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### The Financial Situation.

No ill effects have followed the failure last week of Dean, Onativia & Co., said to be the largest in Stock Exchange history, and the indications are that the firm will presently be able to resume business, with relatively small financial assistance from its creditors. Stock Exchange speculation has nevertheless been more restrained and sober the present week. Many of the specialties, however, have been whirled further upward and have established new high records.

It should be understood that speculation has not as a rule been rampant in the case of the standard stocks, but that speculators for higher prices have concentrated their attention, and their manipulative tactics, mainly on new candidates for public favor—not, perhaps, devoid of bright prospects, and yet lacking an established record. In the case of Pennsylvania R.R. shares the price fluctuations of the whole of the last eighteen months have been confined within the narrow range of 42¼ and 50. The dealings in New York Central stock have been within a somewhat wider range during these same eighteen months, and yet have been encompassed between 99⅞ and 124¾, the Central shares having a par value of \$100, while the Pennsylvania stock is in \$50 shares. Similarly, United States Steel common during the last year and a half has covered a range of only 94¼ to 129⅝.

Now, contrast with this the pyrotechnics in numerous of the specialties. It is not necessary to particularize, and to mention any of them by name might really be individious, since it is not possible to affirm positively in any case that present values may not be justified at some date in the future. The fact is, however, that this future is being discounted

with a liberality, not to say recklessness, which itself furnishes occasion for most serious reflection, if not apprehension. These specialties are often sent traveling skyward in a single week over a distance that it takes the standard stocks years to travel. It is here that the Dean, Onativia & Co. failure comes in as a warning. All the accounts agree in saying that the failure was precipitated because the banks found that collateral that had been represented as worth 50 was found to be worth only 5. This fact should be blazoned far and wide. When the present speculative furore subsides, is there not danger that other similar cases will come to light unless precaution is taken in time? It behooves every financial institution in the country, therefore, closed to scrutinize its loans to avoid anything of the kind. Obviously, if things are allowed to drift until disclosure comes in the ordinary course, such good luck as has attended the Dean, Onativia & Co. disaster can not always be counted upon.

In some respects the July crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture, is the most important of the year, and this year is no exception. It is the first authentic statement regarding the corn crop, and in the report issued on Thursday of the present week the story that is told is a pleasing one. A yield of 3,095,000,000 bushels of corn, the third largest in the country's history, is indicated; and while the plant has the greater part of the growing, and all of the maturing season ahead of it, corn is a crop that usually makes good progress if it has a good start. There was further slight deterioration in the winter wheat crop during June, and the indications as to yield are now somewhat smaller even than a month ago, but the condition of spring wheat has improved and a yield larger than in six of the preceding ten years is promised.

The area planted to corn this year is 106,621,000 acres, which is over 1,000,000 acres in excess of last year, and third from the highest area planted to corn, according to the records of the Department. The high price of corn, due to the crop failure last year, and the inclination shown by farmers to provide additional feed for live stock, are assigned as the reasons for the increased area. The July 1 condition was 86.4% of normal, which is very high; a year ago it was 72%, and the ten-year average is 83.6%. The condition is very high in all of the important corn States—in Iowa 95%, Nebraska and Illinois 93%, Indiana and Ohio 92%. Owing to drought in parts of Kansas, in Oklahoma and Texas, conditions are spotted—in Kansas the general percentage is 81%, but in Oklahoma it is only 61% and Texas 40%. Wheat prospects are 19,000,000 bush-

els larger now than a month ago, owing to the improvement in spring wheat, for which the condition on July 1 was 88.1% of normal, against 87.1% at the earlier date. The yield of spring wheat is now estimated at 276,000,000 bushels, against 254,000,000 bushels June 1, and a production last year of 282,636,000 bushels. Winter wheat is not so good, the July 1 condition of 65.9% of normal, contrasting with 66.5% a month earlier and 77.9% a year ago. There is no other record of a condition of winter wheat under 70% on July 1 in the past 35 years. The yield of this year's crop is now estimated at 404,000,000 bushels, which contrasts with the harvest of 590,037,000 bushels last year, and is very much less than in any year since 1912. The losses this year have been heavy in practically all of the important winter wheat States, the July 1 condition in Kansas being only 53%, in Nebraska 63%, in Illinois 68%, in Indiana 67%, while the yield per acre in Oklahoma is put at only 8½ bushels and in Texas at 6 bushels. For the entire crop, the average is only 12.3 bushels per acre, as against 14.7 bushels in 1924. The July 1 estimate of winter wheat is the final estimate of yield for this year until the official report in December, and must therefore stand. The total yield of wheat this year, winter and spring, is now placed at 680,000,000 bushels, and contrasts with 872,673,000 bushels last year, much the lowest of any year back to 1917. Supplies of wheat are also deficient. The Government estimates wheat remaining in farmers' hands July 1 this year at 3.4% of last year's crop, or about 29,705,000 bushels, which compares with 30,980,000 bushels a year ago, and a five-year average of 41,097,000 bushels.

