimist his fling and there is no denying one evidence of underlying confidence in business, and that is the fact that in the first half of 1924 the transactions in stocks broke the record for 24 years and \$122,000 has just been paid for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and \$20,000 for a membership on the Curb Exchange. Cotton Exchange seats are about \$31,000 and those of the Coffee Exchange have just reached a new high of \$12,500. And now it is said that stocks of seasonal hardware have become much depleted, evidently through pursuing the dilatory policy in buying, that is "buying only as we want it." Some hardware dealers find themselves caught napping. Reliance on quick railroad or auto deliveries is well enough for a time, but there inevitably comes a sudden and urgent demand which even quick deliveries by the carriers cannot meet at once and the concern that has the goods gets the trade, and perhaps keeps it. There is quite a list of trades where dealers or manufacturers have been caught off their guard; for instance, in certain cotton goods, coffee, rubber, hardware, and in all probability, sooner or later, it will be the same in iron, steel, wool, etc. No bell rings to announce the turn in the lane. It comes quietly and perhaps suddenly, while everything is looking a bit dark. Take the case of cotton goods. Curtailment of output by mills is less certain; in some cases it may not come at all. From South Carolina

comes the announcement that certain mills there will run all summer. It had been supposed that there would be widespread and sharp curtailment all over the South during July and August. Evidently mills are hearing from buyers caught, in popular parlance, "asleep at the switch."

At Fall River the feeling was said to be better. Mills are doing business, it is added, at a profit and unemployment is decreasing. The Fall River market became firmer, owing to a growing scarcity of goods in that market. Cotton yarns were quiet and firm. There was a decided improvement in the cotton goods trading and tone during June, print cloths leading all others. At Ware, Mass., the Otis mills closed down to-night, reopening July 13. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskaeg Co., the largest manufacturer of gingham in the world, has announced a radical change in the character of its cotton and worsted goods production, and will offer the first of its new lines for the spring of 1926 in a few days. The adoption of the new policy has been prompted by recent changes in New England manufacturing conditions, the desire of women for soft draping dress materials, and the styling and coloring of cottons suitable for modern dress wear. At Hillsborough, N. H., the Contocook cotton knit goods mills has shut down until Aug. 3, owing, it is said, to slowness of trade. The Southern Spinners' Association of Charlotte, N. C., states that yarns remain quiet, with prices at about the same level as a week ago; that curtailment is more in evidence; that many mills are closing down to cover the approaching holidays, while others are preparing for a protracted closing for repairs and overhauling. Mills operating more than 10,000,000 spindles in the South have signified their intention of co-operating in the curtailment movement. The belief is that total curtailment to Aug. 15 will amount to more than equivalent of production of 15,000,000 spindles for one week. At Union, S. C., the Union Buffalo mills will close for three weeks because of accumulation of goods and no demand. Others are considering closing. At Lando, S. C., the Manetta mills, manufacturers of blankets, announce that they will give their operatives July 4 and all of next week as a holiday.

The British Master Cotton Spinners' Federation announces that nearly 85% of the spinners of American cotton have offered to curtail production to the extent of 8¾ hours weekly. It is said that a boycott of British goods is being organized at Shanghai, China, despite the opposition of the older Chinese merchants.

Scranton, Pa., wired that the Mid-Valley Silk strike, in effect since June 17 and affecting 800 workers in four mills at Blakely and Dickson City, has been settled. The workers get an increase of 12½% in wages and recognition of their union. At Utica, N. Y., the committee which was appointed by the Mayor to arbitrate the strike of employees of the Utica Steam & Mohawk Valley Cotton Mills against a 10% cut in wages, announced by the company last winter, has filed its report. By the committee's findings the scale now being paid will continue. This scale restored 5% of the 10% cut first imposed. The agreement was that the mill would have the right to make the full 10% reduction if its claim of an operating loss was substantiated. The claim was supported by the accountants' report, but the company consented to waive the reduction. At Paterson, N. J., some of the silk mills are closing in order to take inventories.

The Fisk Rubber Co. advanced prices on casings 5 to 10% and on tubes 10 to 15%. The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., the United States Rubber Co. and the General Tire & Rubber have announced advances of 10 to 15% on tire prices and 30 to 35% on tubes. The rise in the inner tube prices of the General Tire & Rubber Co. was announced several days ago as 33 1-3%.

A great earthquake occurred on June 29 at Santa Barbara, Calif., in which 10 persons were killed and damage to the estimated amount of \$20,000,000 was done. On the 30th ult. three new earthquakes occurred without new damage. These earthquakes followed others in Montana. Today two heavy shocks swayed buildings in Santa Barbara, Calif., more than in the previous shocks. The building loss in that city is said to be \$11,000,000 in all.

The hottest June in eighty years in New York was followed by the coldest July 1 since 1885, with the mercury here down to 56 degrees but on the same day at, Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha, Neb., and Fresno, Calif., it was 104 degrees. Here for several days it has been pleasant and for two days cool. At Chicago on Thursday it was 76, at Cleveland 74, at St. Paul 84, at Boston 78 and at New York 79.

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States—Decline in Factory Employment and in Production in Basic Industries.

Production in basic industries and factory employment continued to decline in May, and there was a further recession in wholesale prices, says the Federal Reserve Board in its summary of business conditions in the United States, made public June 27. According to the Board, distribution of commodities was in greater volume than at this time last year, but slightly less than in April. In its further review of conditions the Board says:

Production.

The Federal Reserve Board's index of production in basic industries declined 6% in May to a level 12% below the high point in January. There were further considerable decreases in the output of the iron and steel and woolen industries; and declines also occurred in the mill consumption of cotton and in copper, sole leather, and newspaper production. The number of automobiles manufactured during May fell slightly below the record figure of April. Employment at industrial establishments was slightly less in May than in the month before, with decreases, partly seasonal, in the clothing, boot and shoe, and iron and steel industries and increases in the industries producing automobiles, tobacco products, and certain building materials. Building contracts awarded during May were smaller in value and in square feet than those for April, but were larger than for any other month on record.

Trade.

Department store sales in May were smaller than in April but somewhat larger than a year ago, and mail order sales were 5% larger than in May 1924. Department store stocks declined in May and were at the same level as a year ago. Wholesale trade was in about the same volume as the month before and about 3% larger than a year ago, increases over last year in sales of meats and dry goods offsetting decreases in sales of groceries, shoes, hardware, and drugs. Wholesale stocks of groceries in dollar values were larger than a year ago, while stocks of dry goods and shoes were substantially smaller. Car loadings of miscellaneous products and merchandise decreased slightly during May, but were greater than a year ago.

Prices.

Wholesale prices continued to decline in May, but the decrease was considerably smaller than for the preceding month. All groups of prices represented in the Bureau of Labor Statistics index declined except the house-furnishings and miscellaneous groups. In the first three weeks of June prices of wheat, corn, flour, cotton goods, and pig iron declined, while quotations on sheep, hogs, gasoline, hides, and rubber advanced.

Bank Credit.

Borrowing for commercial purposes at member banks in leading cities declined further between the middle of May and the middle of June to a level lower than at any time this year, while loans on securities increased and reached a new high level in June. Investment holdings of these banks also increased, and total loans and investments at the middle of June were at a new high point.

At the Reserve Banks there was an increase in member bank borrowing between May 20 and June 24 and on that date discounts for member banks were in larger volume than at any time since the opening of the year. Further decreases in the holdings of acceptances and of United States securities brought the volume of open-market holdings in June to the lowest level since last summer.

Conditions in the money market remained relatively steady during the latter part of May and first three weeks of June, notwithstanding the heavy Treasury operations in the middle of June.

Increase in Chain Store Sales in May in Federal Reserve District of New York as Compared With Year Ago.

"While aggregate sales in May of reporting chain store systems increased 14% over last year, in most lines the comparisons were slightly less favorable than in the two months preceding, due to the fact that there were five Sundays in May this year," the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports, adding:

The principal exception was the candy trade, which reported the largest increase in total sales since last October, and the first increase in sales per store compared with a year previous since May 1924.

Ten-cent-store systems and drug chains also reported increases in sales per store, while tobacco and shoe store sales averaged considerably smaller per store than a year ago. Grocery and variety store chains continued to lead in rapidity of expansion.

Type of Store—	Percentage Change May 1924 to May 1925—		
	Number of Stores.	Total Sales.	Sales per Store.
Grocery	+20.2	+18.7	-1.3
Variety	+17.6	+16.2	-1.2
Ten Cent	+7.2	+9.4	+2.0
Drug	+2.4	+7.2	+4.8
Candy	+4.1	+6.5	+2.3
Tobacco	+6.2	-0.4	-6.2
Shoe	+17.4	-1.0	-15.7
Total	+17.1	+13.6	-3.0

Seasonal Declines in Wholesale Trade in New York Federal Reserve District in May.

"Further seasonal declines in most lines of wholesale trade resulted in an average reduction of 14% in sales from April to May," says the July 1 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. It adds:

Compared with May 1924, however, there was an increase of 5%, despite the fact that May this year included one less selling day. After allowance for price changes, seasonal variations and year to year growth, this bank's index of wholesale trade for May stood at 93% of the estimated normal, unchanged from the April index, but 2 points above that of a year ago.

The greatest increase over a year ago was in silk goods, sales of which were larger than in any previous May. Machine tool sales showed a large increase over those of May 1924 and were the largest for any month in nearly two years. Substantial gains were reported also in men's clothing

and women's dresses, but sales of women's coats and suits were much below a year ago, and sales of stationery, hardware and jewelry continued to show losses.

Wholesale stocks of groceries, shoes and jewelry and diamonds continued larger than those of a year ago, while stocks of cotton and silk goods and hardware were substantially smaller.

Commodity—	Net Sales—		Stock at End of Month—	
	Percentage Change.		Percentage Change.	
	Apr. 1925 to May 1924 to May 1925.	Apr. 1925 to May 1924 to May 1925.	Apr. 1925 to May 1924 to May 1925.	Apr. 1925 to May 1924 to May 1925.
Groceries	+11.3	-0.4	-9.4	+8.0
Men's clothing	-36.9	+16.2	---	---
Women's dresses	+0.4	+20.5	---	---
Women's coats and suits	-75.8	-35.3	---	---
Cotton jobbers	-5.4	+4.6	+5.0	-14.8
Cotton commission houses	-6.4	+9.4	---	---
Silk goods	-9.4	+31.4	*-0.3	*-17.6
Shoes	-19.6	+8.0	+8.5	+16.6
Drugs	-8.2	-13.7	---	---
Hardware	-5.8	-9.2	-11.9	-13.2
Machine tools	+28.5	+21.3	---	---
Stationery	-8.8	-2.0	---	---
Paper	-10.2	-7.9	---	---
Diamonds	-11.3	+5.9	-4.0	+14.8
Jewelry	+36.8	-5.1	---	---
Weighted average	-14.0	+4.6	---	---

* Stock at first of month, quantity, not value.

May Sales of Department Stores in New York Federal Reserve District Slightly Larger Than Year Ago.

According to the July 1 "Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions" by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York, "May sales of leading department stores in this district were less than 2% larger than a year ago, the smallest increase since January, and, excluding sales of radio sets, which were greatly increased by special sales in May, sales actually fell below last year." The Review points out that "there was one less selling day in May this year, and that bank's index of department store sales adjusted to a working day basis advanced from 93% of the trend of past years in April to 97% in May. Apparel store sales were about 2% smaller than in May 1924." The bank also says:

Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of the month increased 3% over last year, so that the percentage of sales to average stocks declined slightly from 31.2% in May 1924 to 30.9. For the first five months of 1925, however, the ratio of sales to average stocks valued at selling prices was 152%, or virtually the same as a year ago. This percentage of stock turnover varied from an average of 92% for the smaller localities of the district, where relatively heavy stocks must be carried, to 165% in New York City.

	Net Sales	Stock on Hand
	Percentage Change May 1924 to May 1925.	Percentage Change May 31 1924 to May 31 1925.
New York	+2.1	+3.1
Buffalo	+3.2	+5.5
Rochester	+5.6	+7.0
Syracuse	-6.2	+3.4
Newark	-0.2	+3.4
Bridgeport	-5.2	+8.0
Elsewhere	+0.1	-2.9
Northern New York State	-9.4	---
Central New York State	-5.5	---
Southern New York State	-2.6	---
Hudson River Valley District	+9.2	---
Capital District	+3.8	---
Westchester District	-2.5	---
All department stores	+1.5	+3.2
Apparel stores	-2.3	-3.8
Mail order houses	+5.5	---

Sales of radio equipment were nearly six times larger than last year, due to the clearance sales at greatly reduced prices. In yard goods, silks continued to show a substantial gain, while woolens showed a large loss and cotton goods were held up largely by sales of domestics, including sheets, pillow cases, &c. The popularity of silks appeared also in an increase in women's dress sales, while sales of suits and other apparel generally fell below last year.

The average amount of the individual check during the month was \$2 91, compared with \$2 81 in May 1924.

	Net Sales	Stock on Hand
	Percentage Change May 1924 to May 1925.	Percentage Change May 31 1924 to May 31 1925.
Musical instruments and radio	+586.7	+3.8
Luggage and other leather goods	+13.7	+9.3
Silk goods	+8.7	-3.8
Men's furnishings	+5.9	+24.7
Cotton goods	+5.2	+7.2
Home furnishings	+4.5	-4.8
Shoes	+3.9	+11.1
Toilet articles and drugs	+3.8	+11.6
Furniture	+3.4	+2.4
Hosiery	+2.3	+5.6
Linens and handkerchiefs	+1.1	+5.6
Silverware and jewelry	-0.3	-3.5
Men's and boys' wear	-0.5	+2.8
Women's and misses' ready-to-wear	-2.2	+0.9
Women's accessories	-4.0	-2.2
Woolen goods	-21.4	+1.0
Miscellaneous	-2.5	+0.9

Frederick H. Curtiss of Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on the Business Situation.

Stating that "it is especially important at this time to get a long-range perspective of the business situation, because there are so many cross currents in the immediate trends of the various industries that anyone reading to-day's news from the business world is apt to be misled," Frederic H. Curtiss, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, in his "Monthly Review" dated July 1, comments as follows on the situation:

Production in the basic industries, for example, has been declining, and yet the distribution of merchandise by the railroads is large,—in fact, in greater volume than a year ago. Factory employment and workers' earnings have also declined, and yet the volume of retail trade in New England during the first three weeks in June was the most satisfactory so

far this year. New orders in many manufacturing industries have been declining, but industrial security prices made a new high record for all time in May.

These current movements seem to be contradictory, and do not, therefore, give a clear picture of the general situation. What is actually happening may be inferred from a study of the conditions which have led up to the present situation.

A year ago this summer, especially in New England, production of a number of basic commodities was unquestionably less than the rate of consumption then current. This led to more purchases by the consumer, re-ordering by the retailer and jobber, and an expansion of output last winter. Retail trade, however, did not pick up as quickly as manufacturing. Output, as a result, was reduced this spring. Manufacturers have had a better grasp on the situation this year than usual, partly because the hand-to-mouth buying movement has brought them closer to the retailer, and partly because statistical information concerning the volume of production, stocks and retail sales is much more complete than it has ever been before. Production was reduced during the spring months, before burdensome stocks of unsold merchandise had accumulated, and the rate of output has been brought more nearly in line with the rate of consumption.

Sentiment is a rather elusive thing, but is, nevertheless, an important factor in the business situation. New England sentiment remains favorably disposed toward the outlook for the coming autumn.

Money rates were stabilized during the past two months at a level slightly below the average for April. Deposits in member banks are large, and loans of New England member banks have increased to the largest volume on record.

Industrial Employment Conditions in Federal Reserve District of Chicago—Increasing Activity in Automobile Industry.

In its account of industrial employment conditions in its district the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has the following to say under date of July 1:

For the month ended May 15 four of the ten large groups into which the reporting industries of the district have been classified registered increases in employment. Two of these, vehicles and rubber products, indicated an increasing activity in the automobile industry, although the change in vehicles was almost negligible on account of the decline in the manufacture of railroad equipment and in repair shops. The effect of the growing demands of the automobile industry was evidenced clearly by the gains registered for rubber products and by the reports received from the Employers' Association of Detroit, which showed an increase of 5.3% from the previous month in the employment of that city. Later reports would indicate that this gain has been maintained, the volume on June 9 being only 0.5% lower than for the middle of May.

Seasonal increases were apparent in the food and related products group in which a steady decline had been in progress since last December. Under stone, clay and glass products the fourth group that showed an increase in employment, the expansion has been continuous since last February.

Losses in the remaining six groups, however, slightly more than offset these gains, and the change for the aggregate of all groups, with an employment of about 370,000 men, was a loss of 0.8% in number and of 0.3% in pay-rolls. The heaviest decline took place in textiles and textile products and was of a seasonal nature. The changes in the metals and metal products group were similar to those shown above for the total of all groups. While this is the third consecutive month that the metal industries have reduced employment, the cumulative decline barely exceeds 2%.

Building and road construction are requiring a steadily increasing number of men, but there has been no further improvement in the ratio of applicants to places available at the free State employment offices. For Indiana this ratio in per cent rose from 108 to 119 during the month of May, while for Illinois there was a very slight increase from 143 to 145.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Group—	—No. of Wage Earners—			—Total Earnings—		
	May 15.	Apr. 15.	Change.	May 15.	Apr. 15.	P. C. Change.
Metals and metal prod. (other than vehicles).....	147,209	148,327	-0.8	\$3,646,737	\$3,657,696	-0.3
Vehicles.....	43,528	43,289	+0.6	1,360,032	1,351,460	+0.6
Textiles & textile prod.....	25,840	27,832	-7.2	529,186	593,757	-10.9
Food & related prod.....	46,852	45,527	+2.9	1,238,542	1,183,211	+4.7
Stone, clay & glass prod.....	14,117	13,745	+2.7	424,205	402,388	+5.4
Lumber & its products.....	33,551	34,769	-3.5	819,390	835,487	-1.9
Chemical products.....	8,463	8,727	-3.0	222,491	226,621	-1.8
Leather products.....	17,716	17,748	-0.2	384,362	380,538	+1.0
Rubber products.....	3,290	3,161	+4.1	87,612	84,346	+3.9
Paper and printing.....	28,105	28,549	-1.6	869,817	892,059	-2.5

Course of Wholesale and Department Store Trade in Chicago Federal Reserve District.

Wholesale trade during May in the Seventh district as reflected by sales of reporting dealers followed much the same trends as a year ago reports the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its Monthly Business Conditions Review under date of July 1. The Bank goes on to say:

As then, comparisons with the preceding month indicate general expansion only among grocery firms; in other commodities, all but seven dealers registered declines, the decreases by groups being as in 1924 most marked for shoes, 30%, next for dry goods and hardware, respectively, and about 5% for drugs.

Comparisons with May, 1924, were affected by the one less trading day this year and by the weather conditions prevailing during the month. Individually, over two-thirds of the dealers showed declines from a year ago. Cumulative sales during the first five months of 1925 are below last year for half the drug and hardware firms and for the large majority of other firms, with changes by groups ranging from 0.7% increase for drugs to 13.2% decrease for shoes.

Aggregate collections were smaller than in April except for hardware, and for all groups were below a year ago, the latter comparisons in general being the most unfavorable for the year. Of eighty-two firms reporting accounts outstanding at the beginning of June, fifty had smaller amounts on their books than on May 1, and nearly two-thirds were below a year ago.

Stocks of hardware and groceries were generally reduced during the month, while in drugs and dry goods half the stores reported net additions. In comparison with a year ago, stocks for twenty-five grocery dealers were about 12% heavier this year; with few exceptions, all dealers in the other groups were carrying lighter inventories.

Department Store Trade.—Of eighty-seven department stores reporting in this district, fifty indicated a smaller volume of business during May than

in the corresponding month a year ago. Increases by the others, however, more than offset the declines so that the entire group averaged an increase of 3.5%, and cumulative sales for the five months are 1.8% in excess of last year. The decline in May of this year of 5.8% from the preceding month reflects decreases by fifty-two firms and increases by thirty-seven.

As is customary during May, stocks were generally reduced, all but eleven stores being inventoried lower on May 31 than at the beginning of the month, and the group averaging a drop of 1.5%. Over half the stores are carrying lower stocks than a year ago.

In collections more than two-thirds of the firms reported larger amounts received during May than in April, following the trend of the three preceding years for which comparable data are available. For twenty-seven out of forty-five firms collections were heavier than a year ago. By the end of May accounts on the books for sixty-six stores had increased 1.8%, and for forty-five were 10.1 heavier than last year.

N. Y. Federal Reserve Bank's Indexes of Business Activity.

In its July 1 "Monthly Review," the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states that its indexes of business activity generally indicated continued large distribution of goods in May and June. The "Review" says:

Bank debits outside of New York City exceeded last year's figures by 9% in May and 15% in the first 24 days of June, and both in this district and elsewhere the totals continued above the trend of past years. Railway freight car loadings in May and the first half of June exceeded all previous years except 1923, due largely to the heavy movement of merchandise and miscellaneous freight.

Mail order sales continued to show increases over the relatively high level of a year ago, and the indexes of department store and chain store sales rose from the April level, though they remained somewhat below the computed normal. Building continued at unusually high levels, and factory employment showed no more than the usual seasonal recession.

In the following indexes, allowance has been made for year to year growth, seasonal variations, and, where necessary, for price changes:

(Computed trend of past years—100%.)

	1924.	1925—	1925—	1925—
	May.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
Primary Distribution—				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous.....	101	105	106	106
Car loadings, other.....	101	94	108	108
Wholesale trade, Second District.....	91	95	93	93
Exports.....	91	103	95	93
Imports.....	110	113	111	110
Grain exports.....	65	104	146	—
Panama Canal traffic.....	129	106	97	83
Distribution to Consumer—				
Department store sales, Second District.....	98	97	93	97
Chain store sales.....	98	96	93	96
Mail order sales.....	105	107	109	111
Life insurance paid for.....	108	112	117	114
Real estate transfers.....	106	111	116	—
Magazine advertising.....	107	97	97	97
Newspaper advertising.....	97	97	95	95
General Business Activity—				
Bank debits, outside of New York City.....	101	110	106	110
Bank debits, New York City.....	107	121	113	124
Bank debits, 2d District, excl. New York City.....	103	103	102	102
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of N. Y. City.....	101	101	98	103
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City.....	104	110	101	115
Postal receipts.....	101	95	103	99
Electric power.....	102	105	106	—
Employment, New York State factories.....	100	99	99	99
Business failures.....	113	105	122	108
Building permits.....	141	163	192	160
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Building Contracts in 36 States Awarded in May Largest Ever Recorded for that Month.

According to the July 1 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, building contracts awarded in 36 States in May were the largest ever recorded for that month, totaling \$496,000,000. The Bank adds:

While there was a seasonal decline of 9% compared with April, there was an increase of 18% over May of last year. In the New York and northern New Jersey district also, contracts in May exceeded those of a year ago, after falling considerably below last year in preceding months. The following diagram [this we omit.—Ed.] reflects the recent tendencies in building, both in this district and for the country as a whole.

Despite heavy residential building for several years, the total contracts in May for this type of construction for the country were larger than in any previous month except April. In this district, also, the May totals were larger than last year, though, as was true of total contracts, the figures for the first five months remained below 1924.

Building permits for the country were the largest ever reported for the month of May. The total for 365 cities was 14% smaller in May than in April, but 16% larger than in May 1924. Increases over a year ago were reported in 21 out of 25 leading cities, including New York City, where there was an increase of 9%.

An Index of Real Estate Activity.

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

Through the courtesy of the National Association of Real Estate Boards it has been possible to obtain by months from 1916 the number of deeds recorded in real estate transfers in 41 representative American cities, and, in addition to this, records from a number of widely scattered cities running back for 25 years. From these data there has been computed the index of real estate transfers shown in the following diagram [this we omit.—Ed.], which represents in percentages the variations of activity above and below the line of normal growth. This normal growth has been found to average about 7% per annum steadily through the last quarter of a century, while the growth of urban population has averaged about 3%.

With this index of real estate activity is also shown this bank's index of the volume of urban building in percentages of the computed trend, but plotted on a smaller scale to reduce the fluctuations and make comparison of the two lines easier. As might be expected, the two curves disclose much similarity, both in time and general direction of change. Notable differences, however, have been considerably wider fluctuations of the building curve despite the reduced scale, and the much larger expansion of building in recent years as compared with 1919-1920.

N. Y. State Industrial Commission Reports Building Plans in May 30% Below April—New Rochelle Only City to Gain.

Building work planned in May was 30% below the month of April. Permits issued in 23 cities representing 75% of the population of the State were valued at \$89,000,000, of which \$8,000,000 was for repairs and alterations. This was a gain of about \$9,000,000 over May 1924, so that the difference between last year's record activity and the current year's projects was reduced somewhat. Construction planned during the five months of this year had an estimated value of \$462,000,000, where for the same period of 1924 it had reached \$563,000,000. This statement was issued by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton at Albany on July 2. The Commissioner also supplies the following information:

While the sharp drop in New York City accounted for most of the loss in the State, about half of the up-State cities reported that the permits issued in May called for a smaller expenditure of money than in April. The total for the 18 up-State cities for the first five months of the year was 52 million dollars, only 8% below the corresponding months of 1924.

Not all classes of construction showed the same relative decreases during the month. While total building planned fell off 30%, the important class of residential work was only 20% under April. Industrial and commercial building dropped 40% from month to month and the valuation of buildings of a public nature was only a small fraction of the April figures. The drop this year is not primarily the result of a diminishing need for houses but is distributed over various classes of building.

A comparison of construction planned in the five months period this year and last shows that total building is 18% below 1924. Residential work has fallen off 21% but the slightly larger decrease is probably due to change of season in New York City. Public buildings are only half as high as a year ago but commercial structures have lost only 11% in the year's comparison.

Reports from the building departments in New York City placed the value of permits issued in May at \$71,000,000. In April, plans accepted by the bureaus totalled 103 millions. This makes the total for the five months of this year \$390,000,000, 100 millions less than for a similar period a year ago.

Manhattan Low After Record Month.

The decrease this month was concentrated in Manhattan although the Bronx and Richmond lost also. It followed a month of extreme activity. Fewer plans for apartments, hotels and clubs, amusement places and commercial and industrial buildings were filed in May. Plans for future construction in this borough are thus far ahead of where they were at this time last year, largely because of the number of hotels, public and mercantile buildings to be erected.

The Bronx also reported the lowest total for 1925. A loss of \$3,000,000 in residential building, mostly apartments, brought the valuation of permits for May down to \$8,600,000. Nevertheless apartments for the five months of 1925 are keeping up to last year while other dwellings have fallen off sharply. All kinds of non-residential construction, with the exception of factories and amusement places, are below 1924.

Brooklyn and Queens, where the largest amount of residential building is done, were about as active as in April. In Brooklyn the total for the past three months has stayed near \$24,000,000. An increase in repair work and alterations tended to offset a loss in two family houses, garages and mercantile buildings. Residential projects for this year equal only two thirds of the work planned during the five months of 1924, in spite of the April and May gains over the preceding year. So far this year factories have not come up to last year's figures but office and mercantile buildings are well above 1924.

Permits issued in Queens during May were valued at \$19,500,000. In both April and May of this year permits were twice as high as in 1924 because plans for dwellings and apartments were more evenly distributed over the spring months instead of piling up in March. Residential work is still 25% below 1924, however. There has been a noticeable development in office buildings and factories. This seems to be part of the movement of business interests from Manhattan to the less crowded boroughs. Public buildings have fallen off here also.

Richmond had a much less active month in May. The valuation of permits issued in May was \$900,000, about half of the April figures. The decrease followed the filing of several large plans for non-residential work in April.

Westchester Cities Lose in May.

May brought a decline in the number of permits filed in three of the four Westchester cities. But with the exception of Mt. Vernon, building in all these cities is running ahead of last year. Yonkers is the center of unusual activity in the building industry. Plans in May dropped to \$1,800,000 after the record total in April. There has been an astonishing increase in factories and apartments during the five months just past.

Building planned in White Plains also slowed up after an active April. Permits were valued at \$650,000 in May, about \$25,000 more than a year ago. Thus far 1925 is about 50% higher than a similar period in 1924 because of a heavier housing program.

New Rochelle was the only city to gain in May. Plans filed amounted to \$1,160,000. Here also the movement of families from New York City to cities within commuting distance has resulted in a further expansion in residential work.

Building work in Mt. Vernon totalled \$752,000 in May. This was about \$450,000 below April and also May 1924. Mt. Vernon is the only city near New York which has not been carried above last year by great activity in residential building. There has been a decided increase in commercial structures.

Almost half of the up-State cities gained from April to May. Rochester leads with the largest monthly gain and the highest total for the five months. The May figures reached five million dollars as plans for office buildings at three millions were accepted. Building has been extremely active in this city, and while plans are four and one-half million dollars under the exceedingly high figures for the first five months of last year, the fact that they at all approach 1924 is surprising. Commercial and industrial building is proceeding at a higher rate than a year ago but other classes are somewhat lower.

Buffalo and Albany reported decreases in May. Buffalo has lagged behind 1924 as all classes of building have been less active during the five months period. The large number of one and two family houses planned in Albany has been responsible for a small increase over last year.

Syracuse lost after an active month of residential plans in April. Permits issued in May were valued at \$910,000. The total for five months is still

ahead of last year because of a gain in residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

Other cities which were more active in May included Binghamton, Jamestown, Newburgh, Schenectady, Utica, Niagara Falls and Watertown. The first three reported that permits so far this year exceeded the first five months of last year. In both Binghamton and Jamestown the gain appeared in commercial and industrial buildings as well as in dwellings though to a smaller extent.

While Kingston and Poughkeepsie reported the lowest totals for this year in May, the volume of building plans for the five months is far larger than a year ago. Elmira also showed a decrease from April to May but 1925 is keeping a little above the preceding year. Activity in Troy has fallen off even further.

Lumber Business Less Active.

Reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association for the week ending June 27 from 375 of the principal soft-wood mills of the country, as compared with 367 mills reporting for the previous week, indicate a decrease in new business and shipments. Taking the week in comparison with last year, all three factors show a decided gain.

The unfilled orders of 249 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 586,162,566 feet as against 606,625,480 feet for 247 mills the previous week. The 134 identical Southern Pine mills in this group showed unfilled orders of 220,626,420 feet last week as against 217,921,900 feet for the week before. For 115 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 365,536,146 feet as against 388,703,580 feet for 113 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 375 comparably reporting mills had shipments 98% and orders 92% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were, respectively, 101 and 105; and for the West Coast mills 108 and 96.

Of the comparably reporting mills, 350 (having a normal production for the week of 218,271,059 feet), reported production 105% of normal, shipments 105%, and orders 99% thereof.

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

	Past Week.	Corresponding Week 1924.	Preceding Week 1925 (Revised).
Mills	375	359	367
Production	246,431,940	217,512,993	246,129,528
Shipments	242,369,104	201,538,954	247,981,639
Orders (new business)	226,526,211	196,764,147	242,905,953

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

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1925	6,331,745,057	6,243,186,215	6,071,209,460
1924	6,212,559,250	6,120,909,459	5,750,425,360
1925, increase	119,185,807	122,276,756	320,784,100

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 13,020,000 feet, shipments 10,287,000 feet, and orders 7,254,000 feet. The reported cut represents 31% of the total of the California Pine region. As compared with the preceding week, from reports of the same number of mills, increase is shown in all three items.

Weekly Lumber Review of West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

One hundred and thirteen mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending June 20, manufactured 107,276,027 feet of lumber; sold 110,821,935 feet, and shipped 117,850,139 feet. New business was 3% above production. Shipments were 6% above new business.

Forty-three per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 48,145,639 feet, of which 33,844,650 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 14,300,989 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,896 cars.

Forty-six per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 54,603,843 feet, of which 37,568,400 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal and 17,035,443 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1,915 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 5,796,296 feet. Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 157,639,673 feet. Unfilled export orders, 76,233,907 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders, 5,161 cars.

In the first 25 weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 2,519,985,594 feet; new business, 2,575,248,688 feet, and shipments 2,611,486,159 feet.

Decrease in Paper Production in May on Top of Decrease in April.

The May 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 5% as compared with April's production (following a 0.3% decrease in April over March), according to the

Australian Wool Growers Urged to Form Sales Pool.

The following Associated Press cablegram from Melbourne, June 23, appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

At a meeting of Australian wool growers to-day, Sir John Michael Higgins proposed the formation of an association with capital of £50,000,000, half of which will be in wool certificates and half in £1 shares.

He said that the wool growers should voluntarily form the association in order to give more stability to values. The association would acquire the clips by appraisal and would realize upon the growers' product by proper technical and collective methods of marketing. All receipts would be distributed as payment for wool.

The meeting decided the wool growers' organizations should have an opportunity to fully discuss the proposal.

Later advices (Associated Press) June 23 stated:

The Australian Wool Growers' Council and the National Council of Wool Growing Brokers of Australia have decided to resume wool sales on July 13. During July 120,000 bales of wool will be offered and a like amount in August. It is hoped that the monthly sales, if started in that way, will be continued.

Steel Market Steady—Further Quieting of Pig Iron Market.

Pig iron production figures for June wired to the "Iron Age" just as the month ends indicate that the adjustment of output to demand is well advanced, and thus is closely parallel with what has taken place in steel, declares that journal, adding:

At 2,666,160 tons in thirty days, or 88,872 tons a day, against 2,930,807 tons in May, or 94,542 tons a day, the daily average was 6% less in June than in May, whereas May showed a decline of 13% from April. There was a net loss of but 5 furnaces in June, against 24 in May. The 191 furnaces active on July 1 have an estimated daily capacity of 87,250 tons, against 89,500 tons for the 196 furnaces active on June 1.

Current pig iron output is at a rate of 52% greater than that of July 1924. Then the daily average for the country was 57,500 tons. Thus July opens with a pig iron production nearly 30,000 tons a day (or about 11,000,000 tons a year) more than in the corresponding month of last year.

For the first half of 1925 pig iron production (including charcoal iron) was roundly 19,250,000 tons, against 17,514,000 tons in the first half of 1924 and a record of 21,016,000 tons in the first half of 1923.

This week's developments in the steel market confirm what has been noted for the past six weeks of the comparative steadiness of mill operations. A new feature is the attempt of a number of sellers to check the price declines in products in which weakness has been most pronounced, particularly galvanized sheets and cold-rolled strips. The success of these efforts is yet to be seen.

Steel works and rolling mills will close down for July 4, and the shut-downs of many of the latter will extend for one or two days more. Thus the week will see the usual slowing down in markets as well as in operations. Tin plate and pipe mills, in view of the demand for both products, will come nearest to full running schedules in the next ten days.

July steel production is expected to show a falling off from the June rate, but the common advance estimate is around 60% for the month's operations, against 40% for July last year. In the past week the Steel Corporation has averaged close to 70%.

The situation in structural steel is promising, apart from the low prices that have been coming out. Outstanding in awards of 36,000 tons during the week were two new plants for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., totaling 16,500 tons, one a tin plate mill at Indiana Harbor, Ind., and the other a tube mill addition at Youngstown. The new Manger Hotel in New York, taking 4,200 tons, was next in size. Inquiries totaling 24,000 tons include 6,300 tons more for New York subway work and 4,000 tons for a Great Northern Railway ore dock at Superior, Wis. There is also the new "Point" bridge at Pittsburgh, which will take 8,000 tons.

Great Lakes shipyards look for early business from some of the pending inquiries for freighters, representing a total of six.

About 9,800 tons of steel will be required for 2,200 car underframes, just awarded by the Great Northern Railway, and the Southern Railway has ordered 1,000 underframes. The Missouri Kansas & Texas will build 900 cars in its own shops.

First among rail inquiries for the coming year is one for 46,500 tons for the Norfolk & Western, on which bids are to be in by July 15.

Railroad buying of cars and locomotives in the first half of 1925 was slightly under half the volume for the same period in 1924, the cars placed numbering about 37,000. Hopes of a pick-up in the steel market in the fall admittedly hand on a pronounced increase in equipment buying.

The French cast iron pipe works that has been actively competing on this side for some months has just taken a 9,000-ton contract for Greenville, S. C. Its bid for 2,200 tons for Panama was not so successful, but the margin was a matter of cents.

There is further quieting of the pig iron market and the effort of some Central Western producers to get an advance from the low point has had little effect on buyers. Some inquiries have been withdrawn pending developments as to the current rate of foundry operations.

France and Germany are still negotiating on the quotas of imports into Germany. The probable figure for pig iron and semi-finished steel is put at 1,700,000 tons annually, to be handled by the German Raw Steel Association.

French rail makers have formed their own organization, in anticipation of an international syndicate apart from American mills.

The usual composite price table is as follows:

June 30 1925, Finished Steel, 2.431c. 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...	June 23 1925 ----- 2.424c. June 2 1925 ----- 2.460c. July 1 1924 ----- 2.589c. 10-year pre-war average 1.689c.
June 30 1925, Pig Iron, \$19.13 per Gross Ton.	
Based on average of basic and foundry irons, the basic being Valley quotation, the foundry an average of Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham	June 23 1925 ----- \$19.13 June 2 1925 ----- 19.42 July 1 1924 ----- 19.38 10-year pre-war average 15.72
Finished steel	High 2.824c. Apr. 24 2.789c. Jan. 15 2.560c. Jan. 6 Low 2.424c. June 23 2.460c. Oct. 14 2.446c. Jan. 2
Pig iron	High \$30.86 Mar. 20 \$22.88 Feb. 26 \$22.50 Jan. 13 Low \$19.13 June 23 \$19.21 Nov. 3 \$20.77 Nov. 20

With the first half of the year spent, the iron and steel industry can find more satisfaction from the volume of its production than from the way it was marketed, observes the "Iron Trade Review" this week, and then continues:

Output of pig iron and steel during the first six months shows the largest tonnage for any similar period since the war, excepting 1923. Prices as a group average \$2 50 per ton below the corresponding months in 1924, \$5 per ton below those of 1923; barring 1922, they make the poorest showing since the war. Excess of productive capacity, hand-to-mouth buying and vigorous competition produced this result. The immediate market continues to reflect the presence of these same factors. Conditions appear more and more to have settled down to a point where the volume of buying is well sustained and operations subject to unimportant changes.

Pig iron production during the first half of 1924 was approximately 18,950,000 tons, according to preliminary statistics covering June. This compares with 17,423,417 tons in the period of 1924, 20,828,401 tons in 1923. June output, it is indicated, showed a falling off from May of about 283,000 tons, or 6.6% on a daily basis. A small loss in furnaces blown out during the month suggests that process of curtailment since March has about reached its end.

Price conditions with steel products remain spotty, with a slight inclination toward greater steadiness. Dulness in the railroad equipment market is broken by some new sales and inquiries. The Southern Pacific is figuring on building 3,000 cars for itself and may buy others in the open market. The Missouri Kansas & Texas also will construct 900 in its own shops. The Great Northern has placed 2,200 underframes. The Norfolk & Western RR. is in the market for 46,500 tons of rails. French competition figures again in the week's pipe news, which continues to show large tonnages being brought out by municipalities and other consumers of 15,000 tons. For Greenville, So. Caro., French makers will supply 9,000 tons. They are also low on 2,300 tons for the Panama Canal.

The composite this week on 14 representative iron and steel products is \$37 45, which is the first gain in 19 weeks. This compares with \$37 33 last week and \$37 43 the preceding week.

June Pig Iron Output Falls.

From statistics gathered by telegraph and with the output for the last one or two days of June estimated, by the companies reporting, the production of pig iron last month was 2,666,160 gross tons, or 88,872 tons per day. This compares with 2,930,807 tons, or 94,542 tons per day in May. The decline in June from May was 5,670 tons per day, or about 6%. The June output is the smallest this year. The next lowest production was in November last year, when the rate was 83,656 tons per day, declares the "Iron Age," continuing as follows:

There was a net loss of 5 furnaces in June, 8 having been blown out or banked and 3 having been blown in. This compares with a net loss in May of 24 furnaces. The number of furnaces active on July 1 was 191, as against 196 on June 1. The estimated daily capacity of these 191 furnaces was about 87,250 tons, compared with 89,500 tons as the daily capacity of the 196 furnaces in blast June 1.

Among the furnaces blown in during June were the following: One furnace of the Alan Wood Iron & Steel Co. in the Schuylkill Valley; one Carrie furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district, and the Mary furnace in the Mahoning Valley.

Among the furnaces blown out or banked during June were the following: One furnace of the Alan Wood Iron & Steel Co. in the Schuylkill Valley; three furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Co., and one furnace of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation in the Pittsburgh district; the Perry furnace in western Pennsylvania; one South Chicago furnace of the Illinois Steel Co., and one Gary furnace in the Chicago district.

Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Markets Inactive.

The markets along the Atlantic coast are still inactive but a better feeling is being manifested in most consuming centers observes the "Coal Trade Journal" on July 1. The smokeless situation at Boston has improved on account of the absence of distress tonnage on that market. Prices have risen and, arrivals at the docks being light, the new prices have been well maintained. At Providence the firming is not as noticeable as at Boston and prices are a shade lower. Sales of all-rail bituminous are more numerous but the aggregate volume is not large and prices are low. Coke is inactive. Slightly better movement in anthracite is reported but independent prices remain weak continues the "Journal," adding:

Both the bituminous and anthracite markets at New York are very dull but no changes in price are reported. The bituminous market at Philadelphia continues dull but there is a slight undercurrent of better feeling noticeable. Anthracite is in its usual June slump and householders are not stocking up their bins. Egg and stove are still the leaders with nut at the bottom of the domestic list. Steam sizes are in good demand with buckwheat at the top of the heap. There are reports of anthracite prices being shaded a quarter in order to move tonnage, but this is not general. Bituminous quotations are practically unchanged. The soft coal consumption is below normal and prices are low at Baltimore. Export is dull. Anthracite sales are slow and the customers' credit situation is not good, causing many dealers to hold back on sales. July prices are as yet uncertain.

North West Virginia is shipping a good volume of coal but prices are low. Railroad buying eased off last week and few contracts have been placed so far. Shipments from nonunion mines are still over 85% of the total for the district. Demand is still strong enough to keep the southern West Virginia production at a high level and prices are low but steady. There is comparatively little "no bill" coal. The position of smokeless in the market is not as strong as it was and demand has fallen off slightly. In the high volatile gas and by-product mine-run show the most strength in price. All other sizes are steady. Most of the mine-run is being shipped to the lakes. In the Upper Potomac and western Maryland fields demand is stagnant and very few contracts are in effect. Prices remain low. Export shipments are a little better than during May. The Virginia fields are still producing at the rate of two-thirds their potential capacity and prices are firmer, especially in mine-run. Most of the business is on contract but operators are reserving some of their production for the spot market of later contracts at higher prices.

General conditions remain unchanged in the central Pennsylvania producing region with production equal to that of the previous week. The Pittsburgh gas coal trade is more active and slack is holding firm. The

railroads are not buying. Lake coal movement is far below normal for this season and industrial activity has slowed down. Connellsville coke prices have softened and the output is only about 16% of normal.

Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Declines—Coke Output Also Smaller.

The weekly report on the production of bituminous and anthracite coal and beehive coke issued by the Department of the Interior, through the Geological Survey, June 27 1925, shows a decrease in the output of these three fuels. The Survey says:

The production of bituminous coal during the week ended June 20, as indicated by 149,600 cars loaded for shipment, is estimated at 8,434,000 net tons. This is a decrease of 187,000 tons, or 2%, when compared with the preceding week. The daily rate of output at the close of the coal year was approximately 1,390,000 tons. So far, production in the month of June appears to have found a level at about 1,412,000 tons a day.

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

	1925		1924	
	<i>Week.</i>	<i>Cal. Yr. to Date.</i>	<i>Week.</i>	<i>Cal. Yr. to Date.</i>
June 6.....	8,375,000	206,093,000	7,615,000	207,345,000
Daily average.....	1,396,000	1,547,000	1,269,000	1,560,000
June 13.....	8,621,000	214,715,000	7,355,000	214,730,000
Daily average.....	1,437,000	1,542,000	1,231,000	1,546,000
June 20.....	8,434,000	223,148,000	7,434,000	222,164,000
Daily average.....	1,406,000	1,537,000	1,239,000	1,533,000

a Original estimate corrected for usual error, which in past has averaged 2%. b Minus two days' production first week in January to equalize

number of days in the two years. c Revised from last report. d Subject to revision.

Preliminary telegraphic reports of loadings on Monday and Tuesday of the present week (June 22-27) indicate an increase of about 3%, when compared with loadings on the first two days of the preceding week.

The total output for the calendar year 1925 to June 20 is 223,148,000 net tons. Corresponding figures for recent years are given below:

Years of Activity.		Years of Depression.	
1918.....	265,547,000 net tons	1919.....	205,908,000 net tons
1920.....	248,380,000 net tons	1921.....	187,569,000 net tons
1923.....	265,064,000 net tons	1924.....	222,164,000 net tons

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1925		1924	
	<i>Week.</i>	<i>Cal. Yr. to Date.</i>	<i>Week.</i>	<i>Cal. Yr. to Date.</i>
June 6.....	1,674,000	38,933,000	1,846,000	39,581,000
June 13.....	1,870,000	40,803,000	1,823,000	41,404,000
June 20.....	1,788,000	42,591,000	1,823,000	43,227,000

a Less two days' production in January to equalize number of days in the two years.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended—			1925 to Date.	1924 to Date.
	June 20 1925.	June 13 1925.	June 21 1924.		
Pennsylvania & Ohio.....	92,000	96,000	93,000	3,893,000	4,644,000
West Virginia.....	9,000	9,000	6,000	303,000	309,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.....	16,000	17,000	16,000	498,000	494,000
Virginia.....	5,000	5,000	6,000	193,000	202,000
Colorado & New Mexico.....	5,000	5,000	5,000	110,000	130,000
Washington & Utah.....	3,000	4,000	5,000	106,000	100,000

United States total..... 130,000 136,000 131,000 5,103,000 5,879,000
Daily average..... 22,000 23,000 22,000 35,000 40,000

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on July 1, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows an increase of \$92,600,000 in total earning assets and of \$18,800,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and a decrease of \$31,900,000 in cash reserves. All classes of earning assets show increases for the week—discounted bills by \$56,200,000, acceptances purchased in open market by \$7,400,000 and U. S. Government securities by \$29,000,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Increases in holdings of discounted bills are reported by all Federal Reserve banks except San Francisco and Cleveland, which show declines of \$12,100,000 and \$5,900,000, respectively. The principal increases were: New York, \$30,200,000; Chicago, \$17,100,000; Boston, \$10,300,000; Philadelphia, \$7,500,000, and Richmond, \$6,100,000.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows an increase of \$11,400,000 in holdings of acceptances purchased in open market and Boston an increase of \$2,400,000, while the Minneapolis bank reports a decrease of \$2,600,000. Philadelphia of \$2,400,000 and Kansas City of \$2,200,000. The System's holdings of Treasury notes went up \$23,500,000 and of Treasury certificates of indebtedness \$9,500,000, while holdings of U. S. bonds went down \$4,000,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week comprise an increase of \$10,800,000 reported by the New York bank, and increases of \$6,000,000 and \$2,800,000, respectively, by the San Francisco and Philadelphia Reserve 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 46 and 47. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending July 1 1925 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	-\$31,900,000	-\$292,800,000
Gold reserves.....	-25,200,000	-335,100,000
Total earning assets.....	+\$92,600,000	+\$268,500,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+\$56,200,000	+\$142,600,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+\$19,000,000	+\$126,600,000
Other bills discounted.....	+\$37,200,000	+\$16,000,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+\$7,400,000	+\$196,300,000
U. S. Govt. securities, total.....	+\$29,000,000	-\$1,900,000
Bonds.....	-4,000,000	+47,100,000
Treasury notes.....	+\$23,500,000	-71,200,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	+\$9,500,000	-57,800,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+\$18,800,000	-221,300,000
Total deposits.....	+\$42,000,000	+\$177,900,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+\$58,900,000	+\$182,500,000
Government deposits.....	-\$22,900,000	-\$8,900,000
Other deposits.....	+\$6,000,000	+\$4,300,000

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

The principal changes in the condition of 733 reporting member banks in leading cities during the week ending June 24, as shown in the statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, comprise an increase of \$4,000,000 in loans and discounts, and reductions of \$34,000,000 in investments and \$141,000,000 in net demand deposits. The New York City members reported an increase of \$26,000,000 in loans and discounts, and decreases of \$14,000,000 in investments

and of \$31,000,000 in net demand deposits. It should be noted that the figures for these *member banks* are always a week behind those of the Reserve banks themselves. Further comments regarding the changes shown by these *member banks* are as follows:

Loans on stocks and bonds went up \$14,000,000, increases of \$31,000,000 and \$6,000,000 in the New York and Cleveland districts being offset in part by decreases of \$13,000,000 and \$12,000,000 in the Chicago and Boston districts, respectively. "All other" loans and discounts, largely commercial, declined by \$8,000,000 in the New York district, small increases and decreases in other districts offsetting each other.

Investments in United States securities were reduced \$41,000,000. Banks in the New York district reported a decline of \$20,000,000, while small reductions were reported for all other districts except Minneapolis. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities went up \$9,000,000 and \$3,000,000 in the New York and Boston districts, respectively, while banks in the Chicago district reported a decline of \$6,000,000 in this item.

Net demand deposits show a decline of \$141,000,000, of which \$43,000,000 was in the New York district, \$31,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$17,000,000 in the Boston district, and \$11,000,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively, in the Philadelphia and San Francisco districts.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 47—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the *member banks* of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	+\$4,000,000	+\$1,063,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-1,000,000	-45,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+14,000,000	+983,000,000
All other.....	-9,000,000	+125,000,000
Investments, total.....	-\$34,000,000	-\$679,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	-5,000,000	+489,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	-27,000,000	-251,000,000
U. S. Treasury certificates.....	-9,000,000	+4,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	+7,000,000	+437,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	-63,000,000	+59,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+3,000,000	-
Net demand deposits.....	-141,000,000	-\$888,000,000
Time deposits.....	+1,000,000	+\$774,000,000
Government deposits.....	+3,000,000	-\$13,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	+3,000,000	+149,000,000

Offering of \$15,000,000 City of Berlin (Germany) Bonds by Syndicate Headed by Speyer & Co., a Success.

On July 1 Speyer & Co., Blair & Co., the Equitable Trust Co. and Chase Securities Corporation, offered for subscription \$15,000,000 City of Berlin (Germany) Twenty-five Year 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, municipal external loan of 1925, due April 1 1950, at 89 and interest, to yield about 7½% if held to maturity or 9.43% if redeemed on April 1 1930. The bonds are issued with the approval of the German and Prussian Governments, and the city covenants that if in the future it shall issue and loan secured by a lien on any of its revenues or assets, the bonds shall be secured equally and ratably with such loan. It was announced on July 2 that the offering had been a success, a great number of subscriptions having been received, many from small investors from all over this country, Canada and some even from the European Continent. It is pointed out that this is the first important German loan to be offered in some time.

The negotiations in Berlin for the loan were conducted by the banking house of Lazard Speyer-Ellissen, Frankfort-on-Main, and the Deutsche Bank. An announcement relative to the offering says:

No bonds of the city of Berlin have heretofore been offered for public subscription in the United States. After the war, when the "paper mark" had begun to decline, some people here purchased certain amounts of German State and City bonds, as a promising speculation in marks.

Unfortunately, in view of subsequent developments, the judgment of those who suggested and made such purchases of these mark securities has proven wrong, and instead of the expected profit, there has been a loss, as a result of inflation of the post-war period and subsequent depreciation of the old German currency.

Now that, through the Dawes plan, the new gold mark currency has been established and stabilized, the old "paper mark" has become practically valueless and all of the bonds of the German Empire and of the States and cities, payable in such old currency, have very much depreciated in consequence. As the great bulk of all these issues is held in Germany, German holders, of course, who invested in these securities are the greatest sufferers. The German Parliament is now considering certain proposals for re-valuation, which may give the old currency bonds a certain gold value, estimated at 10%, more or less, of the original gold value, at the time of their issue in Germany.

It is also stated that

These \$15,000,000 bonds and other obligations amounting to about \$200,000 will be the only external debt of the city, provision having been made for payment of the \$3,000,000 1-Year 7% external gold loan due Nov. 15 1925. The amount of the internal debt of the city other than 100,000 gold marks outstanding (out of an authorized issue of 20,000,000 gold marks internal loan 6% bonds) cannot be determined until final action is taken by the Government authority in regard to the terms of revaluation of municipal obligations heretofore incurred; while no statement can be made at present as to the outcome of legislation now pending, it is anticipated that the maximum requirements for payment of interest upon and for the amortization (within a period of 20 years) of such obligations, as revalued, will not exceed \$4,300,000 per annum.

The \$15,000,000 City of Berlin bonds will be dated April 1 1925. They will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Interest will be payable April 1 and Oct. 1. Principal and interest will be payable in New York City, in United States gold coin, of, or equal to, the present standard of weight and fineness, free from all past, present or future taxes of the German Republic, or of any State, municipality or other taxing authority therein, at the office of Speyer & Co., fiscal agents for the loan. The proceeds of the loan will be used for additions and betterments to the city's electric light and power plants and for the extension of its rapid transit subway system.

Dr. Ernst Karding, Treasurer of the City of Berlin, in a statement furnished to the syndicate, says in part:

The City of Berlin, the capital of the German Republic, with a population of about 4,000,000, is the third largest city of the world. The value of real estate, including buildings, and of industrial and commercial enterprises assessed in Berlin as of Dec. 31 1924 amounted to about \$2,100,000,000, and the taxable income of the inhabitants for the year 1924 amounted to about \$915,000,000.

The city owns valuable real estate, municipal buildings and productive enterprises, including water supply, gas and electric light and power plants, street railways and rapid transit lines, markets, stockyards, &c., the value of which is conservatively estimated at more than \$350,000,000. The revenues of the city for the fiscal year ended March 31 1925 were about \$107,654,000 and the expenditures were about \$105,650,000 for the same period.

Under the Dawes Plan, which is now in successful operation, to assure reparation payments under the Versailles Treaty (Article 248), it has been arranged to impose charges on municipally owned works similar to those on private industrial undertakings. Payments by Berlin's municipally owned utilities for this purpose are estimated at not to exceed \$475,000 for the 12 months beginning Sept. 1 1925 (the first period for which such payments are required). \$950,000 for the succeeding 12 months, and a maximum amount of \$1,150,000 per annum thereafter.

All conversions from German to United States currency have been made at 4.20 gold marks to the dollar. Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. Amounts due on allotment will be payable at the office of Speyer & Co., 24-26 Pine St., in New York funds on or about July 20 1925, as called for, against delivery of interim receipts exchangeable for definitive bonds when ready.

The New York "Commercial," in its issue of July 2, stated:

No objection has been raised by this Government to the loan just negotiated in the United States for the City of Berlin, it is made known at the State Department, and no objections will be raised, it is added, to reasonable loans for economic purposes.

Each case, however, will be taken up on its own merits and it will depend on the circumstances surrounding it as to whether it would be approved or not. No general deduction was to be drawn as to loans by foreign municipalities, it was explained, that all such loans would go through without objection.

Reference to the fact that negotiations for the loan were then being conducted was made in our issue of June 20, page 3137.

\$4,000,000 Saar Basin Loan to Be Offered Next Week.

The \$4,000,000 loan to the Saar Basin Consolidated Counties, which was awarded to a syndicate of American and Dutch bankers, will be offered here next week. The syndicate here will consist of Ames, Emerich & Co., Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Federal Securities Corporation and Strupp & Co. The offering will be made in Holland by the Amsterdamsche Bank and the International Bank of Amsterdam. Reference to the loan was made in these columns

June 6, page 2883.

Berlin Banks to Issue Drafts on New York.

The following special radio advices from Frankfort-on-Main, June 30, appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

An arrangement has been arrived at by which all Berlin banks, members of the Stempelvereinigung, which comprises all the most prominent banks of that city, will issue drafts on banks in New York and other American cities, such drafts to be for amounts not exceeding \$1,000.

Hitherto German drafts on American banks have been issued only by the Reichsbank.

Gold to Australia—American Fleet Taking \$2,000,000 for Reminting by Special Arrangement—To Save in Exchange.

Special advices to the "Wall Street Journal" from Honolulu were reported as follows in that paper July 2:

Two million dollars in United States gold is being taken to Australia by the American fleet for reminting, by arrangement with the Australian Government, at a charge of 3d. per ounce. The result will be an estimated saving of \$30,000 to the fleet over exchange rate. Practically all the money will go to meet pay-rolls and much of it will be spent in Australia and New Zealand. Regular fleet expenses will be met in the usual way.

The gold arrived in Honolulu on the transport Chaumont and \$1,200,000 was transferred to the U. S. S. California which will head the battle fleet visiting Sydney and Auckland, while the rest went to the Cruiser Omaha with the scout fleet visiting Melbourne and Wellington.

Gold Standard for Rhodesia—Follows Line of Action of Union of South Africa.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following Associated Press advices from Salisbury, Rhodesia, South Africa, June 30:

It is announced that Rhodesia will return to the gold standard tomorrow, July 1.

This is in line with the action of the Union of South Africa, which adopted the gold standard on May 18 last.

Poland Pays Baldwin Works Over One Million Dollars.

Philadelphia Associated Press dispatches June 30 stated: Samuel M. Vaulain, President of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, today announced the receipt of \$1,169,125 from the Republic of Poland. This includes the third annual payment of \$995,000 on an issue of 5% bonds covering the purchase in 1919 of 150 locomotives on the deferred payment plan. The balance covers interest and commissions. In the Baldwin balance sheet of Dec. 31 1924, the item of \$4,360,000 of the Polish bonds appeared among assets, now reduced by the money just received.

Shanghai Strike Ends, Stores Open.

Shanghai (China), Associated Press advices June 26 are reported as follows by the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The general strike has terminated. All the larger stores are reopening, but shipping continues paralyzed and the Japanese and British cotton mills are still closed. The radical elements, supporting the general strike and boycott of foreigners, are striving by intimidation to frighten the workers away from many establishments.

Financial and Economic Annual of Japan for 1925.

With regard to the omission from the foreign loan section of the complimentary copies of the "Financial and Economic Annual of Japan for 1925" of the Japanese 6% Sterling Loan which was issued in London simultaneously with the New York issue of the 6½% dollar loan, we are advised:

The data concerning our public debt in this issue of the Annual is as of March 31 1924. Owing to its being paid in instalments, only a part of the proceeds of this Sterling Loan had been received by the Imperial Japanese Treasury on that date. Final payment was not made and duly registered on the books of the Imperial Japanese Treasury until May 21 1924, in accordance with our laws and regulations relative to loans.

Cuba Put Under Eastern Time.

The New York "Evening Post" reports the following Associated Press advices from Havana July 2:

The entire island is placed in the Eastern standard time belt by a Presidential decree, issued on recommendation of the Cuban Geographical Society.

Costa Rica to Settle With French Bondholders.

The Foreign Department of Moody's Investors Service has just been advised by its Paris correspondent, that an agreement has been reached between the Protective Committee of French holders of the Costa Rica 5% External Gold Loan of 1911 (on which the service was being met in paper francs although the loan contract seems to call for payment in gold) and the Government of Costa Rica, whereby the latter agrees to repurchase all outstanding obligations at the rate of \$50 (U. S. currency) for each bond of Fcs. 500 par value. Moody's advices, dated June 30, continue as follows:

The Government further agrees to pay matured but unpaid coupons up to and including July 1 1925 at the rate of \$1 25 for each Fcs. 12.50. Payments are to be made in French francs at the rate of exchange on New York. The above plan is to become effective if holders of at least 75% of bonds will agree thereto prior to July 16 1925. An internal loan will be issued to provide funds for the redemption of bonds.

(The above bonds were outstanding on Jan. 1 1925 at Fcs. 31,845,500. At the proposed rate of \$50 per bond, the cost to the Costa Rican Govern-

ment will aggregate \$3,184,550, as compared with \$6,146,000 at par of exchange and \$1,550,000 at prevailing rate. It is of interest to note that the issue was originally sold to the Costa Rican Government at 80%, giving the present outstanding amount a value of \$4,916,950 at par of exchange for which the Government agrees to pay \$3,184,550, or about 65 cents on the dollar.)

To Punish Speculators Who Cause Fall in Lira.

From Associated Press advices from Rome July 2, it is learned that at a Cabinet meeting that day it was decided to take "immediate and positive steps to defend the lira and punish speculators and persons causing a panic and lira depreciation, which is unjustified and absurd." Other matters acted upon at the meeting are indicated as follows:

The Cabinet agreed to Premier Mussolini's proposal to create a "Permanent Grain Committee" to suggest to the Government plans for increasing Italian grain production, the insufficiency of which has necessitated large importations adversely affecting the national trade balance.

The Premier said Italy and Yugoslavia would soon sign about thirty partial agreements dealing with local questions affecting Fiume and Dalmatia and intended to improve traffic and economic relations between Italy and Yugoslavia.

He told the Cabinet negotiations for a German-Italian commercial treaty probably would be concluded soon.

With regard to the Western European security compact proposed by Germany he said Italy's attitude continued to be one of "waiting for developments."

It was also reported in Associated Press cablegrams July 2 that the *Messaggero* had again urged the Government to prevent speculation in the lira and to declare such speculation "a national crime and a direct attempt against the State." This newspaper (we quote the Associated Press) says the depreciation of the lira is measurably attributable to speculations by Italians themselves who are gambling upon the lira's continued decline, and insists such operators should be severely punished. It adds that foreign banks having branches in Italy sell foreign currency at much higher prices than the quotations of the local Bourse.

Premier Mussolini Denies Reports That Italy Intends to Put Lira on Gold Basis—Only Small Portion of Morgan Credit Drawn on.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" publishes the following Associated Press cablegram from Rome July 1:

Premier Mussolini today formally denied reports that Italy intends to put the lira on a gold basis and issued a warning that "official steps" will be taken against persons spreading such rumors. He made this announcement during a conference with Finance Minister de Stefani and representatives of various Italian banks.

The continued weakness of the lira is causing spirited newspaper speculation of the possible removal of Finance Minister de Stefani. The Impero proposes that Premier Mussolini assume this portfolio himself in addition to the ones he now holds. Other papers suggest the Finance Ministry be given to General Debono, former chief of the Fascist militia, who recently was acquitted by the Senate, sitting as a High Court of Justice, of charges that he had been implicated in the murder last year of the Socialist Deputy Matteotti.

There are other newspaper suggestions that Count Volpi, the banker, or former Under Secretary of Finance Vecchi be appointed Finance Minister.

We also give the following which came at the same time from Rome (July 1) in copyright advices to the New York "Times":

Premier Mussolini and the Finance Minister, Dr. Stefani, receiving a deputation of bankers this morning, gave emphatic assurance that the Government is not contemplating a return of the Italian currency to a gold standard for the present. This statement was rendered necessary by rumors current in Stock Exchange circles to the effect that the Government was encouraging the depreciation of the lira prior to the issue of a new currency on a gold basis, as was done in Germany with the Rentenmark. Such reports caused many to protect their capital by purchasing foreign currencies, thus accentuating the crisis which the lira now is undergoing.

This official statement, though intended more to impress the public at large than the financiers—for no responsible person has ever attached much importance to Stock Exchange rumors so completely at variance with the deflationist policy consistently followed by Dr. Stefani—made a good impression upon financial circles, which it was hoped might produce a salutary reaction in favor of the lira. On the contrary, it proved totally fruitless in checking the fall of the lira, which to-day touched the lowest point reached so far. After a brief rally yesterday, when the dollar fell from the maximum of 28.60 to close to 28.25, it shot right up to 29.40 to-day. Sterling followed a similar cycle, closing around 144.

Morgan Credit.

It is learned in official quarters that only a very small portion of the Morgan credit has been used so far, the remainder being kept in reserve for use when the proper moment arrives. The opinion is that a \$50,000,000 credit is too small to influence the situation appreciably under present conditions, with the market panicky and the exchange rising rapidly. It is considered more prudent to wait until the exchange shows symptoms of falling of its own accord, when it is hoped that energetic use of the Morgan credit may check the rapid fall, frightening bears to cover. Experts declare that such a movement cannot be far distant, as the exchange even now has reached heights unjustified by Italy's financial economic condition.

A Cabinet council meanwhile has been announced to take place to-morrow morning, when it is supposed that important measures to meet the exchange situation will be taken. It is rumored that one such may be the replacing of the Finance Minister De Stefani, whose prestige is severely shaken by the turn events have taken.

The extension of a revolving credit of \$50,000,000 by J. P. Morgan & Co. to a group of Italian banks of issue for exchange stabilization purposes was noted in these columns

June 6, p. 2880. One of the reports which spoke of Italy as favoring the depreciation of the lira, was the following from Rome June 30 (Associated Press) which appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The "Messaggero," discussing editorially the depreciation of the lira, says many Italians are hurriedly selling their holdings of lira consols, in fear of further decline. The newspaper says there is an increasing feeling that the Italian Government favors currency depreciation because it is enabled thereby to redeem internal bonds at less than their actual value.

Italy to Limit Foreign Credits.

Under date of June 21 the New York "Journal of Commerce" printed the following Associated Press advices from Rome:

A sense of relief was evident yesterday with improvement of the lira quotation on the bourse, and it was commented by many that the crisis in Italy's "lira battle" has been reached and passed. This belief was strengthened by the fact that the heads of all the leading banking institutions, after a discussion of the situation, had decided there was no reason for anxiety.

After the meeting the banking officials told Minister of Finance de Stefani that their confidence in the country's currency was unshaken; that they approved the Government's action in raising the discount rate and the rate of interest on State bonds, and that they agreed on the line of action to continue the fight to ultimate victory.

These bankers, who thus repledged their confidence in Italy's financial stability, decided, among other things, to limit foreign money credits to their depositors to absolute industrial and commercial needs; to extend credit in foreign money to those having on deposit foreign bills or other foreign securities only in so far as these depositors retained on deposit only what foreign securities were absolutely necessary for their business, and to extend no credit whatever to speculators.

Italy's Apology for Attack by Fascisti on Vice-Counsel at Leghorn.

Formal apology for an assault upon Franklin C. Gowen, American Vice-Counsel at Leghorn, by an Italian Fascist during a celebration in that city May 24, has been made by the Italian Government, the State Department at Washington in making this known on June 23, giving out the text of a cablegram sent to Henry P. Fletcher, the American Ambassador at Rome, expressing appreciation of Italy's course. The cablegram follows:

Please inform the Italian Government that this Government is highly appreciative of its prompt action in bringing Gowen's assailant to justice, of its expressions of concern and regret, and of its voluntary offer to reimburse Gowen for his medical expenses and other losses incident to the attack.

This Government is thoroughly satisfied that the attack was made in ignorance of Gowen's identity and official character, and is gratified that this unfortunate incident has been closed in such a prompt and satisfactory manner.

Regarding the incident the State Department had the following to say:

The incident was reported to the American Ambassador at Rome, who immediately made representations to the Italian Government. Premier Mussolini at once expressed his deepest regret and concern and ordered a thorough investigation to be made. This investigation resulted in the prompt apprehension of Mr. Gowen's assailant, a student named Fausto di Suolo, aged 19, who surrendered himself voluntarily and who stated that he did not know Mr. Gowen or realize that he was a consular officer of the United States.

Di Suolo has been placed on trial, and in a note addressed to the American Embassy at Rome the Italian Foreign Office, after expressing its deep regret for the "rash act which has been universally deplored by the Italian authorities and by the population of Leghorn," and declaring that "it must not be considered as directed against the person of the American consular representative, who is held in the highest esteem," concludes by saying "the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will not fail to inform the Embassy of the United States of the developments of the judicial proceedings, and renews its expression of most sincere regret for the disagreeable incident."

In addition to the regrets and apologies presented by the officials at Leghorn immediately following the unfortunate occurrence, and the expressions of concern and regret on the part of the Italian Government, the Italian Government has further announced that it is offering through the Prefect at Leghorn to reimburse Mr. Gowen for his medical expenses and other losses incident to the attack.

French Mission Scheduled to Confer in Washington on War Debt in Fall—American Credits Needed by France.

Coupled with the announcement of the proposed visit to Washington in the fall of a French mission to negotiate anew for the settlement of the French debt, came reports of the need of France for American credits to assist in stabilizing its finances. The Associated Press accounts from Paris on July 1 in referring to the intention of France to renew the debt negotiations stated that "it is recognized that both the American and British debts must be arranged as part of the French Government's program to stabilize the country's finances this autumn." The same account said:

Credits in the United States are deemed necessary for this purpose. The word loan is not used, but rather credits, probably somewhat of the nature of those recently obtained by England from the Federal Reserve Bank to assist in stabilizing the pound.

The plan to send a French debt mission to the United States at the end of the summer was ratified at Paris yesterday (July 2) by the Council of Ministers. What purports to be proposals by Finance Minister Caillaux for the settlement

of the debt were outlined as follows in a Paris cablegram July 1 to the New York "Commercial":

From the highest source it is now possible to reveal the broad lines of Finance Minister Caillaux's proposals for settlement of the war debts. They are as follows:

1. A four-year moratorium.
2. The entire debt to be consolidated at 4% interest.
3. France to make an immediate cash payment of \$50,000,000 as soon as negotiations are completed as an earnest of good will.
4. France only offers these terms to America on condition they are also acceptable to England.
5. The moratorium to be gaged on French railways, State forests and other national domains.

Proposals along these lines will be put forth when the French debt commission, probably headed by Finance Minister Caillaux himself, goes to Washington at the end of August or the beginning of September. If Caillaux cannot spare time to go to Washington for the entire negotiations, there is a chance that he may go for the final talks and signatures.

The same paper in a Washington dispatch July 2 had the following to say regarding the proposed renewal of the debt negotiations:

A French debt commission, probably headed by Finance Minister Caillaux, is expected to reach Washington in September prepared to take up negotiations on its \$4,211,000,000 debt owed the United States.

The French intention, it was indicated, is to keep the negotiations with the United States entirely distinct from those with Great Britain.

An important phase of the negotiations revolved around the French obligation of \$407,000,000, due in 1929-1930, for the purchase of surplus war stocks from the United States. France regularly has paid \$20,000,000 each year in interest on this obligation, which constitutes almost one-tenth of the total. In order to obtain a delay in the maturity of the \$407,000,000 debt, the French, it is expected, will be ready to discuss terms for the settlement of the \$4,211,000,000 total as a single obligation.

From Associated Press reports from Paris yesterday afternoon (July 3) intimating that a moratorium is hoped for, we quote as follows:

There is no indication who will head the mission, but, if Finance Minister Caillaux is unable to go to Washington, as seems probable, it has been suggested in unofficial quarters that former Premier Poincare be selected. Other suggestions name MM. Loucheur, Barthou and Clementel, each of whom has held important Cabinet positions and Government offices in the past.

The mission will leave at the end of the summer, the view here being that no useful purpose could be served by an earlier trip as it is known the American Debt Funding Commission is already occupied with several other European debtors.

The Government is fully alive to the fact that, with the interest piling up daily, prompt consolidation of the debts is necessary, and it is understood Foreign Minister Briand will make this clear in acknowledging the latest memorandum or debt "reminder" received from the British Foreign Secretary.

It is also realized that speedy funding is the only way to obtain favorable terms. In this connection the "Petit Parisien" says France is entitled to hope to obtain from America a maximum rate of 2%, a moratorium of several years and a time limit of 70 or 80 years in which to extinguish the debt.

Foreign Minister Briand in proposing a toast to President Coolidge and Secretary Hoover at a luncheon in honor of the American delegation to the Modern Arts Exposition referred to the French Government's decision today to send a debt funding Commission to the United States as "one that would dissipate any cloud that has divided the two peoples."

M. Briand further observed: "Dexterous propaganda since the war has been used to separate us. France has been described as troubling the peace of Europe and as pursuing warlike aims."

The Foreign Minister declared France had shown by her acts how far from reality was this description of her.

On June 28 the Associated Press in Paris cablegrams said:

The "Petit Parisien," commenting on the Inter-Allied debts, will say to-morrow:

"The time has come to take up the debt situation with the United States. A personality, recently come from America, has even told us that the time has not been more favorable in several years; therefore we should profit thereby and not expose ourselves, by an attitude contrasting with that of our Italian, Belgian and Czechoslovak friends, to render more bitter a discussion which will in itself be delicate enough."

The "Petit Parisien" understands that the American Debt Funding Commission "has decided in principle that debtors economically more feeble than Great Britain should pay interest at a slightly lower rate and to accord them long delays, permitting them to take into account possible serious shortcomings of Germany in the payment of reparations."

The paper enumerates the following reasons for the delicacy of the debt discussions:

"Our figures and those of the American Treasury do not agree. We are in the grip of grave financial difficulties, and it is shocking to our spirit of justice, after the enormous losses suffered and the sacrifices agreed on as to reparations due by Germany, to see ourselves asked for the capital and interest on the money spent entirely in the United States to pay for merchandise and material necessary for the fighters."

"These sentimental arguments, which to-day are valueless, can acquire some value only when presented over the conference table, and if we frankly accept the debate, let us seize upon the occasion, because it means definitely only the consolidation of our debt, and not its immediate reimbursement."

A statement to the effect that "the United States must make it possible for France to repay its debt with imports," former Minister Louis Loucheur was made to a correspondent of the New York "World" on June 23, M. Loucheur adding that "if France is to have the necessary trade balance, the American tariff must be revised." The "World's" copy-right advices quoted him further as follows:

Loucheur thinks an international conference will be necessary, in order to change the form of the inter-allied debts, charging to German reparations the amount owed by the Allies to America.

Loucheur explained that "France doesn't question her debt," but asked that it be remembered that "we never received \$3,600,000,000 from America in actual cash gold, for the United States didn't possess such a sum at the beginning of the war."

"America's gold reserve," said M. Loucheur, "was \$1,500,000,000. America sent us ammunition and goods. We can only pay the same way, by exporting to the United States manufactured goods. We can discuss settlement on that basis."

It is learned that Ambassador Daeschner called at the Treasury Department in Washington on July 2 for an informal talk on the debt question and to confirm to Secretary Mellon unofficial reports that the French Cabinet had formally acknowledged the Government's debt to the United States and was studying ways and means for its settlement. The foregoing is from a Washington Associated Press account in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (July 3), which also stated:

M. Daeschner inquired at the same time whether Mr. Mellon, as Chairman of the American Debt Commission, had received any word through Ambassador Herrick in Paris concerning the possibility of official steps by France in the matter, and was told that the only information the Treasury had was from the press.

Conversation "Most Informal."

The conversation which M. Daeschner had with Mr. Mellon and Under Secretary Winston was described as necessarily "most informal," since the Ambassador had received no instructions from his Government to initiate negotiations for funding. The Treasury has been watching the situation in Paris closely through news reports and was not surprised when the Ambassador called.

Officials declared they had received no definite indication when a French mission authorized to work out a settlement might be named, and the whole matter appeared as nebulous as before, although the activity of the French Cabinet gave rise to a suggestion by some observers that the present move might bring more definite exchanges on terms than did the steps taken two years ago, when M. Parmentier headed a funding mission.

The only information received lately by the French Ambassador on the debt question was the dispatch from his Government to-day, merely announcing the action of the French Cabinet in acknowledging its obligation.

Seek a Flexible Formula.

Informal consideration is being given in diplomatic circles here to suggestions that a more flexible formula for solution of the French, Italian and other war debt problems may be required than is afforded by the British settlement.

There is a wholly unofficial intimation in French circles that some scheme may be advanced for basing the projected settlement on establishment of a minimum and of a fixed figure in computing the capacity of the debtor nation to pay. The entirely informal consideration of this suggestion has not gone far enough as yet, however, to give form to the views of the Washington Government or any of the debtor countries.

The idea that debt funding negotiations at this time should be devoted to ascertaining a fair minimum figure is based upon the belief that in practically all of the debtor countries, and particularly in France, Italy and Belgium, success of the Dawes plan in producing reparation payments from Germany will, in later years, result in an increased capacity to pay.

On this basis, if maximum figures which any debtor country could accept to-day, should govern the settlement, the Washington Government would not benefit from any future economic restoration increasing the capacity of those countries to pay, whereas establishment of a minimum figure would permit future adjustments and allow the debtor nations to apply reparations payments to the debts without committing the United States specifically to any such project.

Want Share in Future Prosperity.

The determination of the Washington Government not to consider debt refunding proposals for payments contingent upon reparation receipts, provided for under a treaty to which it is not a party, has presented a difficult problem for all debtor nations in attempting to finance repayments of their loans from the United States.

Great Britain Seeks Settlement of War Debts Due From France and Other Nations—Lord Beaverbrook Says Settlement Should Be Made With Great Britain Before United States.

France and other debtor nations which have thus far failed to arrange for the discussion of the question of the repayment to the British Government of debts contracted during the war have received from Great Britain notes in which the non-settlement is brought to their attention. Prior to the announcement on July 1 of the British Government's action, it was observed in advices from London to the "Wall Street News" that the British Treasury is following closely the progress of debt funding negotiations between the United States and Italy and other nations. It is understood Great Britain will not hesitate to remind her debtors she has not departed from the policy of Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, enunciated last December, that Britain's debtors are expected to make proportionate payments to Great Britain on an equal footing with any payments to the United States.

Early last month (June 7) Lord Beaverbrook, in a signed article in the "Sunday Express," stated:

France should be asked to pay, but she should pay Great Britain before she pays the United States. This country, after its settlement of the debt to America, surely is entitled to "the first cut off the joint" where the liquidation of the European indebtedness is concerned.

America already has had an enormous first helping by Great Britain. It would be an intolerable situation if, after paying America both for herself and her allies, Great Britain found America collecting straight from these allies in such a manner as to make it impossible for Europe to satisfy the British claims.

According to Associated Press cablegrams from London July 1, Great Britain's reminder to its debtor nations was dispatched at the end of last week at the request of the Treasury. These advices state:

The British Government does not press for payment, but expects the Government of the debtor State to name a date when negotiations for a settlement may be begun.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Winston Churchill, has already announced that the Italian Government has formally notified its willingness to open negotiations for a settlement of its war debt to Britain, but so far no reply, it seems, has been received from Belgium. It is confidently believed, however, that a favorable answer will be forthcoming, especially in view of an announcement that a Belgian mission will visit the United States to discuss the Belgian debt to America.

The conversations between French and British experts for a settlement in regard to the French debt were broken off after the fall of the Herriot Government, and have not been renewed since.

The British Government's reminder to the debtor States will be welcomed by the business men of this country, who have been arguing that, in view of the reminders lately issued by the United States Government, similar action ought to be taken by the British Government in the interests of the taxpayers.

It is taken for granted that any arrangements made between the United States and debtor nations would not be more favorable than the terms of the agreement concluded between the United States and Great Britain. It is pointed out that such countries as Finland, Hungary, Lithuania and Poland found it possible to fund their debts to the United States on terms similar to those on which the British debt was arranged, and all-around equality of treatment is expected.

The war debts owing to Britain total £1,980,838,000.

The Paris Associated Press cablegrams July 1 had the following to say regarding the overtures to France:

Austen Chamberlain, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has delivered to M. de Fleuriau, the French Ambassador to Great Britain, a new memorandum suggesting that the time is ripe for France to make an offer for the settlement of her debt to England, even if it is only a provisional one.

After summing up what has gone before, Mr. Chamberlain states that the British Government has no desire to interfere in negotiations which France might consider right to initiate with other creditor powers—by which the United States evidently is meant—but feels it necessary to lay down the principle that it is entitled to be treated on an equal footing.

The memorandum, which is couched in the friendliest terms, recalls the correspondence between Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and M. Clementel, former French Finance Minister, and the British note on Feb. 7, resulting in experts from the French Ministry of Finance being sent to London to study the problem with British Treasury experts.

Should France sign with the United States an arrangement whereby she would pay part of her debt to the United States, Great Britain would expect a proportionate payment of the sums due Britain.

Officials of the Foreign Office are studying the British note, and M. Briand, the Foreign Minister, will take it up with his colleagues at the next Cabinet meeting, after which he will settle with M. Caillaux, Minister of Finance, the terms of the reply to be sent to London.

The New York "Times" of yesterday (July 3) printed the following copyright advices from London regarding Great Britain's claims:

Sixty million pounds is the sum Great Britain has mentioned in her note to the Allies concerning their debts as the amount she would gladly receive from them as soon as possible.

It is the American claims on Europe which have induced her to raise the question at this time. The British Treasury is apprehensive that Washington may get ahead of this country in collecting money from their common debtors.

Not that Great Britain questions in the least the right of the United States to get all she can from the European debtors or is concerning herself in the least with what terms she likes to give. In influential quarters here it is fully recognized that Great Britain, whatever arrangement she herself made with America, has no right to question the terms of bargains America thinks it wise to make with her other debtors.

All Great Britain asks is that as soon as any of her allies begin to negotiate with the United States they should proceed *pari passu* to discuss in London their debts to England. That is the reason why the British Government has now circularized her debtors to remind them what she thinks is due to herself.

The reasoning by which the note arrives at £60,000,000 as the amount which Great Britain would receive gladly at present is also dependent on the American debt. The note informs France, Italy, Portugal, Serbia, Rumania and Greece that the British Government stands by the principles laid down in the famous Balfour note deciding how much she wants repaid to her. That document declared that Great Britain was only seeking enough money from her allies to reimburse her for her payments to the United States.

Up to the present she has paid Washington £80,000,000 and against that she is willing to write off the £20,000,000 which has been received from German reparations. That leaves £60,000,000 Great Britain would like to receive from her allies.

The statement of British expectations is couched in language that suggests it is rather a reminder of certain financial facts than a definite demand. It does not appear that Britain is contemplating applying pressure in case it is disregarded. At the same time the wording was framed to show the Allies that Great Britain was beginning to be seriously concerned at the burden she has to carry.

The duty of the British Government to its taxpayers was referred to and the belief expressed that in the circumstances England was justified in pressing a settlement of the debt question and that in any case she hopes there would be a renewal of proposals for a solution.

The exchange of notes early this year between M. Clementel, the French Minister of Finance, and Winston Churchill, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, respecting the French debt to Great Britain was mentioned in these columns Feb. 14, page 769.

Conversations on Funding of Italy's War Debt to United States Adjourned Until August—Italy's Indebtedness to Great Britain.

Conversations in Washington between members of the World War Foreign Debt Commission and representatives of the Italian Government were adjourned on Tuesday of this week (June 30) until August. In declaring that "intimations in the press that there has been a break are unfounded," Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on July 1 stated:

"The original understanding between the debt funding commission and the Italian Ambassador, before any discussion took place, was that as soon as the preliminary conversations were had, Mr. Alberti would go to Italy to collect the necessary data to disclose Italy's ability to pay. Negotiations have moved without incident and will be resumed when Mr. Alberti returns in August. Intimations in the press that there has been a break are unfounded.

According to Associated Press cablegrams from Rome: At a cabinet meeting July 2 Premier Mussolini denied that debt negotiations with the United States have been broken off. He said conferences will continue "in the present, or in some other form." It is added:

Premier Mussolini explained that Signor Alberti who has been conducting conversations at Washington is not a delegate of the Italian government, but is merely an expert attached to the Italian Embassy. He said Signor Alberti is returning to Italy because of the United States' request for further details of Italy's real capacity to pay. After these details are furnished negotiations will continue "on the basis of a formula of Italy paying to the limit of her income possibilities, present and future," the Premier announced.

On June 25 the Italian Ambassador De Martini and Mario Alberti, a director of Credito Italiano, Romolo Angelone Commercial Attache of the Italian Embassy at Washington, together with August Rosso, Counselor of the Embassy, were received by Secretary Mellon, Secretary of State Kellogg, Senator Smoot, of Utah, and Garrard B. Winston, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, formal conversations on the issue then being brought under way. The Italian Ambassador, at that time, in responding to the greetings of Secretary Mellon stated that he had been directed by Premier Mussolini "to begin without delay the negotiations for the settlement of our debt to the United States." "We recognize" he said, "our debt to the United States, but we ask that due account be taken of the real conditions, economical and financial, in which Italy finds itself, as well as of our demographic and fiscal pressure, of our national wealth, of the balance of payments and of the commercial balance, and we have to adjust to these conditions the amount, form and the time of payment." Following the conversations on June 30, at which time further discussion was postponed until August, Secretary Mellon said:

"Mr. Alberti, Minister Plenipotentiary of Italy, presented further detailed evidence of the pressure of taxation upon Italy and showed how Italy had economized in its governmental expenditures more than any other nation of Europe, and alone of the Allies had actually decreased expenditures for military purposes, as compared with those before the war."

According to the New York "Times," the Italian delegation issued a statement on June 30 saying Signor Alberti "made clear that the fiscal pressure in Italy is higher than in any other country, if the relative wealth of the country is taken into consideration, and how it cannot be further increased without fatally causing a real exodus of capita from Italy." The same paper said:

It had also been shown that allowing the United States a standard of life 100% higher than the standard in Italy, "the pressure of taxation on the national income is in Italy still equal to 600% of the incidence of taxation on the national income of the United States."

Administration officials express satisfaction with the progress of the negotiations. They insist that Italy's good faith cannot be questioned. They point out that it is not an easy thing for a country which owes the United States considerably more than \$2,000,000,000, and has other huge debts growing out of the war, to proceed with a process of refunding without the most careful consideration of all facts involved. It has been made apparent here that Italy fears to impose additional taxation as a means of raising revenue to make payments on the American debt. Accordingly, it is expected that in the data to be submitted to the American commissioners in August the question of taxation will be dwelt with at length.

In reporting that an adjournment had been agreed upon with the understanding Mario Alberti, who came to the United States specially commissioned by Premier Mussolini as a Minister Plenipotentiary, would return to Rome and prepare the desired data for presentation to the American World War Debt Commission the latter part of August the "Times" Washington advices June 30 added:

Signor Alberti then will be accompanied by a commission which will have full power to treat for an agreement on the debt.

In stating informally that Italy's representatives in the conversations that have just come to an end had been advised that their Government must bear in mind that the United States was committed to the principle enunciated in the British agreement, a high Government official added that there might be modifications warranted by Italy's economic situation.

In other words, Italy was told that as things now stood she would be expected to agree to fund her debt on a basis of 3½% interest on the entire obligation, including principal and accrued interest, to be wiped out in a period of sixty-two years.

The discussions, which were suspended to-day, have revolved around Italy's present financial state and her prospects, and the Italians have indicated that when they return in August they will be able to demonstrate more time must be granted to Italy than was allowed Great Britain. Furthermore, they have intimated that they may insist upon a moratorium in the matter of interest payments. On the other hand, the United States representatives are likely to prove adamant if any demand is made by Italy for a suspension of payments on principal.

Military Expenditures Reduced.

In to-day's discussion Signor Alberti emphasized that Italy had entered upon a policy of retrenchment in Government expenditures and that her appropriations for military purposes had declined, as compared with authorizations made on this account before the World War.

On July 1, Mr. Alberti was reported as expressing satisfaction with the manner in which the negotiations have been conducted. The "Times" account from Washington says:

He denied a report that members of the American commission had declined to consider a moratorium covering interest payments and had insisted upon immediate payment.

The Italian commission, Mr. Alberti explained, had presented data concerning Italy's financial and economic condition, had pointed out that Italy alone of all the European countries has reduced her expenditures for military purposes to a pre-war level, and that through heavy taxation, Italy has succeeded in balancing her budget and is winning her way to economic recovery.

"There was no direct discussion whatever of the question of a moratorium," he said. "The question of a moratorium was involved only in so far as the Americans might draw conclusions from an examination of Italy's capacity to pay."

Definite proposals, he believes, will be developed as the negotiations proceed. He pointed out that the method followed in recent international conferences has generally been to work out tentative agreements through conferences between individual members, formal proposals to be in order later for presentation to the full conference.

Speaking of exchange, Mr. Alberti said there was no economic reason for the last decline of the lira. He predicted its gradual recuperation, first, because Italy has balanced her budget; second, because her note circulation has been greatly decreased; and, third, because of the policy adopted by the principal Italian banks of raising the rediscount rate. Mr. Alberti flatly denied any tendency in Italy to repudiate the lira.

He pointed out that the Government has shown no leniency in taxing war profiteers and has done everything possible to stabilize the lira and discourage speculation. He predicted that the lira would eventually be stabilized on a basis of between 18 and 22 to the dollar.

Mr. Alberti said he would leave for New York to-night and sail for Italy Sunday or Monday, by way of Cherbourg. Upon arriving in Rome he will acquaint Premier Mussolini with the American viewpoint, and will then collect further data concerning Italy's capacity to pay, with particular reference to international balances. In about a month he expects to return, prepared to resume discussions.

Secretary Mellon, in receiving the Italian Government representatives on June 25, addressed them as follows:

Premier Mussolini having determined that Italy has reached the stage in her economic restoration when a funding of her debt to America can be undertaken, has acted with his characteristic decision. We have watched Italy emerge from the chaos of war, straighten out her industrial troubles, cut her expenditures and put her budget in equilibrium, all under the direction of one strong man with sound ideas and the force to make these ideas effective. We in America appreciate constructive action. We do not minimize the difficulty of payment of your external debt, but we know that the only way to settle the question, which unsettled might be a continual disturbance to your financial structure and a source of friction in our cordial relations with you, is to fund the debt now, taking into consideration Italy's capacity to pay. You will have, I am sure, the sympathetic consideration of the Debt Commission and of the American people.

The following is the response of the Italian Ambassador:

I am thankful to you, Mr. Chairman, for your kind words. I am glad to be here to discuss a question of such a great interest to our two countries and with such eminent American statesmen.

Premier Mussolini has directed me to begin without delay the negotiations for the settlement of our war debt to the United States.

His firm and straightforward policy has always been adverse to half measures and dilatory methods. He has taken into due account the advice repeatedly conveyed to me by members of the American Government. "The sooner the better," said Secretary Kellogg to me, and "The sooner the better" repeated to me the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon. Prime Minister Mussolini has also wished to take into consideration the sentiment of the American public opinion which is anxious to have the debt questions settled.

Italy has not forgotten the help you so generously gave her in the critical period of the war by sending your soldiers to fight side by side with ours and by furnishing the means to carry on a battle for a common ideal. Our debt of gratitude will always remain as an element of friendship between our two countries. Nothing must cloud our good understanding and mutual confidence between our two nations, united in the high pursuit of world peace and of civil progress of humanity.

The Italian Government has repeatedly asserted its firm intention to honor its international obligations. This assurance I have given again by order of my Government at the moment of the presentation of my credentials to President Coolidge who directs with so much wisdom the course of this great and prosperous republic and to whom I feel honored to address the expression of my deferential greeting.

But the Italian Government wishes to reach a settlement which it may conscientiously be sure to fulfill and this for the very desire it has to keep the agreement which will derive from this settlement, between Italy and the United States. We have, therefore, carefully estimated the limits of our capacity to pay. It is obvious that a settlement practically impossible to fulfill or one which might cause disaster to the debtor is not desirable for either of us.

The basic principle of the capacity to pay is admitted—I am sure—by the practical mentality of the American people and is also accepted, as I have been given to understand by the American Government.

We recognize, I repeat it, our debt toward the United States, but we ask that due account be taken of the real conditions, economical and financial, in which Italy finds itself, as well as of our demographic and fiscal pressure, of our national wealth, of the balance of payments and of the commercial balance and we have to adjust to those conditions the amount, form and the time of payments.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" in its advices from Washington, July 1, stated:

In the conferences thus far no reference has been made to funding terms. The conversations in all of the meetings having been officially described as being confined to outlining Italy's capacity to pay. Mr. Alberti went at length into that subject to-day, presenting masses of documentary evidence about conditions in Italy at this time.

United States Wants Facts and Figures.

The American conferees also want facts and figures on Italy's fiscal prospects in the future, when the amortization of the debt will take place.

Under-Secretary Winston, the Debt Commission Secretary, stressed this phase in announcing the postponement of the negotiations. He reiterated that the Treasury had no desire to insist on terms that would prove disastrous to Italy, but believed every angle of Italy's condition and the outlook should be studied before specific provisions of an agreement were drawn up.

Unless that is the course pursued, it was said, the possibility of an impasse was great, and representatives of both Governments were seeking to avoid such a situation.