Oats, likewise, lost somewhat during June, the July 1 estimate of 1,292,000,000 bushels comparing with 1,295,000,000 bushels a month earlier and 1,541,900,000 bushels, the harvest last year. Rye, flaxseed and hay also promise a smaller yield than last year, but an increase is indicated for barley, rice, sweet potatoes and tobacco. The important potato crop promises to be considerably reduced, the July report estimating production at 350,000,000 bushels this year, which would be 105,000,000 bushels less than the large crop of last year. A condition of 84.1% of normal on July 1 is indicated for this year. There is a large reduction in acreage this year, which is only 3,453,000 acres, the smallest since 1907.

The petroleum stocks at present form an interesting subject of study if for no other reason than that conditions for these stocks are apparently just now changing from unfavorable to favorable. The general picture seems to be that the oil companies having expended hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years in developing production, building pipe lines, refineries and storage tanks, procuring tank cars and tank steamers, and equipping the highways with adequate gasoline stations, have been confronted with flush production, producing accumulating surpluses and rather inadequate prices. A period of great development has been one of lean profits. But if present indications are not misleading, we are at the flood tide of oil and the ebb tide of profits, though it is too early to be absolutely sure of this.

When an investor considers these stocks he has behind his thought a number of contrasting backgrounds. Back as far as 1882 a group of the keenest

business men of the past generation had had the good sense and good fortune to assemble some \$70,000,000 which they used to develop the oil industry. When their Standard Oil Co. was broken up by Federal decree in 1911 into 34 separate entities it had distributed approximately \$750,000,000 cash dividends and it represented a market value of \$600,000,000. In the next ten years those companies paid cash dividends of approximately \$900,000,000 and increased in market value through reinvestment of surplus earnings by \$1,700,000,000. Through these millions education and religion have been advanced, Florida has been opened up and most of the business interests of the country have been stimulated.

By reason of the oil made available the automobile has been possible and the world's transportation has been revolutionized. Almost no limit can be placed on the constructive consequences that can be traced to the development of oil. The investor may also think of the thousands of farmers, Indians, speculators and wildcatters, who have been made rich overnight by the striking of oil. Or he may think of the shameful flood of worthless oil stocks that have been issued by the knaves and charlatans that have followed in the wake of this wonderful development. Then there are the frauds, scandals and investigations. But from a more practical point of view the investor is compelled to consider that petroleum is an inexhaustible resource; the product of a well is not earned profit, but exhaustion of capital, so much so that the geologists predict that our total supply is good for only twenty years. On the other hand, as though to confound the geologists there has been a veritable flood of oil during the past few years, so that notwithstanding consumption has doubled since 1918 the reserve supply in storage has risen from 126,000,000 barrels on Dec. 31 1918 to 353,000,000 on April 30 1925. In a world of supposedly vanishing supplies the petroleum market has been abundantly supplied with crude petroleum and many of its products. However, gasoline, the principal product, has hardly been in over-supply. The following table shows production in the United States, imports from Mexico and other countries, and consumption during the past seven years and four months to April 30, also the average yearly or monthly price of Kansas-Oklahoma crude.

CRUDE PETROLEUM.					
	Pro- duction.	Im- ports.	Con- sumption.	On Hand End Year.	Average Price Kan.-Okla.Cr.*
1918	355,000,000	236,000,000	2367,000,000	126,000,000	\$2 20
1919	378,000,000	52,000,000	420,000,000	129,000,000	2 28
1920	442,000,000	106,000,000	530,000,000	124,000,000	3 40
1921	472,000,000	125,000,000	526,000,000	185,000,000	1 70
1922	557,000,000	127,000,000	592,000,000	264,000,000	1 81
1923	732,000,000	82,000,000	714,000,000	325,000,000	1 44
1924	707,000,000	77,000,000	751,000,000	353,000,000	1 45
Jan. 1925	59,000,000	7,000,000	66,000,000	352,000,000	\$1 29
Feb. 1925	54,000,000	5,000,000	58,000,000	353,000,000	1 74
Mar. 1925	60,000,000	6,000,000	65,000,000	353,000,000	1 80
Apr. 1925	61,000,000	5,000,000	65,000,000	353,000,000	1 80

Source: Geological Survey, U. S. Dept. of Interior.

\* "Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter." a 42-gallon barrels.

The United States produces a large part of the world's petroleum and uses a still larger part. It imports crude, but exports gasoline, kerosene and other refined products. The figures showing the production indicate rapid increase, but of more significance are the figures of consumption. Production has doubled since 1918, but consumption has more than doubled, and imports have fallen off since 1921. Stocks on hand have increased, but not much in proportion to consumption. The surplus in 1918 amounted to 126 days' supply, that on April 30 to 163 days'. The significant thing is that there are now

probably in excess of 18,000,000 automobiles, whereas there were only 6,146,000 in 1918. In the same period shipping has become increasingly oil burning, and the use of oil has equally increased for household heating and other purposes.

Gasoline is the big money maker in the oil industry. It is produced most easily from light oils, but by means of modern cracking processes can be made also in quantities from heavier grades. It is of interest to see comparative figures of production, consumption, export, surplus and price, for several years.

GASOLINE.					
	Pro- duction.	Con- sumption.	Ex- ports.	Stocks on Hand.	Avg. Price N. Y.*
1918.....	3,570,000,000	3,129,000,000	569,000,000	297,000,000	24.2c.
1919.....	3,958,000,000	3,435,000,000	382,000,000	446,000,000	24.5c.
1920.....	4,882,000,000	4,251,000,000	636,000,000	462,000,000	29.0c.
1921.....	5,153,000,000	4,516,000,000	552,000,000	586,000,000	26.3c.
1922.....	6,202,000,000	5,372,000,000	594,000,000	883,000,000	25.1c.
1923.....	7,556,000,000	6,685,000,000	871,000,000	1,075,000,000	20.7c.
1924.....	8,960,000,000	7,780,000,000	1,219,000,000	1,179,000,000	18.0c.
Jan. 1925..	831,000,000	596,000,000	99,000,000	1,330,000,000	17.0c.
Feb. 1925..	790,000,000	542,000,000	103,000,000	1,487,000,000	21.0c.
Mar. 1925..	853,000,000	620,000,000	124,000,000	1,611,000,000	20.5c.
Apr. 1925..	860,000,000	810,000,000	110,000,000	1,561,000,000	20.0c.

Source: Geological Survey, U. S. Dept. of Interior.  
\* "Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter."

Here, again, production has increased, being 150% greater than in 1918, with rate of increase going on, but consumption has increased correspondingly and exports almost as much. Stocks on hand have increased from 297,000,000 gallons in 1918 to 1,561,000,000 on April 30 this year, a five-fold increase, but in 1918 surplus amounted to only 29 days' supply, a rather thin reserve, whereas the surplus April 30 constituted a supply for 51 days, a more nearly ample reserve but hardly as yet adequate. The oil companies are still straining to keep up an adequate supply of gasoline.

The tables given above show the latest official figures published by the Geological Survey. They indicate maximum production of crude in 1923 at 732,000,000 barrels, or a monthly average of 61,000,000, with a production of just this amount in April of the present year. May production probably topped all records at about 70,000,000 barrels, or a daily average of 2,300,000 barrels. Of more immediate importance are the estimates of daily production by the American Petroleum Institute, which we publish each week. The following table gives a summary of these estimates for May and June, showing how within this period total production has quickly risen and as quickly fallen, the variation being largely due to the rise and fall of flush production in the Smackover field in Texas.

DAILY AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION—BARRELS.

Week Ended	East- ern.	Oklahoma and Kansas.	Gulf States.	Rocky Mountain.	Cal- ifornia.	Total.
May 2.....	103,000	537,000	855,000	92,000	596,000	2,183,000
May 9.....	103,000	541,000	905,000	91,000	598,000	2,238,000
May 16.....	104,000	545,000	963,000	90,000	603,000	2,305,000
May 23.....	103,000	550,000	953,000	92,000	616,000	2,314,000
May 30.....	103,000	552,000	980,000	88,000	623,000	2,346,000
June 6.....	104,000	559,000	948,000	83,000	635,000	2,329,000
June 13.....	104,000	557,000	878,000	92,000	629,000	2,260,000
June 20.....	104,000	555,000	807,000	96,000	635,000	2,197,000
June 27.....	104,000	549,000	773,000	93,000	655,000	2,174,000
July 4.....	104,000	545,000	749,000	92,000	662,000	2,152,000

Source: American Petroleum Institute.

At present production is probably not in excess of consumption, and in view of the continued increase in the latter it now seems likely that surplus stocks will be heavily drawn down this summer, almost certainly so unless there is some new flush field discovered. The new Smackover field is declining rapidly and Teapot Dome production is also falling off. In fact, the tendency is downward in practically all fields excepting California.