A statement indicating that Italy had indicated to the British Government that it was ready to begin conversations on the Italian debt, was issued as follows at Rome on June 18 by the Stefani Agency, the official Italian news disseminator:

Following conversations of an official character, which took place recently between the Italian Ambassador and the United States Treasury at Washington, Premier Mussolini has made a formal statement to the American Government that Italy is ready to begin official negotiations for the regulation of her debt. The date for the commencement of the negotiations will be promptly determined.

The Italian Government has confirmed formally to the British Government that it is ready to begin conversations of a definite character to bring about an amicable systematization of the question of her debts.

In the British House of Commons on June 30 Winston Churchill confirmed the report that the Italian Government had formally notified the British Government of its willingness to invite conversations of a definite character for a friendly settlement of its war debt, says a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times," which adds:

He was not able to estimate how strong were the prospects of anything coming out of the conversations, but could not conceive how any settlement could be reached which did not include as one of its features a certain amount of payment.

Mr. Churchill said he also understood that Italy had approached Washington on the same subject, but had no official information.

Suggestion That Italians Give Jewels to Government to Help Pay War Debt.

Associated Press cablegrams from Rome, July 2, said:

The "Impero" suggests that Italians give to the Government all their jewelry, calculating that in this way enough gold might be collected to pay a considerable part of the war debt to the United States. This newspaper urges the Fascisti throughout Italy to popularize the idea.

Belgian Ambassador to United States Says Time Has Come for Settlement of Debt to United States.

With his arrival at Brussels on June 19, the Belgian Ambassador to the United States, Baron de Cartier de Marchienne, was summoned by the Foreign Minister for a discussion of the payment of Belgium's war debt, according to Associated Press accounts from Brussels that day, from which we quote further as follows:

In an interview the Ambassador said the United States desires conversations to start as soon as possible for a settlement of debts, "which has been postponed longer than is necessary."

"The time has come," he said, "to settle Belgium's debt to the United States with loyalty and dignity. Belgium is resolute in her determination to do this, and her attitude has produced the best effect in Washington as well as in financial circles in New York."

The American loan, it is said in Stock Exchange circles, was floated on the condition that Belgium send a commission headed by M. Theunis to negotiate a settlement.

It is stated that other conditions for a settlement with Washington are that the present amount of the debt must be accepted without dispute, that there will be no attempt to link the debt up with the Dawes plan payments, and that discussions regarding the debt must be limited to the terms of settlement.

In these columns June 13 (p. 3010) announcement was made of the intention of the Belgian Government to send a commission to the United States the present month to confer with the Debt Commission on the funding of the Belgian debt. In its edition of June 26 the New York "Times" printed the following copyright cablegram from Brussels:

Complaint that the reported intention of the United States to claim from Belgium not only the after-war debt but expenses incurred during the war was contrary to promises made by the United States to Belgium when Belgium accepted the Treaty of Versailles was voiced by M. Jasper, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, during yesterday's debate in Parliament on the Ministerial statement.

M. Jasper asked if it was true that the United States intended to claim these war expenses and whether Belgium must pay annually, until 1932, 307,000,000 francs and for 62 years following 361,000,000 annually.

Such payments, said M. Jasper, would be a great hardship and their exaction contrary to promises made by America to Belgium when the latter accepted the Versailles Treaty. No answer was given to the former Foreign Minister's question.

The following regarding Belgium's finances is from Brussels advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 4:

According to Belgium public debt figures her post-armistice accounts with the United States, value date of granting of advances, amount to \$205,200,000 as follows:

Advances for purchases in United States.....	\$175,400,000
Army stocks.....	27,500,000
Frozen meat purchases.....	2,300,000

Total.....	\$205,200,000
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Differences on these items between American and Belgian figures are due to fact that the former include unpaid interest for varying periods. Thus, some of the army stock bonds have only been in suspense since August 1922.

Belgium is able to make payment on debts owed the American Government. She has already reimbursed the British Government £5,822,000 during 1922 and 1923, and on Jan. 1 1925 she paid back to the Canadian Government \$2,278,558. In bare recognition of equivalent clauses in post-armistice loan contracts she owes the United States similar amounts.

A billion and a half more francs will complete Belgian reconstruction. Her treasury received during 1923 and 1924 from Ruhr operations several hundred million more francs than budget estimates of reconstruction ex-

penditures for those years. In 1925 she will receive 975,000,000 francs in reparations, in 1926 37,000,000 gold marks to complete her priority, and thereafter 4.80% of net amount of Dawes annuities.

New York Stock Exchange House of Dean, Onatavia & Co., New York and Chicago, Fails—Receivers Appointed.

Dean, Onatavia & Co. of New York and Chicago, whose main office in this city is at 11 Wall Street, failed yesterday (July 3) when involuntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed against the firm here and in Chicago. The assets of the firm are placed at between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000, while the liabilities are estimated at slightly in excess of assets. Announcement of the firm's suspension from the New York Stock Exchange was made from the rostrum of the Exchange shortly after the market opened yesterday and followed similar action by the Chicago Stock Exchange. After the filing of the petition in bankruptcy in the Federal District Court here by three employees of the firm, Judge William Bondy appointed former Judge William M. Cannon of San Francisco receiver under a bond of \$50,000. Mr. Cannon took possession of the firm's effects at 11 Wall Street immediately. The Chicago Title & Trust Co. was appointed receiver for the firm in Chicago. On behalf of the failed firm, William F. Unger of Gilman & Unger, counsel for Dean, Onatavia & Co., said:

This situation arose from the fact that in the account of customers, Dean, Onatavia & Co. were carrying 45,000 shares of stock of the Rosenbaum Grain Corp., which was a subsidiary of the Grain Marketing Corp. of Chicago. This stock has been quoted and carried by the banks around \$50 a share.

My information is that under the requirements of the Illinois law it was necessary for 51% of the stock of the Grain Marketing Corp. to be sold by July 1 because it was a co-operative association. It is said that it will be necessary to unscramble the Grain Marketing Corp. and its subsidiaries.

A Chicago bank called the loans of Dean, Onatavia & Co. and it was impossible for them to meet their obligations. The assets of Dean-Onatavia will probably amount to between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000. Liabilities cannot be much in excess of that amount.

The firm consists of J. Clark Dean (Chicago), J. Victor Onatavia Jr., E. F. and E. S. Rosenbaum (Chicago), B. R. Cahn (Chicago), H. E. Wiley (Chicago) and Joseph Rosenbaum, John D. Cady (Chicago) and Ira E. Westheimer. In addition to its main office, it maintained three branch offices in New York, two in Chicago and one each in Washington, D. C., Charlevoix, Mich., and Plainfield, N. J. The firm held membership in the New York Curb Market, New York Cotton Exchange and Chicago Stock Exchange. The New York Cotton Exchange and the New York Curb Market also announced the suspension of the firm yesterday. In reporting the failure yesterday, the "Wall Street Journal" said in part:

Dean, Onatavia & Co. owed Chicago banks \$7,000,000 and New York banks \$22,000,000, according to estimates by bankers. All of it carried the usual 20% to 25% collateral margin, and bankers are not the least concerned, they say. The firm claimed \$2,500,000 capital, according to bankers, but it was practically all tied up in Rosenbaum grain stock.

The difficulty in the Rosenbaum stock developed after the underwriting of the grain firm's stock and its public sale. After the stock was listed, it is understood, Dean-Onatavia bought most of it back in an effort to support it.

Statement issued by Winston, Strawn & Shaw, Chicago attorneys for Dean, Onatavia & Co., said:

"Failure of Dean, Onatavia & Co. is not attributed to any unusual market condition or to the depreciation in value of any of the listed securities traded in by that firm, but for some time the firm has been carrying on their books the stocks of some corporations which are not actively traded in on the Stock Exchange and for which the market is slow.

"Recent developments in connection with these stocks has further limited their value as quick assets. Thus the firm found itself with slow assets in which too much of its working capital was tied up.

"Liabilities to banks are in excess of \$20,000,000, all of which is said to be fully protected by collateral. With the present market, it is not anticipated that there will be any loss to the banks or to the customers."

Every prominent broker in La Salle Street and several of the leading bankers were summoned to a meeting at the Drake Hotel, Thursday night, at which the partners in the firm were present. Plans were laid for supporting the market all down the line at the meeting. Each broker was told how many shares of each stock Dean-Onatavia would have to liquidate and made plans accordingly which accounts for the orderly progress of the market following announcement of the failure. Each house supported its own stock and absorbed their issued sold by Dean-Onatavia. A separate pool was formed for support of Stewart Warner, the largest individual holding of the failed firm. How large this pool is could not be learned but several of the large brokerage houses are participants.

Members and friends of the Rosenbaum firm raised \$1,000,000 Thursday, but it then was discovered that at least twice that amount was necessary to thoroughly establish the firm's finances.

Opening of New Building of Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis—Comptroller Crissinger Says England Has Not Taken Any of Gold Placed at Its Disposal—Sale Sanctioned by Reserve Act.

D. R. Crissinger, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, was one of the guests of honor at the celebration which marked the formal opening of the new building of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis on June 17, the program for which was arranged by the Bankers' Club of St. Louis.

Other guests included John Perrin, Chairman of the Federal Reserve District of San Francisco, and William A. Heath, Chairman of the Seventh District of Chicago. More than five hundred representatives of member banks were also present to take part in the celebration, which also marked the tenth anniversary of the Reserve Bank. Besides an informal reception, held in the new building, the entertainment features consisted of a horse show and a military exhibition at Jefferson Barracks. Governor Crissinger addressed the gathering during the boat trip, and in a brief talk, according to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," he stressed the Federal Reserve System as a bulwark of the country's financial structure and referred to the recent accomplishment of bringing confidence to Great Britain through the offer to sell gold bullion as "an achievement greater than the Dawes plan, one which will be written down in history as one of the most important, if not the most important, ever made by the System." We quote further from the paper as follows:

"It has put Great Britain back on a gold standard and prevented the possibility of tremendous losses in foreign investments," he said.

"It was done, not on a few weeks' notice, but on consideration extending back eighteen months. There has been some criticism for agreeing to sell gold to England. But there were two things to consider.

Time Called for Action.

"If Great Britain should renew the embargo on gold from that country it would demoralize the currency of the world and wipe out the investments of United States bankers and business interests abroad. There was Russia, with a radical Government; Turkey, with banking systems like those of medieval days; Spain, on the verge of collapse, and Austria, although remarkably improved, about ready to fall back again.

"The question of how to stabilize the currency of the world was pressing. There was \$600,000,000 of yearly interest to the United States being lost as a result of the war. The Governor of the Bank of England would not enter into an attempt to repeal the gold embargo unless he had the moral support of the Federal Reserve System of the United States."

As vindication of the Reserve Board's act, Crissinger drew attention to the fact that as yet England has not taken any of the gold from this country, and he expressed the opinion that "not a cent may have to be sent over."

"It is the moral support behind the transaction," he vowed.

"Some say that the Federal Reserve Act never contemplated the sale of gold. But Section 14 provides that it may open foreign accounts in foreign banks.

Have More Than We Need.

"Some say we ought to keep all our gold here. But we have more than we ought to have. If we kept on taking gold the Old World would try to find a different standard. Some of the countries thought by letting us have all the gold it would start an inflation of prices and then a crisis would force a change. But they found out that we have a system of burying the gold in the pockets of the American people."

John G. Lonsdale, President of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, and Chairman of the Special Federal Reserve Day Committee, referred to the day's celebration as "a memorable milestone in the financial affairs of the Mississippi Valley, because it marked the first ten years of splendid service by the Federal Reserve to the Eighth District branch in behalf of business in general, and it marks the dedication of the new bank building." The new building, it is stated, involved an expenditure of \$4,000,000.

Secretary Mellon Reports Surplus for Fiscal Year 1925 of \$250,505,238.

In a statement reviewing the financial operations of the Government for the fiscal year 1925 Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on July 1 reported a surplus of \$250,505,238, this contrasting, he pointed out, with a surplus estimated last October of about \$67,000,000. A reduction of \$734,619,102 in the total gross debt occurred during the year, the amount on June 30 1925 being \$20,516,193,888. Secretary Mellon points out that the surplus for the fiscal year 1925 "has already been used in reduction of the debt and is not available for tax reduction." He adds that "since tax reduction means a loss of revenue annually, it is only the annual surplus to be expected in future years which is the margin available for tax reduction and should be so used." Secretary Mellon's statement follows:

The net results of the financial operations of the Government covering the fiscal year 1925 are now available through figures reflected in the daily Treasury statement for June 30 1925. The total ordinary receipts were \$3,780,148,684.42 and the expenditures chargeable against such receipts \$3,529,643,446.09, resulting in a surplus of \$250,505,238.33. This is to be contrasted with a surplus, estimated last October, of about \$67,000,000.

A comparison of estimated and actual receipts in some of the principal items is interesting:

Customs receipts were \$547,561,226.11, or within one-half of one per cent. of the estimate, and miscellaneous internal revenue \$828,638,079.90, which is practically the estimate. Income tax receipts of \$1,760,537,823.68, however exceeded estimates by \$100,000,000 or 6%.

In the other miscellaneous receipts of 643,411,567 there were also increases, being principally \$34,000,000 on account of railroads, \$2,500,000 from sale of other securities owned by the Government, \$15,000,000 from Army costs receipts; \$3,500,000 from river and harbor improvements, \$6,400,000 from sale of clothing and small stores account, Navy Department, and \$11,500,000 on account of Indian moneys.

The expenditures which also affect the surplus were \$3,529,643,446.09, or a net decrease under the estimate of \$4,440,361.91.

The total gross debt was reduced in the fiscal year by \$734,619,101 59, and on June 30 1925 was \$20,516,193,887 90. The reduction was effected by (1) \$466,538,113 83 on account of the sinking fund and other debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts; (2) by application of the entire surplus of \$250,505,238 33; and (3) \$17,575,749 43 on the balance of reduction in the general fund balance below the balance on June 30 1924.

The surplus for the fiscal year 1925, therefore, has already been used in reduction of the debt and is not available for tax reduction. Since tax reduction means a loss of revenue annually, it is only the annual surplus to be expected in future years which is the margin available for tax reduction and should be so used.

In the fiscal year 1925 the regular maturities of the public debt amounted to \$2,307,041,400 at an average annual interest rate of 4.446%, and new issues (exclusive of a small amount of Treasury savings certificates) were floated in the aggregate par amount of \$1,882,167,000 at an average annual interest rate of but 3.557%.

The reduction in annual interest charges on the new issues as compared with the annual interest charges on the same amount at the average interest rate of the maturing issues was \$16,730,000. Four per cent 20-30 year Treasury bonds were issued during the fiscal year 1925, amounting to \$1,047,088,500 face amount.

This long-time financing relieves the pressure on the refunding operations which will be necessary in connection with the maturity of the Third Liberty Loan on Sept. 15 1928. As a result of this and other debt charges in the fiscal year, the short-dated debt (maturing within five years) on June 30 1925 was \$6,252,000,000, as against \$8,074,000,000 on June 30 1924.

The plans of the Treasury to make prohibition enforcement effective are rapidly approaching consummation. The Coast Guard two years ago worked out a building program which was submitted to Congress and authorized by it in April 1924. Work was promptly begun, and on June 30 last 216 patrol boats and 100 picket boat were built or building.

Twenty destroyers belonging to the Navy have been rehabilitated and the required personnel was enlisted and trained. All but 23 of the patrol boats and all of the picket boats are now in service. The last three of the destroyers went into commission yesterday. The plan of operation had been carefully prepared, and in May, when the boats and trained personnel were available, the plan was successfully put into effect on the Atlantic Coast.

As an assistance to the Coast Guard operations, a treaty extending the three-mile limit was made with England and has been followed during the past year by similar treaties with Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Panama and the Netherlands. Last fall a treaty to aid in the prevention of liquor smuggling was negotiated with Canada on the north, and similar negotiations have been begun with Mexico on the south.

Within the Treasury itself all activities which are related to prohibition enforcement—being Customs, the Coast Guard and the Prohibition Unit—have been centred under the direction of one Assistant Secretary, and General Lincoln C. Andrews put in charge.

A complete reorganization of the Prohibition Unit has been recently announced. It is believed that as a result of its experience and development the Treasury is to-day better organized and equipped to make the Volstead Act effective.

Federal Reserve Board's Ruling on Deductions by Bank of Balances from Foreign Branches in Computing Reserves.

Under date of June 30, Benj. Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, called attention as follows to the Federal Reserve Board's ruling on deductions of balances due from foreign branches of domestic banks, in calculating reserve requirements:

To Each Member Bank in the Second Federal Reserve District:

The Federal Reserve Board has recently issued rulings affecting net demand deposits in the computation of member bank reserves and covering specifically the question of deducting the amount of balances, in either foreign currency or dollars due from foreign branches of domestic banks, from the amount of balances due to other banks.

From Branches of Other Banks.

On the question whether a member bank in calculating its reserve requirements may deduct balances due from foreign branches of other domestic banks the Board rules as follows:

1. Balances payable in *foreign currency* due from a foreign branch of a domestic bank may not be deducted by a member bank in computing its reserve from balances due to other banks.

2. Balances payable in *dollars* due from a foreign branch of a domestic bank may be deducted by a member bank in computing its reserve from balances due to other banks.

From Member Bank's Own Branch.

On the question whether a member bank in calculating its reserve requirements may deduct balances due from its own foreign branch, the Board rules as follows:

3. Balances payable either in dollars or in foreign currency due to a member bank from its own foreign branch may not be deducted from balances due to other banks by the member bank in computing its reserve.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

Defense Day Test To-day—July 4—Demonstration on Armistice Day Opposed by President Coolidge.

To-day—July 4—will be observed as National Defense Test Day. Various State and city officials have issued proclamations calling for the observance of the day in accordance with the mobilization plans of the War Department, both Governor Smith of New York State and Mayor Hylan of New York City being among those who have called for participation in the Defense Day program by the National Guard, and the citizens as a whole. President Coolidge, a month ago, in suggesting that July 4 would be an appropriate day for a second defense test, similar to that of September last, indicated to Acting Secretary of War Davis that he did not approve of the selection of Armistice Day (Nov. 11) for the test. The latter date had been pro-

posed by Secretary Davis. The President also stated that the War Department in approaching the Governors of the States for support in the movement should indicate that their response would be "purely voluntary." The President's advices to Acting Secretary Davis, made public May 29, were as follows:

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On the 11th inst. you submitted to me a proposed plan of the War Department to hold on next Armistice Day, Nov. 11 1925, a second defense test of the same general character as the one which was held last September. You state that the same conditions exist now which made a muster and inspection of the army of the United States desirable last year and that the plans contemplate that the test will resemble more the features of the "Muster Day" of Colonial times.

I have no objection to the holding of this test this year, but I do not approve your proposal that it be held on Armistice Day. If you consider it desirable to hold the defense test this year I would suggest July 4 as being a more appropriate date. Otherwise I think it desirable to get authority of Congress if any day not a national holiday is proposed.

It occurs to me that your communications to the Governors of the several States should emphasize that their response to the proposed test plans is purely voluntary. I mention this for the reason that their action must necessarily be predicated on what they consider to be the best interests of their States.

Very truly yours,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

On May 28 the following telegram was sent by Mr. Davis to the Governors of the various States asking their support of the Defense Day test:

"The President has authorized a second defense test on July 4 1925. On this day the War Department desires to present to the people our national defense policy and plans for support thereof as contemplated by the National Defense act of 1920 and to emphasize the historical occasion when Congress first pledged the man power and resources of the country for national defense and to commemorate the sacrifices made for national defense. Letter follows covering details. I have directed General (names inserted), Corps Area Commander, to confer with you in reference to all arrangements. Request your support and co-operation. Of course, State response to the proposed test plans is purely voluntary and must necessarily be predicated on what you consider to be the best interest of your State."

In later advices to the Governors on June 4, Acting Secretary of War Davis, in requesting their support for the Defense Day test said:

"Of course, state response to the proposed test is purely voluntary and must necessarily be predicated on what you consider to be the best interest of your state."

In a general outline of the purposes and nature of the second defense test the Acting Secretary said that its object was twofold:

"To acquaint the American people with their national defense policies and obligations as set forth in the Constitution and in the national defense act of 1920, and to depict the plans and processes for the organization of the army of the United States and its muster into service in the event of any national emergency.

"To emphasize the historical occasion when Congress first pledged the man-power and resources of the country for national defense and to commemorate the sacrifices made for that defense."

Governor Smith's proclamation urged that the people in their churches and their homes offer "prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God for his watchful care over our great country since its discovery." The Governor's proclamation, issued June 15, follows:

Whereas, the President of the United States having designated July 4 1925, as a day on which a test will be made of the mobilization plans prepared by the War Department, under the act of Congress providing for the national defense.

Now, therefore, I Alfred E. Smith, Governor of the State of New York, do order the Adjutant General of the State to confer with the Major General commanding the Second Corps area, looking to participation as far as possible by the National Guard, and I do request the authorities of the cities and villages of the State in which units of the regular army, National Guard and organized reserves are located to confer with the committees appointed for these various localities by Federal authority, looking to a proper observance of that day.

The righteousness, the dignity and the national honor of our great Republic must be defended to the last degree and it is the duty of American citizens to encourage the young men who offer themselves in this great cause.

While the Fourth of July is our great national holiday, and by custom has been given over almost entirely to celebrations of various kinds, let us in our churches and in our homes offer on that day our prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God for His watchful care over our great country since its discovery. Let us by lesson and example teach the youth of the land how much we owe to the Great Ruler of Mankind for the peace and security we all enjoy, and bespeak of Him good-will among men not only in our own land but throughout His earthly kingdom.

Mayor Hylan's proclamation was issued as follows on June 18:

Whereas, The President of the United States has authorized the War Department to hold a second defense test on July 4 1925:

Whereas, The Governor of the State of New York has issued a proclamation requesting "the authorities of the cities and villages of the State of New York in which units of the Regular Army, National Guard Organized Reserves are located to confer with the committees appointed for these various localities by Federal authority, looking to a proper observance of that day";

Whereas, The general purpose of this defense test is to acquaint the people with the national defense policies and to have all engage in practical demonstrations of patriotism;

Whereas, these units depend on the community to which they belong for personnel, shelter, supply and other necessities;

Whereas, This defense test has all the aspects of the muster day rallies of the earlier days in the life of our nation and, falling on Independence Day, will have local community celebrations as its background.

Now, Therefore, I, John F. Hylan, Mayor of the City of New York, declare that I will appoint a general committee for the City of New York to carry into effect the policies above set forth and to co-operate with the Federal committees duly appointed, and I urge the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond likewise to appoint committees for these purposes in their respective boroughs.

Further, I earnestly request that the city be decorated with the Stars and Stripes, service flags and the city's banner; that all our citizens, men and women, especially our newly naturalized ones, and all patriotic, fraternal, welfare, civic and church organizations unite on this day in demonstrating that we remember gratefully the sacrifices made by our people in the cause of national defense and that we stand ready in a new spirit of devotion to do our full duty as citizens of this Republic in any future emergency.

Let the men of eligible age under our Constitution voluntarily join, as did their forbears, their home defense units on July 4 for parade and patriotic demonstrations and to show those units as we depend upon them in their present strength so they can rely on us to strengthen them in case of need.

Let there be places in all our exercises on July 4 for our school children, so that they, who will hold us responsible for the way we have led them, may imbibe from their elders moral strength to meet their duties and obligations as future citizens.

I recommend to all, in so far as they may be able, to assemble on July 4 in their various places of worship and offer thanks to Almighty God for the peace and security we are now enjoying and prayers for a continuance of His divine protection.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New York to be affixed, this 18th day of June, 1925.

Gov. Silzer of New Jersey also urged, on June 29, that, as part of the observance of the day, "the people join together in Divine service early in the morning and ask the blessings of Almighty God and give Him thanks for the perpetuation of our ideals and our liberties."

Only in a few minor instances has there appeared opposition to the Defense Day plays. According to a Middletown (N. Y.) dispatch to the New York "Times," June 16, Mayor Abram B. Macardell, in a statement that day, attacked the sincerity of the Government in "making over" July 4 as National Defense Day. The dispatch continues:

Mayor Macardell urged all citizens to disregard the new significance of the day and to celebrate it in repose, pleasure and recreation. The Mayor's statement followed the request of the Army Corps Area Commander that the City Executive appoint a committee to arrange a Defense Day program. The Mayor said he had arranged for a day of recreation, "peace time military decrees notwithstanding."

"I trust that every free-born American citizen will celebrate the day in the same spirit," he said.

According to special advices from Baltimore, May 30, to the New York "Times," opposition to the War Department plan for a National Defense Day test July 4 was expressed by Governor Albert Ritchie, who announced that day that he would not issue a call for a civilian mobilization on that day. The "Times" advices added:

He said he would confer with Adjt. Gen. Milton A. Record to determine whether the National Guard should be mobilized.

Governor Ritchie based his opposition to the plan on the fact that July 4 had been selected as the day for making the test. He said most of the citizens of the State and members of the National Guard already had made plans for a holiday that day.

On June 16 Associated Press accounts from Bismarck, N. D., stated:

Governor A. G. Sorlie of North Dakota will not declare July 4 as National Defense Day, in accordance with the President's wishes.

"I will leave things in the hands of the military authorities," he said today. "If they wish to have a demonstration I shall not interfere."

"I understand President Coolidge himself is not so warm for the plan and I think the people have made arrangements for the holiday. I shall not issue a proclamation."

A protest against the day's program was lodged by the Conference of Youth Organization, it is learned from the New York "Times" of June 22, which said:

The Conference of Youth Organizations, 108 East Ninth Street, announced yesterday that telegrams protesting against designation of the Fourth of July as Defense Day had been sent to President Coolidge, Secretary of War Weeks and Secretary of the Navy Wilbur. Messages were also sent to Governor Alfred E. Smith and Mayor John F. Hylan. The protests criticized the idea of national mobilization as militaristic.

Lee B. Stein, Secretary of the conference, made public the telegram to the White House. It read:

"We, the representatives of twenty-one youth organizations in New York and the vicinity, although differing in religious, economic and political views, agree in questioning the propriety of holding 'Defense Day' on the Fourth of July. As American youths most vitally affected by any such plans, we consider this action out of keeping with the spirit of Independence Day. The Fourth of July has historically meant independence for us and all peoples and the reaffirmation of our traditional policy of aloofness from military. Furthermore, we fear any 'defense day' as the beginning of a military tradition in our free country. Must we youth always look for continued war preparations?"

The conference membership, according to Mr. Stein, includes the Young Workers' League, a Communist organization; the Young Friend's League, the Young People's Socialist League, the Fellowship of Youth, Pioneer Youth of America, League of Youth of the Community Church, Social Problems Club of Columbia University, Intercollegiate Club, New York Urban League, Metropolitan Federation of Unitarian Churches, National Students' Forum, Young People's Group of the United Synagogues of America, Fellowship of Reconciliation, League for Industrial Democracy, Young Fabians and the Pocono People's College.

The same paper on June 16 printed the following special advices from Hartford (Conn.), under date of June 15:

When Governor J. H. Trumbull recently advised the War Department that he thought July 4 was a peace time holiday and unsuited for a defense

day test, he also informed Washington he would make an emergency test of Connecticut's militia some other day and without any advance police. He made his test tonight.

Just before 4 o'clock this afternoon the Governor called Adjt. Gen. Cole at the State Armory and said:

"General, you will remember I recently spoke to you about a test of Connecticut's military forces. I am making the test tonight, and I am now notifying you that all the military power of the State is to be assembled at the home stations at 8 o'clock tonight."

General Cole immediately began pouring long-distance telephone calls over his four trunk telephone lines, and within twenty-six minutes had notified every commanding officer of the orders from the Governor.

"Surprisingly good; the Governor's emergency test was a remarkable success," declared General Cole tonight as the returns came into the State Armory from all over the State. The 169th Infantry in Hartford showed 92%, reporting, and the 102d in New Haven about 91%. Most of the absentees were away on week-end trips.

Demands of Anthracite Coal Miners for 10% Wage Increase—Possible Shutdown Sept. 1.

At the final session on July 2 of the Tri-District Convention of the United Mine Workers of America, held at Scranton, Pa., new wage demands, prepared by the scale committee of the anthracite miners, were ratified. They call for a two-year agreement with the operators to replace the present agreement expiring Aug. 31, uniformity and equalization of all day rates, complete recognition of the union, this having for its aim the adoption of the "check-off" system; an increase in the contract wage of 10%; an advance of \$1 a day for all day men; the establishment of a five-hour day; that coal be paid for by the companies on the tonnage basis instead of by the car, &c. The convention opened on June 29, John L. Lewis, International President of the United Mine Workers, addressing the delegates, representing 158,000 anthracite miners, on July 1. Commenting on reports that the operators may ask for a wage reduction of between 17 and 20%, Mr. Lewis declared that "the anthracite mine workers will not accept a wage reduction of 17 or 20%."

The New York "Times" account as to what President Lewis had to say, states in part:

"I hear reports that the operators have 10,000,000 tons of coal on hand. Oh, how the public is gulled. The public is led to believe that if a strike or a suspension occurs on Sept. 1, 10,000,000 tons of anthracite will be available for consumption. The fact is that less than 10% of this amount is suitable for furnaces and stoves, and that 9,000,000 tons represent steam sizes and slack, which compete with the bituminous product. It is not true that there is any particular quantity of anthracite in storage. There is no guarantee that the public will be assured of a supply if a suspension or strike is forced by the operators.

"We are informed that the operators are expecting to spend \$500,000 in a gigantic publicity campaign in the course of the negotiations, and subsequently to poison the minds of the people against the demands the miners may make. They do not yet know what the demands are going to be, but they are against them anyhow. They are employing the great Ivy Lee and other subsidiary concerns, including Walter Gordon Merritt, to pour a constant stream of publicity, paid for at column and space rates, into the leading newspapers of the anthracite territory and the Eastern part of the United States.

"It is a sad commentary that they have so much money for advertising and so little for the men who produce the product. It may be justifiable to take \$500,000 and put it into a publicity campaign and charge it up to the cost of anthracite, but I doubt that the men who risk their lives and the consumers who shovel coal into the furnaces will readily agree that it is morally proper.

"It all shows that even before our conference is organized or the date for the conference set that the tomtoms of the operators are sounding the cry of battle. They are preparing for a suspension or a strike, and are doing it on the basis of a reduction in wages which cannot and will not come in this year 1925.

"The operators are also making an outcry against this convention asking for full recognition of the United Mine Workers. It is not strange that having functioned so many years the union shall ask for full recognition and the right to participate with the operators in the benefits of the check-off system which they practice continually."

Union's Check-Off Demand.

The operators, according to Mr. Lewis, now checked off items of store supplies, taxes and other purchases by the miners and the union wished merely to have the check-off extended to include union dues. This would save the local secretaries from having to write out 18,000 receipts each month and issue 158,000 buttons. He said the check-off had existed in the bituminous fields for twenty-five years, "yet the operators would have the public believe it is a monstrous demand and that it would add to the cost of coal." He asserted that it would not even add to the bookkeeping cost, to destroy the United Mine Workers. In the conduct of their campaign they threw business morality to the winds and the wage agreement was torn up like a scrap of paper.

"Two of the largest coal companies repudiated the Jacksonville agreement, the Consolidated Coal Company and the Pittsburgh Coal Company. A few weeks ago the Consolidated Coal Company informed me that it was no longer bound by the agreement and would pay any wages that it saw fit. I called their attention to the agreement, but they are going ahead dishonoring the agreement.

"The President of the Consolidated is Colonel C. F. Watson, who served with distinction in France. Associated with him in the company is John D. Rockefeller Jr., who is a large stockholder. Mr. Rockefeller is an estimable man with fine traits, religious and God-fearing. As a stockholder of the company, wielding great influence, he joins with Colonel Watson in tearing up the contract with the miners. What a contrast between the private and business morals of a great citizen.

"Then there is the Pittsburgh Coal Company, one of whose most influential stockholders is Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, perhaps the ablest Secretary since Alexander Hamilton, a man with admirable traits. Yet Mr. Mellon permits his coal company to violate its contract with the Mine Workers without, so far as I am aware, making a protest.

What a contrast between private and business morals of our great captains of industry.

The demands of the miners will be submitted to a committee representing the operators which will meet in Atlantic City July 9. As to the expectation of a suspension at the mines incident to the demands the Associated Press, according to Scranton advices to the New York "Evening Post" yesterday (July 3) stated:

Merchants in the anthracite valleys today finally admitted the likelihood of a suspension at the mines September 1, a result both of the new wage demands and the talk growing out of the tri-district scale convention which closed here yesterday.

Some storekeepers estimated the demands for a 10% wage increase for 45,000 tonnage men; for abolition of the 5% operators charge the miners for compressed air in drilling and for the payment of coal mined on the basis of a 2,240 pound ton instead of by the car would, if granted, mean a total pay increase of perhaps 55%.

The additional \$1 a day to be asked for 110,000 day men, would mean an advance of about 22%; the two averaged together show around 30%.

Turning from whatever attitude the operators might adopt toward these demands, the merchants then singled out the remark yesterday of Andrew Matthey, president of District 7, who said in the convention: "A suspension will take place."

Merchants say some of their number have not yet fully recovered from effects of the credit they granted to their miner customers in the strike of 1922. Asserting that in a coal strike it "is the merchant who pays," some showed with pencil and paper how they would make money by shutting up shop the day before any suspension was declared.

The following relative to the demands is from the "Wall Street Journal" of June 30.

Anthracite Wages.

Wages in the anthracite field are still at war level. They are higher than those in any other trade. At the end of December they were, taking the wages of 1914 as 100, well established at 292, with railroad wages next at 241 and the building trades 211. To put it in another way, contract miners who in June 1914 made an average of \$3 46 per 9-hour day, at the end of last December were drawing an average of \$9.11 for less than 8 hours, with actually a small increase on the wages of the previous year.

If the proposition is worked out in purchasing power the real wages are 76% higher than in pre-war days as against 45% for railroad workers and 38% for the average of manufacturing industries. These are the figures of the National Industrial Conference Board and may be taken as trustworthy comparing correctly, as they do, with the independent data of the "Wall Street Journal." Practically, in the face of the collapse of soft-coal prices and soft-coal unionism, hard-coal miners are operating a successful hold-up.

And regardless of these figures the extremists among the miners now propose to demand ten dollars a day for a week of 30 hours. No ransom attained during the war, and even in New York's coal famine at the beginning of 1918, compares with this preposterous demand. Observe, moreover, how unsafe the basis for it is. The lesson is well worth the consideration of those who administer such railroads as the Lackawanna and the Delaware & Hudson. By the repeal of a single city ordinance the City of New York could knock the monopoly higher than a kite.

No resident of a city of upward of six million inhabitants desires to see handsome public and private buildings besmirched with soft-coal smoke. But the New York householder is paying from 13 to 14 dollars a ton for anthracite when he could use soft-coal at a fifth of the price. He may well reflect that through his own rulers he is maintaining the monopoly which crushes him. He would not need to use soft-coal long. It might take a year to make its use general, but the citizen could stand it better than the miners' unions or the coal operators.

There is, moreover, an excellent example in the Lackawanna RR. What has become of "Phoebe Snow," who traveled in spotless white upon "the road of anthracite"? The Lackawanna is interested in the production of anthracite, but consumes soft-coal and has long been soft-pedaling about Phoebe.

It is necessary to drive a little sense into the heads of the union leaders. It may be necessary to drive a little sense into the heads of the coal operators.

Another week we will print the demands in full.

Colorado Miners to Remain at Work Pending Decision of the State Industrial Commission on Wage Cut.

The following Boulder (Colo.) advices, June 26, are from the New York "Commercial":

Mines in the coal fields of the northern Colorado district will not close down with the exception of one which will close down temporarily for repairs, according to word received by miners here instructing them to remain at work under the old scale of wages until a definite decision of the Colorado State Industrial Commission is handed down.

A cut in the wages from \$8 25 to \$5 50 a day and the pay of loaders of 10 to 15 cents a ton recently was proposed by the companies, but definite action will not be taken until the case is reviewed by the Commission.

It has been rumored that the mines would close following hearings on the new wage scale by the State Industrial Commission, although the companies state that if the mines are closed it will be caused by a falling off of business and not by changes in the wage scale.

It is believed that if the miners should decide to strike the companies would shut down and not attempt to operate. The demand for coal is so much smaller during the summer months that the mines are now running far below their usual capacity.

The northern Colorado coal fields take in Boulder, Frederick, Erie, Lafayette, Louisville and Dacona, and approximately 2,000 miners are employed by the companies owning the mines in this territory.

Colorado fuel production was 3,943,374 tons for the first four months of this year, which is 460,273 tons less than during the same period last year. The industry now supports 11,932 miners.

Receivers of St. Paul Railroad Offer Rate Plan to Aid Road—Propose That Surplus From Higher Tariff for West Go to Roads With Deficit.

The receivers of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., H. E. Byram, Mark W. Potter and Edward J. Brundage, issued the following statement June 19 in response to in-

quiries regarding the prospective income situation of the property and their attitude respecting a rate increase:

As is well known, there is urgent need for a readjustment of the rate structure so as to improve the income showing of carriers in the Western district. Conditions are particularly acute for lines like the St. Paul, which because of the character and volume of their traffic have suffered disproportionately from the changes that have taken place in the relations between the rates and costs of operation. The return on investment enjoyed by the Northwestern carriers is substantially below that of carriers in other parts of the country. The receivers have joined the other carriers in requests for rate increases. There is, of course, involved not merely the question as to what the rate increase should be but how it should be made. Careful study has been given this subject. In view of the fact that the present and prospective needs of the carriers vary because of conditions forced upon them and over which they have no control, respecting both costs and rates, it is obviously desirable in connection with any rate readjustment to have regard for the several and varying needs of the carriers. Regard for the shippers also suggests this course in order that the burden on shippers shall not be needlessly heavy. The study which the receivers have made has led them to the conclusion that any rate increase should be made so that the proceeds of it would go to the lines that need it, and not unduly swell the revenues of carriers that do not show similar need. This could be accomplished by segregating and pooling the proceeds of the increase throughout the district and distributing the same among all carriers in proportion to their showing of deficits below the fair return, which is the aim of the Transportation Act.

Accepting book investment as the amount upon which a fair return is to be calculated, until properties have been definitely valued by the Commission, the carriers in the Western district during the year 1924 fell short in the aggregate to the extent of approximately \$180,000,000 of earning the fair return which has been fixed by the Commission at 5 3/4%. The deficit on the St. Paul was approximately \$23,000,000 which is 12.76% of the aggregate group deficit. It would, therefore, seem to be just that the St. Paul should be credited with this percentage of any amount raised as a result of rate increase designated to meet the needs of the several carriers. If an increase of only 5% had been in effect during the year 1924 and the proceeds thereof had been so segregated and distributed, the net operating income of the St. Paul would have been increased upwards of \$10,000,000 to an amount in excess of \$29,000,000. The result would have been to increase the percentage return on book investment from 2.59% to 4.02%. Such an increase thus dealt with would have increased the net operating income of all carriers in the Western group earning less than 5 3/4% in degrees varying according to their needs as reflected by the percentages of the total group deficit which each line suffered. To illustrate: The net railway operating income of the Chicago & Northwestern would have increased from approximately \$16,780,000 to \$22,195,000, increasing its return on investment from 3.36 to 4.44. The Northern Pacific would have enjoyed an increase of \$5,945,000, in round numbers, to a percentage increase of return on investment from 3.46 to 4.50. All of the carriers would have benefitted except those already earning more than 5 3/4%, the amount of benefit in each case depending on carrier need as reflected by deficit percentages.

An increase, the proceeds of which would be segregated and distributed in the manner suggested, would seemingly be far more beneficial to the carriers of the district as a whole than a larger increase not thus segregated and distributed in accordance with carrier needs. Obviously the former method would materially lighten the burden on shippers. In fact, the study of the receivers indicated that a 5% increase segregated and distributed in the manner suggested would be more beneficial than a 10% increase not thus distributed, a large portion of which would go to carriers already enjoying ample return and which perhaps under the rate making scheme of the Transportation Act are not equitably entitled to any increase.

It is therefore the position of the receivers that there should be a rate increase the proceeds of which would be pooled and distributed according to carrier needs. While the course suggested represents a distinct departure from the practice that has heretofore prevailed in rate making it would appear that to so segregate and distribute the proceeds of a rate increase would not only be just to carriers and shippers but would agree with the letter and spirit of the rate making provisions of the Transportation Act, which declared the aim to be to obtain revenues essential to the needs of the different carriers without increasing the revenues of others whose returns are ample. A rate increase, the proceeds of which would be so dealt with would also seem to agree with the purpose of the rate making provisions of the Transportation Act as they have been interpreted by the courts. It is the view of the receivers that to adopt the method suggested would be far-reaching in its effect toward solving the so-called railway problem in the manner fairest to all concerned and insure the carrying out of the purpose and spirit of the Transportation Act.

On May 24 the Western railroads, including the Northwest group, applied to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for permission to increase rates on a straight percentage basis. This increase would have the effect of a 10% or 11% advance in freight rates from the existing levels. Subsequently, the receivers of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. presented a plan devised by Mark W. Potter, former Inter-State Commerce Commissioner, and now a receiver for the Northwest carrier, calling for a 5% freight rate increase to all Western carriers. This plan proposes a pooling of the additional revenues derived from the increase, and re-distribution thereof in such a way as to provide, in effect, more than 5% for the so-called weaker roads, and less than 5% for the stronger systems.

In Mr. Potter's opinion, an increase such as proposed by Western roads would be unobtainable at this time, but he believes a 5% rate advance under his plan would prove acceptable. Concerning the attitude of the more prosperous roads operating in the Western territory, Mr. Potter does not anticipate serious objection, pointing out that all roads would prefer some increase to none at all.

As to possible objections from certain carriers to a plan which requires unanimous consent for its execution, Mr. Potter says:

In view of the uncertainty as to whether a general increase without segregation, pooling and distribution in the manner suggested, is possible or

to July 17, at which all chapters of the association will be represented. A special train will leave on Friday evening, July 10, carrying New York, New England and New Jersey delegations to the convention. The party will spend Saturday at Niagara Falls, sight-seeing, and on Sunday they will be entertained by the Chicago Chapter, leaving there Sunday night and reaching Kansas City Monday morning July 13. Forty delegates representing various New York banks will be in the group.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &C.

New York Stock Exchange memberships established another high record this week when the seat of James M. Martin was posted for transfer to Kenneth R. White, the consideration being stated as \$122,000. Previous to this the membership of Lorenzo E. Anderson, deceased, was reported sold to Oliver J. Anderson for \$120,000. The high figure represents an advance of \$6,000 over the last previous sale.

New York Curb Market memberships made further advances this week, when the seat of C. E. Laidlaw was purchased by J. B. Richardson for \$19,500 and that of Ernest H. Riehl to Barney Peck for \$20,000, this latter being the highest at which memberships have ever sold. The last sale previous to the above was at \$16,000.

The New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange membership of Henry D. Hutchings was sold to J. H. Lemkau for \$12,500. This is a high record price for an Exchange membership. It is \$1,500 above the last previous sale.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the American Exchange National Bank of New York on July 2 the plans for the merger of the Pacific National Bank with the American Exchange National Bank were ratified. The banks will be formally merged on Aug. 1; the stockholders will have the right to subscribe to the extent of 30% of their holdings on or before July 28 at \$200 per share of \$100 par.

Latest advices regarding Mrs. J. P. Morgan, who has been ill since June 14, are to the effect that her condition is promising.

Announcement was made yesterday of the appointment of C. C. Fisher as Cashier of Seaboard National Bank of this city. Mr. Fisher had previously been Assistant Cashier. He has been connected with the bank since 1897. C. H. Marfield, heretofore Vice-President and Cashier, will continue as Vice-President. C. J. Murray, F. R. Parkin and H. G. Place, previously Assistant Cashiers, have been appointed Vice-Presidents.

Andrew B. Rose has been appointed an Assistant Cashier of the Coal & Iron National Bank of this city.

Louis P. Christenson, who had been associated with the National Bank of Commerce since 1914, has been elected a Vice-President of the Manufacturers' Trust Co., assuming his duties on July 1. Mr. Christenson spent some time studying various departments of the National Bank of Commerce, after which he was appointed Manager of the credit department of that institution and most recently as Second Vice-President. For the time being, Mr. Christenson will be located at the 139 Broadway, Manhattan, office, of the Manufacturers Trust Co.

Arthur G. Cable has resigned his position as Vice-President of the Guaranty Co. of New York in charge of its Chicago office, and representative of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in Chicago, to accept a partnership with the banking house of Shearson, Hammill & Co. Mr. Cable has been connected with the Guaranty Co. in an important official capacity for five years. Prior to that he was the Chicago manager of Montgomery & Co. During the war he was in the air service on active duty in France.

Employees of the Standard Bank of New York who subscribed to the stock of the institution on the partial payment plan, at \$200 per share, received on July 1 their certificates of stock from Richard M. Lederer, who congratulated them on becoming partners in the bank. The plan was inaugurated in October 1922 with monthly payments of \$5 per share, and matured ahead of schedule through the application of increased dividends. The declaration of a stock dividend of 100% subsequent to the inauguration of the plan brought the cost to the employees of each share down

to less than \$80. The present quotation of Standard Bank stock is 370 bid, 405 offered.

The organization of the New York County Trust Co., with a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$250,000, has been undertaken by James J. Riordan, formerly President of the United States Trucking Corporation. The institution expects to open for business on Nov. 1 at 101 Eighth Ave.; an organization office is now maintained at 82 Eighth Ave. Among the incorporators of the trust company are: Edward J. Kelly, of Henry Kelly & Sons; Peter J. Carey, a trustee of the Emigrant Savings Bank; Ralph W. Long, General Manager Shubert enterprises; J. J. Cavanaugh, hotel man; William J. Fitzgerald, contractor, and George Le Boutillier, President of the Long Island RR. Mr. Riordan has lived all his life in the heart of the district in which the trust company is to locate and is thoroughly acquainted with the local commercial and industrial interests, with the great produce meat and poultry markets on the west side of the district and the industrial organizations on the east and north and the important business organizations between. He believes that the neighborhood is big enough for a local independent bank. It has none at the present time, only branches of other bank organizations. This is especially true since the New York County National Bank merged with the Chatham & Phenix. New York County National Bank had been famous in the neighborhood for years and has been much missed. The new bank is, therefore, to be named the New York County Trust Co. and is to be an independent local bank serving all the interests of Greenwich Village and its contiguous neighborhoods. In 1920 Mr. Riordan founded the United States Trucking Co., with which Governor Smith became associated as Chairman of the board of directors when he left office at the end of 1920, and made the Monahan Express Co. a part of it. Mr. Riordan was President of the United States Trucking Co. until 1924. Having firmly established it he resigned as President and has since devoted himself to the organization of the new trust company.

The Fordham National Bank of New York is being organized with a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$60,000 in the Fordham section. It is understood that Senator Royal S. Copeland is one of the organizers. The new bank plans to open shortly. The organization headquarters are at 2463 Jerome Ave.

The Bank of the Rockaways, which we stated in our issue of April 4 (p. 1701) was organizing in Far Rockaway, N. Y., with a capital of \$100,000, has received a charter from the State Banking Department and began business on June 24. George W. Craft is President, Wm. J. Morris is Vice-President, and H. M. Wolfe, Cashier of the new bank. The stock is being placed at \$150 per share, par \$100. The institution reports a surplus of \$50,000.

George A. Cholet, Treasurer of the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse, N. Y., and connected with that institution and its predecessor, the First National Bank, for 40 years, died suddenly on June 22 at the age of 57. Mr. Cholet, who was a native of Syracuse, entered the First National Bank in 1885 as a messenger and steadily advanced. When his institution and the Trust & Deposit Co. of Onondaga were merged in January 1919 to form the First Trust & Deposit Co., Mr. Cholet became Assistant Secretary. Later he was made Assistant Treasurer and in 1922 Treasurer of the institution, the office he held at the time of his death.

The 5% dividend to depositors in the Commercial Department of the defunct Hanover Trust Co. of Boston, recently authorized by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, was paid on July 1. This makes 57% to date paid to commercial deposits and additional dividends are anticipated, it is understood. Savings depositors have been paid in full.

Lloyd A. Frost, formerly Vice-President and Treasurer of Guaranty Trust Co., Cambridge, Mass., has been appointed Manager of the Cambridge Trust Co.'s North Cambridge office, which has become of increasing importance by reason of the growth of business in the district served by the branch office.

The United Banking & Trust Co. of Cleveland opened for business in its handsome new building at West 25th Street and Lorain Avenue, that city, on Monday, June 29, and on that day and each day thereafter during the week a public reception was held with a general inspection of the new

quarters. Last week, the formal opening of the building took place, the festivities attending the occasion including a dinner to the stockholders with a private inspection of the new building on the night of June 24. The institution occupies the main floor and part of the second floor of the structure together with the basement in which are located the vaults, safe deposit boxes, committee rooms and directors' rooms. The building is nine stories high and cost, including equipment, \$1,500,000, it is said. Arthur H. Seibig, is President.

Effective Wednesday of this week, July 1, the Reliance Trust Co. and the Commonwealth Banking & Trust Co., both of Cleveland, were united to form the Ohio Trust Co. The new bank occupies the ground floor of the Hanna Building, Euclid Avenue at 14th Street and is a member of the Federal Reserve System. Chas. J. Phyers, heretofore President of the Reliance Trust Co., is Chairman of the Board of the new organization and Carl B. Ford is President.

The Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, announces the appointment of James D. Chambers as manager of its bond department of this bank, succeeding J. R. Edwards, resigned. Mr. Chambers was formerly assistant manager of the department and more recently was Ohio representative of the Detroit Company.

A proposed union of the City National Bank of Dayton, Ohio, capital \$400,000, and the Dayton National Bank of that city, capital \$300,000, through which the former becomes an institution with resources in excess of \$19,000,000, was announced on June 5 by Walter G. Davidson, President of the City National Bank. While it was stated that the merger under the name of the City National Bank would become effective July 1, the actual consolidation of the institutions will not take place until July 15. What was the Dayton National Bank was founded in 1814, making it, it is understood, the oldest bank in Dayton, under the name of the Dayton Manufacturing Co. In July 1831 the title was changed to the Dayton Bank. In 1843 it became a branch of the Ohio State Bank, and in February, 1865, it began operating as the Dayton National Bank under the National Bank Act.

The death occurred in Indianapolis on June 23 after a short illness of Otto N. Frenzel, President of the Merchants' National Bank of Indianapolis and one of that city's leading financiers. Mr. Frenzel was born in Indianapolis sixty-eight years ago and entered the employ of the Merchants' National Bank in 1869 as a boy of twelve years. He rose rapidly through the minor positions until in 1882 he was elected Cashier and a director; twelve years later (1894) he became a Vice-President, continuing at the same time as Cashier, and finally in 1902 assumed the Presidency of the institution and held this office until his death.

The Foreman National Bank of Chicago has purchased the 14-story Chamber of Commerce Building at the Southwest corner of Washington and La Salle Streets, that city, one of the Loop's oldest and best known office buildings, as the prospective site of a new home for the institution. Although the consideration was not disclosed, it is understood to have been in the neighborhood of \$3,500,000. The property has a frontage of 181.25 feet on La Salle Street and 113 feet on Washington Street with alleys on each of the other two sides, thus affording permanent light on all four sides. Another advantage is that it is located at the head of the new La Salle Street Boulevard. The main floor of the building has been occupied by the State Bank of Chicago for many years. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of June 17 quoted Oscar G. Foreman, Chairman of the Board of the Foreman banks, as saying in regard to the purchase:

We feel that because our institution is making such rapid strides and because it is constantly becoming more difficult to obtain a suitable banking location, we could no longer postpone the selection of a site to which we could move, or upon which we could erect a structure for our purposes, should it become necessary.

However, in all likelihood, we will remain where we are as long as it is feasible. Our purchase is really made solely as an insurance policy, so to speak, to protect ourselves against an impossible situation, should we be compelled to vacate our present quarters. It is our purpose to continue to rent the space in the Chamber of Commerce Building to the tenants now in possession, just as has been done by the former owners.

The business now conducted by the Foreman banks was founded by Gerhard Foreman more than sixty years ago. In 1885 he turned the business over to his sons. In 1897 a State bank under the title of the Foreman Brothers Banking Co. was incorporated with the late Edwin G. Foreman as President. In 1923 the Foreman National Bank and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank were formed to increase the bank's facilities and broaden the scope of its operations.

Announcement is made by Noel State Bank of Chicago of the increase of surplus from \$150,000 to \$250,000. The \$100,000 by which the surplus account is increased comes out of the Bank's earnings.

An associated Press dispatch from Moline, Ill., on June 16 stated that Joseph F. Van Hoe, Assistant Cashier of the First Trust & Savings Bank of East Moline, Ill., had been arrested on that day for alleged embezzlement following the discovery by State bank examiners of a shortage in the institution's funds. Van Hoe, it was stated, was said to have confessed the misappropriation of at least \$20,000 of the money. A special dispatch to the St. Louis "Globe Democrat" from Rock Island, Ill., on the previous day (June 15) stated that the shortage in the bank (which is a small institution capitalized at \$50,000 and with deposits of \$321,000) amounted to \$30,000 and would be made up by the stockholders. It was further stated the bank would not close. About this time last year Henry Setzer, the then Cashier of the institution, disappeared following which a shortage (said to have been \$50,000) was discovered by bank examiners. Subsequently Setzer was arrested in Kansas and is now serving a sentence for his embezzlements in Joliet Penitentiary.

The State Bank of Willow River, Willow River, Minn., a small institution capitalized at \$10,000 with deposits of approximately \$115,000, has been closed because of depleted reserves, according to a press dispatch from St. Paul on June 26, appearing in the "Wall Street News" of the same date.

An Associated Press dispatch from Cape Girardeau, Mo., on June 27, appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of June 28, stated that on that day four criminal informations were issued against Ray Duncan, former Cashier of the Bank of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge, Mo., which had been closed ten days previously, charging him with accepting deposits in an insolvent institution. The dispatch went on to say:

A shortage of \$21,000 already has been discovered in the bank's accounts, and the prosecuting attorney has indicated that other charges probably would be filed against Duncan when examination of the bank's records had been completed.

Directors have decided not to reopen the bank, and the work of liquidation will proceed.

Duncan is expected to waive preliminary examination when arraigned, and will await trial at the coming term of the Circuit Court.

The closing of the People's State Bank of Hartville, Mo., on June 25 was reported in the following press dispatch from Jefferson City, Mo., on that date, appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of June 26:

State Finance Commissioner French was notified today by the Board of Directors of the People's State Bank of Hartville, Wright County, that the bank was in an insolvent condition and had closed. An examiner will be sent to take charge.

This is the twenty-sixth bank to close in Missouri since the first of the year.

The bank had a capital of \$20,000, total resources of \$139,000, deposits of \$97,000, and loans of \$109,000 when its last statement of condition was filed on December 31 1924.

Elihu Moody is president and W. F. Rippee cashier.

The Union-Easton Trust Co., St. Louis, whose organization early last year was noted in the "Chronicle" of April 26 1924, page 2026, has been chartered and is now doing business. The new bank is capitalized at \$200,000 and has a surplus of \$40,000. According to the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" of June 4, the two-story bank building occupied by the new trust company at 5325 Easton Ave. is owned by the stockholders and was completed a short time ago at a cost of \$150,000. The interior is equipped with up-to-date banking fixtures and vaults. Adjoining the institution, it is said, is a large plot of ground 50 x 150 ft., owned by the bank, which has been transformed into a garden with parking facilities for seventy-five automobiles. The officials of the new bank are: Arthur F. C. Blase, President; William A. Koenemann, Vice-President, and Oliver Blase, Secretary and Real Estate Officer.

On June 26 Paul E. Twitty, for several years acting Vice-President of the Brunswick Bank & Trust Co., Brunswick, Ga., resigned his position with the institution, his resignation taking effect July 1, according to a press dispatch from that place appearing in the Savannah "News" of July 27. Mr. Twitty, it is understood, after a month's vacation will engage in business in Florida.

A new financial institution, the Trust Company of Northern Virginia, with an authorized capital of \$300,000, was

opened for business at Rosslyn, Va., on June 8. Several hundred citizens of Arlington County attended the opening and total deposits for the day, it is stated, reached \$40,000. In the evening an informal reception was held. R. Colton Lewis is President and Russell A. Lynn, Secretary and Treasurer of the new bank.

A new bank and trust company is being organized with \$750,000 capital and \$250,000 surplus, in Miami, Fla. Edwir J. Johnson and Clarence G. Galston, of Johnson & Galston, of New York, and Louis H. Strouse represent New York interests identified with the project. Information regarding the name of proposed bank, its officers, etc., is not yet available.

Announcement was made in Pasadena, Cal., on June 22 that the Pasadena National Bank had acquired the State Bank of Pasadena of that city and the latter would go into voluntary liquidation, according to a press dispatch to the Los Angeles "Times" on that date. The main office of the acquired bank and its branch on Lake Avenue, it was stated, would become the Fair Oaks Avenue branch and the Lake Avenue branch, respectively, of the enlarged Pasadena National Bank. William F. Knight, heretofore President of the Pasadena National Bank, would head the new organization, it was said, while W. M. Eason, former President of the State Bank of Pasadena, would retire. The other officers of the enlarged bank (which is capitalized at \$100,000) it was stated would be Albert Dodge, Vice-President; S. L. Bierbaner, Cashier and Escrow Officer and R. H. Garder, Arthur Gage, A. E. Dwelle and Phillip McDuffie, Assistant Cashiers.

According to the Los Angeles "Times" of June 3, the People's Bank & Trust Co. of that city has been converted into a national institution under the title of the People's National Bank of Los Angeles. The institution was organized in October 1923 with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$250,000. At the beginning of June 1925 C. J. Shepherd, formerly Managing Director of the Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, assumed the presidency of the institution. The other officers are: John S. Horn, C. A. Adams, M. P. Illich, T. W. Marse and Peter M. Kahn, Vice-Presidents; Max E. Socha, Assistant Vice-President; O. O. Moreland, Cashier, and Roy De la Mare and C. B. Leasure, Assistant Cashiers. The bank automatically became a member of the Federal Reserve System upon its nationalization.

On June 27 the First Divisional Court of the Appellate Division at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, (Supreme Court of Ontario) set aside the decisions of Judge Coatsworth in the Home Bank cases which resulted in the conviction of the Vice-President of the defunct bank and four directors and their sentence to various terms of imprisonment. The decisions of Judge Coatsworth quashed by the Court of Appeals are as follows:

Richard P. Gough, former Vice-President, convicted on six counts, one year definite, plus one year less a day indeterminate.

S. Casey Wood, K. C., convicted on two counts, six months definite, plus six months indeterminate.

James F. M. Stewart, convicted on one count, four months definite, plus four months indeterminate.

Charles A. Barnard, K. C., of Montreal, convicted on three counts, eighteen months definite, plus six months less a day indeterminate.

Clarence F. Smith of Montreal, convicted on one count, six months definite, plus six months indeterminate.

It is understood, the five defendants named above, together with F. J. B. Russill of Toronto, also a former director (who was convicted before Judge Coatsworth on one count and received a suspended sentence) and M. J. Haney, a former President of the Home Bank, are included in an indictment for conspiracy under four counts, triable by a judge and jury in the High Court, on which a true bill was returned by the Grand Jury on Oct. 22, 1924. Mr. Haney, it is said, still has to face trial on charges under the Canadian Bank Act similar to those on which the Vice-President and four directors have just been acquitted by the Court of Appeals, if the Crown decides to proceed. The hearings before Judge Coatsworth resulted in the conviction also of two other of the Home Bank defendants, namely Ocean G. Smith and Sydney H. Jones, former accountant and former Auditor, respectively, of the failed institution. Mr. Smith was released on a suspended sentence, but Mr. Jones (who was found guilty of negligence) was sentenced to four months, plus four months indeterminate. According to the Montreal "Gazette" of June 29 the indeterminate part of his sentence was not enforced and Mr. Jones was released last April after serving the four months.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The drift of prices on the New York Stock Exchange during the present week has generally been toward higher levels. Indeed, on Tuesday and Wednesday the market was fairly buoyant and many new high levels were recorded particularly in the industrial group. In the short period of trading on Saturday stocks advanced briskly in a more than ordinarily active market. Prices gradually climbed upward and numerous speculative leaders closed the session with substantial gains, American Can at its high for the day selling up to 200, the highest figure recorded in the history of the company. General Motors was another prominent feature and moved forward briskly to 85 for the first time since the current issue of stock was authorized. On Monday the market sagged because of the spurt in call money to 6% and the news of the earthquake in Southern California. United States Rubber, however, and the other rubber stock were strong. Trading was again active and many substantial increases in prices were recorded on Tuesday. Numerous industrial shares were up from 1 to 7 points, particularly Woolworth, which gained more than 7 points. Baldwin Locomotive was another conspicuous feature on account of its steady upward climb to 115, making a net gain of 3 points. United Cigar Stores shares were also in strong demand and recorded a 4 point advance at their high for the day. Oil shares were irregular, numerous gains being registered by the group, though there were also several declines as the session closed. Many new high records were established in the brisk trading on Wednesday. Nearly 25 stocks reached new tops in the course of the day, the advances ranging from 1 to 10 points. Wabash common was a prominent feature and moved forward more than 2 points to a new high at 31. Railroad shares were the predominating feature of the trading on Thursday. Atlantic Coast Line, St. Louis-San Francisco and Wheeling & Lake Erie were the centre of interest, the activity in these stocks stimulating buying in New York Central, Atchison and Reading, all of which displayed moderate improvement. Motor shares were in good demand at increasing prices, Packard crossing 35 to a new high, and Studebaker pushing through to 49. Sloss-Sheffield came to the front in the steel industrial group with a net gain of 3 points, closely followed by Foundation Co. with an advance of 4 points. Baldwin Locomotive reached 117 3/4 at its high for the day but yielded nearly 2 points in the last hour. The stock market was unsettled during the opening hour on Friday, due to some extent to the heavy selling caused by the failure of Dean, Onatvia & Co. As the day advanced the market gradually came back under the leadership of the railroad shares. Southern Railway was particularly strong and moved forward nearly to its record high. Steel industrials improved, Sloss-Sheffield moving up to 91 1/2. The New York Stock Exchange and other exchanges will be closed on Saturday July 4, Independence Day.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended July 3	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c. Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	689,704	\$3,044,000	\$1,198,000	\$648,100
Monday	1,454,500	5,808,000	2,516,000	605,700
Tuesday	1,130,986	6,054,500	2,191,000	1,782,950
Wednesday	1,533,420	7,180,000	3,053,000	4,038,750
Thursday	1,421,850	6,799,000	1,980,000	849,000
Friday	1,379,000	6,629,000	1,478,000	682,000
Total	7,609,460	\$35,514,500	\$12,421,000	\$8,606,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended July 3		Jan. 1 to July 3	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Stocks—No. shares	7,609,460	3,745,573	209,230,397	116,974,592
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$8,606,500	\$21,781,000	\$205,587,560	\$529,295,000
State and foreign bonds	12,421,000	8,466,000	371,327,900	207,107,000
Railroad & misc. bonds	35,514,500	27,700,000	1,914,470,575	1,091,250,000
Total bonds	\$56,542,000	\$57,947,000	\$2,491,386,035	\$1,827,652,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES

Week Ending July 3 1925	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*6,762	\$5,000	8,145	\$6,000	1,059	\$6,500
Monday	*11,295	65,000	14,160	29,500	3,790	29,900
Tuesday	*19,131	63,500	13,019	30,000	4,387	37,000
Wednesday	*21,225	10,500	12,847	17,500	4,566	44,000
Thursday	*20,461	22,000	14,034	34,200	5,204	51,100
Friday	15,885	21,000	6,315	19,000	2,856	17,100
Total	94,762	\$187,000	68,520	\$136,200	21,802	\$185,600
Prev. week revised	96,605	\$142,200	59,711	\$422,600	23,214	\$184,800

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 802, Monday, 1,082, Tuesday, 900, Wednesday, 1,600, Thursday, 170.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in Curb Market securities was active this week and for the most part with a general upward trend to prices. A pre-holiday spirit and the failure of a well-known brokerage house at the end of the week served to unsettle the market and prices moved with more or less irregularity. Canada Dry Ginger Ale after early loss from 48 3/4 to 44 1/4, sold up to 51 1/2 and closed to-day at 49 3/4. Chapin-Sacks, com., advanced from 40 3/4 to 45 and reacted finally to 44. Continental Baking, A stock, gained about 10 points to 143 and eased off finally to 141. The B stock rose from 32 1/2 to 37 3/8 and sold finally at 37. H. H. Franklin Mfg. com. was conspicuous for an advance from 24 to 34. Kelvinator Corp. advanced from 38 5/8 to 43 and finished to-day at 41 1/2. Miller Rubber com. sold down from 173 to 160 and recovered finally to 165. Nizer Corp., class B, advanced from 43 1/2 to 48 1/4 and sold at the close to-day back to 47 1/4. Pathe Exchange, A stock, after early decline from 76 3/8 to 72 1/8, recovered to 84 3/4 and closed to-day at 83 1/4. Radio shares were strong. De Forest Radio sold up from 25 1/2 to 27 1/2 and at 27 finally. Dubilier Condenser & Radio moved up from 16 1/8 to 18 3/4 and sold finally at 18 1/4. Hazeltine Corp. sold up from 15 7/8 to 22 1/2 and closed to-day at 21. Public utilities were generally higher. Associated Gas & Electric, A stock, rose from 32 1/4 to 34 1/2. Commonwealth Power com. dropped from 166 to 160 and closed to-day at 160 1/4. General Gas & Electric issues were all higher, the convertible pref. selling up from 170 to 180, the pref. A. from 132 to 148 3/8 and the pref. B from 120 3/4 to 136 1/2. The close to-day was at 173, 147 and 135, respectively. Power Corp. com. after an early loss from 68 to 64 1/8, jumped to 78 7/8 and finished to-day at 77 1/8. United Light & Power class A weakened at first from 96 1/2 to 91 1/2, then moved up to 102 3/4. Oil stocks were very quiet and little changed. Cumberland Pipe Line advanced from 141 to 145, reacting finally to 143.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 62.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET

Week Ended July 3	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind. & Mts.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	120,130	28,080	32,100	\$459,000	\$14,000
Monday	246,260	87,950	51,610	923,000	53,000
Tuesday	279,955	88,310	34,370	956,000	31,000
Wednesday	245,770	83,615	40,810	771,000	50,000
Thursday	291,300	66,890	42,400	928,000	45,000
Friday	244,331	91,425	40,220	873,000	29,000
Total	1,418,746	446,270	241,510	\$4,910,000	\$222,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 17, 1925.

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 10th inst. amounted to £155,229,875, as compared with £154,656,960 on the previous Wednesday.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced since our last issue:

	June 11.	June 12.	June 13.	June 15.	June 16.	June 17.
Withdrawn	£12,000	£15,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	£436,000
Received	Nil	Nil	Nil	£1,000,000	Nil	Nil
Received	Nil	Nil	Nil	£1,000,000	Nil	Nil

The gold received on the 15th inst. was from Holland, in the form of sovereigns. The destinations of the £436,000 sovereigns withdrawn were as follows: £265,000 to India, £150,000 to Chile and £21,000 to the Straits Settlements. During the week under review £537,000 on balance was received by the Bank. The net inflow since the resumption of an effective gold standard is now £1,878,000.

Some details of an interesting address by Professor Gustav Cassel at the London School of Economics appeared in the "Times" of June 15 last. He stated that "the gold standard was only satisfactory on the condition that the world was able to increase indefinitely its new production of gold at the same rate as characterized the world's general economic progress. Otherwise the scarcity of gold would lead to a general fall in the level of prices."

There is another side to this question of gold and prices. The United States held in its monetary reserves towards the end of last year over 850 million pounds of gold, as compared with under 250 millions in 1914. In other words, the United States acquired during that period, and rendered immobile so far as the world's use is concerned, a vast accumulation of that precious metal considerably in excess of the world's production during the last eight years. In these circumstances, any world shortage of gold—if any—can hardly be charged to diminished production. It lies directly at the door of the United States of America, and also any depression of world prices that could be attributable to a shortage so caused. The fact is that the fiscal and financial policies of the United States have diverted the flow of gold from its normal course. The removal of heavy tariff duties in the United States and the release of gold in payment for foreign goods, that would thus find an American market, would soon benefit world prices and remove the necessity of sitting upon golden eggs with poor hope of hatching them.

Obviously, unless the United States is prepared to take payment of the world's debts in something other than gold, an increase in the world's production does not bear directly upon world prices as it would otherwise do.

The United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of May last were as follows:

	Imports.	Exports.
Russia	£2,148,854	£7,586
Netherlands	150	77,999
Belgium	---	11,862
France	605	2,630
Switzerland	---	654,305
Spain and Canaries	---	31,227
Egypt	---	64,812
West Africa	141,451	---
Java and other Dutch Possessions in the Indian Seas	---	13,500
United States of America	6,360	355,858
Central America and West Indies	4,745	---
Various South American countries	---	91,500
Rhodesia	217,101	---
Transvaal	129,208	---
British India	---	1,025,565
Straits Settlements	---	14,018
Other countries	1,750	283,531
Total	£2,650,224	£2,634,393

The Transvaal gold output for May 1925 amounted to 813,249 fine ounces, as compared with 787,519 fine ounces for April 1925 and 809,003 fine ounces for May 1924.

SILVER.

The market has been under the influence of cross currents and therefore uncertain in tone, though the tendency until to-day has been toward firmness. China has worked both ways, and there has been some purchases for the Indian bazaars. America has been more inclined to buy than sell. The Continent still remains inactive. The immediate effect of the Chinese disturbances has been to hinder China trade from up-country, and has not led as yet to any pronounced speculation in silver.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)	May 22.	May 31.	June 7.
Notes in circulation	17661	17323	17369
Silver coin and bullion in India	7315	7375	7420
Silver coin and bullion out of India	---	---	---
Gold coin and bullion in India	2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion out of India	---	---	---
Securities (Indian Government)	5714	5716	5718
Securities (British Government)	2000	2000	1999
Bills of exchange	400	---	---

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 7th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 13th inst. consisted of about 62,600,000 ounces in sycee, 41,500,000 dollars and 2,880 silver bars, as compared with about 62,600,000 ounces in sycee, 41,500,000 dollars and 2,150 silver bars on the 6th inst.

Quotations—	—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
	Cash	2 Mos.	
June 11	31 11-16d.	31 5/8d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
12	31 11-16d.	31 11-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
13	31 11-16d.	31 9-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
15	31 11-16d.	31 11-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
16	31 11-16d.	31 11-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
17	31 11-16d.	31 5/8d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Average	31.718d.	31.656d.	84s. 11.4d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are the same as those fixed a week ago.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings for the present week for the country as a whole will again show an increase as compared with a year ago, but this time the ratio of gain is more moderate. This is the eighteenth consecutive week that our weekly totals have shown gains 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 July 4) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will run 9.1% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,339,868,945, against \$8,563,561,314 for the same week in 1924. At this centre the increase is 12.8%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended July 4.	1925.	1924.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,609,000,000	\$4,971,561,753	+12.8
Chicago	722,557,749	674,024,790	+7.2
Philadelphia	515,000,000	479,000,000	+7.5
Boston	384,000,000	382,000,000	+0.5
Kansas City	115,542,239	101,743,000	+13.6
St. Louis	130,700,000	129,200,000	+1.2
San Francisco	171,426,990	154,300,000	+11.1
Los Angeles	145,198,000	120,545,000	+20.4
Pittsburgh	151,000,741	146,911,190	+2.8
Detroit	145,061,277	142,193,578	+4.1
Cleveland	114,030,868	96,446,946	+18.2
Baltimore	121,388,368	86,181,590	+40.8
New Orleans	58,417,563	47,972,657	+21.8
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$8,386,323,795	\$7,532,080,504	+11.3
Other cities, 5 days	953,545,150	1,031,480,810	-7.6
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,339,868,945	\$8,563,561,314	+9.1
All cities, 1 day	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	---
Total all cities for week	\$9,339,868,945	\$8,563,561,314	+9.1

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the previous week—the week ended June 27. For that week there is an increase of 14.6%, the 1925 aggregate of the clearings being \$9,065,952,650, and the 1924 aggregate \$7,912,056,008. Outside of New York City the improvement is 15.2%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 14.1%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is a gain of 17.6%, in the New York Reserve District, (including this city) of 14.2% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of

13.2%. The Cleveland Reserve District has an improvement of 14.0%, the Richmond Reserve District of 17.3% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 35.0%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are better by 11.7%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 11.0% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 15.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is an increase of 17.4%, in the Dallas Reserve District of 14.8% and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 15.3%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS

Table with columns: Week Ended June 27 1925, 1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec., 1923, 1922. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) and Grand Total.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending June 27, 1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec., 1923, 1922. Rows include various Federal Reserve Districts and their constituent cities.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending June 27, 1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec., 1923, 1922. Rows include various Federal Reserve Districts and their constituent cities.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending June 25, 1925, 1924, Inc. or Dec., 1923, 1922. Rows include various Federal Reserve Districts and their constituent cities.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended June 17. d Week ended June 18. e Week ended June 19. * Estimated.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PERCABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table of English financial markets with columns for securities, dates (June 27, 29, 30, July 1, 2, 3), and closing prices for items like Silver, Gold, Consols, and French Renten.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.); Foreign.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange June 27 to July 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table of St. Louis Stock Exchange transactions, listing various stock categories like Bank Stocks, Trust Co. Stocks, Street Railway Stocks, and Miscellaneous Stocks with their respective prices and ranges.

* No par value.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

Table of auction sales listing shares of companies like United Silk Mills, The Old Chambers, and others, with their respective values.

Table of Boston stocks by Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., listing various companies and their share prices.

Table of Boston stocks by Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, listing companies like National Bank, Shawmut Bank, and others.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table of Philadelphia stocks, listing shares of companies like Belmont Trust Co., Warwick Iron & Steel, and others.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table of national banks with columns for date of application, bank name, capital, and corresponding information.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table of banks with applications to organize received, including The First National Bank of Umattilla, Fla. and others.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Table of banks with applications to convert approved, including The Hamilton National Bank of Weehawken, P. O.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table of banks with charters issued, including The Temple National Bank, Temple, Calif.

CHANGES OF TITLE.

Table of banks with changes of title, including Arcadia National Bank of Newark, New York.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table of banks with voluntary liquidations, including The First National Bank of Olio, So. Caro.

DIVIDENDS.

Table of dividends announced, listing company names, percentages, when payable, and books closed dates.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 2, 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 27, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 1, 1925.

Table with 11 columns for dates from July 1 1925 to July 2 1924. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F.R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, U.S. Government securities, Foreign loans on gold, All other earning assets, Total earnings assets, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F.R. note liabilities combined, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F.R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, Distribution by Maturities, F.R. notes received from Comptroller, F.R. notes held by F.R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, By eligible paper, Total).

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 1 1925

Table with 13 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held excl agst. F.R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, U.S. Government securities, Total U.S. Govt. securities) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes received from Comptroller, F.R. notes held by F.R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, By eligible paper, Total).

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., Totals. Rows include Foreign loans on gold, Total earning assets, F.R. notes in actual circulation, and Total liabilities.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 1 1925.

Federal Reserve Agent at - (Two Ciphers (00) Omitted.) Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minn., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include F.R. notes held by F. R. Agent, F.R. notes issued by F. R. bank, and Total collateral.

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 733 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business June 24 1925. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District. Table with columns for 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, Total loans and discounts, Investments, and Total loans and investments.

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. Table with columns for June 24 1925, June 17 1925, June 25 1924. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, Investments, and Total borrowings from F. R. banks.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, July 3 1925.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 40.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended July 3, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stocks like Buff & Susq. pl. vtc.100, Canadian Southern, Erie certifs of deposit, etc.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, 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.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.' with columns for bond types (First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury) and dates (June 27, June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3). Includes sub-totals for sales in \$1,000 units.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds are:

Small table listing registered bond transactions with columns for maturity, price, and quantity.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table of Treasury Certificate quotations with columns for maturity, interest rate, bid price, asked price, and quantity.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies. All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City banks and trust companies with columns for name, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies. All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City realty and surety companies with columns for name, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange continues in a rut, with quiet trading and very narrow rate variations, at close to last week's levels. The Continental exchanges were quite active, relatively speaking, and violent changes were recorded in francs and lira, both up and down, while the Scandinavians scored further new high record quotations.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 82 1/2 @ 4 82 1/2 for sixty days, 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 1/2 for checks and 4 86 1/2 @ 4 86 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 1/2; sixty days, 4 81 1/2 @ 4 81 1/2; ninety days, 4 79 1/2 @ 4 79 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 80 1/2 @ 4 80 1/2; cotton for payment, 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 1/2, and grain for payment, 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 4 58 1/4 @ 4 68 1/4 for long and 4 64 @ 4 73 1/4 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.68@39.60 for long and 39.94@39.96 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 102.80 fr.; week's range, 102.80fr. high and 108.75 fr. low.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 41.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 62.

New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates from Saturday, June 27 to Friday, July 3, and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week. Shares.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table listing various stocks (e.g., Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous) with columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1925' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924'.

* Bid and asked prices * Ex-dividend. b Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Sunday, 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 various stock listings like Air Reduction, Alcoa, and American Express.

* 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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sales for the Week. It lists various stock prices and shares.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table listing various stocks with columns for lowest and highest prices per share for the year 1925 and the previous year 1924. Includes companies like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Gas & Elec., and many others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. † Par value changed from \$100 to \$50 and prices on that basis be listing June 3. a Ex-right to

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 Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (June 27-30). Rows list various stock symbols and their price ranges.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stock categories such as Indus. & Miscell., Keystone Tire & Rubber, Kinney Co., etc., with their respective share counts and prices.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1925. On basis of 100-share lots.

Table showing the lowest and highest share prices for various stocks during the year 1925.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924.

Table showing the lowest and highest share prices for various stocks during the previous year, 1924.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-new rights. n No par. z Ex-rights. k Trading on N. Y. Stock Exchange suspended because of small amount of stock outstanding.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, July) and stock prices per share.

Table with columns for Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and various stock names like Radio Corp of Amer, Do prof., etc.

Table with columns for PER SHARE Range for Year 1925 (Lowest, Highest) and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924 (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend c 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 with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Interest Period, Price Friday July 3, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Interest Period, Price Friday July 3, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for U. S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Government, and various international bonds.

\$5/8 = 1/4 Due Jan. 1/2 Due July. 1/2 Due Aug. 3/4 Due Nov. s Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for N.Y. Stock Exchange, Interest Period, Price Friday, Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions.

a Due Jan. b Due Feb c Due June. Due May. h Due July n Due Sept. o Due Oct. p Due Dec. r Option sale. t Quotation as of July 1.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended July 3.' with columns for Bond, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various bond descriptions.

4 Due May, 5 Due June, 3 Due July, 2 Due Aug, 1 Option sale.

BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE—Stock Record

BONDS See Next Page

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 containing stock prices for various companies like Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, Do pref, etc., with columns for dates and price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-rights. 0 Ex-div. and rights. z Ex-div. 0 Ex-stock div. a Assessment paid. g Price on new basis.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of Sundry Securities including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, and Sugar Stocks. Columns include stock names, bid/ask prices, and par values.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange June 26 to July 3, both inclusive.

Table of Boston Bond Record showing transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange from June 26 to July 3, including bond names, prices, and sales.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, June 26 to July 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Philadelphia Stock Exchange transactions from June 26 to July 3, listing various stocks, their prices, and sales data.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange June 27 to July 3, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange transactions from June 27 to July 3, listing various stocks, their prices, and sales data.

*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-late-st

Table of stock prices for various companies including Finance Serv, Class A, Houston Oil, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Bendix Corp Class A, Borg & Beck, Bunte Bros, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, June 27 to July 3, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Am Laundry Mach com, Amer Rolling Mill com, Baldwin com, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange June 27 to July 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Am Vitriol Prod com, Am Wind Glass Mach, Am Wind Glass Co pref, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange June 26 to July 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including All America Radio Cl A, Amer Pub Serv, pref, American Shlpbuilding, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange June 27 to July 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Am Vitriol Prod com, Am Wind Glass Mach, Am Wind Glass Co pref, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—For the fourth week of June only one road as yet has reported. The figures are as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Road Name, 1925, 1924, Increase, Decrease. Row: Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the third week of June.

Table with 5 columns: Road Name, 1925, 1924, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Duluth South Shore & Atlantic, Georgia & Florida, Mineral Range, etc.

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, %. Rows show weekly earnings from January to June for 16 roads.

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 3 columns: Month, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings. Rows show monthly totals for January, February, March, and April.

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.; April, 5.53% inc.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

Large table with 3 columns: Road Name, 1925, 1924, Increase or Decrease. Rows list numerous railroads such as Akron Canton & Youngstown, Alabama & Vicksburg, American Ry Express, etc.

Large table with 4 columns: Road Name, 1925, 1924, Net after Taxes. Rows list railroads such as Belt Ry of Chicago, Bessemer & Lake Erie, Bingham & Garfield, Buff Rochester & Pittsb., Canadian National Rys., etc.

Table with columns: Line, Gross from Railway (1925, 1924), Net from Railway (1925, 1924), Net after Taxes (1925, 1924). Rows include Duluth South Shore & Atlantic, Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific, East St Louis Connecting, Elgin Joliet & Eastern, Erie Railroad, Chicago & Erie, N J & N Y RR, Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute, Florida East Coast, Ft Smith & Western, Galveston Wharf, Georgia Railroad, Georgia & Florida, Grand Trunk Western, Great Northern System, Gulf Mobile & Northern, Gulf & Ship Island, Hoeking Valley, Illinois Central System, Illinois Central Co, Yazoo & Mississippi Valley, International Great Northern, Kansas City Mexico & Orient, K C Mex & O of Tex, Kansas City Southern, Texarkana & Ft Smith, Kansas Okla & Gulf, Lehigh & Hudson River, Lehigh & New England, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, Louisiana & Arkansas, Louisiana Ry & Nav Co, La Ry & Nav Co of T, Louisville & Nashville, Louisville Henderson & St Louis, Maine Central, Minneapolis & St Louis, Minn St P & S S M, Missouri-Kansas-Texas, Missouri Kansas-Texas of Texas, Missouri & North Arkansas, Missouri Pacific.

Table with columns: Line, Gross from Railway (1925, 1924), Net from Railway (1925, 1924), Net after Taxes (1925, 1924). Rows include Mobile & Ohio, Nash Chatt & St Louis, New Orleans Texas & Mexico, St Louis Brownsville & Mexico, Beaumont Sour Lake & Western, Nevada Northern, Northwestern Pacific, New York Central, Indiana Harbor Belt, Michigan Central, C C C & St Louis, Cincinnati Northern, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, New York Connecting, New York Ontario & Western, New York Susquehanna & Western, Northern Pacific, Pennsylvania System, Baltimore & Atlantic, Long Island, Monongahela, Toledo Peoria & Western, West Jersey & Seashore, Peoria & Pekin Union, Pere Marquette, Perkiomen, Pittsburgh & Shawmut, Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern, Pittsburgh & West Virginia, Port Reading, Quincy Omaha & Kansas City, Reading Company, Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac, Rutland, St Louis-San Francisco, St Louis-San Francisco of Texas, Fort Worth & Rio Grande, St Louis S W of T, San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf, Seaboard Air Line, Southern Pacific System, Southern Pacific Co, Atlantic S S Lines.

Gross from Railway			Net from Railway			Net after Taxes			Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
1925.			1924.			1925.			Current Year.		Previous Year.	
Gross			Net			Net			Gross		Net	
1925.			1924.			1925.			Current Year.		Previous Year.	
1924.			1924.			1924.			1924.		1924.	
Southern Pacific												
Houston & Texas Central—			Houston East & West Texas—			Louis Western—						
May			May			May						
From Jan 1			From Jan 1			From Jan 1						
2,469,667			2,469,667			1,630,873						
5,804,408			5,804,408			1,630,873						
1,777,499			1,777,499			37,873						
103,518			103,518			11,497						
346,185			346,185			831,362						
24,752			24,752			—15,200						
—13,231			—13,231			136,803						
14,739			14,739			—23,707						
—56,368			—56,368			186,056						
249,806			249,806			548,229						
1,274,564			1,274,564			1,279,261						
2,692,646			2,692,646			128,513						
10,872,365			10,872,365			462,092						
1,625,296			1,625,296			1,408,940						
83,230			83,230			64,264						
389,962			389,962			24,278						
294,525			294,525			182,523						
246,615			246,615			51,818						
—22,571			—22,571			—130,964						
—714,99			—714,99			—186,224						
636,944			636,944			121,176						
3,333,143			3,333,143			—12,723						
124,174			124,174			89,122						
48,219			48,219			—41,880						
752,930			752,930			555,068						
3,741,373			3,741,373			—29,899						
1,169,948			1,169,948			2,208,124						
83,324			83,324			2,412,386						
4,111,053			4,111,053			11,803,305						
245,123			245,123			191,247						
221,230			221,230			172,792						
191,247			191,247			809,744						
930,333			930,333			529,443						
991,554			991,554			2,638,940						
110,579			110,579			143,529						
92,151			92,151			396,868						
649,794			649,794			76,039						
493,282			493,282			109,574						
113,425			113,425			637,010						
44,985			44,985			43,698						
23,945			23,945			246,879						
51,838			51,838			251,325						
278,519			278,519			21,166						
663,965			663,965			115,413						
27,519			27,519			19,395						
286,513			286,513			21,166						
144,128			144,128			157,806						
476,817			476,817			857,401						
678,601			678,601			556,109						
3,339,496			3,339,496			857,401						
3,339,496			3,339,496			857,401						
73,946			73,946			65,068						
77,339			77,339			67,574						
302,952			302,952			263,025						
179,967			179,967			73,742						
131,631			131,631			217,765						
520,270			520,270			431,579						
431,579			431,579			73,742						
21,765			21,765			32,510						
64,712			64,712			286,376						
395,852			395,852			49,596						
1,829,122			1,829,122			301,035						
201,487			201,487			1,829,122						
2,733,687			2,733,687			1,829,122						
201,487			201,487			1,829,122						
18,428			18,428			12,926						
29,832			29,832			24,332						
—735			—735			443						
28,024			28,024			443						
1,159,656			1,159,656			1,159,656						
8,352,308			8,352,308			8,352,308						
380,752			380,752			170,479						
170,479			170,479			103,623						
3,206,120			3,206,120			1,817,760						
1,817,760			1,817,760			1,817,760						
343,359			343,359			46,254						
347,972			347,972			1,508,983						
1,198,233			1,198,233			347,972						
2,363,313			2,363,313			46,254						
19,290			19,290			5,858						
241,963			241,963			175,268						
221,717			221,717			175,268						
325,020			325,020			—27,391						
—27,391			—27,391			—27,391						
706,732			706,732			—26,706						
30,794			30,794			—26,706						
17,019			17,019			10,883						
20,798			20,798			15,607						
138,595			138,595			102,640						
174,534			174,534			102,640						
87,727			87,727			65,299						
83,458			83,458			60,383						
325,640			325,640			222,558						
309,647			309,647			197,603						
1,457,459			1,457,459			406,597						
520,897			520,897			361,323						
452,871			452,871			406,597						
2,133,630			2,133,630			1,903,838						
2,557,934			2,557,934			1,903,838						
5,181,056			5,181,056			706,193						
1,394,653			1,394,653			706,193						
942,677			942,677			706,193						
1,161,685			1,161,685			706,193						
4,108,093			4,108,093			706,193						
393,070			393,070			313,070						
472,803			472,803			313,070						
2,106,706			2,106,706			1,676,706						
1,988,736			1,988,736			1,676,706						
49,570			49,570			—34,852						
87,291			87,291			—34,852						
156,262			156,262			—34,852						
160,641			160,641			—34,852						
543,711			543,711			—34,852						
48,487			48,487			35,727						
60,979			60,979			35,727						
348,653			348,653			279,776						
308,705			308,705			279,776						
326,003			326,003			218,557						
430,495			430,495			218,557						
1,416,907			1,416,907			2,127,077						
1,771,321			1,771,321			2,127,077						
7,093,632			7,093,632			706,193						
5,181,056			5,181,056			706,193						
26,709,481			26,709,481			4,108,093						
1,394,653			1,394,653			706,193						
942,677			942,677			706,193						
1,161,685			1,161,685			706,193						
4,108,093			4,108,093			706,193						
393,070			393,070			313,070						
472,803			472,803			313,070						
2,106,706			2,106,706			1,676,706						
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49,570			49,570			—34,852						
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156,262			156,262			—34,852						
160,641			160,641			—34,852						
543,711			543,711			—34,852						
48,487			48,487			35,727						
60,979			60,979			35,727						
348,653			348,653			279,776						
308,705			308,705									

	Month of May			12 Months Ending May 31		
	Gross.	Net.	Surplus Aft. Chges.	Gross.	Net.	Surplus Aft. Chges.
Baton Rouge Elec Co—						
1925.....	59,175	17,777	11,233	731,209	264,286	198,702
1924.....	54,433	18,332	15,084	660,107	217,822	185,218
Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec Co—						
1925.....	392,651	149,613	117,298	4,781,877	1,769,185	1,323,093
1924.....	366,370	105,028	68,465	4,562,454	1,511,888	1,158,175
Cape Breton Elec Co Ltd—						
1925.....	41,720	2,110	—3,619	613,675	95,334	26,829
1924.....	55,857	11,305	5,650	714,743	140,028	71,847
Central Miss Valley Elec Properties—						
1925.....	47,536	10,092	6,671	599,659	161,822	123,220
1924.....	45,591	9,145	5,918	590,315	161,867	123,035
Columbus Elec & Power Co—						
1925.....	209,056	86,195	64,539	2,444,064	1,042,113	776,451
1924.....	176,827	79,856	57,639	2,284,944	1,126,290	855,639
East Texas Elec Co (Del)—						
1925.....	198,044	61,040	47,583	2,474,599	821,284	613,759
1924.....	178,950	64,643	47,860	2,140,544	810,566	617,686
Edison Elec Illuminating Co—						
1925.....	128,744	42,108	43,055	1,617,488	607,108	612,156
1924.....	124,391	41,040	40,816	1,572,223	545,508	533,436
The Elec Lt & Pt Co of Abington & Rockland—						
1925.....	38,021	7,033	6,492	459,492	72,367	68,349
1924.....	31,923	2,967	2,806	450,380	68,921	67,245
El Paso Elec Co (Del)—						
1925.....	212,351	77,874	59,629	2,479,591	866,668	649,482
1924.....	194,878	70,270	52,789	2,405,670	868,681	662,942
Fall River Gas Works Co—						
1925.....	84,404	21,780	21,614	1,009,523	268,423	267,224
1924.....	84,380	18,938	18,825	1,028,043	228,810	227,383
Galveston-Houston Elec Co—						
1925.....	342,139	98,313	51,302	3,961,464	1,061,520	509,408
1924.....	334,493	96,281	51,641	3,457,776	763,912	257,741
Haverhill Gas Lt Co—						
1925.....	50,663	9,930	9,926	628,609	149,844	149,532
1924.....	48,120	10,762	10,757	571,866	121,490	119,609
Houghton Co Elec Lt Co—						
1925.....	39,514	9,325	5,297	502,721	137,953	88,857
1924.....	40,547	8,958	4,877	525,456	136,828	87,830
Keokuk Elec Co—						
1925.....	33,973	6,598	2,943	423,530	108,077	66,950
1924.....	32,810	6,142	2,856	422,397	109,746	70,592
The Key West Elec Co—						
1925.....	20,925	8,351	5,897	248,167	97,226	67,370
1924.....	18,747	6,073	3,588	239,541	91,299	61,074
The Lowell Elec Lt Corp—						
1925.....	118,025	33,002	32,979	1,572,327	548,700	542,258
1924.....	113,921	30,308	27,780	1,537,615	527,173	504,477
Mississippi River Power Co—						
1925.....	276,080	212,631	114,741	3,190,765	2,425,898	1,249,739
1924.....	282,076	223,728	124,345	3,091,537	2,225,062	1,030,667
Northern Texas Elec Co—						
1925.....	206,361	68,562	39,673	2,587,716	864,452	523,675
1924.....	220,216	75,066	47,181	2,852,030	969,610	639,125
Paducah Elec Co—						
1925.....	51,983	17,565	8,576	636,406	193,436	81,845
1924.....	49,149	12,870	3,539	624,838	200,604	91,569
Puget Sound Pr & Lt Co—						
1925.....	1,007,670	365,297	190,781	12,574,842	4,630,063	2,573,294
1924.....	1,004,629	385,153	222,193	12,590,454	4,897,540	2,968,785
Savannah Elec & Pr Co—						
1925.....	151,533	55,326	25,204	1,899,995	711,648	334,470
1924.....	151,315	57,249	26,466	1,906,881	694,072	329,544
Sierra Pacific Elec Co—						
1925.....	95,687	42,230	36,286	1,122,083	422,038	348,409
1924.....	92,787	45,926	39,675	1,051,893	502,994	434,138
Tampa Elec Co—						
1925.....	250,209	110,527	106,027	2,652,918	1,170,981	1,116,470
1924.....	177,897	69,159	64,346	2,206,089	951,669	893,274
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FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of June 27. The next will appear in that of July 25.

St. Louis-Southwestern Ry. ("Cotton Belt Route") (34th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

Chairman Edwin Gould, New York, June 2, wrote in substance: Investment in Road & Equipment.—Expenditures made for additions and betterments during the year, after allowing for retirement of equipment amounted to \$1,739,087. Capital Stock & Dividends.—No change was made in the Capital stock during the year. The Directors declared the regular dividend of 5% on the Prof. stock during 1924, which was paid from surplus. Funded Debt.—The amount of funded debt, outstanding in hands of public, was increased during the year in the sum of \$1,434,000. During the year \$1,460,000 First Terminal & Unifying Mortgage Bonds were authenticated by the trustee and delivered to the company to reimburse its treasury for additions and betterments during the calendar year 1923 paid out of current funds. These bonds are held in the treasury. Rock Island Stock Interest.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway recently has acquired a substantial interest in the capital stock of St. Louis Southwestern Railway, and on March 11 1925, Charles Hayden, James E. Gorman, Merton L. Bell and Nathan L. Amster were elected to the board of directors of the St. Louis Southwestern, as representatives of the "Rock Island." In the acquisition by the "Rock Island" of this interest in St. Louis Southwestern stock there has been promoted what is considered to be the true destiny of the St. Louis Southwestern property. Alliance with the "Rock Island" commends itself on geographical, traffic and economic considerations as a mutually beneficial arrangement and as a definite public advantage and logical development of the legislative policy which favors natural and voluntary selection as against arbitrary or compulsory grouping. Security holders of the company may be congratulated on this development and of interest in their property on the part of a great railroad organization and its eminent and able management.

President Daniel Upthegrove, St. Louis, May 15, wrote in substance: Operating Revenues.—Railway operating revenues for 1924 amounted to \$26,326,291, while those for the year 1923 were \$29,551,120, a decrease of \$3,224,829, of which freight revenue contributed a decrease of \$2,812,569 passenger revenue a decrease of \$471,987, and other miscellaneous revenue an increase of \$59,278. Freight revenue for 1924 amounted to \$21,783,501, which is to be compared with \$24,596,071 for 1923; \$22,297,232 for 1922 and \$20,837,819 for 1921. The decrease in freight revenue for the year, is the result of a large decrease in tonnage of lumber and other products of forests and a decrease in the tonnage of manufactured articles moving over these lines.

The decrease in passenger revenue is the result of loss of local passenger business which is the largest part of the passenger traffic on the line. Competition of busses operating on good roads and increased use of automobiles for business purposes in the territory served by these lines are the primary reasons for loss of this business. The number of revenue passengers decreased 371,237 or 15.25% and passengers one mile decreased 13,132,217 or 15.31%.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses for 1924 amounted to \$20,027,914 and in 1923 amounted to \$21,990,212, a decrease of \$1,962,298, of which transportation expenses contributed a decrease of \$1,214,041, maintenance of equipment a decrease of \$920,232, and all other expenses an increase of \$171,975. As a result of recovery from the disability of the shop strike and the continuance of the policy of replacing obsolete wooden underframe cars with modern steel underframe cars, it was possible to effect a substantial reduction in expenditures for maintenance of equipment.

Net revenue from railway operations decreased from \$7,560,907 in 1923, to \$5,298,376 in 1924, a decrease of \$1,262,531. Net railway operating income decreased from \$5,630,285 to \$4,741,011, a decrease of \$889,273. A balance of \$2,005,319 was transferred to profit and loss. Taxes.—Railway tax accruals for 1924 decreased \$344,610 below the figure for 1923. This decrease is brought about by the fact that figures for 1923 included an adjustment of income and excess profits taxes for the years 1916 and 1917, included in the accounts for 1923 by order of the I.-S. C. Commission, and by a decrease in Federal income taxes for the year 1924.

Agricultural & Industrial.—The activity of the Agricultural Department in stimulating interest in soil improvement among the farmers, was vigorously continued during year 1924. As a direct result of this campaign, large quantities of high-grade fertilizers are being used with a high degree of satisfaction. The rice industry in Arkansas experienced a wave of prosperity during 1924. The crop was good, was harvested in good shape and the price received was higher than in the preceding year. In 1923, Arkansas had 135,000 acres in rice, which averaged 39.5 bushels per acre, with a total production of 5,332,000 bushels. In 1924, it had 156,000 acres, which averaged 42 bushels per acre, or a total production of 6,552,000 bushels, which is 1,220,000 bushels more than 1923. The average price on Dec. 1 1924 was \$1.38 per bushel as against \$1.12 in 1923 and \$0.88 in 1922. Generally speaking, the agricultural conditions throughout the territory have shown an improvement over last year. Farmers are taking every advantage in preparing their land for the coming season. They will use more fertilizers, terrace more of the rolling lands, increase and improve the drainage of the lower lands, and do more intensive cultivation.

Abandonment of Eastern Texas RR.—The Eastern Texas RR. was abandoned for operation on May 1 1921. Litigation with the State of Texas, growing out of the abandonment has been concluded, the rail has now been removed, except in terminal yards at Lufkin, Texas, which were conveyed to the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. of Texas, and the amount of investment in road and equipment, formerly carried on the balance sheet, has been written off during the year just closed. This procedure merely completes the accounting for transactions that occurred in 1921. Federal Valuation.—A hearing in the determination of valuation of the line as of June 30 1915, was set for Feb. 24 1925 at the office of the I.-S. C. Commission, Washington, D. C. On Feb. 16 1925, the Commission advised that the hearing for Feb. 24 1925, was postponed to a date to be hereafter fixed by it.

CHARACTER OF STEEL RAIL IN MAIN TRACK.

	Miles—	85-lb.	75-lb.	70-lb.	60-lb.	56-lb.	Total.
Dec. 31 1924.....	386.26	717.48	30.67	47.02	361.83		1,544.20
Dec. 31 1923.....	386.26	697.75	30.67	47.12	370.49		1,544.20
Dec. 31 1922.....	299.36	777.61	30.67	47.12	376.67		1,544.34
Dec. 31 1921.....	200.95	888.72	30.67	47.12	384.97		1,544.34
Dec. 31 1920.....	182.46	881.10	30.67	47.10	386.33		1,539.57
Dec. 31 1919.....	106.70	950.02	30.67	44.15	395.27		1,538.72
Dec. 31 1918.....	75.41	981.33	30.67	44.15	407.07		1,538.63

BALLAST AND BRIDGES IN MAIN TRACK.

	Miles—	Rock.	Gravel.	Cinders.	Burnt Clay.	Soil, Tres., &c.	Total.
Dec. 31 1924.....	220.35	571.49	124.52	205.65			1,559.33
Dec. 31 1923.....	215.56	561.64	123.16	205.65			1,559.33
Dec. 31 1922.....	212.19	549.10	117.07	205.65			1,559.32
Dec. 31 1921.....	210.31	544.97	108.20	205.65			1,554.55
Dec. 31 1920.....	210.31	544.97	108.20	205.65			1,554.55
Dec. 31 1919.....	222.54	584.58	100.66	212.18			1,552.40
Dec. 31 1918.....	221.98	583.65	102.05	211.58	434.39		1,553.65

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Average miles operated.....	1,777	1,776	1,776	1,776
Operations—				
Passengers carried.....	2,062,574	2,433,811	2,097,603	2,592,292
Passengers carried 1 mile.....	85,539,372	98,671,589	77,734,942	89,876,499
Rate per pass. per mile.....	3.41 cts.	3.44 cts.	3.46 cts.	3.44 cts.
Tons freight moved.....	5,901,480	6,365,897	5,353,997	5,147,912
do do 1 mile.....	142,343,636	169,776,915	153,540,494	129,638,510
Rate per ton per mile.....	1.53 cts.	1.45 cts.	1.45 cts.	1.61 cts.
Earns. per pass. train m.....	\$1,5545	\$1,7517	\$1,5817	\$1,6958
Earns. per frt. train m.....	\$7,7059	\$7,3993	\$7,3506	\$7,4770
Gross earnings per mile.....	\$14,815	\$16,641	\$14,730	\$14,146

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Cottonseed & products, except oil.....	247,391	222,473	172,765	189,433
Other agric. products.....	803,509	804,211	771,067	784,479
Products of animals.....	72,973	70,156	63,766	49,497
Bituminous coal.....	342,533	368,033	299,752	232,299
Clay, gravel, sand & stone.....	875,343	716,749	443,706	994,191
Crude petroleum, &c.....	276,271	365,844	408,415	331,559
Other mineral products.....	101,164	179,738	152,602	58,536
Products of forests.....	1,545,320	1,803,183	1,423,405	1,210,017
Refined petroleum, &c.....	403,766	501,381	485,165	409,137
Other mfd. products.....	1,233,210	1,334,129	1,138,714	888,764
Total.....	5,901,480	6,365,897	5,353,997	5,147,912

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 120, p. 2137.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (ENTIRE SYSTEM) DEC. 31.			
	1924.	1923.	
Assets—	\$	\$	
Road & equip.....	119,236,625	117,690,318	Common stock, 16,356,100
Inv. in affil. cos.....	1,710,492	2,652,002	Preferred stock, 19,893,650
Other invest'nts.....	7,976,310	7,972,372	Bonds (see "Ry. & Ind." Comp.)
Misc. invest'nts.....	803,573	722,494	68,341,750
Cash.....	4,725,073	2,705,216	66,907,750
Special deposits.....	670,995	678,410	2,374,160
Agts. & cond. bal.....	132,042	224,375	351,425
Traffic, &c., bal.....	450,660	501,006	666,395
Loans & bills rec.....	27,501	11,501	230,036
Misc. acc'ts.....	859,145	994,717	294,

\$1,244,473 or 7.53%. Operating expenses and taxes consumed 74.14c. of each dollar of revenue in 1924, compared with 76.18c. in 1923. Ton miles of freight decreased 7.04% and passenger miles declined 7.88%.

The hire of equipment account was practically balanced for the first time in several years. The net balance against the company in this account was \$37,132 in 1924, compared with \$562,243 in the preceding year. The net income remaining after the payment of rents and interest charges amounted to \$4,315,173 in 1924, compared with \$3,632,662 in 1923.

The usual dividend of 5% on the Preferred stock and the regular dividend of 7% and an extra dividend of 7% on the Common stock were paid during the year.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Miles operated.....	338	338	338	338
No. of passengers carried	1,229,025	1,322,350	1,115,210	1,306,708
Passengers carried 1 mile	123,845.534	134,440.288	98,732.674	103,944.695
Rev. passengers per mile	3.35 cts.	3.36 cts.	3.37 cts.	2.69 cts.
Tons rev. freight carried	7,121,600	7,877,262	5,386,299	4,879,977
Tons freight carried 1 m.	1581,665.574	1701,379.120	1200,946.990	1039,579.113
Rev. per ton per mile....	1.05 cts.	1.02 cts.	1.05 cts.	1.21 cts.
Av. train load (rev.) tons	526	537	517	443
Earns. per pass. train m.	\$2.79	\$3.19	\$2.78	\$2.77
Gross earn. per mile....	\$64,913	\$68,159	\$49,683	\$50,775

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 120, p. 3306.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
<i>Assets—</i>			<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Invest'm't in road.....	1,549,378	1,401,025	Common stock.....	2,990,000
Invest'm't in equip. 18,196,547	17,281,634	17,281,634	Preferred stock.....	2,453,400
Imp'ts. on leased			Equip. trust oblig.	4,011,800
railway property 12,943,650	12,273,336	12,273,336	Traffic & car serv.	
Misc. phys. prop....	474,858	644,800	balances payable	316,350
Inv. in affil. cos.:			Grants in aid of	
Stocks.....	384,002	384,002	construction....	347
Bonds.....	298,507	298,507	Audited accts. and	
Notes.....	6,012	6,012	wages payable....	1,112,729
Advances.....	60,930	60,930	Misc. accts. pay'le	588,218
Other investments.	154,314	175,439	Int. mat'd unpaid....	463
Cash.....	2,738,482	2,220,200	Divs. mat'd unpaid.	7,960
U. S. Govt. secur's	7,749,464	5,655,839	Unmat. divs. decl.	10,223
Special deposits....	11,923	13,432	Unmat. int. acce'd	64,812
Traffic & car serv.			Unmat. rents acce'd	412,499
balances receiv.	374,309	370,405	Other curr. liabil.	156,458
Balance due from			Deferred liabilities	10,549
agents & conduc.	49,515	175,233	Taxes.....	1,073,625
Misc. accts. receiv.	475,164	1,011,256	Operating reserves	324,531
Material & suppl.	2,400,089	3,005,623	Accrued deprec'n	3,589,422
Int. & divs. receiv.	69,237	63,014	on equipment....	3,772,640
Other curr. assets.	51,535	66,313	Other unadl. credit	566,085
Deferred assets....	12,606	3,846	Add'ns to property	
Unadjusted debits.	880,457	878,537	through income	
			and surplus....	14,524,481
			Profit & loss, bal.	16,661,020
Total.....	48,874,972	45,979,285	Total.....	48,874,972
				45,979,285

Note—Securities of company held by it, unpledged, \$10,000.—V. 120, p. 3306, 2938.

New Orleans & Northeastern RR.

(41st Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
<i>Operations—</i>				
Passengers carried.....	520,473	570,857	510,009	583,487
Pass. carried 1 mile....	30,930.547	32,879.119	28,383.036	31,422.525
Rev. per pass. per mile...	3.26 cts.	3.21 cts.	3.32 cts.	3.37 cts.
Revenue tons carried....	3,389,694	3,496,092	2,500,386	2,710,209
Rev. tons carried 1 m....	467,718.144	476,426.413	354,229.391	381,312.907
Rev. per ton per mile....	1.90 cts.	1.07 cts.	1.10 cts.	1.23 cts.
Earns. per pass. tr. mile	\$2.06	\$2.14	\$1.93	\$2.15
Earns. per frt. train mile	\$5.33	\$6.45	\$6.37	\$6.13
Gross earnings per mile.	\$26.296	\$30.818	\$24.306	\$28.632

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
<i>Operating Revenues—</i>				
Passenger.....	\$1,007,444	\$1,054,950	\$943,358	\$1,058,116
Freight.....	4,232,178	5,121,105	3,914,218	4,677,467
Mail, express, &c....	427,967	711,794	649,046	594,003
Total oper. revenues.	\$5,667,589	\$6,887,849	\$5,506,622	\$6,329,586
<i>Operating Expenses—</i>				
Maintenance of way, &c.	\$784,133	\$956,602	\$849,091	\$1,013,151
Maint. of equipment.....	1,038,701	1,431,919	1,242,809	1,268,433
Traffic expenses.....	135,978	143,242	130,101	160,202
Transportation expenses	1,700,872	2,515,817	2,533,385	3,153,313
General expenses.....	190,781	187,590	199,105	216,490
Miscellaneous operations	47,640	48,971	42,115	52,876
Total oper. expenses.	\$3,898,106	\$5,284,142	\$4,996,606	\$5,854,466
Net revenue from oper.	\$1,769,482	\$1,603,707	\$1,510,017	\$1,475,120
Taxes.....	464,336	592,890	433,841	573,862
Uncollectible revenues..	6,232	7,845	1,598	9,155
Hire of equipment.....	151,079	232,090	173,088	267,553
Joint facility rents....	Cr. 38,376	Cr. 103,220	Cr. 130,770	Cr. 115,859
Operating income....	\$1,186,211	\$874,101	\$32,260	def\$259,591
Misc. rent income.....	\$19,859	\$21,450	\$15,626	\$20,600
Income from rail leased	7,185	8,221	9,445	7,990
Dividend income.....	880	856	880	800
Income from funded and				
unfund. sec. & accts.	65,976	25,647	12,650	16,661
Contrib. from other cos.		574,837	494,994	614,452
Miscellaneous income....	19	13	Dr. 14	980
Gross income.....	\$1,280,131	\$1,505,127	\$565,841	\$401,893
Miscellaneous rents.....			2,690	2,914
Separately oper. prop'ties		63,269	66,157	68,752
Int. on unfunded debt.	486	23,844	24,916	29,492
Misc. income charges...	2,961	3,860	3,200	3,976
Interest on funded debt.	392,325	392,325	392,325	392,325
Int. on equip. oblig'ns.	3,997	7,102	10,208	13,313
Dividends (6%).....	360,000	360,000	x	x
Balance, carried to				
profit and loss.....	\$520,362	\$655,195	\$66,344	def\$106,878
x Dividend of \$300,000 charged to profit and loss.				
The profit and loss account Dec. 31 1924 shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1923, \$4,732,230 add credit balance of income for year 1924, \$520,361 net miscellaneous debits, \$3,090 credit balance Dec. 31 1924, \$5,249,502.				

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.
<i>Assets—</i>			<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Road & equip't 18,870,518	18,896,187	18,896,187	Common stock.....	6,000,000
Misc. phys. prop....	67,437	82,909	Funded debt.....	8,566,000
Affil. cos.' stocks..	20,800	20,800	Equip. trust oblig.	53,000
Other investments	1	1	Govt. grants in aid	
Cash.....	1,148,744	672,847	of construction.	795,687
U. S. Treas. notes..	1,404,562	898,312	Traffic, &c., bals.	169,803
Special deposits....	162,715	163,072	Misc. accts. pay....	142,615
Traffic, &c., bal....	224,552	204,287	Int. & divs. mat'd	179,758
Loans & bills rec'd.	425	698	Acce. & wages pay'd	12,000
Agents' & conduc-			Other curr. liabil's	640,171
tors' balances....	7,994	3,939	Deferred liabilities	79,765
Material & suppl's	765,519	996,455	Taxes.....	172,223
Int. & divs. receiv.	17,354	11,156	Operating reserves	100,770
Misc. accts. receiv.	623,681	820,660	Accrued deprec'n	1,132,595
x Other curr. assets	43,317	116,365	Unadjusted credits	4,241,513
Deferred assets....	26,701	3,471	Add'ns to property	136,845
Unadjusted debits	482,873	543,035	Profit and loss....	5,249,502
				4,732,230
Total.....	23,866,994	23,434,136	Total.....	23,866,994
				23,434,136

Securities of the company held by it, unpledged, \$468,000.—V. 119, p. 320.

Georgia Southern & Florida Railway.

(31st Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Miles operated.....	402	402	402	402
Passengers carried.....	450,410	509,857	466,798	460,381
Passengers carried 1 mile	41,810.175	41,733.950	36,521.889	31,382.421
Receipts per pass. per m.	3.376 cts.	3.387 cts.	3.387 cts.	3.283 cts.
Tons freight carried....	1,861,024	1,896,003	1,561,721	1,546,009
Tons freight carried 1 m.	320,622.307	305,806.723	243,685.179	243,367.868
Rare per ton per mile...	1.052 cts.	1.130 cts.	1.195 cts.	1.271 cts.
Gross earnings per mile.	\$12.664	\$12.812	\$10.866	\$10,994

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
<i>Operating Revenues—</i>				
Freight.....	\$3,373,847	\$3,456,669	\$2,912,376	\$3,093,686
Passenger.....	1,411,705	1,413,691	1,236,825	1,030,192
Mail, express, &c....	314,176	292,154	233,572	307,212
Incidental.....	68,499	68,775	56,202	40,717
Joint facility.....	11,900	88,055	79,041	114,962
Total oper. revenues..	\$5,180,128	\$5,319,344	\$4,518,016	\$4,586,770
<i>Operating Expenses—</i>				
Maint. of way & struc.	\$808,603	\$848,473	\$741,174	\$959,670
Maint. of equipment..	658,828	896,400	791,276	924,178
Traffic.....	115,991	110,796	103,838	110,794
Transportation.....	1,862,460	2,076,122	1,928,031	2,509,600
Miscellaneous operations	37,848	33,081	33,484	10,600
General.....	128,133	137,675	146,408	154,373
Transp. for invest't—Cr.	3			4
Total oper. expenses..	\$3,611,860	\$4,102,187	\$3,744,211	\$4,669,211
Net revenue from oper.	\$1,568,268	\$1,217,157	\$773,806	def\$2,441
Taxes.....	\$218,305	\$235,164	\$192,712	\$206,313
Uncollectible revenues..	2,428	4,456	12,815	1,611
Hire of equipment.....	460,206	279,353	100,308	162,759
Joint facility rents....	26,413	65,162	73,432	99,436
Operating income....	\$860,916	\$633,021	\$394,539	def\$552,561
<i>Non-Operating Income—</i>				
U. S. Govt. account six			Dr. \$965	\$367,703
months guaranty....		7,194	6,296	7,059
Miscell. rent income....	8,122			7,503
Miscellaneous non-oper-	1,751	1,791	12,509	1,091
ating physical property			163	83
Dividend income.....	26,113	148		
Income from unfunded				
securities and accounts	10,959	10,828	12,459	11,079
Miscellaneous income..			3	5,987
Gross income.....	\$907,861	\$652,982	\$425,005	def\$159,559
<i>Deductions—</i>				
Miscellaneous rents....	\$140	\$150	\$150	\$130
Int. on unfunded debt.	27,245	13,102	16,169	18,948
Misc. income charges...	3,336	2,720	2,625	5,249
Interest on funded debt.	292,645	240,000	280,000	280,000
Interest on equip. oblig's	3,302	5,327	7,982	11,897
Balance of income....	\$581,192	\$391,683	\$118,078	def\$475,784
Preferred dividend....	(4%)88,400	(2½%)44,200		
Bal. carr. to profit & loss	\$492,792			

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

(98th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

The text of the report, signed by President Daniel Willard, together with comparative income account and balance sheet, will be found on subsequent pages under "Reports and Documents."

TRAFFIC STATISTICS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1924, 1923, 1922, 1921*), and various traffic metrics like Miles operated, Tons ft. car, Passengers carried, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: Asset/ Liability category, 1924, 1923, and Total. Includes Assets like Road, Equipment, Stocks, Bonds, etc., and Liabilities like Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.

Atlanta Terminal Co.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 20 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$200,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year gold bonds, Series "B," said bonds to be sold at not less than 98 and int. and the proceeds used for corporate purpose.

The Central of Georgia Ry., the Atlanta & West Point RR. and the Southern Ry. were authorized to assume obligation and liability, jointly and severally, in respect of the bonds.—V. 120, p. 205.

Barton County & Santa Fe Ry.—Trustee.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, has been appointed trustee of an issue of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds dated July 1 1924.—V. 120, p. 2546.

Birmingham & Northwestern Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 23 authorized the company to sell not exceeding \$75,000 6% 1st Mtge. gold bonds, the proceeds to be used to pay off a \$75,000 loan from the United States.—V. 120, p. 1086.

Birmingham Southern RR.—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$3,444,574 on the total owned, and \$3,437,618 on the total used properties of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 68, p. 774.

Boston & Maine RR.—Codman Suit Dismissed.—

The full bench of the Mass. Supreme Court has dismissed with costs the bill of equity brought by Edmund D. Codman, who, as trustee, agent or otherwise, holds 759 shares of stock of the Boston & Maine RR., against the New York New Haven & Hartford to enjoin the latter from voting or in any other way utilizing the stock of the Boston Railroad Holding Co. in such manner or form as would affect or have a tendency to affect any control over or deciding influence on the administration of the Boston & Maine. The full bench in an opinion written by Chief Justice Rugg says: "Where a party seeks relief for violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, or of the Clayton Act, he must address a court of the United States and not of the State."—V. 120, p. 3308.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Approved.—

The directors have approved the lease of the property to the Delaware & Hudson Co. A special meeting of the stockholders has been called to vote on the proposal Sept. 15.—V. 120, p. 3182.

Burlington Muscatine & Northwestern RR.—Organ'd.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for this road to succeed the Muscatine Burlington & Southern, the operation of which was discontinued on June 13 1924. The road was purchased at a receiver's sale by E. L. Tobie, Monmouth, Ill.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Merging with Canadian National Ry. System Recommended by Senate—Guaranteed Dividend for C.P. Ry. Stock.—

Merging of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Ry. systems for purposes of administration and operation is recommended by a special committee of the Senate on railways, which made its report to the Canadian Upper House June 25. The committee recommends: That both the Canadian Pacific Ry. and the Canadian National Rys. should be placed under the management of a board of 15 directors, 5 to be named by the C. P. Ry., 5 to be named by the Government, and these 10 to choose 5 proven, capable business men to complete the board; these last 5 directors to hold office for 10 years, and to be removed only for cause. That a recapitalization by made of the Canadian National Railways from the point of view of earning capacity. That the C. P. Ry. be guaranteed an agreed dividend on its stock. That, in the event of the joint management producing a surplus, a dividend at the same rate as is paid to the C. P. Ry. be paid to the Government on the capitalization placed on the Government railways. After payment of these dividends, any surplus earnings available for distribution be divided between the C. P. Ry. and the Canadian National Rys., in proportion to the valuation of the two systems.—V. 120, p. 3182.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Receivers Offer Rate Plan to Aid Road—Propose that Surplus from Higher Tariff for West Go to Roads with Deficit—Proceeds of the Increased Charges to Be Segregated and Divided Later.—

The statement of the receivers supporting the above plan unavoidably omitted from last week's issue of the "Chronicle" is given in to-day's issue under "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page. Company's Difficulties Laid to Government—Analysis of Roosevelt & Son Blames Low Rates for Company's Financial Troubles in Opposing Proposed Reorganization Plan.—Roosevelt & Son, investment bankers, June 28, issued an analysis of road, prepared under the direction of I. A. Hamilton, former President of International Great Northern RR. and formerly operating Vice-President of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. The bankers state that they believe that the evidence is overwhelming that the decline in financial strength of the Northwestern roads and the receivership of the St. Paul road has been caused, not by lack of traffic, inefficient operation or overcapitalization, but by confiscatory freight rates. Continuing the bankers state: To meet the present day costs of operation, the increase in rates since 1909 allowed the St. Paul and its two principal neighbors—the Northern Pacific & Great Northern, has been 28% as compared with 46% for the United States as a whole. That the freight rate basis in the entire Northwest is too low is evidenced by the fact that the Northwestern region, as designated by the I.-S. C. Commission and comprising 18 Class 1 railways, earned as a whole a return upon the property investment of only 2.83% in 1922; 3.45% in 1923, and 3.12% in 1924. We consider that the St. Paul is in receivership because the Government has failed in its obligation to afford an adequate income through a proper rate structure. The proposal to deprive the holders of \$231,000,000 bonds of the right to fixed interest, and the assessment of the stockholders in the sum of \$70,000,000, measure the degree of confiscation of the property. On behalf of ourselves and of the owners of large amounts of securities of every class, we refuse to acquiesce in what appears to be the destruction of the property through confiscatory rates. We have engaged counsel and railroad experts and will use every legitimate and lawful means for defense. This matter however, should not be confined to an investment house but should be the work of a committee representing all those owning St. Paul securities. We contemplate the organization of such a committee. We do not comment in detail upon the proposed reorganization plan, as we deplore any division of opinion among the security holders. However, we recommend that you do not deposit your securities under this plan because we believe that such action amounts to acquiescence in confiscatory rates and in the unfair and severe requirement of the immediate liquidation of the Government loan. Such acquiescence will seriously handicap any efforts to secure higher rates and a fair adjustment of the Government loan. We already speak for over \$60,000,000 par value. We invite the support of every owner of the St. Paul securities. The analysis, compiled from data furnished by the I.-S. C. Commission, publications of the Bureau of Railway Economics at Washington, or from the annual reports of the carriers to their stockholders, gives the following as the principal reasons for the receivership: (1) Loss of traffic. (2) Over-capitalization, bad financial structure and bad financing. (3) Physical condition of the property. (4) Extravagant electrification. (5) Inefficient operation and management. (6) Insufficient freight rates in the Northwestern territory.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Pennsylvania RR. to Increase Wages of 6,000 Telegraphers.—Also working conditions and hours to be adjusted as result of conference.—"N. Y. Commercial" June 26.

Group Life Insurance Plan for Workers on Louisville & Nashville, Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis and Louisville Henderson & St. Louis Roads.—Life insurance ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000, according to salary, plus extra \$1,000 in case of death by accident. Employees pay uniform sum towards premium while company pays remainder.—New York "Times" July 2, p. 24.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on June 14 had 313,494 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, according to reports filed June 27 by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 5,311 under the number reported on June 7, due principally to increased demand for coal cars. Surplus coal cars in good repair on June 14 totaled 117,496, a decrease of 8,289 within approximately a week while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 147,794, an increase of 3,994 during the same period. Reports also showed 22,963 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 911 under the number reported on June 14 while there was a decrease of 604 during the same period in the number of surplus refrigerator cars which brought the total for that class of equipment to 16,683.

Car Shortage.—No car shortage is being reported.

Loss of Traffic.—The St. Paul has not lost traffic since the days when it was prosperous. Since the Puget Sound extension was taken into system operations in 1913, freight traffic has increased from 8,570,000,000 tons hauled one mile to 11,004,765,000 in 1924. From 1915, the first full year of operation of the Panama Canal, to 1924, the tons hauled one mile have increased 34%, and the tonnage of forest products (frequently specifically mentioned as having been diverted to the Canal) has increased 84%. Of course the mileage of the road has been increased, but the volume of freight traffic has increased even more, as is evidenced by an increase in density (tons one mile per mile of road per annum) of 12% since the Puget Sound extension was taken over for operation. In fact, since putting the new mileage into operation the St. Paul has fared much better in this respect than its principal competitors, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, the traffic density of both these lines showing a slight decrease in 1924 as compared with 1913.

It is true that passenger traffic has decreased, due in part to automobile competition, but the freight traffic of the road has substantially increased. Loss of traffic cannot be the cause of the St. Paul's troubles.

Over-Capitalization.—The par value of the capitalization of the St. Paul is less than the Federal valuation of the property on basis of the cost to reproduce, new. Since 1906 the stockholders have taken over 100 million new stock at par, also 80 million low interest-bearing bonds at par; and the general public has taken over 200 million low interest-bearing bonds at an average of 97%.

The total capitalization as compared with volume of traffic (per 1,000 net ton-miles hauled) in 1924 was less than that of many prosperous railroads carrying a similar type of traffic. Likewise, a comparison with roads carrying all types of traffic shows the conservatism of the St. Paul's capitalization when measured against the yard-stick of Government valuation.

We agree with the contention that the Federal valuation of the property is too low, but even accepting the Government's own figure of reproduction cost—new, the outstanding securities are very conservative.

The St. Paul's average annual interest rate on bonded debt is 4.65%. Over-capitalization, bad financial structure and bad financing cannot be the cause of the St. Paul's troubles.

Physical Condition of the Property.—The St. Paul property, on the whole, is in good physical condition. A recent inspection by competent engineers indicates that there is no substantial amount of deferred maintenance. This is all the more remarkable because at the end of Federal control in 1920, the property was in a very run-down condition. There is at this time need of some capital money, principally for equipment, but the program does not differ materially from that of any large system for the normal development of its plant. The program of expenditures for the next 10 years, outlined in the Coverdale & Colpitts report, is approximately what the Chicago & Northwestern spent in the last 10 years.

The physical condition of the property is not the cause of the St. Paul's troubles.

Electrification.—The electrification only cost \$15,000,000, of which the Federal Government, when in control of the railroads, spent approximately one-half in order to electrify one-third of the mileage; while the company electrified two-thirds with the other one-half of the money. We believe the electrification has been advantageous. The electrification has not been extravagant and cannot be the cause of the St. Paul's troubles.

Inefficient Operation & Management.—Comparison of the St. Paul with some prosperous roads which have some that similar traffic indicates clearly that for a number of years past the St. Paul has been inefficiently operated.

The St. Paul management has obtained results which compare very favorably with those of the other carriers, in car-loading, train-loading, average miles per freight car per day, and unit costs of transportation. The St. Paul's cost, in 1924, for direct out-of-pocket costs of freight train and engine service, was \$2 14 per 1,000 net ton-miles hauled, as compared with the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe's cost of \$2 44. The Atchison is acknowledged as one of the most efficiently operated of American railroads.

The ratio of transportation expenses to total operating revenues is not always a fair index of the quality of operating efficiency because such ratios involve a comparison of transportation expenses with revenues derived from rates charged for movement of traffic, which may be unduly low or unduly high. The St. Paul's transportation ratio has been adversely influenced for many years past by freight rates materially lower than those of many other carriers. That substantial improvement has been made by the St. Paul in its transportation ratio since the termination of Federal control is evidenced by the fact that the ratio has been reduced from 51% in 1920 to 39% in 1924, although the average revenue per ton-mile received for freight transportation has been reduced since 1921. Concurrently it is true, there has been some slight reduction in the wage rates of railroad labor. Stated briefly, since the termination of Federal control the St. Paul, while suffering a reduction of 14% in freight rates, and securing the benefit of approximately only a 5% reduction in wage rates, has succeeded in reducing by 14% the transportation cost of earning a dollar of gross revenue.

Compared with other representative roads in the Northwest the St. Paul is above the average. Few excel it in efficiency, and those only slightly. Every test of importance shows that for a number of years past the St. Paul has been most efficiently managed.

Inefficient operation and management cannot be the cause of the St. Paul's troubles.

Insufficient Freight Rates.—The average revenues per ton-mile of the St. Paul have been, and are, materially lower than those of many carriers in other territories; in fact, this is true of all the principal carriers in the Northwestern territory.

The figures set forth bring out the picture most strikingly. They show the actual income account of the St. Paul compared with what it would have been on the basis of the average revenue per ton-mile operated by certain other carriers—the same carriers with whose efficiency of operation, as previously stated, that of the St. Paul compares favorably. The figures show that with the advantage in freight rates enjoyed by either the St. Louis-San Francisco, Missouri-Kansas-Texas, Atlantic Coast Line or the Southern Ry., the St. Paul, in 1924, would have earned a substantial surplus above all charges. On the other hand, had the four lines with which comparison is made, been compelled to operate, in 1924, on basis of the average revenue per ton-mile received by the St. Paul, the substantial surplus above all charges earned by each of them would have been in one case very materially reduced, and in the other three entirely wiped out and supplanted by a deficit. Such comparisons cannot, on account of varying local conditions, be exact, but they are excellent guides.

The question of rates is both complicated and difficult, but some things are clear. The Supreme Court has held that it is unconstitutional for public rate-making authority to enforce rates that are confiscatory. The Transportation Act provides, in substance, that in each territory of the country, as divided by the I.-S. C. Commission, rates shall be such that a fair return on investment shall be given to well-managed properties. The Commission has fixed 5.75% as a fair return.

The carriers of the Northwestern region earned, in 1924, but 3.12% on their investment. In no territory except the Pochontas region was the fair return, fixed by the Commission itself, earned in 1924, but particular discrimination against the Northwestern region is obvious.

This is not a condition of recent origin. Going back over a period of 15 years, ending with 1924, it is found that the average revenue per ton-mile of all Class I railroads in the United States increased 46% in the interval, while the average revenue per ton-mile of the St. Paul and its two principal competitors, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, increased only 28%. These Northwestern carriers had in the meantime, to shoulder the same burdens of increased wage rates, material prices and taxes as all other American carriers.

Insufficient Freight Rates Are the Cause of the St. Paul's Troubles.—During the hard times the farmers in the Northwest have been enduring, the railroad security holders bore more than their share of the burden. The security holders of the railroads in the Northwestern territory have continued to support their properties with supplies of new capital, but in spite thereof have been subjected to a tremendous loss.

The only reasons why this discrimination against the Northwestern RR. group has not resulted in even more receiverships are: (1) That the Northwestern group has been stronger in capital structure, as measured both by traffic volume and Federal valuation, than many other railroad groups in the United States. (2) That the Northwestern group has maintained a high standard of operating efficiency.

Resisting Power Due to These Advantages Has Now Reached Limit.—Since 1911 their security holders have invested in the seven major Northwestern roads, \$952,000,000 to provide additional facilities for the public service, and on this investment they have been allowed to earn a return of only a fraction of 1%—practically nothing. Included in this group of seven roads are the Great Northern, which earned but 3.83% on an additional investment of \$131,000,000, the Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, which earned but 1.21% on an additional investment of \$43,000,000, the Chicago Great Western which earned less than ¼ of 1% on \$15,000,000 additional investment, the St. Paul, which earned 9-10 of 1% on an addi-

tional investment of \$399,938,000, while the other three carriers, the Northern Pacific, Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha made additional investments ranging from \$22,000,000 to \$185,000,000 on which they not only earned nothing whatever, but on the contrary suffered decreases in their net railway operating income ranging from 8.3% to 21.6%. That this immense additional investment of these seven representative Northwestern carriers yielded them almost nothing or, in some instances less than nothing, was not due to any decline in volume of traffic or in operating efficiency, as is evidenced by the fact that their freight traffic volume showed increases ranging from 27% to 113%, and their average freight train load showed increases ranging from 5% to 111%. The St. Paul stands out conspicuously from the group with an increase of 113% in traffic volume and 111% in freight train load, whereas its return of only 9-10 of 1% on its increase in investment of almost \$400,000,000.

The St. Paul, Northern Pacific and Great Northern formerly occupied a position of pre-eminent financial strength. They are no longer in this enviable situation. The troubles of these three lines cannot be charged to any unfavorable change in the character and volume of traffic, in capitalization, or in efficiency of operation. On the other hand, it is plainly apparent that the whole trouble is inadequate and unduly low freight rates.

The reason why the Northwestern situation has reached the stage of receivership in the case of the St. Paul is because of the very fact that it surpassed all the other Northwestern roads in amount of additional investment in plant devoted to the public service during this confiscatory period. It was forced to borrow large sums for this purpose. The public has the benefit of this increased service and increased efficiency, but the road is not allowed to earn even simple interest on the investment, not to mention a reward for the risks involved.

Since 1906 the stockholders have bought over \$100,000,000 stock and also \$80,000,000 bonds, and the road sold over \$200,000,000 bonds in addition. Now, in spite of the doubling of traffic and doubling of efficiency these investors are threatened with a drastic reorganization based upon freight rates which the receivers of the St. Paul, joining with 66 other Western carriers in a petition for relief now pending before the I.-S. C. Commission, have declared "were and are confiscatory."

Reorganization Committee to Help Small Holders of Stock.—The reorganization managers and the stockholders protective committees have offered to aid the small shareholder in arranging to carry the payments required by the reorganization plan. The offer is limited to those who have held their stock for several years.

Both the Preferred and the Common stockholders committees have also gone on record with the bondholders as favoring the plan, which indicates approval of the liquidation of the Government debt. They point out that efforts to refund a part of this indebtedness into long term bonds were unsuccessful.

The circulars set forth that the Preferred stockholders making the payment of \$28 per share required under the plan, will receive \$24 of new bonds and one share of new Preferred stock, and that Common stockholders making the payment of \$32 required will receive \$28 of new bonds and one share of new Common stock. In the opinion of both committees, these new bonds are worth at least 80, as a conservative estimate, and it is stated that the net burden of the payments is therefore only about \$8 80 per share in the case of the Preferred stock and about \$9 50 in the case of the Common stock. Both circulars also assert that the payments required of the St. Paul stockholders are much smaller than those required in previous railroad reorganizations, and attention is called to the terms of payment which provide that the amount of deposit be divided into two equal installments, the first to be paid after the plan is declared operative and second not until Feb. 15 1927.

The Preferred stock committee says in part:

The estimates of earnings made by Coverdale & Colpitts indicate that there is a reasonable prospect of substantial surplus earnings available for dividends on the new Preferred stock commencing within 6 years. Depositing Preferred stockholders retain their interest in the equity of the property substantially unchanged and will, therefore, continue to participate in any improvement in the business and earnings of the system.

The letter to the Common stockholders says in conclusion:

The ultimate value of the Common stock of the new company as well as the prosperity of the system must depend in the last analysis upon the events of the future, such as the scale of rates and the development of the territory served by the system. The committee is convinced that the best chance of saving to the Common stockholders of the railway company the equity represented by their stock lies in the prompt consummation of the plan of reorganization.—V. 120, p. 3308, 3188.

Cleveland Union Terminals Co.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 20 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$15,000,000 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series 'B,' the bonds to be sold at not less than 98.21 and int. and the proceeds used for construction.

The New York Central RR., the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. and the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. were granted authority to assume obligation and liability, as guarantors, in respect of the bonds.

Commissioner Eastman, dissenting from the majority, said: My reasons for dissenting in this case are the same as those which I expressed in 'New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1925' (V. 120, p. 2682). While that case dealt with equipment trust certificates, the securities here involved are just as appropriate a subject for competitive bidding. Bonds of a terminal company located in the City of Cleveland, unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by the New York Central, Big Four and Nickel Plate, are not securities which can defensibly be sold without such bidding to a preferred banking house.—V. 120, p. 3309.

Colorado & Southern Ry.—Seeks to Operate Buses.—

The Denver & Interurban Motor Co. has been incorporated for \$250,000 at Denver, Colo., by Robert Rice, V.-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; J. H. Barwise Jr. Gen. Solicitor; H. A. Johnson, Traffic Mgr., and J. H. Bradbury, Comptroller of the Colorado & Southern, and has asked permission of the Railroad Commission of Colorado to operate motor buses between Denver and Boulder.—V. 120, p. 2817, 2811.

De Kalb & Western RR.—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$209,400 on the total owned, and \$164,000 on the total used properties of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 103, p. 60.

Detroit Connecting RR.—Project.—

The company has filed a supplemental application with the I.-S. C. Commission giving details of its plan for financing the construction of a proposed 86-mile electric line from Detroit to Marine City, Mich. It proposes to change its present Common stock of \$500,000 to 180,000 shares of no par value Common and \$6,000,000 non-cumulative 7% Preferred, and to issue \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 30-Year 6% Gold bonds and \$500,000 of 5-Year Equip. Trust notes. The proposed line is estimated to cost about \$7,300,000 and the company states that the persons interested in its construction are able to take the securities when authorized and issued for an amount sufficient to cover cost of construction and equipment.

Dodge City & Cimarron Valley Ry.—Trustee.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee of an issue of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds dated July 1 1924.—V. 120, p. 2681.

Eldorado & Santa Fe Ry.—Trustee.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee of an issue of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds dated July 1 1924.—V. 120, p. 2397.

Florida East Coast Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$1,350,000 4½% Equip. Trust Certificates, the proceeds to be used to purchase equipment. The road proposes to sell the issue at no less than 95½, and use the proceeds to acquire 21 locomotives, 15 passenger cars, 15 baggage cars and 2 dining cars.—V. 120, p. 3309.

Great Northern Ry.—Six Months Guaranty Overpaid.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has determined the amount of this company's guaranty for the six months period following the termination of Federal control as \$11,178,887, but as partial advance payments amounted to more than this it finds that the company now owes the Government \$1,321,112.

Seeks to Compete with Autos Cutting Its Income.—

The company has asked permission from the Minnesota Railroad & Warehouse Commission to operate 1,300 miles of highway bus lines to sup-

plement its service and compete with bus companies in the territory. The road asserts that bus companies are taking \$2,500,000 away from it annually. The plan is to operate buses throughout Minnesota, making the railroad stations available for the bus passengers where they are centrally located, which is in about 96% of the towns. The road also intends to provide downtown accommodations in the larger cities such as Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Operations would be conducted by the Great Northern Transit Co. and the Minnesota Transportation Co., subsidiaries of the Great Northern Railway.—V. 120, p. 3183.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Listing.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,000,000 1st Mtge. 5 1/4% Gold bonds, Series "B," dated Oct. 1 1920, and due Oct. 1 1950.

Balance Sheet April 30 1925.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Inv. in road & equip.	\$27,427,978	Common stock	\$10,992,600
Other investments	2,441,636	Preferred stock	11,411,800
Coans & bills receivable	1,267,814	Long-term debt	4,000,000
Cash	6,015	Traf. & car. srv. bals. pay	133,067
Net bals. rec. from agts. and conductors	14,264	Aud. acc'ts. & wages pay	404,570
Misc. acct. receivable	171,699	Misc. acct. payables	26,242
Materials & supplies	458,361	Unmat'd divs. declared	171,177
Int. & divs. receivable	169,852	Unmat'd int. accrued	18,333
Deferred assets	2,809	Unadjusted credits	1,202,567
Unadjusted debits	586,181	Corporate surplus	4,186,253

Total

Total	\$32,546,610	Total	\$32,546,610
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Gulf & Ship Island RR.—Control by Illinois Central.— See Illinois Central RR. below.—V. 120, p. 206.

Hocking Valley Ry.—Stockholders Lose Suit.—

Minority stockholders of the company June 27 lost in their action to prevent that company from entering the Van Sweringen-Nickel Plate merger, when Judge Daniel H. Sowers of the Franklin County (Ohio) Common Pleas Court at Columbus sustained a demurrer to the petition they filed several months ago to prevent the merger. The minority stockholders, in their petition, maintained the amalgamation of the Hocking Valley with the new Nickel Plate system, as proposed by the Van Sweringens was for the purpose of "making" the Hocking Valley road of its profits for the assistance of the Erie and other "lean" roads included in the proposed combination. In this connection they asserted that the Hocking Valley had earned 21% on its capitalization last year.

Judge Sowers dismissed the petition mainly on the grounds "that the relief sought by the stockholders is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the I.-S.-C. Commission." The Court further stated that "it has been definitely determined by the U. S. Supreme Court under the Transportation Act that stockholders are entitled to only a fair return upon their investment regardless of the income of the company."—V. 120, p. 2393.

Hot Springs RR. & Term. Co.—Would Acquire Road.—

This company has applied to the Incorporation Board at Little Rock, Ark., for a charter with a capital stock of \$50,000. It is proposed to acquire the facilities of the old Memphis Dallas & Gulf RR. from the Ouachita River into Hot Springs, Ark., including depot, shops, &c. Incorporators are H. C. Couch, Pine Bluff, Ark.; C. S. McCain, Little Rock; E. H. Wooten, Fred J. Leeper and Olin Longino, Hot Springs.

Illinois Central RR.—Acquisition of Gulf & Ship Island.

The I.-S.-C. Commission has approved conditionally the acquisition by the Illinois Central through the Mississippi Valley Co. of the control of the Gulf & Ship Island by purchase of capital stock. The Gulf & Ship Island operates 308 miles of line extending from a connection with the Illinois Central at Jackson, Miss., to Gulfport, with a semi-circular branch line extending from a connection with the main line at Mendenhall through Columbia to a connection with the main line at Maxie, and another branch from Saratoga to Laurel. The Mississippi Valley Co., a non-operating company, all of the capital stock of which is owned by the Illinois Central, has purchased the entire outstanding capital stock of the Gulf & Ship Island, amounting to \$7,013,100, paying therefore \$5,000,000 in notes payable on or before Nov. 17 1925. The Gulf & Ship Island originates more traffic than it receives from its connections. Over 51% of its traffic in 1924 consisted of products of forests originating on its own lines. Other commodities handled in considerable volume included gravel, acid phosphate and potash.

Opposition to the acquisition of control by the Illinois Central was offered by the Fernwood Columbia & Gulf, which operates a line between Columbia, Miss., and Fernwood, 44 miles. The Commission decided as follows:

"It appears that the proposed acquisition of control will result in expedited service, and the project seems to have the united support of the business interests in the territory served. The record indicates an almost unanimous belief that the granting of the authority requested will make possible a large increase in agricultural and manufacturing pursuits, and will materially aid in the development of the gulf coast. However, the public interest in this case seems to require that those shippers on the road of the Fernwood company, who might be without means of transportation by railroad if the line of that company should cease to operate, should be given such protection as is within our power to afford in this proceeding to assure the continued operation of that line. Our order will therefore be issued upon condition that existing through routes and joint rates shall be preserved and that divisions of joint rates allowed to the Fernwood company by the Illinois Central and the Gulf & Ship Island shall not be decreased except upon our order.

"It is alleged, but not proven, upon this record that the granting of this application will result in the ultimate extinction of the Fernwood as a common carrier. However, in order to meet such a possible contingency we will attach the further condition that if the operating revenues of the Fernwood company shall at any time become insufficient to pay its operating expenses the Illinois Central, upon the request of the Fernwood company shall establish and maintain reasonable and adequate service over the line of the Fernwood company, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the parties, until such time as the Commission shall, under appropriate proceedings, authorize abandonment of such service on the railroad of the Fernwood company. If the parties should be unable to agree on the terms and conditions for such operation a supplemental petition may be filed in this proceeding."

The I.-S.-C. Commission on June 22 authorized the Illinois Central RR. and the Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR. to issue not exceeding \$7,094,000 of their Joint First Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds, Series "A": the bonds, when authenticated, to be delivered by the trustee to the Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR., to be by it delivered to the Illinois Central RR. in reimbursement of advances made by the latter company to the Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR. and the Canton Aberdeen & Nashville RR., and to be sold by the Illinois Central RR. at not less than 97 1/2%. See offering in V. 120, p. 3309.

Kansas City Terminal Ry.—Bonds Offered.—J. P. Morgan & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co., and Dillon, Read & Co. are offering at 86 1/2 and int., to yield about 4.80%, \$16,908,000 1st Mtge. 4% Gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 3 1910; due Jan. 1 1960. Int. payable J. & J. in New York, Boston, and Chicago. Both principal and int. payable without deduction for taxes which the company or the trustee may be required to pay thereon or retain therefrom. Brn. Gold notes, \$1,000 and r*\$1,000, \$5,000 and 10,000. Callable as a whole on Jan. 1 1930, or any int. date thereafter, at 105 and int. Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, trustee.

Funded Debt Outstanding in Hands of Public (After this Financing).

1st Mtge. 4% Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1960 (closed mortgage, entire authorized amount)	\$50,000, 00
15-Year 6% Brn. Gold notes, due \$12,500 annually, Jan. 15 1926-1931 (\$62,500 retired)	125,0 0

Listing.—The \$33,092,000 bonds previously outstanding are listed on the New York and London Stock Exchanges and application will be made to list the bonds now offered.

Data from Letter of W. M. Corbett, President of Company.

Security.—Direct obligation of company, the entire capital stock of which is owned by the following railroads or their successors, which use the terminals facilities: Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., Chicago & Aiton

RR., Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR., Chicago Great Western RR., Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., Kansas City Southern Ry., Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry., Missouri Pacific RR., St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., Union Pacific RR., Wabash Ry. Co.

Under agreements between the company, the trustee and the above-mentioned proprietary companies, each of these proprietary companies covenants unconditionally to pay an equal amount of the principal of all outstanding 1st Mtge. bonds when due, and an equal amount of the interest thereon, and of all taxes payable by the Terminal company, ten days before such interest and taxes become due, and agrees also to pay its share of the total expense of operation and maintenance of the terminal companies should default in its or their obligations under these agreements to pay principal, interest, and taxes, the remaining companies or company must make up all deficiencies tatably, and the defaulting company or companies may be excluded from the use of the terminal.

The above agreements and all the rights of the company under them are specifically assigned to the trustee as part of the security for the bonds. In addition, these bonds, upon completion of this financing, will be secured by a first mortgage on the company's properties, rights, and franchises, owned on Jan. 3 1910 or thereafter acquired with the proceeds of the 1st Mtge. bonds, comprising substantially all railroad and terminal properties, rights, and franchises not owned, except five locomotives against which \$125,000 equipment notes are outstanding.

Valuation.—Valuation of the company's property by the I.-S.-C. Commission has not yet been completed. Present value is estimated by the company to be in excess of \$65,000,000.

Preced.—Proceeds to be used to retire by call the present outstanding issues of \$10,000,000 5 1/4% Secured Gold notes, due Nov. 15 1926 and \$2,000,000 6 1/4% Secured Gold notes, due July 1 1931, and certain other obligations of the company.

Organization.—Company was incorporated in 1906 in Missouri, as a railroad company, with a charter for 999 years, with powers to own and operate a union passenger station and freight and passenger terminals in and about Kansas City. All its \$2,200,000 outstanding capital stock has been fully paid in cash at 100 and is held by, or for the benefit of the proprietary railroad companies, none of which has any passenger station in Kansas City other than those owned by the Terminal company.—V. 118, p. 1665.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—Six Months' Guaranty.—

The I.-S.-C. Commission has issued a final certificate placing the amount of this company's guaranty for the six months period following the termination of Federal control at \$962,453, of which \$362,453 was due to be paid on the final certificate.—V. 120, p. 3180.

Memphis Dallas & Gulf RR.—Successor.—

See Hot Springs Railroad & Terminal Co. above.—V. 119, p. 811.

Muscatine Burlington & Southern RR.—Sale.—

See Burlington Muscatine & Northwestern RR. above.—V. 120, p. 2266.

New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—Time for Exchange of Income Bonds Extended.—

Chairman William H. Williams July 1, in a notice to the holders of income bonds, says:

The attention of holders of 5% income bonds is called to the offer of the company to issue, in exchange for the income bonds, a like principal amount of its 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, Series B, maturing April 1 1954.

Out of \$13,500,000 income bonds originally outstanding, \$7,883,400 have already accepted this offer. In order to enable holders of the remaining bonds to take advantage of the offer this company has obtained from the I.-S.-C. Commission authority to extend the offer to June 30 1926, and the executive committee of the board of directors has authorized such extension.

Holders of income bonds desiring to avail of this offer should deposit their bonds with all unmaturoed coupons with Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York City.—V. 120, p. 3183, 3057.

N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR.—Wins Fight Against Buses.

The full bench of the Mass. Supreme Court on a bill in equity brought by the New Haven against Fred. A. Deister of Brockton decided that the railroad is entitled to injunctive relief against buses operating in competition with the road unless the bus companies have received licenses from each city and town through which they operate. The Court said that operating buses without first securing licenses rendered the vehicles outlawed and constituted a nuisance.

The railroad already has a franchise for operation between the two points covered in this case, viz., Boston and Brockton, but not to the exclusion of lines which comply with the law by first obtaining licenses. See also Boston & Maine RR. above.—V. 120, p. 3183, 2009.

Old Colony RR.—To Refund Bonds.—

The stockholders will vote July 9 on authorizing an issue of bonds to provide for payment at maturity of the present issue of 4% bonds, aggregating \$5,598,000, which mature Dec. 1 1925.—V. 118, p. 552.

Orange & Fredericksburg RR.—Acquisition.—

A charter has been granted by the Virginia Corporation Commission to this company which will operate the 38-mile line between Fredericksburg, Va., and a point near Orange, formerly operated by the Potomac Fredericksburg & Piedmont. The Virginia State Corporation Commission on May 26 granted a petition of the owners of the latter road for an order of dissolution. Modern bus-line competition and the thinning of the lumber stand along the route of the road were assigned as the reasons for the dissolution.

The capital stock of the new company will be from \$50,000 to \$100,000, divided into shares of \$100 par value. Officers named in the charter are: P. H. Faulconer, Charlottesville, Pres. & Treas.; R. L. Biscoe, Fredericksburg, V.-Pres.; C. L. Young, Rhoadsville, Sec., and V. R. Shackelford, Orange, Gen. Mgr. The four officers will constitute the board of directors. The new company has applied to the I.-S.-C. Commission for authority to take over and operate the Potomac Fredericksburg & Piedmont.

Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—

Abandonment.—The I.-S.-C. Commission on June 16 issued a certificate authorizing the abandonment of a portion of the Greene County coal branch between Superior Junction and Dugger, a distance of 0.93 mile, all in Sullivan County, Ind.—V. 120, p. 2009, 1745.

Potomac Fredericksburg & Piedmont RR.—Sale.—

This road, sold at foreclosure May 25 at Fredericksburg, has been succeeded by the Orange & Fredericksburg RR. (See latter company above). See also V. 120, p. 1199.

Reading Co.—Extension of Bonds.—

The I.-S.-C. Commission has approved an extension of time from July 1 1925 to July 1 1975 for the payment of \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 4% bonds of the Shamokin Sunbury & Lewisburg RR. and an extension from July 1 1925 to July 1 1945, in which to pay \$1,000,000 of 2d Mtge. 6% bonds of the same company and also to reduce the rate of interest to 5%.—V. 120, p. 2261.

Salina & Santa Fe Ry.—Trustee.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee of an issue of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds dated July 1 1924.—V. 120, p. 2682.

Southern Railway.—Preferred Stockholders Lose Suit to Get Unpaid Back Dividends.—

Judge Crump Upholds Discretion of Directors.—The claim of the Norwich Water Power Co. and other Pref. stockholders to back dividends in the amount of about \$29,000,000 earned but not paid in the years prior to 1923 was denied by Judge Beverly T. Crump of Law and Equity Court, Richmond, Va., June 27. In his opinion Judge Crump says in part:

The contract here does not give Pref. stockholders a fixed dividend chargeable upon profits of each and every year, irrespective of a declaration of dividends by the board, and hence does not create in favor of the Pref. stockholder an obligation upon the company which places the company under a continuing liability to him for a percentage of earnings made and not paid in any one year. This is the effect here of the phrase "non-cumulative" as determined by other provisions accompanying its use and by language serving to show what is should be taken to mean.

Without undertaking to cover the many interesting subsidiary questions presented and argued by counsel, I am of opinion upon the whole case that when the directors of Southern Ry. failed to declare dividends for the benefit of Pref. stockholders in any year in which earnings were sufficient for that purpose and in bona fide exercise of their discretion allowed those earnings not declared as dividends to be used for general corporate purposes as they deemed best, such failure to declare a dividend settled the question as to the right of any class of stockholders to demand payment out of the then existing or future earnings of the railroad company of any such past dividend.

In the particular case presented here it must be taken as a fact that directors, acting wisely and not arbitrarily, found it necessary in the year in which no dividends on the Pref. stock were declared, or in which the dividends declared were less than 5%, to use the earnings of the road for operating necessities, betterments and improvements, which in their judgment they thought essential. I do not think the fact that net earnings of the road were carried on the books of the company and received accretions from year to year as earnings were made, until book account carried under the head of profit and loss aggregated the large total of \$142,500,000, less amount paid to stockholders as dividends as before stated, whether that account be designated working reserve or surplus, or profit and loss changes its character. However account may be designated, it is manifestly a book account under which gradually accruing surplus net earnings of the company are carried.

The fact remains, however, that while the account was carried in order to have a proper system of bookkeeping and auditing, these earnings so made and existing upon the books beyond the capital of the corporation had been used for betterments, improvements and otherwise for general corporate purpose, and existed only as a book account.

For the reasons herein stated, the conclusion reached by me is that the injunction should be denied and a final decree entered in favor of the defendant.

The plaintiff, the Norwich Water Power Co., and others announced they would appeal from Judge Crump's decision.

Case, Pomeroy & Co. Say Decision Is Constructive Development for All Stockholders.—

Case, Pomeroy & Co. issued a statement in which they regard the decision as a "constructive development for the company and for all its stockholders, both Preferred and Common." The bankers state: "The decision just rendered by Judge Crump of Virginia in the Southern Ry. suit is a constructive development for the railway company and for all its stockholders, both Preferred and Common. It thoroughly clarifies the situation, and opens the way for the company and its executive management to continue its splendid achievements in the development of the property, and in taking full advantage of the bright economic future of the South.

"As a matter of fact, the Pref. stockholders, as well as the Common, should in the long run reap a distinct benefit from the sound policy made possible by this decision. With the legal situation clarified, the company should soon enjoy the advantage of being able to obtain new partnership capital when needed, without the necessity of continuing a policy of bond financing. The Preferred will then profit by the introduction of new capital junior to itself and the resulting improvement in the financial structure of the company. Inasmuch as the 5% dividend upon the Preferred is even now being earned over six times, its position as an investment security should be correspondingly enhanced, and both Preferred and Common should assume the relative position to which their intrinsic worth and prospective value properly entitle them.

"It is our hope and expectation that, with this issue settled, the Preferred and Common stockholders will join efforts for their mutual advantage for the advancement of the best interests of the company."—V. 120, p. 3056, 3063.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Allegheny Traction Co.—Suit to Enforce Guaranty.—

Edward B. Scull, as counsel for the holders of the \$741,000 1st Mtg. Millvale Etna & Sharpshburgh 5s, due Nov. 1 1923, has commenced suit against the Allegheny Traction Co. to enforce the guarantee of the Allegheny Traction Co. endorsed on Millvale Etna & Sharpshburgh bonds. The suit is to collect principal and 6% interest from Nov. 1 1923, when the bonds became due. Various overdue issues of the Pittsburgh Rys. Co. System have enforceable guarantees endorsed on the bonds.—V. 62, p. 184.

Beech Grove Traction Co., Indianapolis.—Sale.—

The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis, receiver, received one bid of \$35,000 for the property when the advertised sale was held June 22 under the order of the Marion County Circuit Court. The bid was made by C. F. Schmidt, as trustee for a new corporation to be organized to operate the Beech Grove line, but was conditional on the withdrawal or disapproval of a recent petition, filed by three residents of Beech Grove before the P. S. Commission, asking for a permit to operate a bus line between Beech Grove and Indianapolis.—V. 120, p. 2940.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania.—Acquisition.—

The company has purchased the Tri-State Telephone Co. subject to the approval of the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission. The Tri-State company went into receivership following severe damage to its lines by a storm 18 months ago. It was recently purchased by a group of stockholders, who sold the property to the Bell company.—V. 120, p. 2399.

Blue Ridge Power Co.—Power Contract, &c.—

See Carolina Mountain Power Co. below.

Boone (Iowa) Gas Co.—Merger.—

See Iowa Railway & Light Corp. of Cedar Falls below.—V. 118, p. 2953.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Gas Output (Cu. Ft.).—

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
January	874,283,000	859,695,000	April	748,801,000
February	740,853,000	802,126,000	May	734,589,000
March	792,473,000	809,265,000	June	650,638,000

—V. 120, p. 3311.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Tenders.—

Treasurer Henry L. Wilson, 108 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass., will until July 8 receive bids for the sale to the company of 2d Pref. stock to an amount sufficient to absorb \$111,769.—V. 120, p. 2682.

Bridgeport (Conn.) Hydraulic Co.—Sub. Co. Bonds.—

All of the outstanding First Consol. Mtg. 5% 30-Year Gold bonds of the Westport Water Co., a subsidiary, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and interest at the Union & New Haven Trust Co., New Haven, Conn.—V. 118, p. 2184.

Broad River Power Co.—Merger.—

The company has acquired, in accordance with plans previously announced, the electric and gas properties and franchises of the following South Carolina companies: Columbia Ry. & Gas & Electric Co., Parr Shoals Power Co., South Carolina Power Co., Columbia Gas Light Co., Central Carolina Power Co. and the Public Service Co. of South Carolina. The merger was made possible under an Act of the last session of the South Carolina Legislature.

The street railway system, operated by the same interests in Columbia, is not included in the merger and will be continued as the Columbia Ry., Gas & Electric Co. (See also V. 120, p. 85).—V. 120, p. 3311, 954.

Brooklyn City RR.—Bonds Offered.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., White, Weld & Co. and W. C. Langley & Co. are offering at 96 and int., yielding about 5 3/8%, \$1,627,000 1st Consol. (now First) Mtg. 5% bonds, non-callable.

Dated July 1 1891; due July 1 1941. Interest payable J. & J. in New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of H. Habart Porter, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in 1853 and since that date has furnished transportation to the downtown business section and the most thickly populated residential districts in the Borough of Brooklyn, N. Y. City. From 1893 to 1919 its properties were operated under lease by a subsidiary of the present Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.; since Oct. 19 1919 the company

has been independently operated. Company owns approximately 210 miles of track, or more than 40% of the entire surface trackage in the Borough of Brooklyn. Its franchises, with two unimportant exceptions, are perpetual.

Dividends.—Company has an uninterrupted dividend record since 1855, except for the period from Oct. 1919 to Sept. 1922. Cash dividends aggregating 10% were paid during the fiscal year ending June 30 1924 on \$12,000,000 capital stock then outstanding. The capital stock was increased to \$16,000,000 by a stock dividend of 33 1/3% paid Sept. 30 1924, which substantially offset the absence of dividends from 1919 to 1922. Quarterly dividends of 2% have since been paid upon the increased capital stock, and an extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% on Dec. 1 1924.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Capital stock	\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000
First Consolidated Mortgage 5s, 1941	6,000,000	6,000,000
Refunding Mortgage 4s, 1950	6,255,000	5,525,000
Equipment Trust 5% Certificates Series A	3,750,000	3,750,000

a Incl. the above \$1,627,000. *b* In addition, \$400,000 are in treasury.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on substantially the entire property of the company, having a reproduction cost, new, based on 1921 prices, as found by the Valuation Bureau of the Transit Commission, plus subsequent expenditures for additions and betterments, in excess of \$41,000,000. The real estate alone owned by the company is assessed by the City of New York at over \$7,300,000, of which more than \$5,500,000 is subject to the mortgage.

Earnings 12 Months Ended May 31 1925.

Gross earnings	\$11,796,636
Operating expenses, maintenance, rentals and taxes	x9,925,489
Net earnings	\$1,871,147

Annual int. requirements on 1st Consol. Mtg. 5% bonds 300,000
 x Exclusive of maximum annual dividends of \$187,500 on recent issue of \$3,750,000 Equip. Trust cfs. chargeable to capital account until new cars are placed in service, the first of which were put into operation in June 1925. These new cars will replace old cars, the rentals of which, amounting to \$182,697.89 per annum, are included in operating expenses, as above, and will cease Oct. 1 1925.—V. 120, p. 2399, 2145.

Canadian Light & Power Co.—Defaults Int. on Bonds.—

The interest due July 1 on the \$5,659,000 1st Mtg. 5% Gold bonds of 1919, it is understood, will not be paid. This company was one of the Robert group which made up the Montreal Tramways & Power Co., Ltd., which is now controlled by United Securities, Ltd.

It is understood that bond interest and sinking fund requirements have never been earned, but was paid out of earnings of other members of the Robert group, controlled by Montreal Tramways & Power Co. A dispatch from Montreal states that the bondholders will probably be offered some security in exchange by the United Securities, Ltd.—V. 120, p. 2814, 2683.

Carolina Mountain Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Stroud & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, are offering at 97 and interest, to yield about 6.40%, \$550,000 First Mtg. Gold bonds, 6% series, due 1935.

Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1935. Interest payable J. & D. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date on 30 days' notice, at 102 1/2 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2% and to refund the Penna. State tax not exceeding 4 mills, or Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on income derived from the bonds.

Data from Letter of President Lucius B. Morse.

Company.—Has been incorporated in North Carolina as a subsidiary of the *Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc.*, for the purpose of building a dam and a hydro-electric plant. The lake resulting from the construction of the dam will be the central feature of the resort now being developed by that company 25 miles southeast of Asheville, N. C. Carolina Mountain Power Co. will own in fee all land and water rights necessary for the entire hydro-electric development, and has let contracts under bond which will insure the completion of the entire project.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage upon the entire hydro-electric plant, consisting of approximately 1,500 acres of lake bottom, water rights, dam, power house, transmission lines and equipment, to have a generating capacity of approximately 5,200 h. p., and to cost approximately \$1,100,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds, together with cash provided by the junior financing, will provide for the construction of the power plant and electric development including the construction of the power plant and transmission lines, based upon estimates by J. G. White Engineering Corp., modified by contracts ready let.

Earnings.—J. G. White Engineering Corp. have made a report on the project in which they estimate an average annual output therefrom at 13,000,000 k. w. h. A contract running beyond the due date of these bonds has been concluded between the Carolina Mountain Power Co. and the Blue Ridge Power Co., whereby the latter company agrees to operate and maintain the plant at its own expense and to buy sufficient power at a price which, based upon the above estimate of J. G. White Engineering Corp., will produce annually approximately double the interest requirements on these bonds. In addition, Blue Ridge Power Co. agrees to sell back to the Carolina Mountain Power Co. at its regular wholesale rates all current so purchased, needed to supply the resort development. This power will be distributed by the Carolina Mountain Power Co. at domestic rates to the resort, which should result in added income proportionate to the growth of the resort.

Blue Ridge Power Co. is the operating subsidiary of the Manufacturers' Power Co., which is controlled by large mill interests in and around Spartanburg. That company has already expended over \$5,000,000 for hydro-electric development and transmission lines, which will, when completed according to present projected plans, represent an investment of over \$15,000,000. At the present time it has in operation two hydro-electric plants of 11,000 k. w. capacity.

Capitalization To Be Presently Outstanding.

First Mortgage Gold bonds, 6% series, due 1935 (this issue)	-\$550,000
Guaranteed 6% notes, due 1927	25,000 shs
Common stock, no par value	25,000 shs

Sinking Fund.—On Nov. 1 1926 and on May 1 and Nov. 1 of each year thereafter, company will pay to the trustee the sum of \$22,000, from which shall be paid the interest on the bonds outstanding, the balance to be used as a sinking fund. The money in the sinking fund shall be used by the trustee to retire bonds either by purchase in the open market or through call. Will be provided in the mortgage.

Guaranty.—Bonds are unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the *Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc.*, which owns 8,000 acres of mountain land, now being developed into one of the largest resorts in the South, at a cost of over \$3,000,000. Over \$900,000 has already been subscribed for the stock of that company and its directorate includes owners of large cotton mills and the presidents of two banks in the district.

Central Indiana Power Co.—Notes Offered.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$5,000,000 3-Year 6% Collateral Gold notes, Series "A."

Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1928. Int. payable J. & D. at the office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. in Chicago or New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice at par and int. Penna. 4-mill tax and Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per dollar per annum, and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum refunded.

Data from Letter of President Martin J. Inull, Chicago, June 29.

Company.—Incorp. in Indiana. Operates through subsidiaries in the city of Indianapolis and in central and northern Indiana. Owns all the outstanding bonds and the present outstanding capital stock, except \$1,764,000 of bonds and directors' qualifying shares, of 4 subsidiary companies serving with one or more classes of public utility service, 165 cities and towns with an estimated population in excess of 550,000 located in 33 counties in Indiana. The subsidiaries' business is essentially the supplying of electricity for domestic and commercial needs, as practically 80% of the combined operating revenue is now being derived from such service. Company also owns all the outstanding stock except directors' qualifying shares of the Indiana Electric Corp., which company owns a new superpower electric generating plant on the Wabash River with an installed electrical equipment of 40,000 k.w. capacity, now being increased to 60,000 k.w.

Security.—Secured by pledge of \$4,125,000 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. Gold bonds, or in lieu of all or any part thereof, an equal principal amount of the 1st Mtge. Gold bonds of the Indiana Electric Corp., and in addition thereto an aggregate par value of stock of the subsidiaries or associated company of not less than \$2,375,000, except pending pledge of such collateral the company may deposit in lieu thereof cash equal to the face amount of notes so issued.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for refunding purposes and to reimburse the company's treasury in part for advances made or to be made to its subsidiaries or associated company for or on account of improvements, betterments and extensions to their properties.

Consolidated Capitalization Outstanding in the Hands of the Public.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Preferred stock (7% cumulative) at \$7,792,000, Common stock at \$8,550,000, 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. 6s, Series A at \$10,946,500, Subsidiaries and associated company bonds, not pledged at \$8,614,000, 3-Year Collateral Gold notes, due March 1 1927 at \$8,000,000, 3-Year 6% Collateral Gold notes (this issue) at \$5,000,000.

x All owned by the American Public Utilities Co., which has contracted to buy an additional \$1,000,000 at par on or before Dec. 31 1925. A Not including bonds pledged under the company's collateral gold notes. Additional bonds may only be issued under the provisions of the mortgage.

Earnings.—The consolidated statement of actual earnings and expenses given below is not indicative of the true earning power of the properties as operation of the Indiana Electric Corp. has but recently commenced and therefore, very little benefit derived from the very large investment in that company's generating station and extensive transmission lines. A statement for the calendar year 1925, therefore, is set forth below, showing the estimated consolidated earnings of the subsidiary companies and the Indiana Electric Corp. based on new business contracted for or already connected. There is also appended an estimate for the calendar year 1926.

Table with 3 columns: Description, May 31 '25 (Est.), Dec. 31 '26 (Est.). Rows include 12 Months Ending—Dec. 31 '25 (Est.) at \$8,251,087, Gross rev. (incl. other income) at \$7,381,202, Oper. exp., maint. & taxes at \$5,045,407.

Table with 3 columns: Description, May 31 '25 (Est.), Dec. 31 '26 (Est.). Rows include Net earnings before deprec. at \$3,205,680, Interest charges at \$2,012,526, Annual int. on consol. funded debt to be presently outstanding at \$1,711,165.

A Annual int. on consol. funded debt to be presently outstanding, incl. during the 12 months ended May 31 1925.

Control.—Company is controlled by Samuel Insull and associates, United Gas Improvement Co., the Middle West Utilities Co. and the Midland Utilities Co., through ownership of the majority of the Common stock of the parent company, the American Public Utilities Co.—V. 119, p. 1175.

Central Maine Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc., New York, are offering at 97 and int., to yield about 5.20%, \$1,500,000 1st & Gen. Mtge. gold bonds, Series "D" 5%, due 1955. (V. 120, p. 3064.)

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1955. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Principal and interest payable in Boston. Non-callable during first four years, thereafter callable all or part on any int. date, on six weeks notice, at 105 and int. on July 1 1929 and to and incl. July 1 1935, at 104.75 and int. during 1936 and reducing 1/4 of 1% for each calendar year thereafter to 100 and int. to 1955. Denom. c* \$1,000 and \$500 and r* \$1,000 and multiples thereof. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Company.—Company's hydro-electric plants, transmission and distribution lines serve 111 cities, towns and communities and more than 400 industrial establishments in 12 of the 16 counties in Maine. This territory extends throughout the old established industrial section from the ocean to Moosehead Lake and from the Androscoggin to the Penobscot. Company supplies electric light and power in Bath, Augusta, Waterville, Rockland, Gardiner, Brunswick, Belfast, Skowhegan and many other communities, having in all a population estimated at 200,000.

Company owns 42,158 h. p. of developed water power and controls over 150,000 h. p. of undeveloped hydro-electric sites located on the principal power streams of the State. The hydro-electric installations are supplemented by a steam station of 10,000 h. p. capacity, owned by the company, and by the 18,987 h. p. power plants owned by its subsidiary company. The entire system is inter-connected by 500 miles of transmission lines. Company also owns gas systems serving Rockland, Waterville, Augusta, Gardiner and Bath.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part to refund an issue of \$239,975 Kennebec Light & Heat 4 1/2s maturing Aug. 1 1925, to reimburse the company for expenditures for construction already made and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings Year Ended May 31 1925.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross earnings at \$3,062,351, Operating expenses and taxes, including depreciation at \$1,544,227, Net earnings at \$1,518,125, Annual bond interest charges, including this issue at \$667,190.

Balance Net earnings over 2 1/2 times annual bond interest charges. \$850,934

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on the electric, gas and railway properties in Rockland, Thomaston and Camden, together with a few local distributing systems in other communities and on real estate controlling valuable undeveloped water power sites, and also by a mortgage on the entire remaining physical property of the company subject to \$4,965,000 underlying bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include Common stock at \$5,000,000, Preferred stock—6% cumulative at \$660,800, 7% cumulative at \$14,339,200, Debenture notes, 6%, 1926 at \$600,000.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include Bonded Debt—First and General Mortgage—Series "A" 7s, 1941 at \$3,000,000, Series "B" 6s, 1942 at \$811,500, Series "C" 5 1/2s, 1949 at \$1,550,000, Series "D" 5s, 1955 (this issue) at \$1,500,000, First Mortgage 5s, 1939 at \$4,465,000, Divisional bonds at \$500,000.

x Limited only by the conservative restrictions of the mortgage. Since Jan. 1 1919 over \$8,100,000 of 7% Pref. stock has been issued, the largest part of which has been sold to residents of the territory served by the company. Both 6% and 7% Preferred stock issues rank equally and have paid dividends regularly since their issuance, a period of over 18 years.—V. 120, p. 3312.

Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Ry.—Sale.—The property of this company was purchased for \$6,000,000 at public sale at Gary, Ind., June 29 by the Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR., which is controlled by the Midland Utilities Co., an Insull corporation. Articles of incorporation for the new company were filed with the Secretary of State of Indiana June 23. See also V. 120, p. 3312.

Chicago South Bend & Northern Indiana Ry.—Fares.—The company has reduced its fare between Goshen and South Bend, Ind., from 78c. to 39c. with corresponding slashes in rates between Goshen and Elkhart and Goshen and Mishawaka. The motor bus fare between Goshen and South Bend is 60 cents.—V. 120, p. 1325.

Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR.—Acquisition. See Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Ry. above.—V. 120, p. 3312.

Colorado Springs Light, Heat & Power Co.—Reorganization Plan Declared Operative.—A plan of reorganization, dated May 29 1925, has been declared operative by the several security holders' committees (see below).

A circular letter (dated May 29) to the holders of certificates of deposit for (a) Colorado Springs Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 5% 20-Year Gold bonds, due April 20 1920 (\$976,000 outstanding); (b) Colorado Springs Light, Heat & Power Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 10-Year 5% Gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1920 (\$1,284,000 outstanding), and the Colorado Springs Light, Heat & Power Co. Pref. (\$1,000,000 outstanding) and Common stock (\$1,000,000 outstanding) affords the following:

Sale of Electric Light System.—The committees (below) have further been in negotiation with the city of Colorado Springs, with the result that a sale has been agreed upon of the electric light system outside of the city limits for an amount which will net over \$200,000 in cash. This amount, added to the \$600,000 to be received from the city of Colorado Springs for the distribution systems within the city limits, and a release of the company's claim to the hydro-electric plant, will provide a fund of over \$800,000 applicable to the holders of various bond issues as their interests may appear.

Plan.—After numerous meetings of the committees representing the different classes of securities, a reorganization plan has finally been agreed upon, which the committees unanimously recommend to the depositors as being a just and fair distribution among the various classes. [The plan was declared operative June 20.]

Payment of Gas Bonds.—This plan provides for the payment with interest of the \$300,000 1st Mtge. bonds secured on the gas plant. This issue was well protected, and payment thereof was a necessary prerequisite of the reorganization plan.

Payment of Electric Bonds.—The plan further provides that each depositor of a \$1,000 Colorado Springs Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 5% 20-Year Gold bond, due April 20 1920, shall receive, upon final settlement under the plan, approximately \$900 in cash, and shall not be subject to any of the expenses of the reorganization. This payment will be in full settlement of all rights and claims under such bonds, which will thereupon be cancelled.

New Company and Capitalization.—Under such plan, it is proposed that a new gas company will be incorporated to own and operate the gas plant and system in the city of Colorado Springs and to hold title to such portions of the electrical plant and system as are not sold to the city. The capitalization of the new gas company will be as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Description, Authorized, Issued. Rows include 7% Cumul. Pref. stock (par \$100 per sh.) red. at 105 at 7,500 shs., Sinking fund begins in 1927 at 25,000 shs., Common stock (without par value) at 20,500 shs.

Distribution of Common Shares.—The Common stock is distributable as follows: To 1st & Ref. bondholders, 12,840 shs.; to subscribers for Pref. stock, 3,000 shs.; to underwriters and securityholders' protective committee on account of commissions, compensation and expenses, 4,660 shs.

Treatment of 1st & Ref. Bonds.—Under the plan each depositor of a \$1,000 Colorado Springs Light, Heat & Power Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 10-Year 5% Gold bond due Aug. 1 1920, will receive 10 shares of Common stock, without nominal or par value, of the new gas company.

Should all of the new shares of stock be taken by the depositors or by the underwriters, it is believed that there will be available for distribution, after reserving working capital for the new gas company, a cash dividend of between \$150 and \$200 for the depositor of each \$1,000 1st & Ref. bond, in addition to the 10 shares of Common stock to be received.

Subscriptions to Preferred Stock.—The depositors of the 1st & Ref. bonds, as well as the Preferred stockholders, will also have the right to subscribe for new Preferred and Common stock as follows:

Each depositor for each \$1,000 of 1st & Ref. bonds shall be entitled, upon payment of \$185 in cash, to purchase a block or unit of stock of the new gas company as follows: \$200 of Preferred stock and 2 shares of Com. stock.

Depositor of the Preferred stock of the company shall have the right to subscribe to the balance of \$43,200 of Preferred stock and 432 shares of Common stock of the new gas company at the same price and in the same blocks or units. Such depositors of Preferred stock shall have the right to subscribe for one or more of the blocks or units as they see fit, but not in any case in a less amount than for \$200 of Preferred stock, together with 2 shares of Common stock. In case there should be more subscriptions than there are blocks or units of stock available, the same shall be distributed to and among the subscribing Preferred stockholders pro rata in accordance with the amount of such Preferred stock deposited.

Should any depositor of 1st & Ref. bonds desire to increase his subscription, such subscription will be filled pro rata out of any unsubscribed for balance before any of the stock is delivered to the underwriters.

Underwritten.—The committee has entered into a contract with responsible bankers providing for the underwriting of the shares of stock so offered.

Earnings.—It is estimated that the net earnings of the new gas company applicable to such shares (after full Preferred dividends but before depreciation) will amount to approximately \$1 75 per share. Should the new shares of stock not be subscribed for by the depositors or such underwriting not consummated, the cash distributable to the depositors of 1st & Ref. bonds will be reduced in proportion to the amount of subscriptions received, but in that event the shares of Common stock received by such depositors would only have ahead of them the amount of Preferred stock actually subscribed for and the net earnings applicable to the Common shares would be proportionately increased.

Sale of Properties.—Pursuant to the reorganization plan, the properties owned will be sold June 22 1925. [The properties were sold June 22 for \$655,000 to representatives of the deposited bonds.] The electric light properties within and without the city of Colorado Springs, will be immediately turned over to the city and the gas company formed. It is proposed that the new gas company will continue operating in Colorado Springs without renewal of the municipal franchise which by its terms has expired, but the committees have been advised that the gas properties have a valuation, as appraised by the Colorado P. S. Commission, of approximately \$1,000,000 and their physical condition has been well maintained.

Committee for 1st Mtge. 5% 20-Y ar Gold Bonds.—George P. Bissell, Arthur V. Morton, Jonathan C. Neff, George K. Reilly, Chairman, Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Phila., depository.

Committee for 1st & Ref. Mtge. 10-Year 5% Gold Bonds.—John H. Mason, Frank T. Homer, George K. Reilly, Chairman, Bank of North America & Trust Co., Phila., depository.

Committee for Preferred & Common Stocks.—George T. Bishop, E. G. Connette, George K. Reilly, Chairman, New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York, depository.

Secretary to Committees, L. H. Cubberley, 1607 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.—V. 119, p. 2285.

Columbia (S. C.) Ry., Gas & Electric Co.—Sale.—See Broad River Power Co. above.—V. 119, p. 578.

Columbus Electric & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Estabrook & Co., Stone & Webster, Inc., and Parkinson & Burr are offering at 95 1/2 and int., to yield 5.30%, \$2,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, Series "B". Dated Nov. 1 1924; due Nov. 1 1954. (See description in V. 119, p. 2644.)

Legal for savings banks in Maine, New Hamp., Vermont and R. I. Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include 1st & Ref. Mtge., Series A 6%, due 1947 at \$1,442,300, Series B 5%, due 1954 (including this issue) at \$4,000,000, Columbus Power Co. 1st 6s, 1936 (closed) at \$3,504,000, Coupon notes 5%, due Dec. 1 1927 at \$2,000,000, First Preferred 7% Cumulative stock at \$234,800, Second Preferred 7% Cumulative stock at \$1,428,700, Common stock, paying 10% dividends at \$3,265,200, x Convertible share for share into Common stock.

Data from Letter of C. F. W. Wetterer, Vice-President of Company. Company.—Incorp. in Georgia. Does entire electric lighting and power, street railway and gas business in Columbus, Ga., and vicinity and in the adjoining town of Phenix City; also the wholesale power business in West Point, Lanette, LaGrange, Hogansville, Trimble, Grantville, Moreland and Newnan. This is an important cotton manufacturing centre with a population of over 111,000.

The properties include electric generating stations with a capacity of 44,500 h.p., of which 32,500 h.p. is hydro-electric.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide a portion of the funds for the new hydro-electric development at Bartlett's Ferry now in course of construction, which will have an initial capacity of 40,000 h.p., increasing the total generating capacity of company to \$4,500 h.p. The project formed by this new development is subject to the Federal Water Power Act and will be operated under a license issued by the Federal Power Commission.

Security.—Series B bonds, together with the Series A bonds, are secured under the 1st & Ref. Mtge. which covers all property now or hereafter owned. This mortgage is a first lien on the Bartlett's Ferry hydro-electric development, a portion of the transmission lines, the retail electric light and power distribution system and the railway properties; and is a lien subject only to \$3,504,000 underlying closed mortgage bonds on the other power properties and transmission lines; and is also a first lien on the entire capital stock of the Gas Light Co. of Columbus, which has no indebtedness.

Valuation.—The aggregate value of the properties, including the proceeds from the present financing, is estimated at about \$18,500,000, of which

over 80% is in the power properties, and the balance in the electric railway, retail electric light and power and distribution system and gas properties.

Sinking Fund.—Annual cash sinking fund beginning Nov. 1 1926 equal to 1 1/2% of the principal amount of the Series B bonds outstanding at the time of sinking fund payment to be applied to the purchase of Series B bonds if obtainable at 100 and interest or less.

Earnings Twelve Months Ending May 31 1925.
 Gross earnings.....\$2,436,653
 Operating expenses and taxes.....1,394,157

Net earnings.....\$1,042,396
 Annual interest on bonds (including this issue).....461,738
 Net earnings are over twice the annual interest charges on the entire bonded debt, and the balance after such charges is over 25% of gross earnings

To Increase Stock.—
 The stockholders will vote July 28 on rescinding votes passed Dec. 1 1924, authorizing an issue of \$500,000 1st Pref. stock, Series "B," and in lieu thereof to consider authorizing an increase in stock of the company from its present limit of \$4,928,700 to \$7,250,000, the increase to consist of \$571,300 2d Pref. and \$1,750,000 Common stock.—V. 120, p. 3064.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Plan Operative.—
 Announcement was made that more than 85% of both the Second Preferred and Common stock of the Tennessee Electric Power Co., being more than a majority of its voting stock, had been deposited under Commonwealth Power Corporation's offer dated May 22 1925, and that the plan has been declared operative. Deposits of stock are being accepted until further notice. A letter is being mailed to the holders of Bankers Trust Co. receipts, that Commonwealth Preferred and Common stocks called for thereby will be ready for delivery by the depository, on and after July 14 1925.

Notice is also being mailed to Commonwealth Common stockholders to send in their stock to any of the transfer agents for conversion of each share into four shares of new Commonwealth stock. After the close of business July 24 1925, subscription warrants will be sent to new Commonwealth stockholders evidencing their right to subscribe at \$30 per share to additional new Commonwealth stock to the extent of 10% of their holdings, such subscription rights to expire Sept. 15 1925. Transfer agents are: Hodesnyl, Hardy & Co., Inc., 14 Wall St., N. Y.; E. W. Clark & Co., 321 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass.; Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co., Louisville, Ky.; The Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Checks for dividend of \$1.50 per share on the present outstanding Commonwealth stock will be mailed July 20 to holders of record July 1.—V. 120, p. 3313, 3185.

Consolidated Gas, Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co. of Balt.—
 The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will receive bids on or before Aug. 1 for the sale to it of 1st Ref. Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds (Series A, E and F) for the sinking fund. The prices at which any bonds are offered should not exceed the following prices of the respective series: Series A, 107 1/4%; Series E, 107 1/4%; Series F, 105%.—V. 120, p. 3313

Consolidated Water Co. of Utica, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—Mohawk Valley Investment Corp. are offering at prices to yield about 5.45% \$500,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2% Gold bonds, Series B.

Dated April 1 1925; due April 1 1960. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Red. at 103 and int. all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice. Int. payable A. & O. at Citizens Trust Co., Utica, N. Y., trustee., and the agency of the company in New York City.

Data from Letter of F. C. Hopkins, Pres. and Gen. Mgr. Company.—Incorporated under the Transportation Corporations Law of the State of New York in 1899, and purchased the properties of the Utica Water Works Co. and the West Canada Water Works Co. Subsequently the New Hartford and Whitestown Water Works companies were purchased and merged with the Consolidated Water Co.

Company supplies water under perpetual franchise for all municipal, domestic and industrial purposes to the City of Utica, the villages of New York Mills, Yorkville, Whitesboro, and Oriskany and the towns of Deerfield, Frankfort, New Hartford and Whitestown. The territory served has a population of over 150,000.

Company obtains nearly 90% of its water supply from the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, its main collecting point being the State Reservoir near Hinckley, N. Y., under perpetual easement from the State of New York. At present the storage capacity of water in the ten reservoirs located around the city is about 700,000,000 gallons, which continually maintains a sufficient quantity of water to supply the districts served. Company supplies its water through a well-constructed cast-iron system of distribution mains the length of which is approximately 205 miles. Between the distribution system and the sources of supply there are about 37 miles of supply and transmission mains ranging from a diameter of 12 in. to 42 in. The system is operated by gravity, making it unnecessary to maintain pumping stations.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a first refunding mortgage on all the properties of the company including ten reservoirs and 242 miles of mains, which properties were valued by Metcalf & Eddy, engineers, Boston, Mass., as of Dec. 31 1917 at \$8,670,000. Based on such appraisal without taking into consideration the enhancement of values since that date, and allowing for new construction, depreciation and obsolescence since 1917, the total value of the company's property is over \$10,500,000.

Refunding.—Company is also issuing \$4,000,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2% Series A, due 1965. Holders of the company's \$2,500,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1930, and the \$1,500,000 5% Debentures, due 1930, may at this time exchange their 1st Mtge. 5s and their Debenture 5s for the new 1st Ref. 5 1/2s, Series A. As soon as all the 1st Mtge. 5s and the Debenture 5s are converted, this issue of \$500,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2% 1960 Series B and the \$4,000,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2% 1965 Series A will become a first mortgage on all the property of the company.

Earnings—Years Ended Dec. 31.

	Gross Revenue.	Oper. Exp. and Deprec.	Taxes.	Interest.	Net Income.
1915	\$404,208	\$73,715	\$40,346	\$211,659	\$78,489
1917	464,416	84,870	45,434	212,325	121,786
1919	504,967	96,317	64,800	225,743	118,106
1921	688,134	186,291	88,918	225,539	187,386
1922	686,896	190,507	98,352	208,227	190,011
1923	747,692	194,222	102,000	200,323	251,147
1924	743,335	182,293	95,417	200,000	265,625

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1924 (after this Financing).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Water works property	\$8,408,860	Bonds	\$4,500,000
Investments	5,100	7% 1st Pref. stock	600,000
Cash & current assets	363,388	5% Preferred stock	560,900
Suspense	49,281	Common stock	2,439,100
		Current liabilities	142,337
		Reserve for depreciation	410,362
		Corporate surplus	173,931
Total (each side)	\$8,826,629		

5% Preferred stock is convertible into Common stock.—V. 118, p. 1017.
Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is to be provided for both Series A and B bonds on a basis of 1% per annum of all bonds ever issued. Money paid into the sinking fund shall be applied from time to time to purchase the bonds of Series A and B in the open market at a price not exceeding 103%, or applied to the redemption of bonds of such series at 103% if the company so elects.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of Series B bonds will be applied to refund the company's floating debt, a greater part of which was due to the cost of constructing during 1924 new 30 and 24-in. transmission mains northerly from the City of Utica.—V. 118, p. 1017.

Dayton (Ohio) Gas Co.—Merger.—
 See Dayton Power & Light Co. below.—V. 120, p. 3313.

Dayton (Ohio) Power & Light Co.—To Change Par.—
 The stockholders will vote July 21 on changing the authorized Common stock from 80,000 shares (par \$100) to 320,000 shares of no par value. Application has been made to the Ohio P. U. Commission for approval of the proposed change.

The company proposes to issue (a) 274,770 shares in exchange for the present outstanding 30,530 shares of Common stock (par \$100) on the basis of nine new for one old and (b) 42,730 shares of new Common stock

to be used in acquiring the Dayton Gas Co. (See also Columbia Gas & Electric Co. in V. 120, p. 3312.)—V. 120, p. 3313.

Detroit United Ry.—Refinancing Plan Falls Through—Interest Payments—Fare Increase.—

The plan to refinance the company has fallen through, according to a statement issued by Charles Laurendeau, Vice-President of the company. After a meeting of the directors on July 2 Mr. Laurendeau said: "We find that the plan did not meet with required support from shareholders. The law requires 75% of shareholders, and as we did not get that amount of support, the plan has fallen through. We have consequently instructed the Montreal Stock Exchange to take the stock off its list."

The semi-annual interest due July 1 on the \$11,000,000 First Consol. 4 1/2% bonds is being paid at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal. Interest on the \$8,472,000 First Mortgage and Collateral Trust Sinking Fund 5-year 6s, due July 1, is not being paid.

The Michigan P. U. Commission has issued an order granting the receivers for the company authority to increase fares on all interurban lines to 3c. a mile.—V. 120, p. 3186, 3180.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Stock.—
 The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue 32,280 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) at \$40 a share, to provide additional working capital and for additions and improvements.—V. 120, p. 3064.

Electric Power & Light Corp. (Me.).—Capital Increased—To Acquire Property and Assets of Southern Power & Light Co.—

The stockholders on June 29 increased the authorized capital stock to 4,020,000 shares without par value, divided into 800,000 shares of 1st Pref. stock, 120,000 shares of 2d Pref. Series "A," 100,000 shares of 2d Pref. Series "AA," and 3,000,000 shares of Common stock. The 2d Pref. stock Series "AA" will rank pari passu with the 2d Pref. stock Series "A."

The original authorized capital consisted of 500,000 shares of Preferred, 120,000 shares of 2d Preferred Series "A" and 2,400,000 shares of Common. See also Southern Power & Light Co. below and in V. 120, p. 3189, 2551. The number of directors of the Electric Power & Light Corp. has been increased from 5 to 15 by the election of H. C. Abell, Pres. National Power & Light Co.; Irving W. Bonbright, Chairman of the board, Bonbright & Co., Inc.; Anson W. Burcharth, Vice-Chairman of the board, General Electric Co.; Charles Martin Clark, Treasurer of Bradstreet's; Rollin P. Grant, Vice-Chairman of the board, Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co.; C. E. Groesbeck, President American Power & Light Co.; Charles Hayden, Hayden, Stone & Co.; William C. Potter, President, Guaranty Trust Co.; Frederick Strauss, J. & W. Seligman & Co., and H. A. Timney, President, Bankers Trust Co. The places on the board occupied by five temporary directors have yet to be filled. The temporary directors are: Frederick Blaski, Cassius M. Clay, Percival E. Cowan, James B. Field and Charles W. McConaughey.—V. 120, p. 3313.

Engineers Public Service Co.—Listing.—
 There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 200,000 Preferred allotment certificates, 50% paid. See V. 120, p. 3313.

Fall River (Mass.) Electric Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—
 Curtis & Sanger and Blodgett & Co., Boston are offering at 107.92 and int., yielding 4.40% \$2,000,000 1st Mtge. Series "A" 5% gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1945. Interest payable J. & J. at the B. M. C. Durfee Trust Co., Fall River, trustee, and the First National Bank, Boston. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Callable, all or part, on any interest date on 30 days' notice, prior to July 2 1930 at 110, thereafter and until July 2 1940 at 100 plus a premium diminishing from 10% by 1/4 of 1% on each interest date; and after July 2 1940 at 100 plus a premium diminishing from 5% by 1/4 of 1% on each interest date until maturity. Legal investment for savings banks in Massachusetts and other New England States.

Capitalization (upon Completion of Present Financing)

First Mortgage 5% bonds (authorized, \$6,000,000)	\$2,000,000
Capital stock (par \$25)	4,229,175
Employees stock (par \$10)	50,000
Premium paid on Capital stock	655,000

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$1,919,364	\$1,965,426	\$1,814,885
Operating expenses and taxes	1,292,471	1,323,954	1,165,400

Net earnings.....\$626,893.....\$641,472.....\$649,485
 Interest requirements on this issue, \$100,000. The present market value of the Capital stock outstanding is over \$6,275,000.
Dividends.—Dividends of 6% or over have been paid since 1886, while the present rate of 8% has been maintained since 1907.—V. 120, p. 3314.

Gary (Ind.) Street Ry.—Calls Debentures.—
 All of the outstanding \$800,000 20-Year 5% Gold Debentures, due Oct. 1 1937, have been called for redemption Aug. 1 at par and int. at the New York Trust Co.

This action, it is understood, is a preliminary move to a readjustment of the financial structure of the company.—V. 119, p. 2286.

Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd. (Daido Denryoku Kaishiki Kaisha).—Bonds Called.—

Certain First Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "A," due Aug. 1 1944, aggregating \$250,000, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at par and interest at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., 28 Nassau St., N. Y. City, or at the option of the holder, at the office of J. Henry Schroeder & Co., 145 Leadenhall St., London, E. C. 3.—V. 120, p. 211.

Indiana Service Corp.—Income Account.—

	1924.	1923.
Earnings from operation	\$3,632,703	\$3,515,192
Miscellaneous earnings	6,721	13,522
Total	\$3,639,424	\$3,528,714
Operating and maintenance expense	2,096,194	1,971,897
Taxes	187,929	180,173
Depreciation reserve	481,800	480,000
Interest on bonds	661,145	556,469
Amortization of discount	12,733	7,677
Net Income	\$199,623	\$332,497

General Balance Sheet December 31 1924.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant & property	\$16,015,129	Common stock	\$1,828,113
Additions	2,171,578	Preferred stock	2,147,676
Investment	315,125	Funded debt	13,825,431
Cash	130,697	Accounts payable	144,161
Social deposits	8,660	Pay rolls	61,156
Consumers assets rec	99,362	Consumers' deposits	1,621
Other accounts receivable	66,463	Other current liabilities	17,250
Other current assets	653	Interest & taxes accrued	345,318
Treasury bonds	223,176	Reserves for depreciation	556,529
Discount on bonds	423,674	Other reserves	302,149
Material & supplies	272,074	Surplus	529,022
Prepaid accounts	32,137		
Total	\$19,758,726	Total	\$19,758,726

—V. 120, p. 2941, 1326.

Iowa Ry. & Light Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—Merger.—
 See Iowa Railway & Light Corp. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, below.—V. 120, p. 2147.

Iowa Ry. & Light Corp. of Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Merger.—
 The Iowa Ry. & Light Corp. of Cedar Rapids, with a capitalization of \$35,000,000, was recently granted a certificate of incorporation. The new corporation was organized for the purpose of taking over the assets and business of the Iowa Ry. & Light Co., the Boone Gas Co. (V. 118, p. 2953), the Waspie Power & Light Co., the Jefferson Electric Co. and

other utilities recently acquired. Negotiations are also reported to be under way for purchase of other properties in various localities throughout Iowa.

The capitalization of the new corporation is divided into \$20,000,000 of Common stock and \$15,000,000 of Pref. stock. No change in personnel or place of business will result. The offices will remain in Cedar Rapids, and the officials of the present Iowa Ry. & Light Co. will hold the same positions in the new corporation.

Jersey Central Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$260,000 of 1st Mtge. & Ref. 20-Year 5½% bonds, \$106,000 Cum. Pref. stock and 1,000 shares of no par Common stock. The proceeds are to be used to acquire the Millburn Electric Co. The joint application of the Jersey Central and the Millburn company for approval of details of the merger and consolidation of the two corporations has also been approved. See also National Public Service Corp. below.—V. 120, p. 1747.

Kansas City Rys.—Time for Deposits Extended.—

The reorganization committee (Melvin A. Traylor, Chairman), in a note June 29, says: "More than 82% of the 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, more than 89% of the Collateral Gold notes, and more than 87% of the Secured Promissory notes have become subject to the plan and agreement of reorganization dated June 1 1925.

"In order to afford holders of such bonds and notes who have not yet deposited their securities an opportunity to participate in the plan, the reorganization committee has agreed to extend the time for making deposits without penalty to the close of business on July 15 1925." Compare plan in V. 120, p. 2942.

The Kansas City Public Service Co., with a nominal capital of \$25,000, was incorporated in Missouri June 16 as a step in the reorganization of the company.—V. 120, p. 2942, 2933.

Knoxville (Tenn.) Gas Co.—New Officers.—

A. W. Young has been appointed Vice-President in charge of operations. H. G. Bonner, formerly Gen. Mgr. of the Portsmouth (O.) Public Service Co., has been elected Gen. Mgr. of the Knoxville Gas Co.—V. 119, p. 586.

Laclede Gas Light Co., St. Louis.—Application.—

The company has applied to the Missouri P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$3,000,000 20-Year 6% Gold notes (callable at not more than 104) to be sold at not less than 94¼% of par, to finance improvements and extensions. This supersedes the petition of last October to sell \$3,000,000 Common stock.—V. 120, p. 957.

Laredo (Tex.) Water Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st Consol. Mtge. 6% 30-Year Gold bonds due Feb. 1 1932 have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and int. at the Fidelity Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa.—V. 120, p. 3187.

Lawrence (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Curtis & Sanger and Blodgett & Co., Boston, are offering at 101.64 and int., to yield 4.35%, \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. Series "B" 4½% Gold bonds. The bankers will accept Lawrence Gas Co. Series A 7% bonds (called at 109 on Aug. 1 1925) at 3% discount in payment for bonds of this issue.

Dated Aug. 2 1920; due Aug. 1 1940. Interest payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000. Callable as a whole only on any interest date on 60 days' notice as follows: On or before Aug. 1 1930 at 105 and int.; after Aug. 1 1930 and on or before Aug. 1 1935 at 103½ and int.; after Aug. 1 1935 and on or before Aug. 1 1938 at 102 and int.; and thereafter at 101 and int. Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Legal investment for savings banks in Massachusetts and other New England States.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

First Mortgage 4½% bonds (this issue)	\$1,500,000
Capital stock (par \$25)	4,000,000
Premium on stock	\$18,903

Company.—Organized in 1849 as Lawrence Gas Co. Name changed to Lawrence Gas & Electric Co. in 1925. Plant located in the heart of one of the greatest textile centres of the world and does the entire commercial and domestic electric light, power and gas business in Lawrence, Andover, North Andover and Methuen, and supplies electric light and power in Boxford. Population served, over 135,000. Company owns a modern power plant about one-half mile from the centre of Lawrence and located on the Merrimac River. Installed capacity is 21,600 h. p., of which 3,000 h. p. is hydro-electric. Water power is purchased from the Essex Company under a 999-year contract. Transmission and distribution lines include 1,760 miles of overhead conductors and 71 miles of underground cables. The gas plant has a daily capacity of 3,100,000 cu. ft. and the distributing system includes 213 miles of mains.

Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31.

Gross earnings	\$2,193,543
Operating expenses, taxes and depreciation	1,643,202
Net earnings	\$550,341
Interest requirements on this issue	67,500

Electric earnings were over 50% of total net earnings.

Dividends.—Company has paid dividends on its capital stock since 1850. From 1858 to 1907 at least 6% was paid. Since 1907 not less than 7% has been maintained, and at present the company is paying 8% per annum.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the 7% bonds, Series A, called for payment Aug. 1 1925 at 109 and int.—V. 120, p. 2943.

Louisville Home Telephone Co.—Pays Bonds.—

The 1st Mtge. 7% Gold bonds due July 1 1925 are being paid in Chicago at the office of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, or, at the option of the holder, in New York by the First National Bank, or in Louisville, Ky., by the National Bank of Kentucky.—V. 119, p. 1177.

Mauch Chunk & Lehigh Transit Co.—Sale.—

The property, together with the rights and franchises, was sold June 30 on order of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County, Pa., by the Mauch Chunk Trust Co., trustee, to Reuben J. Butz of Allentown and Mrs. Verna Wolff, President of the trolley company, for \$19,500, subject to the outstanding bonds of the company.—V. 119, p. 2179.

Michigan Public Service Co.—Notes Offered.—

Bogert & Co. and A. E. Fitkin & Co., New York, are offering at 99½% and int., yielding 6.37%, \$500,000 1-Year 6% Gold notes.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1926. Red. all or part on 15 days' notice at 101 and int. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Penn. 4-mill tax, Dist. of Col. 5-mill tax, California personal tax not exceeding 4 mills per annum, and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum refunded. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.

Data from Letter of E. A. Wright, President of Company.

Company.—Organized in 1896 in Michigan and has acquired established electric properties formerly independently owned and operated in the northern section of the northern peninsula of Michigan in the counties of Cheboygan, Otsego, Kalkaska, Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet. Upon completion of this financing, the company through approximately 260 miles of transmission lines, will furnish electric light and power to about 3,200 customers in 28 communities with an aggregate normal population in excess of 20,000, which is greatly increased during the summer months. Company will own and operate hydro-electric and steam plants with a generating capacity of 3,060 h. p., and which it expects to materially increase.

Valuation.—Upon completion of the present plans the value of the physical properties will be over \$1,750,000.

x Earnings Year Ended March 31 1925.

Gross earnings	\$213,716
Operating expenses and taxes other than Federal	109,942
Annual interest requirements \$495,000 6½% 1st M. bonds	32,175
Balance	\$71,599
Annual interest requirements \$500,000 1-Year note (this issue)	30,000

x Incl. earns. for year ended Dec. 31 1924 of properties to be acquired.

It is estimated upon completion of present plans the net earnings of the company will be approximately \$148,000, which is equal to 2.38 times the interest charges on the total funded debt of the company and which would

provide a balance after First Mortgage bond interest of about 4 times the annual interest requirements of this note issue.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Mtge. 6½% bonds, Series A, due April 1 1943	(Open)	x\$495,000
One-Year 6% notes (this issue)		\$500,000
Common stock		200,000
x \$5,000 of this issue have been retired through sinking fund.		y200,000

y All owned by Interstate Electric Corporation.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay in part for established successful properties now under contract of purchase, generating exclusively by hydro-electric all of the current which is distributed within a limited territory; for the construction of transmission lines and necessary sub-stations to utilize all of the available water power over the greater area covered by the Michigan Public Service Co., and serve the existing demand for lighting and power.

Management.—Company is controlled through stock ownership by Interstate Electric Corp. and its operations are under the supervision and management of the General Engineering & Management Corp.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago, recently offered at 96½% and div., to yield 7¼%, an additional \$2,500,000 7% Pref. (a. & d.) stock.

The Preferred stock is entitled to an additional 1% dividend per share in any calendar year in which the total cash dividends paid in that year on the Common stock shall exceed \$6 per share. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer offices, office of the company, 72 W. Adams St., Chicago; Bankers Trust Co., New York, Registrars, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Chase National Bank, New York. Dividends payable Q.-J. All of the Preferred stock is subject to call for redemption upon 30 days' notice at any time at 105 and divs. The Preferred shares are fully paid and non-assessable and have equal voting power with the Prior Lien and Common stocks and at all elections of directors shall have the right of cumulative voting.

Data from Letter of Martin J. Insull, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in May 1912 in Delaware. Owns or controls public utility operating companies in the following 15 States: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin. Company's subsidiaries serve 995 communities having a combined estimated population of 2,175,100. In addition to the direct service of the subsidiaries, 230 other communities are served under wholesale contracts. The principal business of the operating companies is the generation and distribution of electricity for power and light, about 76.8% of the combined net earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1924 having been derived from this department of the business. At the end of that year the subsidiary companies were serving 428,654 customers with electricity, 80,084 with gas and 34,663 with water, making a total of 543,401 customers for these services alone.

Capitalization as of May 29 1925—

	<i>Authorized.</i>	<i>In Hands of Public.</i>
Prior Lien 7% stock	\$30,000,000	\$24,547,500
Preferred stock	30,000,000	x26,587,520
Common stock without par value	300,000 shs.	213,250 shs.
Funded debt		\$5,360,300

x Including this offering.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used in the acquisition of new properties and for other general corporate purposes.—V. 120, p. 3188, 3164.

Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.—Hearing on Merger.—

Hearings on the application of the company for authority to acquire the Common capital stock of five utility corporations serving the Mohawk and upper Hudson valleys of New York State are being held before the P. S. Commission.

The company asked consent to purchase 75,000 shares of Common stock of the Municipal Gas Co. of Albany; 25,000 shares of Common stock of the Cohoes Power & Light Corp.; 40,000 shares of Common stock of the Utica Gas & Electric Co., by acquiring and merging the Wanta Holding Corp.; 186,756 shares of Adirondack Power & Light Corp., by acquiring and merging the Adirondack Power Securities, Inc., and the Adirondack Stockholders' Securities, Inc.; 8,950 shares of 1st Pref. 8% stock of the Fulton County Gas & Electric Co.; 1,333 shares of 2d Pref. 6% stock, 3,745 shares of Common stock and \$1,055,000 par value First Mortgage bonds of the same company, and \$17,000 6% Mtge. bonds of Mohawk-Hydro-Electric Co.

Minority stockholders of the Fulton County Gas & Electric Co. have filed objections to the proposed merger, contending that the change of stock ownership in the Fulton County company might be inimical to the minority stockholders.—V. 120, p. 2943.

Mohawk Valley Co.—Par Value of Stock Changed.—

The stockholders on July 2 voted: (1) That all of the authorized and issued shares of stock, namely, 75,000 shares, par \$100 each, be changed into 750,000 shares without par value. (2) That the location of the principal business office of the corporation be changed from Utica, County of Oneida, N. Y., to Rochester, County of Monroe, N. Y.

Ten shares of new no-par-value stock will be issued in exchange for each share of \$100 par now outstanding.—V. 120, p. 3188.

Natural Gas & Fuel Corp.—Trustee.—

The Chemical National Bank of New York has been appointed trustee under an indenture securing an open mortgage under which \$2,000,000 bonds of Series "A" 8% of 1935 will be presently issued.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Extra Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3% and an extra dividend of 2%, both payable July 15.—V. 120, p. 2401.

National Public Service Corp.—Pref. Stock Sold.—

Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc.; A. E. Fitkin & Co.; G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., and A. L. Chambers & Co., Inc., have sold at 96 and div. to yield 7.29%, \$2,500,000 7% Cumul. Series "A" Pref. stock.

Exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Preferred both as to assets and divs. Divs. payable Q.-J. Red. after three years from date of issuance as a whole or in part upon at least 30 days' notice at 115 and divs. Transfer agent, Equitable Trust Co., New York, Registrar, New York Trust Co., New York.

Stock Purchase Option Warrants.—Each share of 7% Cumul. Series "A" Pref. stock of this offering will carry a detachable stock purchase warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one share of Class "B" Common stock during the period July 15 1925 to July 15 1926, both dates included, at \$20 per share, thereafter to and incl. July 15 1927 at \$25 per share, and thereafter to and incl. July 15 1928 at \$30 per share.

Data from Letter of A. E. Fitkin, President of the Corporation.

Company.—Through local operating companies furnishes electric light and power, gas, steam and (or) water service to communities in States along the Atlantic seaboard, namely New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Florida, and upon completion of this financing, will also serve sections in Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia and Ohio. Through these operating companies a total of 161,072 customers will be served, of which 131,622 will be electrical, 28,901 gas, 1,425 water and 441 steam. Corporation also operates electric railway systems serving an aggregate population of about 674,000.

The electrical system of the corporation will have an installed generating capacity of 148,220 h. p. and transmission systems of 908 miles of high-tension lines. The gas properties include generating plants of a daily capacity of 15,650,000 cu. ft., with 406 miles of gas mains. The water properties have a capacity of 5,364,000 gallons per day and a distributing system consisting of 29 miles of water mains. The electric railway properties will consist of 269 equivalent miles of single track. During the year ended Dec. 31 1924 the total electric output of the properties was 237,438,215 k. w. h., and there were made 967,246,000 cu. ft. of gas.

Virginia Western Power Co. serves with electric light and power 15 communities in Virginia and West Virginia, including Charlottesville, Staunton, Clifton Forge and Hinton, with a total population of 69,100. It also operates a street railway system in Charlottesville. The plants of the company have an installed electric generating capacity of 22,295 k. w. Company operates 185 miles of high-tension transmission lines.

Millburn Electric Co., presently to be merged with Jersey Central Power & Light Co., does the entire electric light and power business in Millburn and Springfield in northern New Jersey.

**Consolidated Earnings Statement (upon Completion of Present Financing)
12 Months Ended Feb. 28 1925.**

Gross earnings of subsidiaries	\$17,572,135
Operating expenses, including maintenance, taxes, &c.	10,545,516
Net earnings	\$7,026,619
Prior charges of sub. cos., comprising int. on funded debt in hands of public, divs. on Pref. stocks in hands of public, minority Common stockholders' int. & prov. for deprec.	a4,581,625
Balance	\$2,444,994
Annual interest requirements of \$11,300,000 30-Year 6½%	
Sinking Fund Collateral Trust Gold bonds	734,500

Balance after depreciation available for dividends, &c. \$1,710,494 a Not including interest on \$1,150,000 notes of Keystone Public Service Corp. and subsidiaries, which are non-interest bearing up to Jan. 1 1926. National Public Service Corp. owns the entire Common stocks of Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Florida Power Corp. and Kennett Gas Co.; more than 90% of the Common stock of Tidewater Power Co.; more than 96% of the Common stock of Municipal Service Co., and more than 90% of the Common stock of Virginia Western Power Co.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this stock will be used in partial payment for properties recently acquired and for additional working capital.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6½% S. F. Coll. Trust Gold bonds, Series "A" a	\$11,300,000	
Pref. stock, 7% Cumul. Partic. (par \$100) b	\$10,000,000	4,216,700
Pref. stock, 7% Cumul. Ser. "A" (par \$100) c		2,500,000
Class "A" Common stock (no par value) d	500,000 shs.	175,000 shs.
Class "B" Common stock (no par value) e	500,000 shs.	271,886 shs.

a The issuance of additional bonds is limited in accordance with the terms and restrictions of the trust indenture. b Of which \$6,000,000 is 7% Cumul. Partic. Pref. stock and \$4,000,000 is 7% Cumul. Series "A" Pref. stock.

Upon completion of this financing there will be outstanding in the hands of the public \$55,106,850 of bonds and \$12,495,200 of Pref. stocks of subsidiary companies in addition to less than 4% of the Common stock of Municipal Service Co.; approximately 10% of the Common stock of Tidewater Power Co.; approximately 10% of the Common stock of Virginia Western Power Co., and 4,036 shares of other sub. co. Common stocks.

Management.—The operations are under the supervision of General Engineering & Management Corp.—V. 120, p. 3188.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Rates.

The Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities on June 24 issued an order suspending until Aug. 1 the general increase in rates petitioned for by the company. The action was anticipated, as hearings on the petition are still in progress, the Commission listening to testimony in behalf of the City of Boston, principal protestant to the granting of the new rates.

The petition for the new rates was made by the company on Dec. 1 1924. The proposed schedule has been suspended and extended from time to time while the taking of testimony was in progress.—V. 120, p. 2684.

New York Rapid Transit Corporation.—Offering of Bonds.—Wm. Carnegie Ewen, New York, is offering at 90¼ and interest, to yield 5¾%, a block of Brooklyn Union Elevated RR. First Mortgage 5% Gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1950.

Authorized and outstanding (closed mortgage), \$16,000,000. Dated Feb. 1 1899. Interest payable F. & A. at Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee. Federal income tax of 2% paid by company without deduction. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Brooklyn Union Elevated RR. Co. First Mgt. 5% bonds, together with the Kings County Elevated RR. First Mgt. 4% bonds, have been specifically assumed by the New York Rapid Transit Corp., and constitute the direct first and underlying obligation of that company.

Interest on these two issues of bonds is a prior charge against the combined net earnings of the entire subway and elevated lines of the B. M. T. system, including city-owned as well as company-owned lines. Current earnings are running in excess of eight times such interest requirements.

The New York Rapid Transit Corp. operates the entire subway and elevated lines of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System under a contract with the City of New York known as Contract No. 4.

Under the terms of Contract No. 4, which runs until Dec. 31 1925, the New York Rapid Transit Corp. is entitled to receive certain cumulative preferentials amounting to over \$8,800,000 per annum, out of the combined net earnings of the entire system, before the City of New York is entitled to any return whatever on its \$150,000,000 investment.—V. 118, p. 1268.

New York Telephone Co.—Expenditures First 6 Mos.

The directors have authorized the additional expenditure of \$1,000,000 for new construction in various parts of the territory served by the company. This brings the total of appropriations made during the first six months of this year to \$30,233,265 of which \$25,871,220 was set aside for the enlargement of plant facilities in the metropolitan area.—V. 120, p. 3065.

Northern New York Utilities, Inc.—Bonds Offered.

E. H. Rollins & Sons and F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., are offering at 95½ and int. to yield 5.30% \$2,125,500 1st Lien & Ref. 5% bonds, Series E.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1955. Callable all or part on 45 days' notice, at any time at 103 and int. The redemption of part shall not exceed, in any calendar year from 1926 to 1934 incl. ¼ of 1% of the principal amount of this series outstanding on Jan. 1 of such year, and thereafter shall not exceed, in any calendar year, 1% of such amount. Int. (J. & J.) payable at Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee, or Northern New York Trust Co., Watertown, N. Y. Denom. c*\$500 and \$1,000, and r*1,000. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. State tax of 4 mills refunded.

Issuance.—Approved by the New York P. S. Commission. **Company.**—Owns and operates electric light, power and gas properties in northern and central New York, serving a population of more than 105,000. Does the entire electric light and power business in Rome, Watertown and 56 adjacent communities and the entire gas business in Rome and Watertown. Power is furnished on a wholesale basis to the Utica Gas & Electric Co. under long-term contract, and substantial amounts of power are exchanged with the Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co.

Control.—Over 98% of the Common stock of company is controlled by Power Corp. of New York, and its properties are an integral part of Power Corp. of New York system.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Divisional 5% bonds	Closed	\$2,554,000
1st Mgt. & Ref. 5s	xClosed	2,090,500
1st Lien & Ref. bonds (incl. this issue)		10,412,200
Preferred stock, 7% Cumulative	\$10,000,000	5,750,000
Common stock	4,000,000	4,000,000

* No further bonds may be issued under this mortgage, except for deposit under the first lien and refunding mortgage. In addition to bonds held in escrow to provide for retirement of underlying divisional bonds and those cancelled by sinking fund, there are pledged \$6,086,000 with trustee of first lien and refunding mortgage.

Earnings—12 Months Ended April 30 1925.

Gross earnings	\$3,228,282
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes (except Federal taxes)	1,493,333
Net earnings	\$1,734,949
Annual interest on all outstanding bonds, including this issue	538,952

Balance \$895,997
Security.—Secured by a direct mortgage on all the properties now or hereafter owned, and by the pledge of \$6,086,000 1st Mgt. & Ref. 5s, or more than 74%, thus sharing to that extent in the lien of that mortgage which is a direct first mortgage on substantially all the property of the company.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the purpose of reimbursing the treasury for expenditures for additions and extensions to the system, and for the partial cost of the developments now under construction.

Valuation.—The plant investment of the company as shown by its books, as of April 30 1925 was \$19,638,699 with a reserve for depreciation of \$1,072,136, thus showing a depreciated historic cost of \$18,566,563. There were under construction on that date additions upon which had been expended \$3,624,074 for electrical properties and \$96,943 for gas properties.

The above shows a total depreciated historic cost of all properties to be in excess of \$22,287,000, or about 1½ times the total funded debt of the company. The present depreciated reproduction cost would be largely in excess of the historic cost.—V. 120, p. 2269.

Ontario Transmission Co., Ltd.—Tenders.

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until July 10 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% 1st Mgt. Gold bonds, due May 1 1945, at an amount sufficient to absorb \$30,626, at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 115, p. 2277.

Ottawa Traction Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Wood, Gundy & Co., National City Co., Ltd., Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Green-shields & Co., Hanson Bros., and R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto and Montreal, are offering at 101 and interest, to yield 5.40%, \$3,000,000 5½% First Mortgage & Coll. Trust Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1955. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, St. John, Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver, in Canadian gold coin or its equivalent, or, at the option of the holder, at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, in U. S. gold coin or its equivalent, or at the Bank of Montreal, London, Eng., at the rate of \$4 86 2-3 to £1. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date on 30 days' notice, at 105 and interest to July 1 1930; at 104 and interest thereafter to July 1 1935; at 103 and interest thereafter to July 1 1940; at 102 and interest thereafter to July 1 1945; at 101 and interest thereafter to July 1 1950, and at par thereafter until maturity. Royal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

Capitalization of Ottawa Traction Co., Ltd., and Ottawa Electric Railway Co. (After Present Financing).

	Authorized.	In Hands of Public.
Ottawa Traction Co., Ltd., stock (paying 5% div.)	\$10,000,000	\$5,581,500
Ottawa Electric Railway Co. stock	4,000,000	x1,877,200
5½% First Mgt. & Coll. Trust bonds		3,000,000
Ottawa Electric Ry. First Mgt. 5½s, 1955		x3,000,000

x The entire bond issue and \$1,860,500 of the stock deposited as security for First Mgt. & Coll. Trust bonds of the traction company.

Data from Letter of T. Ahearn, President of the Company.

Company.—Controls, through ownership of 18,605 shares of a total issue of 18,772 shares of Capital stock, the Ottawa Electric Railway, which owns and operates, without competition, the entire electric street railway system of the city of Ottawa and suburbs, one of its lines connecting the city of Ottawa, Ont., and Hull, Que. Ottawa Electric Railway operates under the original franchise granted its predecessor in 1866, with subsequent amendments and under agreements with the City of Ottawa ratified by the Dominion of Canada and Province of Ontario. These provide for the exclusive operation of the tramway system of the City of Ottawa or any other transportation system that might be adopted, on fares which may, if necessary, be adjusted from time to time to insure a fair profit on the capital investment in the company's property. For rate regulation the company falls under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners. Prohibition of competition from motor buses operating entirely within the city limits is also provided in its franchise. Franchise and agreements continue in effect without limitation as to time, subject to the city's right at stated intervals to acquire the properties of the company at their actual value as provided in its franchise.

Earnings of Ottawa Electric Railway, Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.

Gross earnings	\$1,777,724
Operating and maintenance expenses and local taxes	1,306,267

Earnings available for bond interest—\$471,457
Annual interest charges on First Mgt. & Coll. Trust bonds out—\$165,000

Security.—Bonds will be the direct obligation of the traction company and will be secured by the pledge and deposit of all the outstanding bonds and of 18,605 shares out of 18,772 shares of the outstanding Capital stock of Ottawa Electric Ry. The bonds of Ottawa Electric Ry. so pledged are issued under authority of Special Act of the Dominion of Canada, and additional bonds, under restrictions as to capital expenditures and earnings, may be issued only for pledge under the trust deed securing this issue.

Sinking Fund.—Annual cumulative sinking fund, commencing Jan. 1 1927, of 1½% per annum of First Mgt. & Coll. Trust bonds, Series "A," certified plus interest on bonds redeemed, is estimated to be sufficient to retire the amount of this issue by maturity.

Valuation.—A Special Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada passed in 1925 declares that the value of the company's assets, for the purpose of the issue of bonds, shall be deemed to have been \$4,500,000 on July 31 1922, and thereafter the total of that amount and all amounts after that date invested in capital assets of the company. Pursuant to the terms of its present franchise agreement, the company is making certain extensions and additions, and the value of its properties on the foregoing basis, when construction now under way is completed, will be approximately \$6,400,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to fund capital expenditures made in past years, and particularly those made and to be made on the properties and equipment of the company in pursuance of an agreement made between it and the City of Ottawa, under date of Jan. 25 1924, approved by the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Ontario.—V. 119, p. 2763.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

	1925.	1924.
12 Months to May 31—		
Gross operating revenue	\$46,067,918	\$41,335,730
Net income	\$17,675,672	\$16,462,837
Bond interest and discount	7,021,961	6,598,375
Balance	\$10,653,711	\$9,864,462
Reserve for depreciation	3,313,526	3,151,902

Surplus	\$7,340,185	\$6,712,560
Accrued divs. on Pref. stock (6%)	3,261,922	3,214,425
Accrued divs. on Common stock (8%)	3,293,920	2,848,559

Balance \$784,343 \$649,576
A regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share upon the Common stock will be paid on July 15 to holders of record June 30.—V. 120, p. 3065, 2944.

Parr Shoals Power Co.—Sale.

See Broad River Power Co.—V. 119, p. 2180.

Philadelphia Co.—Expenditures for Next Five Years.

The directors have approved a program calling for the expenditure of \$100,000,000 in the next five years for improvements, &c.—V. 120, p. 2944.

Phoenix Ry. Co. of Ariz.—City to Buy Car Line.

The Phoenix (Ariz.) City Council June 10 unanimously passed a resolution providing for purchase, at junk valuation, of the property of the company, which has announced intention of abandoning service in October. Mayor Whitney explains that the city has no intention of entering the transportation business, but the Council hopes to be able to pass the street-car franchise on to some other corporation. Only in the event of failure will there be consideration of applications for operation of buses. In that event the street-car material will be disposed of as junk. Company has been operating at a loss for a number of years.

Port Costa Water Co., San Francisco.—Bonds.

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for permission to issue \$40,000 of 1st Mgt. 6½% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series A, at 98, and to use the proceeds derived from the sale thereof to finance the sinking of additional wells and construction of the necessary pumping plants near Clyde, &c.—V. 119, p. 2074.

Portland (Me.) Gas Light Co.—City to Sell Holdings.

The City of Portland, Me., offers for sale its holdings of 4,857 shares of Common stock of the Portland Gas Light Co., in accordance with an order passed in the City Council June 15. Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer, John R. Gilmartin, up to July 13 (12 noon), at which time the bids will be opened. The following conditions are to be made a part of the bids, namely: That the same price per share offered for the holdings of the City of Portland shall be likewise offered to each and all stockholders of record of the Portland Gas Light Co.

Earnings Year Ended December 31 1924.	
Gross earnings	\$657,590
Operating expenses	517,421
Interest	41,745
Net income	\$98,424
Balance Sheet December 31 1924.	
Assets	Liabilities
Land, buildings, equip-ment, &c.	Capital stock
Active assets	Bonds
Inventory assets	7% notes
	Demand notes
	Reserve for depreciation
	Sinking fund reserve
	Reconst. & contng. res'v
	Employees' relief res., &c.
	Dividends payable
	Current liabilities
	Accrued liabilities
Total (each side)	

Potomac Edison Co.—Subsidiary Company Note Issue.—The Blue Ridge Transportation Co., a subsidiary, has applied to the Maryland P. S. Commission for permission to issue \$200,000 of 3-Year 6% Gold Debentures. The Blue Ridge company operates extensive passenger motor-bus lines between Baltimore and Washington and western Maryland.—V. 120, p. 1205.

Power Corp. of New York.—To Increase Common Stock.—The stockholders will vote July 9 on increasing the Common stock from 600,000 shares of no par value to 750,000 shares of no par value. The 100,000 shares of Preferred stock, par \$100, will remain unchanged. The corporation has acquired control of the Malone Light & Power Co., the Fort Covington Light, Heat & Power Co. and the Milling & Lighting Co. of Brasher Falls by purchase of the entire Common stocks, subject to the approval of the New York P. S. Commission. The three companies generate hydro-electric power and it is planned eventually to link them with the Power Corporation System, which includes the properties of Northern New York Utilities, Inc.—V. 120, p. 2944.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.—Rights.—The stockholders of record July 3 have been given the right to subscribe on or before Aug. 1 for new or additional shares of Common stock (without par value) at \$100 per share in the ratio of one new share of Common stock for each five shares of stock of all classes standing in his name. Stockholders may elect to pay the subscription price in one of the three following methods: (a) In full on or before Aug. 1; (b) in four quarterly installments of \$25 per share each on or before Aug. 1, Nov. 2 1925, Feb. 1 and May 1 1926, respectively; or (c) in 10 monthly installments of \$10 per share each, the first on or before Aug. 1 1925, and one on or before the first day of each of the succeeding consecutive calendar months ending with the month of May 1926, except that the Nov. 1925 installment shall be payable on or before Nov. 2 1925.—V. 120, p. 3066.

Quebec Power Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Aldred & Co., Ltd. and L. G. Beaubien & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at \$105 per share, to yield 6.67%, \$1,000,000 7% Cumulative Preferred (a. & d.) stock. Dividends payable Q.-J. Redeemable, all or part, on any dividend date at 110 and dividends, after 30 days' notice. Transfer agent, National Trust Co., Ltd., Montreal; registrar, Montreal Trust Co., Montreal.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Issued.
6% 30-Year First Mortgage bonds	\$20,000,000	\$3,540,000
6% Sterling debenture stock		300,000
7% Cumul. Preferred stock (including this issue)	4,000,000	\$3,542,350
Common stock	6,000,000	3,943,700

The Shawinigan Water & Power Co. owns the majority of the combined Preferred and Common shares.

Data from Letter of Julian C. Smith, President of the Company. Company.—In 1915 acquired the business of the Dorchester Electric Co. and since that date has gradually increased its business in the city and district of Quebec. During 1923 company obtained stock control of Quebec Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd., and thereby controls all of the subsidiaries of the latter company. Company and the companies it controls are the sole distributors of power for lighting and other industrial purposes in the City of Quebec and surrounding industrial district. The companies controlled operate the street railway in Quebec City and suburbs and an interurban electric railroad from Quebec to St. Anne de Beaupre, connecting with the Quebec and Saguenay Division of the Canadian National Railways. They also operate a gas production and distribution service in the City of Quebec, with a capacity of 1,000,000 cu. ft. of gas per day. Population of territory served, 225,000.

The properties of the company and of the companies controlled by it include five hydro-electric plants and one steam stand-by plant with a total installed generating capacity of 34,000 h. p.—381 miles of transmission and distribution lines and the necessary distributing stations.

Assets.—The gross book assets of the company, including the proceeds of this issue, after providing for current liabilities, amount to \$12,747,406 against which the company has outstanding 6% First Mtge. Gold bonds and debenture stock, due 1953, aggregating approximately \$5,000,000. Company has also outstanding \$3,943,700 Common stock on which dividends are being paid at the rate of 5% per annum.

The net assets, therefore, have a book value of over \$7,700,000, or more than twice the amount of Preferred stock outstanding. The assets include securities of Quebec Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd., acquired by purchase or as a result of the offer of exchange made by this company in July 1923, to income bondholders and shareholders of Quebec Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd., these securities having a market value considerably in excess of their book value.

Earnings.—Gross income for 1924 amounted to \$908,470. After providing for operating and maintenance expense, interest on bonds and debentures and allowing for depreciation, the balance remaining was sufficient to provide twice the requirements of the Preferred stock dividend for that year. It is estimated that the gross income for the year 1925 will be considerably in excess of previous years.

The increase in the earnings of the Quebec Power Co., which was anticipated as a result of the acquisition of Quebec Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co., and its subsidiaries, has materialized and it is confidently expected that, with the adequate reserves of water power which the company has at its disposal, the business will continue to show steady advancement.

The gross revenue of the Quebec Power Co. and of the companies controlled by it was \$4,042,276 for 1924.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to meet necessary capital expenditures and for the general purposes of the company.—V. 120, p. 2013.

Scranton (Pa.) Electric Co.—Tenders.—The United States Mortgage & Trust Co., trustee, will until July 15 receive bids for the sale to it of First & Ref. Mtge. bonds dated July 1 1907, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$122,535, and at a price not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 119, p. 590.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—To Reclassify Stock.—The stockholders will vote July 15 on reclassifying and authorizing increases in the Capital stock. No change is contemplated in the present authorized issue of 40,000 shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100. The stockholders will be asked to authorize 250,000 shares of Class "A" Common stock, par \$25, and 200,000 shares of no par Class "B" Common stock. Each share of the present 8% Second Preferred stock will be converted into four shares of Class "A" Common, and each share of the present Common stock will be exchanged for one share of the new Class "B" Common stock. The present authorized capital of the company consists of \$4,000,000 Cumul. Pref. stock, \$2,000,000 8% Second Pref. stock and 60,000 shares of no par Common stock.—V. 120, p. 2013.

Southern Power & Light Co. (Md.).—Sale of Property and Assets to Electric Power & Light Corp. Approved.—The stockholders on June 29 approved the proposal to sell all or substantially all of the property and assets as an entirety of the Maryland corporation, including its good-will and franchises, to the Electric Power & Light Corp. In consideration of the issuance and delivery to the Maryland corporation of 96,181 shares of Preferred stock and 48,099½ shares of Com-

mon stock of Electric Power & Light Corp. [For terms of exchange of stock of the Southern Power & Light Co. for Electric Power & Light Corp., see V. 120, p. 2551.] See also V. 120, p. 3189, 2551.

Southwestern Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—Pearsons-Taft Co. and P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., are offering at 99 and int., to yield 6.10%, \$3,500,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year Sinking Fund 6% Gold bonds, Series "A." Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1945. Int. payable J. & J. at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Red. all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice up to and incl. July 1 1940 at 105 and int., thereafter at 102 and int. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Personal property taxes of any State, under any present law, not in excess of 5 mills, Michigan 5 mills tax and Mass. income tax on interest not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum, refundable.

Data from Letter of Carl M. Einhart, President of the Company. Company.—Organized in June 1925 in Maine. Operates 3 groups of public utility properties, serving without competition a rapidly growing territory in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. The principal communities served are Amarillo, Tex.; Roswell, Ariz.; Hagerman, Dexter and Lake Arthur, N. Mex. and Flagstaff, Holbrook and Winslow, Ariz. Supplies electric power and light, gas, water and ice to approximately 50,000 people in 10 municipalities and extensive rural communities in the States named. Company owns 8 central generating stations (one hydro-electric) with an installed capacity of 10,825 h. p. and 254 miles of transmission and distributing lines. More than 10,000,000 k.w.h. were generated in 1924. Company's water supply systems consist of 89½ miles of distributing mains through which 400,000,000 gallons were pumped in 1924. The gas plant at Roswell has a daily output of 200,000 cu. ft. with holder capacity for 80,000 and more than 10 miles of distributing mains. 16,800 meters (all classes) are in service.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing.

1st Mortgage 6% bonds, due 1945 (this issue)	\$3,500,000
6% Cumulative Preferred stock (\$50 par)	309,600
Common stock (no par)	500,000 shs
x \$103.200 outstanding in hands of public.	

Statement of Earnings for 12 Months Ended April 30 1925.

Gross earnings	\$965,702
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	534,299
Balance	\$431,403
Annual int. on company's entire funded debt (this issue)	\$210,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire all underlying funded indebtedness and to partially provide funds for the acquisition of additional properties. **Sinking Fund.**—Indenture provides for an annual sinking fund payment for the retirement of bonds of this issue, commencing July 1 1926, equal to 1% of the maximum principal amount outstanding at any time preceding such payment during the first 5 years; 2% during the next 10 years and 2½% during the last 3 years.

United Light & Power Co. (Md.).—Rights, &c.—The Common stockholders (Class "A" and Class "B") of record July 3 will be given the privilege of subscribing on or before Aug. 1 to an additional amount of Class "A" Common stock at \$72.50 per share at the rate of one share of Class "A" Common stock for each 5 shares of Common stock of either classes now held by them. Warrants setting forth the number of shares of Class "A" Common stock to which the stockholders will be entitled to subscribe will be fully negotiable and can be bought and sold. Subscriptions can be paid for in full or in installments, viz., 50% on or before Aug. 1 and the balance on or before Oct. 1. Subscribers paying 50% on or before Aug. 1 will receive non-negotiable receipts of the company for their part-paid subscriptions, which will be taken up and definitive stock certificates issued therefor when final payment is made. This final payment can be anticipated at the option of the stockholder.

All stock fully paid for on or before Oct. 1 1925 will be entitled to the distribution of the cash dividend and stock dividend payable Nov. 1 1925 at the rate of 50c. per share in cash and 1-40th of one share in Class "A" Common stock, the stock dividend being equivalent to 2½%. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Common stock will be used to partially pay for the properties under contract to purchase and partially for refunding the treasury of the company for expenditures made for the erection of the new 25,000 k.v. steam electric generating station located on the Mississippi River near Davenport, Ia., known as the Riverside Power Mfg. Co. This station was built entirely from the proceeds of stock sales, and has no funded debt or other liens attaching to it. Arrangements have been made for the underwriting of the entire offering of Class "A" Common stock.

President Frank T. Hulswit, June 25, said in part: The company now holds in the treasury of its subsidiary the United Light & Rys. Co. (of Del.) over 95% of the Common stock of Continental Gas & Electric Corp., with annual gross earnings exceeding \$21,700,000, and a large amount of Common stock of American Light & Traction Co. with annual gross earnings exceeding \$33,000,000. The direct gross revenues of the United Light & Power Co., exclusive of Continental Gas & Electric Corp., exceed \$13,250,000 additional.

The officers have been active in reviewing other good public utility properties which could logically be included in the company's structure and have recently closed negotiations for one important property, and have under active negotiations other important units.

The net earnings of the United Light & Power Co., including the earnings available from its holdings in the Continental Gas & Electric Corp. and other sources, but not including any earnings receivable on its holdings on the American Light & Traction Co., for the 12 months ended April 30, after deducting all prior charges and Pref. dividends, amounted to \$4,626,484, this sum being available for amortization, depreciation and disbursements for Common stock dividends.

There were outstanding in the hands of the public as of June 20 1925 the following amounts of Common stock of the company: (1) Class "A" Common stock, 222,431 shares; (2) Class "B" Common stock, 200,000 shares; total, 422,431 shares.

There has been an increase of 76,156 shares of Class "A" Common stock since Jan. 1 1925, partly due to conversion into Class "A" Common stock of a large amount of the 6½% Series Prior Pref. stock of the United Light & Railways Co. of Del., of which \$5,000,000 was outstanding as of Jan. 1 1925. The conversion of the Prior Pref. stock into Class "A" Common stock has added materially to the income available for the Common stock by the amount of the 6½% dividend otherwise due and payable on the converted Prior Preferred stock.—V. 120, p. 2945.

Virginia Western Power Co.—New Control.—See National Public Service Corp. above.—V. 119, p. 592.

Washington Water Power Co.—Buys Plant.—See Spokane & Eastern Ry. & Power Co., in V. 120, p. 3316.—V. 120, p. 2552.

West Philadelphia Passenger Ry.—Special Meeting.—A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on July 16 for the purpose of taking action upon a proposed contract between the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., Philadelphia City Passenger Ry., West Philadelphia Passenger Ry., Philadelphia Traction Co. and Union Traction Co., wherein the four last named companies consent to the removal of the tracks from certain portions of Chestnut and Walnut streets in consideration of the grant of certain rights in the proposed Chestnut Street subway.—V. 120, p. 3067.

Western United Corp.—Notes Offered.—W. W. Armstrong Co., Aurora, Ill., First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, Wis., and Blodgett & Co., New York and Boston, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,500,000 5-Year 5½% Coll. Gold notes, Series "E." Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1930. Int. payable J. & D. at Northern Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction of Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date at 100½.

Company.—An Illinois corporation. Owns all the Common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of the Western United Gas & Electric Co., Coal Products Manufacturing Co., Southern Illinois Gas Co., Aurora

Elgin & Fox River Electric Co., Mid-Egypt Gas & Oil Co. and three companies having coal properties in West Virginia and Illinois.
 Corporation, through its subsidiaries, develops and distributes gas and electric power and light from modern central stations to a combined population of approximately 350,000, through more than 100,000 connected meters, supplying gas in all, electric light and power in 13, and water in one of 78 cities and towns in Cook, DuPage, DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Franklin, Jackson, Williamson and Perry counties, including the cities of Aurora, Batavia, Elgin, Geneva, Woodstock, Joliet, St. Charles, Wheaton, Elmhurst, La Grange, Hinsdale, Naperville, Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Carbondale, DuQuoin and Marion. Corporation, through a subsidiary, operates the street railway lines in Aurora and Elgin and 36 miles of interurban railway, connecting these two cities with eight other cities and towns in the territory otherwise served by the corporation. The gas business of the corporation was established in 1859 and its electric business in 1882.

Consolidated Earnings 12 Months Ended April 30 1925.
 [Western United Corp. and subsidiary companies, not including inter-company transactions.]

Gross revenue	\$5,625,631
Operating expenses, maintenance, taxes and depreciation	3,595,478
Net revenue	\$2,030,153
Total int. paid on funded debt of subs. & other prior deductions.	739,486

Balance available for fixed charges of Western United Corp.—\$1,290,667
 Annual int. on total funded debt, incl. this issue of \$1,500,000.—\$262,940
Security.—Secured by deposit with the trustee of an equal par amount of Coal Products Manufacturing Co. 6% Gold debentures due June 1 1930. The 6% Gold debentures deposited as security for this issue are guaranteed, prin. & int., by endorsement, by the Western United Gas & Electric Co., which is a subsidiary of the Western United Corp. The guaranty by the Western United Gas & Electric Co. has been authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Purpose.—A part of the funds provided by this financing will be used for the retirement of \$959,700 Coal Products Mfg. Co. 7% debentures, to be called for payment Aug. 1 1925, and balance will be used for other corporate purposes.

Management.—Stone & Webster, Inc.—V. 120, p. 2271, 960.

Winnipeg Electric Co.—1% Common Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 1% on the outstanding \$11,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 10. A similar distribution was made on the Common shares on Feb. 1 last, which was the first dividend paid since Jan. 1916.—V. 120, p. 2150, 1205.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On June 26 American, McCahan, Pennsylvania and Warner companies each reduced price 10 pts. to 5.60c. On July 1 Arbuckle Bros. reduced price 10 pts. to 5.50c.

Lead Price Reduced.—American Smelting & Refining Co. on June 26 reduced price 10 pts. to 8.10c. per pound and on June 29 10 pts. to 8c. per pound. "Wall St. Journal" June 26, p. 15, and New York "Times" June 30, p. 28.

Lands Bearing Oil Segregated for Use of Navy Will Hereafter be Conducted by U. S. Geological Survey instead of the Bureau of Mines.—New York "Times," July 2, p. 2.

Coal Miners Demand Two-Year Contract, 10% Wage Increase and Check-off as Strike Threatens.—New York "Times" July 3, p. 1.

Rubber Companies Advance Prices.—Goodyear Tire & Rubber and U. S. Rubber companies advanced tire prices 10% to 15% and tube prices 30% to 35%. B. F. Goodrich and Kelly-Springfield met these advances. Flisk and Miller companies advanced prices 10 to 15%, all effective July 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 27.—(a) New capital flotations in May and for the five months to May 31, p. 3252.

Ahumada Lead Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 gross receipts of \$918,490. After depreciation, taxes and all expenses, net income amounted to \$422,646. Due to changing company's accounts from a delivery to a sales basis, the above net income includes profit of \$122,648 on 5,876,800 lbs. of lead sold prior to March 31 1925, but undelivered at that date. The company had at March 31 1925 cash and cash assets of \$566,285. A distribution to stockholders of 25 cents per share was made April 2 1925 which amounted to \$298,004.

For the three months ending March 31 1925 there were produced 22,058 dry tons of ore, for which the smelter returned 8,829,840 pounds of refined lead, an average of 400.2 pounds per ton. There was delivered to customers 8,491,593 pounds of lead.—V. 120, p. 2685, 1883.

American District Telegraph Co. (N. J.)—Preferred Stock Sold.—A syndicate headed by White, Weld & Co., Clark, Dodge & Co., Dominick & Dominick, and Goldman, Sachs & Co. acquired privately and have sold at 101 per share 76,500 shares 7% Convertible Cumulative Preferred stock (par \$100).

Dividends payable Q.-J. Dividends will accrue from July 15 1925. Preferred as to assets to the extent of \$100 per share and dividends in involuntary liquidation, plus a premium of \$10 per share in consolidation or voluntary liquidation. Callable after July 15 1928, all or part, on any dividend date, on 60 days' notice at \$110 and dividends. Transfer agent, Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey, Jersey City, N. J.; registrar, Corporation Trust Co., Jersey City, N. J.

Capitalization (After Giving Effect to Recapitalization)—V. 120, p. 3184, 3939).

Authorized. Outstanding.
 7% Conv. Cumul. Pref. stock (par \$100).....100,000 shs. 99,653 shs.
 Common stock (without par value).....\$200,000 shs. 99,653 shs.
 * Includes 100,000 shares to be reserved for conversion of Preferred stock.

As of Dec. 31 1924 the company had outstanding \$77,000 First Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1926, and purchase money obligations in the net amount of \$78,959.

Company.—Incorp. in 1901 in New Jersey. Supplies to banks, industrial plants, &c., a large part of the protective alarm systems in many of the principal cities of the United States. This service consists principally of the installation and supervision of fire, burglar and automatic sprinkler alarms. The majority of the company's business is done under five-year contracts, which tends to stabilize earnings.

In more than 100 cities the company maintains central stations where automatic signals from detectors in the banks, plants, &c., are received and immediately transmitted to the fire and police departments. The same signals may also be given manually by watchmen and employees more conveniently than through the usual channels.

Company has over 21,800 subscribers to one or more of its services. Among the customers are: American Can Co., Marshall Field & Co., Federal Reserve Banks (25), Pennsylvania RR., Swift & Co.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings for Dividends.	Per Share Avail. Preferred.	Sk. Fd. and Common.
1922	\$5,982,815	\$1,487,823	\$14 93	\$790,252
1923	6,256,824	1,470,142	14 75	772,571
1924	6,635,761	1,450,739	14 55	753,168

Earnings for the first four months of this year have been well maintained and it is the opinion of the management that net earnings for the calendar year 1925 should equal or exceed those for the previous year.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund sufficient to retire, all not exceeding \$110 per share and dividends, an amount of Preferred stock equal to at least 2 1/2 % of the largest amount theretofore outstanding shall be set up each year out of surplus profits or earnings remaining after provision has been made for dividends on the Preferred stock. This fund shall be used for the purchase of Preferred stock; to the extent not so used, for redemption thereof, after July 15 1928, at \$110 and dividends.

Conversion.—The 7% Convertible Cumul. Pref. stock may be converted at any time at the option of the holder, share for share, into the Common stock of the company, provided, however, that in case the Preferred stock is called for redemption, the conversion right shall cease thirty days before date for such redemption.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1924 (Adjusted to Give Effect to Recapitalization).

Assets		Liabilities	
Property account	\$15,672,018	Com. and Pref. stocks	\$9,965,351
Construction in progress	222,122	Stock of controlled cos.	15,229
Cash	409,731	First Mortgage 5s, 1926	77,000
Marketable securities	2,130,758	Purch. money oblig. (net)	78,959
Accounts and bills receivable (less reserves)	386,722	Accounts payable	188,132
Inventories	398,053	Accruals (not due)	356,010
Deferred charges	92,250	Unpaid dividends	199,593
		Service billed in advance	1,923,692
		Depreciation reserve	1,198,290
		Res. for empl. ben. fund	100,000
Total (each side)	\$19,311,654	Surplus	5,209,398

Control.—Over 80% of the Common stock is owned by the Western Union Telegraph Co.—V. 120, p. 3184, 2939.

American Hardware Corp.—Purchases Building.—The corporation has purchased from the Seipp Realty Trust Nos. 319 to 325 West Randolph St. (60x180), Chicago, for \$260,000, all cash. The land is improved with a 5-story and basement brick building of very heavy construction and contains about 60,000 sq. ft. of floor area.—V. 120, p. 2272.

American Railway Express Co.—Earnings.

Three Months Ended March 31—		1925.		1924.	
Gross revenue	\$66,279,185	\$67,529,841			
Other income	1,004,892	1,132,719			
Total revenue	\$67,284,077	\$68,662,560			
Payments to carriers	30,415,372	29,958,814			
Operating expenses	35,844,332	37,613,343			
Uncollectible revenues	8,342	1,477			
Express taxes	513,478	511,484			
Net income	\$502,553	\$604,441			

—V. 120, p. 2946, 1750.
American Thermos Bottle Co.—Merger.—See Icy Hot Bottle Co. below.—V. 119, p. 2413.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Earnings 1st 6 Mos.—In the first half of 1925 the company earned more than in all of 1924, covering 80% of its full-year dividend requirements in the first 6 months. The outlook is for second half earnings to equal, if not exceed, those of the first 6 months.

Earnings for first half year with dividends from subsidiaries came to more than \$7,000,000 after bond interest, taxes and all other charges. This is at the rate of nearly \$5 a share for the full year on the 3,000,000 shares outstanding, and more than double the earnings in 1924 which came to \$6,719,215 or \$2 23 a share.

The increase in earnings was due to the higher margin of profit on finished goods, the higher rate at which finished products were fabricated, and the decrease in operating costs at its properties in Montana. Higher prices for copper and zinc helped as has also the higher rate of operation at the Tooele smelter in Utah—"Wall Street Journal"—V. 120, p. 2404, 2395.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Receives Polish Payment.—The Polish Government on June 30 paid the company the third installment of principal, due July 1, amounting to \$1,169,125 (including \$174,125 interest) for 150 consolidation type locomotives ordered in June 1919. The first payment was made June 30 1923 and amounted to \$1,238,775, including interest; the second payment, made June 30 1924, amounted to \$1,203,950, including interest.—V. 120, p. 3068, 1884.

Bankers Holding Trust, Inc.—Depositary.—The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed depositary under an agreement dated May 18 1925, of the Bankers Holding Trust, Inc., an investment trust.

Bankers Mortgage Bond Co.—Bonds Offered.—Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham, Ala., are offering at 100 and int. \$100,000 1st Mtge. Collateral 6% bonds, Series "E."

Dated June 1 1925; due serially June 1 1930 to 1935. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 4% at American Trust & Savings Bank, Birmingham, Ala., or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Red. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 101 and int.

Security.—As security for these bonds, there have been deposited with and assigned to the American Trust & Savings Bank, Birmingham, Ala., as trustee, notes aggregating \$111,450, 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 by a recognized expert in Birmingham realty values. 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. Compare also V. 120, p. 2947.

Bay State Fishing Co.—Annual Report.

Years Ended Apr. 30—		x1925.		y1924.		y1923.		y1922.	
Fish sales	\$1,772,329	\$1,692,531	\$1,898,819	\$1,831,069					
Cost of fish sales	1,590,766	1,720,739	1,793,480	1,639,212					
Gross profit	\$181,563	loss\$28,208	\$105,339	\$191,857					
Other operating revenue	53,790	75,414	92,297	126,391					
Gross profit	\$235,353	\$47,205	\$197,636	\$318,248					
Oper. & admin. exp.	97,442	110,880	199,605	312,702					
Non-oper. charges (net)	12,342	15,813	39,256	31,620					
Net income	\$125,569	loss\$79,488	loss\$41,225	loss\$26,074					
Def. at beginning of year	882,989	747,521	488,223	190,037					
Special credits to surplus	—	—	—	11,893					
Total deficit	\$757,420	\$827,009	\$529,248	\$204,217					
Losses from dissociation of subsidiaries	—	\$33,014	\$166,607	\$275,300					
Res. for Fed. taxes & int. thereon	—	22,965	51,665	—					
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	8,506					
Deficit at end of year	\$757,420	\$882,989	\$747,521	\$488,023					

x Not including subsidiaries. y Includes subsidiaries.—V. 109, p. 2265.

Belding Bros. & Co.—Stock Sold.—Edward B. Smith & Co., Cassatt & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Tucker, Anthony & Co., Hayden, Stone & Co. and Mitchell, Hutchings & Co., Inc., have sold at \$39 50 per share 320,000 shares no par value Common stock.

Bankers Trust Co., transfer agent. Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., registrar.

Capitalization.—Authorized and outstanding, 415,032 shares Common stock (no par value). Upon completion of the proposed recapitalization the company will have no funded debt, no bank loans and (except for approximately \$125,000 Pref. stock, which it is expected can be purchased and retired) no class of stock other than that now offered.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data From Letter of M. M. Belding, Pres., June 26 1925.

Company.—Incorp. in Conn. in 1882 and continues a business established in 1863. Company is the largest producer of silk thread in the United States, and also manufactures staple broad silks. The products are sold through 11 branch offices to over 20,000 wholesale and retail distributors, located in every State in the Union. The character of the business is stable, the name "Belding" having become a household word. The 8 principal plants of the company are located at Rockville, Conn.; Belding, Mich.; Northampton, Mass.; Winsted, Conn., and Petaluma, Calif.

Earnings Available for Dividends for Calendar Years.

[On the basis of the proposed new capitalization, after depreciation and allowing for Federal taxes at present rates.]	
1919	\$3,519,461
1920	1,410,976
1921	\$2,146,408
1922	2,132,741
1923	\$1,393,527
1924	528,387

Average annual earnings available for dividends, six year period, \$1,855,250, or at the rate of approximately \$4.47 per share on the proposed issue of 415,032 shares of no par value Common stock.

In 1925 to date, sales have been approximately 10% ahead of the corresponding period last year; based upon results of operations for the first 5 months, it is estimated that both sales and earnings for the full year will approach the 6-year average rates above shown.

In no one of the last 25 years have the operations of the company failed to show a profit, and in all the history of the business there has only been one year of loss.

Dividends.—In the 4 years ending Dec. 31 1924, cash dividends paid by the company averaged \$1,191,543 per annum, and in addition a stock dividend of \$3,800,000 was paid in 1922.

It is the intention of the management to inaugurate dividends on the new stock at the rate of \$3 a share annually, which would aggregate \$1,245,096 per annum on the basis of the new capitalization.

Management.—Officers will include: M. M. Belding, Pres.; E. C. Young, V.-Pres. & Gen. Sales Mgr.; F. N. Belding, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mill Mgr. **Directors** will include the foregoing and B. A. Tompkins, V.-Pres. Bankers Trust Co., New York; J. W. Cutler, Edward B. Smith & Co.

Balance Sheet at Dec. 31 1924.

[After giving effect to proposed retirement of the entire \$1,018,800 Preferred stock and the proposed exchange of \$6,917,200 Common stock for 415,032 shares of no par value Common stock.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real estate (incl. N. Y. City property).....	\$1,473,060	Accts. payable & accruals.....	\$141,877
Bldgs., plant & equipment.....	877,669	Common stock & surplus (represented by 415,032 shs. of no par value).....	9,918,536
Unexpired insurance.....	37,989		
Cash.....	851,095		
Accts. & notes receivable (less reserves).....	948,826		
Inventories.....	5,808,987		
Miscellaneous.....	62,787		
V. 120, p. 3317.		Total (each side).....	\$10,060,414

Brisbane Industrial Properties, N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at prices to yield from 5.90% to 6.15%, according to maturity, \$1,400,000 1st Mtge. 6% Serial Coupon Gold bonds. Safeguarded under the Straus plan.

Dated June 17 1925; due serially June 1 1927 to June 1 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at S. W. Straus & Co. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable at 103 and int. up to and incl. June 1 1931; and at 102 and int. after June 1 1931 and before June 1 1937. Int. payable without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4-mills tax, Conn. 4-mills tax, Maryland 4½-mills tax, Dist. of Col. 5-mills tax, Virginia 5½-mills tax and Mass. State income tax not in excess of 6% refunded.

Security.—First mortgage on two valuable and exceptionally well located industrial properties and land owned in fee as follows: (1) Six-story garage building to be constructed on the north side of East 102d St., 100 feet east of Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City, together with the adjoining corner on Fifth Avenue. (2) Two-story industrial building to occupy the block fronting on Queens Boulevard, Long Island City, between Rockdale and Rawson streets.

Valuation.—Appraisers have valued these two properties as completed at \$1,842,750. This valuation shows a margin of security above the total amount of this bond issue of \$442,750.

Earnings.—The net rental of the garage property is alone more than sufficient to pay the interest charges on the entire issue. Including the earnings of the industrial building and after deducting taxes, insurance and operating costs, total net earnings from these two properties are estimated at \$171,750, which is over \$45,000 in excess of the greatest annual principal and interest charges combined.

Borrowing Corporation.—The Reclamation & Building Corp., of which Arthur Brisbane is President and controlling stockholder.

Bryant Park Building, N. Y. City.—Bonds Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co. have sold at 100 and int. \$3,000,000 6½% 1st (closed) Mtge. Leasehold Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1945. Prin. & int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. on any int. date, as a whole, or in part by lot, on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. to and incl. July 1 1930; thereafter at 104 and int. to and incl. July 1 1935; thereafter at 103 and int. to and incl. July 1 1940; thereafter at 101 and int. to and incl. Jan. 1 1945. Interest payable without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. 4-mills tax, Conn. 4-mills tax, Maryland 4½-mills tax and Mass. 6% income tax refunded. Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Walter J. Salmon, President of Bryant Park Building, Inc.

Property.—Bryant Park Building, Inc., owns the leasehold on property at the northeast corner of 42d St. and 6th Ave., N. Y. City, comprising over 20,800 sq. ft. of land and the 6-story office bldg. thereon known as the Bryant Park Bldg., with a frontage of approximately 208 ft. on 42d St. and 100 ft. on 6th Ave. It is proposed to enlarge the building to 15 stories by the construction of an additional 9 stories and to make incidental changes in the existing building, thereby practically doubling its present rentable area.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage lien on the leasehold, subject only to a sub-lease expiring April 30 1926, on a portion of the building. No mortgage or lien ranking equally with or prior to these bonds can be created on the land. The leasehold extends to April 30 1946 at an annual ground rent of not more than \$150,000, with a renewal privilege of 20 years thereafter at a rental to be based on appraised value.

Proceeds to the amount of \$1,450,000, estimated by Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc., to be sufficient to cover the entire cost of the proposed improvements, will be deposited with the trustee to be released from time to time against the cost of such improvements upon certificates of supervising architects and under suitable guarantees of completion. Any unexpended balance will revert to the company. Construction is to be commenced not later than May 30 1926; otherwise the funds on deposit with the trustee will be applied to the retirement of a like principal amount of bonds.

The value of the leasehold has been appraised by Geo. R. Read & Co. at \$4,650,000 upon the enlargement of the building to 15 stories, and at \$2,650,000 without giving effect to such improvements. Bonds of this issue, after giving effect to the application of cash deposited with the trustee for completion of the proposed improvements or in reduction of the loan, will therefore not be outstanding in an amount in excess of 65% of the appraised value of the leasehold.

Earnings.—Annual net income of the existing building available for interest charges (after giving effect to an allowance of 3% of gross rental income for management), as audited by independent certified public accountants, for the 3 years and 3 months ended Mar. 31 1925, has been as follows:

Net income.....	\$321,186	\$305,643	\$314,221	\$76,275
The net income of the building upon completion of the proposed improvements, available for interest requirements of these bonds, after all operating charges, including an allowance of 7½% for vacancies, has been estimated by Geo. R. Read & Co. at over \$533,000 per annum, or more than 2.7 times maximum annual interest requirements of these bonds, and substantially in excess of combined maximum annual interest and sinking fund requirements.				

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a semi-annual sinking fund, in varying installments, beginning Jan. 1 1926 through the operation of which the entire issue of bonds will be retired by maturity, such retirement to be effected through purchase of bonds by the company or through call by lot at the then current redemption price. Bonds so acquired for the sinking fund will be canceled by the trustee.

Purpose.—To provide funds for the cost of changes in the existing building, the construction of nine additional stories, and for other corporate purposes.

Burmerster & Wain, Ltd.—Listing.

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list interim receipts for \$2,000,000 15-Year 6% Sinking Fund External Gold bonds, dated July 1 1925, due July 1 1940. See offering in V. 120, p. 3317.

Burns Bros. (Coal).—Sales Increase.

Vice-President S. M. Schatzkin, June 26, said in substance: "Sales of coal have increased 25% this week over last and we are equipped to double the present business. There will be no reduction in dividends and

we expect to earn enough in the next year or two to warrant increasing present dividend rates. The company should distribute 750,000 to 1,000,000 tons more of coal this year than last and earnings should be considerably more because we plan to save at least \$500,000 in operating expenses. We have already reduced the clerical staff and are effecting other economies which will permit the showing of more of our earnings in net. There is plenty of equipment, leaseholds extend for some time ahead and there will be no cause of large expenditures and no financing done."—V. 120, p. 3317.

(A. M.) Byers Co.—Listing.

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 150,000 shares without par value of Common stock and 45,000 shares (par \$100 per share) of 7% Cumulative Preferred stock.

Earnings Year Ended Sept. 30 1924 and Six Months to Mar. 31 1925.

		Year Ended 6 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '24.	Mar. 31 '25.
Sales (less discounts and allowances).....		\$8,954,324	\$5,320,893
Cost of sales.....		6,765,997	3,854,260
Gross manufacturing profit.....	\$2,188,326	\$1,466,633	
Other income.....	80,888	37,073	
Total income.....	\$2,269,214	\$1,503,706	
Administrative, general and selling expense.....	679,128	406,616	
Special charges.....	75,445	12,891	
Provision for depreciation.....	472,251	267,691	
Interest, discount and expense of bonds.....		51,972	
Federal income taxes.....	121,503	104,525	
Dividends paid.....	641,120	318,141	
Balance, surplus.....	\$279,767	\$341,870	

Balance Sheet as of March 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., mach., &c. \$8,111,216		7% Cumul. Pref. stock \$4,500,000	
Good-will.....	1	Common stock (150,000 shares, no par).....	750,000
Car trust cfts. purchased.....	100,000	Capital surplus.....	2,518,286
Adv. pay. on ore contr'ts.....	4,131,293	First Mortgage.....	4,900,000
Notes & acc'ts receivable.....	14,456	Car trust certificates.....	100,000
less reserve.....	873,965	Accounts payable.....	205,753
Investment in marketable securities at cost.....	1,137,080	Accr. liab. on ore contr'ts.....	1,817
Cash.....	778,816	Accrued pay-roll.....	125,953
Deferred charges.....	418,604	Accrued bond interest.....	73,500
		Accrued taxes, general.....	35,602
Total (each side).....	\$15,565,433	Accr. curr. Fed. taxes.....	188,119
		Reserves.....	494,040
		Surplus.....	1,672,361
		a Including surplus arising from appraisal of properties.—V. 120, p. 3190	

Calumet Baking Powder Co.—Changes Name.—The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., changing its name to Calumet Distributing Co., Chicago, Ill.—V. 120, p. 1463.

Calumet Distributing Co., Chicago.—New Name.—See Calumet Baking Powder Co. above.

Canadian Cannery, Ltd.—Bond Issue Approved.

The shareholders on June 25 approved the issuance of General Mtge. bonds to the extent of \$2,400,000 for the repayment of the loan of working capital advanced by Dominion Cannery, Ltd., the holding company, which now passes out of existence. The entire amount of the issue of Gen. Mtge. bonds is \$6,000,000. A portion of this issue will be used for the retirement of the Dominion Cannery's 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund bonds, due April 1 1940, which are outstanding to the amount of \$1,320,000, according to the last report. The balance of the general mortgage bond issue will be available for extension of properties, &c.—V. 120, p. 3318.

Certain-Teed Products Corp.—Complaint Dismissed.

The Federal Trade Commission has entered into an agreed stipulation as to the facts in its complaint against the corporation and has dismissed the proceedings in the case. The firm is a manufacturer of linoleum, oil-cloths and kindred products, and in the complaint was charged with restraining competition in acquiring the business of a competing concern. Commissioners Nugent and Thompson dissented.—V. 120, p. 3069, 2686.

Cespedes Sugar Co.—Bonds Called.

Certain of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 7½% S. F. Gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1924, aggregating \$77,500, have been called for payment Sept. 1 at 105 and int. at the office of J. & W. Seligman & Co., 54 Wall St., N. Y. City. (See offering in V. 119, p. 1007.) The company recently completed its crop with an output of 354,000 bags of sugar or 54,000 bags beyond its best expectations. The one tandem ground over 36,700,000 arrobas of cane with the high average yield of 12.50% in sugar. The mill is a low cost producer and final results from the crop just closed are expected to be satisfactory.—V. 120, p. 963.

Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc.—Guaranty, &c.

See Carolina Mountain Power Co. under "Public Utilities" above.

Citizens Loan & Savings Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Notes Offered.

Little & Moore, Inc., and Knight, Dysart & Gamble, St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int., to yield 6.50%, \$150,000 10-Year Coll. Trust 6½% Gold Notes, Series "A."

Dated May 1 1925, due May 1 1935. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 100 and int., plus a premium of 1% for each year, or fraction thereof, that maturity is anticipated, but in no event exceeding 5%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Company.—Company is one of the 29 "Industrial loan companies" established by the Citizens Finance Co., St. Louis. The principal business of the company is to make industrial or character loans to wage earners, salaried persons and small merchants, after an investigation of their character, integrity and earning power.

All such loans run from 10 months to 1 year and have from 1 to 3 co-makers on each note, in addition to the actual borrower. They are secured by investment certificates issued by the company upon which equal weekly, semi-monthly or monthly installment payments are made by the borrower, which in the aggregate, on or before maturity of the note, equal the amount of the note. The fully paid investment certificate then pays the maturing note.

Since this company began business on March 1 1921 it has made 6,594 industrial or character loans to an amount aggregating \$1,473,349, or an average of \$223 for each note.

Security.—The Series "A" Coll. Trust notes are direct obligations of the company and are secured by pledge with the trustee of industrial or character notes, as above described, having a net face value of not less than 125% of the amount of such Coll. Trust notes outstanding.

Monthly settlements with the trustee will maintain as collateral the substantial margin of 25% in sound short time, self-liquidating non-delinquent notes.

Capital.—The capital stock and surplus of this company at the present time amounts to approximately \$250,000.

Colonial Apartments, Schenectady, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.

Wells, Deane & Singer, New York, are offering at 100 and int. for all maturities other than 1928 and 1929, which are offered to yield 5¾%, \$310,000 6% 1st Mtge. Serial Certificates.

Principal and interest of the mortgage security guaranteed by Maryland Casualty Co. Callable in reverse order of maturities on any interest date on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Dated June 15 1925; due serially June 15 1928 to 1937. Int. payable without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 4%. Penna. and Conn. personal property taxes net in excess of 4 mills, Maryland securities tax not in excess of 4½ mills, and Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% per annum refunded. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee.

The property is situated in a quiet, residential section of the city of Schenectady, adjoining the Mohawk Club, and is only two blocks from the business section of the city. The building will overlook the Great Western

Gateway, which is a fine new concrete bridge over the Mohawk River, connecting the drive from Albany west. The land has a frontage of 69 feet, extending back 135 feet. The building will be semi-fireproof construction. The building will contain 60 apartments of the efficiency type, 1 and 2 rooms, dining alcove, kitchenette, bath, foyer, each suite provided with ample closets and kitchenettes equipped with latest type of porcelain units. It will be the only apartment house of its kind in Schenectady and 25% of the apartments have already been rented from the plans.

(John T.) Connor Co.—Balance Sheet March 31.—

Table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Assets include Equipment, Cash, Accounts receivable, U.S. cts. of indet., Merchandise, Investments, Notes receivable, Com. held for empl., Prepaid expenses, Good-will. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Res. for Fed. taxes, Empl. invest. cts., Empl. ext. com. res., Res. for cont'g'les, Insurance reserve, Res. for unred. labels, Empl. benefit res., Res. for dividends, Surplus.

Total (each side) \$2,911,207 \$2,602,366

Consolidated Cigar Co.—1 3/4% Back Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 3/4% on account of accumulations in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred stock, both payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. This will reduce accumulations on the Preferred shares to 1 3/4%. Like amounts were paid on the Preferred stock on June 1.—V. 120, p. 2406.

Continental Motors Corp.—Foreign Business Outlook.—

W. R. Angell, Executive Vice-president, says: "Our foreign business will go a long way toward evening up our production throughout the year. We have a good opportunity for increased business in Europe. Negotiations have been opened with makers of several of Europe's best known cars. An excellent field for our product in Europe is with bus manufacturers. Many transportation companies are instituting new bus lines in England, Scotland, France and parts of Germany. Use of gasoline motors for industrial purposes has recently opened up in Europe, and the fact there is no duty on these engines leads us to believe we will profit greatly from this business."

The regular quarterly dividend at the rate of 80c. per share per annum has been declared, payable July 30 to holders of record July 15. With this dividend the company will have paid to stockholders in 1925 the sum of \$1,056,507.

In discussing prospects for business for the coming quarter, Pres. Ross W. Judson said: "Our production and sales are more than holding their own, and indications point to a very successful quarter. Our customers are maintaining their schedules, and it is particularly gratifying to us to see the way our business in the industrial division is increasing. Both our Muskegon and Detroit plants are operating nearly to capacity, which is rather unusual at this time of the year."—V. 120, p. 3070.

Cosgrove-Meehan Coal Corp.—Capital Increased.—

The company recently increased its authorized Common stock (no par value) from 240,000 shares (237,458 shares outstanding) to 350,000 shares. Of the new stock, 100,000 shares will be set aside for conversion of the issue of \$2,500,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% bonds offered in May last; the balance for treasury.

The company also has an authorized issue of \$1,000,000 Preferred stock, of which there is outstanding 2,780 shares, par \$100. See also V. 120, p. 2687.

Curtice Brothers Co., Rochester, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—

Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., Buffalo, and Sage, Wolcott & Steel, Rochester, are offering at 98 1/2 and int., to yield over 6 5/8%, \$500,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1925; due April 1 1940. Int. payable A. & O. without deduction of the 2% Federal normal income tax. Prin. and int. payable at Lincoln Alliance Bank, Rochester, N. Y., trustee, or at office of agency of company in New York City. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c^s. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. until April 1 1930 and thereafter at 105 & int. less 1/2% for each remaining year until maturity.

Sinking Fund.—On Apr. 1 1931 and annually thereafter until all bonds are retired, the company agrees to pay to the trustee \$50,000 as a sinking fund which shall be applied to purchase of bonds in the open market, or for call by lot, as provided in the mortgage.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used partly to reimburse the company for expenditures made on its plants and equipment and to provide additional working capital.

Debenture Bonds Offered.—The same bankers are offering at 101 and int., to yield 6 3/4%, \$500,000 5-Year 7% Sinking Fund Debentures. Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1930.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1930. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction of the 2% normal Federal income tax. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Security Trust Co., Rochester, N. Y., trustee, or at the office or agency of company in New York City. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c^s. Red., all or part, on any int. date, upon 30 days' notice at par and int.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to provide additional working capital. Sinking Fund.—Company agrees to pay to the trustee for the retirement of these debentures by purchase in the open market, or for call by lot, commencing July 1 1926, a minimum sum of \$35,000 annually, and a maximum sum equal to 25% of the net earnings of the company for the preceding calendar year.

Common Stock Warrants.—Each \$1,000 debenture has attached to it a negotiable warrant entitling the holder thereof to subscribe to 30 shares of Common stock of the company at prices varying from \$12 per share up to \$40 per share, depending upon the date of purchase.

Data from Letter of Pres. D. C. Townson, Rochester, N. Y., June 20.

Company.—Business founded in 1868 as a co-partnership. Is one of the pioneers in the canning and preserving industry in this country. Was incorp. in 1887 as Curtice Brothers Co., and in 1901 the present company was incorp. in New York after consolidation with other canning plants. Company is engaged in preserving and canning a varied line of food products, chiefly among which are ketchup, chili sauce, canned vegetables, jams, syrups, chicken, &c. Products are all marketed under the uniform "Blue Label" and "Curtice Brothers" trade-marks and nationally advertised.

Record of Annual Net Sales.

Table with Average 1905-1909, Average 1910-1914, Average 1915-1919, Average 1920-1924, and In 1924 sales.

Capitalization

Table with Authorized and Outstanding columns for 1st (closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, 5-Year 7% debentures, Preferred stock, and Common stock.

Earnings.—Earnings available for interest on the debenture, after depreciation 1st Mtge. bonds int. and Federal taxes, for the last 6 years have averaged \$94,748, or approximately 2 3/4 times the maximum interest charges on this issue. These figures give only partial effect to the earnings of the Wilson and Mt. Morris plants, which have been in production only since 1923. Company has paid out since 1902 in cash dividends on its stocks, a total of \$2,572,819, or an average of over \$110,000 per year, besides adding substantially to surplus.

Balance Sheet as of March 31 1925 (After Financing).

Table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Assets include Cash, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Other assets, Land, bldgs., mach., &c., Good-will, formulas, &c., Deferred charges. Liabilities include Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, 1st Mortgage 6 1/2%, 5-Year 7% debentures, 7% cum. Pref. stock, Common (45,000 shares).

Total \$3,535,422

Crown Central Petroleum Corp.—Listing.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 582,000 shares (without par value) capital stock (authorized 840,000 shares).

This company was formed under the name of the United Central Oil Corp. as a result of the reorganization of the White Oil Corp. with an authorized capital of 60,000 shares of Pref. stock (par \$25 per share) and 600,000 shares of Common stock without par value. In Jan. 1925 plans for re-financing the company were adopted; the name of the corporation was changed to that of the Crown Central Petroleum Corp.; the 60,000 of Pref. stock were retired, and the number of Common shares was increased to 840,000. Of the 582,000 shares, 408,216 shares were issued in connection with the reorganization of the White Oil Corp. and 173,784 shares were sold by the company at \$7 per share, and 18,000 shares are under option of sale expiring Feb. 1 1926. The remaining authorized 240,000 shares are reserved against stock purchase warrants attached to the 1st Mtge. & Collateral Lien 10-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due 1935. See also V. 120, p. 2687, 3193.

De Laval Separator Co.—Notes Sold.—

Dominick & Dominick and White, Weld & Co. have sold at 100 and int., yielding 6%, \$2,500,000 10-Year 6% Sinking Fund Gold notes.

Dated July 15 1925; due July 15 1935. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c^s. Red. as a whole, but not in part except by action of the sinking fund, on any int. date on not less than 30 days' notice at 103 and int. on or before Jan. 15 1926 and on 1/2 of 1% less for each six months or part thereof thereafter, but at not less than 100 and int. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. four-mill tax refundable. New York Trust Co., trustee.

Capitalization.—Authorized Outstanding. 10-Year 6% S. F. Gold notes due July 15 1935—\$2,500,000 \$2,500,000 Capital stock—5,000,000 2,000,000 * After the redemption on Sept. 1 1925 of the 10-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold notes now outstanding.

Data from Letter of F. J. Arend, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in New Jersey in 1885. Company is the largest manufacturer of cream separators and other centrifugal machinery in the United States and Canada, producing approximately 35% of such machines sold in the two countries. Manufacturing plants are located at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Peterboro, Ont.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to redeem \$2,100,000 10-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold notes now outstanding and due March 1 1931, all of which will be retired or redeemed by Sept. 1 1925, and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning on or before Jan. 15 1926, and semi-annually thereafter on or before July 15 and Jan. 15, so long as any of these notes are outstanding, the company will pay to the trustee by way of a sinking fund, such sum as will be sufficient to redeem \$50,000 of these notes at the redemption price. If notes cannot be purchased they must be called by lot and redeemed at the then prevailing redemption price.

Table with Net Earnings (Incl. Subsidiaries) Available for Int. & Taxes—Cal. Years. 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1924 (after Financing).

Table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Assets include Cash, Accounts receivable, Bills receivable, Investments, Inventories, Deferred charges, Manufacturing plants, Office furn. & fixtures, Sales equip. and sundry assets, Patents and good-will. Liabilities include Accounts payable, Accrued int. & expenses, Employees' inv. certifs., 10-Year S. F. notes, Reserve for income taxes, Equity of minority stock-holders in subsids., Capital stock & surplus.

Dexter Portland Cement Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote July 14 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.—V. 117, p. 1782.

Dierks Lumber & Coal Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds.

All of the outstanding bonds, dated July 1 1914, and due on Feb. 1 1926, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 101 1/2 and int. at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, 208 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. See also V. 120, p. 588.

Dominion Cannery, Ltd.—To Liquidate.—

The stockholders on June 25 voted to wind up the affairs of the company. The directors declared a dividend of 1 3/4% on the preference stock for the second quarter of 1925 and a final dividend of 3 1/2% on the Common stock for the first half of 1925, both payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. A distribution of 7% was made July 2 on the Common stock for the year 1924. See also V. 120, p. 3193, 3070.

Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. of America.—To Retire Series "A" and "B" 1st Mtge. & Collat. Trust S. F. 7% Bonds.

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. & Collat. Trust S. F. 7% Conv. Gold bonds, Series "A" and Series "B," dated Dec. 1 1922, have been called for payment July 30 at 105 and int.

In the case of Series "A" bonds, the place of redemption shall be at the option of the holder at the office of Lee, Higginson & Co., American paying agent, at 43 Exchange Place, N. Y. City, or at its office at 44 State St., Boston, Mass., or at its office at 206 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.; and in the case of Series "B" bonds, the place of redemption shall be at the office of Higginson & Co., British paying agent, at 80 Lombard St., London, E. C. 3, England.

The rights of the holders of the bonds to convert them into stock will expire at the close of business on July 20 1925, unless written notice of election to convert shall have been given to the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of the City of New York, as trustee, in the case of Series "A" bonds, and to the British paying agent in the case of Series "B" bonds. Conversions shall be subject to the provisions for cash adjustment provided for in the first mortgage and deed of trust.—V. 120, p. 3193.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Redemption of 10-Year 7 1/2% Gold Bonds.

The company has exercised its option to call and redeem on Sept. 1 1925 all of its outstanding 10-Year 7 1/2% Gold bonds dated May 1 1921 (not previously called for redemption). These bonds will be redeemed at 106 and int. on presentation and surrender at the office of the trustee, the Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 120, p. 3319.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Pays Wage Dividend.

The company on July 1 paid its 14th annual, and its largest, wage dividend to employees, amounting to \$2,806,851. The wage dividends are based upon the dividends paid to the Common shareholders and upon the total wage of the employee during the past five years of his employment by the company.—V. 120, p. 2820.

Elizabeth Manor Apartments.—Bonds Offered.—

Biddle & Henry, Philadelphia, are offering at 100 and int. \$475,000 6% 1st Mtge. Real Estate Gold bonds of Maxwell P. Levy.

A legal investment for trust funds in Pennsylvania. Dated June 1 1925. Due serially June 1 1928 to 1940, inclusive. Int. J. & D. Denom. \$1,000 c^s. Red. at 102 and int. on any int. date. Provision has been made for payment of the Penn. personal property tax of 4 mills and 2% of the normal Federal income tax. Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.

Mortgaged Property.—These bonds will be secured by a first closed mortgage on a certain lot at West Chester Pike and Brief Avenue, about three blocks west of the 69th St. Terminal, and on a 4-story brick apartment house to be erected thereon, containing 72 apartments. The West End Trust Co., Philadelphia, will issue and deliver to the trustee its bond for completion of construction.

The property has been appraised by Thomas Shallcross, Jr., V.—Pres. of Wm. H. W. Quick & Bro., Inc., as having a value at completion of \$725,000.

Earnings.—The location and the character of the building insure an active demand for rentals. Mr. Shallcross has estimated the net income available for interest and sinking fund at \$69,625, after allowance for vacancies. This income is almost 2½ times the maximum annual interest charge on these bonds and over 1½ times the maximum interest and sinking fund charge.

Estey-Welte Corp., N. Y. City.—Initial Dividend.

An initial quarterly dividend of 50c. per share was recently declared on the Class A stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 26. See also V. 120, p. 2407, 2016.

Exchange Buffet Corp.—Balance Sheet April 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Good-will & lease-holds	1925. 1924.	1925. 1924.	
Equip. & fixtures	\$2,551,175 \$2,551,173	Capital stock	\$4,169,780 \$4,156,022
17-23 John St. real estate equity	y582,667 591,472	Empl. subscr. to capital stock	9,425 12,892
75 Maiden Lane Corp. 2d M. 6a.	190,740 202,980	Federal taxes	60,190 99,353
U. S. Liberty bds.	15,000	Accounts payable	248,033 259,819
Employ. subscrip.	3,995	Interest accrued	11,250 13,500
Inventory at cost	122,138	Prop. tax acer.	6,277
Accts. receivable	5,591	Res. for bonuses	8,648
Sundry debtors	4,026	Prepaid rent, &c.	2,374
Cash	289,468	Res. for conting.	125,429 127,163
Deferred charges	35,269 37,319	Surplus	270,632 306,575
Tot. (each side)		\$4,912,037	\$4,975,324

x Equipment and fixtures of restaurants and cigar stands at cost, \$1,993,913; less reserve for depreciation, \$862,918; balance, \$1,130,995.
y 17-23 John St., real estate equity. Land and buildings at cost, \$1,071,561; less reserve for depreciation, \$38,894; total, \$1,032,667; less mortgage thereon due Nov. 1 1927, not assumed by Exchange Buffet Corp., \$450,000, leaving as above shown \$582,667.
z Capital stock authorized and outstanding, 250,000 shares of no par value and of a declared value of \$5 per share.
The usual comparative income account was published in V. 120, p. 3320.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended—		Mar. 28 '25.	Mar. 29 '24.
Net profits after all charges & res. for Fed. taxes		\$1,355,808	\$803,072
Earnings per share on Com. after pay. of Pref. divs.		\$4 87	\$2 71

Farr Alpaca Co.—Balance Sheet May 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925. 1924.	1925. 1924.	1925. 1924.	
Real est. & mach.	8,000,000 8,401,471	Capital stock	14,400,000 14,400,000
Inventory	5,752,328 6,065,133	Debts	786,793 703,771
Cash & debts rec.	6,808,413 4,676,989	Undivided profits	5,373,948 4,039,822
Total		20,560,741	19,143,593

Fisher Body Corp.—New Director.—

Thomas K. Finletter has been elected a director, succeeding C. F. Reavis, Jr.—V. 120, p. 3060.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Earnings—Prices.—

Estimated net sales in June were approximately \$7,500,000, setting a new record. Net profits for the month after depreciation, interest and taxes, were approximately \$1,000,000. It is stated that inventories of finished products are very well balanced and the company is in a favorable position with respect to crude rubber. The next 3 months are expected to show a record volume and earnings.
The company has advanced prices on casings 5 to 10% and tubes 10 to 15%, effective July 1 1925.—V. 120, p. 2555, 2016.

Foundation Co., N. Y.—Secures Foreign Contracts.—

President John W. Doty is quoted as saying: "The outlook for the company is exceedingly good."
"Within the last 60 days our affiliated English companies have signed \$2,500,000 of new work in England. This is mainly subway excavation work. We have also closed a Peruvian contract of \$1,500,000 for buildings, which was signed within the last three weeks. We have some power house construction work in Japan which will amount to about \$500,000. Active negotiations are being carried on with Lithuania and we expect large contracts to result from these negotiations."
"We have signed a \$26,000,000 Greek contract that awaits ratification of the Greek Parliament. I don't think that the recent disturbance in Greece will affect this contract. We expect to make a nice margin of profit."
"General business in Europe is very encouraging and particularly from our standpoint."—V. 120, p. 2949.

Gabriel Snubber Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Month of May—		1924.	1925.
Shipments		\$254,196	\$492,838
Net earnings, after all charges & res., incl. Federal taxes			\$138,035

Galion (O.) Iron Works & Mfg. Co.—Bonds Offered.—

People's Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh are offering at prices ranging from 95¼ and int. to 100½ and int., to yield from 5.60% to 6.60% according to maturity, \$500,000 1st Mtge. 6% Serial Gold bonds.
Dated Mar. 1 1925; due annually Mar. 1 1926 to Mar. 1 1937, incl. interest payable M. & S. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Prin. and int. payable at People's Savings & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, trustee. Penn. State tax refunded. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102½ and int.

Data From Letter of D. C. Boyd, President of the Company.

Sinking Fund.—15% of net earnings after payment of taxes and of maturing bonds will at the expiration of each fiscal year be set aside in a sinking fund, until this sinking fund becomes \$60,000. This sinking fund is either to be left in cash with the trustee or to be invested in outstanding bonds of this issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will fund part of the \$542,000 spent on additions and improvements made to the plants in 1923.

Company.—Incorp. in Ohio in Nov. 1913 as successor to Galion Iron Works Co., formed in Feb. 1907. Owns the largest and most modern road roller and road machinery plant in the world. Principal products are road-building machinery, culvert pipes, motor and steam rollers, coal unloaders, stone crushers, sand and gravel screening plants. Present output is from 5,000 to 7,000 machines per annum, and 5,000 to 6,000 lineal feet of corrugated and cast iron pipe daily. Company started with a cash capital of \$50,000 in 1907, which has gradually been increased by the issuance of Preferred stock until there is now outstanding \$1,604,000 Preferred stock and 25,000 shares (no par value) Common stock.

Sales and Net Earnings, Calendar Years.

1918	\$1,564,513	xNet Earnings	\$163,648	1922	\$2,701,103	xNet Earnings	\$213,197
1919	2,436,067		119,273	1923	2,700,527		108,735
1920	2,249,062		168,620	1924	2,941,618		120,179
1921	2,697,662		194,902	1925 (5mo.)	1,306,675		198,752

x Net earnings applicable to interest after depreciation and inventory adjustments, but before Federal taxes.

Condensed Balance Sheet March 31 1925 (After Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Cash	\$296,779	Notes & accept. payable	\$365,430
Notes & acc'ts receivable	677,799	Acc'ts pay., incl. accrued	312,444
Inventory	1,137,127	1st Mtge. 6s	500,000
Personal & miscell. acc'ts		Reserve for taxes and contingencies	9,523
receivable & invest'g.	7,277	8% Preferred stock	1,604,200
Land, bldgs. & equipment	1,004,462	Surplus	x452,991
Pats., tr.-mks. & good-will			
Prepaid expenses, etc.	121,140		
Total		\$3,244,588	\$3,244,588

x Represented by 25,000 shares of no par value Common stock.

Getty & Scott, Ltd., Galt, Ont.—Bonds Offered.—

W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., Toronto, are offering at par and interest \$250,000 First Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated July 2 1925; due July 2 1940. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in gold at office of Bank of Toronto at Galt, Ont., Toronto, Ont., Montreal, Que., and at National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Redeemable for sinking fund during first five years at 105; during the second five years at 103½ and during the last period of five years at 102. Issue may also be called as a whole after 1930 at the above prices. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. Toronto General Trusts Corp., Toronto, trustee.

Capitalization.

Capital stock (fully paid)	\$400,000
First Mortgage bonds (Closed)	250,000
Security	These bonds constitute a first (closed) mortgage on the property, plant, stock and other assets of company at Galt, Ont., manufacturers of women's and children's footwear and one of the oldest and most successful shoe manufacturers in Canada.

Sinking Fund.—Trust deed provides for a sinking fund, commencing 1927, of \$10,000 per annum, plus the interest from canceled bonds.

Earnings.—Average earnings for the past 15 years, after providing operating expenses, maintenance charges and providing for losses caused by the deflation and post-war conditions, have been \$36,864 per annum, while earnings for 1924 amount to \$38,012. Normal earnings of company would be about \$75,000 per annum.

Company.—Business was established in 1900 and has shown steady and consistent growth with results that have been exceedingly satisfactory.

Gilchrist Co.—Listing.—

There has been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 106,667 shares (without par value) Common stock. Transfer agent, Atlantic National Bank, Boston. Registrar, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. See also V. 120, p. 3320.

Gillette-Kerr Investment Co. (Ritz Building), Tulsa, Okla.—Bonds Offered.—

Prescott, Wright, Snider & Co., Kansas City, Mo., are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 6½% according to maturity \$275,000 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated July 6 1925; due serially July 1 1927-35. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., or Bankers Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. all or by maturities in inverse order of maturity, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at ½ of 1% per year for the unexpired period. Int. payable without deduction of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Kansas 2¼-mill tax refunded. First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., trustee; Security National Bank, Tulsa, Okla., co-trustee.

Property.—The property of the company is located on the southeast corner of 1st St. and Boulder Ave., Tulsa, Okla. The buildings will consist of a new 8-story office building of brick and fireproof construction, now being erected, a 3-story brick office building a joining on the east, two 2-story brick buildings and one 1-story brick building a joining on the south, an 1 1/2 story fireproof de luxe theatre now being erected with a seating capacity of 1,500. The leasehold estate and improvements will represent a value of \$800,000.

Guaranty.—These bonds will be unconditionally guaranteed individually, by endorsement by J. M. Gillette, P. M. Kerr, E. L. Mills and C. W. Gillette, whose signed financial statements indicate a total net worth, excluding the equity in this property, in excess of \$1,200,000.

Glidden Co.—Develops New Preparation—Earnings.—

The company will soon announce the development of a new paint by their laboratories to be known as Lacq. The new product, it is said, is a development out of Lacqueroid, now used by a number of the more important automobile manufacturers. The new preparation is said to be neither a paint nor a varnish but has the advantages of both. Among its individual features are its quick drying qualities and the ease of application. With the introduction of Lacq, the company adds another number to its already diversified line of products. Among the other well-known brands of paint owned and manufactured by the company is Jap-a-lac, Gliddens, Skin-Cop, New-Sure, Nubian Iron Enamel, &c. The company also controls exclusive American rights for the manufacture of Ripolin, formerly made entirely in Holland and France. Company controls through its subsidiaries practically all the raw material it uses, following every operation from the production of raw materials to the delivery of the finished product to the consumer. It operates 15 plants and has a chain of 21 retail stores throughout the South.

Sales and Net Profits for May and Seven Months Ended May 31 1925.

May.		7 Months.	
Sales	\$2,281,348	\$13,777,976	
Net, after taxes	\$209,833	\$1,345,226	

The profits, after allowance for Federal taxes for the first seven months of the present fiscal year, are about the same as profits after Federal taxes for the whole twelve months of the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1924, when they amounted to about \$1,355,000. It is understood that June business indicates a gain in sales of 33% over June 1924, while June profits are expected to run three times those of June last year.—V. 120, p. 2821, 3072.

Gottfredson Corp., Ltd., Walkerville, Ont.—Stock Offered.—

R. A. Daly & Co., Campbell, Thompson & Co., Toronto, and O'Brien & Williams, Montreal, are offering at \$25 per share 20,000 Common stock (without par value).

Capitalization (No Bonds)	Authorized.	Issued.
Common shares (no par value)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Data From Letter of President Benjamin Gottfredson.

Company.—Is an amalgamation of the American Auto Trimming Co., Ltd., Walkerville, Ont. (established in 1912), and the Gottfredson Truck Corp., Ltd., Walkerville, Ont. (established in 1920). This merger was effected as at Dec. 31 1924. Company manufactures motor trucks, buses and taxi cabs, makes automobile bodies and does automobile painting and trimming of all kinds. This business is an outgrowth of a small original investment, the present assets having been built up largely out of earnings. In addition, substantial dividends have been paid to the shareholders. The Canadian company has acquired from the parent company, known as the Gottfredson Corp., Detroit, exclusive rights for the sale of the Gottfredson truck in Canada and Great Britain as well as in all other British possessions. Principal plant and head office located at Walkerville, Ont., and sales offices and service stations are located at Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton, Quebec, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Sydney, N. S., as well as in London, Eng.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the business after depreciation and Federal taxes for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1924 have averaged \$185,916. If to this is added the saving of \$67,000 per annum which should be effected as a result of the amalgamation the total average net earnings for the past five years would be \$252,000, or at the rate of \$25 per share of the new company. Earnings for the current year are running in excess of that figure.

Dividends.—Directors have signified their intention of placing the stock on an initial dividend basis of \$1 50 per share per annum, payable quarterly, being at the rate of 6% on the selling price.

Sales.—The turnover of the company in Canada for the past four years has been as follows: 1921, \$1,575,645; 1922, \$1,933,357; 1923, \$2,339,979; 1924, \$2,588,514.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Stores, Inc.—June Sales.—

1925—June—1924.	Increase.	1925—6 Mos.—1924.	Increase.
\$635,000	\$474,034	\$160,966	\$3,255,971
			\$2,778,382

—V. 120, p. 3072, 2949.

Grayling Lumber Co.—Redemption of Bonds.—

Certain 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds dated Aug. 1 1911 and due Feb. 1 1927 to Aug. 1 1928, incl., and numbered as follows: M-932 to 1835, incl., at \$1,000 each; D-272 to 300, incl., at \$500 each and C-136 to 150, incl., at \$100 each (total \$920,000), have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 101 and int. at the Security Trust Co., trustee, Detroit, Mich., or at the Bankers' Trust Co., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Griffin Wheel Co.—Preferred Stock Called.—

All of the outstanding Preferred stock has been called for redemption Aug. 1 at 115 and divs. at the office of the transfer agent, the Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass. The company is a subsidiary of the American Steel Foundries.—V. 120, p. 2556.

Guaranty Co. of Maryland (Del.).—Listing.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,000,000 10-Year Collateral Trust Sinking Fund Gold notes, dated June 1 1925, due June 1 1935. See also V. 120, p. 3321.

Hall Switch & Signal Co.—To Sell Property at Price to Net Par for Bond and \$25 for each Share of Pref. Stock—Nothing for Common Stockholders.—

The bondholders' and Preferred stockholders' committee (William S. Kies, Chairman), in a letter dated June 29 to the holders of the bonds and Preferred stock, says in substance:

The committee has been organized at the request of the larger holders of bonds and Preferred stock in order to endeavor to effect a sale of the assets and business of the company. The large holders of bonds and Preferred stock, after carefully analyzing the situation, have decided that it is practically hopeless ever to expect a sufficient growth of the company's business to enable it to set up the necessary sinking fund on its bonds, hence making it impossible ever to pay dividends on the Preferred stock. The present assets of the company, if liquidated, could not possibly produce enough to pay off the bonds at par.

The analysis of the business made by the committee shows that this company is unable to compete with the larger companies for the following reasons:

(1) The manufacturing facilities of this company are not modern and do not permit of production upon the same efficient and economical basis as the facilities of its larger competitors. (2) Company is primarily equipped to manufacture automatic D. C. block signals and can not economically produce alternating current signals and electrical and mechanical interlocking equipment which are manufactured by its larger competitors. The electrical and mechanical interlocking equipment constitute approximately 50% of the requirements of the railroads, and the railroads do not like to order their equipment from two different sources, but prefer to place their orders with companies that can furnish all necessary items.

(3) Company does not by itself control patents that are sufficiently broad to enable it to manufacture the modern type of equipment required by the railroads, and its attempts to supply such equipment led in the past to very expensive patent litigation which more than ate up any possible profit. The situation brought about the execution of the four party patent pooling agreement which was made in 1916 between this company and the General, Federal and Union companies.

(4) Under this four party patent arrangement this company must pay a royalty of 20% of the sales price upon any sales in excess of 10% of the combined sales of the four companies, and if its sales should fall below that 10%, it receives a royalty of 20% on the deficiency, but this royalty is subject to decrease and extinguishment if the company continues below 5% of the total business. Due to its inability to compete for the above reasons, this company has been in danger of doing less than 5% of the business, and, to keep up to this amount so as to receive royalties, it has been compelled to reduce prices to the point where its business must be unprofitable. By maintaining sales that amount to at least 5% of the total business, even though made at a loss, this company has been able to collect royalties, and in this way has earned its carrying charges. The four party agreement, however, contains a cancellation clause, and if it should be cancelled, the patent litigation would doubtless be reopened.

As a result of this study and analysis, this committee has been requested to act for the bondholders and Preferred stockholders in an endeavor to sell the assets of the company at a price which shall produce par for the bonds and at least \$25 per share for the Preferred stock, it being realized that such sale would be much more advantageous to this company's security holders than an attempt to continue with the business. The proceeds of the proposed sale cannot be sufficient to leave anything for the Common stock, but this committee has been informed that in view of the fact that the Common stock will be required to vote upon the proposed sale, an offer has been made through J. S. Bache & Co., 42 Broadway, N. Y. City, subject to the consummation of the sale, to purchase such amount of the Common stock as in their opinion may be necessary for the accomplishment of the sale.

All holders of bonds and Preferred stock are therefore urged to co-operate with this committee and to forward their securities not later than July 29 to the Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, New York, for deposit.

Committee.—William S. Kies, Chairman, Liston L. Lewis, Robert H. Gay, with H. F. Whitney, Sec., and Alexander Levine, counsel. Address of committee, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 116, p. 622.

Hayes Wheel Co., Jackson, Mich.—Bonds Retired.—

It is announced that the company has purchased \$135,000 of its outstanding bonds during the past two months, reducing the funded debt to \$674,000.—V. 120, p. 2262.

Heyden Chemical Co. of America, Inc.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Net sales-----	\$718,393	\$808,336	\$899,931	\$1,311,922
Cost & exp-----	765,226	837,009	869,431	1,437,266
Loss-----	\$46,833	\$28,673	sur\$30,500	\$125,344
Other income-----	852	28,845	-----	2,031
Total-----	loss\$45,981	\$172	\$30,500	loss\$123,313
Interest, &c-----	647	3,337	-----	115,482
Net loss-----	\$46,628	\$3,165	sur\$30,500	\$238,795

—V. 119, p. 203.

Holly Sugar Corporation.—1 3/4% Back Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 3/4% on account of back dividends and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred stock, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. Like amounts were paid in the previous five quarters. Dividends were resumed on the Pref. stock on Feb. 1 1924 by the payment of a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4%. Arrearages will, it is understood, total 7% after payment of the above dividends.—V. 120, p. 3196, 2556.

Hotel Traymore Co., Atlantic City.—Redemptions.—

All of the outstanding 3-Year 6% Secured Gold Notes, dated Jan. 2 1924 and First Mortgage bonds dated Jan. 1 1917, were called for redemption July 1 at 101 and interest and 102 and interest, respectively, at the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, Atlantic City, N. J.—V. 119, p. 2768.

Household Products, Inc.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote July 22 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares to 575,000 shares, no par value.—V. 120, p. 3321.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Assets—	Apr. 30 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Liabilities—	Apr. 30 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Furn., fixtures, &c.	\$114,476	\$98,331	Capital & surp.	\$10,421,605	\$6,494,672
Cash	107,284	125,532	Notes payable	575,000	250,000
Notes receivable	1,225	92,382	Accounts payable	468,246	608,230
Accounts receivable	380,132	203,969	Acer. gross prod. tax	9,301	10,999
Crude oil inventory	c30,193	12,096	Acer. ad valorem tax	2,290	3,700
Materials & supp.	366,786	347,060	Divs. payable	112,500	-----
Investments	6,875	6,875	Acer. payrolls, &c.	12,472	18,365
aConting't assets	149,524	82,393	dConting't liabils.	149,524	82,393
Prod. & non-prod. leases, &c.	10,490,070	6,488,998			
Deferred charges	104,372	10,725			

Total (each side) \$11,750,938 \$7,468,36

a Due from contribution toward dry holes, although not due until wells dry at certain depth. Also represents additional leasehold costs of leases produced, although not due until wells reach certain depth, or produce certain quantity of oil. b Includes 450,000 no par capital shares. c Not run to pipe lines April 30 1925. d Future probable production.—V. 120, p. 3222, 3196.

Icy Hot Bottle Co.—Pref. Div. Paid to Depositing Stock.

It is announced that Preferred stockholders who have deposited their stock for stock of the American Thermos Bottle Co. prior to July 1 will receive a premium of \$1 75 a share, to be paid them by the old American Thermos Bottle Co.

It is also announced that the dividend due July 1 on the Pref. shares would not be paid to non-depositing stockholders. Announcement was also made that the merger of the Icy Hot Bottle Co. and the American Thermos Bottle Co. into the new American Thermos

Bottle Co. of Ohio would shortly be effected, as sufficient Preferred stock of the Icy Hot Co. has been deposited. The businesses of the two companies have already been combined.—V. 119, p. 1849.

International Cement Corp.—Sub. Co. Acquisition.—

The Alabama Portland Cement Co., a subsidiary (incorporated in Delaware on June 25) has acquired all of the assets and properties of the Phoenix Portland Cement Co., at Birmingham, Ala.—V. 120, p. 3322.

International Paper Co.—Preferred Dividends.—

On April 29 1925, the directors declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the 6% Preferred stock and an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% Preferred stock, payable July 15 1925, to holders of record, July 7 1925.

Holders of the 6% Preferred stock surrendering their stock certificates on or before July 7 1925, either to Bankers Trust Co., 14 Wall Street, N. Y. City, or to the First National Bank of Boston, 67 Milk St., Boston, Mass., for exchange for the 7% Preferred stock, together with the requisite cash payment of \$10 per share, will be entitled to receive dividend payable July 15 on the 7% Preferred. (See also V. 120, p. 2276.)—V. 120, p. 3074.

International Shoe Co., St. Louis.—To Retire Present 8% Pref. Stock and Create An Issue of 6% Preferred Stock.—

The directors have voted to call the 8% Preferred stock, of which \$25,000,000 is authorized, and \$17,800,000 outstanding, for retirement at 115 and dividends. The stock will be redeemed at the offices of the company's transfer agents, the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. in St. Louis, and the Bankers Trust Co. in New York, on Dec. 1 next, and when offered within a reasonable time thereafter.

The statement to the Preferred stockholders says: "The company at the present time has on hand a considerable surplus of cash which can profitably be used in retiring its 8% Preferred stock. At no time has it felt the necessity to sell any of its issues of stock to the outside public. Realizing that there are many of the present Preferred stockholders who will wish to continue their investments with the company on a Preferred stock basis, it will be proposed that the certificate of incorporation be amended by providing that in lieu of the 250,000 shares of 8% Preferred stock, par \$100, authorized, there shall be authorized 250,000 shares of 6% Preferred stock, par \$100, dividends on such stock to be payable at the rate of 50 cents per share per month, the first dividend being due and payable on Jan. 1 1926 and that at the present time not to exceed 100,000 shares of this 6% stock be issued.

It will also be proposed that the holders of the 8% Preferred stock, whose stock is called for redemption, be given two options: (1) To take all cash at \$115 a share for their holdings, or (2) to take \$115 a share in cash for one-half their holdings and for the other half to take for each share \$15 in cash and one share of the new 6% Preferred stock, notice of election to take this option to be given to the company in writing not later than Sept. 15 1925.

President Frank C. Rand recently said in part: "Our shipments in May totaled \$9,892,000, a gain of about \$200,000 over May 1924. This is approximately the same ratio of gain as shown for the first five months of the fiscal year, when shipments increased about \$1,000,000. We are now producing somewhat over 150,000 pairs of shoes a day, six days a week, against 123,000 pairs a day a year ago. By Sept. 1 we will be producing at a new factory at Perryville, Mo., which will have capacity for about 3,000 pairs a day. We are also equipping a new rubber heel factory at Hannibal, Mo."—V. 120, p. 3074.

Iron Cap Copper Co.—To Close Mill.—

In a letter to stockholders, Pres. F. P. Knight says: "At a meeting of directors it was voted that Mr. Woodward (Superintendent) be authorized to shut down the mill as soon as preparations for doing so can be made. This action was taken because of Mr. Woodward's advice that it could not be operated at a profit upon the limited amount of commercial milling ore now daily available. Mining will be continued at the eastern section of the property and the ore sent directly to the smelter. The mill will stay down until conditions created by litigation have been changed and arrangements made for intensive development work to provide additional ore.

"We have received a telegram from Globe saying, 'Supreme Court (of Arizona) entered order allowing rehearing in Iron Cap case.' Stockholders should not sell their shares. Recent developments make the outlook more favorable and more than ever advisable for you to cooperate with the management in its plans for the future."—V. 120, p. 2689, 1336.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

First 24 Weeks of Year—	1925.	1924.	Increase.
Sales-----	\$6,464,992	\$6,322,533	\$142,459

—V. 120, p. 2950, 2409, 2018.

Kardex Rand Co., Tonawanda, N. Y.—Takes Over Third Independent Card Record System.—

President James H. Rand Jr. announced June 30 the consolidation of the Index Visible Co. of New Haven, Conn., with the Kardex Rand Co. and the purchase of the Add Index Co.'s finding and filing machine business and patents.

Within three months Mr. Rand has purchased and consolidated with his company three independent visible card record systems. Last March he bought and merged the Rand Company, founded and owned by his father, with the Kardex Company under the new name of Kardex Rand. The new company has a capitalization of \$10,500,000, sales agencies throughout the United States and 61 foreign countries, and factories in Tonawanda, N. Y., Canada and Germany.

Professor Irving Fisher of Yale and Oliver G. Jennings, a director of the Index Visible Co., and of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., have been made directors of the Kardex Rand Co., and Charles S. Campbell, President of the Index Visible Co., has been made director, Vice-President and Assistant General Manager of the Kardex Rand Co.

The Add Index Co., which is a subsidiary of the American Can Co., also retires from the visible card record business with the sale of the finding and filing machine to the Kardex Rand Co., and will specialize in the manufacture of adding machines.

Kelly Springfield Tire Co.—New President.—

S. Wolmer Jr. has been elected President, succeeding A. L. Scheuer, resigned.—V. 120, p. 3197.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 25 on certificates of interest, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 11. This is the same amount paid Jan. 31 last and places the stock on a \$2 50 annual basis.—V. 119, p. 2588.

Lexington-Thirty-second Street Corp.—Trustee.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed trustee of an authorized issue of \$600,000 6% Serial Mtge. Gold bonds of the corporation.

(Fred T.) Ley & Co., Inc.—Notes Offered.—Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at prices ranging from 97.26 and interest to 100.48 and interest, to yield from 5 1/2% to 6 3/8%, according to maturity, \$800,000 Secured Serial 6% Gold notes.

Dated Jan. 5 1925; due annually July 1926 to 1935. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Redeemable in reverse order of maturities at 102 and interest. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Company will refund Penn. and Conn. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 mills per annum, the Maryland personal property tax not in excess of 4 1/2 mills per annum, the District of Columbia personal property tax not in excess of 5 mills per annum, and the Mass. income tax up to 6% of interest.

Data from Letter of Fred T. Ley, Treasurer of Company.

Company.—Business was originated in 1893 by Fred T. Ley and in 1905 was incorporated in Massachusetts. Has developed into one of the largest and best known contracting and building organizations in the country. Commencing over thirty years ago with a capital of \$500, the net worth of the company now amounts to over \$3,300,000. Company's organization is equipped to handle all classes of construction work, and specializes in the following types of construction: Monumental buildings, reinforced concrete construction, mill construction, foundations, piling, dams, bridges, railroads, power houses, water-works systems, transmission lines, under-

ground conduit. Company has its own equipment and all construction work is under direct supervision of its own engineers, superintendents and foremen. At least 75% of the company's business is done on a cost plus basis, insuring stability of its earnings.

Collateral.—Notes will be secured by deposit with the trustee of second mortgage real estate bonds aggregating \$1,020,000 in principal amount (or 27 1/2% in excess of this issue).

Earnings Available for Interest, Depreciation and Federal Taxes, Years Ended Feb. 28.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Amount, Year, Amount. Rows for 1917-1919 and 1920-1922.

Ownership.—The majority of the Capital stock of the company is owned by Fred T. Ley, Harold A. Ley and Leo L. Ley, who are also the principal officers of the company actively in control of its management.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to refund bank loans and other indebtedness, and for other corporate purposes.—V. 120, p. 3322.

(Louis K.) Liggett Co.—Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Month, 1925, 1925, 1924. Rows for May, April, and total sales.

Liggett's International, Ltd., Inc.—Dissolved.—

The stockholders on June 30 voted to dissolve the corporation and approved the transfer to the United Drug Co., the parent company, the entire business and assets of the Liggett's International, Ltd., Inc. (See also United Drug Co. in V. 120, p. 464.)—V. 120, p. 459.

Lion Oil Refining Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the five months ended May 31 1925 net income of \$943,000 after depreciation but before depletion.—V. 120, p. 2689, 1888.

Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd.—Special Common Div.—

A special dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the Common stock, payable to shareholders of record June 30.—V. 120, p. 2156.

Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel Co., Omaha, Neb.—

Bonds Offered.—Peters Trust Co. and Stern Bros. & Co., Omaha, are offering at prices ranging from 96 1/2% and int. to 100.48 and int., to yield from 5 1/2% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity, \$500,000 6% 1st (closed) Mtge. gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1925; due serially June 1 1926 to 1935. Int. payable J. & D. at Peters Trust Co., Omaha, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 with \$500 and \$100 cts. Red., Dec. 1 1925 at 103 and int., on June 1 and Dec. 1 1926 at 102 and int., and at 101 and int. on any int. date thereafter until Dec. 1 1934, on and after which date they shall be red. at par and int. provided, however, that the premium in no case shall be more than 1/2 of 1% for each full year the bonds have still to run. Principal payable at Peters Trust Co., trustee. Exempt from personal property taxes in Nebraska. Company agrees to refund the present Kansas 2 1/2-mill tax.

Company.—Incorp. in 1904. Is one of the largest producers of sand and gravel in the Middle West, producing a substantial part of all the sand and gravel used in Nebraska. In addition to the furnishing of sand for construction work of all kinds, the company has developed a process for the producing of a sand and gravel mixture which is used very largely in the making of concrete for building purposes and for pavements and highways. Company is also the largest producer in this part of the West of gravel for road purposes. Company owns 2,263 acres of Nebraska land located largely in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass and Dodge Counties, and has under lease 1,130 acres additional. All of this property contains sand and gravel deposits.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire outstanding mortgages, complete payment for properties purchased under contract, furnish the company additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is provided by which the company agrees to pay to the trustee each year, commencing April 1 1927, 20% of its net profits for the preceding year for retirement by call or purchase from offerings at not to exceed the callable price, the longest maturities of bonds outstanding.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for interest, Federal taxes and depreciation: 1919, \$149,739; 1920, \$178,689; 1921, \$158,255; 1922, \$306,576; 1923, \$312,689; 1924, \$217,312. Maximum annual interest on this issue, \$30,000. For the first 5 months of 1925 both the volume of business transacted by the company and the net earnings are larger than for any similar period in the company's history.

Capitalization.—After giving effect to present financing and a stock dividend to be declared on the outstanding Common stock, the capitalization outstanding will be as follows: Common stock, \$1,000,000; 1st Mtge. bonds (this issue), \$500,000.

Manhattan Electrical-Supply Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet.

Balance Sheet table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for various financial items like Fixed assets, depreciation, Pat's goodwill, etc.

* Authorized 250,000 no par shares outstanding, 70,000 shares. A comparative income account for the three months ended March 31 was given in V. 120, p. 3322.

Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc.—New President.—

John F. Schurch, Vice-President, has been elected President, succeeding J. M. Davis, who was recently elected President of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—V. 120, p. 1212.

Martin-Parry Corporation.—Sales.—

Table with 3 columns: Six Months Ended June 30, 1925, 1924. Rows for Sales and V. 120, p. 2690.

Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd. (of Del.)—Annual Report.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows for Profit from operations, Int. & amort. chgs., Depreciation, etc.

Balance, surplus, —def. \$3,629,640 \$2,811,908 \$18,602,587 \$6,340,734 Total sur. end. prev. yr. \$46,657,967 \$43,754,108 \$25,151,521 \$18,810,787 Miscellaneous credits, 91,952 Unamort. disc., &c., 849,407

P. & L. sur. Dec. 31.—\$42,178,921 \$46,657,967 \$43,754,108 \$25,151,521—V. 120, p. 3199.

Middle States Oil Corporation.—\$8,039,076 in Debt—

Income Tax, \$10,836,765.—Former Judge Julius M. Mayer and Joseph P. Tumulty, receivers, reported to Federal Judge Knox July 1 that claims amounting to \$8,039,076 had been presented to the corporation, besides other large claims against some of the subsidiary companies. These claims, it was explained, are exclusive of income tax assessments which have been levied against the corporation and its subsidiaries and which aggregate \$10,836,765.

During Mr. Mayer's presentation of the situation to the Court it became clear that the receivers consider that no successful reorganization of the properties can be accomplished unless the Government's claims for tax payments are eliminated or are reduced to a figure that it will be possible to pay. How much the company could pay was not stated, but after the open discussion of the situation it was suggested that perhaps the corporation might be able to pay \$2,000,000 of the total sum claimed, and that it would not be fair for the Government to insist upon any payment whatever. This thought was based on the proposition that the taxes were mainly on alleged income in periods when the corporation was nearing bankruptcy.

Part of the report of the receivers read:

"A special master has been appointed to pass on all disputed claims, as well as to determine the state of the accounts between Middle States and its subsidiaries themselves. The receivers hope that many claims may be either defeated altogether or materially reduced. Until the special master makes his final report and certain negotiations the receivers are now conducting are concluded, no definite statement can be made as to the total debt, and in view of the constant and at times violent fluctuations in the value of all properties and of controversies respecting stock ownership in certain subsidiaries, no definite or satisfactory statement can now be made as to the value of Middle States' assets."

It was said that the Middle States has 38 subsidiaries, besides a large interest in other active corporations, either through stock ownership or as a creditor, and that there are also a number of inactive corporations. This brings the total number of corporations in which Middle States is directly or indirectly interested up to 55. Of the 38 Middle States subsidiaries stock interests range from 21 to 100%.

The receivers reported that protective committees have been appointed by the stockholders of the Middle States by the holders of its serial notes and by the holders of bonds of the United Oil Producers Corp. and Oil Lease Development Co.

Of the 38 subsidiaries the report of the receivers said: "Twenty-four corporations hold properties consisting mainly of oil and gas leases, together with the usual equipment necessary for the operation thereof. In one instance the property owned is a refinery. The total acreage, either covered by oil or gas leases or owned in fee, is approximately 29,824; total producing acreage, approximately 12,738; total number of leases, 153; number of producing wells, 717; approximate daily settled or semi-settled production, 4,400 barrels."

The receivers reported that the books, records and accounts of the Middle States and its subsidiaries prior to Jan. 1 1924, "were so incomplete, complicated and confused that it was impossible readily to ascertain approximately the financial condition of the companies or their true financial relations to one another."

"This made it necessary, it was explained, to employ experts in the field and accountants to 'make an audit of the books in an endeavor to disentangle the accounting situation.'—V. 120, p. 3199.

Mills Building Co., Oakland, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—

Shingle, Brown & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$260,000 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. Leasehold Gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1925, due serially 1929-1945. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Central National Bank, Oakland, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. on 30 days' notice, prior to maturity, on any int. date, at 105 and int. to and incl. May 1 1927; thereafter at 1/2 of 1% less each year to and incl. May 1 1932; thereafter at 102 and int. Central National Bank, Oakland, trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Security.—Secured by a first (closed) mortgage on the modern, 4-story and basement store and office building at the northeast corner of 19th St. and Broadway, Oakland, fronting 93 ft. on Broadway and 150 ft. on 19th and the company's leasehold interest in the property on which it is situated.

The building and leasehold interest in the property, mortgaged to secure these bonds, is independently appraised by R. W. Kittrelle at \$533,000 and by Fred E. Reed at \$545,500.

Earnings.—Since completion 2 1/2 years ago, the building has been practically 100% occupied, most of the present leases calling for advancing rentals. On the basis of present rentals, net income after all operating charges and taxes is approximately \$43,000, or 2 1/2 times maximum interest charges on these bonds.

Mira-Mar Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—

Leight, Holzer & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 1st Mtge. Serial 6 1/2% Coupon bond issue. Dated May 22 1925.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land (75 x 238 1/2 ft.) owned in fee, and a 3-story and high basement, semi-fireproof apartment building, to be erected at 6218-6222 Woodlawn, Chicago, and a first lien on the income. The building will contain 172 one-room suites attractively furnished. 100 will have private bath and 72 will have connecting bath.

The value of the entire security is estimated at \$475,000. Of this figure, \$415,000 is allotted to the building, furniture and equipment. The land, in the opinion of experts, is valued at \$60,000.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—June Sales.—

1925—June—1924. 1925—June—1924. 1925—June—1924. \$14,430,960 \$13,039,315 \$1,391,645 \$82,425,775 \$75,725,618 \$6,700,157

President Theodore F. Merseles is quoted as saying: "The outlook for the mail order business is particularly good for the next six months. Our June sales and sales for the six months ended June 30 were the largest in the history of the company for that period. Earnings for the first half of the year have been exceptional. There is a good chance that before the close of the year the company will pay off the \$7 back dividend on the Class A stock.—V. 120, p. 2952.

Morgan Lithograph Co., Cleveland.—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on June 25 increased the authorized Common stock from 60,000 shares of no par value to 100,000 shares. The Common stockholders of record May 26 were recently given the right to subscribe on or before June 11 for 30,000 new shares of Common stock at \$52 50 per share, in the ratio of one new share for each two shares held. The proceeds are to be used to pay for the purchase of additional properties.

It was recently announced that agreements have been reached whereby the company will purchase the assets of three large New York lithograph companies, namely, Butts Lithograph Co., Inc., its subsidiary J. H. Tooker Printing Co., and the Ritchey Lithographing Corp. Plants of the three companies are located near New York City.—V. 120, p. 2823.

Mortgage & Acceptance Corp. (of Delaware), Baltimore.—

Notes Offered.—Barroll, Corkran & Co., W. W. Lanahan & Co., Strother, Brogden & Co., and Stein Bros. & Boyce, are offering \$2,000,000 6% Collateral Trust notes, Series "A," dated May 1 1925, as follows: \$500,000 due May 1 1928 at 99 1/2 and interest, to yield 6.20%; \$500,000 due May 1 1930 at 99 and interest, to yield 6.20%, and \$1,000,000 due May 1 1935 at 98 1/2 and interest, to yield 6.20%.

Interest payable M. & N. at Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to reimburse the holder of these notes, if demanded within 60 days after payment for the State, county or municipal taxes paid by the holder not to exceed 5 mills per dollar of assessed value thereof. Denom. \$100 cts. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date upon one month's notice at 102 1/2.

Data from Letter of N. S. Hall, President of the Company.

Company.—Has been incorporated since May 3 1921. Home office located in Baltimore, and branches have been established in Buffalo, Charlotte, Chattanooga, Cleveland, Harrisburg, Jacksonville and Pittsburgh, in addition to which the company has representatives in all the leading cities in the territory in which it operates. Business is "commercial banking."

Company has restricted itself exclusively to the purchasing of commercial paper secured by liens on automobiles. This paper is secured by liens on cars on which, in most cases, the purchaser has paid a minimum of one-third in cash, the balance to be paid usually over a period of one year in twelve equal installments. Company also discounts notes and drafts covering the stocking of new cars by the dealer, who is required to make a down payment of from 10% to 20% of the cost of the car to him. Company always protects itself by insurance against fire, theft, transportation risks, &c. The volume of notes purchased on an average capital of \$716,667 from July 1 1924 to May 31 1925, was \$9,144,721. The average of the receivables held by the company is approximately \$460. During the entire life of this company, its losses have averaged less than 1-5 of 1% of the total volume of paper purchased. On \$4,507,255 of notes receivables only \$3,987 were over sixty days past due as of May 31 1925.

Security.—Series "A" Collateral Trust notes (this issue), and the Series "AA" short-term Collateral Trust notes, issued by the corporation, are direct obligations of the company, secured ratably, and without preference, by self-liquidating receivables, deposited with the trustee.

The security behind these notes will, therefore, be as follows: (1) The deposit of receivables at the rate of \$120, or \$100 in cash or bank or trust,

company certificates of deposit, for each \$100 total notes outstanding. (2) The paid-in capital, surplus and undivided profits of the company, amounting to \$1,561,250 as of June 2 1925. (3) The obligations of the purchasers, widely diversified as to localities and occupations. (4) The endorsement or repurchase agreement of the dealers on over 75% of the purchaser's obligations.

Earnings.—The volume of notes purchased on an average capital of \$716,667 from July 1 1924 to May 31 1925 was \$9,147,721 and the net income, after deducting operating expenses, taxes and losses, was \$203,929, out of which reserves were set up and regular annual dividends of 8% paid on the Preferred stock, leaving \$114,132 which was carried to deferred income and undivided profits. Dividends at the rate of 8% on the company's Preferred stock has been paid regularly during the period of its operation.

Period—	5 Months May 31 1924.	12 Months 1924.
Volume of business	\$5,891,781	\$6,444,818
Net earnings before interest (incl. deferred acc'ts)	217,660	169,814
Interest paid or accrued	67,662	60,903
Times interest earned	3.22	2.79

Purpose.—To retire a substantial amount of current loans with its depositary banks. Company's indebtedness and interest requirements will not be increased.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these notes on the Baltimore Stock Exchange. See also V. 120, p. 3322, 3075.

New England Lime Co. (Del.).—Bonds Offered.—Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, are offering at 99½ and int. \$1,350,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1935. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for 2% normal Federal income tax. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par plus a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof between date of redemption and date of maturity. Penn. and Conn. 4-mills taxes and 6% Mass. income tax refundable. Auth. \$2,000,000.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning July 1 1927, 25% of net earnings for each year will be devoted to the sinking fund for the retirement of bonds, with the further provision that the minimum to be paid in any year shall be \$50,000.

Data from Letter of President J. King McLaughlin Jr., June 15. Company.—Incorp. June 22 1925 in Delaware. Successor to the New England Lime Co. (of New York), which was incorporated in 1902 as a merger of seven of the largest companies in western Massachusetts and Connecticut. Company produces both high calcium (chemical) and magnesium (building) lime from seven modern plants serving one of the best industrial territories in the United States.

Company's high calcium quarries and deposits at Adams, Rockdale and New Lenox, Mass., and North Pownal, Vt., are among the most accessible and valuable deposits in the district. Its magnesium deposits at Canaan, East Canaan, New Milford and Redding, Conn., comprise large quantities of high-grade stone. Capacity of plants is about 3,500 barrels of lime of 280 lbs. each daily.

Company produces high calcium granular lime, high calcium lime, magnesium lime, whitening, asphalt filler and hydrated lime. Its trade brands are thoroughly established as products known for their very high quality throughout its territory. It is the only large producer of the famous New England Granular Lime.

Earnings Available for Interest, Depreciation, Depletion and Taxes, Years Ended June 30.

1920	\$294,790	1922	\$422,329	1924	\$565,713
1921	240,999	1923	435,098	1925 (10 mos.)	406,181

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be applied on the purchase price of the assets of the New England Lime Co. (of New York).

Balance Sheet April 30 1925 (After Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$187,951	Accounts payable	\$42,695
Receivables	127,027	Accruals	22,534
Inventories	190,211	Reserve for Federal taxes	57,151
Fixed assets	3,692,390	1st Mtge. 6s	1,350,000
Deferred charges	137,623	7% Cum. Pref. stock—	
		Series "A"	600,000
		Series "B"	400,000
		Com.stk(30,000sh.,nopar)	1,862,832
Total (each side)	\$4,335,201		

New England Oil Refining Co.—Note Issue Approved.—The stockholders on June 27 approved the issue of \$1,500,000 7½-Year Participating 7% Gold notes of the New England Venezuela Co. (with participation warrants attached) which are being offered to general mortgage bondholders and shareholders of the New England Oil Refining Co. at 95 and interest. See also V. 120, p. 3200.

New England Venezuela Co.—Note Issue Approved.—See New England Oil Refining Co. below.—V. 120, p. 3200.

New York Dock Co.—New Interests.—G. Benenson, capitalist and owner of the building at 165 Broadway, has acquired the stock holdings of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. in the New York Dock Co. It is also said that the same interests will also obtain this month the holdings of A. Iselin & Co. and Roosevelt & Son, and will then own 50% of the outstanding \$10,000,000 issue of Preferred stock. Concerning the transaction Mr. Benenson said: "I have acquired a substantial interest in the New York Dock Co. for the reason that I am a great believer in its future."

The block of stock purchased by Mr. Benenson from the Mutual Life amounted to 15,000 shares, and the holdings to be acquired by the end of July from the Iselin and Roosevelt interests comprise together about 35,000 shares, giving the new interests 50,000 of the 100,000 shares of Preferred stock outstanding. Preferred and Common stocks of the company carry equal voting rights. The estimated cost of the entire holdings of the Benenson interests is believed to have been between \$3,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

Robert W. Dowling will represent the new interests on the board of directors and the executive committee. Charles A. Peabody and Charles S. Brown, who represented the Mutual Life interests, have resigned.—V. 120, p. 2090.

Nizer Corporation.—Earnings.

Period—	3 Mos. End. March 31 25.	April 1925.	May 1925.	Total 5 Mos.
Net. after taxes & charges	\$206,921	\$162,882	\$200,099	\$569,902

—V. 120, p. 3076, 2020.

Ohio River Co.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—The Bank of Pittsburgh N. A. and McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburgh, are offering at 100 and int. \$475,000 6½% Certificates, Series "A," issued under Philadelphia plan.

Dated June 15 1925, due serially June 1927 to 1935. Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Phila., trustee. Divs. payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000. Red. as a whole only on any div. date upon 60 days' notice at 102½ to and incl. June 15 1930; at 102 to and incl. June 15 1931; at 101½ to and incl. June 15 1932; at 101 to and incl. June 15 1933; at 100½ to and incl. June 15 1934, thereafter at par. Prin. and divs. payable at the office of the trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%—Pennsylvania 4 mill tax refunded.

Data From Letter of Cohen C. Arnold, Vice-Pres. of the Company. **Security.**—Secured by title to 30 all-steel barges now under construction and a steamboat to be hereafter built at a total cost of \$633,000. The equipment will be leased to the company at a rental sufficient to pay all certificates, dividend warrants and other charges as they become due. An agreement has been made between the company, the trustee, and the West Virginia Coal & Coke Co., under the terms of which the latter company binds itself to provide the Ohio River Co. with capacity tonnage during the life of the certificates at a transportation rate sufficient to pay all certificates, dividends and other charges, and further provides that in the event such tonnage is not supplied, it will advance such sums as are necessary to pay the certificates, dividends and other charges; all payments in every case to be made direct to the trustee.

Company.—All of the capital stock owned by the West Virginia Coal & Coke Co. Company will engage in the transportation of coal by river from Huntington, W. Va., to Cincinnati, O., and adequate terminal facilities

at both cities have been provided for by the company. The earnings of the company, conservatively estimated by competent authorities, will be in excess of \$250,000 per annum, more than 8 times the maximum annual dividend on the entire issue, and more than 2½ times the combined maximum dividend and serial payment required to be made at any maturity date.

West Virginia Coal & Coke Co.—Company controls over 800,000,000 tons of high grade bituminous coal in West Virginia, and is equipped with 40 modern mines having an average annual output for the past 7 years in excess of 2,690,000 tons, and in recent months at a rate in excess of 3,500,000 tons per annum. Company's reserves consists of the well known "New River," "Pitcairns," "Freepot," "Kittanning," "Island Creek," "Campbell Creek," "Eagle," and other seams, which produce coals of high quality suitable for by-product coke manufacture, domestic, gas, steam and metallurgical purposes. All properties are operated on a non-union basis.

Balance Sheet of West Virginia Coal & Coke Co. Jan. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Coal leaseholds	\$2,289,997	Preferred stock, "A"	\$2,167,700
Real est. & coal lands, less depletion	11,597,518	Preferred stock, "B"	5,900,000
Mining plants & equip. less depreciation	11,458,293	Common (200,000 shares no par)	5,233,544
Elkins real estate	45,703	1st Mtge. 6s	10,000,000
Cash	3,058,048	Notes payable	351,300
Accounts receivable	700,080	Accounts payable	131,484
Notes receivable	134,408	Dividends payable	195,093
Inventories	422,096	Accrued interest	154,062
Deferred charges	1,063,332	Accr. taxes (incl. Fed.)	49,048
Investments	216,187	Miscellaneous	1,090
		Surplus	6,112,345
Total	\$30,985,666	Total	\$30,895,666

Old Ben Coal Corporation.—Debentures Called.—Certain of the outstanding 10-Year 7½% debentures, dated Aug. 1 1924, aggregating \$125,000, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 110 and interest at the Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, or at the National City Bank, New York City.—V. 120, p. 838, 94.

Oil Well Supply Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Blair & Co., Inc., New York, and Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh have sold at \$100 per share \$6,000,000 Convertible 7% Cumulative Preferred (a. & d.) stock (par \$100).

Dividends payable Q.-F. Red. all or part at \$110 per share and divs. Dividend exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Free or present Penn. 4 mills tax.

Common Stock Offered.—A group consisting of Hornblower & Weeks, Chas. D. Barney & Co., Moore, Leonard & Lynch, and Bell & Beckwith, are offering 55,000 shares of Common stock at \$36 50 a share.

Share Capitalization on Completion of Capital Reclassification.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Conv. 7% Cum. Pref. stock (par \$100)	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Common stock (par \$25)	600,000 shs.	325,000 shs.
Company has no further debt except \$2,100,000 Serial First Mtge. 6% bonds due \$150,000 annually to June 1 1939, incl., representing the balance of an issue dated June 1 1919.		

Sinking Fund.—A regular cumulative sinking fund for the purchase or redemption of the Preferred stock at not exceeding 110 and divs. is to be provided by setting aside from the surplus or net profits on April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year commencing April 1 1926 a sum equal to 1% of the greatest amount of Pref. stock theretofore issued, that is, at the rate of 2% per annum. Company is to be credited on its regular sinking fund obligation with Preferred stock retired through conversions.

An additional sinking fund for the same purpose is also to be set apart on June 1 of each year by setting aside from net earnings an amount equal to 25% of the consolidated net earnings (as defined) of the preceding fiscal year remaining after deducting from such net earnings (a) the dividends paid and accrued on the Pref. stock for such fiscal year; (b) the regular sinking fund on the Pref. stock paid or accrued; (c) a sum equal to \$4 per share on the Common stock to be presently outstanding, that is, \$1,300,000.

Convertible Feature.—Preferred stock is to be convertible at the option of the holder at any time into the new Common stock on the basis of \$100 per share for the Pref. stock and the following prices for the Common stock: \$40 per share in the case of the first \$2,000,000 par value Pref. stock converted; \$45 per share for the next \$2,000,000 par value Pref. stock converted; and \$50 per share for the remaining Pref. stock converted. Accrued dividends are to be adjusted. If any Pref. stock shall be called for redemption, the right to convert is to extend up to 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

The new Common stock had an asset value of approximately \$65 per share as of Dec. 31 1924, based on the appraised value of the plants.

Dividend Record.—Company has an uninterrupted dividend record for over 25 years on its capital stock. It is the intention of the management on the completion of the present capital reclassification to place the new shares of Common stock on a dividend basis.

Listing.—Application is to be made to list the Convertible Pref. stock and Common stock in due course on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. Louis Brown, Pittsburgh, June 26. Company.—Business was originally, established in 1862 at Oil City, Pa., by John Eaton, the pioneer in this industry, and Oil Well Supply Co., Ltd., was organized with a capital of \$300,000 in 1878. From that beginning the capital and surplus increased entirely out of accumulated earnings to over \$23,000,000 on Dec. 31 1924. Present company was incorp. in Penn. in 1891. In 1904 the company acquired the R. H. Herron Co., which was engaged in the sale of oil and gas well material in California. The growth and success of the business over this long period has firmly established the trade name "Oilwell" throughout the world, wherever oil well goods are used.

This company (including subsidiaries) ranks as the largest manufacturer of machinery and supplies for drilling and operating oil and gas wells. The principal products manufactured include boilers, steam engines, steam engines, pumps, rotary machinery, pumping powers, drilling and fishing tools of all kinds, &c. In addition to its own output, the company and its subsidiaries distribute tubular goods and sundry supplies which are manufactured by others. In 1908 the consolidated sales were \$9,970,000; for the last five years they have averaged annually \$30,248,400, or over 300% of those for 1908. Company owns and operates 88 branches located at all important points throughout the oil and gas territory in the United States and Mexico. It also has a branch in London for the European and Oriental trade.

The principal manufacturing plants are located at Pittsburgh, Oil City and Bradford, Pa., Los Angeles, Calif., Oswego, N. Y., Poplar Bluffs, Mo., and Parkersburg, W. Va.

Earnings.—Consolidated net earnings of the company and subsidiaries for the five years ended Dec. 31 1924, after depreciation and Federal taxes, computed at current rates, available for dividends, averaged annually \$1,715,198, or 3¼ times the annual dividend requirements on the \$7,000,000 Pref. stock to be presently outstanding.

The consolidated net earnings, similarly computed, for the three years ended Dec. 31 1924, which included an extended period that was not favorable to drilling, averaged annually \$1,564,160, or nearly 3½ times the annual dividends on the new Preferred stock. These dividend requirements were earned in each of these three years with a substantial margin.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1924 (After Recapitalization).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$1,377,981	Accts pay., incl. accr.exp.	\$2,450,785
Liberty bonds (par value)	521,250	Balances due officers, employees & agents	25,222
Notes & acc'ts receivable	7,110,954	Prov. for Federal, State and Mexican taxes	92,432
Inventories	12,760,205	1st M. bonds due 1925	150,000
Prepaid expenses	81,943	Deferred credits	6,430
Balances due from empl's	49,905	1st Mtge. Serial 6s	2,025,000
Investments	335,545	Res. for contingencies	779,434
Sink. fd. for 1st M. bds.	12,815	Preferred stock	7,000,000
Prop., plant & equip'm't.	6,439,783	Common stock	8,125,000
Unamort. bond discount	74,674	Surplus	8,110,753
Total	\$28,765,056		

—V. 119, p. 2188.

Ontario Silver Mining Co.—To Be Merged.—See Park Utah Mining Co. below.—V. 120, p. 2279.

Ontario Biscuit Co., Buffalo.—\$2 Common Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share on the Common stock, in addition to an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the Common stock, and regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Preferred stock, all payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15.—V. 120, p. 2157.

(S.) Oppenheimer & Co.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 2% on the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 21. See also V. 120, p. 2824.

Otis Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Mth. of May—	5 Mos. to May 31—
	1925.	1925. 1924.
Net profits after charges but before depreciation	\$328,564	\$959,964 def\$121,785

—V. 120, p. 2279, 1337.

Owens Bottle Co., Toledo.—New President, &c.—William H. Boshart, Vice-President, was recently elected President of the company to succeed E. D. Libbey. Other officers elected are: William S. Walbridge, Chairman; William Ford, Vice-President and Chairman of the finance committee; Charles Boldt, Vice-President; John D. Biggers, Vice-President and General Sales Manager; F. L. Geddes, Secretary; H. H. Baker, Treasurer, and J. H. McNeerney, Assistant Sec. & Asst. Treas. The board of directors was increased from 11 to 12 members by the election of Charles H. Sabin, Chairman of the board of trustees of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Mr. Boshart also succeeded Mr. Libbey as a director. Mr. Biggers early in June reported that bottle sales for the first five months of this year were \$9,173,991, as compared with \$8,855,000 last year, an increase of \$318,000, or 3½%.—V. 120, p. 2824.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Prof. Stock Redemption.—The Preferred stock, which was recently called for payment Aug. 31 at 110 and divs., will be redeemed at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City, in addition to the Union Trust Co., Detroit. Pref. stockholders may present their holdings at any time prior to date of redemption and receive 110 and divs. to date of presentation.—V. 120, p. 3324.

Paige Detroit Motor Car Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Period—	Month of	5 Mos.
	May 1925.	May 31 '25.
Net profits	\$702,597	x\$1,922,855
Federal taxes (estimated)	87,825	240,357

Balance—\$614,772 \$1,682,498
x After all charges, including Preferred dividends.

President Jewett says: "We have on hand to-day \$4,770,000 cash. There is no abatement in orders for cars. We have all the business we can handle at present and indications are this condition will continue throughout the summer." The month of May, it is said, was the largest month in the history of the company, 5,481 Paige and Jewett cars being shipped.—V. 120, p. 3200, 2824.

Park City Mining & Smelting Co.—Merger.—See Park Utah Mining Co. below.—V. 120, p. 2411.

Park Shore Apartment Hotel, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Wallenberger & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int., \$700,000 First Mtge. Real Estate 6½% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1928 to 1938. Interest payable J. & J. at office of Wollenberger & Co., or may be collected through any bank. Callable at 102 and interest upon 60 days' notice to Wollenberger & Co. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% paid by borrower. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c*.

Security.—The Park Shore Apartment Hotel is a 12-story-and-basement fireproof building now being erected in the residential district of Chicago. The building is located on East 55th St., one block from Jackson Park (one of Chicago's finest recreation centres) and overlooking both the park and Lake Michigan. The building is of reinforced concrete and steel construction. It contains 57 large, luxurious apartments—also extra rooms for maids and service facilities of every kind.

Valuation.—The security for this bond issue includes the land, building and equipment of the Park Shore Apartment Hotel, representing a total valuation of \$1,250,000. This is \$550,000 more than the loan, which is only 56% of the appraised value of the mortgaged property.

Income.—After taxes and all operating expenses are paid, the net income from rentals is estimated at \$135,000 per year. This is nearly three times the maximum interest charge on the bond issue, and is more than twice the combined principal and interest charges.

Park & Tilford, Inc.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended—	Total.
x Apr. 30 '25 Jan. 31 '25. Oct. 31 '24.	9 Mos.
Net earnings after taxes	\$100,550 \$200,012 \$175,868 \$476,430

x Subject to adjustment when inventories are taken at the end of the fiscal year, July 31 1925.—V. 119, p. 3018.

Park Utah Consolidated Mines Co.—New Name, &c.—See Park Utah Mining Co. below.

Park Utah Mining Co.—Merger with Park City Mining & Smelting Co. Approved.—

The stockholders have approved the acquisition by the company of the properties and assets of the Park City Mining & Smelting Co. and have changed the name of the company to **Park Utah Consolidated Mines Co.** The stock of the company was also increased to 2,500,000 shares. A circular to the stockholders gave the following in connection with the transaction: The Park City Mining District is one of the largest silver and lead metal mining districts in the United States. The properties of Park Utah Mining Co., the Park City Mining & Smelting Co., Ontario Silver Mining Co. and Daly Mining Co. are among the principal properties of the district. These properties are contiguous, not only as regards surface holdings, but by underground connections and workings as well. Park Utah Mining Co. and Park City Mining & Smelting Co. own in the aggregate a majority of the outstanding shares of Daly Mining Co. and Park City Mining & Smelting Co. owns a majority of the outstanding shares of Ontario Silver Mining Co. The proposal contemplates the acquisition by Park Utah Mining Co. of the properties and assets of Park City Mining & Smelting Co. in consideration of 1,006,000 shares of Park Utah Mining Co. stock (or at the rate of one share of Park Utah Mining Co. stock for each share of Park City Mining & Smelting Co. stock), and the assumption by the Park Utah Mining Co. of the debts, obligations and liabilities of Park City Mining & Smelting Co. After completion of the plan, which includes the acquisition of all the stock of the Ontario and Daly companies, there will remain unissued approximately 400,000 shares to be reserved for general corporate purposes. Neither Park Utah Mining Co. nor Park City Mining & Smelting Co. has any bonded indebtedness or Preferred stock. Directors of new company are: J. O. Elton, Moylan C. Fox, G. W. Lambourne, Salt Lake City; Charles Lange, Otto Luedeking, Cincinnati; Adolph G. E. Hanke and William Wraith, N. Y. City.

Penn-Mex Fuel Co.—Annual Report Cal. Year 1924.—

Gross income	\$1,581,734
Oper. exp., \$952,786; depl. & deprec., \$538,946; total	1,491,732
Net income	\$90,002

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1924.		1923.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Property account	15,849,747	Capital stock	10,000,000
Cash & accts. rec.	1,200,798	Accounts payable	206,660
Materials, oil and gasoline	921,109	Def. items due sub.	61,414
Liberty bonds	600,360	Depreciation and depletion	2,963,260
Stock owned and adv. to sub. cos.	135,826	Surplus and undivided profits	5,499,711
Def. items in susp.	23,205		
Total	18,731,045	Total	18,731,045

—V. 120, p. 2157.

Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$2,898,435 on the total used and \$2,839,745 on the total owned properties of the company as of June 30 1916.—V. 120, p. 94.

Phoenix Portland Cement Co.—Sale.—See International Cement Corp. above.—V. 120, p. 3076.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—Authorized Stock Decreased.—The stockholders have approved an amendment to the charter which eliminated all provisions relating to the Preferred stock, the last of which was retired on May 1.—V. 120, p. 3076.

President Apartment Hotel Co.—Trustee.—The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under an indenture dated June 19 1925 securing an issue of \$1,500,000 of 7% Gold bonds, dated June 19 1925, due June 1 1945.

Pure Oil Co.—Sherrill Co. Dividend.—The Sherrill Terminal Co., Pensacola, Fla., last week declared a dividend of 25%, payable July 1. This company is owned jointly by the Pure Oil Co. and the Sherrill Oil Co.—V. 120, p. 3325.

Realty Associates, Brooklyn.—Guaranty, &c.—See Realty Associates Securities Corp. below.—V. 120, p. 94.

Realty Associates Securities Corp.—Guaranteed Bonds Sold.—Manufacturers Trust Co., New York, announce the sale at 96½ and int., to yield over 6.40%, \$5,000,000 Guaranteed 12-Yr. 6% Gold bonds Unconditionally guaranteed as to principal, interest and sinking fund by endorsement by Realty Associates (Brooklyn).

Dated July 1 1925, due July 1 1937. Red. as a whole or in part for the sinking fund at 105 and int. to and incl. July 1 1929; thereafter at 103 and int. to and incl. July 1 1933; thereafter at 101 and int. to and incl. Jan. 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Int. payable J. & J. at Manufacturers Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. and Conn. 4 mills tax refundable.

Data From Letter of William M. Greve, President of the Corporation, Company.—Has been organized in New York to finance certain real estate operations of Realty Associates and its subsidiaries. All of the capital stock of the corporation will be purchased for \$1,000,000 in cash by Realty Associates.

Security.—Corporation will covenant to maintain, while any of these bonds are outstanding, cash, first mortgages, purchase money mortgages and (or) obligations of purchasers of dwellings or building sites aggregating at least \$1,000,000 in excess of the amount of these bonds from time to time outstanding and of any other indebtedness of the corporation.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund is provided sufficient to retire \$300,000 of these bonds each year, of which \$150,000 will be available semi-annually beginning Jan. 1 1928; this fund is calculated to retire 60% of this issue by maturity.

Net Earnings of Realty Associates and Subsidiaries Available for Interest Calendar Years.

1920	\$614,111	1922	\$1,226,587	1924	\$1,493,422
1921	717,393	1923	1,193,375	1925 (4 mos.)	638,094

The above net earnings averaged \$1,103,059 or over 3.6 times the interest requirement on these bonds, and in 1924 amounted to over 4.9 times this requirement.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1925 (After Financing). [Realty Associates and Subsidiaries.]

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Notes payable
Marketable securities	Accounts payable
Prudence bonds & mortgages certificates	Interim cdfs., receipts, &c.
Mortgages available for Prudence bonds	Accrued int., taxes, &c.
Notes receivable	3% bonds Realty Assoc. Securities Corp.
Accounts receivable	Bds. & mtgs. on real est.
Interest due & accrued	Res. for profit sharers
Bds. & mtgs. receivable	Interest, rents, &c., paid in advance
Installment contracts rec.	Employees' savings accts
Cash dep. with trustees	Res. for self insurance
Investments	Minority int. in subsid's.
Real estate	Res. for contingencies
Equip., furn. & fixtures	6% 1st Pref. stock
Deferred charges	2d Pref. stock
Total (each side)	Com. (declared value)
	Surplus Realty Assoc.
	do Subsidiaries

Realty Board Investment Corp., Miami, Fla.—Bonds Offered.—Waldheim-Platt & Co., Inc., and Taussig, Day, Fairbanks & Co., Inc., St. Louis, are offering at par and interest \$380,000 6½% First Mtge. Real Estate bonds.

Dated Feb. 25 1925; due annually Feb. 1927 to Feb. 1940. Interest payable F. & A. 25 at Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis, and at the office of Waldheim-Platt & Co., Inc., St. Louis, Mo. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Callable at 102 for ten years and 101 thereafter. Corporation is incorporated in Florida and ownership of its Common stock is limited to members of the Miami Realty Board, comprising the leading realtors of the city. It does a general business in buying and selling real estate, and in addition controls, through a 99-year leasehold, a plot of ground 45x100 ft. on Northeast First Ave., between Third and Fourth streets, in Miami, in the heart of the downtown business district. Upon this site the company is erecting a 15-story office building covering the entire ground area, and also extending over the sidewalk above the second floor, by a special arrangement with the city of Miami.

Realty Bond & Mortgage Co., Cleveland, O.—Bonds Offered.—Edmund Seymour & Co. and the Morris Plan Securities Corp., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. Coll. 6% Gold Bonds, Series "B".

Dated June 15 1925, due June 15 1935. Int. payable J. & D. 15 at the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., N. Y. City, or at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date on or after June 15 1928 at 101 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Company will agree to pay the principal and int. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%, and to refund the Mass. tax up to 6% of the int. and any State, county or city taxes not in excess of 4½ mills. Colonial Mortgage Investment Co., Baltimore, fiscal agent.

Security.—These bonds are the direct obligation of company and are secured by deposit with the trustee of 100% principal amount of first mortgages (fee simple) on improved real estate located in the city of Cleveland or vicinity.

Guarantor's Certificate.—Maryland Casualty Co. will certify by endorsement on each bond that it has guaranteed the payment of principal and interest on the first mortgages pledged as collateral behind these bonds. The Maryland Casualty Co. is one of the largest surety companies in the United States, with total assets of over \$32,500,000.

Mortgages.—The first mortgages pledged as security for these bonds may not exceed 60% of the appraised value of the mortgaged property. In every instance, they are the direct obligation of the owners of the property and are issued only against residences and (or) income producing properties, independent appraisers approved by Realty Bond & Mtge. Co. and the Maryland Casualty Co. The properties so mortgaged show an appraised value of over \$1,680,000.

Reid Ice Cream Corp.—Note Issue.—The Chemical National Bank of New York has been appointed trustee under an indenture dated July 1 1925, securing \$2,000,000 5-Year 6% Gold notes due July 1 1930.—V. 120, p. 3201.

Remington Arms Co., Inc.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

	1924.	1923.		1924.	1923.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Real est. bldgs.			1st pref. stk. Series "A"	5,000,000	5,000,000
equip. &c.	13,663,306	13,444,384	2nd pref. stk.	5,000,000	5,000,000
Patents, tradem'ks, organ. exp. & develop. exp.	1,996,152	3,118,656	Com. stk. (no par)	6,000,000	18,000,000
Goodwill &c.		10,000,000	Empl. equity in Com. stock.	232,550	239,050
Cash	385,412	344,430	1st Mtg. 6% 8,270,000	8,270,000	8,500,000
Accts. & notes rec.	4,054,764	5,202,870	3 yr. 6% gold notes	6,000,000	
Inventories	11,659,321	12,131,075	Accts. & notes pay.	1,187,910	5,073,934
Adv. to affil'cos	352,479	328,958	Acct. liabils.	121,640	54,826
Consign. claim metal at converters	107,880	107,880	Div. payable		187,500
Securities owned	111,138	112,138	Accrued int.	157,700	85,000
Prep. items & def. charges	1,244,562	1,134,529	Adv. fr. customers	51,975	42,301
			Res. for taxes		324,644
			Minor interest	393,807	567,884
			Surplus	1,139,436	2,849,783
Total (ea. side)	33,555,018	45,924,920			

x After deducting \$6,374,184 reserve for depreciation.—V. 120, p. 2692

Reynolds Spring Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—The directors on July 3 voted to omit the usual quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the Common stock, due at this time. From Aug. 1 1924 to May 1 1925, incl., the company paid 25 cents quarterly.

President Wiley R. Reynolds in a letter to stockholders says:

We regret to have to report that our earnings, while not yet definitely determined for the second quarter of this year, have not been as satisfactory as we hoped, a condition which we look upon as only temporary, especially in view of the near approach of the marketing of our new line of electrical parts.

During the past year the company has expended large sums of money in the development of several features of our hot moldings division. As a result we are pleased to be able to announce the practical completion of a dual line of exceptionally well designed electrical parts for which we are assured a large market.

The policy of the company has always been to maintain a strong cash position, and while our current assets position is very strong, in view of the heavy expenditure above mentioned, the directors do not feel warranted in voting the payment of the regular quarterly dividend on the Common stock. We deem it both in the interests of the company and the stockholders to conserve the company's cash and surplus and to utilize the same to increase future earnings.

To further emphasize this policy of strengthening the company's position, we call attention to the fact that beside carrying on the above extensive program of expansion, the company has been able during the current quarter to pay off bank indebtedness of \$190,000 which existed April 1.—V. 120, p. 2692.

Ricaboy Mount Vernon Realty Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Union Trust Co., Detroit, are offering at par and interest \$315,000 First Mortgage 6½% Gold Bonds, Series "B."

Dated March 1 1925; due March 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100*. Bonds and coupons (M. & S.) payable at Buffalo Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y., trustee. Redeemable on any interest date as a whole, or by lot for the sinking fund, on 30 days' notice as follows: In 1926, 1927 and 1928 at 102 and interest; in 1929 and 1930 at 101½ and interest; in 1931, 1932 and 1933 at 101 and interest; and in 1934 at 100½ and interest. Coupons may be collected through the Union Trust Co., Detroit, at par, if desired. Principal and interest payable without deduction of any taxes, so far as it may be lawfully done under any present or future law, including Federal income taxes of not to exceed 2%. Michigan 5 mills exemption tax will be paid.

Mortgageor.—Bonds are the direct obligations of company, a New York corporation located at Buffalo, which has a net worth of over \$2,755,000.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a mortgage or deed of trust given to the trustee, constituting a first lien upon specific property therein mentioned, including 415 lots, aggregating about 75 acres, with a retail selling price of approximately \$968,000. The lots have been appraised conservatively by two officers of the Union Trust Co. at \$650,000. The total amount of the mortgage is less than one-third the value of the lots as carried on the books of the company. Over 80% in value of the lots have been sold on contract. Including interest, payments aggregating \$148,871 have been made, so that the purchasers have a substantial equity to protect by making payments regularly each month. It is the intention that the bonds will be paid off with funds accruing from the sale of lots on land contracts. Contracts with unpaid principal balances aggregating \$672,878 have been assigned to and deposited with the trustee, who will make the collections. Current collections are at the rate of more than double the monthly installments for interest and principal payments. As the remaining lots are sold, the additional contracts will be deposited.

Purpose.—Bonds were issued to retire the temporary financing promoted by the company during the development of the district and to provide funds for additional improvements.

Richmond Radiator Co.—To Recapitalize.

The stockholders will vote Aug. 7 on approving a plan of recapitalization. The proposed plan provides that three shares of the no-par-value Preferred stock will be issued for each share of the present \$100 par Pref. stock and all its rights, while two shares of new no-par Common stock will be given for each present Common share of \$100 par value.

The new Preferred stock will carry dividend rights as follows: \$3 a share cumulative, \$1 a share non-cumulative, payable before dividends may be declared on the Common stock, and one-half of total of any cash distributed on Common up to but not exceeding \$1 a share. The stock will be callable at \$65 a share and in the event of liquidation is payable at \$60 a share.

On Dec. 31 1924 accumulated dividends on the Preferred amounted to \$73.50 a share.—V. 120, p. 1470.

Rima Steel Corp.—Permanent Bonds Ready.

Permanent 7% 1st Mtge. 30-Year S. F. Gold bonds, due 1955, are now ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding interim receipts at the New York Trust Co. (For offering see V. 120, p. 594, 462.)—V. 120, p. 839

Rockbestos Products Co., New Haven, Conn.—Pref. Stock Offered.—C. F. Williams & Co., Boston, and R. B. Martin & Co., Inc., New Haven, are offering at 102½ and dividend, to yield 7.80%, \$300,000 8% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Capitalization.—8% Cumulative Preferred stock (par \$100)----- \$600,000 \$300,000
Common stock (no par value)----- 10,000 shs. 10,000 shs.

Company.—Business was started in 1918 as the Insulated Wire Division of Marlin-Rockwell Corp. to manufacture and sell asbestos covered wires and cables, and in July 1920 corporation was organized in Delaware and took over the entire business. Company's plant is located at New Haven, Conn., and consists of a little over three acres of land, on which there are buildings aggregating 120,000 sq. ft. of floor space, of which practically 115,000 sq. ft. is contained in a modern steel, brick and concrete single story and basement building.

Sinking Fund.—Company will annually set aside an amount equal to 3% of the greatest amount of Preferred stock at any time outstanding during such fiscal year, to be applied to the purchase or call and retirement of stock at not to exceed 110 and accrued dividends.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1923.	1924.	1925(3mo)
Gross sales	\$790,002	\$790,542	\$186,689
Discounts, &c.	28,158	35,091	5,377
Cost of goods sold	520,002	501,987	118,490
Selling and general administrative expenses	129,032	121,478	29,453
Operating income	\$121,810	\$131,987	\$33,268
Miscellaneous income	8,536	12,501	5,010
Bal. avail. for Pref. divs., depr. & Fed. tax.	\$130,347	\$144,488	\$38,278

Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.—Results for Cal. Years.—

(In Florins)	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Income	89,512,076	85,585,361	89,155,122	107,169,943
Expenses, taxes, &c.	1,528,509	728,570	1,424,645	3,071,765
Profit	87,983,567	84,856,791	87,730,477	104,098,178
Divs. on Pref. shs. (4%)	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Priority shares (4½%)	1,282,500	1,282,500	1,282,500	1,282,500
Ordinary shares (6%)	24,147,060	19,287,420	19,278,420	19,287,420
Surplus	62,494,007	64,226,871	67,100,557	83,468,258
Available for ord'y div.: 93% of above surplus	58,119,426	59,730,990	62,403,518	77,625,480
6% on Ord'y as above	24,147,060	19,287,420	19,287,420	19,287,420
Brought forward	1,695,050	666,815	1,168,574	771,113
Bonus share issue			508,135	
Commissaires' propor'n.	2,289,760	2,374,075	2,485,272	3,136,230
Amount of Ordinary div.	86,251,296	82,059,300	85,852,919	100,820,243
Rate per cent	84.484,330 (23%)	80,364,250 (25%)	85,186,105 (26¼%)	99,651,670 (31%)
Carried forward	1,786,966	1,695,050	666,814	1,168,573

Ruskin Annex, Pittsburgh.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering, at prices to yield 5.85% to 6%, according to maturity, \$485,000 First Mtge. 6% Serial Coupon Gold bonds.

Dated June 18 1925; due serially April 1 1928 to Oct. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Callable at 104 and interest up to and incl. April 1 1928; at 103 and interest after April 1 1928 and up to and including April 1 1931; and at 102 and interest after April 1 1931 and before Oct. 1 1933. 2% Federal income tax paid by the borrower. Penn. 4 mills tax paid.

Security.—First mortgage on land and 8-story fireproof apartment building to be erected in the heart of one of the best residential districts of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Out of 101 apartments in the present Ruskin Apartment Building, to which this new building will be an addition, 100 have been continuously rented during 1924 and 1925. In addition, there has been a waiting list for the smaller apartments of the character which the new Annex will supply. Earnings of the Ruskin Apartment, which is also security for a first mortgage bond issue underwritten by S. W. Straus & Co., have been considerably in excess of the estimate at the time the loan was made.

Rutley's, Inc. (of Maryland)—Stock Sold.—Robjent, Maynard & Co., and Clark Williams & Co., New York, have placed privately at \$12 75 per share, 30,000 shares of Class "A" stock (no par value).

Registrar, Seaboard National Bank, New York; transfer agent, Corporation Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of President Arthur David, Dated April 27 1925.

Company.—Recently organized in Maryland for the purpose of conducting in the several States a chain of high-grade restaurants and tea rooms, the business of which will be supplemented by the sale of candies, sodas and baked goods. To facilitate the operation of stores in New York State a subsidiary corporation has been formed in New York, known as Rutley's, Inc. All the stock of this and other similar subsidiary corporations will be owned by the Maryland corporation.

For initial undertaking, Arthur David has acquired a 21-year lease of space on the ground floor and basement of the new building now practically completed on the northeast corner of 40th St. and Broadway, New York City, which lease has been assigned to the corporation.

Capitalization.—Capital will consist of 100,000 shares of no par value stock, of which 70,000 shares will be Class A stock and 30,000 shares Class B stock. Of this stock, 30,000 shares of Class A are now being sold, and to Arthur David will be issued 30,000 shares of Class B stock, with 40,000 detached warrants entitling the holder to subscribe at \$12 50 per share for an equal number of shares of Class A stock. For this purpose 40,000 shares of Class A stock are being reserved.

Class A stock has the exclusive right to receive any and all dividends declared by the corporation until net profits aggregating \$375,000 have been earned, after which time Class B stock is convertible, share for share, into Class A stock. Both classes of stock have equal voting power.

In case of liquidation, before the corporation has earned net profits aggregating \$375,000 Class A stock shall receive \$15 per share before Class B stock is entitled to participate and after Class B stock has received \$15 per share, then both Class A and Class B stocks participate equally in any balance.

Rydal Oil Corp.—Stock Offering.

An issue of 80,000 shares capital stock (auth. and issued, 200,000 shares) was recently offered at \$4 25 per share by Borden & Sampier and Dederick, Arnold & Co., New York. The stock was offered as a speculation.

The properties of the company, according to a circular, include leases upon some 8,000 acres of proven, semi-proven and wildcat oil and gas lands in Texas.

The corporation owns, except for qualifying directors' shares, all the outstanding stock of the Trinity Drillers, Inc., which confines itself exclusively to contract drilling. The Rydal Oil Corp. was incorporated in Delaware in 1925 to take over the assets of company of same name organized in 1923.

The officers of the company are given as follows: J. H. Sheble Jr., Pres., Phila.; Ralph R. Lewis, V.-Pres. & Sec.; Charles P. Carter, V.-Pres.; Ernest B. Rubsam Jr., Treas., San Antonio, Tex.

Directors comprise the above, and Herbert L. Clark (E. W. Clark & Co., Phila.); Edgar B. Howard, Gilbert Mather, Phila.; Charles E. Richardson (Pope & Co.), New York, and George W. Eldins, Phila.

Salt Creek Producers' Association.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 42½ cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. An extra of 4% (40 cents) was paid May 1, while extra dividends of 3% each were paid May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1924 and on Feb. 2 1925.—V. 120, p. 2137.

Security Mortgage Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Listing.

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$300,000 (12,000 shares, par \$25) Preferred stock with authority to add up to \$200,000 additional, upon giving notice that it has been sold and issued.

Company was incorporated Nov. 20 1923, in Georgia, for the purpose of making 1st mtge. loans. Authorized capital of \$1,000,000 Common stock, of which \$400,000 outstanding, and \$250,000 Preferred stock, of which \$300,000 outstanding. There is also a bonded debt of \$500,000 Series A 6½% 10-Yr. Gold bonds, \$1,000,000 Series B 6% 10-Yr. Gold bonds, \$1,000,000 Series C 6% 15 and 20-Yr. Gold bonds and \$1,000,000 Series D 6% 15 and 20-Yr. Gold bonds.

The stock is not assessable and pays annual dividends at the rate of 8% cumulative, payable quarterly: Jan., April, July and Oct. Transfer office, Century Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.

Earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1924 have been: Gross, \$221,077; net, \$77,065; net after taxes and Common stock dividend, \$38,447.

Financial Statement As Of April 30 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Investments	Mortgage bonds
Accrued income	Common stock
Furniture & fixtures	Preferred stock
Deferred discounts on bonds	Undivided profits
Accounts receivable	Reserve for bad debts
Trustee's interest account	Deferred credit to income
	Current liabilities
Total	Total

The committee on securities recommends the listing of \$300,000 (12,000 shares, par value \$25 per share).

Officers are: John S. Candler, Pres.; Harold Hirsch and W. D. Thomson, V.-P.; M. L. Hirsch, Treas.; Asa W. Candler, Secy.; Lilian Stansbury, Asst. Sec. and Asst. Treas.; G. A. Hembree, Asst. Sec. Office, 1415 Candler Building, Atlanta, Ga.—V. 120, p. 2953.

Scottish-American Oil & Transport Co., Ltd.—Stock.
 The Tankers, Ltd., a subsidiary, has proposed the reduction in the par value of its Preference shares to 10s. from £1, a reduction of the dividend rate to 6% from 8%, and the waiver of all arrears of dividends, which have been suspended since May 31 1921. A reduction in the par value of the ordinary shares to 1s. from 5s. is also proposed.

The Scottish-American Oil Transport Co. has proposed the reduction of its Ordinary shares to 1s. from 5s.—V. 113, p. 2320.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—June Sales.—
 1925—June—1924. Increase. 1925—6 Mos.—1924. Increase.
 \$16,095,102 \$13,938,752 \$2,156,350 \$118,242,460 \$104,917,781 \$13,324,679
 —V. 120, p. 3325, 2953.

Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—

	—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—1924.	1923.	—12 Mos. End. Mar. 31—1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$9,192,058	\$7,677,313	\$9,448,170	\$7,869,102
Oper. exp., maint. & tax.	6,867,373	6,501,713	6,602,291	6,784,310
Interest charges	1,408,658	1,150,184	1,475,090	1,225,753

Balance for deple., depreciation, divs., &c.—\$916,028 \$25,416 \$1,370,789 def \$140,962
 Chairman John J. O'Brien issued the following report to stockholders on May 15:

"The earnings of the company showed a substantial improvement during 1924. This improvement has continued thus far in 1925, with good prospects of further betterment for the remainder of the present year. "If conditions prevailing thus far in 1925 continue throughout the year, the earnings for 1925 should be substantially greater than those of 1924; however, the directors believe that the best interests of the company do not warrant the resumption of dividends on the Preferred stock at this time. "During 1924 net operating earnings were increased 97%, or from \$1,175,600 to \$2,324,685, despite adverse conditions prevailing in the industry during the greater part of the year due to new oil production and lower prices for crude and refined products as compared with the previous year. "These results were accomplished by careful management; the acquisition of additional oil lands and the drilling of new wells; extensions to gathering and main stem pipe lines; refinery improvements and acquisition of distributing properties and increased facilities. Refining capacity is now 7,500 barrels of crude oil per day. "The company increased its daily average crude oil production for the year by about 82%, or from 3,047 to 5,542 barrels per day; the quantity of oil run through its pipe line was increased 31%, and 16% more crude oil was refined than in 1923. Fifty-one wells were drilled, of which 37, or 72.5%, produced oil; five, or 9.7%, gas; and nine, or 17.8%, were non-productive. "Since Oct. 1 1924 the operating direction of the company has been in charge of John L. Gray, who was elected V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. The executive headquarters have been moved from Chicago to Tulsa, Okla."—V. 120, p. 3201, 2023.

Sheffield Farms Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—
 (Including Louvain Construction Corp.)

	1924.	1923.		1924.	1923.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Real estate	1,939,953	1,941,430	Common stock	4,586,800	4,310,000
Buildings	6,452,553	6,436,289	Preferred stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Real estate mtge. owned	38,225	36,725	1st & Ref. 6 1/2%	2,350,000	2,425,000
Machinery	2,462,029	2,486,448	Real estate mtges.	1,134,755	1,190,330
Stock of other cos.	724,011	717,023	Accounts payable	2,206,838	2,345,094
Deferred charges	25,260	31,259	Drivers' sec. fund.	579,845	537,540
Good-will	302,436	307,537	Loans payable	220,000	750,000
Cash	870,586	774,202	Reserves—		
Inventories	1,822,263	1,628,724	Acc'ts payable	7,000	7,000
Acc'ts rec., less res.	1,382,427	1,353,529	Fire insurance	383,649	323,649
Investments	815,797	1,098,327	Accident liability	33,386	48,304
Horses, motors, &c	1,075,962	891,694	Workm. compen.	28,778	36,852
Live stk. & farms	108,823	91,242	Ice harvest.	83,893	100,021
Farm utensils	49,646	44,983	Federal taxes	170,004	157,000
Fixtures & furn.	591,783	537,441	Store bottles	82,334	43,633
Cans, cases, &c.	355,760	303,116	Miscellaneous	2,271	1,119
Notes receivable	475,974	179,702	Accr'd taxes (est.)	9,093	38,398
			Accrued interest	53,128	55,616
			Divs. payable	22,500	
			Installment subscr. to Common stock	29,878	
			Rents rec. pay. in advance	1,844	1,695
			Surplus	5,967,043	4,990,325

Total (each side) 19,493,490 18,861,669
 See also V. 120, p. 2413, 1597.

(The) Shoreland (Shoreland Hotel Co.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. are offering at 100 and interest \$4,800,000 First Mtge. 6 1/2% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; maturing 2 1/2 to 10 years. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at offices of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., without deduction for Federal normal income tax not exceeding 2%. Borrower agrees to pay Penn. 4 mill tax. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date upon 60 days' notice, at 3% premium, in addition to principal and interest. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Monthly deposits required in advance with Greenebaum Sons Bank & Trust Co., trustee.

Location.—Situated in the beautiful Hyde Park district of Chicago, fronting on Lake Michigan and the new outer park in construction, the location is considered one of the very finest for residential purposes in the city.

Improvements.—New, very highest grade, 13-story and basement, residential apartment hotel building of fireproof construction; when completed, will be one of the finest of its kind in the country; contains 860 guest rooms; every necessary hotel facility provided; indoor golf course; court is beautifully landscaped.

Valuation.—Expert appraisal of the land, improvements, furnishings and equipment, when completed, places the total value at \$7,263,960.

Earnings.—Gross annual rental conservatively estimated at \$1,227,460, and expenses at \$355,000, leaving a net yearly income of \$872,460, which is more than 2 1/2 times the maximum annual interest charges on entire issue.

Siler Mill Co., Raymond, Wash.—Bonds Offered.—The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, are offering, at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101.67 and int., to yield from 5% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity, \$300,000 First Mtge. 6 1/2% Serial and Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1925; due serially (J. & D.) from Dec. 1 1925 to Dec. 1 1933. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in Minneapolis. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Callable on any interest date upon 60 days' notice at a premium of 1/2% of 1% for each year of unexpired life to maturity. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Authorized issue, \$500,000. Guaranteed by Jacob Siler, W. S. Cram and H. J. Owens, principal owners of the company. Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., trustee.

Data from Letter of Jacob Siler, President of the Company.
 Company.—Incorp. in Washington. Was founded 23 years ago. Present capital and surplus of over \$1,775,000 represents largely accumulated earnings on an original investment of \$20,000. Company is a very substantial timber enterprise, owning valuable timber lands on the Pacific coast, and operating at Raymond, Wash., a modern saw-mill plant, comprising band, gang and resaw, together with a box factory, fully equipped planing mill and dry kilns, and a lumber yard of sufficient size to handle the entire product of the mill. Company owns approximately 145,545,000 ft. of old growth yellow fir, spruce and cedar timber of very high quality located in Pacific County, Wash. Of this amount, 101,000,000 ft. is pledged under the mortgage securing these bonds. In addition the company owns 25% of the stock of the Sunset Timber Co., which company controls in adjacent territory approximately 110,000,000 ft. of timber equal in quality to the company's holdings, and 16% of the stock of the Lewis Mills & Timber Co., which company owns 266,000,000 ft. of timber and a new and modern saw mill on Willapa Harbor at South Bend, Wash.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on timber, real estate, mills and other fixed assets of the company conservatively valued at \$1,059,083. As

additional security there will be pledged under this bond issue, stock in three associate and subsidiary and timber and lumber companies valued at \$681,600.

Earnings.—Average annual net earnings available for interest and Federal income tax, after deducting depletion and depreciation charges, for the 7 years and 10 months period ending Dec. 31 1924, have been \$168,544.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund provides for the payment of \$3 per 1,000 on all logs cut from timber under the mortgage, and \$1 per 1,000 on all logs cut by the mill from timber either purchased, or owned but not under the mortgage. Additional bonds in the amount of \$100,000 may be issued under carefully drawn restrictions of the mortgage.

Officers are J. Siler, Pres.; E. A. Graham, V.-Pres., and W. S. Cram, Sec.-Treas.

(Isaac) Silver & Bros. Co., Inc.—June Sales.—
 1925—June—1924. Increase. 1925—6 Mos.—1924. Increase.
 \$269,987 \$207,922 \$62,065 \$1,632,567 \$1,291,671 \$340,896
 —V. 120, p. 2953, 2413.

(Franklin) Simon & Co., Inc. (and Subs.).—Balance Sheet Jan. 31 1925.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed assets	\$3,156,583	7% Cum. Pref. stock	\$4,000,000
Cash	993,760	Common stock (150,000 shares no par value)	3,000,000
U. S. Treasury 4s, including interest thereon	908,353	Accounts payable	1,022,315
Misc. loans, incl. prepay's	59,303	Mortgages on real estate	1,500,000
Life insurance	37,178	Accr. salaries & expenses	101,244
Accounts receivable	3,271,179	Federal income and State franchise taxes reserved and accrued	323,332
Inventory	2,375,699	Surplus	3,429,291
Deferred charges	74,124		
Good will	2,500,000		

Total—\$13,376,181
 Buildings and land, \$2,688,000; less depreciation, \$183,317; building improvements, \$435,661; less depreciation, \$110,584; store fixtures and equipment and delivery equipment, \$904,689; less depreciation, \$577,860.
 An income account for six months ended Jan. 31 1925 was published in V. 120, p. 1470.—V. 120, p. 1892, 1470.

Solar Refining Co.—New Directors, &c.—
 F. G. Borges, former Treasurer, and J. R. Cuthbert, son of F. T. Cuthbert, President, have been elected to the board. N. D. Keyes resigned as Treasurer to become Vice-President and E. L. Hughes has been elected Treasurer.—V. 120, p. 1340, 1214.

Southern Baking Co.—To Erect New Bakery.
 The company, it is reported, is erecting a new bread bakery in Jacksonville, Fla., and an addition to its cake plant which will double the present capacity. The total cost of the new plants, it is stated, will be approximately \$750,000. The company now has a total of nine plants located in Greensboro, Charlotte, Gastonia, Greenville, Atlanta, Jacksonville and Miami.—V. 119, p. 207.

Standard Milling Co.—Merger of Sub. Cos.—
 The Hecker Cereal Co. of N. Y. and the H.-O. Cereal Co., Inc. of Buffalo, both controlled by Standard Milling Co., have been merged under the name of Hecker-H.-O. Co., Inc.—V. 120, p. 1470, 1214.

Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.—Listing—Acquisition.
 The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has listed 207 additional shares (par \$100) Preferred stock. There has been previously listed 46,907 shares of this stock. The total outstanding stock of this issue amounts to 47,114 shares. This additional Preferred stock was issued in connection with the acquisition of the Hedges-Atkins Supply Co. of Denver, Colo., by the company.—V. 120, p. 2280.

Stevens Hotel Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$13,000,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series A 6%.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1945. Interest payable J. & J. without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' prior notice at 104 if red. prior to July 1 1930; at 102 1/2 if red. on or after July 1 1930 and prior to July 1 1935; at 101 1/2 if red. on or after July 1 1935 and prior to July 1 1940; and at 100 1/2 if red. on or after July 1 1940 but prior to maturity. Prin. and int. payable in U. S. gold coin at Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, and at the head office of National City Bank, New York, fiscal agent. Company will agree to reimburse to owners resident in the respective States, upon proper application, the following taxes paid in respect to the bonds or the interest thereon: The 4-mills tax in Penn.; any securities taxes in Maryland not exceeding 45 cents on each \$100 of assessed value in any year; any personal property or exemption tax in Conn., not exceeding 4-10% of the principal in any year; and any Mass. income tax not exceeding in any year 6% of the int. on such bonds.

Security.—Secured by a first lien on the land, buildings, furniture and furnishings of the new Stevens Hotel to be constructed in Chicago, Ill., on a site embracing the entire block front on Michigan Boulevard between 7th and 8th Sts., facing Grant Park and overlooking Lake Michigan. This hotel, the construction of which is undertaken to meet existing demands for greater hotel facilities, will contain more than 2,800 outside rooms each with private bath, and will be the largest and most up-to-date hotel in the world.

Valuation.—The actual cash cost of this entire project, with carrying charges during construction, is estimated at over \$26,000,000, including the cost of land purchased at an exceedingly low figure. The \$13,000,000 First (closed) Mortgage bonds, Series A, will thus constitute a loan of less than 50% of the estimated actual cash cost.

Guaranties.—The United States Realty & Improvement Co. and its principal subsidiary, the George A. Fuller Co., contractors, will guarantee completion of the building in accordance with the architects' plans and specifications.

Capitalization upon Completion of Financing Necessary in Construction of This Property.

First (Closed) Mtge. 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds:	
Series A 6% (this issue)	\$13,000,000
Series B 6%	3,000,000
General Mortgage 7% Gold bonds	6,000,000
Preferred stock (\$60 par value)	3,600,000
Common stock (\$10 par value)	3,400,000

By the terms of the mortgage, the payment of interest and sinking fund on the \$13,000,000 Series A bonds will be made specifically prior to payment of interest and sinking fund on the \$3,000,000 Series B bonds, which latter the United States Realty & Improvement Co. has agreed to purchase.

Sinking Fund.—The sinking fund applicable to Series A bonds will provide for retirement by purchase or redemption of \$7,500,000 aggregate principal amount Series A bonds prior to maturity.

Management and Earnings.—The Stevens Hotel will be controlled and operated by the same interests that control the Hotel La Salle, one of the largest hotel properties in Chicago. On the basis of 15 years' successful experience in hotel operation, the management estimates the net income from the Stevens, upon completion, available for interest after property taxes and depreciation, at over \$2,800,000 per annum, or more than 3 1/2 times the maximum annual interest charges on the Series A bonds.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stratford Arms, Buffalo, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp. and Public Service Bankers Corp. are offering at 100 and int. \$200,000 6% Guaranteed First Mtge. Serial Loan. Principal and interest guaranteed unconditionally by National Surety Co.

These bond certificates will be legal for savings banks and, upon completion of the building, for executors, administrators, trustees and other persons holding trust funds in the State of New York. Dated July 1 1925; due serially July 1 1927 to 1935. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the trustee in Buffalo or at the office of the Empire Bond & Mortgage Co., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Non-callable. The normal Federal income tax up to 4% will be refunded. The Penn. 4-mills tax, Conn. 4-mills tax, Maryland 4 1/2-mills tax, Dist. of Col. 5-mills tax and the 6% personal property tax of Massachusetts will be refunded.

Security.—A closed first mortgage on a plot at No. 25 West Utica St., Buffalo, fronting 51.26 ft. on West Utica St., extending to a depth of 22 ft., together with a 4-story and basement fireproof building to be erected thereon, to be known as Stratford Arms, a residential hotel for men. The loan is further secured by all furnishings, fixtures and equipment therein.

Valuation.—(a) Harrison Realty Corp.: Land, \$37,500; building and equipment, \$310,000; total, \$347,500. (b) Kinsey Realty Corp.: Land, \$35,000; building and equipment, \$320,000; total, \$355,000.

Building.—The Stratford Arms will be a 4-story and basement structure of fireproof construction. The first story front will be of stone, rustic finish, and the upper 4 stories of brick with stone trimmings. The building will contain 142 rooms exclusive of the billiard room, lounge, gymnasium and other special rooms designed and furnished for the comfort of guests. Each room will contain a lavatory, and clothes closet, and between each two rooms will be a shower bath and toilet. All rooms will be completely furnished with beds, dressers, chiffoniers, chairs, desks, and other required furnishings of substantial type.

Earnings.—There is a great demand among business men in Buffalo for accommodations such as Stratford Arms will offer. Its desirable location in one of the best and fastest growing sections of the city and its favorable transportation facilities insure prompt and full rental of the property. The rooms will be rented completely furnished at approximately \$12 per week each.

The gross earnings of the building have been conservatively estimated at \$91,000 per annum, which should provide a net income of \$55,700 after all expense, upkeep, taxes, &c., have been deducted. This is equivalent to over 4 1/4 times the maximum annual interest charge.

Borrowing Corporation.—Stratford Arms Corp., Maurice M. Robinson, President.

(Mark D.) Strong Building Corp., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Porter-Skitt & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and interest \$275,000 First Mtge. 10-Year 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1935. Interest (J. & D.) payable at National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date upon 60 days' notice at 102 and interest.

The properties of the company have a frontage of the entire block on Belmont Ave., between Kenosha and Tripp avenues, in a very rapidly growing industrial section of the northwestern part of Chicago.

These bonds will be a first mortgage on the land and buildings owned, subject to a certain lease to the All-American Radio Corp. The land is improved with a one and two-story building. The properties have been appraised as of April 30 1925 by Coats & Burchard Co. of Chicago, as having a reproduction value of \$505,000 and a net sound value of over \$489,000.

The bonds will bear the endorsement of Mark D. Strong and Lillian B. Strong, who are the owners of all the Capital stock, with the exception of a share, of Mark D. Strong Building Corp., guaranteeing the prompt payment of principal and interest.

Superior and Boston Copper Co.—Quarterly Report.—

During the quarter ended March 31 1925 the company has done 1 309 lineal feet of underground development work, compared with 850 ft. during the preceding quarter; and shipped 2,553 dry tons of ore to the smelters. This ore averaged 3.76% copper, 8.18 oz. silver and contained 192,135 lbs. copper, 20,884 oz. silver. After deducting freight and treatment charges the net smelter returns amounted to \$20,850 41, or \$8 17 per ton.

The ore came from the veins worked during the quarter, in the following proportions: Footwall vein, 39%; Dewey Vein, 33%; North Vein, 28%.—V. 120, p. 1215, 219.

Sutter Basin Co., Sacramento, Calif.—New Officer.—

President George B. Robbins has announced that Edwin T. Keiser, who was Real Estate Commissioner of California for the past four years, has accepted an appointment as Vice-President in charge of sales of Sutter Basin Co.'s large land holdings in Sutter County, Calif. He will have offices in Chicago. The Sutter Basin Co. is owned by J. Ogden Armour.—V. 117, p. 2004.

Tecumseh (Cotton) Mills, Fall River.—Liquidating Div.

The company on July 1 paid another liquidating dividend amounting to 3%. This makes a total of 113% paid to stockholders since the sale of the corporation to the Davol Mills. The Tecumseh Mills also received \$29,829 in settlement of the mill tax cases, which will ultimately be added to the proceeds of the sale of assets for distribution to stockholders.—V. 120, p. 1470

Tide Water Oil Co.—Engraved Stock Certificates.—

Commencing July 9 next, engraved certificates for the new stock, without par value, will be exchangeable for certificates for the present \$100 par value stock at the rate of 4 shares of the new stock without par value for each share of the \$100 par value stock. Certificates for the present stock should be sent to stock transfer department, Tide Water Oil Co., 11 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 120, p. 2693, 2413.

Telautograph Corp.—Earnings.—

Period	—Month of May—	—5 Mos. May 31—
	1925.	1924.
Net profit after int. but before taxes	\$15,419	\$9,127
	\$74,468	\$44,553

—V. 120, p. 2281, 1598.

Todd Shipyard's Corp.—Balance Sheet March 31.—

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
x Property account	11,307,426	11,449,994	Stated capital and equity	16,259,731	17,262,731
Cash	2,583,494	967,512	Funded debt		200,000
Accts & notes rec.	3,127,335	3,024,427	Accounts payable, &c.	1,058,164	978,738
Work in progress	889,448	850,993	Reserve for taxes & contingencies	5,532,604	5,705,551
Material & supp.	1,869,073	2,028,035			
Marketable secur.	2,876,343	5,665,114			
Mtges. receivable	51,417				
Deferred charges	145,962	100,945			
Total	22,850,499	24,147,020	Total	22,850,499	24,147,020

x Real estate, buildings, machinery and equipment, \$20,054,441; patents, patterns and drawings, \$166,510; less reserve for depreciation, amortization and obsolescence, \$8,913,526. y Represented by 210,394 shares of no par stock.

The usual income account was given in V. 120, p. 3202.

Union Tank Car Co.—Notes Called.—

All of the outstanding Equipment Trust 7% Gold notes, Series A, due Aug. 1 1930, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 102 1/2 and int. at the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 120, p. 1471.

Union Metal Manufacturing Co., Canton, Ohio.—

Stock Offered.—R. V. Mitchell & Co. and Otis & Co., Cleveland, are offering \$300,000 8% Cumulative Preferred stock and 15,000 shares (no par) Common stock in units of one share of Pref. and five shares of Common at \$200 per unit (plus dividend on Preferred).

Exempt from present personal property taxes in Ohio and dividends exempt from the normal Federal income tax. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, registrar and transfer agent. Geo. D. Harter Bank, Canton, Ohio, trustee for Preferred Stock Dividend Guarantee Fund.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
8% Cumulative Preferred stock	\$300,000	\$300,000
Common stock (no par)	60,000 shs.	40,000 shs.

Data from Letter of C. C. Barrick, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized and incorporated in Ohio in 1906. Was a pioneer in the field of ornamental street lighting. In addition to metal lamp standards for porches and pergolas; entrance standards, newels and pedestals; lanterns and brackets; miscellaneous sheet metal products, principally gasoline pump standards for filling stations; and in addition does a considerable business in sheet metal foundry flasks and core plates.

Net Earnings after Depreciation and Federal Taxes Applicable to Preferred and Common Stock Now Outstanding.

	a Annual Aver g. Ca' Year 1924.
Net earnings	\$152,277
Preferred dividend requirements	24,000
Number times earned	5 1/2 times
Balance available for Common stock	\$118,277
\$ per share	\$2.95

a Three years and five months to May 31 1925.

For the five months ended May 31 1925 the earnings available for the Common stock have been at an annual rate in excess of \$6 per share.

Purpose.—This financing is incident to a recapitalization of the company and a change in ownership, and is not for company account.

Dividends.—Dividends are payable quarterly on the Preferred stock, Jan. 1, &c. Directors have declared their intention of initiating dividends on the no par Common stock at the rate of \$2 a year, payable quarterly, and extra dividends as profits justify.

United Profit Sharing Corp.—To Recapitalize.—

The stockholders on June 29 approved the plan calling for the readjustment of the capital structure. The plan provides for an authorized issue of 250,000 shares of Common stock of no par value, replacing the 500,000 shares of Common stock of \$1 par. The new shares will be exchanged for the old on the basis of one for two. The small amount of old 25-cent par value Common stock still outstanding will be exchanged on the basis of one new share for each eight shares.—V. 120, p. 2826.

United States Finishing Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.	
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.	8,007,609	7,697,982	Preferred stock	3,600,000
Copper rollers	508,627	510,781	Common stock	4,000,000
Cash	315,839	282,928	Bonded debt	1,671,000
Accts. receivable	973,252	1,030,638	Notes payable	400,000
Notes receivable	24,464		Accounts payable	277,507
Inventories	947,978	1,035,946	Pay-roll and taxes	145,304
Lib'y Loan bonds	98,344	246,578	Interest accrued	41,775
Employees' stock purchase notes	180,595		Reserve for Federal taxes	4,825
Sinking fund	8,846	6,801	Dividends payable	143,000
Furniture & fixtures			Surplus	1,774,124
N. Y. office	8,202	7,119		
Insur. prem. prep'd	94,706	95,645		
Investments	x\$76,701	\$71,001		
Deferred expenses	12,275	2,162		
Total	12,057,535	12,037,583	Total	12,057,535

x Queen Dyeing Co., 7,500 shares Common at \$100 each, \$750,000; the C. P. Darling Co., 1,000 shares at \$120 each, \$120,000; other securities, \$6,701.—V. 120, p. 344.

U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Investment in

Stevens Hotel Co. of Chicago.—

See Stevens Hotel Co. above.—V. 120, p. 3326.

U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.—Usual Dividend—Earnings.—

A statement issued by the company says in substance:

The company has declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents on the Common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record July 6. This is the same amount as declared three months ago, when payments were resumed. The regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents on the Preferred was also declared, payable July 15 to holders of record July 6.

The improvement in earnings over last year is due to better earnings from metal mines, smelters, coal and railroad properties in Utah, owing to somewhat better prices and increased production.

Production at the coal properties in Utah was increased from an average of 53,300 tons for the first five months of last year to an average of 62,600 tons this year.

Earnings from the Mexican properties continue satisfactory. Production for the first five months of this year averaged 99,600 metric tons as against 98,700 metric tons last year.

In Alaska work is progressing according to a program which does not contemplate material earnings during the present season. The principal object of the work at Nome is advance preparation of sufficient ground with a view to effective and continuous dredging; while at Fairbanks the work consists of exploration and study of operating and equipment problems.

Comparative Statement of Earnings, Five Months Ended May 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Consolidated profits	\$2,731,392	\$2,116,674	\$1,868,349	\$1,412,542
Depreciation & depletion	1,177,076	905,829	677,424	461,173
Preferred dividends	709,260	709,260	709,260	709,260
Net profit	\$845,056	\$501,585	\$481,665	\$242,109

—V. 120, p. 2024, 1599.

U. S. Steel Corp.—Number of Stockholders.—

Holders of the Common stock of the corporation decreased 661 to 95,446, during the past three months. The number of Common stockholders at the end of the second quarter of 1924 were 99,189.

At the end of May, when the Preferred dividend was paid, there were 77,152 Preferred stockholders. This compares with 77,933 three months previous, a decrease of 781, and with 79,264 on May 31 1924.—V. 120, p. 3078.

Victor Talking Machine Co.—No Common Dividend.—

The directors on July 2 decided not to declare the dividend on the Common stock. The last previous disbursement was 2% on April 15.

After the meeting the following statement was made to stockholders: "The directors have decided not to declare the dividend payable July 15. Important improvements in the product that your company manufactures will take place within the next few months and will require considerable outlay of funds. Therefore, pursuant to the policy of the company, the directors deem it desirable to conserve the cash resources to finance the company's needs and developments. Arrangements have been completed, whereby, in addition to our own expensive laboratories, we will have the full co-operation of four of the foremost laboratories in the field of sound reproduction, namely, the Western Electric Co., General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. and the Radio Corp. of America. It is confidently expected that these connections will prove of decided advantage to your company's business." See also V. 120, p. 3202.

Virginia Bond & Mortgage Corp., Richmond, Va.—

Bonds Offered.—Wheat, Williams & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va., are offering at prices to yield from 5 1/2% to 7%, according to maturity, \$300,000 Serial Collateral Trust Series "B" Gold bonds.

Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Dated June 1 1925; due serially (s.-a.) to Sept. 1928. Prin. and int. payable Q.-M. at the West End Bank, Richmond, Va., trustee, or the office of Wheat, Williams & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.

Security.—Secured by pledge with the trustee of \$375,075 First and Second mortgage Real Estate Serial notes, which notes are secured principally by real estate located in and around the City of Richmond, consisting of mortgages on 134 pieces, giving an average loan of approximately \$2,800. The appraised value of the property securing these notes is \$1,731,695, on which there are prior liens to the amount of \$795,450, leaving an equity of \$936,245 as security for the second mortgage real estate notes that secure these Serial Collateral Trust Series "B" Gold bonds.

Company.—Chartered in Virginia with a paid-in capital of \$350,000. Deals in real estate mortgage notes. Each loan deposited as collateral for these notes is passed on by a competent and experienced board of directors after a careful appraisal of the property mortgaged, and a searching investigation as to the character, ability and worth of the maker.

Washington Duke Hotel, Durham, N. C.—Bonds

Offered.—Adair Realty & Mortgage Co., Inc., is offering at prices to yield 6 1/4% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity, \$950,000 First Mortgage 6% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1927 to 1937. Interest payable J. & J. at any office of the Adair Realty & Trust Co. and at the offices of the Adair Realty & Mortgage Co., Inc., New York. Bonds payable at the offices of the Adair Realty & Trust Co., Atlanta. Mortgage, Durham Citizens Hotel Corp. Callable on any interest date at 104 and interest within six years and 102 and interest thereafter. Adair Realty & Trust Co., trustee. Federal income tax up to 2% paid. Penn., Conn., Maryland, Dist. of Col., Mass. income tax up to 6% refunded.

The site for the Washington Duke Hotel is an entire block located in the heart of the business section of Durham. The land has been appraised by the Durham Real Estate Board at \$260,900. The building, 15 stories in height, is now practically completed and will be ready for operation on or about Sept. 1 1925. The hotel contains 299 guest rooms each with private bath. On the street level floor are ten stores, the main dining-room and lobby. There will be a grill in the basement. On the mezzanine is a ballroom, palm room and several assembly rooms. The building will be served by three high-speed elevators.

Cost of the completed structure has been carefully estimated at \$1,516,976. After a liberal allowance for vacancies, annual gross earnings have been estimated at \$280,672, operating expenses at \$120,860, and annual net earnings at \$159,812, over 2-8-10 times the greatest annual interest requirements and more than ample to meet the serial payments of principal.

The Washington Duke Hotel has been leased to the Floor Hotel interests, operating numerous hotels throughout the South.

Warren Brothers Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: Assets (1924, 1923), Liabilities (1924, 1923). Rows include Land, bldgs., mach. & equipment; Patents, licenses, agreements; Cash; Acc'ts receivable; Notes receivable; Divs. rec.; Municipal securs. & U. S. Lib. bds; Inventories; Mach. & equip't for sale; Empl. acc'ts rec'd; Expnd. on contr'cts for future road construction; Receivables controlled cos.; Mtge. note receiv.; Retained money on comp'd contr'cts; Life insur. policies; Prepaid ins. prem.; Investments; Cash in slnk. fund.

x After deducting \$346,765 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 89,792 shares of no par value.

Note.—For the purpose of financing specific contracts, Warren Brothers Co. has incurred possible (contingent) liabilities by guaranteeing or endorsing the obligations of certain licensees, amounting to \$1,251,000 as of Dec. 31 1924, the proceeds of said contracts, and in some cases municipal bonds, having been pledged as security for said obligation. During the year 1924 Warren Brothers Co. was not called upon to pay any such obligations.—V. 120, p. 3078, 1639.

White Rock Mineral Springs Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Table with 4 columns: Assets (Mar. 31 '25, Dec. 31 '24), Liabilities (Mar. 31 '25, Dec. 31 '24). Rows include Real est., goodwill, trade marks; Cash; Investment securs. (Govt. bonds); Acc'ts receivable; Finished stock; Raw material; Notes receivable; Accrued interest; Deferred charges; Treasury stock (1st pref. purchased).

x Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 120, p. 3327, 3081.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Table with 2 columns: Results for Five Months Ended May 31 1925. Rows include Net sales; Net profit before depreciation; Bond & note int.; Balance.

West Virginia Coal & Coke Co.—Sub. Co. Issues Equipment Trusts—Balance Sheet.—

See Ohio River Co. above.—V. 120, p. 2826.

Wetherbee Court Apartment Bldg., Pelham Manor, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at 99.16 to yield 6.10% \$425,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Coupon Gold bonds.

Dated June 12 1925, due June 1 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c^s. Red. for sinking fund at 101 and int. Callable all or part in excess of sinking fund requirements at 104 and int. up to and incl. June 1 1929; at 103 and int. after June 1 1929 and up to and incl. June 1 1933; and at 102 and int. after June 1 1933 and before June 1 1937. Int. payable without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Penna. 4 mills tax, Mass. State income tax up to 6%, Conn. 4 mills tax, Vermont 4 mills tax, New Hampshire State tax not exceeding 3%, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, Virginia 5 1/2 mills tax, District of Columbia 5 mills tax, refunded.

Security.—First mortgage on land owned in fee and 4-story apartment building with garage, now under construction at Pelham Manor, N. Y. The property fronts approximately 302 feet on the Boston Post Road and 434 feet on Wynnewood Road, in a strictly residential district. The building will contain 37 apartments divided into suites of from 3 to 6 rooms with 1, 2 and 3 baths. The 3 and 4 room apartments will contain the popular kitchen and dining alcove combination. Three automatic elevators will serve the apartments.

In the center court of the building there will be a 35-car garage over which will be built a spacious terrace level with the first floor.

Earnings.—Net earnings based on a conservative schedule of rentals, and after deducting taxes, insurance and operating costs, and with due allowance for vacancies, are estimated at \$52,700, leaving a surplus of over \$14,000 above the greatest annual interest and sinking fund requirements.

Zane Hotel, Zanesville, O.—Bonds Offered.—

Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati, are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity, \$250,000 6 1/2% 1st Mtge. Serial Gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1925; due serially July 1 1927 to 1940. Callable on any interest date at 105 and int. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of trustee. 2% Federal income tax paid by borrower, Henry A. Hicks. The mortgage provides for the payment quarterly in advance to the trustee of the interest and principal maturing each ensuing year.

Location.—The property is located at Fourth and California Streets, with a frontage of 100 ft. on Fourth St. and 135 3/4 ft. on California St. The building will be 7 stories in height, with 156 guest rooms, dining rooms, barber shop, beauty shop and all other modern hotel facilities. Total cost of the real estate and building when completed will be over \$500,000 (which

does not include furnishings), making the First Mortgage bond issue less than 50% of the total cost.

Earnings.—The gross annual earnings are estimated by Henry A. Hicks from past experience, basing his estimate on 80% occupancy and only one guest to each room, at \$196,750. The operating expenses are estimated at \$107,060, or a net income after payment of interest on the bonds of \$89,690—more than five times the greatest interest requirement on these bonds, and approximately three times the greatest interest and principal requirement in any one year.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—A sixteen-page booklet announcing more than \$20,000,000 in first mortgage bond offerings has just been published by the American Bond & Mortgage Company, 345 Madison Avenue, New York. The investments include bonds bearing interest at six and one-half per cent, with a few at six per cent, and are aids in financing properties in New York, Germantown, Palm Beach, Boston, Brookline, Detroit and Chicago. The largest single offering is that of \$3,100,000 on the Alden Park Manor Apartments in Philadelphia, and the next largest offerings are each \$2,500,000 on the New Whittier Apartment Hotel in Detroit, and Whitehall, the new ten-story hotel just announced for Palm Beach, Fla. The booklet is published as the Company's forty-fourth semi-annual investment offering.

—The newly organized firm of Goddard & Co., of Pittsburgh, has acquired the Pittsburgh office of Redmond & Co., according to announcement on July 1. The offices of the firm will be in the Union Trust Building, Pittsburgh. The officers, all of whom were previously connected with Redmond & Co., are Stanhope S. Goddard, President; Joseph Buffington, Jr., Vice-President, and J. Harry Thoerner, Secretary and Treasurer.

—A. J. Bell & Co., announce the opening of their office in the Illinois Merchants Bank Bldg., Chicago, and will specialize in Public Utility Securities. A. J. Bell is well known in the Investment Banking field, having been resident manager of the Chicago Office of Merrill, Lynch & Co. and recently Vice-President of E. L. Lobdell & Co.

—Williams, Nicholas & Moran, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Irving A. Chapman has retired from the firm as a general partner and has become a special partner; and John S. Williams, member of the New York Stock Exchange, and son of Blair S. Williams of the firm, has become a general partner.

—Borton & Borton of Cleveland, Ohio, are distributing the twelfth annual edition of "Borton's Pocket Manual of Cleveland Securities", a booklet of over two hundred pages briefly describing corporations and the securities of which are bought and sold in the Cleveland market and giving reference data concerning these securities.

—Announcement was made this week of the formation of the new investment firm of George Haines & Halsey, with offices at 34 Pine St., New York. The members of the new firm are David L. George, Harold C. George, Dallas W. Haines and W. Gurden Halsey.

—Thompson, Ross & Co., investment bankers, of Chicago, have moved their offices to larger quarters and are now located on the bank floor at 29 So. La Salle St. The new offices are a model of attractiveness and rival any banking offices in the Middle West.

—G. L. Miller & Co., Inc. of New York announce that they are ready to exchange the definitive bonds of the \$700,000 1st Mtge. 7% Real Estate Gold Bond issue secured by the Plaza Apartments, Houston, Texas, for the outstanding interim certificates of that issue.

—Kelley, Drayton & Converse have issued an investment letter in which they feature foreign Government bond trust certificates and information on finance company securities. A resume of the general bond market is also given.

—Frazier Jelke & Co. announce that John J. Moore and Walter H. Church have been admitted to general partnership; and that Ralph Steever has retired from membership in the firm.

—Clinton Gilbert has issued a folder giving complete statistical information on 166 bank, trust, insurance and title company stocks with the July 1 quotations.

—Stone & Webster, Inc., are distributing a special circular describing numerous issues of bonds, preferred stocks and common and capital stocks of well-known public utility companies.

—Redmond & Co. discuss in a special circular the extraordinary expansion of the public utility industry and describe diversified issues of high grade public utility bonds now available.

—Mess, Lamborn, Hutchings & Co. 7 Wall Street, New York, announce that Mr. Gerald Easton was admitted as a general partner in their firm on July 1 1925.

—Henry T. Dumbell, member of the New York Cotton Exchange, has become a general partner in the firm of Munds & Winslow, New York. Mr. Dumbell was formerly a member of the firm of Stephen Weld & Co.

—The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under a mortgage securing an issue of First Mortgage Serial 6% Gold Bond Certificates covering the Franklin Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

—Goodrich & Co. of New Haven, Conn., have opened an office in Boston in charge of George S. Pingree, Vice-President, who has been associated with the company for the past 20 years.

—H. G. Wellington and H. I. Tutill announce the formation of the firm of Wellington & Co., with offices at 31 Pine Street, New York City, and the Union Trust Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

—Laird, Bissell & Meeds of Wilmington, Del., and New York City, announce that A. Coster Schermerhorn has been admitted to general partnership in the firm.

—Joseph B. Ford formerly with Phelps, Ells & McKee has become associated with Frank D. Van Nostrand & Co. in charge of the Public Utility Department.

—Chauncey H. Murphey has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Davies, Thomas & Co., New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange.

—The Stock Exchange firm of Lamborn, Hutchings & Co., New York City, announces the admission to general partnership of Gerald Easton.

—James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed Factor for Montague & Co., Inc., converters and importers of cretonnes, tapestries and madras.

—Zimmerman Co., 52 Broadway, dealers in foreign stocks and bonds, announce that Julius Scharff has been admitted to the firm.

—Pearsons-Taft Company, Chicago, announce that S. H. Castle and William D. Castle have become associated with them.

—J. L. Julian has been admitted to general partnership in the New York Stock Exchange firm of Fenner & Beane.

—A. Iselin & Co. announce that Robert M. Youngs has been admitted to the firm as a partner.

—Bristol & Bauer, 150 Broadway, have prepared for distribution to investors an analysis of Alpha Portland Cement Co.

Reports and Documents.

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THE BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL REPORT—CALENDAR YEAR 1924.

The annual report for the calendar year 1924, which the President and Directors of The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company submit to-day to the Stockholders of the Company, marks the ninety-eighth year of the Railroad Company's existence.

The operated mileage of the Company is 5,196 miles. Including 104 miles of subsidiary companies, the first main track mileage is 5,300 miles and the total mileage of all tracks 10,699 miles. In addition the Company exercises trackage rights for passenger traffic only from Philadelphia to New York, a distance of 97 miles.

The Company's equipment, valued at \$199,329,764, consists of 2,585 steam locomotives, 11 electric locomotives, 100,092 freight cars, 1,441 passenger cars, 3,202 work equipment units and 179 marine equipment units.

The recorded investment at December 31, 1924 of the property devoted to and used in transportation service is \$773,814,915, an increase over the previous year of \$20,684,074.

Owing to the general decline in business during the year 1924, the revenues of the Company were diminished, compared with the peak year of 1923 when the Company handled the largest volume of freight traffic in its history. But the loss in revenue in 1924 was overcome to a considerable extent by operating economies, resulting in the largest net railway operating income heretofore earned with the single exception of the year 1923.

With the exception of products of agriculture, which showed a slight increase, the decrease in traffic was general. Especially notable was the large decrease in bituminous coal, which is the largest single item of traffic handled by the Company. The explanation for this decrease, however, lies in the fact that the bituminous coal industry in the Northern bituminous coal fields has been handicapped in the Eastern markets by the lower mining costs prevailing in the Southern or Pocahontas, New River and other fields. This condition was partly offset by the Company handling a larger proportion of coal traffic from connecting lines and finding a market for it on or via its lines. Notwithstanding the reduction in coal traffic, the revenues of the Company were generally sustained, owing to increased commercial and industrial activities in the territory served by its lines.

Gross revenues of the Company amounted to \$224,318,794, divided into freight revenue, \$180,179,357; passenger revenue, \$29,047,718, and other revenue, \$15,091,719. With the exception of 1920, and the peak year, 1923, the gross revenues were the largest in the history of the Company.

Even with the decline in traffic during 1924, compared with 1923, the Company was able to make material decreases in operating expenses. In expenditures for maintenance of way and structures, it showed a decrease of \$2,680,337. Expenses for maintenance of equipment were \$15,221,968 below the same figures for 1923. Transportation expenses in 1924 were \$9,362,906 less than in 1923, while the total of all operating charges for the year was \$172,752,632, a decrease of \$26,571,329.

Railway tax accruals, amounting to \$9,548,085, absorbed 18½ cents of every dollar of operating revenues remaining after the payment of operating expenses, and railway tax accruals and miscellaneous tax accruals combined, nearly equaled the amount paid during the year for dividends on

the preferred and common stock of the Company, or nearly \$9,951,864.

The Company's net railway operating income for 1924 was \$38,084,323, as compared with \$42,133,129 in 1923, a decrease of \$4,048,805, or 9.61%, and was equivalent to a return of 4.92% upon the investment in property devoted to transportation service. Under the Transportation Act of 1920, properties under common control and management may be combined for the purpose of determining recapturable income. Consolidating the separately operated subsidiaries with the parent company the net railway operating income of the entire system was \$38,245,514, equivalent to 4.67% on the combined investment in property used in transportation service.

There was a decrease of \$375,230 in "Other income" during the year, due in part to the sale of certain railroad properties located in Kentucky, the net income from which was previously absorbed by the Company. The increase of \$1,678,309 in "Deductions from gross income," was due largely to increased interest charges occasioned by the issue of new and the refunding of old securities which were part of the large financing arranged by the Company during the year.

On the whole, the financial results were satisfactory.

Net railway operating income, that is, the amount earned in the actual operations of the railroad property was.....	\$38,084,323
while the return from other investments was.....	\$5,657,290
making a total income of.....	\$43,741,613
from which were deducted fixed charges, &c.....	\$27,421,924
leaving a balance of.....	\$16,319,689
and after payment of dividends on the preferred stock of.....	\$2,354,527
there remained.....	\$13,965,162

showing an earning of 9.19% on the outstanding common stock of the Company. Quarterly dividends were maintained throughout the year at the rate of 4% per annum on the preferred stock and 5% per annum on the common stock.

The Company controls through ownership of the entire capital stock the following railroads:

The Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad Company.....	81 miles
The Staten Island Rapid Transit Company.....	23 "
Total.....	104 miles

These properties, while separately operated, are component parts of the System and the net result of the operations is absorbed in the general or combined income account of the Company, so that the net income is from the operations of all the properties comprising the Baltimore & Ohio System.

On June 17, 1924, the Inter-State Commerce Commission authorized the Company to issue and sell \$35,000,000 of its Refunding and General Mortgage Series "C" 6% bonds. Of these bonds \$30,000,000 were drawn to recoup the Company for expenditures previously made for additions and betterments and for other property coming under the mortgage, the remaining \$5,000,000 being issued to retire a like amount of outstanding obligations.

Anticipating the refunding of a part of the \$131,125,280 of bonds maturing in 1925, of which \$120,000,000 become due on July 1, the Company took advantage of favorable money conditions and in August, 1924, with the authority of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, issued and sold \$75,000,000 of its First Mortgage Bonds, bearing interest at 5% per annum. This action was taken to retire at or before maturity an equal amount of the Company's Prior Lien 3½% bonds, maturing July 1, 1925. A substantial amount of these bonds had been retired by the end of 1924. The First Mortgage bonds so issued were specifically reserved under that mortgage to retire the Prior Lien bonds upon maturity.

Financing conditions continued favorable and the Company, with the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, called for redemption and retirement November 1, 1924, \$5,720,000 of 7% Preferred Lien Equipment Certificates and \$3,813,333 of 6% Deferred Lien Equipment Certificates through the issue and sale of \$9,504,000 of new 4½% Equipment Certificates issued under the National Railway Service Corporation Equipment Trust. This will result in a net saving to the Company in interest and other charges of approximately \$50,000 per annum for the duration of the trust.

Total of new debt incurred.....	\$119,504,000
Total of old debt retired.....	76,569,835
Net increase in long term debt.....	\$42,934,165
Less further provisions for retirement of obligations at or before maturity.....	\$28,332,725
Leaving the actual net increase in long term debt.....	\$14,601,440

In April, 1925, the Company also concluded arrangements for extending, on advantageous terms, \$45,000,000 of its Southwestern Division Bonds coming due July 1, 1925, so that provision has now been made for all the obligations of the Company which mature in 1925.

The Company continued its program of betterment and enlargement of the property, and in addition added the following equipment: 73 locomotives, 55 passenger cars, 3,386 freight cars, 15 pieces of work equipment and 8 car floats and lighters, having a value of \$12,900,155. Equipment retired from the service during 1924 had a book value of \$3,160,449 and in making changes from one class to another, there was also a reduction in the book value of equipment of \$174,773, making the net increase in investment value of equipment \$9,564,932 for the year.

The Company has been experimenting with gasoline motors as substitutes for steam locomotives on branch lines and the Management is convinced that substantial economies will ultimately be realized from such changes, at the same time improving service to the public.

The total net increase in investment in property held for and used in the service of transportation, was:

Additions and Betterments to Road.....	\$11,178,733
Additions and Betterments to Equipment.....	9,564,932
	\$20,743,665
Less—Net decrease in other accounts.....	59,591
Net Increase.....	\$20,684,074

Principal among the improvements to the property was the completion of the huge concrete grain elevator and terminal facilities, at Locust Point, Baltimore, Md. The elevator is of modern type, embodying the latest development in such construction and operation, having a storage capacity of 3,800,000 bushels. Its unloading capacity is 32 cars an hour. As auxiliaries to the elevator, the new grain pier No. 7 has been finished and the combined grain and general cargo pier No. 6 has also been completed, both of which are connected with the elevator by long steel grain galleries equipped with belt conveyors. The loading capacity of the two piers is 150,000 bushels an hour. Another large improvement completed during the year was the Millvale-Etna double track elevated line, 2.16 miles in length, enabling the Company to be independent of the use of tracks of other companies in Pittsburgh.

Grade crossing elimination continued. At Feltonville, Pa., Martinsburg, W. Va., Salisbury Junction, Pa., Taylorstown, Pa., and New Castle, Pa., such improvements were completed and at Silver Spring, Md., similar work is well under way, while agreements have been reached for the separation of grades at Cambridge and Mansfield, Ohio. New pumping stations were erected at Connellsville, Pa., and Bridgeport, Ohio. Water-treating plants were installed at these points and also at Rossford, Tontogany, Lima, Wapakoneta, Sidney, Troy, North Dayton, East Dayton and Old River Junction, Ohio, and a new dam and reservoir were finished at Somerset, Pa.

Bridge work continued to progress, resulting in extending the use of heavier power on several divisions. The largest improvement of this kind was the construction of a modern

bridge over the Kanawha River at Parkersburg, W. Va. Passing sidings were extended at Beckemeyer, Lebanon and Caseyville, Ill., and a new 80-car length siding was completed at O'Fallon, Ill.

Complying with the law of the State of New York, requiring the use of electric motive power in the operation of all trains in cities with inhabitants of 1,000,000 or more, the Company has undertaken through its subsidiary, the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company, to electrify the line between St. George and South Beach and between Clifton Junction and Tottenville, located on Staten Island, N. Y., a distance of 16.9 miles. Satisfactory progress has been made upon this work, the cost of which, together with the cost of the new all-steel passenger equipment, will be approximately \$5,000,000. This will be advanced by the Company.

In connection with the valuation of railroads, no tentative or final valuation has yet been served upon the Company or any of its constituent or subsidiary companies, but for the valuation of the Company's property there has been expended and charged to operating expenses \$3,861,608 up to December 31, 1924.

The Commercial Development Department during the year 1924 was instrumental in locating on the lines of the Company 419 new industries and 48 expansions of existing plants, representing a total plant investment in excess of \$28,000,000. Through this department the Company also conducted a soil fertility program over its entire system in co-operation with Extension Bureaus of State Colleges and County Agents. As another aid to agriculture in its territory, the Company operated cetter dairy sire trains, pure bred ram sales, organized poultry clubs, &c., and co-operate in farm educational work through boys and girls clubs in States through which it operates. In the last three years the Baltimore & Ohio awarded 37 scholarships permitting winners the alternative of university training or educational trips.

There were 63,939 employees in the service of the Company at December 31, 1924, of which 54,706 were members of the Relief Department.

Pension payments to retired employees, while administered through the officers of the Relief Department, are made wholly by the Company and constitute a special payroll. The number of pensioners on this roll at the end of 1924 was 1,290, a net increase of 16 for the year. Pension payments for 1924 amounted to \$456,885, an increase of \$21,382 over the previous year. Since the inauguration of the Pension Feature in October, 1884, the Company has paid \$5,930,491 account of pensions to superannuated employees.

During the year the Baltimore & Ohio Company was able to furnish, and did furnish, adequate, efficient and satisfactory service to its patrons, and the friendly relationship between the Company and the communities which it serves has been strengthened. Public Relations Committees of Baltimore & Ohio officers and employees have been organized in 158 of the counties which are reached by Baltimore & Ohio rails, for the particular purpose of developing a better understanding between the Company and those who depend upon it for transportation. Meetings between these committees and groups of local representatives are held at frequent intervals and much good has already been accomplished by such conferences.

The policy of co-operation between the Baltimore & Ohio management and employees has been extended and further developed during the year. Practices and methods have been put in effect whereunder different groups of employees and officers meet in conference at least once and in many cases twice each month. At such conferences a free expression of views is encouraged, and many valuable and constructive suggestions have been made by men in all branches of the service. It should be said in this connection that the officers of the several labor organizations with which most of the men are affiliated have been sympathetic with this policy and their co-operation has been very helpful.

There were 32,174 stockholders of the Company of record on December 31, 1924.

The Board takes pleasure in recording its appreciation of the loyal and efficient co-operation of officers and employees during the year, and is desirous that this sympathetic understanding and relationship now existing may be continued.

DANIEL WILLARD, *President.*

INCOME ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET.
INCOME ACCOUNT.

	Year 1924.	Year 1923.	Increase or Decrease.
Average Miles Operated.....	*5,196.18	*5,206.87	10.69
Railway Operating Revenues:			
Freight.....	\$180,179,357 18	\$208,587,996 20	\$28,408,639 02
Passenger.....	29,047,718 38	30,752,790 80	1,705,072 42
Mail.....	2,709,836 58	2,526,213 34	183,623 24
Express.....	4,786,832 49	4,992,622 90	205,790 41
Other transportation revenue.....	3,451,561 02	3,535,610 59	84,049 57
Miscellaneous revenue.....	4,143,489 20	5,199,201 43	1,055,712 23
Total railway operating revenues.....	\$224,318,794 85	\$255,594,435 26	\$31,275,640 41
Railway Operating Expenses:			
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$26,638,363 05	\$29,318,700 72	\$2,680,337 67
Maintenance of equipment.....	48,659,503 96	63,881,472 30	15,221,968 34
Traffic.....	4,242,473 18	3,916,435 76	326,037 42
Transportation.....	85,313,754 95	94,676,661 15	9,362,906 20
Miscellaneous operations.....	1,789,046 20	1,653,199 60	135,846 60
General.....	6,169,512 10	5,917,658 45	251,853 65
Transportation for investment—Credit.....	60,021 07	40,166 55	19,854 52
Total railway operating expenses.....	\$172,752,632 37	\$199,323,961 43	\$26,571,329 06
Net Revenue from Railway Operations.....	\$51,566,162 48	\$56,270,473 83	\$4,704,311 35
Ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues.....	77.01%	77.98%	.97%
Other Operating Charges:			
Railway tax accruals.....	\$9,548,085 84	\$9,834,128 86	\$286,043 02
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	103,073 34	131,286 01	28,212 67
Equipment rents—Net debit.....	2,956,054 86	3,139,711 37	183,656 51
Joint facility rents—Net debit.....	874,624 80	1,032,218 29	157,593 49
Total other operating charges.....	\$13,481,838 84	\$14,137,344 53	\$655,505 69
Net Railway Operating Income as defined in the Transportation Act of 1920.....	\$38,084,323 64	\$42,133,129 30	\$4,048,805 66
Other Income:			
Income from lease of road.....	\$16,147 30	\$17,144 80	\$997 50
Miscellaneous rent income.....	1,020,084 00	968,560 11	51,523 89
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property.....	321,021 27	213,044 90	107,976 37
Separately operated properties—Profit.....	296,451 94	296,451 94	296,451 94
Dividend income.....	1,910,941 92	1,914,723 50	3,781 58
Income from funded securities.....	1,528,263 77	1,628,601 42	100,337 65
Income from unfunded securities and accounts.....	672,831 62	902,393 38	229,561 76
Income from sinking and other reserve funds.....	163,083 03	67,450 45	95,632 58
Miscellaneous income.....	24,916 77	24,149 84	766 93
Total other income.....	\$5,657,289 68	\$6,032,520 34	\$375,230 66
Gross Income.....	\$43,741,613 32	\$48,165,649 64	\$4,424,036 32
Deductions from Gross Income:			
Rent for leased roads.....	\$604,452 84	\$394,266 38	\$210,186 46
Miscellaneous rents.....	270,428 92	519,196 36	248,767 44
Miscellaneous tax accruals.....	248,370 45	279,576 96	31,206 51
Separately operated properties—Loss.....	1,040,171 00	794,285 78	245,885 22
Interest on funded debt.....	24,950,935 43	23,333,142 78	1,617,792 65
Interest on unfunded debt.....	190,474 13	304,519 52	114,045 39
Miscellaneous income charges.....	117,090 93	118,625 96	1,535 03
Total deductions from gross income.....	\$27,421,923 70	\$25,743,613 74	\$1,678,309 96
Net Income.....	\$16,319,689 62	\$22,422,035 90	\$6,102,346 28

Italics indicate decrease.

* Excludes the 96.71 miles of passenger trackage rights between Philadelphia and New York.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Profit and Loss Account:			
Credit balance, December, 31 1923.....			\$32,223,524 35
Net income for year 1924.....		\$16,319,689 62	
Miscellaneous adjustments—Net debit.....		4,636,191 45	11,683,498 17
Total.....			\$43,907,022 52
Appropriations during year 1924:			
Income applied to sinking and other reserve funds.....		\$216,130 70	
Dividends on preferred stock at 4% per annum.....		2,354,527 24	
Dividends on common stock at 5% per annum.....		7,597,337 42	10,167,995 36
Credit balance December 31, 1924.....			\$33,739,027 16
Additions to Property through Income and Surplus:			
Credit balance, December 31, 1923.....		\$26,307,730 70	
Miscellaneous.....		209,702 48	
Credit balance December 31, 1924.....			26,517,433 18
Sinking Fund Reserves:			
Credit balance December 31, 1923.....		\$193,843 84	
Additions during year.....		13,376 95	
Credit balance December 31, 1924.....			207,220 79
Total Corporate Surplus, credit balance December 31 1924.....			\$60,463,681 13

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

	Year 1924.	Increase or Decrease.
ASSETS.		
Investment in Road and Equipment.....	\$460,221,933 46	
Investment in Constituent Companies.....	307,151,781 69	
Investment in Perpetual Leaseholds—(per contra).....	6,441,200 00	
Total Property Investment.....	\$773,814,915 15	\$20,684,074 78 Inc.
Other Investments.....	75,851,319 80	600,335 59 Inc.
Total Investments.....	\$849,666,234 95	\$21,284,410 37 Inc.
Current Assets—Cash, Materials and Supplies, etc.....	90,290,539 25	21,971,877 89 Inc.
Deferred Assets.....	1,056,724 40	79,720 22 Inc.
Unadjusted Debits.....	1,567,801 92	946,640 58 Dec.
	\$942,581,300 52	\$42,389,367 90 Inc.
LIABILITIES.		
Common Stock.....	\$151,945,428 54	
Preferred Stock.....	58,863,180 95	
Total Stock Outstanding.....	\$210,808,609 49	
Funded Debt.....	574,004,137 35	\$42,934,165 33 Inc.
Capitalized Leaseholds—(per contra).....	6,436,200 00	
Total Capital and Leasehold Obligations.....	\$791,248,946 84	\$42,934,165 33 Inc.
Current Liabilities.....	31,166,854 61	3,655,592 25 Dec.
Deferred Liabilities.....	1,830,550 63	856,403 96 Dec.
Unadjusted Credits—Accrued Depreciation, Reserves, etc.....	57,871,267 31	2,228,616 54 Inc.
Corporate Surplus.....	60,463,681 13	1,738,582 24 Inc.
	\$942,581,300 52	\$42,389,367 90 Inc.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
 PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, July 3 1925.

COFFEE on the spot has been dull and declining, with Brazilian quotations falling and the trade apparently pretty well supplied for the time being. They are inclined to all appearances to adopt dilatory tactics. No. 2 Rio, 22¼c.; No. 3 Rio, 22c.; No. 4, 21½c.; No. 5, 21c.; No. 6, 21c.; No. 7, 21c.; No. 7-8 Victoria, 20½c.; No. 2 Santos, 25¼ to 25¾c.; No. 3 Santos, 24¾ to 25¼c.; No. 4 Santos, 24 to 24½c.; No. 5, 23¾ to 24¼c.; No. 6, 22¾ to 23¼c.; No. 7, 21c. On the spot Rio was firmer to-day at 20¼ to 20¾c. for No. 7 and 24 to 24¼c. for Santos 4s. Cost and freight offers early in the week included prompt shipment Bourbon 2s at 22.90c. to 25¾c.; 2s and 3s at 22.60 to 23c.; 3s-4s at 22 to 22¾c.; 3s-5s at 21.80 to 22¾c.; 4s-5s at 21¾c.; part Bourbon 3s-4s at 22.30 to 22¾c.; 3s-5s at 22¼c.; 3s-6s at 21¼c.; 5s-6s at 20½; Santos peaberry 3s, 22¼c.; Rio 7s, 19.95c.; 3s-5s, 19.60c.; 4s-6s, 19¼c.; 5s 7s, 18.90c.; 7s 8s, 17.90c.; 7s, 18.10c. to 18¼c., and Victoria 7s-8s at 17.65c. Futures have declined during the week on weak cables and selling for home and foreign account. To-day prices advanced on pre-holiday covering for local and foreign account, coincident with higher cables. Rio ended 25 to 325 reis higher and Santos 275 to 400 reis higher. Rio exchange was stronger. The dollar rate fell 110 reis to 9\$090 and the London rate was 7.64d. higher at 5 27-64d. The more aggressive tone in Brazil undoubtedly made shorts nervous. In any case, many of them were disposed to take profits after the sharp decline this week. The ending was at a loss since last Friday of only 5 points on December, but 40 to 50 on July and September. The firmness of near months was recently a kind of bulwark for the market, but there was no real activity. July delivery day passed without tenders, however. Speculation has been quiet. Futures at the current level of prices do not invite hedge sales. Some have been making purchases of distant months. They expect to see them eventually rise to a parity with the price of spot coffee. Others doubt whether, with the very favorable crop reports now being received, it will be possible to maintain the present high levels.

The 1924-25 Rio crop was 3,071,000 bags and the Santos crop 8,902,000 bags, or a total Rio and Santos of 11,973,000 bags. This compares with a total Rio and Santos crop for recent years as follows: 13,945,000 bags in 1923-24, 9,477,000 in 1922-23, 11,883,000 in 1921-22, 13,816,000 in 1920-21, 6,700,000 in 1919-20, 9,140,000 in 1918-19, 15,127,000 in 1917-18, 12,112,000 in 1916-17, 14,992,000 in 1915-16, and 12,867,000 in 1914-15. Speculative sentiment has undoubtedly been weakened during the past two weeks, largely because Brazil has shown a greater disposition to sell and less disposition to carry matters with a high hand on actual coffee. European and local selling developed. Aside from upturns now and then on technical conditions, many believe that the major trend will be downward and that futures will continue to decline. G. Daring & Zoon of Rotterdam make the world visible supply of coffee on July 1 5,085,000 bags, showing a decrease for the month of June of 143,000 bags. Last year the visible was 5,071,000 bags. They report arrivals in Europe during June of 811,000 bags, deliveries 916,000 bags and stock in Europe on July 1, 1,168,000 bags. E. Laneville of Havre cabled his figures of world's production and deliveries as follows: Production, Rio, 3,082,000; Santos, 9,402,000; Victoria, 876,000; Bahia, 361,000; other kinds, 6,762,000, or a total of 20,483,000 bags; deliveries, 20,506,000 bags. He makes the world's visible supply on July 1 as 5,003,000, against 5,164,000 on June 1 and 5,026,000 on July 1 last year. Arrivals of coffee in Europe during June 1924-25 of Brazil, 428,000 bags, milds 303,000 bags, or a total of 731,000 bags, against last year's total of 690,000 bags; total deliveries for 12 months, 1924-25, U. S., 9,581,000 bags; Europe, 9,905,000 bags, and Southern ports, 1,035,000 bags; total, 20,521,000 bags, against 22,020,000 last year.

Spot unofficial 21½ Sept 15.85@ March 13.62@
 July 18.27@ Dec 14.55@ May 13.15@

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were steady at 2 17-32c. c. & f.; 15,000 bags of Porto Rico sold at 4.30c. c. i. f. Wall Street sold futures at new lows. Foreign buying was noticeable on the decline. As some regard the situation the resistance which met the July notices would suggest that the recent liquidation has put the market in a stronger technical position and that barring pressure to sell actual sugar which need hardly be expected here with European prices high, the near future may see a better market. Some 60,000 tons of raw sugar have been, it is said, sold to Europe since June 24 on a basis equal to 2 19-32c. c. & f. for Cubas. Cubas in Europe are somewhat higher than the parity of

New York. Many Cuban holders have not been very ready to sell here. Refiners, some think, must soon supply their late July requirements and the trade having bought little for a month, should re-enter the market for refined before long. According to some of the trade, June purchases of raws by refiners have probably been large enough to cover their needs up to the middle of July and the next good buying will be to meet the necessities of the second half July and the first half of August.

The "Louisiana Planter" said: "Continued warm weather accompanied by showers prevailed throughout the sugar district during the week. The cane crop is growing rapidly under these favorable conditions and making excellent advancement. The planters are busily engaged in their cultivating operations, which they are rushing as rapidly as possible. The ground is in excellent shape and the cultivation of the crop so far has been very thorough. Prospects continue to improve and point to a good yield for this crop." Europe cabled to the "Federal Reporter": "Licht increased his estimate of European beet sowings to 2,072,000 hectares from 2,048,000. (A hectare is 2.47 acres.)" Willett & Gray had a cable from F. O. Licht stating that his latest estimate of the sowings of beets in all Europe gives a total this year of somewhat more than last year, as against his previous estimate of about one-half of 1% less this year than last. The weather has improved in most sections, although in a few places more rain is still needed.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 68,738 tons, against 59,874 tons in the previous week, 24,270 last year and 23,755 two years ago; exports 100,291 tons, against 116,464 in the previous week, 79,327 last year and 42,525 two years ago; stock 1,121,345, against 1,152,898 in previous week, 788,141 last year and 590,209 two years ago. Of the exports U. S. Atlantic ports received 46,987 tons, New Orleans 18,811 tons, Savannah 8,075 tons, Galveston 3,854 tons and Europe 22,564 tons. Havana cabled: "Rain decreasing." To-day futures were unchanged to 2 points lower. Some 10,000 bags Cuba sold to an operator due July 14 at 2 17-32c. Late on Thursday 10,000 bags Cuba sold due after July 20 at the same price and 4,800 bags Porto Ricos at 4.30c. due July 16. A Canadian refiner, it is reported, bought a cargo of San Domingos prompt loading at 2.65c., or slightly under 2½c. New York. For the week prices show little change, being unchanged on July and December and one off on September. Prompt raw Cuban is 1-32c. lower than last Friday. Refined was 5.50 to 5.60c.

Spot unofficial 2 17-32c. Sept 2.68@ nom March 2.85@
 July 2.55@ Dec 2.80@ May 2.95@

LARD on the spot was quiet and lower with hogs declining and liquidation the order of the day. Prime Western, 17.60 to 17.70c.; Middle Western, 17.40 to 17.50c.; city lard, in tierces, 17 to 17½c.; in tubs, 17½ to 17¾c. Compound carlots in tierces, 12¾ to 13c.; refined pure lard to Continent, 18¼c.; South America, 19c.; Brazil, 20c. Futures declined under long selling coincident with a drop in grain markets. Hogs on the 29th inst. ended with \$13.75, the top. Cash trade was disappointing. But on the decline packers and commission houses bought or the net decline early in the week would have been greater. Export demand was poor. The East sold at Chicago. To-day prices were 25 to 30 points higher on commission house buying, scattered short covering and higher hog prices. Hogs advanced 25 to 35c., with the top \$14 50. For the week lard prices show an advance of 27 to 30 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri
July	cts. 17.10	16.85	17.07	17.02	17.05	17.35
September	17.35	17.10	17.35	17.30	17.32	17.57
October	17.37	17.15	17.40	17.37	17.35	17.62

PORK quiet; mess, \$41; family, \$38 to \$40; fat back pork, \$38 to \$43. Beef steady; mess, \$19 to \$20; packet, \$19 to \$20; family, \$20 to \$22; extra India mess, \$32 to \$34; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2 75; No. 2, 6 lbs., \$17 50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60. Cut meats dull; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 22¼ to 25¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 24 to 25c. Butter, creamery, lower grades to high-scoring, 37 to 42c. Cheese, flats, 21½ to 27½c. Eggs, fresh-gathered, mediums to extras, 31 to 40½c.

OILS.—Linseed declined with trade slow and stocks increasing. Spot-August raw oil in carlots, cooperage basis, was quoted at 95c. Boiled and double boiled oils were quiet. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 10¾c.; Cochin, 10¾c. Corn, crude, tanks, 10¾c.; bbls., spot, 12c.; edible, 100-bbl. lots, 12½c. China wood, spot, bbls., New York, 14c. Soya bean, crude, tanks, 12c. Lard, prime, 19½c.; extra strained, winter, New York, 18¼c. Cod, domestic, 61 to 63c.; Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Spirits of turpentine, 98 to \$1 01. Rosin, \$9 50 to \$14 60. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 16,500 P. Crude S. E. nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	10.95@	Sept.....	11.49@	11.50	Dec.....	10.71@	10.80
July.....	11.03@	11.05	Oct.....	11.38@	11.41	Jan.....	10.70@
Aug.....	11.20@	11.40	Nov.....	10.70@	10.85	Feb.....	10.70@

PETROLEUM.—Bulk gasoline has shown an easier tendency. Of late a small quantity was reported available at 15c., but most refiners refuse to quote under 15½c. to 15¾c. For tank cars delivered to trade 16½c. to 16¾c. was asked. Cased gasoline was in better inquiry from abroad but actual business continues small. In steel barrels to garages 22c. was quoted. The export demand for gasoline has been below expectations. Kerosene has been inactive; water white, 6½c. to 6¾c. in bulk at local refineries. Export business was slow. Diesel oil quiet at \$2.30 refinery. Bunker oil easier at \$1.75 refinery. Gas oil has been quiet but steady at 5¾c. for 36-40 and 5½c. for 28-34 at refinery. Lubricants were dull. Cylinder stocks, however, met with a more active inquiry of late. The Government put the production of gasoline in May at 922,000,000 gallons, against 870,733,430 in April; consumption at \$32,000,000, against \$10,849,075 in April; exports at 101,000,000, against 109,750,499 in April. Stocks at ports were put at 101,000,000, an increase during May of 6,000,000 gallons. The output of crude took a sharp drop last week. The daily average production declined 23,600 bbls. from the previous week, according to the American Petroleum Institute. The decline was attributed to the falling off of production in the Smackover field in Arkansas. The declines in other fields were largely offset by an increase of 19,000 in California's output. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specifications, deodorized, 30.65c.; bulk, 16.50c.; export naphtha in cargo lots, 19.25c.; 62-63 degrees H 10.50c.; 66-68 degrees, 22c. Kerosene in cargo lots, cases, 16.40c.; petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 13c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 22c.; up-State, 22c.

Pennsylvania.....	\$3.80	Bradford.....	\$3.90	Illinois.....	\$2.02
Corning.....	2.05	Corsicana, light.....	2.00	Crichton.....	1.70
Osabell.....	2.35	Lima.....	2.23	Plymouth.....	1.55
Somerset, light.....	2.80	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.....	3.65	Eureka.....	3.75		

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—

Under 28 Magnolia.....	\$1.00	Mid-Continent—	
31-32.9.....	1.55	Bet. w 30 deg.....	\$1.35
39 and above.....	2.25	30 & 2.9.....	1.55
Below 30 Texas Co.....	1.35	33-35.9.....	1.80
33-35.9.....	1.80	36 and above.....	2.00
42 and above.....	2.35	Caddo—	
		Below 32 deg.....	1.70
		32-34.9.....	1.85
		38 and above.....	2.05

RUBBER declined early in the week some 1 to 3c. with trade quiet and London down 1½d. to 38d. On the 1st inst. ribbed smoked sheets spot, 82, July, 81c.; August-September, 74c.; brown crepe, thin clean spot, 75c.; July, 74c.; August-September, 70c.; first latex crepe spot, 81, July, 80c.; August-September, 74c.; amber No. 3, spot, 75c.; July, 47c.; August-September, 70c.; fine, up-river Para, spot July, August-September, 74c. Later on prices for all positions from July on advanced on the strength of London. Smoked ribbed sheets spot showed no change, being quoted at 82 to 82½c. July was quoted at 81 to 81½c. August, 76½ to 77c.; September, 74½ to 75c., and October-December, 68½ to 69c. First late xcrepe spot, 81 to 81½c.; July, 80 to 80½c.; August, 76 to 76½c.; September, 74½ to 75c., and October-December, 68½ to 69c. London on the 2d inst. closed firm up ¼ to ½d. after a quiet and featureless day. Spot there, 38 to 38¼d.; July, 37¾ to 38d.; August, 36¾ to 36¾d.; September, 35¼ to 35¼d.; October-December, 32¼ to 32½d. In Singapore on the same day the market declined with a poor demand. Spot-July there, 34¾d.; August-September, 33¾d., and October-December, 31½d.

HIDES have been steady if not firmer in some cases, for instance, common dry hides. Savannilla were quoted at 22c.; Coastal Columbian were held at an advance of ½c. The demand was fair. Receipts continue very light. River Plate frigorifico hides were steadier. A European buyer took 1,000 Artiga steers at \$44 or 19 5-16c. e & f; City packer hides were firm. June branded steers sold to some extent, it is said, at unchanged prices. Country hides were steady with extremes scarce. Here Orinoco was 22c.; Peruvians, 21½c.; Central America, 20 to 21c.; Laguayra, 19½c.; Ecuador, 19 to 24c.; Savannillas, 22c.; Santa Marta, 23c.; Puerto Cabello, 20c.; San Domingos, 18c. Packer hides, native steers, 14¼c.; butt brands, 13¼c.; Colorados, 12c.; bulls, native, 10½c. At Chicago big packer hides advanced, with sales of late June heavy native steers at 16c., and extreme light native steers at 15½c., both ½c. higher. The price of 15c. is now asked for heavy native June cows and all branded stocks are quoted ½c. higher than recently. Independent packer stocks were strong at 14½c. or over for all weight native cows and steers. Packer calfskins were very firm on the basis of recent sales at 25c. City collectors quoted at 23c. for first salted Chicago city calfskins after recent sales of big packer skins at 25c. Kipskins were quiet. Country extreme weight were firmer on account of the advance. Some dealers demand 15½c. for choice extreme weights with 25 to 50-pound weights now at 14½c. Buff-weights were firm on the basis of 12c. to 12½c., with some local dealers talking 13c. for choice buff-weights, though apparently this level is a trifle high. Heavy country hides were dull, being listed at 11c. to 12c. Leather was dull.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Grain rates advanced 4c. Late last week 100 loads were taken with German demand a feature. Later grain tonnage continued to be firm with

13½c. bid from Montreal to Antwerp-Bremen and refused. Later grain cargoes were quoted at 13½ to 17c. It appeared that grain rates to Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg and Rotterdam had advanced from 3 to 5c. in eight days. It was stated that nearby berth room was extremely scarce. Tanker rates were fairly steady.

Charters included grain 35,000 qrs. from Gulf to Greece, 3s. 7½d. July; from Montreal to three ports Finland, 21c. July; from Montreal to Antwerp, 11c. 35,000 qrs. 10% from Boston to Antwerp-Hamburg, 11c. one, 11½c. two ports spot; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 16s. July; from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 15s. 6d. July; from San Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 16s. July; lumber from North Pacific to North Hatteras, \$14 August; 700 standards from Onego to Grimsby, 57s. July 10; time charter, 2,816-ton steamer, delivery North Pacific, re-delivery Alexandria, ties, 4s.; 3,198-ton steamer, delivery Hull, re-delivery Alexandria, 3s. 3d.; 3,184-ton steamer, 2 round trips inter-coastal, 95c.; foreign charters, grain 10% from Buenos Aires to United Kingdom-Continent, 10s. 9d. June 25; from Buenos Aires to United Kingdom-Continent, 10s. prompt; oilcake from Black Sea to Rotterdam, 14s. 3d. August grain 50,000 qrs. 10% from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg, 14c. July 1-15; oats from Boston to Danzig, 16c., with other options first half July; from North Pacific to United Kingdom-Continent, 30s. Oct. 15-Nov. 15; lumber from one port North Pacific to North Hatteras, \$14 August; from Gulf to Rosario, \$16 prompt; mixed cargo, lumber and case oil, two Pacific ports to two ports Brisbane, Sydney range, \$13 6½; lumber and \$6 5½ oil; crude oil from Tampico to North Hatteras, 23c.; sugar from San Domingo or Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 17s. 3d. clean oil from San Pedro to New York, 85c. late July; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 16s. July; grain from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 17c., for wheat 19c., for barley, 21c. for oats July 8 cancelling; 45,000 qrs. 10% from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg, 14c. for heavy wheat, 15½c. for barley and 16½c. for oats July 15 cancelling.

TOBACCO has met with the usual demand at this time of the year. There is a steady trade in Sumatra and Java. No one claims that the cigar industry is in satisfactory shape, though it appears that in some exceptional cases the sales exceed those of a year ago. At Havana there is a continuance of the better trade that began a week ago and prices, it is stated, are still kept high. Wisconsin tobacco is reported scarce and firm.

COAL has been in only moderate demand, where it has not been quiet. But prices of late have been somewhat firmer at Hampton Roads, with no falling off in vessels loading. Dealers say that the Seranton conference has had no effect on anthracite prices here. The usual advance of 10 cents in the price of egg, stove and chestnut was generally made on July 1. As a whole the market has lacked features of striking interest.

COPPER has been firmer with London prices higher and a rather better demand. Most of the buying, however, was in small lots. The price was quoted at 13¾c. Export sales were reported at 13.70c. f. a. s. New York for July and 13.80c. for September. London on the 2d inst. advanced 5s. with sales at £60 7s. 6d. for standard spot and £61 7s. 6d. for futures. Electrolytic was £64 for spot and £64 10s. for futures.

TIN early in the week advanced to a new high for the year, when sales were made at 57¼c. for spot Straits. Futures sold at 56¼c. The premium of 1c. on spot was due, it is said, to the failure of several cargoes of tin to arrive in time for June delivery. In London on June 29 prices rose an average of £2 10s. On July 1 there was a decline both here and in London. Spot Straits fell to 57c. American tin deliveries in June totaled 6,175 tons, of which 175 tons were made from Pacific ports. Stocks on June 30 were 1,229 tons; deliveries were 1,900 tons greater than for June last year. According to the New York and London Metal Exchanges, there was a decrease of 1,100 tons in the visible supply to 19,797 tons at the close of June as compared with 20,897 at the end of May and 20,094 last year. The decrease is larger than was expected. Late in the week the market here was quiet but firm at 57¼c. for spot Straits and 56¾c. for futures. In London on the 2d inst. prices were lower.

LEAD early in the week was out \$4 per ton by the American Smelting & Refining Co. Its price is now 8c. New York. The East St. Louis price was 7.65c. to 7.70c. The decline was attributed to competition in the Chicago district.

ZINC has been the steadiest of all the metals. The demand, however, is only fair at best. Zinc ore was quoted at \$49 to \$50 per ton. Spot New York, 7.35 to 7.40c.; East St. Louis, 7 to 7.05c.

STEEL output is increasing somewhat in some directions, although it does not appear that trade has increased much. A rather better business, however, is reported under the stimulus of prices on the average \$2 50 lower than at this time last year and \$5 lower than two years ago. Railroads are buying little. Most of the business is in billets, with not a little inquiry for the third quarter. In the Pittsburgh district \$35 is the lowest on both small and standard sizes, with forging billets at not less than \$40. One large consumer of billets, it is said, recently paid \$35 60. That would suggest that they may have turned the corner. In any case, the mills are trying to stiffen quotations, notably in galvanized sheets and cold rolled strips. How the effort will turn out remains to be seen. It seems that while the United States Steel Corp. has increased its operations to 71%, which is 4% better than three weeks ago, the average in the industry is 65%. And on the whole, July production is expected to show a decrease from the June total. The general estimate is around 60% for the month's operations, against 40% for July last year. It is said that stocks in buyers' hands are much reduced, despite the production of about 22,350,000 tons of steel ingots in the half year and shipments of finished steel correspond.

PIG IRON has been dull as usual at this period of the year; perhaps duller than usual at this time. Nominal quotations were \$20 to \$20 50 in eastern Pennsylvania and \$19 to

\$19 50 at Buffalo. Foreign iron is still being imported at Philadelphia and Boston with less inquiry now, however, owing to the lower prices current for domestic iron. Indian iron is about \$22, duty paid, Boston. British iron continues to decline. British foundry iron has not come to this country in any important quantity since the coal and railroad strikes several years ago. Briefly summarized, pig iron production in June was 6% smaller than in May, with a net loss of five active furnaces, compared with twenty-five in May. The exact output was 2,666,160 tons, or 88,872 tons daily, according to the "Iron Age," compared with 2,930,807 tons, or 94,542 tons daily, the previous month. There are 191 furnaces in blast, with a daily capacity of 87,250 tons.

WOOL has been steadier with a somewhat better demand for woolsens, knit goods and worsteds. But there is no activity in raw wool. The demand is moderate. Western prices are firm. The state of things in Australia forms the crux of the foreign situation. Sales will be resumed there on July 13 with offerings of 120,000 bales monthly in July and August a moderate total. London will resume sales on the 7th inst. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 to June 25 1925, inclusive, were 77,683,000 lbs., against 85,347,000 lbs. for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1 to June 25 1925, inclusive, were 149,878,900 lbs., against 154,538,300 lbs. for the same period last year. Boston quotations are as follows:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 55 to 56c.; 1/4 blood combing, 54c.; 3/8 blood combing, 53 to 54c.; fine unwashed, 47 to 48c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 52 to 53c.; 1/4 blood combing, 50 to 51c.; 3/8 blood combing, 52 to 53c.; 1/4 blood combing, 50 to 51c.; fine unwashed, 44 to 45c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England: Half blood, 48 to 49c.; 3/8 blood, 50c.; 1/4 blood, 49c. Scoured basis: Texas, fine 12 months (selected), \$1 30 to \$1 35; fine 8 months, \$1 15 to \$1 20. California: Northern, \$1 25 to \$1 30; Middle Country, \$1 10 to \$1 15; Southern, \$1 05 to \$1 10. Territory: Montana and similar, fine staple, choice, \$1 35; 1/4 blood combing, \$1 15 to \$1 20; 3/8 blood combing, \$1 00 to \$1 02; 1/4 blood combing, 90 to 92c. Pulled: Delaine, \$1 35; AA, \$1 30; A supers, \$1 10 to \$1 15. Mohair, best combing, 75 to 80c.; best carding, 65 to 70c.

Imports of raw wool at Boston, New York and Philadelphia in the week ended June 27 totaled 7,020,942 pounds, against 3,336,351 in the previous week. London colonial wool sales have been fixed for the period from July 7 to 23, inclusive. The quantities catalogued for offering are 108,900 bales Australian, 7,200 bales South African and 19,600 bales South American. In Texas on July 1 48c., it is stated, was paid, the highest price of the season. Consumption of wool by manufacturers during May was approximately 4,600,000 pounds less than during April, but 1,670,000 pounds greater than during May 1924, according to the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce. London cabled June 30: "The Federal Council of Glaziers of Australia has cabled to the Australian High Commissioner in London that it considers dangerous the two main proposals of Higgins's wool price stabilization scheme; namely, borrowing funds under Government guarantee and controlling exports under system of Government licenses. The Council has decided to refer the scheme for consideration to the component associations."

COTTON.

Friday Night, July 3 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 18,514 bales, against 14,161 bales last week and 39,633 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1924, 9,091,015 bales, against 6,612,908 bales for the same period of 1923-24, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1924 of 2,478,107 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	592	1,138	780	608	105	172	3,395
Houston	800	2,311	363	373	—	878	4,725
New Orleans	185	143	2,765	263	552	481	4,389
Mobile	34	—	236	82	—	115	467
Savannah	4	40	264	25	16	237	586
Charleston	202	107	169	728	498	465	2,169
Wilmington	109	11	135	15	38	—	308
Norfolk	199	13	585	104	136	39	1,076
New York	—	50	—	—	113	—	163
Boston	271	165	—	200	—	—	636
Baltimore	—	—	—	450	—	150	600
Totals this wk.	2,396	3,978	5,297	2,848	1,458	2,537	18,514

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1924 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

Receipts to July 3—	1924-25.		1923-24.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	1925.	1924.
Galveston	3,395	3,619,968	3,233	2,823,425	66,660	38,249
Texas City	—	61,981	—	18,606	—	3
Houston	4,725	1,830,525	244	1,066,033	—	19
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	4,389	1,898,492	7,328	1,336,803	86,036	74,852
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	467	151,401	1,241	79,873	1,369	1,438
Pensacola	—	10,104	—	11,521	—	—
Jacksonville	—	3,854	—	4,227	—	1,838
Savannah	586	618,871	4,510	439,643	10,741	33,647
Brunswick	—	539	—	944	—	—
Charleston	2,169	273,915	523	190,995	8,009	14,242
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	308	135,366	1,054	134,099	11,276	12,863
Norfolk	1,076	388,419	1,762	416,579	28,405	31,403
N'port News, &c.	—	—	19	19	—	—
New York	163	23,727	984	17,386	120,402	40,363
Boston	636	38,483	625	43,260	1,307	4,495
Baltimore	600	34,325	260	28,189	1,338	1,400
Philadelphia	—	1,045	—	1,306	3,655	3,419
Totals	18,514	9,091,015	21,783	6,612,908	339,535	258,228

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Galveston	3,395	3,233	4,506	21,340	40,944	5,211
Houston, &c.	4,725	244	905	966	21,861	1,361
New Orleans	4,389	7,328	4,245	16,277	13,120	11,471
Mobile	467	1,241	894	971	2,671	4,599
Savannah	586	4,510	4,734	7,352	15,298	3,781
Brunswick	—	—	4	—	—	—
Charleston	2,169	523	422	905	575	10
Wilmington	308	1,054	4,021	719	1,390	15
Norfolk	1,076	1,762	2,590	924	2,273	1,176
N'port N., &c.	—	19	—	—	36	29
All others	1,399	1,869	2,151	6,730	2,018	2,306
Tot. this week	18,514	21,783	24,472	56,184	100,186	24,959
Since Aug. 1—	9,091,015	6,612,908	5,663,020	5,976,817	6,432,310	6,741,321

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 42,013 bales, of which 11,010 were to Great Britain, 4,793 to France, 15,919 to Germany, 5,428 to Italy, 1,560 to Japan and China and 3,303 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 53,757 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,874,976 bales, against 5,431,034 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended July 3 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	3,084	1,770	3,368	1,271	—	—	1,833	11,326
Houston	—	823	3,025	363	—	—	350	4,561
New Orleans	2,705	—	4,088	2,228	—	1,560	256	11,837
Savannah	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	50
Charleston	2,137	—	2,460	—	—	—	—	4,597
Norfolk	133	—	—	—	—	—	—	133
New York	2,951	2,200	2,928	566	—	—	864	9,509
Total	11,010	4,793	15,919	5,428	—	1,560	3,303	42,013
Total 1924	9,929	9,582	16,320	5,988	8,050	1,400	2,488	53,757
Total 1923	16,035	11,325	18,648	5,744	—	4,140	3,603	59,495

From Aug. 1 1924 to July 3 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	747,938	422,510	587,062	270,500	33,250	334,112	421,411	2,816,783
Houston	551,481	326,553	427,299	156,222	77,325	99,528	147,609	1,786,017
Texas City	8,760	—	8,034	—	—	—	—	16,794
New Orleans	474,474	88,097	234,153	187,424	105,836	136,615	120,913	1,347,512
Mobile	41,838	1,308	34,908	415	—	—	—	80,287
Jacksonville	1,561	—	65	—	—	—	—	1,758
Pensacola	6,588	415	1,145	42	—	—	300	8,490
Savannah	203,582	8,831	219,505	6,820	—	24,600	11,185	474,523
Charleston	106,257	386	89,025	—	—	28,900	19,304	237,872
Wilmington	36,866	—	42,347	24,800	—	—	—	104,013
Norfolk	121,848	455	117,446	—	—	4,000	—	245,226
New York	158,371	38,487	105,229	53,090	—	35,269	67,419	457,784
Boston	5,919	—	193	100	—	—	7,323	13,535
Baltimore	3	100	—	218	—	—	76	397
Philadelphia	6,628	52	436	190	—	—	639	7,945
Los Angeles	37,605	1,300	—	—	—	15,744	507	55,156
San Diego	23,211	—	—	—	—	600	—	23,811
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	111,957	5	111,962
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	83,959	152	84,111
Total	2,526,927	888,474	1,866,847	699,740	216,411	875,284	801,293	7,874,976
Total '23-24	1,665,213	711,232	1,273,884	510,657	117,015	174,936	578,037	5,431,034
Total '22-23	1,281,134	610,682	914,399	470,316	290	622,119	561,167	4,460,107

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 May the exports to the Dominion for the present season have been 17,380 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 8,029 bales. For the ten months ending May 31 1925 there were 190,742 bales exported, as against 135,311 bales for the corresponding ten 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:

July 3 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'n.	Coastwise.		
Galveston	1,750	2,200	4,000	11,300	2,000	21,250	45,410
New Orleans	1,162	2,934	3,067	8,443	190	15,796	70,240
Savannah	—	—	1,000	—	—	1,000	9,741
Charleston	—	—	—	—	58	58	7,951
Mobile	342	—	—	—	—	342	1,027
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,405
Other ports*	4,000	500	1,000	1,000	200	6,700	131,615
Total 1925—	7,254	5,634	9,067	20,743	2,448	45,146	294,389
Total 1924—	8,792	3,267	2,623	22,094	3,506	40,282	217,946
Total 1923—	8,270	4,588	4,600	6,434	1,350	25,242	249,874

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has in general been quiet, though now and then there has been a spurt under the stimulus of bullish weather and crop reports. Of course, the great event of the week was the Bureau report on the 2d inst. It put the condition of the crop at 75.9%, against 76.6 on May 25, 71.2 on June 25 last year, 69.9 on June 25 1923 and 74.8 as the ten-year average for June 25. The crop was estimated at 14,339,000 bales, against 13,619,000 last year, 10,139,000 in 1923, 9,761,000 in 1922, 7,953,000 in 1921, 13,439,000 in 1920 and 16,135,000 in 1914. The acreage was stated at 46,448,000 acres, against 42,641,000 (Government figures) planted last year and 41,360,000 (Government figures) picked in 1924. The effect of the report was electrical. It sent prices down 100 points or more amid very heavy selling for home and foreign account. Not a few question the accuracy of the report, but none attempted to contest it in the market. The prestige of the United States Government at home and abroad is too great. Yet, roughly speaking, the condition was put at 2 to 3 points above the

general expectations, the acreage about 1,000,000 acres more and the crop some 1,000,000 bales or more above what the generality of people had been looking for, judging by the average of some 20 different private reports issued before the Government figures appeared. Texas, it is true, is put at only 64%, or 6% under the condition for May 25 this year and June 25 last year, and actually 11 points under the ten-year average. North Carolina is put at 71%, which is 1 point under the ten-year average for June 25, though it is 3 points above that for May 25 this year. Georgia is stated at 76%, or 6% above the ten-year average; Alabama at 79, or 7 points higher than the ten-year period; Louisiana at 81, or 6 points higher; Arkansas at 87, or 10 points higher, and Oklahoma at 88, or 13 points above the ten-year average; Mississippi is 4 above, Arkansas 2, Tennessee 3, Virginia 11. Texas is credited with an acreage of 18,237,000 acres, Oklahoma with 4,867,000, Georgia with 3,564,000 and Alabama and Mississippi each with 3,425,000 and Arkansas with 3,649,000. The acreage of 46,448,000 acres is what astonished the trade the most. It is understood to have been due to the abandonment of grain lands and the planting of cotton on such soil west of the Mississippi River. In the Atlantic States a certain acreage hitherto devoted to peanuts was planted to cotton. But one fact of significance was that the decline did not go further than it did. In a long market it might have receded much further. But it was short. The tendency had been to oversell because professionals with an eye on the belt in general took the short side, believing that outside of Texas conditions were favorable. With Texas 64% in the present report, a good deal of the rest of the belt ranges from 70 to 88%.

Previous to the report, the general trend of prices was upward, owing largely to drought in Texas, and heat, not only there, but over most of the belt. It turned out that the Texas rainfall for June was only 1.41 inches, as against a ten-year average for June of 3.21 and a 20-year average for June of 2.93 inches. All the States were behind June of last year. Georgia had 2.93 inches, against 4.59 last year; Alabama 1.99, against 5.35 inches; South Carolina 3.62, against 5.12 last year; Arkansas 1.73, against 3.64 last year; Oklahoma .94 of an inch, against 3.35 last year. All States, in other words, need rain and all might be the worse for very heavy rains during July and August. Big summer rains notoriously propagate the weevil. It is present in the Atlantic States, even if it has done no harm as yet. Farmers seem a little careless about combating it because thus far it has done no injury to the plant. That is not saying that it may not later on. And Texas reports that weevil and other insects are increasing. The damage in that State from these pests has thus far been slight except in the extreme southern part of that State. Meanwhile it is believed that 50% of Texas, from Dallas south and west, is suffering for rain. For a time Liverpool showed uneasiness. Its prices advanced and buying orders came from that market. Some of the trade reports at one time were more favorable. Inquiry was more active here, even if actual sales were not on a very large scale. Fall River's position seems to be rather better. Unemployment there is decreasing. That would suggest that the output is increasing. It is now said that mills are doing business at a profit there. From some Southern reports it would appear that curtailment may not be so general as was at one time predicted for July and August. The trade has been a steady buyer here and contracts have not been at all plentiful. There was no large long interest and therefore no large supply of contracts to draw from. For weeks past most of the selling has been for short account. That of itself in a measure explains the steady rise during June. The technical position in the main was good.

On the other hand, nobody, as a rule, has been aggressive on the long side. It was a weather market. Big rains in Texas might easily cause a sharp decline. While Texas drought is not apt to be relieved in July and August, it now and then happens that it is. And a weather market is proverbially treacherous. The attention of the speculative world, too, has still been largely engrossed by stocks and grain, in which the swing of prices is larger. The operator gets quicker results in those markets than he does in cotton. Many take the ground that bull points have been discounted in the big advance of over \$10 a bale or more in the last 30 days. And the acreage is put at colossal figures. With reasonably favorable conditions in July and August that ought to mean a large crop. Meanwhile the trade in cotton goods is not altogether satisfactory anywhere. It is certainly dull in Manchester. The Lancashire mills using American cotton have just voted to curtail their working time 8 1/2 hours per week. Lancashire's foreign trade is unsatisfactory. And now it is announced from Shanghai that the Chinese are organizing a boycott against British goods. For some time past the spot sales of cotton in Liverpool have been small. Spot markets in this country have been quiet. Exports have fallen off. Statistics are bullish, but to some extent they are burnt powder, at least for the time being. They fail to galvanize the market into anything like activity, though it looks as though the next carry-over would again be small.

To-day prices declined early in the day under renewed selling, due to the Government report as a kind of aftermath. Liverpool, Wall Street and the South sold. The forecast seemed to suggest rains over Saturday in Texas.

The report had produced a profound impression. Liverpool was weak. Liquidation was on there. Spinners were indifferent. But as to New York there was a sudden rebound later in the day. The supply of contracts ran out. The technical position was manifestly strong. People recall the fact that June 25 reports are not always trustworthy. And from the opening on Friday there was a disposition on the part of the trade to buy on a scale down. The estimated buying by American and Japanese trade interests was some 15,000 to 20,000 bales. Also, uptown shorts were believed to be covering rather freely. The suspension in Wall Street on the Stock Exchange had no effect, as the firm in question had no large engagements at the Cotton Exchange. Offerings fell off. Shorts, not only here, but in New Orleans, became more or less uneasy as they studied the map and could make out no very clear signs of rains over the two holidays. Besides, many of the shorts took profits, after a big decline. Final prices show a loss for the week, however, of 70 to 75 points. Spot cotton ended at 23.80c., a loss for the week of 65 points on middling.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the July 2 quotations of the ten markets, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on July 10.

Middling fair.....	1.01 on	Middling "yellow" stained.....	2.65 off
Strict good middling.....	.77 on	Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.44 off
Good middling.....	.55 on	Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.85 off
Strict middling.....	.34 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.65 off
Middling.....	Basic	Good middling spotted.....	.13 on
Strict low middling.....	↓.57 off	Strict middling spotted.....	.56 off
Low middling.....	↑.28 off	Middling spotted.....	.13 on
*Strict good ordinary.....	↓.32 off	Strict low middling spotted.....	↑.25 off
*Good ordinary.....	↓.39 off	Low middling spotted.....	↑.19 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	0.04 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	↑.78 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.38 off	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	↑.30 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	↓.65 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	↑.93 off
*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	↓.42 off	Good middling "gray".....	.49 off
*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	2.24 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	.88 off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	↑.31 off	*Middling "gray".....	1.40 off
Good mid. "yellow" stained.....	↑.52 off		
*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	↑.20 off		

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

†Note. We are advised by the Government that on June 23rd Dallas revise thirteen grade differences, but our advices on that day read "Differences unchanged. Corrected averages are indicated by a †.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

June 27 to July 3—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	24.60	24.80	24.80	24.70	23.80	23.80

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 3 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1925.....	23.80c.	1917.....	25.65c.	1909.....	12.60c.	1901.....	8.88c.
1924.....	29.75c.	1916.....	12.95c.	1908.....	11.40c.	1900.....	9.94c.
1923.....	27.25c.	1915.....	9.60c.	1907.....	13.50c.	1899.....	6.12c.
1922.....	23.75c.	1914.....	13.25c.	1906.....	10.80c.	1898.....	6.25c.
1921.....	12.00c.	1913.....	12.45c.	1905.....	10.80c.	1897.....	7.88c.
1920.....	39.75c.	1912.....	11.95c.	1904.....	10.85c.	1896.....	7.44c.
1919.....	34.35c.	1911.....	14.70c.	1903.....	12.75c.	1895.....	7.19c.
1918.....	30.70c.	1910.....	15.35c.	1902.....	9.31c.	1894.....	7.31c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, June 27.	Monday, June 29.	Tuesday, June 30.	Wednesday, July 1.	Thursday, July 2.	Friday, July 3.
June—						
Range..						
Closing..						
July—						
Range..	23.81-23.97	23.85-24.09	23.85-24.07	23.93-24.17	22.95-24.00	22.75-23.10
Closing..	23.86	24.04	24.04	23.93	23.06-23.07	23.02
Aug—						
Range..			24.12-24.12	24.05-24.15	24.00-24.03	22.96-23.19
Closing..	23.98	24.15	24.20	24.15	23.15	23.19
Sept—						
Range..				24.25-24.25		23.00-23.00
Closing..	23.90	24.10	24.15	24.05	23.10	23.13
Oct—						
Range..	23.84-24.03	23.93-24.17	23.98-24.14	23.93-24.15	23.93-24.14	22.81-23.09
Closing..	23.84-23.87	24.09-24.11	24.13-24.14	23.96-23.99	23.07-23.09	23.08-23.09
Nov—						
Range..						
Closing..	23.89	24.13	24.17	24.00	23.12	23.15
Dec—						
Range..	23.92-24.16	24.03-24.25	24.06-24.24	24.00-24.20	23.05-24.24	22.95-23.25
Closing..	23.94-23.96	24.18-24.20	24.22-24.24	24.06-24.07	23.18-23.22	23.23-23.25
Jan—						
Range..	23.36-23.60	23.48-23.70	23.53-23.69	23.45-23.60	22.50-23.68	22.40-22.72
Closing..	23.39	23.68-23.69	23.68-23.69	23.49-23.52	23.58-23.60	22.20-22.72
Feb—						
Range..						
Closing..	23.55	23.80	23.83	23.64	22.74	22.85
March—						
Range..	23.68-23.90	23.80-23.97	23.83-24.00	23.75-23.91	22.80-23.95	22.72-23.00
Closing..	23.69	23.93	23.98-24.00	23.80-23.82	22.90-22.92	22.99-23.00
April—						
Range..						
Closing..	23.79	24.04	24.10	23.90	23.02	23.10
May—						
Range..	23.90-24.14	24.07-24.18	24.05-24.22	23.97-24.10	23.10-24.13	22.97-23.22
Closing..	23.90-23.91	24.15	24.23	24.01	23.14-23.17	23.20-23.22

Range of future prices at New York for week ending July 3 1925 and since trading began on each option.

Option for—	Range for Week.		Range Since Beginning of Option.	
June 1925.....			22.55	Sept. 11 1924 25.55
July 1925.....	22.75	July 3 24.17	21.40	Sept. 16 1924 27.50
Aug. 1925.....	22.96	July 3 24.15	21.75	May 13 1925 25.78
Sept. 1925.....	23.00	July 3 24.25	21.75	May 13 1925 25.68
Oct. 1925.....	22.81	July 3 24.17	21.50	Nov. 1 1924 25.71
Nov. 1925.....			22.16	May 14 1925 24.40
Dec. 1925.....	22.95	July 3 24.25	21.72	May 13 1925 25.72
Jan. 1926.....	22.40	July 3 23.70	21.40	May 13 1925 25.45
Feb. 1926.....			21.94	May 4 1925 24.53
Mar. 1926.....	22.72	July 3 24.00	21.64	May 13 1925 25.05
Apr. 1926.....				Apr. 20 1925
May 1926.....	22.97	July 3 24.22	22.45	June 9 1925 24.22

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	July 3—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales.		690,000	516,000	454,000	875,000
Stock at London.....		3,000		2,000	1,000
Stock at Manchester.....		90,000	54,000	42,000	56,000
Total Great Britain.....		783,000	570,000	498,000	932,000
Stock at Hamburg.....			6,000	19,000	33,000
Stock at Bremen.....		184,000	133,000	47,000	203,000
Stock at Havre.....		137,000	86,000	57,000	143,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....		6,000	14,000	6,000	12,000
Stock at Barcelona.....		75,000	94,000	81,000	84,000
Stock at Genoa.....		18,000	12,000	9,000	11,000
Stock at Ghent.....		25,000	4,000	15,000	8,000
Stock at Antwerp.....		2,000	1,000	3,000	1,000
Total Continental stocks.....		447,000	350,000	237,000	495,000
Total European stocks.....		1,230,000	920,000	735,000	1,427,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....		119,000	111,000	80,000	84,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....		163,000	169,000	119,000	346,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....		117,000	101,000	47,000	77,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....				165,000	243,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		711,000	732,000	591,000	1,114,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....		3'9,535	258,228	275,116	623,702
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....		213,754	256,315	331,666	498,935
U. S. exports to-day.....		133			3,188
Total visible supply.....		2,969,422	2,624,543	2,343,782	4,416,825

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—					
Liverpool stock.....bales.	438,000	222,000	170,000	519,000	
Manchester stock.....	81,000	43,000	23,000	41,000	
Continental stock.....	348,000	247,000	144,000	409,000	
American afloat for Europe.....	163,000	169,000	119,000	346,000	
U. S. port stocks.....	339,535	258,228	275,116	623,702	
U. S. interior stocks.....	213,754	256,315	331,666	498,935	
U. S. exports to-day.....	133			3,188	
Total American.....	1,583,422	1,195,543	1,062,782	2,440,825	
<i>East Indian, Brazil, &c.</i>					
Liverpool stock.....	252,000	294,000	284,000	356,000	
London stock.....	3,000		2,000	1,000	
Manchester stock.....	9,000	11,000	19,000	15,000	
Continental stock.....	99,000	103,000	93,000	86,000	
India afloat for Europe.....	119,000	111,000	80,000	84,000	
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	117,000	101,000	47,000	77,000	
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	76,000	77,000	165,000	243,000	
Stock in Bombay, India.....	711,000	732,000	591,000	2,114,000	
Total East India, &c.....	1,386,000	1,429,000	1,281,000	1,976,000	
Total American.....	1,583,422	1,195,543	1,062,782	2,440,825	

Total visible supply..... 2,969,422 2,624,543 2,343,782 4,416,825

Middling uplands, Liverpool..... 13,35d. 15.92d. 15.62d. 13.50d.

Middling uplands, New York..... 23.80c. 29.75c. 28.05c. 22.50c.

Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool..... 35.00c. 24.15d. 17.15d. 32.25c.

Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool..... 20.75d. 24.00d. 18.75d. 14.50d.

Broach, fine, Liverpool..... 11.80d. 12.70d. 12.70d. 12.05d.

Tinnevely, good, Liverpool..... 12.20d. 13.85d. 13.85d. 12.95d.

Continental imports for past week have been 56,000 bales. The above figures for 1925 show a decrease from last week of 177,674 bales, a gain of 344,879 from 1924, an increase of 625,640 bales from 1923, and a falling off of 1,447,403 bales from 1922.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to July 3 1925.				Movement to July 4 1924.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks July 3.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks July 4.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	4	54,813	14	300	56	35,047	110	978
Eufaula	2	19,598	56	1,175	—	9,394	—	2,117
Montgomery	154	82,856	600	5,448	107	53,266	600	6,017
Selma	30	64,432	233	588	99	34,146	140	1,855
Ark., Helena	—	63,203	88	1,047	—	15,144	—	1,494
Little Rock	9	205,975	187	2,581	15	112,848	63	5,647
Pine Bluff	—	126,214	301	3,384	356	61,341	711	9,656
Ga., Albany	—	52,525	29	1,995	—	2,081	—	1,897
Atlanta	67	32,825	950	4,756	110	45,869	506	7,313
Augusta	722	227,980	2,146	9,311	1,255	161,373	1,997	7,991
Columbus	1,157	235,551	2,312	17,215	1,255	198,373	618	12,493
Macon	—	76,875	—	816	—	75,879	—	6,942
Rome	—	49,148	—	5,923	—	32,641	—	2,790
La., Shreveport	—	47,449	—	4,868	—	29,872	—	3,482
Miss., Columbus	—	102,200	—	400	—	114,000	—	7,600
Clarksdale	—	37,189	—	176	—	19,973	—	1,218
Greenwood	29	112,271	253	2,154	112	79,636	1,045	6,438
Meridian	1	135,117	254	5,251	547	98,759	1,139	14,520
Natchez	6	37,889	122	1,529	49	31,374	94	5,553
Vicksburg	3	42,735	19	927	3	31,395	13	1,738
Yazoo City	—	31,705	—	148	—	17,188	—	1,011
Mo., St. Louis	1,814	33,140	82	383	—	19,337	—	4,148
N.C., Greensboro	7	743,438	2,170	3,877	2,045	561,110	2,900	4,459
Raleigh	370	73,058	875	6,342	58	63,157	34	5,217
Okla., Tulsa	—	8,374	—	177	—	14,341	—	1,620
Chickasha	179	156,341	111	291	—	98,826	87	3,473
Oklahoma	—	140,013	—	384	—	62,282	—	7,502
S. C., Greenville	816	246,818	4,770	20,525	1,000	160,093	1,000	12,533
Greenwood	—	13,264	—	4,416	—	10,752	—	10,291
Tenn., Memphis	1,653	1,287,616	2,472	14,727	1,410	1,162,298	2,883	36,297
Nashville	—	950	—	8	—	53	—	53
Tex., Abilene	—	71,387	—	235	—	63,534	—	208
Brenham	—	23,261	—	3	—	26,691	—	35
Austin	—	34,609	—	3,698	—	39,801	—	81
Dallas	10	198,170	10	1,641	—	127,449	—	31
Houston	3,038	4,729,391	10,783	84,646	1,618	3,461,624	3,068	45,992
Paris	—	93,616	—	10	—	77,238	—	35
San Antonio	—	65,778	—	545	—	49,416	—	513
Fort Worth	5	159,248	7	363	401	93,644	433	537
Total, 40 towns	10,210	11,104,607	29,871	213,754	10,615	7,226,609	18,763	256,315

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 21,115 bales and are to-night 40,561 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 405 bales less than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Steady			
Monday	Steady, 20 pts. adv.	Steady			
Tuesday	Steady, unchanged	Steady		800	800
Wednesday	Steady, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	99,200		99,200
Thursday	Quiet, 90 pts. dec.	Steady			
Friday	Quiet, unchanged.	Steady			
Total			100,000	100,000	100,000

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

July 3—	—1924-25—		—1923-24—		
	Shipped	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis.....		2,170	714,014	2,900	586,384
Via Mounds, &c.....		325	256,515	1,080	200,480
Via Rock Island.....			34,349		21,249
Via Louisville.....		122	49,716	426	26,628
Via Virginia points.....		3,600	242,299	3,260	204,695
Via other routes, &c.....		5,954	497,434	7,528	468,247
Total gross overland.....		12,171	1,794,327	15,194	1,507,683
<i>Deduct Shipments—</i>					
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....		1,399	100,028	18,69	90,032
Between interior towns.....		393	26,830	517	27,599
Inland, &c., from South.....		10,202	700,518	4,927	622,779
Total to be deducted.....		11,812	827,376	6,521	740,410
Leaving total net overland *.....		359	966,951	8,281	767,273

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 359 bales, against 8,281 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 199,678 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	—1924-25—		—1923-24—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to July 3.....	18,514	9,091,015	21,783	6,612,908
Net overland to July 3.....	359	966,951	8,281	767,273
Southern consumption to July 3.....	85,000	4,230,000	68,000	3,963,000
Total marketed.....	103,873	14,287,966	98,064	11,339,211
Interior stocks in excess.....	*21,115	28,222	*10,474	*2,968
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to June 1.....		405,921		108,055
Came into sight during week.....	82,758		87,590	
Total in sight July 3.....	14,722,109		11,444,298	
North. spinners' takings to July 3.....	96,336	1,965,851	21,183	1,790,781

* Decrease. Movement into sight in previous years: Week— Bales. Since Aug. 1— Bales. 1923—July 6..... 124,447 1922-23..... 11,224,254

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended July 3.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, June 27.	Monday, June 29.	Tuesday, June 30.	Wednesday, July 1.	Thursday, July 2.	Friday, July 3.
Galveston.....	24.90	25.05	25.05	24.90	23.90	23.90
New Orleans.....	24.00	24.15	24.00	24.00	22.90	22.95
Mobile.....	24.00	24.25	24.25	24.00	23.00	23.00
Savannah.....	24.61	24.79	24.79	24.53	23.82	23.62
Norfolk.....	24.75	24.88	24.88	24.88	24.00	24.00
Baltimore.....	—	24.90	24.90	25.00	25.00	24.25
Augusta.....	24.88	25.00	25.00	24.94	24.06	24.06
Memphis.....	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	23.75	23.75
Houston.....	24.60	24.75	24.75	24.60	23.75	23.75
Little Rock.....	25.12	25.25	25.25	25.12	24.12	24.12
Dallas.....	24.50	24.70	24.70	24.60	23.70	23.70
Fort Worth.....	—	24.60	24.60	24.50	23.60	23.60

The Exchange committee on cottonseed oil will act as arbitration committee.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON COTTON ACREAGE AND CONDITION.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Thursday of this week (July 2) issued its report on cotton acreage and condition as of June 25, and the following is the complete official text of the report:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Washington, D. C., July 2 1925, 12:30 p. m. (E.T.)

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 area of cotton in cultivation this year (1925) in the United States is about 46,448,000 acres, as compared with 42,641,000 acres, the revised estimate of acreage in cultivation a year ago, being an increase of 3,807,000 acres, or 8.9%.

The condition of the growing cotton crop on June 25 1925 for the United States was 75.9% of a normal, as compared with 76.6 on May 25 1925, 71.2 on June 25 1924 and 74.0 the average condition for the past ten years on June 25.

Judging from the relation of condition on June 25 to final yields in former years, the condition of 75.9% on June 25 1925 indicates a yield per acre for the United States of about 147.7 pounds and a total production of about 14,339,000 bales of 500 pounds gross. But the final output of the crop may be larger or smaller, as developments during the remainder of the season prove more or less favorable to the crop than usual. The greatest decline during the past ten years occurred in 1918, when the June indication was 27% above final ginnings, and the greatest increase in 1920, when it was 15% below the final ginnings. The average indications on June 25 for the past ten years have been 6% above final ginnings. During the years 1915-1918 the rapid spread and extreme destructiveness of the boll weevil in the Southeast resulted in yields far below the June 25 indication. During the past six years the greatest differences have been 13% above and 15% below, the average June indication for the six years being 1.2% above final ginnings.

Last year the production was 13,618,751 bales, two years ago 10,139,671, three years ago 9,762,069, four years ago 7,953,641, and five years ago 13,439,603 bales.

Details by States follow:

Table with columns: State, Area in Cultivation June 25 1925 (Prelim. Estimate), Condition June 25, Change Between May 25 and June 25 (31-day per cent), and Ten-Year Average. Rows include Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, California, Arizona, New Mexico, All other, and United States total.

* About 150,000 acres in Lower California (Old Mexico) not included in California figures, nor in United States total. b Eight-year average. c Six-year average.

The acreage in other States is made up of 8,000 in Illinois, 28,000 in Kentucky and 2,000 in Kansas.

The acreage in Arizona of Pima Egyptian long staple is estimated at 40,000 acres compared with 8,000 acres in 1924.

Approved: R. W. Dunlap, Acting Secretary. W. F. Callander, Chairman, J. A. Becker, S. A. Jones, D. A. McCandless, H. H. Schutz, V. C. Childs.

COMMENTS CONCERNING COTTON REPORT.—

The United States Department of Agriculture in giving out its cotton report on July 2, also added the following comments:

The 1925 planted acreage of cotton, estimated for the date of June 25, at 46,448,000 acres, is 8.9% above the revised estimate of planted acreage for the same date last year. This increase of acreage is derived from acreage devoted in various States last year to peanuts, cowpeas, corn, wheat, rice, sugar cane, oats, broomcorn, and pastures. Considerable new land, and land that was idle last year, has been planted to cotton. Expansion of acreage in Texas is partly on new land and much of the abandoned grain acreage of this year has also been planted to cotton. The large increases in the northern and western portions of that State have been largely offset by decreases due to severe drought in the important south central section.

A crop for the United States of 14,339,000 bales of cotton of 500 pounds gross weight is indicated by the estimated planted acreage, and the condition of 75.9% on June 25. Forecasts on this date during the past ten years have ranged from 27% above the final ginnings to 15% below. The final output of the crop will depend upon the character of the ensuing season.

The condition of 75.9% of a normal for the date of June 25 is 0.7 of a point below the estimate for May 25. The ten-year average improvement during the same time has been 2.0%.

Compared with the ten-year average of 74.0% on June 25, the condition of the crop this year is 1.9 points higher, and, compared with last year, it is still higher, by 4.7 points.

In North Carolina the condition of 77% is the same as the average on June 25, and in South Carolina the condition of 70% is 1 point below average, and in Texas the condition of 64% is 11 points below average. The other States of the Cotton Belt have a condition that is above the ten-year average on June 25.

From May 25 to June 25 the crop usually improved in Texas by 3 points, but this year it has declined by 6 points. The condition of 64% is low in that State. A soaking rain is badly needed there. On June 25 there were localities in all parts of the State where the crop was at a standstill because of lack of rain, and millions of acres had stands which did not exceed 3 to 6 inches in height, although ordinarily at this date they are knee-high. The most serious adverse feature of this year in Texas is the lack of deep moisture in the ground, the shortage of rain during the winter and spring and the irregular rainfall in May and June having supplied only surface moisture except in a few favored sections. In many of the south central counties the soil contains no available moisture.

The condition of the Georgia crop, 76%, has declined 2 points during the month, although usually there has been no change, but it is 6 points above the ten-year average condition on June 25. The decline during the month is in the dry areas of the northern half of the State and applied largely to the very small late cotton that came to a late poor stand under droughty conditions. In most of southern Georgia the crop has made excellent progress.

In the matter of crop stand, improvement over last year is found in nearly all States. The only positive decline is reported for South Carolina and Georgia, about the same as last year for North Carolina.

Weevil infestation is so far generally light in Texas and the northern portions of the belt, but in the coastal and central portions of the Atlantic

and Gulf States the infestation is general. It is heavy in South Carolina and Louisiana and portions of North Carolina and Georgia. Infestation increased rapidly in Georgia during the ten days before June 25. In South Carolina weevils are much more numerous than they were last year, but the hot, dry weather for weeks, and the use of poison have somewhat reduced their menace. Lice are bad in Texas, where they have retarded plant growth. They are a discouraging feature in a part of North Carolina. In Oklahoma lice are present but are not causing fear of serious damage. Grasshoppers are numerous in many counties in Texas, but are now decreasing in Oklahoma, where little damage by them is expected.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.—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, of the Department of Agriculture, and made public on July 2, as follows:

Reports of the new cotton crop in foreign countries of the Northern Hemisphere continue to be favorable, although in Mexico decreased acreage due to drought previously reported for the Laguna district is now reported to extend to the Matamoros district and the Lower Juarez Valley. In Egypt reports continue to be favorable and the crop on the whole is reported to be satisfactory, but about two weeks late. Private estimates put the acreage for the new crop at about 20% greater than last year. The area in Russia is now expected to be more than the 1,515,000 acres the amount previously forecast, which would be an increase of more than 25% over last year.

The Blue Nile dam at Makwar was completed on May 8 1925, some seven weeks in advance of the contract time, according to Consular Clerk Nutting at London, who states that 300,000 acres of the Gezira plain between the Blue and White Niles will now be open to irrigation for cotton. The Gezira is a plain, for the most part composed of rich black soil, well suited for cotton growing. The irrigation canals are to be finished by July 1 and Sudanese will start their cotton farms forthwith. It is reported that more than 100,000 bales of cotton may be grown in the Gezira this year. Exports in the Sudan state that the cotton will be better than the finest Egyptian Sakellaris.

TEXAS COTTON CROP AS OF JUNE 22.—R. M. Gordon & Co., Inc., of Houston, Texas, issued on June 30 their report of the Texas cotton crop, which is as follows:

We have made a thorough investigation of the acreage, progress and condition of the Texas cotton crop as of June 22, having forwarded inquiries to bankers, merchants, ginners, and farmers throughout the State, and from 1,401 replies which we have received we have compiled the following estimates, based on weighted averages, according to the bearing of each county upon the whole State; all districts named in this report being the same as those described by the Bureau of Crop Estimates and embracing the same counties as used by the Government for estimating purposes:

- North Texas.—Increase in acreage, 5.2%; condition, 77%.
North East Texas.—Increase in acreage, 1.1%; condition, 85.8%.
North West Texas.—Increase in acreage, 9.5%; condition, 86%.
Central Texas.—Decrease in acreage, 2.4%; condition, 50.8%.
West Texas.—Increase in acreage, 14.7%; condition, 88.6%.
West Central Texas.—Increase in acreage, 9.2%; condition, 72.9%.
East Texas.—Increase in acreage, 3.4%; condition, 69.4%.
South East Texas.—Increase in acreage, 7%; condition, 74%.
South Texas.—Decrease in acreage, 15%; condition, 76%.
Average increase in acreage, 1.6%; total estimated acreage for State, 118,659,296; average condition, 67.8%; indicated production per acre, 118.65 pounds; estimate of crop, 4,461,600 bales.

Lack of subsoil season on account of deficient winter rainfall is the most general complaint; probably one million acres, which have been prepared for planting, have not been planted on account of lack of season and a considerable acreage which was planted failed to germinate, allowance for which has been made in our estimate of acreage. It would appear that timely rains and unusually favorable growing conditions will be required during the summer months to insure proper development of the crop.

The scope of our investigation covers practically every cotton-producing county of the State, and the information upon which we have based our estimates is from sources which we consider most reliable.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that there were many local showers during the week but many places are still in need of rain especially in the Southwestern section of the cotton belt. Except in the dry sections cotton has made good progress. Reports of weevil damage east of the Mississippi continue, but so far no damage has been reported.

Texas.—Growth of cotton in this State has been very good in the western coast sections and parts of the northeast but elsewhere cotton deteriorated. There have been many local showers.

Mobile, Ala.—Both early and late cotton have made satisfactory progress. There have been many light showers over widely scattered sections during the week but some localities need rain badly. Weevil damage has been small.

Table with columns: Location, Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Lists weather data for various Texas locations including Galveston, Abilene, Brenham, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Harlingen, Kerrville, Lampasas, Longview, Luling, Nacogdoches, Palestine, Paris, San Antonio, Taylor, Weatherford, Ardmore, Altus, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Brinkley, Eldorado, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Alexandria, Amite, New Orleans, Shreveport, Okolona, Columbus, Greenwood, Vicksburg, Mobile, Decatur, Montgomery, Selma, Gainesville, Madison, Savannah, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Charleston, Greenwood, Columbia, Conway, Charlotte, Newbern, Weldon, Memphis.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	July 2 1925.		July 3 1924.	
	Feet.		Feet.	
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	2.8	12.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	13.8	24.7
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	8.6	8.7
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	7.3	9.6
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	18.9	38.1

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1925	1924	1923	1925	1924	1923	1925	1924	1923
Apr. 10	74,709	60,709	34,990	708,223	555,542	665,834	29,115	29,902	10,199
17	74,512	69,435	34,681	630,689	517,534	631,756	10,304	31,427	87
24	50,632	58,548	35,743	594,768	486,199	604,340	14,711	28,821	10,436
May 1	64,025	64,783	28,589	510,646	443,328	572,660	.....	21,912	.....
8	45,115	44,272	35,332	469,706	420,213	540,812	4,176	21,157	5,420
15	49,177	52,395	26,647	420,119	392,300	508,435	nil	24,482	.....
22	44,069	50,868	36,894	561,725	372,553	471,972	3,916	31,121	1,983
29	44,085	50,424	28,322	340,620	347,017	447,224	4,739	24,888	5,568
June 5	31,997	43,377	25,000	312,296	333,056	419,670	3,673	29,416	133
12	21,739	35,702	31,651	285,662	312,127	391,675	.....	14,773	5,244
19	39,633	49,228	30,728	249,315	283,651	369,047	3,286	20,752	9,959
26	14,161	35,721	29,371	234,869	266,788	348,278	nil	18,859	8,040
July 3	18,514	21,783	24,472	213,754	256,315	331,666	nil	11,309	8,662

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1924 are 9,136,683 bales; in 1923 were 6,533,729 bales, and in 1922 were 5,139,198 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 18,514 bales, the actual movement from plantations was nil bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 21,115 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 11,309 bales and for 1923 they were 8,662 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—

The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1924-25.		1923-24.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply June 26	3,147,096	.....	2,667,297	.....
Visible supply Aug. 1	.....	2,190,493	.....	2,024,671
American in sight to July 3	82,758	14,722,109	87,590	11,444,298
Bombay receipts to July 2	40,000	3,460,000	13,000	3,275,000
Other India ship'ts to July 2	20,000	574,000	4,000	624,000
Alexandria receipts to July 1	200	1,415,800	200	1,278,000
Other supply to July 1 * b	9,000	482,000	6,000	412,000
Total supply	3,299,054	22,844,402	2,778,087	19,057,969
Deduct—	.....	.....	.....	.....
Visible supply July 3	2,969,422	2,969,422	2,624,543	2,624,543
Total takings to July 3 a	329,632	19,874,980	153,544	16,433,426
Of which American	231,432	14,137,180	115,344	11,102,426
Of which Other	98,200	5,737,800	38,200	5,331,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,230,000 bales in 1924-25 and 3,963,000 bales in 1923-24—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 15,644,980 bales in 1924-25 and 12,470,428 bales in 1923-24, of which 9,907,180 bales and 7,139,428 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:

July 2.	1924-25.		1923-24.		1922-23.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	40,000	3,460,000	13,000	3,275,000	27,000	3,603,000

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1924-25	.....	6,000	41,000	47,000	70,000	584,000	1,841,000	2,495,000
1923-24	1,000	24,000	24,000	49,000	151,000	935,000	1,515,000	2,601,000
1922-23	.....	7,000	.....	7,000	127,000	603,500	2,015,500	2,746,000
Other India—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1924-25	4,000	16,000	.....	20,000	107,000	467,000	.....	574,000
1923-24	1,000	3,000	.....	4,000	129,000	495,000	.....	624,000
1922-23	1,000	5,000	.....	9,000	80,000	268,550	.....	348,550
Total all—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1924-25	4,000	22,000	41,000	67,000	177,000	1,051,000	1,841,000	3,069,000
1923-24	2,000	27,000	24,000	53,000	280,000	1,430,000	1,515,000	3,225,000
1922-23	4,000	12,000	.....	16,000	207,000	872,050	2,015,500	3,094,550

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 27,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 14,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1, show a decrease of 156,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—

We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, July 1.	1924-25.		1923-24.		1922-23.	
Receipts (cantars)—						
This week	1,000		700		7,500	
Since Aug. 1	7,122,125		3,393,061		6,672,401	
Exports (bales)—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	3,000	194,512	.....	214,623	.....	229,389
To Manchester, &c.	.....	225,072	.....	208,995	.....	170,329
To Continent & India	2,000	363,053	2,500	364,337	5,700	319,056
To America	.....	126,688	.....	106,849	.....	208,058
Total exports ¹	7,000	909,330	2,500	894,804	5,700	926,832

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 1 were 1,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 7,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is quiet. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1925.				1924.				Cot'n Mid Up'l's
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirts Common to Finest.	Cot'n Mid Up'l's		32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirts Common to Finest.	Cot'n Mid Up'l's		
April 10	22 1/2 @ 24	17 1 @ 17 4	13 23 27	.....	29 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 1 @ 18 4	18 1 @ 18 4	18 96
17	22 1/2 @ 23 1/2	17 1 @ 17 4	13 39 26 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 3 @ 18 6	18 3 @ 18 6	18 85
24	22 @ 23 1/2	17 1 @ 17 4	13 40 26 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 4 @ 19 0	18 4 @ 19 0	17 70
May 1	21 1/2 @ 22 1/2	16 6 @ 17 0	12 98 26 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 3 @ 18 7	18 3 @ 18 7	17 85
8	21 @ 22 1/2	16 4 @ 16 6	12 62 25 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 3 @ 18 7	18 3 @ 18 7	17 37
15	20 @ 21 1/2	16 3 @ 16 5	12 36 25 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 3 @ 18 7	18 3 @ 18 7	17 89
22	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 4 @ 17 4	12 84 25 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 1 @ 18 5	18 1 @ 18 5	17 46
29	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 4 @ 17 4	13 04 25 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 1 @ 18 5	18 1 @ 18 5	17 99
June 5	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 4 @ 17 4	13 48 25 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 1 @ 18 5	18 1 @ 18 5	17 30
12	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 2 @ 16 4	13 36 25 1/2	.....	28 1/2 @ 28 1/2	18 0 @ 18 3	18 0 @ 18 3	17 14
19	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2	16 2 @ 16 4	13 62 25 1/2	.....	27 1/2 @ 27 1/2	18 2 @ 18 5	18 2 @ 18 5	16 99
26	20 @ 21 1/2	16 2 @ 16 4	13 53 25 1/2	.....	27 1/2 @ 27 1/2	18 2 @ 18 5	18 2 @ 18 5	16 88
July 3	20 @ 21 1/2	16 2 @ 16 4	13 35 25	.....	27 @ 27	18 1 @ 18 4	18 1 @ 18 4	15 92

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

		Bales
NEW YORK	To Liverpool—June 26—Carmania, 1,072; Cedric, 1,500	2,572
	To Venice—June 25—Laura, 100	100
	To Genoa—June 26—Conte Verde, 200	200
	June 30—Dante Alighieri, 266	466
	To Bergen—June 26—Bergenstjod, 100	100
	To Manchester—June 26—Archimedes, 379	379
	To Havre—June 29—Suffren, 1,100	1,100
	July 1—La Savoie, 1,100	2,200
	To Bremen—June 26—President Roosevelt, 1,728	1,728
	June 30—President Harding, 1,200	2,928
	To Copenhagen—June 29—Frederick VIII., 500	500
	To Rotterdam—June 25—Innoko, 114	114
	To Barcelona—July 2—Saturtegui, 150	150
NEW ORLEANS	To Liverpool—June 24—Collegian, 1,276	1,276
	June 25—West Wauna, 376	1,652
	June 27—Antillon, 214	1,866
	To Manchester—June 24—Collegian, 598	598
	June 25—West Wauna, 241	839
	To Genoa—June 25—Scotic, 1,835	1,835
	July 1—Fagerness, 50	1,885
	To Honduras—June 20—Suriname, 1	1
	To Porto Columbia—June 23—Parismina, 5	5
	To Hamburg—June 27—Raimund, 672	672
	To Bremen—June 27—Raimund, 3,416	3,416
	To Venice—June 27—Clara Comus, 1,343	1,343
	To Gothenburg—June 29—Kentucky, 200	200
	To Rotterdam—June 30—Brush, 50	50
	To Japan—June 29—Hanover, 1,560	1,560
GALVESTON	To Liverpool—June 26—Governor, 1,226	1,226
	June 27—Hegra, 572	1,798
	To Manchester—June 26—Governor, 501	501
	June 27—Hogra, 785	1,286
	To Bremen—June 30—Endicott, 3,368	3,368
	To Havre—July 1—Brave Coeur, 1,770	1,770
	To Ghent—July 1—Brave Coeur, 1,491	1,491
	To Rotterdam—July 1—Brave Coeur, 342	342
	To Genoa—July 1—Ida Zo, 1,271	1,271
HOUSTON	To Havre—June 26—Brave Coeur, 450	450
	June 30—Hornby Castle, 373	823
	To Rotterdam—June 26—Brave Coeur, 100	100
	To Antwerp—June 26—Brave Coeur, 250	250
	To Bremen—June 27—Endicott, 2,311	2,311
	July 1—Nord Schleswig, 550	2,861
	To Genoa—June 29—Ida Zo, 363	363
	To Hamburg—July 1—Nord Schleswig, 164	164
CHARLESTON	To Hamburg—June 27—Coldwater, 130	130
	June 29—Grete, 1,680	1,810
	To Liverpool—June 27—Nubian, 1,813	1,813
	To Manchester—June 27—Nubian, 324	324
	To Bremen—June 29—Grete, 650	650
NORFOLK	To Liverpool—July 3—Rexmore, 133	133
SAVANNAH	To Bremen—June 30—Solvang, 50	50
Total	.....	42,013

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	June 12.	June 19.	June 26.	July 3.
Sales of the week	29,000	32,000	37,000	24,000
Of which American	22,000	21,000	27,000	12,000
Actual exports	6,000	3,000	8,000	1,000
Forwarded	72,000	71,000	68,000	59,000
Total stock	760,000	733,000	708,000	690,000
Of which American	527,000	504,000	474,000	438,000
Total imports	36,000	46,000	34,000	49,000
Of which American	14,000	20,000	16,000	5,000
Amount afloat	145,000	122,000	132,000	141,000
Of which American	32,000	21,000	16,000	23,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

June 27 to July 3.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12¼	12½	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
June	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
July	13.29	13.31	13.42		13.18	13.18	13.26	13.19	13.13	13.19	12.70	12.67
August	13.03	12.99	13.10	13.11	13.05	13.10	13.04	12.99	13.04	12.55	12.53	
September	12.89	12.83	12.95	12.97	12.89	12.93	12.87	12.83	12.87	12.38	12.36	
October	12.74	12.69	12.81	12.83	12.75	12.78	12.72	12.68	12.72	12.12	12.11	
November	12.63	12.58	12.70	12.72	12.64	12.66	12.59	12.57	12.60	12.13	12.11	
December	12.62	12.56	12.68	12.70	12.62	12.64	12.58	12.57	12.60	12.13	12.11	
January	12.58	12.53	12.64	12.67	12.60	12.62	12.57	12.55	12.58	12.13	12.11	
February	12.57	12.53	12.62	12.66	12.60	12.62	12.56	12.55	12.58	12.13	12.11	
March	12.61	12.54	12.65	12.68	12.62	12.64	12.59	12.57	12.61	12.16	12.15	
April	12.58	12.53	12.64	12.67	12.62	12.64	12.58	12.56	12.61	12.18	12.15	
May	12.61	12.55	12.66	12.69	12.64	12.66	12.60	12.59	12.63	12.19	12.17	
June					12.66	12.61	12.63	12.57	12.56	12.56	12.15	12.13

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, July 3 1925.

Flour has remained quiet as a rule, so far as the home trade is concerned. Prices have been about steady of late, with some recovery in wheat after the decline early in the week. Some of the mills report a fair business, but in the main buyers stick to their old policy of purchasing only as their more pressing and immediate necessities demand. But Germany, it now appears, has been quietly buying here for a month and a half as a precaution against a higher tariff which may be established there on Aug. 1. It is said that German purchases in this country in the last six weeks have reached some 200,000 bbls., much of which is believed to be ready for export.

Wheat declined, owing to favorable spring wheat crop news and increasing receipts of winter wheat. On the 29th inst. prices fell 5 to 5½c. Also, the American visible supply, although it decreased last week 1,998,000 bushels, still amounts to 29,146,000 bushels and the carryover is expected to be 75,000,000 bushels. Northwestern markets gave way. European markets declined. Liverpool on the 29th inst. fell 1½d. to 3d. An official estimate for the new crop wheat of Italy is 224,000,000 bushels, against 172,000,000 last year. The French crop is estimated at 312,000,000 bushels, against 284,000,000 last year. Hungary has a crop of 56,000,000 bushels, against 48,000,000. Some Russian estimates put the yield at 275,000,000 bushels larger than last year. World's shipments were 9,120,000 bushels, and the amount on passage 42,339,800 bushels. Prices ended 1½ to 2½c. higher in Chicago on the 30th inst. and 1 to 2c. higher in Winnipeg. The trading was heavy. Shorts covered. Many went long. Offerings were small. The position looked oversold. That fact offset weak cables and dullness of the export trade. In Europe the weather was good. Bradstreet's put the visible supply decrease for the week at over 11,000,000 bushels. Hot weather prevailed at the Northwest. It sent black rust reports, though none was reported by usually well-informed people there who had canvassed nearly 150 stations in North Dakota and Montana. Recent weather conditions in those States are said to have been well-nigh perfect. There were rumors that a private estimate would be issued showing under 400,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and 260,000,000 to 275,000,000 bushels of spring wheat. New wheat receipts were moderate, though Chicago had its first seven cars of new winter wheat. Cash demand was fair. But in Winnipeg there was considerable liquidation in July. To-day at one time prices were off 1 to 1½c., the decline not being great, in spite of the big Wall Street failure. It did not appear that Dean Ontivia & Co.'s outstanding engagements in wheat were very important. And net changes for the day were slight on September and December, while July ended 1½c. lower. As compared with last Friday, prices are off 9¼ to 10¼c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	189½	179¾	181½	181½	181½	180

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	148½	144¾	146½	143½	143½	141¾
September delivery	146½	142	144¾	140	139¾	139¾
December delivery	148	143¾	146¾	141¾	140¾	140¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	162½	160¾	160¾	156¾	154¾	
October delivery	135¾	132¾	134¾	130¾	130¾	
December delivery		128¾	131	137	137	

Indian corn declined to blow the dollar mark for the first time in about three months. That was because of rains at the West and more favorable crop reports. The plant is making rapid progress. And although the American visible supply decreased last week 1,773,000 bushels, the total remaining is the largest in 27 years. It is 15,021,000 bushels, against 8,279,000 a year ago. The weakness of wheat also had a manifest effect on corn. Omaha wired: "Took a 150-mile trip through Kansas and Missouri. Corn has excellent growth and condition is good; due to heavy rains past two weeks cultivation has been delayed some." Prices advanced on June 30 on heavy covering and firmness in other grain.

Offerings, moreover, were small. Leading operators bought. Some complaints about the crop came from Iowa. Receipts were moderate. Yellow corn was in good demand. Prices are apt to advance at this time of the year if nothing more than temporarily. On the other hand, if some commission houses bought others sold. Most grades of cash corn were dull. The weather was in the main favorable. Chicago looked for deliveries on the 1st inst. of about 2,000,000 bushels. Bradstreet's statement of the visible supply showed a decrease for the week of 3,061,000 bushels. Later Omaha reported a good demand. On the 1st inst. prices declined 2 to 3½c. Deliveries were nearly 2,000,000 bushels on July contracts. The weather was good. Crop reports were favorable. July dropped to a new low on this movement in the belief that the outlook now points to a high record crop, judging from private crop estimates. Liquidation was general. Private estimates ranged from 3,180,000,000 to 3,236,000,000 bushels, against 2,436,513,000 last year. Cash trade was dull. Receipts were moderate, however, and the hog market advanced to \$14. To-day prices declined ½ to 2c., the decline not being very marked, in spite of the big failure in Wall Street, as Dean Onatvia's engagements on the Chicago Board of Trade were not supposed to be large. For the week prices show a decline of 1½ to 5½c., the latter on July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 mixed	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	120½	118¾	121¾	118¾	120¾	120

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	100¾	98¾	100¾	97¾	98½	97¾
September delivery	102	100¾	102¾	101¼	102¼	101¾
December delivery		88¾	86¾	88¾	88¾	87¾

Oats declined, owing to the fall in other grain markets and also because of favorable weather. Short selling has been a feature. Accounts were dislodged. Stop loss orders were caught. Export business was small. Though receipts were moderate, cash business was dull. July deliveries were expected to be large. The American visible supply decreased last week 772,000 bushels, against only 424,000 a year ago, but the total is still 35,268,000 bushels, against 5,264,000 at this time last year. Export sales on the 29th ult. were 100,000 to 150,000 bushels. On June 30 prices advanced ½ to 1c. after irregular movements. But other grain was higher and helped to lift oats. Export demand was good. Exporters took 500,000 bushels. Receipts were moderate. But the rise was curbed by good weather and liquidation of July in anticipation of rather large deliveries on July 1. On the 1st inst. prices again declined after a firm opening on moderate receipts and some unfavorable crop reports. Shorts covered. But later on the decline in other grain weakened prices for oats. Export demand fell off. The weather in the main was good. Private crop estimates were from 1,203,000,000 bushels to 1,260,000,000, which were a little larger than expected. But after all, they show a substantial decrease from the total last year of 1,542,000,000 bushels. To-day prices, after being firm early on hot dry weather in the Southwest, eased off later and closed ½ to ¾c. lower on larger offerings and expectations of favorable reports on Monday. For the week there is a decline of 1¼ to 2½c., the latter on July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	57¾	55¾	56	55¾	56	56

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	44¾	43	43¾	42¾	43¾	43¾
September delivery	46¾	44¾	45¾	44¾	45¾	44¾
December delivery	47¾	46¾	47¾	46¾	47¾	47¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	56¾	54¾	53¾	---	52¾	51¾
October delivery	47¾	47¾	47¾	---	47	47¾
December delivery	---	44	45¾	---	44¾	44¾

Rye on the 29th ult. closed 5 to 5½c. lower, despite export sales of 350,000 bushels and a decrease in the American visible supply last week of 1,194,000 bushels. The total is only about 50% of that of a year ago. But the weakness of wheat pulled rye down. Prices for rye reached a new low on this movement. The high point on July rye this year is \$1.60. On the 29th ult. it touched 95½c. Not only the decline in wheat, but better weather at the West told against prices. The visible supply is now 8,706,600 bushels, against 17,288,000 a year ago. Of the present "visible," Chicago holds something more than half. Liquidation has been a feature. Prices rose ½ to 1c. on June 30, though the fluctuations were irregular. There was a moderate export business, but mostly rye got its steadiness from other grain. Finland bought a small cargo and there were small lots sold to other parts of Europe. The weather at the Northwest was favorable. On the 1st inst. prices declined, winding up for the day about 3c. lower under further liquidation. The weakness in wheat had its effect. Deliveries, it is true, were only moderate. Crop estimates were 49,000,000 to 54,000,000 bushels, against 63,446,000 last year. But they failed to have any effect. To-day prices were unchanged to ½c. higher. Demand was small. There was quite a good deal of evening up before the holidays. Export business was small, i. e. 70,000 bushels. The weather at the Northwest was favorable for the new crop. For the week, however, prices wind up 10¼ to 10½c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	101¾	95¾	97	94¼	93	93½
September delivery	104¾	98¾	99¾	96¼	95½	95½
December delivery	107¾	101¾	102¾	99	98½	98½

Closing quotations were as follows:

FLOUR.		GRAIN.	
Spring patents.....	\$8 00 @ \$8 50	Rye flour, patents.....	\$6 00 @ \$6 50
Cleats, first spring.....	7 50 @ 8 00	Seminola No. 3, lb.....	5c.
Soft winter straights.....	8 00 @ 8 50	Oats goods.....	3 05 @ 3 10
Hard winter straights.....	8 00 @ 8 50	Corn flour.....	2 95 @ 3 05
Hard winter patents.....	8 50 @ 9 00	Barley goods.....	
Hard winter clear.....	7 40 @ 7 90	Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....	4 50
Fancy Minn. patents.....	9 15 @ 9 80	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....	7 50
City mills.....	9 30 @ 9 80		
Wheat, New York:		Oats:	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.....	180	No. 2 white.....	56
No. 1 Northern.....	160	No. 3 white.....	54
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....	160	Rye, New York:	
		No. 2 f.o.b.....	107 1/2
		Barley, New York:	
		Malt.....	104 @ 107
Corn:			
No. 2 mixed.....	120		
No. 2 yellow.....	120 1/2		

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago.....	266,000	155,000	1,064,000	683,000	119,000	7,000
Minneapolis.....	1,229,000	110,000	633,000	633,000	195,000	53,000
Duluth.....	1,093,000	121,000	490,000	270,000	81,000	—
Milwaukee.....	52,000	63,000	75,000	317,000	128,000	7,000
Toledo.....	20,000	74,000	32,000	—	—	—
Detroit.....	7,000	—	6,000	4,000	—	—
Indianapolis.....	45,000	243,000	130,000	—	—	—
St. Louis.....	94,000	345,000	376,000	594,000	—	—
Peoria.....	39,000	28,000	432,000	158,000	40,000	2,000
Kansas City.....	897,000	322,000	125,000	—	—	—
Omaha.....	83,000	81,000	182,000	—	—	—
St. Joseph.....	162,000	100,000	18,000	—	—	—
Wichita.....	840,000	49,000	4,000	—	—	—
St. Paul.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Louis.....	21,000	42,000	82,000	1,000	1,000	—
Total wk. '25.....	451,000	5,018,000	3,089,000	3,454,000	757,000	151,000
Same wk. '24.....	406,000	4,113,000	2,854,000	2,605,000	430,000	1,245,000
Same wk. '23.....	312,000	4,540,000	3,458,000	3,056,000	406,000	623,000
Since Aug. 1.....						
1924.....	21,159,000	481,080,000	230,349,000	252,585,000	51,575,000	55,790,000
1923.....	19,609,000	4,113,000	274,031,000	217,828,000	38,697,000	29,033,000
1922.....	21,915,000	394,958,000	277,612,000	211,734,000	36,728,000	49,017,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, June 27, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	155,000	929,000	9,000	190,000	223,000	9,000
Philadelphia.....	30,900	147,000	18,000	26,000	2,000	—
Baltimore.....	16,900	116,000	5,000	14,000	—	7,000
Newport News.....	3,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans.....	54,000	226,000	115,000	14,000	—	5,000
Galveston.....	—	16,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal.....	55,000	2,410,000	1,000	1,197,000	195,000	629,000
Boston.....	22,000	—	—	53,000	51,000	—
Total wk. '25.....	335,000	3,844,000	148,000	1,494,000	471,000	650,000
Since Jan. 1 '25.....	12,813,000	91,216,000	3,413,000	31,978,000	15,297,000	20,300,000
Same wk. '24.....	417,000	5,259,000	442,000	889,000	138,000	1,076,000
Since Jan. 1 '24.....	13,033,000	111,386,000	13,063,000	22,237,000	6,067,000	9,044,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, June 5 1925, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	645,944	87,658	85,737	122,944	93,984	239,520
Philadelphia.....	346,000	—	4,000	129,000	—	—
Baltimore.....	56,000	—	11,000	49,000	9,000	—
Newport News.....	—	—	3,000	—	—	—
New Orleans.....	210,000	227,000	56,000	1,000	—	—
Galveston.....	75,000	—	1,000	—	—	—
Montreal.....	1,789,000	—	139,000	1,014,000	319,000	224,000
Total week 1925.....	3,121,944	314,658	300,737	1,315,944	421,984	463,520
Same week 1924.....	3,318,016	84,831	230,075	729,325	651,170	627,610

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1924 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week June 27 1925.	Since July 1 1924.	Week June 27 1925.	Since July 1 1924.	Week June 27 1925.	Since July 1 1924.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom.....	66,048	4,316,940	1,873,527	102,936,018	—	60,000
Continent.....	184,263	9,823,792	1,188,217	188,238,825	86,403	164,369
So. & Cent. Amer.....	6,237	938,160	49,200	864,500	219,250	2,120,080
West Indies.....	24,675	1,409,457	—	187,050	9,000	2,123,895
Brit. No. Am. Cols.....	—	6,135	—	—	—	215,000
Other countries.....	19,514	600,320	11,000	1,818,022	—	3,900
Total 1925.....	300,737	17,094,810	3,121,944	294,034,415	314,658	4,637,244
Total 1924.....	197,366	15,890,777	3,318,016	239,105,145	84,831	11,690,501

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:

	Wheat.		Corn.		
	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.	
	Week June 26.	Since July 1.	Week June 26.	Since July 1.	
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	
North Amer.....	5,723,000	423,388,000	443,048,000	112,000	1,428,000
Black Sea.....	—	3,280,000	45,852,000	1,786,000	386,65,000
Argentina.....	1,365,000	129,262,000	169,584,000	4,032,000	166,502,000
Australia.....	1,096,000	116,524,000	74,586,000	—	—
India.....	936,000	38,216,000	17,344,000	—	—
Oth. countr's.....	—	—	1,840,000	—	1,438,000
Total.....	9,120,000	710,670,000	752,254,000	5,930,000	208,033,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 27, 1925, were as follows:

	GRAIN STOCKS.				
	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
United States—	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York.....	468,000	40,000	748,000	136,000	58,000
Boston.....	—	1,000	2,000	293,000	78,000
Philadelphia.....	503,000	149,000	222,000	58,000	96,000
Baltimore.....	3,566,000	70,000	120,000	301,000	27,000
Newport News.....	—	—	38,000	—	—
New Orleans.....	463,000	121,000	71,000	2,000	—
Galveston.....	381,000	—	—	17,000	—
Buffalo.....	3,633,000	1,559,000	3,449,000	825,000	238,000
Toledo.....	198,000	159,000	306,000	—	—
Detroit.....	394,000	20,000	154,000	11,000	1,000
Chicago.....	3,002,000	7,554,000	8,175,000	4,035,000	140,000
“ afloat.....	—	—	82,000	—	—
Milwaukee.....	104,000	260,000	363,000	24,000	59,000
Duluth.....	7,197,000	13,000	4,948,000	2,298,000	414,000
Minneapolis.....	5,621,000	343,000	13,661,000	481,000	229,000
St. Paul.....	165,000	147,000	205,000	—	4,000
St. Louis.....	134,000	740,000	297,000	2,000	20,000
Kansas City.....	1,475,000	2,332,000	761,000	112,000	8,000
Wichita.....	430,000	11,000	—	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.....	268,000	343,000	15,000	3,000	1,000
Peoria.....	—	39,000	128,000	—	—
Indianapolis.....	90,000	590,000	97,000	—	—
Omaha.....	278,000	528,000	509,000	7,000	—
On Lakes.....	307,000	—	245,000	—	185,000
On Canal and River.....	269,000	—	26,000	96,000	88,000
Total June 27 1925.....	29,146,000	15,021,000	35,268,000	8,706,000	1,646,000
Total June 20 1925.....	31,144,000	16,794,000	36,040,000	9,900,000	1,778,000
Total June 28 1924.....	34,716,000	8,279,000	5,264,000	17,228,000	457,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 117,000 bushels; Boston, 33,000; Baltimore, 1,000; Buffalo, 19,000; Duluth, 46,000; On Lakes, 38,000; total, 254,000 bushels, against 1,780,000 bushels in 1924. Barley, New York, 288,000 bushels; Baltimore, 9,000; Buffalo, 81,000; Buffalo afloat, 133,000; Duluth, 6,000; On Canal, 282,000; total, 799,000 bushels, against 402,000 bushels in 1924. Wheat, New York, 622,000 bushels; Boston, 39,000; Philadelphia, 574,000; Baltimore, 81,000; Buffalo, 1,550,000; Buffalo afloat, 712,000; Duluth, 132,000; Toledo, 50,000; On Canal, 821,000; On Lakes, 109,000; total, 4,690,000 bushels, against 5,068,000 bushels in 1924.

Canadian—					
Montreal.....	2,419,000	36,000	1,461,000	66,000	492,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur.....	19,489,000	—	3,661,000	1,713,000	1,259,000
Other Canadian.....	2,520,000	—	644,000	128,000	182,000
Total June 27 1925.....	24,428,000	36,000	5,766,000	1,907,000	1,963,000
Total June 20 1925.....	27,291,000	49,000	6,304,000	2,184,000	2,134,000
Total June 28 1924.....	21,608,000	63,000	10,187,000	1,618,000	1,115,000

Summary—					
American.....	29,146,000	15,021,000	35,268,000	8,706,000	1,646,000
Canadian.....	24,428,000	36,000	5,766,000	1,907,000	1,963,000
Total June 27 1925.....	53,574,000	15,057,000	41,034,000	10,613,000	3,609,000
Total June 20 1925.....	58,435,000	17,843,000	42,344,000	12,084,000	3,912,000
Total June 28 1924.....	56,324,000	8,342,000	15,451,000	18,846,000	1,572,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 30.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending June 30:

High temperature on the Pacific Coast and in the extreme Southwest Wednesday spread eastward, and by Friday morning most of the western Plateau was abnormally warm and continued so the rest of the week. East of the Rocky Mountains temperatures were generally not far from normal, except over the upper Mississippi Valley and the Lake region where they were abnormally low all the week.

A well-marked depression moved from the lower Missouri Valley to the mouth of the St. Lawrence during Wednesday and Thursday, causing beneficial rains at most points from the Missouri River eastward to the Atlantic Coast and extending southward to Tennessee and North Carolina. During the rest of the week no general rain occurred, but several slight, local depressions caused light to moderate showers at many points east of the Rocky Mountains, especially on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts and in the Lake region. No rain occurred during the week west of the Rocky Mountains, except very light showers at a few widely scattered points on Sunday and more general rain on Monday.

Chart I shows that, for the week as a whole, the temperature averaged much below normal from the Ohio and lower Missouri Valleys northward, especially in the northern Lake region where the weekly means were 9 deg. to 12 deg. lower than the seasonal average. Temperatures averaged slightly above normal in the South and they were seasonable in Atlantic Coast districts. From the Rocky Mountains westward the week was much warmer than normal. Maximum temperatures were high in southern districts between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains, reaching 100 deg. or above in the southern Great Plains, northeastern Texas, much of Arkansas, and parts of Louisiana. They were also above 100 deg. in the more western States, except along the coast.

Moderate to fairly heavy rains occurred, as shown on Chart II, in most sections from the Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic States northward. There was also additional rainfall in considerable amounts in the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri Valleys, and locally in the Southwest and Southeast. Elsewhere rainfall was generally light, with most stations west of the Great Plains recording very little. There was considerable cloudy weather from the Ohio Valley and Lake region eastward, but in most other sections there was an abundance of sunshine. While the weather was somewhat too cool for best growth of warm-weather crops in the Lake region and extreme upper Mississippi Valley, conditions were generally favorable throughout the central valleys and the more northern States. There was some interruption to farm work, especially harvesting and cultivation, in the States bordering on the north bank of the Ohio River, and the soil was too wet for proper cultivation in some central-northern districts, but otherwise the rainfall from the Missouri Valley eastward was very beneficial, especially in the Middle Atlantic area. The drought was largely relieved from the upper Ohio

The recent cool and showery weather has benefited the oat crop in most of the heavy producing areas; they are filling better and the straw has lengthened considerably in the upper Mississippi Valley, and reports indicate that heads are filling satisfactorily in the lower Lake region. The straw is generally short, however, and harvest is difficult in some central valley States. Rice is good where irrigated in Arkansas, and this crop is generally doing well in Louisiana and Texas, while the warmer weather was beneficial in California. Grain sorghums are fair to good in the lower Great Plains, but are now needing rain. Flax grew nicely in the northern Plains area.

CORN.—Fairly good to excellent progress was reported in the growth of corn in most sections of the corn belt. There was some interruption to cultivation in the eastern portion, and this crop is weedy in some central-northern districts, but, on the whole, cultivation has been satisfactory and fields are mostly clean. In contrast to last year, the crop is now well advanced for the season, and is reported a week ahead of the average in some States. Much corn has been laid by as far north as Iowa, and tassels are showing in early fields in Missouri and Kansas. In the south, conditions were less favorable, as rainfall is badly needed in many sections, especially in the States west of the Mississippi River, from Arkansas and central Oklahoma southward. Recent rains in the Middle Atlantic area have been very beneficial for corn and the crop is making excellent progress in that section.

COTTON.—Moderate warmth prevailed in the cotton belt, except for some unusually hot weather in the western portion, but rainfall was still of a local character. More moisture is urgently needed in the southwestern portion of the belt, and many districts in central and eastern cotton States need rain. The progress of the crop was mostly fair to very good, except in the dry sections of the Southwest.

Growth was very good in the western, coast sections, and parts of north-east Texas, but cotton mostly deteriorated elsewhere, although local rains were of considerable benefit. The crop needs moisture in Oklahoma, but progress continued fair, and very good to excellent growth was reported from Arkansas as well as most of Louisiana. The crop made good progress generally in Tennessee with the early plants of normal size and fruiting well, but some late-planted was less promising.

Plants were putting on squares and bolls freely in Mississippi and Alabama, but rain was needed in some sections of these States, though growth in general was mostly fair to very good. Good advance was noted in those sections of Georgia where it was not too dry, mostly in the central and southern portions of the State, but the drought was still severe in many localities elsewhere and progress was only fair. Local showers were beneficial in the eastern portions of the Carolinas, with local complaints of too wet in North Carolina, but in southwestern North Carolina and northwestern South Carolina progress was poor to only fair because of drought. Cotton grew well in Virginia, and both progress and condition were mostly satisfactory in Florida. Reports of considerable weevil activity continue, but damage has been generally slight, although moderate in extreme southern Texas.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Seasonable temperature and occasional showers very favorable for all growing crops. Corn, cotton, and tobacco made excellent growth and in very good condition. Potatoes fair; sweet potatoes and peanuts doing well; fields clean most sections. Pastures and meadows improved. Wheat harvest about finished and threshing under way; reports very favorable.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Generally favorable for corn, tobacco, sweet potatoes, peanuts, truck, and minor crops in east, except some local rain and hail damage. Practically no relief from drought in west where corn and potatoes damaged. Growth of cotton mostly very good in east; too wet in some localities of Coastal Plain; progress in west only fair to poor; complaints of weevil increasing.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Moderate rains in east-central counties and sections of Coastal Plains generally beneficial, but elsewhere scattered showers only and drought rather serious. Progress and condition of cotton fair, except in north-west where poor and generally small with some abandonment; early blooming freely, with considerable weevil in moister sections; poisoning active. Corn very irregular; some good, but some firing and poor according to moisture.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Where sufficient rain, progress and condition of cotton very good in most southern and some central counties; elsewhere fair with drought still severe in many places; late crop mostly small in north and central; squaring and blooming generally; setting bolls well in south and central; weevil numerous, but not generally increasing; damage mostly slight. Tobacco mostly fine condition. Corn and other crops good progress where moisture adequate; elsewhere mostly poor.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton very good; some bolls well advanced in central and north, but showers too frequent locally and weevil more active. Late corn, cane, and peanuts good progress. Tobacco harvesting and curing continued. Citrus groves good condition. Shipping avocado pears and pineapples continued. Rain needed locally in west and central.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Rains quite general, but insufficient and more needed in most sections. Corn, sweet potatoes, truck crops, and pastures improved and condition good where moisture sufficient; elsewhere suffering. Progress of cotton mostly fair; condition mostly fair to good; some poor and some very good; needs rain in many sections; squares forming freely and blooming north to Cullman County; weevil appearing in central portion; some damage locally in south.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Progress of cotton mostly very good; cultivation excellent; slight increase of weevil, but no damage; bolls developing rapidly in early-planted. Progress and condition of corn poor in south; much variation elsewhere; good rains needed. Forage crops, pastures, and truck good progress in southwest and extreme south, but poor to fair elsewhere.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Progress of cotton generally very good; blooming and setting bolls satisfactorily, though plants small in dry sections; weevil held in check by high temperatures and drought in most sections. Early corn maturing, but damaged by drought in north and west; late needs rain, except in southeast where prospects excellent. Cane making excellent growth and rice generally doing well.

Texas.—Houston: Light to moderate rains over half of reporting stations mostly ineffective. Harvesting winter wheat and oats well advanced. Progress and condition of cotton fair to very good in west, coast, and portions of north; mostly very poor elsewhere, although local showers of considerable benefit; weevil and other insects increasing, but damage slight, except considerable in extreme south; blooming freely and picking general in extreme south.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Drought serious and crops damaged in most of central, southern, and extreme northwest portions. Progress of cotton generally fair, but needing rain; condition fair to excellent; early blooming freely. Corn deteriorated or made only poor advance; burning on uplands in central and south; condition generally fair in north, but very poor to poor on uplands and poor to fair on bottom lands in south with urgent need of rain. Harvest of wheat and oats practically finished; yields fair to poor.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress and condition of cotton very good to excellent, except in some north-central and southeastern counties where soil dry; weevil and other insects increasing, but damage general. Progress of corn poor to fair in most portions; deteriorated some parts due to dryness. Rice good where irrigated. Favorable for threshing wheat and oats.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Local showers over most of State, but considerable areas still too dry. Cotton good progress generally and condition fair to very good; early plants normal size and fruiting well; late being chopped and stands poor to very good. Progress and condition of corn fair to excellent in north and poor to fair in south. Yield of winter wheat poor to excellent; quality generally very good.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Good rains in north and east where drought relieved and crops recovering; condition of corn fair and some tobacco set, although very late; pastures and gardens improving, but need more rain. Condition and growth of corn in other districts very good to excellent; clean cultivation. Wheat fine condition for threshing.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, July 3 1925.

With the present rate of consumption encouraging merchants to expect a full distribution for the new season, markets for textiles displayed a firm undertone during the past

week. More confidence was shown among buyers than has been the case for some time past. For instance, in the woolen division, sales of seasonal merchandise have been so satisfactory that the American Woolen Co. opened its men's wear tropical lines for 1926. Prices ranged from 2½¢. up to 15¢. down, and buyers expressed the opinion that the outlook for the future was particularly bright. In the cotton goods division, the largest producer of gingham will shortly open the first of several new products, which will be featured instead of its standard gingham output. Elsewhere in the cotton goods division, sentiment has improved and prices have displayed a firming tendency, with actual advances recorded in some instances. Rayon mixtures, however, have become a feature of the industry in silks, linens, woollens and knit goods. Many of the largest manufacturers have included them in their lines and it was said that the demand far exceeds the supply. The public has become very discriminate in its purchases of this material and demands the very best. Although this country has been the largest user of this fabric, its consumption has in no way interfered with silk. In regard to the latter, the prolonged disturbance in China, holding back shipments of raw silk to this country, have resulted in price advances for these grades, and manufacturers are becoming apprehensive concerning deliveries. While mill orders have fallen off with the approaching termination of the summer season, producers are changing over to the manufacture of fall lines, which thus far promise very well. Distribution in both wholesale and retail channels has been fully maintained.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Markets for domestic cotton goods ruled irregular during the week. While prices for both raw and finished cottons were firm over the greater part of the week, the Government report issued on Thursday, placing the condition of the crop as of June 25 at 75.9%, with an indicated yield of 14,339,000 bales, prompted buyers to withdraw from the market. This was due to the fact that the Government estimate far exceeded general expectations and with possibilities of such a large yield, hopes were revived of lower cotton prices. However, during the earlier part of the week, business was better in the gray goods division and various lines were being priced in anticipation of the fall jobbing season. Buyers who purchased more freely of bleached cottons than has been the case for some time past, found that certain lines were scarce. This resulted in prices being advanced one-quarter of a cent a yard. In regard to sheetings, after the price reductions of the previous week, buyers were disposed to show a more active interest in offerings at the new levels. The demand for wash goods continued full in both secondary and consuming channels. Likewise, print cloths enjoyed an exceptionally good call and mills were said to be comfortably sold up for the next couple of months. An item of particular interest to the trade was that the Amoskeag mills had decided to change the character of its staple and semi-staple gingham production. The goods will not be gingham in the common acceptance of the word, and the company has decided that the new fabrics will be known by the various trade mark names. The line is so vastly different from anything heretofore shown by the company that opinion as to the future has been reserved until the trade has had a chance to judge for itself. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 6½¢., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6½¢. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 10½¢. and 38-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12¼¢.

WOOLEN GOODS: The markets for woollens and worsteds were stronger, with a broader interest displayed. This further improvement has been a result of the active movement of summer weight cloths, and factors were more optimistic concerning the spring season. During the middle of the week the American Woolen Co. announced the opening of its lines of men's tropical weight fabrics for 1926. This came as a surprise, owing to the fact that it was several weeks in advance of the opening a year ago, and was considered a strategic move to absorb the early orders. Prices, as already stated, ranged from an advance of 2½¢. to a decline of 15¢., compared with last year's levels. The new fabrics were novel in both color and design and buyers were said to have displayed an active interest in them. A number of independents are expected to open their lines at approximately the same price levels next week. Although the prospects for fall cutting are somewhat uncertain owing to the labor difficulties, it is generally expected that a large volume of small lot orders will be received.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: No change in conditions surrounding the markets for linens was observed during the week. Buyers continued to be apathetic, and such sections as the household, dress and art linens remained quiet and uninteresting. However, it was noted that factors were slowly becoming aware of the fact that they must do something drastic to bring about a more normal consumption of goods. Realizing that this cannot be done by following old precedents, the opinion was expressed that if weavers and designers could be induced to get together and create the novelties and fancies that the consumer is demanding, better business would be forthcoming. Burlaps have ruled quiet, with little price changes noted. Buyers were reluctant to operate, owing to the approaching holidays both in this country and Calcutta. Light weights are quoted at 7.40-7.45¢. and heavies at 9.70¢.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JUNE.

Long-term State and municipal bond disposals continued large during June but there was a falling off in the number of municipalities making offerings and in the number of separate issues. Altogether the awards aggregated no more than \$138,096,285. The number of separate issues for the month was 610, made by 459 places. For the previous month the total of the sales was \$189,140,697, representing 759 separate issues made by 553 municipalities, and for June a year ago \$242,451,538, consisting of 673 separate issues made by 499 municipalities.

With the present month's figure, the total of State and municipal bonds sold during the first six months of this year presently stands at \$741,692,310. This compares with \$788,744,973 for the same period in 1924, \$584,800,923 for 1923, \$655,086,150 for 1922, and \$466,415,487 for 1921.

The more important issues placed during June were as follows:

\$10,000,000 4½% State of New Jersey bonds sold to various banks in the State as follows: \$5,000,000 highway bonds at an average price of 103.173; \$3,000,000 road bonds at an average price of 103.044, and \$2,000,000 bridge bonds at an average price of 103.046.

\$10,000,000 4% 20-50-year (opt.) bonds of Philadelphia, Pa., awarded to a syndicate headed by Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia, at 100.19689, a basis of about 3.985 to optional date, and a basis of about 3.99% if bonds are allowed to run full term of years.

\$9,000,000 4¼% long-term serial notes sold by the State of North Carolina to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York.

\$7,500,000 4¼% Series "F" road bonds of the State of Missouri, purchased by a syndicate headed by Geo. H. Burr & Co. of St. Louis at 102.21, a basis of about 4.52%.

\$6,000,000 road bonds of the State of West Virginia, awarded to W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., of New York, and associates at 100.009, a basis of about 4.18%, for \$4,150,000 4½s and \$1,850,000 4s.

\$3,800,000 5% bonds of Dade County Special Tax School District No. 2, Fla., awarded to the First National Bank of New York and associates at 104.65, a basis of about 4.57%.

\$3,000,000 4½% sewer bonds of Kansas City, Mo., bought by a syndicate headed by Geo. H. Burr & Co. of St. Louis at 103.95, a basis of about 4.09%.

\$3,000,000 5% bonds of Los Angeles City School Districts, Calif. (\$2,000,000 elementary and \$1,000,000 high school), bought by a syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York at 107.30, a basis of about 4.40%.

\$2,500,000 4% water supply bonds of Providence, R. I., awarded to the Equitable Trust Co. of New York and associates at 100.32, a basis of about 3.98%.

\$1,998,000 6% water works revenue bonds of East Chicago, Ind., bought by the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago and associates.

\$1,846,000 bonds of Norfolk, Va., sold to Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. of New York and associates as follows: \$1,304,000 4½% public improvement bonds at 102.10, a basis of about 4.36%, and \$542,000 5% port terminal and water bonds at 108.66, a basis of about 3.98%.

\$1,800,000 4¼% certificates of indebtedness (representing two separate issues) of the State of Maryland, awarded to Estabrook & Co. of New York and associates at 104.8741, a basis of about 3.88%.

\$1,733,000 4½% Birmingham, Ala., bonds awarded as follows: \$1,533,000 school bonds to the Chase Securities Corp. of New York and associates at 102.63, a basis of about 4.26%, and \$200,000 public improvement bonds to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, at 101.06, a basis of about 4.27%.

Six issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$1,711,000, of Albany, N. Y., awarded to the Guaranty Company and the Equitable Trust Co., both of New York City, jointly, at 100.639, a basis of about 3.88%.

\$1,533,000 bonds (made up of seven separate issues) of Syracuse, N. Y., sold to Blodget & Co. of New York at 100.66 for 4s.

\$1,500,000 4½% bonds (\$1,000,000 street improvement and \$500,000 water and sewer) of Greenville, No. Caro., purchased by Dillon, Read & Co. of New York and associates at 100.10, a basis of about 4.48%.

\$1,000,000 Seattle, Wash., water extension bonds awarded to Geo. H. Burr & Co. and associates at 97.52 for 4½s.

\$1,000,000 4½% Baltimore County, Md., Metropolitan District bonds, bought jointly by the Guaranty Company and Harris, Forbes & Co., both of New York, at 105.579, a basis of about 4.17%.

Temporary loans during June were negotiated in the amount of \$97,952,525. Of this total New York City is responsible for \$66,494,000, State of North Carolina \$10,000,000, Boston, Mass., \$5,000,000, and Westchester County, N. Y., \$3,437,000. During June New York City also issued \$15,000,000 3% general fund bonds for taking up the surplus revenues of the sinking fund.

The total of Canadian bond disposals for June was \$17,925,971. This includes \$2,250,000 4½s issued by the Province of Alberta, \$5,000,000 4½s by the Province of Quebec, \$4,096,000 4½s by the Province of Saskatchewan, and \$2,000,000 4½s by the City of Winnipeg, Man.

Below we furnish comparison of all the various forms of obligations sold in June during the last five years:

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm. loans (U. S.)	138,096,285	242,451,538	161,711,897	118,969,285	110,412,059
*Temp'y loans (U. S.)	97,952,525	52,231,933	55,489,124	23,321,465	59,651,500
Canadian l'ns (perm.):					
Placed in Canada	5,793,971	7,507,352	9,597,246	10,514,539	10,818,561
Placed in U. S.	12,132,000	1,705,000	3,155,000	450,000	4,002,000
General fund bonds					
(N. Y. City)	15,000,000				
Bonds U. S. Posses'ns				4,700,000	180,000
Total	268,974,781	303,895,823	229,953,267	157,955,289	176,064,120

* Includes temporary securities (revenue bonds and bills and corporate stock notes) issued by New York City, \$66,494,000 in 1925, \$23,350,000 in 1924, \$30,629,000 in June 1923, \$11,000,000 in June 1922, and \$38,944,500 in June 1921.

The number of municipalities in the United States issuing permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during June 1925 were 459 and 610, respectively. This contrasts with 553 and 759 for May 1925 and 499 and 673 for June 1924.

For comparative purposes we give the following table, showing the aggregates for June and the six months for a series of years. In these figures temporary loans and bonds issued by Canadian municipalities are excluded:

	Month of June.	For the Six Months.		Month of June.	For the Six Months.
1925	\$138,096,285	\$741,692,310	1908	\$31,606,064	\$169,082,579
1924	242,451,538	788,744,973	1907	21,390,486	115,347,889
1923	161,711,897	584,800,923	1906	21,688,622	102,338,245
1922	118,969,285	655,086,150	1905	19,016,754	111,723,054
1921	110,412,059	466,415,487	1904	24,425,909	137,869,155
1920	45,113,020	322,661,532	1903	16,926,619	79,576,434
1919	100,378,461	305,650,839	1902	28,417,172	87,628,395
1918	27,821,083	151,766,284	1901	13,468,098	61,223,060
1917	28,510,832	221,679,100	1900	19,670,126	77,943,665
1916	47,555,691	283,464,572	1899	29,348,742	63,345,376
1915	108,976,230	322,928,610	1898	9,704,925	44,078,547
1914	44,403,737	357,557,177	1897	16,385,065	78,275,377
1913	39,386,230	218,879,270	1896	12,792,308	43,176,964
1912	49,485,807	246,289,293	1895	15,907,441	56,991,613
1911	27,470,820	223,262,370	1894	16,359,377	66,426,992
1910	19,369,775	162,846,110	1893	1,888,935	32,663,115
1909	*62,124,450	207,125,317	1892	12,249,000	49,093,291

* Incl. \$40,000,000 4s of N. Y. City. z Incl. \$71,000,000 4½s of N. Y. City.

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.

Berlin (City of), Germany.—\$15,000,000 *External Loan Offered in U. S.*—A syndicate headed by Speyer & Co. of New York offered for public subscription in this country on July 2 \$15,000,000 6½% gold sinking fund bonds, denominated Municipal External Loan of 1925, of the City of Berlin, Germany, at 89% and accrued interest, to yield about 7½%. The offering was quickly taken. Bonds are coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Dated April 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City, in United States gold coin of, or equal to, the present standard of weight and fineness, free from all past, present or future taxes of the German Republic, or of any State, municipality or other taxing authority therein, at the office of Speyer & Co. (fiscal agents for the loan). Due April 1 1950. An annual cumulative sinking fund is provided for the retirement of the bonds (sufficient to redeem the entire issue at or before maturity) and is to be applied to redemption of bonds by the purchase in the market at or below par and accrued interest, or, if not so obtainable, through drawings by lot at par. The city also has the option of redeeming the bonds as a whole or in part at par on April 1 1930 or any interest payment date thereafter upon not less than six months previous notice.

Further information regarding the loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events & Discussions" on a preceding page.

New York (State of).—*Special Session Ends—Legislature Again Passes Thayer Bill to Appropriate \$6,000,000 of the \$15,000,000 Park Bond Issue Voted Last Fall—Immediately Vetoed by Governor Smith.*—The special session of the Legislature, which was convened June 22 exclusively for the consideration of an appropriation measure to make available \$6,000,000 out of \$15,000,000 park bond issue, approved by the voters of the State at the November 1924 election (V. 119, p. 2671), came to an end at 6.42 p. m., daylight saving time, June 26. The Legislature again passed the Thayer bill, originally passed at the regular session this year, which proposed to appropriate \$6,000,000 of the bond issue, but, as on the previous occasion, it was again vetoed by Governor Smith. The bill was slightly changed from the way it passed the regular session, but the Governor declared in his memorandum vetoing it that the same reasons which led him to veto the Thayer bill at the regular session caused him to do the same thing now. "One of the objections in the bill as vetoed April 1 has been removed," he said, "that is the provision that the Attorney-General could draw on the park funds at will to build up title and legal bureaus without the consent of the park authorities." The Governor further declared, however, that "the major objection to the old Thayer bill still remains. That is, the subjecting of the park authorities and their program to the supervision and control of the Land Board in the matter of making all purchases of lands and in condemnations and appropriations. The same jokers and exceptions also remain for reasons which cannot be explained on honest grounds."

Pennsylvania (State of).—*State Constitution Cannot Be Again Amended Until 1928, the State Supreme Court Holds in the Case of the Proposed New Soldier Bonus Amendment—Ruling of the Dauphin County Court Sustained.*—On June 27 the State Supreme Court in a decision handed down on that date held in the case of the proposed new soldier bonus amendment that the State Constitution cannot be amended oftener than once in five years, which affirms the ruling of the Dauphin County Court on April 25 (V. 120, p. 2319). The Constitution was last amended in 1923 and the next date

under the decision is 1928. As a result of the decision the soldier bonus amendment and, among others, three other proposed amendments, (1) for \$25,000,000 bonds for the purpose of acquiring land in the State for forest purposes, (2) for \$8,000,000 State College bonds, and (3) for \$5,000,000 armory bonds that were proposed to be put on ballot this fall cannot be submitted to the voters until 1928. The Philadelphia "Record" of June 28 in reporting the decision said:

The proposed \$35,000,000 loan for paying a soldiers' bonus was put off for another three years yesterday (June 27), when the Supreme Court decided that the constitutional amendment for borrowing the money could not be submitted to the voters until 1928. This decision is based on the provision of the Constitution that it cannot be amended oftener than once in five years and the last amendment was adopted in 1923.

The decision practically knocks out proposed amendments for loans totaling \$273,000,000. Among the other loans which it was intended to have authorized were \$50,000,000 for highway work, \$100,000,000 for construction of State institutions, including a memorial bridge; erection of buildings for penal and other institutions \$5,000,000 for State armories \$8,000,000 for buildings at State College and \$25,000,000 for reforestation.

Test on Soldiers' Bonus.

The appeal was based specifically on the proposed amendment to authorize the soldiers' bonus loan. Under an agreement with the State administration a suit was instituted in the Dauphin County Court to compel the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Dr. Clyde L. King, to publish this proposed amendment and submit it to the people at the next election. Following a recent decision by the Supreme Court the Dauphin County tribunal held that the submission of the loan amendment at the forthcoming election would be contrary to the Constitution. An appeal was taken, and it was on this the Supreme Court handed down its ruling.

"In reaching the present decision," Justice Sadler held, "we are not unmindful of the fact that the voters should be given free opportunity to modify the fundamental law as may seem to them fit, but this must be done in the way they themselves have provided, if stability in the carrying on of government is to be preserved. It is the duty of the courts to follow the rules fixed by the Constitution. If believed to be unwise in the provisions expressed it should be rewritten or modified, but as long as plain words are used, directing what shall be permitted, it is imperative on the courts to restrain any actions which are forbidden."

He then explains the present proceeding and the provision that no amendment can be adopted oftener than once in five years. Referring to other amendments adopted without regard to that point he said the question had not been raised before the submission of the amendments to the people and having once been voted on and approved by the people they could not be declared void.

On this subject the opinion says: "There may be technical error in the manner in which a proposed amendment is adopted, or in its advertisement, yet, if allowed, unobjected to, by approval of the electors it becomes a part of the Constitution. Legal complaints to the submission may be made prior to taking the vote, but if once sanctioned it is embodied therein, and cannot be attacked, either directly or collaterally, because of any mistake antecedent thereto. Even though it be submitted at an improper time, it is effective for all purposes when accepted by the majority."

"The proposed change by resolution 3a, passed by the Legislature in 1921 and 1923, was adopted by the people, no preliminary objection having been made as to the right to present it at the time to the voters, and, therefore, it constituted a legal alteration. In the case of No. 2a, however, which had already been voted on and approved for the soldiers' bonus, a bill in equity was filed to restrain the advertisement of the proposed submission. In an exhaustive and able opinion by Justice Simpson, the legal questions involved were discussed and the injunction prayed for was granted."

Passed Without Objection.

"It is now proposed to present the same proposition to the voters in the fall of 1925, and this proceeding is objected to by the Commonwealth on the ground that a valid amendment to the Constitution was made in 1923, and therefore, under Section 18, no further changes can be made until 1928. With this proposition we agree. Some confusion seems to have arisen—though we see no justification for it—from the following paragraph appearing in Armstrong vs. King, supra: 'The present Constitution was amended in 1901, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1918, 1920 and 1923, those of 1911, 1918 and 1920 being amendments of Article 1, Section 8, relating to municipal indebtedness.'

"It will be noticed that the untimely submissions were in 1911, 1913, 1918 and 1923. Had injunctions been sought at an appropriate time, against their then present submission, doubtless they would have been enjoined. No such action was applied for, however, for the people gave their approval to the amendments and to this day no one has challenged the fact that they are properly a part of the Constitution."

"Though, as there held, the submission of the amendment in 1923 could have been successfully objected to, yet the approval by the people was a judgment of the electorate, and changed the basic law, and it is from that date we must consider the right to make further alterations. Until five years have elapsed, no further modifications can be permitted, provided one interested objects in due course."

Other Objections.

"It is further suggested that the resolution passed by the Legislatures in 1921 and 1923 is defective, in that it provided for the submission to the people of two propositions, viz., the right to increase the bonded indebtedness for road purposes and also to pay a soldiers' bonus, and that, as a result, the electors, in marking their ballots, could not differentiate between the questions submitted. There may be merit in the contention made, as also in the claim that the Legislature fixed the time for the vote as November, 1924, which has now become impossible."

"If deemed necessary there is ample time to secure the necessary enactments before the proposed amendment is submitted for consideration to the electors, and thus possible legal difficulties may be avoided. However, in view of the decision reached, that no change in the Constitution is permissible, against objection, until 1928, a discussion of the two questions last mentioned is not required."

In anticipation of an adverse decision by the Supreme Court, the 1925 Legislature adopted a similar resolution, providing for a loan of \$35,000,000 for the bonus. This is now in shape to be passed for the second time, in 1927, and will then be ready to be voted on in 1928 so that there will be no unnecessary delay.

Pennsylvania (State of).—Sale of Second \$20,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 Highway Bond Issue Authorized in 1923 Postponed.—It was announced on July 1 that the State, which on April 1 last sold \$20,000,000 worth of the \$50,000,000 road bonds authorized by the voters in 1923 (see V. 120, p. 1654) will not issue the second \$20,000,000 worth of bonds Aug. 1, the next authorized date for borrowing that amount. Explaining the State's action in the matter, an Associated Press dispatch from Harrisburg, under date of July 1, to the Pittsburgh "Gazette" said:

"Sale of the second \$20,000,000 series of the \$50,000,000 road bond issue, authorized by constitutional amendment in 1923 has been deferred from Aug. 1, under a resolution of the Bond Board announced to-day. Members of the Board comprise Gov. Pinchot, Auditor-General Martin and State Treasurer Lewis."

The first issue of \$20,000,000 was sold April 1 last and of this amount approximately \$15,000,000 remains unexpended, the State Treasurer said in amplifying the Board's action. Under the enabling Act providing for sale of the bonds the second \$20,000,000 was to be sold Aug. 1, but an amendment proposed by Mr. Lewis gave the Board authority to postpone the sale for a period not exceeding six months.

The State pays interest in excess of 4% on the outstanding bonds, while the idle money return between 2 and 3%, so that the Board considered it a matter of economy and efficiency to defer the sale of the second issue until the major part of the first \$20,000,000 was used, the Treasurer said.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

This week have been as follows:

ADAMS TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Toledo R. R. No. 2), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 27, Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo and the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, bidding jointly, were awarded the \$200,000 5% coupon bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3094) for \$209,140, equal to 104.57, a basis of about 4.54%. Date June 1 1925. Due \$8,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1950, incl. Other bidders were:

Prudden & Co., Toledo.....	\$209,063	Bohmer, Reinhart & Co., Cincinnati.....	\$206,540
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo 209,123		The Provident Savs. Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....	204,660
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo.....	207,805	The Herrick Co., Cleveland.....	207,041
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo.....	208,910		

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Eastern time) July 27 by B. J. Hill, Director of Finance, for \$502,600 5% coupon street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$600. Date Aug. 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Prin. and int. payable at the National Park Bank, New York. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$50,600, 1926; \$50,000, 1927 to 1933 incl., and \$51,000, 1934 and 1935. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Director of Finance, required. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser at Akron in coupon form and may be exchanged for registered bonds. Bidders are asked to make bids subject to the approval of their attorneys, as to the legality of the issue; approving opinion to be paid for by the purchaser.

ALBANY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Larimer County, Wyo.—PURPOSE OF ELECTION.—We are advised by E. E. Fitch, District Clerk, that the purpose of the election held on June 22—V. 120, p. 3094—was to vote on a tax levy only and not the issuance of \$104,000 school building bonds, as stated in above reference.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 14, by Board of Commissioners, for \$350,000 4½% County infirmity bonds. Date July 10 1925. Due part each six months up to May 15 1945. Certified check for 3% of par value of bonds bid for, payable to Board of Commissioners, required. A legal opinion upon said bonds will be furnished to the successful bidder at his cost. A transcript of all proceedings will be on file at the office of the county auditor and can be furnished on application for same, J. H. Johnson is County Auditor.

This item was inadvertently reported under the caption "Allen County, Ill." in last week's issue on page 3343.

AMHERST, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 16 by F. I. Hubbard, Village Clerk, for \$1,800 5% (village's portion) West Martin and Jackson Street paving bonds. Denom. \$200. Date June 2 1925. Due \$200 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1927 to 1935 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Amherst Savings and Banking Co., Amherst. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Clerk, required.

AMHERST, Amherst County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 18 by L. H. Shrader, Town Clerk, for \$35,000 to \$40,000 6% water improvement coupon bonds. A certified check for 1% of bid is required.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On June 29 Estabrook & Co. of Boston were awarded the \$120,000 4% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3343) at 101.56, a basis of about 3.81%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$6,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, inclusive. Other bidders, all of Boston, were:

Edmunds Bros.....	101.23	National City Co.....	101.429
Old Colony Trust Co.....	101.20	R. L. Day & Co.....	101.39
Geo. A. Fernald & Co.....	101.03	Merrill, Oldham & Co.....	101.28

ASHLAND, Jackson County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Ralph Schneeloch Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$18,000 5% South Oregon Normal Site Purchase bonds at par. Purchaser agreed to furnish the legal opinion and blank bonds. Date June 15 1925. Due June 15 1935.

ASHLAND, Jackson County, Ore.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 19 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$105,000 school building bonds.

ASHLEY COUNTY (P. O. Hamburg), Ark.—BOND SALE.—Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. of St. Louis have purchased an issue of \$72,000 5% funding coupon bonds. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1926, \$5,000, 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$6,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$7,000, 1933 to 1935 incl., and \$8,000 in 1936 and 1937. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the State National Bank, St. Louis. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

Financial Statement.

Estimated actual value of taxable property.....	\$25,000,000
Assessed valuation of taxable property, 1924.....	7,572,368
Total bonded debt.....	72,000
Population, 1920 Census.....	23,410

ATKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Burgaw) Pender County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Murphy, Superintendent Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until July 6 for \$25,000 5½% semi-annual school bonds.

BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Tracy), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Alvin H. Frank & Co. of Los Angeles have purchased an issue of \$112,800 6% irrigation bonds. Date Aug. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000 and \$400. Due \$56,400, July 1 1963 and July 1 1964. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the District Treasurer in Tracy. Legality approved by Goodfellow, Eells, Moore & Orrick of San Francisco.

Statistical Information (as officially Reported).

Estimated real value of property.....	\$2,500,000
Value of irrigation works and water rights.....	705,000
Total property value.....	3,205,000
Total bonded debt.....	705,000
Annual tax per average acre necessary for bond retirement & int.....	7.50

BARAGA COUNTY (P. O. L'Anse), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—Taxpayers of Baraga county will vote July 6 on a \$100,000 bond issue to pay outstanding floating indebtedness of county.

BASTROP COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bastrop), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 25 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$25,000 road bonds. E. H. Perkins, County Judge.

BEAVER POND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bluefield), Mercer County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 5% school bonds offered on July 1 (V. 120, p. 3223) were awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$20,226, equal to 103.37, a basis of about 4.58%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$30,000 July 1 1926 to 1945 incl.

BEDFORD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,100 5% coupon school bonds offered on June 19—V. 120, p. 3094—were awarded to Poor & Co. of Cincinnati at 103.16, a basis of about 4.67%. Date May 1 1925. Due every six months as follows: \$400, Oct. 1 1925, and \$700, April 1 1926 to April 1 1951, incl.

BELLAIRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bellaire), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 15 by H. T. Tyler, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$38,000 5% coupon new school building bonds. Denom. 20 for \$500 and 26 for \$1,000. Date July 15 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J. 15) payable at the First National Bank of Bellaire. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,500, 1927 to 1946, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1947 to 1949, inclusive. Certified check for \$1,500, payable to Board of Education, required.

BENNINGTON, Bennington County, Vt.—BOND SALE.—Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston were awarded on June 29 the \$270,000 4½% coupon refunding bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3344) at 100.33, a basis of about 4.17%. Date Nov. 15 1924. Due \$30,000 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1925 to 1933, inclusive. Other bidders were:

E. H. Rollins & Sons.....	100.317	National City Co.....	100.099
Harris, Forbes & Co.....	100.16	Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.....	*100
Bond & Goodwin.....	99.772	National Life Insurance Co.....	100
Old Colony Trust Co.....	100.153		

* And a premium of \$593 73. xFor \$50,000 only.

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Albuquerque), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 school building bonds offered on June 19—V. 120, p. 2967—were awarded to Geo. W. Valley & Co. of Denver, as fs. at a discount of \$195.60, equal to 98.37, a basis of about 5.19%. Date June 1 1925. Due \$1,000 yearly June 1 1930 to 1942 incl.

BIRMINGHAM, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 bonds was sold locally by this village around the middle of last month.

BLUFF CITY, Harper County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$40,000 school bonds at a recent election.

BOONVILLE, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% paving bonds offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3223—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. of N. Y. at 105.83, a basis of about 4.25%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$1,000 yearly 1926 to 1945 incl. The following bids were also received: R. F. DeVoe & Co., N. Y. 105.329 | Fairservis & Co., N. Y. 105.607 | Farson, Son & Co., N. Y. 104.893 | Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., First Nat. Bank, Boonville. 104.000 | Inc., New York. 104.850

BOULDER, Jefferson County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur Tuttle, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 8 for \$6,000 6% town bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$300. A certified check for \$300 is required.

BUFFALO, Dallas County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 20 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$40,000 water system bonds.

BURLINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Holly), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Alfonza Adams, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, until 10:30 a. m. July 17 for the following coupon with privilege of registration bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the two issues: \$265,000 road bonds. Date Aug. 1 1925. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$26,000 1926 to 1934 incl., and \$21,000, 1935.

85,000 building construction bonds. Date Aug. 1 1916. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1926 to 1934 incl., and \$4,000, 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Bonds will bear interest at the best rate obtainable. Prin. payable at County Treasurer's office and interest at Union National Bank of Mt. Holly. Certified check for 2% of amount of each issue bid for upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, required. Bonds will be prepared under supervision of Union Nat. Bank, Mt. Holly, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal impressed thereon.

CABLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on June 27 \$35,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ebsenburg), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—I. E. Lewis, Treasurer of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 17 for \$70,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1930; \$9,000, 1935; \$10,000, 1940; \$13,000, 1945; \$50,000, 1950, and \$17,000 1955. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

CAMDEN, Knox County, Me.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4% coupon school bond bonds, offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 3095—were awarded to Ireland & Co. of Portland, at par plus a premium of \$5, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 3.99%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$5,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1941 incl. The following bids were also received:

Name of Bidder— Rate Bid. Harris Forbes & Co. 99.44 Esterbrook & Co. 99.528 Timberlake & Co. 98.769 E. H. Rollins & Son 99.57 Beyer, Small & Co. 99.393 Security Trust Co. 99.27 Fidelity Trust Co. 98.807 National City Co. 99.277 Merrill, Oldham Co. 99.39 Jones, Gould, Bartlett & Co. 99.00125 Bragdon, Gordon & Waddell 98.55

CANYON COUNTY (P. O. Caldwell), Idaho.—NOTE SALE.—The Childs Bond & Mortgage Co. of Boise purchased an issue of \$120,000 4 1/2% refunding notes on June 1 at par. Date June 1 1925. Due \$6,000 Jan. 1 1926 and June 1 1926.

CARO, Tuscola County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The taxpayers of the village voted at the election held on June 22 (V. 120, p. 3223) to bond for \$70,000 of which \$57,000 will be used to purchase the plant of the Caro Water Co. and the remainder for extensions. The vote was 525 for and 16 against.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Westminster), Md.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the \$39,000 4 1/2% coupon lateral road bonds, offered on that date—V. 120, p. 3344—were sold to Wellepp-Buton & Co. of Baltimore at 101.914, a basis of about 4.16%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1928 to 1934, incl., and \$4,000, July 1 1935. The following is a list of the bids received.

Bidder— Rate. Wellepp-Buton Co. 101.914 First National Co. 101.896 Hamilton & Co. 101.191 Geo. H. Stickney & Co. 101.588 Baker, Watts & Co. 101.439 John P. Barr & Co. 101.773

CATTARAUGUS, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following paving bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3344—were awarded to the Dunkirk Trust Co. of Dunkirk as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 4.21%. \$10,000 Series "A." Due \$2,500, June 1 1926 to 1929 incl. 20,000 Series "B." Due \$1,000, June 1 1926 to 1945 incl. Date June 1 1925.

CHARDON, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 noon July 15 by Robert S. Parks, Village Clerk, for the following 5% coupon street improvement bonds:

- \$7,965 70 Ferris Ave. bonds. Denom. \$465 70 and \$500. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$465 70 1926, \$1,000 1927 to 1933, incl., and \$500 1934. 16,891 58 Park Ave. bonds. Denom. \$391 58 and \$500. Due as follows: \$391 58 April 1 1926, \$1,500 Oct. 1 1926, \$500 April 1 1927, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927, \$500 April 1 1928, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1928, \$500 April 1 1929, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1929, \$500 April 1 1930, \$1,500 Oct. 1 1930, \$500 April 1 1931, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1931, \$2,000 Oct. 1 1932, \$500 April 1 1933, \$2,000 Oct. 1 1933, \$500 April 1 1934 and \$1,500 Oct. 1 1934. Village's Portion Bonds. 4,300 00 Park Ave. bonds. Denom. \$300 and \$500. Due \$300 April 1 1926 and \$500 each Oct. 1 and April 1 from Oct. 1 1926 to April 1 1930. 1,500 00 Ferris Ave. bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 April 1 1926 and \$500 Oct. 1 1927 and 1928. Date July 1 1925. Interest A.-O. A certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for (of each issue) required.

CHARLESTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kanawha County, W. Va.—BIDS.—Following is a list of bids for the \$340,000 5% coupon school bonds awarded on June 23 to the Citizens National Bank of Charleston, at 104.87, a basis of about 4.34%.—V. 120, p. 3344.—

Name of Bidder— Bid. Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston 15,874.00 O. W. McNear & Co., Chicago 15,504.00 Stevenson, Ferry, Stacy & Co., Chicago and The Canton Bond & Investment Co., Canton 15,357.46 Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo and Prudden & Co., Toledo 15,067.00 Prov. Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati 14,790.00 Kanawha Banking & Trust Co., Charleston and Bankers Trust Trust Co., New York City 14,310.00 Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo 13,838.00 Title Guaranty & Trust Co., Cincinnati 12,886.00 Harris, Forbes & Co., New York City 12,518.00 Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati 12,240.00 N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati 12,070.70

CHELMSFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Shawmut Corporation of Boston, Boston, has purchased \$100,000 4% school house loan bonds. Due yearly on June 1 from 1926 to 1940 incl.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the \$5,000,000 4% bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3344) were sold to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., the Northern Trust Co., William R. Compton Co., the Detroit Co., Inc., and the First National Co. of Detroit at 99.229, a basis of about 4.098%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$250,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945 incl.

CHILLICOTHE, Ross County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by B. M. Clark, City Auditor, until noon July 24 for \$43,500 5% (city's portion) street-impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$2,500 semi-annually Dec. 1 1926 to Dec. 1 1934, and \$1,000 June 1 1935. A certified check for 2%, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

CHITPEWA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (P. O. Montevideo), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Gilbert Dawson, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 10 for \$2,000 5% school bonds. Dated July 1 1925.

CHOWAN COUNTY (P. O. Edenton), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 road coupon bonds, offered on June 1—V. 120, p. 2185—were awarded to the Carolina Securities Co. and the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, jointly, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$1,422, equal to 102.37, a basis of about 4.52%. Date June 1 1925. Due June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1934 incl., \$2,000, 1935 to 1939 incl. and \$3,000, 1940 to 1949 incl.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. W. Shafer, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. July 13 for \$450,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and int. payable at the American Exchange National Bank, N. Y. City. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$19,000, 1926; \$18,000, 1927; \$19,000, 1928; \$18,000, 1929; \$19,000, 1930, and so on until 1945; then \$19,000, 1946 to 1949, incl., and \$4,000, 1950. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

CLARION COUNTY (P. O. Clarion), Pa.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF PURCHASER'S ATTORNEY.—Of the \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon tax free road bonds, offered on June 24—V. 120, p. 2968—\$120,000 were purchased by the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, at 101.484 subject to approval of its attorney. Date July 1 1925.

CLARKSTOWN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. New City), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John D. Hallock, School Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. July 11 for \$20,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1926. Prin. and int. payable at the Nyack National Bank, Nyack. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1927 to 1946, incl. Certified check for 10% of bid required.

CLAUENE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hockley County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$50,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

COAL GROVE, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,250 78 6% Pike St. impt. special assessment bonds offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 2968—were awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$134, equal to 104.12, a basis of about 5.06%. Date March 1 1925. Due yearly Sept. 1 as follows: \$325 78, 1925, and \$325, 1926 to 1934, incl.

COLLEGE CORNER, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 18 by D. O. Black, Village Clerk, for \$2,000 5% coupon street resurfacing bonds. Denom. \$250. Date July 1 1925. Int. M. & N. Due \$500 each 6 months from March 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1929, incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds will be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award.

COLORADO (State of)—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5% Series G highway bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3224—were awarded to the International Trust Co. of Denver at 104.198, a basis of about 3.87% if called at optional date and 4.61% if allowed to run full term of years. Date June 1 1925. Due June 1 1940; optional June 1 1929 and on any interest payment date thereafter.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. St. Helens) Ore.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$41,500 school bonds awarded on June 8 to a syndicate composed of the Western Bond & Mortgage Co., Ladd & Tilton Bank, Lumbermen's Trust Co., Ferris & Hardgrove and Commerce Mortgage & Securities Co., all of Portland, at 101.50 (V. 120, p. 3224), a basis of about 4.84%, bear interest at the rate of 5%. Date May 1 1925. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$3,500 in 1940 and \$4,000 1941 to 1945 incl.

COLUMBIANA COUNTY (P. O. Lisbon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5% coupon (Hanover Twp's share) Hanover-Salem public road I. C. H. \$84 in Hanover Twp. impt. bonds, offered on June 26—V. 120, p. 3224—were awarded to the Title Guaranty & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$867, equal to 102.89, a basis of about 4.40%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$3,000 yearly Oct. 1 1926 to 1935 incl.

COLUMBUS, Lowndes County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 22 by the City Clerk for \$30,000 water works bonds.

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Davidsville), Somerset County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia have purchased \$60,000 4 1/2% road, Series "A," bonds at 100.17.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND SALE.—On June 29 \$500,000 4% coupon hospital bonds, offered on that date, were awarded to the Northern Trust Co. and the Detroit Co., jointly, at 99.8272, a basis of about 4.02%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$25,000 yearly on June 1 from 1926 to 1945 inclusive.

COSHOCOTON, Coshocoton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 23 by W. M. Williams, City Auditor, for \$8,644 11 5% (special assessment) paving improvement bonds. Denoms. 6 for \$500, 13 for \$400 and 1 for \$444 11. Int. M. & S. Due each six months as follows: \$500 March 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1928, incl.; \$400 March 1 1929 to March 1 1935, incl., and \$444 11 Sept. 1 1935. Certified check for \$200 required with each bid. Bonds will be ready for delivery and must be taken up within 5 days from time of award.

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY (P. O. Jonesboro), Ark.—BOND SALE.—The American Trust Co. of Jonesboro has purchased an issue of \$110,000 5 1/4% school and refunding coupon bonds, at a premium of \$500, equal to 100.45. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1945. Interest payable (M. & S.).

CRESTLINE, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Chance E. Dewald, Village Clerk, until 12 noon July 10 for the following 5 1/2% coupon village's portion street impt. bonds:

- \$15,300 Clerk Boulevard bonds maturing on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1932 incl. and \$1,300, 1933. 3,000 Union Street bonds maturing \$500 Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1931 incl. 3,200 North Henry Street bonds maturing Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1931 incl. and \$200, 1932. Date Apr. 1 1925. Int. A. & O. A certified check for \$400 payable to the Village Treasurer, required. If bid is accepted bonds must be taken up and paid for one week after July 10. Approving opinion of Squires, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, will be furnished purchaser without charge.

CUSTER COUNTY (P. O. Miles City), Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 20—V. 120, p. 2322 the voters authorized the issuance of \$50,000 bridge bonds.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (Cleveland time) July 8 by Louis Simon, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds: \$12,964 23 special assessment Main St. extension bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$964 23, 1926; \$1,000, 1927 to 1932, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1933 to 1935, inclusive.

78,708 94 special assessment Cedar Road No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,708 94, 1926; \$7,000, 1926; \$8,000, 1927 to 1934, inclusive; \$9,000, 1935.

144,201 17 county's portion Cedar Road No. 4 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,201 17, 1926; \$14,000, 1927 to 1931, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1932 to 1935, inclusive.

Date July 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 1% of the amount of each issue bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, Cleveland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of Locher, Green & Woods, 1040 Guardian Bldg., Cleveland by S. E. Clapp, Village Clerk, until 12 noon July 16 for \$90,000 5½% street paving bonds. Denom. \$100. Date July 15 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the State Banking & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due \$10,000 yearly from 1926 to 1934 incl. A certified check for 5% of amount bid for, on a solvent bank in Ohio, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

DAKOTA COUNTY (P. O. Hastings), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—R. W. Downs, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 15 for \$44,023 not exceeding 5% county bonds. Date July 1 1925. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

DANBURY, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$495,000 4½% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3345—were awarded to the National City Co. of Boston. Date June 1 1925. Due 1926 to 1965 inclusive.

DAVENPORT, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. A. Crisp, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 20 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$55,000: \$35,000 park bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1930 and \$10,000 in 1935, 1940 and 1945. 10,000 white way bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1930 and \$4,000 in 1935 and 1940. 10,000 water-works bonds. Due July 1 1945.

Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Bids to be made on each issue separately. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

DAVUSS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,340 4½% highway bridge construction coupon bonds, offered on June 2—V. 120, p. 2322—were awarded to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$348.50, equal to 103.21, a basis of about 4.10%. Date May 15 1925. Due \$658.50 every six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1945 incl.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of bids received for the \$300,000 4½% coupon street-improvement bonds awarded as stated in V. 120, p. 3345:

Bidder	Amount.
Grau, Todd & Co.; Batchelder, Wack & Co.; H. L. Allen & Co.*	\$304,431 00
W. L. Slayton & Co.	304,363 00
Detroit Trust Co.; Blodgett & Co.	303,867 00
Hayden, Miller & Co.; National City Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.	303,477 00
The Herrick Co.	303,409 00
Stranahan, Harris & Otis, Inc.	303,270 00
E. H. Rollins & Sons.	303,213 00
Otis & Co.	302,790 00

* Successful bid; see above reference.

DAYTONA BEACH, Volusia County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 5% town bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3224—were awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Daytona Beach at a discount of \$471 85, equal to 99.58, a basis of about 5.04%. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 1955. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City.

DEWEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 120, Walsh County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$3,600 5% school building bonds at par. Date April 1 1925. Due April 1 1945. Bonds not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

DOWNERS GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT, Du Page County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$270,000 6% gold bonds has been purchased by Toombs & Daily Co. of Chicago. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and annual int. (Sept. 1) payable at the office of the District Treasurer at Downers Grove (a suburb of Chicago) or can be collected at par through the office of the above company. Due \$30,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1927 to 1935, incl.

DUNDY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Max), Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$20,000 5% school bldg. bonds. These bonds were purchased subject to being voted by the United States Bond Co. of Denver.—V. 120, p. 3096.

DU PAGE COUNTY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. West Chicago), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$140,000 4½% school site and building bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3224—were purchased by the National City Co. of Chicago as 4½s at a premium of \$41, equal to 100.31, a basis of about 4.22%. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1930, and \$40,000 in each of the years 1935, 1940 and 1945.

EARLHART SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Visalia) Tulare County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5½% school bonds, offered on June 6—V. 120, p. 2969—were awarded to the First National Bank of Earlhart, at a premium of \$752, equal to 105.01.

EAST CHICAGO, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4½% coupon refunding bonds offered on June 24—V. 120, p. 3096—were awarded to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, at 101.559, a basis of about 4.17%. Date June 20 1925. Due \$10,000 June 1 1926 to 1935 incl.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) July 18 by F. D. Green, Director of Finance, for each of the following two issues of 4½% coupon general city bonds separately: \$100,000 bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1945 incl. 110,000 bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926; \$4,000, 1927 to 1939 incl.; \$3,000, 1940, and \$4,000, 1941 to 1953 incl.

Date April 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the main office of the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required with each issue. A transcript of the proceedings evidencing the validity of the bonds will be furnished by the city and will be certified by the Director of Finance and will be approved by the Director of Law of the city.

EAST STROUDSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Stroudsburg), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% coupon or registered taxable school bonds offered on June 26—V. 120, p. 3096—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia, at 103.656, a basis of about 4.18%. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 1930, optional at any time.

ELAINE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Phillips County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 13 by John D. Crow, President of School Board, at the office of E. Mallen Co., Helena, Ark., for approximately \$48,000 5% school bonds. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—BIDS.—Bids for the \$585,700 4½% temporary loan bonds sold to the Elizabeth Trust Co. of Elizabeth at 100.0089, a basis of about 4.07% (see V. 120, p. 2969) were as follows:

	Interest.	Bid.
Elizabeth Trust Co.	4½%	\$5,909 54
Union County Trust Co.	4½%	4,822 22
National State Bank	4½%	4,311 00
J. S. Rippel & Co.	4½%	4,100 00
Austin, Grant & Co. and Redmond & Co.	4½%	3,976 90
Central Home Trust Co.	4½%	3,602 05½
Eastman, Dillon & Co. and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.	4½%	3,572 77
B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and J. G. White & Co.	4½%	3,455 63
People's National Bank	4½%	3,397 06
Elizabethport Banking Co.	4½%	3,176 76
National City Co.	4½%	2,395 51
Newark & Essex Securities Corp.	4½%	1,576 00

ELK CITY, Beckham County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The Security National Bank of Oklahoma City has purchased an issue of \$269,000 water works and sewer system bonds.

ELKTON, Brookings County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Th following coupon bonds, aggregating \$12,000, offered on June 22 (V. 120 3225)

were awarded to Paine, Webber & Co., of New York, as 4½s, at a premium of \$225, equal to 101.87; a basis of about 4.61%. Date July 1 1925. Interest payable J. & J. 5,000 refunding bonds. Date June 15 1925. Due June 15 1945. Interest payable J. & J. D.

ELSIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Perkins County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$25,000 school building bonds at the election held on June 25.—V. 120, p. 3225.

ERIN AND LAKE TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 school bonds, offered on June 25 (V. 120, p. 3225) were purchased by the Bank of Detroit, at 102.135, for 4½s, a basis of about 4.30%. Due yearly as follows: \$2,500, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$5,000, 1937 to 1941 incl. and \$10,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Salem Trust Co. of Salem was awarded on June 30 the temporary loan of \$150,000, payable Nov. 10 1925, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3346) on a 2.97% discount basis, plus a premium of \$2 35.

ETOWAH, McMinn County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Etowah has purchased an issue of \$40,000 6% refunding bonds, at a premium of \$133, equal to 100.33. Due in 20 years.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 20 by Chas. H. Cross, Village Clerk, for the following 5½% special assessment coupon bonds: \$1,800 East 215th St. sewer bonds. Denom. 10 for \$1,000, 2 for \$500 and 1 for \$800. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1932, incl.; \$1,500, 1933 and 1934, and \$1,800, 1935.

1,000 Beckford Road sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$2,000, 1935.

8,800 East 23d St. sewer bonds. Denoms. 2 for \$500, 1 for \$800 and 7 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 and 1927 \$800, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1935, incl.

7,200 Roberts Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. 5 for \$500, 1 for \$700 and 4 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$700, 1931, and \$1,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.

6,700 East 224th St. sewer bonds. Denom. 6 for \$500, 1 for \$700 and 3 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1931, incl.; \$700, 1932, and \$1,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.

4,600 East 225th St. sewer bonds. Denom. 2 for \$300 and 8 for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1926 and 1927, and \$500, 1928 to 1935, incl.

5,150 East 226th St. sewer bonds. Denom. 9 for \$500 and 1 for \$650. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$650, 1935.

6,500 Maydale Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. 7 for \$500 and 3 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1932, incl., and \$1,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.

6,400 Kenison Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. 1 for \$550 and 9 for \$650. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$550, 1926, and \$650, 1927 to 1935, incl.

8,400 East Park Drive sewer bonds. Denom. 1 for \$400, 2 for \$500 and 7 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$400, 1926; \$500, 1927 and 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1935, incl.

3,200 East 225th St. water main bonds. Denom. 9 for \$300 and 1 for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$500, 1935. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

4,100 Kenison Ave. water main bonds. Denom. 9 for \$400 and 1 for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$400, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$500, 1935.

4,000 Roberts Ave. water main bonds. Denom. \$400. Due yearly, \$400 on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

4,900 East 224th St. water main bonds. Denom. 1 for \$400 and 9 for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$400, 1926, and \$500, 1927 to 1935, incl.

4,000 Maydale Ave. water main bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

3,100 East 226th St. water main bonds. Denom. 1 for \$400 and 9 for \$300. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$400, 1935.

6,000 East 223d St. water main bonds. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

4,400 Beckford Ave. water main bonds. Denom. 3 for \$300 and 7 for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1926 to 1928, incl., and \$500, 1929 to 1935, incl.

20,700 East 221st St. paving bonds. Denom. 20 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$700. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$2,700, 1935.

38,000 Hadden Road paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926 and 1927, and \$4,000, 1928 to 1935, incl.

4,300 East 215th St. sidewalk bonds. Denom. 2 for \$250, 1 for \$300 and 7 for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$250, 1926 and 1927 \$300, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1935, incl.

4,100 Roberts Ave. sidewalk bonds. Denom. 1 for \$500 and 9 for \$400. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$500, Oct. 1 1935.

3,700 East 225th St. sidewalk bonds. Denom. 1 for \$100, 3 for \$200 and 6 for \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$100, 1926; \$200, 1927 to 1929, incl., and \$500, 1930 to 1935, incl.

4,100 Maydale Ave. sidewalk bonds. Denom. 9 for \$400 and 1 for \$500. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$500, Oct. 1 1935.

4,000 Kenison Ave. sidewalk bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

4,000 East 226th St. sidewalk bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

5,600 Beckford Ave. sidewalk bonds. Denoms. 8 for \$500 and 2 for \$800. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1933, incl., and \$800, Oct. 1 1934 and 1935.

6,300 East 223d St. sidewalk bonds. Denom. 7 for \$500, 2 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$800. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1932, incl.; \$800, Oct. 1 1933, and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1934 and 1935.

5,800 East 224th St. sidewalk bonds. Denom. 8 for \$500 and 2 for \$900. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1933, incl., and \$900, 1934 and 1935.

3,605 Hadden Road sidewalk bonds. Denom. 9 for \$350 and 1 for \$455. Due \$350 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$455, 1935.

Date day of sale. Certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds will be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the bonds, aggregating \$335,000, awarded on June 8 to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago and Ferris & Hardgrove of Portland as 4½s (V. 120, p. 3096) was as follows: \$200,000 water bonds at 101.95, a basis of about 4.35%. Due July 1 1955. 135,000 water extension bonds at 101.65, a basis of about 4.39%. Due July 1 1950.

Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Int. payable J. & J.

EVANSVILLE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Evansville), Vanderburg County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$390,000 4½% school bonds, offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3225—were purchased by the National City Bank of Evansville, at a premium of \$10,151.65, equal to 102.60, a basis of about 4.23%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$26,000 yearly Aug. 1 1930 to 1930 incl.

The following is a list of the bids received for the bonds:

	Premium.
National City Bank, Evansville	\$10,151 65
National City Co., New York	3,159 00
J. F. Wild & Co., Indianapolis	6,475 00
Fletcher-American Co., Indianapolis	5,287 00
Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis	5,655 00
Mercantile Commercial Bank, Evansville	10,022 25
Citizens National Bank, Evansville	8,441 50
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis	8,126 26

EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tallahassee), Leon County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo have been awarded an issue of \$8,950,000 5% refunding bonds. Due in 10 to 30 years.

FAIRFIELD, Green County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000 5 1/2% municipal coupon building impt. bonds offered on June 27—V. 120, p. 3346—were awarded to the First National Bank of Osborn at par and accrued interest. Date June 1 1925. Due \$100, June 1 1926 to 1935 incl.

FAIRMOUNT SCHOOL TOWN, Grant County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 11 by Otis Wilbern, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, for \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon school funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$500, 1926; \$1,000, from 1927 to 1939 incl., and \$1,500, 1940.

FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Charleroi), Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon tax-free school bonds offered on June 24—V. 120, p. 3225—were purchased by A. B. Leach & Co. of Phila. at 103.42, a basis of about 4.08%. Date May 1 1925. Due May 1 1935.

The following bids were also received: Fidelity Trust Co., Buffalo 103.278; Freeman & Co., Philadelphia 102.949; Redmond & Co., Pittsburgh 102.17; Bank of Charleroi & Trust Co., Charleroi 101.841; Graham, Parsons & Co., Philadelphia 103.0369

FARGO, Cass County, No. Dak.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$75,000 special sewer impt. warrants offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3346—were awarded to the Merchants Trust & Savings Bank of St. Paul, and Paine, Webber & Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, as 4 3/4%, at a premium of \$130, equal to 100.17. Due in 20 years.

FENTRESS COUNTY (P. O. Jamestown), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—C. L. Hurst, Clerk County Court, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. July 7 for \$75,000 6% school bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due in 20 years. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

FLORENCE, Fremont County, Colo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$105,000 water works system bonds purchased by the First National Bank of Florence—V. 120, p. 2969—bear interest at the rate of 4 3/4% and are described as follows: Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due in 15 years. Interest payable (J. & J.).

FORMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 139, Williams County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota, during May purchased an issue of \$4,000 5% school building bonds at par. Date April 1 1925. Due April 1 1945. Bonds not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

FORT HANCOCK COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Hudspeth County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5 1/2% school bonds, offered on June 27—V. 120, p. 3225—were awarded to the National Banking Co. of Houston, at a premium of \$900, equal to 103, a basis of about 5.02%. Due \$2,000 yearly April 10 1926 to 1940 incl.

FORT PIERCE INLET DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Pierce), St. Lucie County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 6% inlet bonds offered on June 27—V. 120, p. 3225—were awarded to Mosser, Willaman & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$12,006, equal to 103.001, a basis of about 5.74%. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1926, \$2,000 in 1927, \$4,000 in 1928 to 1930, incl.; \$7,000 in 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$10,000 in 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$15,000 in 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$20,000 in 1946 to 1950, incl., and \$25,000 in 1951 to 1955, incl. Principal and interest payable at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Legality approved by John O. Thomson, N. Y. City.

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 15 by the Secretary Board of Education, for \$2,000,000 school bonds. A certified check for \$40,000 is required.

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 16, by Myrtle J. Lindsey, City Auditor, for the following 5 1/2% (city's portion) street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$50. \$17,800 bonds. Due \$1,800 Sept. 1 1926 and \$2,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1934 incl.

8,500 bonds Denom \$1,000, except one for \$500. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1926 and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1935 incl. Certified check for 2% of the whole amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days after the time of award.

FRANKLIN, Venango County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh bidding 102.896, a basis of about 4.02% was awarded the \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered street and sewer impt. bonds, offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 3096. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1935; \$15,000, 1940 and 1945 and \$20,000, 1950. The following bids were also received:

Name of Bidder— Rate. Harris, Forbes Co., N. Y. 102.739; Lewis & Snyder, Philadelphia 102.649; Graham, Parsons & Co., Philadelphia 102.3883; A. B. Leach & Co., Philadelphia 102.402; Vockel & Co., Philadelphia 102.346; Franklin Trust Co., Franklin 102.209; M. M. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia 102.579; Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh 102.4276; Oil City Trust Co., Oil City 102.7042

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Riverton), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5 1/2% refunding school binds offered on June 22—V. 120, p. 2969—were awarded to Peck, Brown & Co. of Denver, at a premium of \$2,200, equal to 104.88, a basis of about 4.89%. Date Aug. 1 1925. Due \$2,000, 1936 to 1950 incl. and \$3,000, 1951 to 1955 incl.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Wauseon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$44,250 5% coupon road bonds, offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3097—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$754, equal to 101.70, a basis of about 4.37% plus blank bonds. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,250, 1926 and \$9,000, 1927 to 1930 incl. The following bids were also received:

Bidder— Prem. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati 752; The Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland 620; Prudden & Co., Toledo 697; Detroit Trust Co., Detroit 646; Prov. Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati 501; Stranahan, Harris & Otis, Inc., Toledo 560

GALAX, Grayson County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% coupon bonds aggregating \$40,000, offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 2845—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$3,720, equal to 109.30, a basis of about 5.36%. \$15,000 general improvement bonds. 25,000 school improvement bonds. Date June 1 1925. Due June 1 1955.

GENESE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—BIDS.—The following bids were received for the \$150,000 coupon road bonds awarded as stated in V. 120, p. 3346.

At a rate of interest of 4 1/4%. Guardian, Detroit Company Par and a premium of \$45.00; *Cont. & Com. Tr. & Savs. Bank, Chicago Par and a premium of 417.00; Illinois Merchants' Trust Company jointly with the First Wisconsin Company Par and a premium of 89.05; Prudden and Company Par and a premium of 66.00; Halsey, Stuart and Company Par and a premium of 330.00; Genesee County Savings Bank Par and a premium of 175.00; Industrial Savings Bank Par and a premium of 102.00; Security Trust Company Par and a premium of 105.00; Detroit Trust Company Par and a premium of 56.00

At a rate of interest of 4 1/2%. W. A. Harriman and Company Par and a premium of \$1,149.00; Otis and Company Par and a premium of 1,110.00; Security Trust Company Par and a premium of 991.00; Lewis and Company jointly with Livingstone-Higbie and Company Par and a premium of 610.00

Bonds were awarded to the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago. * Successful bid, see above reference for further details.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 1 \$70,000 4% fire station bonds, offered on that date, were awarded to the

Cape Ann National Bank, at 101.325, plus \$1.25. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly from 1926 to 1940 incl.

GOSHEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Goshen) Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Handerson, Clerk Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 9 for \$6,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Goshen National Bank, Goshen. Due \$1,000 Nov. 1 1930 to 1935 incl. Certified check for 2%, required.

GRACEVILLE, Jackson County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 6% sanitary sewer system bonds, offered on June 26—V. 120, p. 3346—were awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, at a premium of \$693.16, equal to 101.65, a basis of about 5.89%. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 1955.

GRAYSON COUNTY, (P. O. Sherman), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 28 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$5,800,000 road bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$77,000 5% Richland Twp. road bonds, offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 3097—were purchased by the First National Bank of Linton, at par plus a premium of \$5,374.70, equal to 106.98. Date July 15 1925. Int. J. & D.

GREENSBORO, Guilford County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$1,500,000, offered on June 5—V. 120, p. 2846—were awarded to Dillon, Read & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co., all of New York, jointly, at a premium of \$1,519.35, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.48%. \$1,000,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$100,000 Feb. 1 1927 to 1936 incl.

500,000 water and sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1928 to 1934 incl.; \$10,000, 1935 to 1942 incl.; \$12,000, 1943 to 1949 incl.; \$15,000, 1950 to 1955 incl.; \$18,000, 1956 to 1960 incl. and \$20,000, 1961 to 1965 incl.

Date Feb. 1 1925. The above sale was reported under the incorrect caption "Greensboro, Iowa" in V. 120, p. 3097.

GREENFIELD, Highland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5 1/2% city hall repair bonds offered on June 30 (V. 120, p. 3346) were awarded to the People's National Bank of Greenfield at a premium of \$226, equal to 102.26, a basis of about 4.98%. Date Sept. 10 1925. Due each six months as follows: \$550 Mar. 10 1926 to Mar. 10 1934, and \$650 Sept. 10 1934.

GREENWICH, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Wilbur S. Wright, member of the Bonding Committee, will receive sealed bids until noon (standard time) July 10 for \$1,000,000 4% coupon, with privilege of registration, school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1932, and \$75,000, 1933 to 1944 incl., and \$50,000, 1945. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of John C. Thomson, N. Y. City. Certified check for 1% of amount bid for, payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

GREENWOOD, Cass County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds, aggregating \$24,000, offered on June 27—V. 120, p. 3347—were awarded to the Lincoln Trust Co., Lincoln, as 4 1/2%, at par: \$21,000 water bonds. 3,000 water extension bonds.

Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Coupon and registered bonds. Due July 1 1945; optional after July 1 1930.

GROSSE POINTE PARK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—Taxpayers of village will vote July 13 on proposed bond issues as follows: \$350,000 for widening and paving Mack Avenue; \$90,000 for additional street lights; \$20,000 for police and fire alarm extensions; \$40,000 for resurfacing streets. All are to be 30-year bonds, interest 4 3/4%, payable semi-annually.

GROTON, New London County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$165,000 4 1/2% coupon funding bonds offered on June 27—V. 120, p. 3347—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of Boston at 100.91, a basis of about 4.13%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$10,000, July 1 1926 to 1941, incl., and \$5,000, Jan. 1 1942.

Other bidders were: Estabrook & Co. 100.770; Rutter & Co. 100.549; R. L. Day & Co. 100.590; H. L. Allen & Co. 100.430

HAINES CITY, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Jess P. Ferrill, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 15 for the following, not exceeding 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$225,000: \$50,000 water works. \$65,000 municipal building. 45,000 sewerage. 35,000 grade crossing. 30,000 street improvement.

Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 in 1930 and 1931; \$8,000, 1932 and 1933; \$9,000, 1934 and 1935; \$12,000, 1936 and 1937; \$10,000, 1938 to 1950 incl.; \$9,000 in 1951; \$6,000 in 1952, and \$5,000 in 1953 and 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

HALLETTSVILLE, Lavaca County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$20,000 city hall and fire bonds by a count of 290 for to 36 against.

HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Chardon), Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 24 by C. S. Bradley, Township Clerk, for \$37,621 50 5 1/2% North and South Hamdben Center road improvement bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$121.50. Date July 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Due \$4,000 on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1931 incl.; \$4,500 on Oct. 1 1932 and 1933, and \$4,621 50 on Oct. 1 1934. Certified check for 10% of bid, payable to the Township Treasurer, required. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Chardon. All bidders will be required to satisfy themselves of the legality of the bonds.

HAMBURG UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hamburg), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3226—were purchased by Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York, at 104.05, a basis of about 4.21%. Date April 1 1925. Due \$5,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1934 incl. The following bids were received: Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. 104.05; E. H. Rollins & Sons 103.794; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. 103.374; Fairservice & Co. 103.079; Fidelity Trust Co. 102.939; Farson Son & Co. 103.099; R. E. De Voe & Co. 103.695

HAMPTON, Franklin County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport was the successful bidder on June 26 for \$11,000 4 1/2% water works bonds, at a premium of \$119.40, equal to 101.08. Due in 10 years.

HARTFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Minnehaha County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 8 by the Board of Education, for \$4,000 not exceeding 7% school bonds. Date June 8 1925. Due \$400 yearly 1926 to 1935 incl. A certified check for \$200 is required.

HAVERSTRAW, Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Alex. Mendelson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 6 for \$15,000 5% impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Due \$1,000, 1926 to 1940 incl. Certified check for 5%, required.

HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York, bidding 100.002 for 4.15%, a basis of about 4.14%, were awarded the \$100,000 registered street impt. bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3347. Date July 1 1925. Due \$5,000 yearly, July 1 1926 to 1945 inclusive.

HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BIDDERS.—The following bids were also received for the \$300,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds awarded at 109.142, a basis of about 4.16%, on June 17 to Rutter & Co. and Batchelder, Wach & Co., both of New York. Bonbright & Co., Inc., of N. Y. were also included in the purchase. Harris, Forbes & Co. 107.631; Fairservice & Co. 108.860; Eastman-Dillon & Co. 108.839; R. F. De Voe & Co. 108.973; Sherwood & Merrifield Inc. 108.841; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. 109.040

HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 water and sewer bonds offered on June 30—V. 120.

p. 3226—were awarded to Potter, Kauffman & Co. as 5s at a premium of \$25, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.99%. Date July 1 1925. Coupon and registered bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1937 incl., and \$5,000, 1938 to 1954 incl.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 10 by Earl T. Crawford, County Auditor, for \$24,500 5% road impt. bonds for the improvement of the Toledo-Napoleon I. C. H. No. 457, Sec. B-2. Denom. 5 for \$1,000 and 13 for \$1,500. Date July 16 1925. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 each six months from Mar. 1 1926 to March 1 1928 and \$1,500 Sept. 1 1928 to Sept. 1 1934. Prin. and interest payable at office of County Treasurer. Certified check for 5% of total issue on one of the banks in Henry County or a New York draft payable to County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be received and paid for at office of County Treasurer.

HIGHLANDS, Macon County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% water coupon bonds offered on June 30 (V. 120, p. 3226) were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$1,367, equal to 103.03, a basis of about 5.76%. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1937 incl., and \$5,000, 1938 to 1954 incl.

HILLSDALE COUNTY (P. O. Hillsdale), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received by the Board of County Commissioners, until July 3 for approximately \$39,000 bonds for assessment District Road No. 10 at not exceeding 6% interest. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1927, and \$10,000, 1928 to 1929 incl.

HUDSON RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT, Saratoga, Fulton and Hamilton Counties, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Vincent B. Murphy, State Comptroller, No. 158 State Street, Albany, until 1 p. m. July 21 for \$2,600,000 Series "A" 4½% coupon registerable as to principal bonds, for the construction of the Sacandaga Reservoir. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the New York State National Bank in Albany. Due \$5,000 yearly July 1 1926 to 1965 incl. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to above official, required. Legality of bonds has been approved by John C. Thomson, N. Y. City.

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, has purchased an issue of \$20,000 4½% school bonds.

INDIANA (State of).—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$2,000,000 dated July 1 1925 and maturing Dec. 31 1925, offered on June 26 (V. 120, p. 3226) was awarded at a 3.32% interest basis to the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis.

IRON MOUNTAIN, Dickinson County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—Taxpayers of city have voted a bond issue of \$150,000 for completion of filtration plant.

BONDS DEFEATED.—At the same election the voters rejected a \$25,000 bond issue proposed for the purchase and improvement of city parks.

JACKSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Randolph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. July 17 by Noah F. Smiley, Trustee, for \$13,500 4½% school bonds. Denom. 2 for \$500, 4 for \$625 and 10 for \$1,000. Date July 17 1925. Int. J. & J. Due each six months as follows: \$500, July 1 1926 and Jan. 1 1927; \$625, July 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1929 incl., and July 1 1929 to Jan. 1 1934 incl.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Findlay), Hancock County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. July 3 by the Township Clerk for \$1,185 6% improvement bonds. Denom. \$237. Date June 1 1925. Interest M. & S. Due \$237 yearly on March 1 from 1926 to 1930, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Township Treasurer.

JEFFERSON CIVIL SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Kosciusko County, Ind.—BOND ISSUE REFUSED.—The State Tax Board has refused to approve a proposed bond issue of \$58,720 by the Jefferson civil school township of Kosciusko county for the construction of a new school building.

JOHNSTON (P. O. Olneyville), Providence County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 8 by Chas. E. Coffin, Town Treasurer, for \$80,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Date July 12 1925. Due July 12 1945.

KANAWHA MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT (P. O. Fayetteville), Fayette County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$252,000 5½% road bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3227—were awarded to J. C. Mayer & Co., of Cincinnati. Due July 1 1926 to 1957.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—George E. Kimball, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 8 for the following 4½% sewer bonds, aggregating \$4,523,000: \$3,000,000 Blue River sewer bonds. Due \$166,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$167,000, 1934 to 1945 incl.

1,523,000 Gosenack sewer bonds. Due \$138,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$139,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.

Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City, at option of holder. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to above-named official, is required.

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the First Trust & Savings Bank and Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co. both of Chicago and Prescott, Wright & Snyder of Kansas City purchased on June 25 an issue of \$1,000,000 4½% school bonds, at 104.52, a basis of about 4.14%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1943.

KEENE, Cheshire County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Boston has been awarded a temporary loan of \$50,000, due Dec. 1 1925, on a 3.40% discount basis.

KINGSVILLE, Kleberg County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 29 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$75,000 5% school building bonds. Due serially.

LACUNA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5% school bonds offered on June 23—V. 120, p. 3097—were awarded to the Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$94.20, equal to 101.04, a basis of about 4.76%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$1,000 yearly 1926 to 1934 incl.

LA HARPE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. La Harpe), Hancock County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased \$25,000 5% school bonds at a premium of \$1,640, equal to 106.56.

LAKE CHARLES, Calcasieu Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 7 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$500,000 harbor bonds.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Tavares), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. Smyth, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 27 for the following bonds, aggregating \$3,435,000: \$750,000 6% Special Road and Bridge District No. 7 bonds. Due \$250,000 July 1 1935, 1945 and 1955. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the American Exchange Nat. Bank, N. Y. City.

900,000 6% Special Road and Bridge District No. 8. Due \$300,000, July 1 1935, 1945 and 1955. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City.

985,000 6% Special Road and Bridge District No. 9. Due July 1 as follows: \$325,000 in 1935, 1945, and \$335,000 in 1955. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City.

650,000 6% Special Road and Bridge District No. 10. Due July 1 as follows: \$215,000 in 1935 and 1945 and \$220,000 in 1955. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City.

150,000 5½% Astor Bridge bonds. Due \$50,000, July 1 1930, 1935 and 1940. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City.

Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of County Commissioners, is required.

These are the bonds originally offered for sale on July 7—V. 120, p. 3227

LAKELAND, Polk County, Fla.—BIDS.—Following is a list of bids for the \$400,000 5½% coupon sewer bonds awarded on June 23 to a syndicate composed of Austin, Grant & Co. and Guardian, Detroit Co., both of New York and the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, at 100.52, a basis of about 4.80%—V. 120, p. 3348.—

Name of Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Spitzer, Rorick & Co.	106.25
Trust Co. of Ga., and Bohmer, Reinhart & Co.	107.765
Seasongood & Mayer, Weil, Roth & Irving Co. and Wright, Warlow & Co.	109.62
Caldwell & Co.	110.229
Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville	109.076
Florida National Bank of Jacksonville	108.79
Otis & Co.	108.582
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	108.54
The Hanchett Bond Co.	109.08
Kinsey & Co., Braun-Bosworth & Co. and David Robinson & Co.	109.118
Ryan, Sutherland & Co. and W. L. Slayton & Co.	108.23

LAKELAND, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Davis, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 28 for the following bonds aggregating \$569,000: \$369,000 street improvement. 200,000 light and water refunding.

LAKEVIEW, Lake County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry J. Augustine, Town Recorder, will receive sealed bids until July 24 for \$10,000 6% sewer bonds. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due in 10 years, optional after 1 year. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

LANGDON, Cavalier County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Drake, Jones & Co. of Minneapolis have purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% refunding bonds.

LANGFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marshall County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Ruth C. Franzen, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 7 for \$44,000 4½% school bonds. Date July 1 1925. Due \$2,000, 1930 to 1933 incl. and \$3,000, 1934 to 1945 inclusive.

LAVACA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Hallettsville), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on June 15 the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 road bonds by a count of 592 for to 204 against.

LEE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Lexington), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$30,000 road bonds.

LEITERS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Leiters), Fulton County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 24 the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis was awarded \$13,000 5% coupon school bonds for \$13,619.25, equal to 104.76, a basis of about 4.17%. Due every six months as follows: \$1,000, Jan. 1 1927, \$500, July 1 1927 to July 1 1933 incl.; \$1,000, Jan. 1 1934 to Jan. 1 1935 incl., and \$1,500, Jan. 1 1936.

In giving the notice of offering of the above bonds in V. 120, p. 2970, the amount, due to a typographical error, was given as \$12,000, instead of \$13,000.

LEMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, Adams County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased an issue of \$8,000 5% school funding bonds at par during May. Date April 1 1925. Due April 1 1945. Bonds not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 9 by Robert L. Carter, City Treasurer, for the following 4% bonds: \$30,000 bridge bonds, payable \$2,000 June 1 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000 June 1 1936 to 1945, incl.

25,000 water mains bonds, payable \$2,000 June 1 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000 June 1 1936 to 1940, incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston. These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts and are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with the above bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about July 10 at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston.

LICKING COUNTY (P. O. Newark), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,515 5% coupon improvement I. C. H. bonds offered on June 27 (V. 120, p. 3348) were awarded to the First Citizens Corporation of Columbus at a premium of \$55, equal to 100.99—a basis of about 4.69%. Date June 1 1925. Due \$515 Dec. 1 1926 and \$1,000 yearly Dec. 1 1927 to 1931, inclusive.

LINCOLN, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 16 by Theo. H. Berg, City Clerk, for the following not exceeding 5% bonds, aggregating \$552,210: \$514,660 paving district bonds. Due July 1 1926 to 1935.

37,550 water district bonds. Due July 1 1926 to 1930.

Principal and annual interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer in Lincoln or at the office of the County Treasurer in Lincoln. A certified check for \$1,000 payable to Trev. E. Gillaspie, City Treasurer, is required.

Financial Statement June 1 1925.	
Assessed valuation of real estate, 1924	\$73,561,130
Assessed valuation of personal property, 1924	25,972,115

Total assessed valuation (80% act.), 1924

Actual value estimated at	\$99,233,245
General bond debt	\$124,000,000
Special assessment bond debt	726,800
Water bond debt of \$100,000 and Light Plant debt of \$200,000 included in above figures.	1,206,820
Total sinking fund	543,200
Estimated population 60,400.	

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pulaski County, Ark.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$235,000 school bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3227—were rejected. The bids are to be readvertised.

LOGAN, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Besides receiving bids until 12 m. July 20 for an issue of \$19,000 5% coupon water works bonds, notice of the offering of which was given in V. 120, p. 3348, Della Bishop, City Auditor, will also receive sealed bids until that time and date for an issue of \$3,500 5% coupon (city's portion) Warner Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. four for \$500 and six for \$250. Date May 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treas. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1929 incl., and \$250, 1930 to 1935 incl.

LONG BEACH, Harrison County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% school bonds offered on June 2—V. 120, p. 2847—were awarded to the Bank of Gulfport of Gulfport.

LONG CREEK-GRADY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Burgaw), Pender County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 6 by T. T. Murphy, Superintendent Board of Education, for \$25,000 5½% school bonds.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 16 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$30,000 fire department bonds.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS NOT AWARD-ED.—SALE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.—We now learn that the five issues of bonds, aggregating \$11,350,000, reported as having been sold to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York (V. 120, p. 3348) were not awarded, all bids having been rejected. The sale has been postponed indefinitely.

LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The National City Co. of Boston was awarded during the past week \$100,000 4% bonds, dated July 1 1925 and maturing 1926 to 1940 inclusive at 101.071.

LUDINGTON, Mason County, Mich.—BONDS ORDERED CANCELLED.—The Board of City Commissioners has ordered the cancellation of the issue of \$19,800 of Park bonds authorized in 1919 and \$9,000 of refunding bonds, it is stated.

LURAY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT (P. O. Luray) Page County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 4½% road coupon bonds, offered on June 22—V. 120, p. 3098—were awarded to Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore, at 99.19, a basis of about 4.72% if called at optional date and 4.61% if allowed to run full term of years. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 1933, optional July 1 1929.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 1 the two issues of 5% road bonds offered on that day (V. 120, p. 3348) were sold to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis as follows: \$18,000 Grace Oder et al free concrete road in Anderson Township bonds, for \$18,738, equal to 104.10, a basis of about 4.175%. Denom. \$900.
 20,000 William M. Van Dyke free concrete road in Anderson Township bonds for \$20,822, equal to 104.11, a basis of 4.175%. Denom. \$1,000.

Date July 1 1925. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935, inclusive.
MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Wampsville), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3349—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York as 4s at 100.11, a basis of about 3.99%:
 \$145,000 highway bonds, maturing July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1941 incl.; \$10,000, 1942 to 1950 incl., and \$5,000, 1951.
 105,000 deficiency bonds, maturing July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1950 incl., and \$10,000, 1951.

Date July 1 1925.
MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$500,000, payable Jan. 1 1926, offered on June 29 (V. 120, p. 3348) was awarded on that date to S. N. Bond & Co. on a 3.17% discount basis, plus a \$175 premium.

MANATEE, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$269,000 6% street improvement bonds offered on June 26—V. 120, p. 2971—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$8,392.80, equal to 103.12. Due in 10 years.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 6—V. 120, p. 2718—the voters authorized the issuance of \$8,500 5% school building bonds.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—J. B. White, Clerk of Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 13 for \$8,500 5% school bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due in 1945. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City, at option of holder. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

MARION, La Moure County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 20 by L. A. Neal, Town Clerk, for \$35,000 not exceeding 6% water and sewerage system improvement bonds. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1940, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1941 to 1951, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for \$1,000, drawn on an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to Mayor H. H. Tate, is required.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 14 for \$8,000 6% ditch bonds. Denom. \$400. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$400 Jan. 1 and July 1 1926 to 1935, incl.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 6, by Rolland E. Cook, County Treasurer, for the following 4½% bonds:
 \$13,000 Ervin G. Carblener et al. highway construction and impt. bonds. Denom. \$650. Due \$650 each six month from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl.

13,500 George E. Bowser et al. highway construction and impt. bonds. Denom. \$675. Due \$675 each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl.
 16,500 Chauncey Hochstetler et al. highway construction and impt. bonds. Denom. \$825. Due \$825 each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl.
 Int. (M. & N. 15). Date July 6 1925. In the event of no satisfactory bid being received on July 6 the sale will be continued from day to day until bonds are sold.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. July 9, by Board of County Commissioners for \$11,700 5½% bonds, issued for the purpose of paying the portion of the property owners' share of the cost and expense of improving Barborton-Greenwich Road, I. C. H. No. 97. Sec. DE and I. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$700. Date July 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Due \$700 Oct. 1 1926; \$2,000 on Oct. 1 from 1927 to 1932 incl., and \$1,000 Oct. 1 1933 and Oct. 1 1934. Prin. and int. payable at County Treasurer's office. Certified check for not less than 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required with each bid. Bidders will be required to satisfy themselves as to the legality of this issue, but full transcript will be furnished to the successful bidder as required by law.

MEIGS COUNTY (P. O. Pomeroy), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 6% I. C. H. No. 395 impt. bonds, offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 3228—were awarded to the Pomeroy National Bank of Pomeroy at a premium of \$360, equal to 100.90, a basis of about 5.80%. Date June 1 1925. Due \$600 yearly Sept 1 1926 to 1935 incl.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 30 the three issues of 4½% coupon free gravel road bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3228) were awarded as follows:
 \$10,200 T. R. Pugh Road No. 13, Jefferson Township bonds, to the Farmers State Bank of Miami for \$10,430 05, equal to 102.25, a basis of about 4.05%.
 5,800 Alfred Ramsey Road No. 14, Butler Township, bonds, to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis for \$5,913 10, equal to 101.95, a basis of about 4.11%.
 8,800 Samuel Myers Road No. 15, Clay Township, bonds to the Wabash Valley Trust Co. of Peru for \$8,972 50, equal to 101.96, a basis of about 4.11%.
 Date June 15 1925. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935, inclusive.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 26 the First-Troy National Bank & Trust Co. of Troy purchased three issues of bonds as follows:
 \$8,400 De Weese road bonds for \$8,600, equal to 102.38.
 7,000 Thomas road bonds for \$7,100, equal to 101.42.
 4,200 Sugar Grove road bonds for \$4,300, equal to 102.38.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Baldwin County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—R. T. Balsden, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 13 for \$47,800 5% school bonds.

MILTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 4% coupon school loan bonds offered on July 1 (V. 120, p. 3348) were purchased by Blodgett & Co. at 101.73—a basis of about 4.21%. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1926 to 1935, inclusive, and \$9,000, 1936 to 1945, inclusive.

MINERAL CITY, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,360 6% street improvement bonds offered on June 27 (V. 120, p. 3098) were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of New Philadelphia at par and accrued interest. Date June 15 1925. Due \$170 Oct. 1 1926 to 1933, inclusive.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 16 by D. Z. Filer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the following 5½% bonds, aggregating \$1,060,000.
 \$800,000 highway bonds. Due \$16,000, 1936 to 1945 incl., \$32,000, 1946 to 1954 incl. and \$352,000 in 1955.
 260,000 bridge bonds. Due \$4,000, 1936 to 1945 incl., \$8,000, 1946 to 1954 incl. and \$148,000 in 1955.
 Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, N. Y. C. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 auditorium coupon bonds, offered on June 26—V. 120, p. 3229—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, at par, a basis of about 4.37% as follows: \$275,000 maturing \$50,000 July 1 1926 to 1930 and \$25,000 in 1931 as 5s and \$725,000 maturing \$25,000 in 1931 and \$50,000, 1932 to 1945 as 4s. Date July 1 1925.

BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Kean, Taylor & Co. of New York, Drake, Jones & Co. of Minneapolis and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. of New York was awarded \$700,000 bridge bonds on same date at a

premium of \$70, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.121% as follows: \$186,000 maturing July 1, \$15,000 in 1926 and 1927, \$16,000 in 1928, \$17,000 in 1929, \$18,000 in 1930, \$19,000 in 1931, \$20,000 in 1932, \$21,000 in 1933, \$22,000 in 1934 and \$23,000 in 1935 as 4½s and \$514,000 maturing \$24,000 in 1936, \$25,000 in 1937, \$26,000 in 1938, \$28,000 in 1939, \$29,000 in 1940, \$30,000 in 1941, \$32,000 in 1942, \$33,000 in 1943, \$35,000 in 1944, \$37,000 in 1945, \$39,000 in 1946, \$41,000 in 1947, \$43,000 in 1948, \$45,000 in 1949 and \$47,000 in 1950 as 4s. Date June 1 1925.
 Bids for \$1,000,000 issue.

Kalman, Gates, White & Co., Minneapolis; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chicago and Phelps, Fenn & Co., New York:
 July 1 1926 to 1931 incl.----- \$300,000 at 5%
 July 1 1932 to 1945 incl.----- 700,000 at 4%
 \$1,000,000

Premium of \$12,000.
 Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Minneapolis; W. A. Harriman & Co., New York; Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago; Blodgett & Co., Boston & Detroit Trust Co., Detroit:
 July 1 1926 to 1932 incl.----- \$350,000 at 5%
 July 1 1933 to 1945 incl.----- 650,000 at 4%
 \$1,000,000

Premium of \$2,200.00.
 The Minnesota Loan and Trust Co., Minneapolis; Remick, Hodges & Co., New York; Guardian Detroit Co., Detroit and Estabrook & Co., New York:
 (a) July 1 1926 to 1934 incl.----- 450,000
 July 1 1935----- 15,000

July 1 1935 to 1945 incl.----- 465,000 at 4½%
 535,000 at 4%
 \$1,000,000
 \$1,000,000 at 4¼%

(b) Par at Premium of \$46,680.00.
 Bankers Trust Co., New York; Guaranty Co., New York and National City Co., New York:
 July 1 1926 to July 1 1945 incl.----- \$1,000,000 at 4¼%
 Premium \$10,599.00.
 Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis; Wm. R. Compton Co., Chicago; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago and Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago:
 July 1 1926 to 1945 incl.----- \$1,000,000 at 4¼%
 Premium of \$5,006.00.

Accrued interest included in all bids.
 Bids For \$700,000 Issue.
 Eldredge & Co. and Wells-Dickey Co.—for all:
 July 1 1926 to 1933 incl.----- \$141,000 at 6%
 July 1 1934----- 16,000 at 5%
 July 1 1934----- 12,000 at 4%
 July 1 1935 to 1950 incl.----- 537,000 at 4%
 \$700,000

Par.
 H. L. Allen & Co.; Austin, Grant & Co.; Chase Securities Corporation and A. C. Allyn & Co.—for all:
 July 1 1926 to 1934 incl.----- \$163,000 at 5%
 July 1 1935 to 1950 incl.----- 537,000 at 4%
 \$700,000

Premium of \$700.00.
 Estabrook & Co.; Remick, Hodges & Co.; Guardian Detroit Co. and The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. for all:
 July 1 1926 to 1937 incl.----- \$235,000 at 5%
 (a) July 1 1926 to 1937 incl.----- \$235,000 at 5%
 July 1 1938----- 7,000 at 5%
 July 1 1938 to 1950 incl.----- 458,000 at 4%
 \$700,000

(b) July 1 1926 to 1950 incl.----- \$700,000 at 4¼%
 Premium of \$9,635.00.
 E. H. Rollins & Sons; Phelps, Fenn & Co. and Kalman, Gates, White & Co.—for all:
 July 1 1926 to 1934 incl.----- \$163,000 at 5%
 July 1 1935 to 1950 incl.----- 537,000 at 4%
 \$700,000

Par.
 W. A. Harriman & Co.; Ames, Emerich & Co.; Blodgett & Co.; Blodgett & Co.; Detroit Trust Co. and Lane, Piper & Jaffray—for all:
 July 1 1926 to 1950 incl.----- \$700,000 at 4¼%
 Premium of \$11,053.00.
 Bankers Trust Co.; Guaranty Co. and National City Co.—for all:
 July 1 1926 to 1950 incl.----- \$700,000 at 4¼%
 Premium of \$10,219.30.

Wm. R. Compton Co.; First Trust & Savings Bank; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and Minneapolis Trust Co.—for all:
 July 1 1926 to 1950 incl.----- \$700,000 at 4¼%
 Premium of \$7,386.00.
 Accrued interest included in all bids.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a. m. (central standard time) July 16 for \$14,175 5% Chadwick Heights Plat, Section 2, sanitary sewer bonds. Date June 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$375, 1926; \$900, 1927 and 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1940, inclusive. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality approved by D. W. & A. S. Iddings, of Dayton, and Peck, Shafer & Williams, of Cincinnati.

MORRIS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Waynesburg), Greene County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors at the office of M. E. Carroll, attorney, of Waynesburg, until 2 p. m. July 15 for \$125,000 4¼% tax-free coupon (registerable as to prin. only or both prin. and int.) improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens' National Bank of Waynesburg. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$5,000, 1930 to 1935 incl.; \$6,000, 1936 to 1938 incl.; \$7,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; \$8,000, 1944 to 1945 incl., and \$10,000, 1947. Legality approved by Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul of Philadelphia. Certified check for 2% of bonds bid for required.

MOUNT JEWETT BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mount Jewett) McKean County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 9, by Samuel Phillips, Treasurer, for \$16,500 5% tax free bond of 1925, Series A. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due serially in nine years from date of issue; cannot be retired before maturity except by consent of the holder or registered owner. The bonds were authorized at an election held on June 16 by a vote of 257 to 61.

MT. KISCO, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 17 by F. Rockwell Mathews, Village Clerk, for \$12,000 4½% registered street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual. Due \$1,000 yearly. Certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds required with each bid. Successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Clay & Dillon, of New York, as to the validity of the bonds. Delivery of bonds will be made on Aug. 1.

MT. PLEASANT, Cabarrus County, N. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 6% street improvement bonds offered on July 1 (V. 120, p. 3349) were awarded to R. S. Dickson & Co., of Greenville, S. C., and Strahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.29—a basis of about 5.98%. Date July 1 1925. Coupon bonds. Due \$1,000, 1928 to 1937, inclusive; \$2,000, 1938 to 1945, inclusive, and \$4,000 in 1946 and 1947.

MOUNTAIN HOME, Elmore County, IDAHO.—BOND OFFERING.—A. F. Anderson, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 7 for \$7,000 water well bonds. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland, Ore.)—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 school bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3099—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Detroit Co. of Detroit, Eire & Co. of New York, the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at 4 1/2% at 101.84, a basis of about 4.30%. Date July 15 1925. Due July 15 as follows: \$55,000, 1928 to 1935 incl., and \$56,000, 1936 to 1945 inclusive.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Muskegon Heights, Muskegon County, Pa.)—BOND OFFERING.—H. E. Lowe, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 15 for \$330,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1925. Due \$10,000, 1936 to 1940, inclusive; \$15,000, 1941 to 1950, inclusive; \$20,000, 1951; \$25,000, 1952 and 1953, and \$30,000, 1954 and 1955. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit. Certified check for 2% of bid required.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BIDS.—The following were also received for the \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon bridge bonds awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, at 101.22, a basis of about 4.10% see V. 120, p. 3349.

Names of Other Bidders—		Price Bid.
Estabrook & Co., Boston		101.06
Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston		100.72
Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston		100.61
National City Co., Boston		100.529
Edmunds Bros., Boston		100.523

NAVAJO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Joseph City, Ariz.)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. July 6 by Wallace Ellsworth, Clerk of Board of Supervisors, for \$5,000 5% school building coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Due in 10 years. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to above named Clerk, is required.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—This city will receive bids until 12 m. July 8 for the purchase on a discount basis of a temporary loan of \$500,000, due Nov. 12 1925.

NEW BRITAIN, Hartford County, Conn.—ADDITIONAL SALES FOR 1924.—The following is a list of the securities sold by this city during the calendar year ending Dec. 31 1924, in addition to those already reported in these columns. The price paid in each case was par.

Amt.	Purpose.	Long Term.	Int. Rate.	Due.	Date.
1. \$50,000	Town home	May 1 '24	4 1/2%	Aug. 1 '25	May 1 '24
Temporary Loans.					
2. \$35,000	Antic. of taxes.	June 5 '24	4 1/2%	July 7 '24	June 5 '24
3. 65,000	Antic. of taxes.	June 5 '24	4 1/2%	July 7 '24	June 5 '24
4. 20,000	Ant. sale wat. bds.	June 21 '24	4 1/2%	July 21 '24	June 21 '24
5. 25,000	Antic. of taxes.	June 26 '24	4 1/2%	July 28 '24	June 26 '24
6. 25,000	Antic. of taxes.	June 26 '24	4 1/2%	July 28 '24	June 26 '24

Issue No. 1 purchased by Savings Bank of New Britain; Nos. 2 and 6 by New Britain Trust Co.; Nos. 3, 4, and 5 by New Britain National Bank.

NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Benton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport were awarded an issue of \$12,000 4 1/2% school bonds on June 26 at a premium of \$186, equal to 101.55.

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOANS NEGOTIATED IN 1924.—The following temporary loans were negotiated by this city during the calendar year ending Dec. 31 1924.

Purchaser.	Amt.	Date.	Price Int.	Due.	Date.
S. N. Bond & Co.	\$1,500,000	Mar 17 '24	Par 4.40%	Sept. 15 '24	Mar. 15 '24
	1,000,000	Sept. 15 '24	Par 3.00%	Mar. 16 '25	Sept. 13 '24
	500,000	Dec. 2 '24	Par 2.95%	Mar. 1 '25	Nov. 29 '24

The above were all made in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 7 by Francis Newhall, City Treasurer, for \$50,000 4% coupon street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935 incl. These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts, and Federal income taxes, and will be registered upon their face by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, registrar. A legal opinion by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston will be furnished the purchaser at the time of delivery. Any of the above bonds can be exchanged for full registered bonds, excepting those within one year of maturity. Int. on registered bonds will be paid by check from the City Treasurer's office.

Debt Statement June 30 1925.			
	Gross.	Sink Funds.	Net.
Outside Debt Limit—			
Sewer (\$863,000 serial)	\$1,248,000 00	\$354,123 23	\$893,876 77
Washington St.	1,031,500 00	644,430 07	387,069 93
Water (\$49,000 serial)	474,000 00	258,934 42	215,065 58
Highway widening	80,000 00	50,143 12	29,856 88
	\$2,833,500 00	\$1,307,630 84	\$1,525,869 16
Within debt limit (all serial)	2,235,000 00		2,235,000 00
Total net debt			\$3,760,869 16
Borrowing Capacity.			
Average valuation for the last three years			\$101,837,025 88
Debt limit at 2 1/2% of \$101,837,025 88			2,545,925 64
Net debt within debt limit			2,235,000 00
Borrowing capacity			\$310,925 64

NEW YORK CITY.—TEMPORARY LOANS ISSUED DURING JUNE.—During the month of June the City of New York issued short-term securities in the aggregate of \$66,494,000, consisting of revenue bonds and bills, tax notes and corporate stock notes, as follows:

Special Revenue Bonds of 1925.					
Amount.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Date Issued.	Amount.	Maturity.
\$2,000,000	Jan. 5 1926	3 1/4%	June 15	100,000	Sept. 14 1925
1,000,000	Jan. 11 1926	3 1/4%	June 19	112,000	Jan. 5 1926
Revenue Bills of 1925					
\$2,500,000	Oct. 6 1925	3 1/4%	June 18	4,298,000	Jan. 5 1926
2,500,000	Sept. 1 1925	3 1/4%	June 18	2,730,000	Jan. 5 1926
8,000,000	Nov. 16 1925	3 1/4%	June 19	250,000	Sept. 14 1925
2,000,000	Oct. 15 1925	3 1/4%	June 22	500,000	Sept. 14 1925
250,000	Oct. 15 1925	3 1/4%	June 23	200,000	Sept. 14 1925
250,000	Nov. 16 1925	3 1/4%	June 23	300,000	Dec. 14 1925
Corporate Stock Notes of 1925.					
Various Municipal Purposes.					
\$150,000	Sept. 14 1925	3 1/4%	June 12		
1,500,000	Oct. 13 1925	3 1/4%	June 12		
1,500,000	Aug. 12 1925	3 1/4%	June 12		
2,000,000	Sept. 11 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	250,000	Sept. 14 1925
1,500,000	Sept. 14 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	150,000	Jan. 5 1926
1,000,000	Oct. 29 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	275,000	Sept. 14 1925
450,000	Jan. 5 1926	3 1/4%	June 15	150,000	July 7 1925
500,000	Nov. 16 1925	3 1/4%	June 17		
3,000,000	Sept. 15 1925	3 1/4%	June 17		
5,000,000	July 7 1925	3 1/4%	June 19		
Water Supply.					
4,000,000	Sept. 15 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	500,000	Jan. 1 1926
2,000,000	Sept. 14 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	500,000	Jan. 6 1926
4,000,000	Oct. 29 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	19,000	June 1 1926
660,000	Jan. 5 1926	3 1/4%	June 15		
500,000	Nov. 16 1925	3 1/4%	June 17		
350,000	July 7 1925	3 1/4%	June 19		
750,000	Nov. 16 1925	3 1/4%	June 24		
Tax Notes of 1925.					
4,000,000	Sept. 15 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	500,000	Jan. 5 1926
2,000,000	Jan. 1 1926	3 1/4%	June 19	500,000	Jan. 1 1926
4,000,000	Oct. 29 1925	3 1/4%	June 12	19,000	June 1 1926
School Construction Notes.					
660,000	Jan. 5 1926	3 1/4%	June 15	\$2,000,000	Dec. 14 1925
500,000	Nov. 16 1925	3 1/4%	June 17	500,000	July 7 1925
350,000	July 7 1925	3 1/4%	June 19	2,000,000	Nov. 16 1925
750,000	Nov. 16 1925	3 1/4%	June 24		

GENERAL FUND BONDS.—This city also issued on June 26 \$15,000,000 3% general fund bonds maturing Nov. 1 1930.

NEW YORK CITY.—\$60,000,000 CITY BONDS ALL PLACED BY SYNDICATE.—Announcement was made on June 26 by National City Co., First National Bank, Guaranty Company, Bankers Trust Co. and Brown Bros. & Co., who headed the syndicate, that bought the \$60,000,000 4 1/2% coupon (fully registerable) bonds to provide for the construction of schools on May 5 (V. 120, p. 2462), that the issue has been entirely sold.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, Arglaze County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 10 (to be opened 10 a. m. July 11) by W. D. Noble, Clerk Board of Township Trustees, for \$6,107.92 5% coupon Seibert road impt. bonds. Denom. \$400, except one for \$507.92. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & A.) payable at the Home

Banking Co., St. Marys. Due yearly on Oct. 1. After sealed bids are opened the bonds will then be offered to verbal bidders. Certified check on some solvent bank in Arglaze County for 5% of the amount of bonds bid upon, payable to the above Clerk, required with each bid.

NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES IN 1924.—In addition to the bonds previously reported in the "Chronicle," the City of Norfolk also issued the following bonds to the City Sinking Fund at par during the year ending Dec. 31 1924:

Amt.	Purpose.	Date.	Int. Rate.	Due.
\$20,000	Refunding	Feb. 1 1924	4 1/2%	Feb. 1 1945
5,000	Refunding	July 1 1924	4 1/2%	July 1 1945
20,000	Refunding	Sept. 1 1924	4 1/2%	Sept. 1 1945
100,000	Refunding	Nov. 1 1924	4 1/2%	Nov. 1 1945

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 30 a temporary loan of \$55,000 (consisting of \$50,000 Hill Street improvement notes and a \$5,000 renewal note) was awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on a 3.40% discount basis, plus a \$3 premium. Notes are payable July 1 1926.

NORTH ANDOVER, Essex County, Mass.—BIDS.—A list of the other bidders for the \$55,000 4% coupon municipal bldg. loan bonds awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 100.53, a basis of about 3.81% on June 25 (see V. 120, p. 3349) follows:

Names of Other Bidders—		Price Bid.
The National City Co.		100.388
Harris, Forbes & Co.		100.38
Merrill, Oldham & Co.		100.35
Old Colony Trust Co.		100.33
Geo. A. Fernald Co.		100.213
R. L. Day & Co.		100.139

NORTHFIELD, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) July 10 by C. S. Machwart, Village Clerk, for \$19,237.50 5% Twinsburg-Elyria Road pavement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$1,237.50. Date July 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,237.50, 1926; \$2,000, 1927 to 1933 incl., and \$3,000 in 1934. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Westbury), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Elsie A. Wickley, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until noon July 8 for \$28,000 4 1/2% coupon, with privilege of registration as to principal or interest, school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Bank of Westbury, Westbury. Due \$2,000 Aug. 1 1930 to 1943, incl. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

NORTH PROVIDENCE (P. O. Centerdale), Providence County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 6 by the Town Council for \$50,000 coupon 4% school loan bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1950 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the standard of weight and fineness at the date of the issue of this loan, at the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence. Certified check for 2% of the par value of the amount of bonds bid for required with each bid.

OAKFIELD (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Oakfield), Genesee County, N. Y.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 10 \$325,000 new high school building and equipment bonds, at not exceeding 6% interest, will be voted upon. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1925. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926 to 1929, incl.; \$6,000 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$7,000 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$8,000 1936 to 1938, incl.; \$9,000 1939 and 1940; \$10,000 1941, \$11,000 1942, and 1943, \$12,000 1944, \$13,000 1945 and 1946, \$14,000 1947 and 1948, \$15,000 1949, \$16,000 1950, \$17,000 1951, \$18,000 1952, \$19,000 1953, \$20,000 1954 and \$21,000 1955. Roy C. Searles is President Board of Education.

OAKWOOD, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 25, by A. C. Bergman, Village Clerk, for \$1,620 6% coupon (special assessment) impt. bonds. Denom. \$180. Date Jan. 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$180 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1927 to 1935 incl. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

OBERLIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 noon July 20 (central standard time) by F. H. Foster, Village Clerk, for the following coupon 5 1/2% special assessment bonds: \$19,891 East College & West Lorain Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$891. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,891, 1926 and \$2,000, 1927 to 1935 incl. 30,444 Spring, So. Pleasant and Morgan Street bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$444. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,944, 1926; \$3,000, 1927 to 1933 incl.; \$2,500, 1934 and \$4,000, 1935.

Date June 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Oberlin Savings Bank Company in Oberlin. A certified check for 2% of amount of each issue bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Complete transcript of proceedings relative to bonds will be furnished successful bidders.

OCEAN COUNTY (P. O. Toms River), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—David O. Parker, Clerk of Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until noon July 21 for an issue of 5 1/2% coupon temporary impt. bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the \$7,000. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Ocean County Trust Co., Toms River. Due Aug. 1 1926, optional on any interest paying date. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

OREGON (State of)—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$121,890 4 1/4% District Interest Bonds purchased by the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco—V. 120, p. 2849—are described as follows: Date June 1 1925. Coupon bonds. Interest payable (J. & D.). We now learn that Eldredge & Co. of New York were in joint account with the above named company in the purchase of these bonds.

OSWEGO, Clackamas County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 21 by the City Treasurer for \$100,000 water supply bonds. Date July 1 1925.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. S. Anderson, Chairman Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until July 20 for \$85,000 6% school bonds.

PANAMA CITY, Bay County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% city bonds offered on June 23—V. 120, p. 3099—were awarded to the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville, at a discount of \$700, equal to 98.60, a basis of about 5.10%. Date March 1 1920. Due Mar. 1 1950. Interest payable (M. & S.).

PARKERSBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wood County, W. Va.—BIDS.—Following is a list of bids received for the \$229,000 5% coupon school bonds awarded on June 23 to the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, at 104.43, a basis of about 4.38%—V. 120, p. 3349.

Names of Other Bidders—		Premium.
Citizens National Bank, Charleston		\$9,821.81
C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago		9,618.00
Prov. Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati		8,816.50
Stevenson, Parry, Stacy & Co., Chicago and The Canton Bond & Investment Co., Canton		8,053.24
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo		7,833.00
Kanawha Banking & Trust Co., Charleston and Bankers Trust Co., New York City		7,646.31
Prudden & Co., Toledo and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo		7,358.00
Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati		7,261.00
N. S. Hill & Company, Cincinnati		7,070.70
Harris, Forbes & Co., New York City		6,515.05

PANOLA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Carthage), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 11 for the purpose

of voting on the question of issuing \$14,000 road bonds. Thos. E. Boren, County Judge.

PANOLA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Carthage), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 11 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$50,000 road bonds. Thos. E. Boren, County Judge.

PELHAM MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Livingston Leads Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 13 for the following coupon with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest, bonds bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 3/4%:

30,000 highway impt., Series No. 36. Due \$1,500 July 1 1926 to 1945, incl. 22,500 storm water drain, Series No. 37, bonds. Due \$1,500 July 1 1926 to 1946, incl.

Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Preparation and certification of bonds under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. Validity will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, upon an incorporated bank or trust company, required. Bonds will be delivered at above trust company on July 27 at 11 a. m. or as soon thereafter as ready.

PENN YAN, Yates County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Jay G. Hyatt, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 6 for \$8,500 4 1/2% paving bonds. Denom. \$850. Due \$850 Aug. 1 1926 to 1935 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Certified check for \$500, payable to Ernest B. Reed, Village Treasurer, required.

PEP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas on June 29 registered \$35,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

PERU SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Peru), Miami County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 18 by J. H. Jenkins, Trustee, for \$40,000 4 1/2% school impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 18 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,000 each six months from July 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1936, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens National Bank, Peru.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 13 by John B. White, Clerk of Board of Supervisors, for \$300,000 5% school building bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1945. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer in Phoenix or Bankers' Trust Co., N. Y. City, at option of holder. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

PINE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Benton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 11 by John Moynihan, Township Trustee, for \$23,600 4 1/2% coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1925. Due \$1,180 June 1 1926 and \$1,180 each six months from Jan. 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1936, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the State Bank of Otterbein. A complete transcript of all of the proceedings in the matter of the issue of bonds will be furnished to the purchaser without cost.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—R. S. Blanton, Secretary of Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 29 for \$55,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1928, \$2,000, 1929 to 1942, incl., and \$3,000, 1943 to 1949, incl. Principal and semi-annual int. payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

PLANO, Collin County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 21 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$15,000 street paving bonds. G. Hudson, City Secretary.

PLYMOUTH, Wayne County, Mich.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The following additional information has come to hand regarding the sale of the \$92,000 sewer bonds to the Plymouth United Savings Bank of Plymouth, reported in V. 120, p. 2849: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1925. Int. J. & D. 15. Int. rate, 4 1/2%. Due \$2,000 yearly, 1926 to 1936, incl., and \$5,000 yearly, 1937 to 1950, incl. Price paid, par plus premium of \$656, equal to 100.71, a basis of about 4.43%.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Garrard, Chairman Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. July 7 for the following school bonds aggregating \$279,000: \$160,000 5 1/2% Special Tax School District No. 53 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1928 to 1939, incl.; \$6,000 1940 to 1951, incl., and \$7,000 1952 to 1955, incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City.

65,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 2 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1948, incl., and \$3,000 1949 to 1955, incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City.

25,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 58. Due \$1,000 yearly July 1 1928 to 1952, incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City.

15,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 7. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly June 1 1926 to 1955, incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City.

14,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 18. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly July 1 1928 to 1955, incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City.

Date July 1 1925. Bidders are requested to bid on each issue separately. No "all or none" bids will be considered. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City. A certified check for 3% of each issue bid upon is required.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES FOR 1924.—The following additional bond sales for 1924 are now reported as a matter of record:

Table with columns: Purchaser, Amount, Purpose, Date, Price, Int. Due, Award. Rows for City of Pontiac and Detroit Trust Co.

POPE COUNTY (P. O. Russellville), Ark.—BOND SALE.—Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. of St. Louis have purchased an issue of \$90,000 5 1/2% coupon funding bonds. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$4,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.; \$5,000 1936 to 1940 incl.; \$6,000, in 1941, and 1942; \$7,000, in 1943 and 1944, and \$8,000, in 1945. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the State National Bank, St. Louis. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

Financial Statement table with columns: Item, Amount. Rows for Estimated actual value of taxable property, Assessed valuation of taxable property, Total bonded debt, Population, 1920 Census.

PORT CLINTON, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. Williamson, Village Clerk, until noon July 28 for \$31,500 5% Sixth Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Aug. 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due \$3,500 Sept. 1 1926 to 1934 incl. Certified check for 5%, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% coupon water works improvement bonds, offered on June 30 (V. 120, p. 2972), were purchased by Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati, for \$25,680, equal to 102.72, a basis of about 4.63%. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1926 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000 1931 to 1940, incl.

PORT HURON, St. Clair County, Mich.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES FOR 1924.—The following additional bond sales for 1924 are now reported to complete our record:

Table with columns: Purchaser, Amount, Purpose, Date, Price, Int. Rows for City of Port Huron, City of Port Huron, City of Port Huron, City of Port Huron, City of Port Huron.

PORT HURON, St. Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following 2 issues of sewer coupon bonds offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3350—were awarded as 4 1/2% to Detroit Trust Co. and Nicol. Ford Co.,

Inc., of Detroit, at a premium of \$1,225.33, equal to 100.69, a basis of about 4.31%: \$118,340.04 special assessment bonds. Due July 15 as follows: \$17,000 1926 to 1931, incl., and \$16,340.04 1932.

56,708.00 city's portion bonds. Due July 15 as follows: \$8,000 1926 to 1931, incl., and \$8,708 in 1932. Date July 15 1925.

Table showing following bids were received: Detroit Trust Co. and Nicol-Ford & Co., Inc., Detroit; Bonlight & Co., Chicago; Prudden & Co., Toledo; Lewis & Co., Detroit; Bank of Detroit, Detroit. All the above bidders offered to furnish printed bonds.

PORT HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Huron), St. Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$75,000 4 1/2% high school bonds has been sold to Nicol, Ford & Co., Watling, Lerchen & Co. and Detroit Trust Co., all of Detroit, jointly, at 102.52.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BIDS.—Following is a list of other bids for the \$879,000 5% bridge access bonds awarded on June 17 to the National City Co. and the Guaranty Co., both of New York, jointly at 108.59, a basis of about 4.25%:

Table with columns: Bidder, Interest Rate, Rate Bid. Rows include National City Co. and Guaranty Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co. and Ferris & Hardgrove, Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Blodgett & Co., Old Colony Trust Co., F. B. Keach & Co. and First National Corp., Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., First Tr. & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Marine National Bank, The Detroit Co., Inc., Ralph Schneeloch Co. and Anglo-London-Paris Co., Wells-Dickey Co. and A. D. Wakeman Co., Rutter & Co., C. W. McNear & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. and Hugh B. McGuire & Co., Clark, Kendall & Co., Inc. and A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc., George H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., A. M. Wright, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., A. G. Becker & Co. and Wm. P. Harper & Son, Inc.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES IN 1924.—In addition to the bond sales previously reported in the "Chronicle," this city also issued the following bonds during the year ending Dec. 31 1924:

Table with columns: Purchaser, Amount, Purpose, Date, Int. Rate, Price, Due. Rows for City and Ladd Estate Co. under General Bonds and Assessment Bonds.

Table with columns: Purchaser, Amount, Purpose, Date, Price Paid, Int. Rate, Due, Date of Award. Rows for Various sewer and bond issues.

* These are the bonds offered on May 17 on which all bids were rejected.—V. 118, p. 2735.

The first two issues of assessment bonds mature the first month after 3 years from date of issue.

PORT OF PORTLAND (P. O. Portland), Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 4 1/2% improvement and equipment Series F bonds offered on June 26—V. 120, p. 2720—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co., both of Chicago, and Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland, jointly, at 101.70, a basis of about 4.34%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$40,000 July 1 1931 to 1945, incl.

PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$325,000, offered on June 30 (V. 120, p. 3350), were awarded to the American National Bank of Portsmouth at 99.569, a basis of about 4.65%: \$125,000 school bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1930 to 1954 incl. 200,000 improvement bonds. Due \$8,000 July 1 1930 to 1954 incl. Date July 1 1925.

POWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Navarro County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 6 by the Secretary Board of Education, for \$30,000 5% school bonds.

PREBLE COUNTY (P. O. Eaton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 6 by S. O. Hunt, County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$33,450 5% bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$450. Date July 1 1925. Interest M. & S. Due \$2,000 each six months from March 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1933, and \$1,450 March 1 1934. Certified check for \$1,000 on a local bank, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bidders are required to satisfy themselves of legality of the bonds.

PREMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jim Wells County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$20,000 school bonds at a recent election.

PUEBLO, Pueblo County, Colo.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES IN 1924.—In addition to the bonds already reported as having been placed the city of Pueblo also issued the following 6% paving bonds during the year ending Dec. 31 1924:

Table with columns: Amount, Date, Due. Rows for \$25,000 May 1 1924, \$15,000 May 1 1924, \$70,000 May 1 1924, \$6,000 May 1 1924.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Fillmore), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,273.4 1/2% coupon Jonathan Hansell et al. road bonds offered on June 22—V. 120, p. 3231—were awarded to the First National Bank of Greencastle at a premium of \$235, equal to 101.09, a basis of about 4.27%. Date May 15 1925. Due \$613.65 each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935, incl.

RAFT RIVER HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Burley), Cassia County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 15—V. 120, p. 3100—the voters authorized the issuance of \$60,000 highway bonds.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Merchants National Bank of Muncie, bidding \$25,586.25 (101.93), a basis of about 4.10%, was awarded the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon highway impt. bonds offered on June 22—V. 120, p. 3231: \$16,500 James W. Hindsley et al. Jackson Twp. bonds. \$8,600 John O. Kennedy et al. Stoney Creek Twp. bonds. Date June 1 1925. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935.

READING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Reading), Berks County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (standard time) July 21 by Oscar B. Heim, Secretary, Board of School Directors, for \$1,500,000 4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1925. Int. semi-ann. Due July 15 as follows: \$30,000, 1926 to 1931 incl.; \$40,000, 1932 to 1937 incl.; \$45,000, 1938 to 1943 incl.; \$60,000, 1944 to 1949 incl.; \$70,000, 1950 to 1952 incl., and \$80,000, 1953 to 1955 incl. Bonds are free of State tax and are sold subject to favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliot & Munson of Philadelphia. A certified check for \$15,000, payable to the School District, required.

RICE COUNTY (P. O. Faribault), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$205,000 funding bonds offered on June 22—V. 120, p. 3231—were awarded to the State Bank of Lonsdale at a premium of \$1,610, equal to 100.78, a basis of about 4.42%. Date May 1 1925. Coupon bonds.

Due May 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1928 to 1930, incl., and \$16,000, 1931 to 1940, incl. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank, St. Paul.

ROCK POINT LOCAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Burgaw), Pender County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Murphy, Superintendent of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until July 6 for \$30,000 5 1/2% school bonds.

ROCK SPRINGS, Sweetwater County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The North Side State Bank of Rock Springs has been awarded an issue of \$255,000 6% local improvement bonds at 100.27, a basis of about 5.97%. Date June 1 1925. Due May 1 1935, optional after June 1 1926. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Coal and Iron National Bank, N. Y. City, at option of holder.

ST. CLOUD, Osceola County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$500,000 offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3232—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a discount of \$14,915, equal to 97.01, a basis of about 5.24%.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,000,000, offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3232—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, at 101.32, a basis of about 4.07%.

SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 7 by the Board of County Commissioners for \$10,000 5% coupon I. C. H. No. 277, Series "C" bridge bonds, Fremont-Port Clinton Road. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1925.

SAN MARINO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 13 by L. E. Lampton, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, for \$65,000 5% school bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1926 and \$2,000 1927 to 1958, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

SOUTH ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/4% coupon, registrable as to principal only or both principal and int., bonds offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3232—were awarded as follows:

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit has been awarded \$200,000 4 1/4% street impt. bonds at 100.98. Date July 1 1925. Due in 10 years.

SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 7 by the Board of County Commissioners for \$10,000 5% coupon I. C. H. No. 277, Series "C" bridge bonds, Fremont-Port Clinton Road. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1925.

SCOTIA, Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard B. Toll, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 6 for \$1,000 not exceeding 6% refunding sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Glenville Bank of Scotia. Due Aug. 1 1937. A certified check for 2%, payable to the Village, required.

SCOTTSDALE, Allen County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—J. C. Mayer & Co. of Cincinnati have purchased an issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds. Date May 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 May 1 1930, 1935, 1940 and 1945. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable in Scottsville. Legality approved by Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati.

SCRANTON, Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 22 by Phillip V. Mattes, City Solicitor, for the following two issues of coupon or registered bonds:

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BIDS.—Following is a list of bids for the \$1,000,000 water extension 1920, Series WZ-3 bonds, awarded on June 18 as 4 1/2% at 97.52, as stated in V. 120, p. 3350:

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—Following is a list of bids for the \$1,000,000 water extension 1920, Series WZ-3 bonds, awarded on June 18 as 4 1/2% at 97.52, as stated in V. 120, p. 3350:

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—Following is a list of bids for the \$1,000,000 water extension 1920, Series WZ-3 bonds, awarded on June 18 as 4 1/2% at 97.52, as stated in V. 120, p. 3350:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Amt. Bid. Includes Metropolitan Nat. Bank, London-Paris Co., R. M. Grant & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., A. M. Lamport & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Ferris & Hardgrove, and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.

SEWELL MOUNTAIN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT (P. O. Fayetteville), Fayette County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$91,000 5 1/2% road bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3232—were awarded to J. C. Mayer & Co. of Cincinnati. Due July 1 1926 to 1959.

SHATTUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ellis County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City were awarded an issue of \$45,000 5 1/4% school building coupon bonds on June 5 at a premium of \$1,075, equal to 102.38. Date June 15 1925. Denom. \$500. Due serially. Interest payable J. & J.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 15 by Bert Fix, Director of Finance, and Public Records, for the following issues of 6% White Way impt. bonds:

\$9,030 68 (city's portion) bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$530 68. Due \$1,030 68 May 1 1927 and \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1928 to 1931 incl.

*12,772 57 (special assessment) bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$72 57. Due \$2,772 57 May 1 1926 and \$2,500 yearly on May 1 from 1927 to 1930.

Date May 1 1925. Int. M. & N. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Director of Finance and Public Record, required with each issue.

SHELBYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shelbyville), Shelby County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED—SALE.—At the election held on June 20 the voters authorized the issuance of \$75,000 5% school building bonds. These bonds had been sold subject to being voted to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, Iowa, for \$76,875 (102.50). Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 120, p. 3231.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 99 (P. O. Everett), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 refunding school bonds offered on June 23—V. 120, p. 2850—were awarded to Blyth, Witter & Co. of Seattle as 4 1/4% at 100.21. Date July 1 1925. Due serially 1927 to 1935. Int. payable J. & J.

SOLVAY, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 impt. coupon bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3351—were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York as 4 1/4% at 100.396, a basis of about 4.19%.

SOUTH GLENS FALLS (P. O. Glens Falls), Warren County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—R. F. De Voe & Co. of New York, bidding 102.28, a basis of about 4.24%, were awarded the \$44,000 4 1/4% water bonds offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3232. Date July 1 1925. Due \$2,000 yearly July 1 1926 to 1947, incl.

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We now learn that H. L. Allen & Co. and Hoffman, O'Brien & Co., both of New York, were in joint account with W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo in the purchase of the \$400,000 municipal improvement bonds reported sold at 101.70 in V. 120, p. 3237, a basis of about 5.38% and bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2%.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported May 1925). Table with columns: Item, Amount. Includes Actual valuation of taxable property, Assessed valuation (1924), Total bonded debt, Less: Sinking fund, Water debt, Net debt, Population (city census 1925).

* This includes \$100,000 street railway bonds which have not been deducted but which are self-supporting. The city is receiving an income from the street railways of \$12,000 a year more than sufficient to pay the principal and interest of these bonds.

SOUTH ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/4% coupon, registrable as to principal only or both principal and int., bonds offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3232—were awarded as follows:

SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Manteca), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—S. L. Steele, Sec. Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 7 for \$900,000 5% irrigation bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000.

SPENCER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clay County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport were awarded an issue of \$30,000 4 1/2% school coupon bonds on June 15. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 yearly Nov. 1 1930 to 1935 incl. Interest payable (M. & N.).

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 26 the city awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 3.225% discount basis a temporary loan of \$100,000 maturing Oct. 9 1925.

STAUNTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 13, by J. A. Dewesse, Clerk Board of Education, for \$5,775 5% funding bonds. Denom. \$100, \$125, \$250 and \$500.

STILLWATER, Washington County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4 1/2% water works improvement bonds offered on June 23—V. 120, p. 3100—were awarded to the First National Bank of Stillwater. Date May 1 1925.

STURGIS, St. Joseph County, Mich.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Commission has authorized the issuance of \$9,300 of two and three-year special assessment sewer bonds.

SUGAR CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. New Palestine), Hancock County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 17 by Fred W. Ruschhaupt, Trustee, at the office of the New Palestine Bank, for \$45,000 5% coupon school building addition and improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1925.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Blountville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 5% highway bonds offered on June 22—V. 120, p. 3100—were awarded to Joe B. Palmer & Co. of Nashville at a premium of \$752, equal to 104.42, a basis of about 4.59%. Date May 1 1925. Due May 1 1940. Interest payable M. & N.

SUMMIT, Union County, N. J.—BIDS.—The following bids were received for the \$115,000 coupon school bonds awarded as stated in V. 120, p. 3233:

Table with columns: Bidders, Price Bid, Price Bid. Includes N. J. Fidelity & Plate, Glass Insurance Co., M. M. Freeman & Co., Westcott & Parrott, Harris, Forbes & Co., Summit Trust Co., First National Bank.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, of Toledo; purchased three issues of road bonds on June 26 as follows:

\$20,000 5% Sections "N," "O" and "Hudson" of the Cuyahoga Falls-Chester Falls road, I. C. H. No. 91, and Sections "L" and "U" of the Cleveland-East Liverpool Road, I. C. H. No. 12 improvement bonds, at a premium of \$376, equal to 101.88—a basis of 4.31%. Date April 1 1925. Due \$4,000 yearly Oct. 1 1926 to 1930, inclusive.

*253,000 5% Sections "A" "Macedonia" and "Northfield" of the Twinsburg-Elyria Road, I. C. H. No. 36 improvement bonds, at a premium of \$8,366 71, equal to 103.307—a basis of about 4.26%. Date June 1 1925. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$28,000, 1926 to 1933, inclusive, and \$29,000, 1934.

46,500 Clinton-Comet-Hampsher Roads improvement bonds at a premium of \$883 50, equal to 101.90.

* Notice of offering given in V. 120, p. 3233.

The following bids were received:

	\$20,000	\$253,000	\$46,500
I.C.H. 91 and I.C.H. 12.	\$376 00	\$8,366 71	\$883 50
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo, Ohio.....	340 00	7,125 00	811 00
The Herrick Co., Cleveland, Ohio.....	256 00	7,412 90	656 00
Otis & Co., Cleveland, Ohio.....	336 00	7,539 40	809 10
Provident Sav. Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....	341 00	7,290 00	788 00
The Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.....	Par	2,501 00	200 00
The Ohio State Bank & Trust Co., Akron, O.....			

SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Yuma), Yuma County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 20 by Clara A. Smith, District Clerk, for \$34,500 6% school bonds. Date June 15 1925. Denom. \$500. Due in 20 years. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BIDS.—The following bids were received for the 7 issues of 4% gold coupon (registerable as to principal and int.) bonds aggregating \$1,533,000, awarded at 100.66 to Blodget & Co. of New York—see V. 120, p. 3233:

Blodget & Co., New York.....	\$1,543,209 78
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Roosevelt & Son, Kean, Taylor	1,537,859 61
First National Bank, New York, Redmond & Co., the Detroit Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co. and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	1,537,583 67
L. F. Rothschild & Co., New York.....	1,536,853 96
Guaranty Co. of New York.....	1,536,368 00
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., New York, and First Trust & Deposit Co., Syracuse.....	1,534,701 63
Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Co. and Bankers Tr. Co.	1,534,425 72

TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Taylor), Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. B. Thomas, Sec. Board of School Directors will receive sealed bids until July 23 for \$200,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Date Oct. 1 1925. Due \$10,000, 1926 to 1945 inclusive.

TEMPLE, Bell County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$210,000 5% school building bonds on June 27. Due serially.

THOMAS COUNTY (P. O. Thomasville), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—S. I. Held, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 14 for \$200,000 5% permanent road bonds. Date June 1 1919. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 yearly 1939 to 1948 incl. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. C. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

TRENTON, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 21 the taxpayers will vote on a proposition to bond for \$52,000 for water works extensions.

UNION FURNACE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Union Furnace), Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 22 A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati were awarded \$20,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds at 103.09. Int. A. & O. Due 1940.

UNION SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Coon Rapids) Carroll County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 school building bonds offered on June 23—V. 120, p. 3233—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, as 4 1/2%. Date June 1 1925. Coupon bonds. Due serially 1926 to 1932.

VENANGO COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Pa.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$340,000 road bonds awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, as stated in V. 120, p. 3351, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Interest rate 4 1/4%. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1939, inclusive; \$20,000, 1940 to 1949, inclusive, and \$40,000, 1950. The price paid, 103.01, is equal to a basis of about 4.00%.

VERON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wilbarger County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered the following 5 1/2% school bonds, aggregating \$35,000:

Amount.....	Date Registered.....
\$15,000.....	June 27
20,000.....	June 29

Due serially.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD—RE-OFFERED.—The \$59,000 5% H. V. Sherburn et al. road impt. bonds offered on June 20—V. 120, p. 3233—were not sold owing to an error in advertising of bonds. Date June 1 1925. Due \$2,950 each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl. The bonds were re-offered on July 2. R. F. Davis is County Treasurer.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On June 30 R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, bidding 101.34, a basis of about 3.86%, were awarded the following two issues of 4% coupon bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3351):

\$30,000 sewer and drainage, maturing \$1,000 yearly July 1 1926 to 1955 incl.	
50,000 land and building, maturing July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$2,000, 1936 to 1945, incl.	
Date July 1 1925. Other bidders, all of Boston, were:	
Geo. A. Fernald & Co.....	101.163
Estabrook & Co.....	101.16
Merrill, Oldham & Co.....	101.159
The National City Co.....	101.159
Edmunds Bros.....	100.88

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. E. Seavy, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 17 for \$115,000 4 1/4% coupon registerable as to principal only road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1925. Interest M. & S. Due \$5,000, 1930 to 1936, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1937 to 1944, inclusive.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas P. Kelly, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. July 15 for the following coupon or registered bonds:

\$220,000 4% water, tenth Series "B" bonds. Date Jan. 15 1925. Due \$22,000 Jan. 15 1945 to 1954, incl.	
400,000 4% water, seventeenth series. Date July 15 1925. Due \$10,000 July 15 1926 to 1965, incl.	
190,000 4 1/4% storm water drainage bonds. Date July 15 1925. Due \$10,000 July 15 1930 to 1939, incl.	
200,000 4 1/4% street impt. bonds of 1925. Date July 15 1925. Due \$20,000 July 15 1930 to 1939, incl.	
400,000 4 1/4% bridge, series of 1925, bonds. Date July 15 1925. Due July 15 as follows: \$10,000 1930 to 1959, incl., and \$20,000, 1960 to 1964, incl.	
Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Preparation and certification of bonds under supervision of First National Bank of Boston. Validity will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Certified check for 1% of bonds bid for, payable to City Treasurer, required.	

WAUWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—A. V. Brigham, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. July 7 for \$90,000 5% school Series 12 bonds. Date June 15 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1926 to 1935, and \$5,000, 1936 to 1954, incl.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 15 by Fred C. Redick, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the following 5% coupon bonds: \$45,000 Ashland-Medina I. C. H. No. 139 Section S-P road impt. bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1934 incl. 63,000 Wooster-Canal Dover I. C. H. No. 414 Section "B" road impt. coupon bonds. Due \$7,000 on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1934 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Certified check for 3% of the par value of bonds bid for on some solvent bank, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required with each issue. Unconditional bids only will be considered and the successful bidder will be furnished the approving

opinion of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey of Cleveland. Bonds are printed and ready for delivery and must be taken up and paid for as soon as awarded at the office of the County Treasurer.

WELCH, McDowell County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 17 by the City Clerk, for \$60,000 5 1/4% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 29 the \$12,800 4 1/4% coupon George R. Johnson et al. in Harrison Township highway bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3234) were sold to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis for \$13,049 60, equal to 101.95, a basis of about 4.11%. Date May 15 1925. Due \$640 each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935, inclusive.

WEST JEFFERSON, Ashe County, No. Caro.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$10,000 6% water works bonds offered on June 8—V. 120, p. 2592—were rejected.

WESTPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On June 25 the following 4 1/4% coupon bonds, offered on that date were awarded to Putnam & Storer, Inc. of Boston, at 101.265, a basis of about 4.08%: \$208,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$13,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1941 incl. 146,000 school bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$8,500, 1926 to 1935 incl., \$9,000, 1936 to 1941 incl. and \$7,000, 1942.

Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston.

Other bidders were:

Winslow, Day & Stoddard.....	Estabrook & Co., Boston.....	100.79
G. B. Gibbons & Co.....	Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y.....	100.78
J. L. Allen & Co., N. Y.....	R. M. Grant & Co., N. Y.....	100.36
Edwards & Co., Boston.....	and Boston.....	100.783
	R. L. Day & Co., Boston.....	100.79

WEST VIRGINIA (State of)—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000,000 road coupon or registered bonds, offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3352—were awarded to a syndicate composed of W. A. Harriman & Co., Guardian Detroit Co., L. F. Rothschild & Co., Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Herrick Co., and Blodget & Co., Austin, Grant & Co., all of New York, Foreman Credit & Savings Bank of Chicago, Folds, Buck & Co. of Chicago and Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee, at 100.009, a basis of about 4.18% as follows: \$4,150,000 maturing Jan. 1, 1900,000, 1939 to 1946 incl., and \$1,850,000 in 1947 as 4 3/4% and \$1,850,000 maturing \$3,500,000 in 1947 and \$500,000, 1948 to 1950, incl. as 4s. Date Jan. 1 1925.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation.....	\$2,122,919,846
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	49,637,000
Sinking fund.....	\$4,536,000
Net bonded debt.....	45,101,000
Net bonded debt is about 2.1% of assessed valuation.	
Population, 1920 census.....	1,463,701.

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Town awarded on June 26 to the First National Bank of Boston, on a 3.185% discount basis a temporary loan of \$100,000 temporary revenue loan dated June 29 1925 and payable Dec. 23.

WHITEFIELD VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Whitefield), Coos County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 4 1/4% coupon refunding bonds offered on June 23—V. 120, p. 3234—were awarded to Bond & Goodwin of Boston at 101.028, a basis of about 4.14%. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1940 inclusive, and \$3,000, 1941 to 1945 inclusive. This item was incorrectly given under "Whitefield Village School District" in—V. 120, p. 3352.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,579 84 4 1/2% internal improvement coupon bonds offered on June 29 (V. 120, p. 3352) were awarded to the Union National Bank of Wichita at 101.53. Date June 1 1925. Interest payable J. & D. Due serially, 1926 to 1935 inclusive.

WILKINSBURG, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William N. Baker, Borough Secretary, for \$100,000 4 1/2% and \$100,000 4% tax-free coupon bonds. Both issues are in denom. of \$1,000 and mature \$5,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1930 to 1949 incl. A certified check for \$3,000 (on each issue) required.

WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 29 a temporary loan of \$100,000, maturing Dec. 3 1925, was awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler on a 3.33% discount basis.

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 29 a temporary loan of \$25,000, maturing Dec. 4, offered on that date, was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 3.28% discount basis.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 30 the National Shawmut Bank of Boston was awarded on a 3.20% discount basis, plus a \$20 premium, a temporary loan of \$100,000, payable Jan. 15 1926.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BIDS.—The following bids were received for the 4 issues of 4% gold coupon bonds awarded at 101.30, a basis of about 3.76% to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston as stated in V. 120, p. 3352.

Bidders.....	Bid.....
Old Colony Trust Co.....	101.29
Edmunds Bros.....	101.22
Merrill, Oldham & Co., and R. L. Day & Co., jointly.....	101.20
Blodget & Co.....	101.20
Kinsley & Adams.....	101.176
Estabrook & Co.....	101.1539
Curtis & Sanger.....	101.14
National City Co.....	101.134
Harris, Forbes & Co.....	101.011
	100.97

WYNNE WOOD, Garvin County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$35,000 water bonds at a recent election.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (daylight saving time) July 10 by Robert D. Ferguson, City Comptroller, for \$1,130,000 4 1/4% coupon local improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$76,000, 1926 to 1930 incl., and \$75,000, 1931 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer in gold coin of the U. S. of America of or equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, or at the option of the holder in New York exchange. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to Robert D. Ferguson, Comptroller, required. The legality of the bonds will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of N. Y. City, and a duplicate original of their opinion will be furnished the successful bidder. Bonds will be ready for delivery Aug. 10 1925, when they must be taken up and paid for, unless a later date is agreed upon by mutual consent.

YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Clara A. Smith, Clerk Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 20 for \$34,500 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Due in 1945. A certified check for \$500 is required.

ZANESVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zanesville), Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,600 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on June 11 (V. 120, p. 2974) were awarded to the Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo. Date May 15 1925. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$250, 1926 to 1947, inclusive, and \$100, 1948.

ZEPHYRHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Pasco County, Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$50,000 high school building bonds.

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BAGOTVILLE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$89,000 bonds offered on June 10 (V. 120, p. 2974) were purchased by Bray, Caron & Co., of Quebec, as 5 1/2%, at 100.58. Date May 1 1925. Due 1 to 20 years.

FORD CITY ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The school board has passed a by-law authorizing the issuing of \$160,000 5% 30-installment debentures.

GUELPH, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—H. J. B. Leadly, City Clerk, will receive tenders until 5 p. m. July 6 for the following coupon bonds: \$62,314 5½% pavement bonds. Due Dec. 31 1934. 5,340 5½% sidewalk bonds. Due Dec. 31 1944. 45,000 5% central heating plant bonds. Due June 30 1945. 46,352 5% domestic trunk sewer bonds. Due June 30 1945. 41,400 5% provincial highway bonds. Due yearly on June 30 as follows: \$3,337 99, 1926; \$3,521 28, 1927; \$3,715 27, 1928; \$3,919 61, 1929; \$4,135 19, 1930; \$4,362 63, 1931; \$4,602 57, 1932; \$4,855 71, 1933; \$5,122 78, 1934; \$5,404 53, 1935; \$5,701 78, 1936; \$6,015 38, 1937; \$6,346 22 1938; \$6,695 26, 1939, and \$7,063 50, 1940. Denoms. \$1,000 and odd. Interest June 30 and Dec. 31.

GUELPH, Ont.—BONDS APPROVED.—The ratepayers have approved a \$45,000 hospital bond by-law.

HERSCHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1304, Sask.—BONDS OFFERED.—This district received tenders up to 8 p. m. July 2 for the purchase of \$14,000 20-installment debentures. No interest rate is given. J. M. Ballentine, Secretary-Treasurer.

INNISFREE, Alta.—BOND OFFERING.—Tenders are being asked for the purchase of \$3,000 6% 10-year bonds. No definite date has been set to receive tenders. J. J. Montgomery, Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of)—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank of New York, Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Brown Bros. & Co. and Redmond & Co., all of New York and the Bank of Montreal of Fredericton has purchased the \$600,000 permanent bldg. and \$282,000 refunding 4¼% coupon registerable as to principal only, bonds offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 3234—paying 99.355 10-year bonds payable in Canada and New York. Date July 2 1925. Due July 2 1935. The following bids were received:

	10 Year Canada & N. Y.	20 Year Canada.
Halsey, Stewart & Co., N. Y. and Mathews & Co., Ltd., Toronto	98.189	
J. M. Robinson & Sons, J. C. McIntosh & Co., Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Nesbitt, Thompson Co., Ltd., National City Co., Ltd., Montreal	98.867	98.445
National City Co., Ltd., Montreal, Bank of Montreal and Hanson Bros.	98.517	
Dymont, Anderson & Co., Toronto and Aird McLeod & Co.		98.457
C. H. Burgess & Co., Winslow & Winslow & Macneill, Graham & Co.	97.83	97.10
Guaranty Co. of New York	99.02	98.93
Canadian Bank of Commerce	98.41	98.33
Bank of Montreal, Fredericton, First National Bank of N. Y., Kissel Kinnicut, Brown Bros. & Co. and Redmond & Co.	99.355	
Royal Securities Corporation, K. A. Daley & Co., and Mathews & Co., Ltd.	98.40	98.28
Eastern Securities Co., Ltd., Wood, Gundy & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston and Kerr, Flemming & Co.	98.209	98.20
Bell, Gouinlock & Co. and Cochran, Hay & Co., Ltd.	98.23	97.35
Dillon, Read & Co. and Dominion Securities Corp.	98.063	
A. E. Ames & Co., Johnston & Ward and Thomas, Armstrong & Bell.		97.637
A. E. Ames & Co.	98.568	
Harris, Forbes & Co.	98.51	98.42
Dominion Bank	98.81	97.932
Gardner, Clarke & Co.	98.372	

Tenders were submitted for 20-year bonds payable in Canada only, and for 10-year bonds payable in Canada and New York.

Tenders for the 10-year bonds were: Bank of Montreal, First National Bank, Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Redmond & Co., 99.35; Canadian Bank of Commerce, 98.87; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Robinson & Co., J. M. MacIntosh & Co., Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Dominion Bank, 98.867; Macneill, Graham & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co., Winslow & Winslow, 98.78; Wood, Gundy & Co., Eastern Securities Corporation, 98.40; A. E. Ames & Co., 98.567; Mathews & Co., Royal Securities Corporation, R. A. Daley & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., 98.28; Lee, Higginson & Co., Kerr, Fleming & Co., 98.209; Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Cochran, Hay & Co., 98.23; Gardner, Clarke & Co., 98.372; Dominion Securities Corporation, Dillon, Read & Co., 98.063; Dymont, Anderson & Co., Aird, McLeod & Co., 97.83.

The following is a list of the tenders received for 20-year bonds: Macneill, Graham & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co., Winslow & Winslow, 98.93; Canadian Bank of Commerce, 98.83; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Dominion Bank, Robinson & Co., MacIntosh & Co., Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., 98.445; Mathews & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., 98.28; Wood, Gundy & Co., Eastern Securities Corporation, 98.20; Gardner, Clarke & Co., 97.935; Johnson & Ward, A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., 97.637; Dymont & Anderson, Aird, McLeod & Co., 97.10.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—BOND SALES—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The "Financial Post" of Toronto in its issue of June 26 reports the following sales of bonds by the Local Government Board from June 7 to June 13: Sunny Hill S. D. No. 757, \$3,800 15 years 6%, A. Turnbull, Briercress; Ceylon, No. 351, \$18,000 20 years 6%, Nay & James, Regina; Fletwode, No. 411, \$2,500 15 years 5½%, D. Steele, Kennedy; Pretty Lake, No. 2102, \$5,000 10 years 6½%, Regina Brokerage & Investment Co., Falkland, No. 4135, \$5,000 15 years 6½%, Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.

BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The same paper says the following authorizations have been granted by the Local Government Board during the same period: Big Valley, \$2,000; Kokesch, \$2,000; Conifer, \$4,300; Ealingford, \$2,600; Ceylon, \$4,000; Telephones-Nipawin, \$4,000; McDonald Hills, \$650.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% 20-year sewer bonds offered on June 26—V. 120, p. 3353—were purchased by the National City Co. and the Bank of Montreal, both of Toronto, at 100.427.

PORT PERRY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$23,420 5½% 10-installment pavement bonds has been awarded to Macneill, Graham & Co. of Toronto, at 101.95, which is equal to a cost basis of 5.11%. Tenders were as follows:

Macneill, Graham & Co.	101.95
Municipal Bankers Corp.	101.842
MacKay-MacKay	101.835
Toronto Bond Exchange Ltd.	101.831
McLaren, Fletcher & Co.	101.71
McDonagh, Somers & Co.	101.35
Gross, Forgie & Co.	101.07
Gardner, Clarke & Co.	101.35

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY, N. B.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 5% 20-year coupon court house bond issue for which tenders were invited up to June 25 (V. 120, p. 3234) was sold to McLeod, Xoung, Weir & Co. of Toronto, at 100.18. Date June 15 1925. Due June 15 1945. Ten bids were received.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Of a total issue of \$85,672 5½% 20-installment highway bonds, Gardner, Clarke & Co. of Toronto were awarded \$35,084 of the last 10-installment, and the balance, \$32,588, was sold locally.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid by Hanson Bros. of Montreal for the \$245,700 5% bonds, awarded to them on June 17 (V. 120, p. 3353) was 99.31.

STRONGFIELD, Sask.—BOND SALE.—C. C. Cross & Co., of Regina, have purchased \$1,600 7% 10-year bonds.

VICTORIA, B. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$255,000 5% 20-year debenture offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3353—have been awarded to a syndicate composed of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., on a bid of 97.11 for bonds payable as to prin. and int. in Canada only. This represents a cost to the municipality of approximately 5.23%. Alternative bids were called for payment of prin. and int. in Canada and London, and Canada, London and New York. The first alternative, it is stated, was not accepted by any of the bidders, but seven bids were put in for bonds payable in Canada and New York. Seven bids were received for payment in Canada only, and 11 firms or syndicates in all figured in the bidding. The list of other tenders were as follows:

	Canada.	N. Y.
Wood, Gundy & Co.; Dominion Securities Corp., and A. E.	97.11	97.40
Ames & Co.	97.07	97.18
Gillespie, Hart & Todd and V. W. Odlun	96.73	97.273
Clarke & Sons; Pemberton, and Royal Finance Corp.	96.03	
G. A. Stimson & Co.	95.92	96.06
Mathews & Co.	95.88	
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. and Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	95.88	
Housser, Wood & Co.; Ernst & Co., and Lisman & Co.		97.025
Gardner, Clarke & Co.; C. H. Burgess & Co., and J. B. O.		96.672

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