No one can judge the future, especially as to the possibility of oil discoveries, but obviously the most certain element in the whole oil situation is the very rapid increase in rate of consumption. At no period has this increase been more rapid than at present. Therefore, it may well be that the petroleum situation may change from a buyer's market, as it has been for some five years, to a seller's market.

Very little progress appears to have been made as to negotiations between France and Germany over a security agreement. In a special Berlin cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune" on July 3 it was stated that "Germany's 'preliminary reply' to the French security pact note will go forward about July 12, it was learned semi-officially to-day. As a result of Chancellor Luther's efforts to keep Nationalists from 'rocking the boat,' the proposed debate in the Reichstag on this question will be postponed, it is understood, until after Germany's reply has been dispatched. To calm Nationalist opposition, Foreign Minister Stresemann's People's Party has issued a statement embodying conditions on which Germany can conclude the pact." The correspondent added that "these conditions include one rejecting the French demand for military advance through Germany to aid Poland and Czechoslovakia, independent of any action by the League of Nations. Another condition insists that the conclusion of the pact shall not involve the acceptance of obligations by Germany which go beyond those already imposed on her by the Versailles Treaty. Germany's entrance into the League is again made conditional on the evacuation of both the Ruhr and Cologne zones. A fourth condition provides that arbitration treaties must follow along the lines of the original German proposal instead of the Briand note. The People's Party declaration also stresses the fact that the conclusion of the pact will not imply the weakening of Germany's Rapallo Treaty with Russia. Luther's intervention in the conflict between the extreme Nationalists and Foreign Minister Stresemann, which expressed itself in a stormy encounter between Stresemann and Count von Reventlow and other extremists before the Reichstag Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday, has resulted in the postponement of the Reichstag battle for a fortnight."

Negotiations between the two Governments relative to a commercial treaty were said to have struck a more or less serious snag. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled on July 5 that "after conferences which have continued through nine months the Germans have broken off the negotiations for a commercial treaty with France. It is quite apparent from this action that they are reserving a card to play in the security negotiations, which is what they accused the Allies of doing in the severe disarmament note last month. Especial importance attaches to this German move because several weeks ago the iron and coal interests of France and Germany reached a complete accord for a two-nation cartel; but the Germans had inserted a clause stating that it became effective only on ratification of the proposed commercial treaty. The holding up the commercial treaty with its various customs arrangements naturally holds up the iron and coal agreement." Commenting on this situation, the correspondent said in part: "While on the one hand this is harmful to French interests, the Ger-

mans know perfectly well that the English are none too anxious to see a Franco-German steel combination. There is good reason to believe that the Germans will ask in exchange for consummation of a commercial treaty with France the evacuation of Coblenz and the Rhine bridgeheads as part of the Rhine treaty, on the argument that if the Rhine compact is to be made to repose on mutual good faith, one of the parties should no longer occupy territory of another party."

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on July 7, "negotiations for a Franco-German commercial treaty, which seemed broken Saturday night, will be resumed Sept. 15, it was announced to-day." It was stated that "the German delegation headed by Dr. Trendelenburg refused to accept French demand for certain customs duties, including Germany's admission of French wines upon as low duties as are given Spanish and Italian wines. The French said they would not modify their proposals and the Germans with equal firmness said they could not accept." The correspondent added: "However, each side seemed unwilling to permit the disagreement to constitute abandonment of negotiations and the French Ministry of Commerce has issued a long note intended to give the best possible appearance to the situation. Pending the resumption of discussions in September, the delegates have signed an agreement pledging each country to refrain from economic measures directed exclusively against the other."

Upon his return to Berlin from attending a recent meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce, S. Parker Gilbert Jr., Agent-General for Reparations Payments, was quoted as saying that "there is no occasion for pessimism as to the successful operation of the Dawes plan." He was reported to have said also that "the experts themselves pointed out that the plan had the virtue of adjusting itself to realities, and it is a fact of the highest significance to its future. As supplemented by the London agreement, the plan recognized in the most practical way the principle of arbitration and provides its own machinery, not merely for administration but also for adjustment and the settlement of such difficulties and differences as may arise. It is thus a living thing and it carries within itself the best protection against future deadlocks on the reparations questions."

The attitude of the British House of Lords towards the security pact was outlined in part as follows in a special cable message to the New York "Times" on July 6: "In the House of Lords this evening Lord Oxford and Lord Grey of Falloden, speaking for the Liberals, and Lord Haldane for the Labor Party, gave a general blessing to the idea of a compact between Germany and France, and insisted on the need of doing everything to strengthen the cause of arbitration." It was explained that "the debate was initiated by Lord Oxford, who asked information as to the date of the evacuation of Cologne and expressed the opinion that prima facie this was already overdue. This led him to speak on the question of security and he insisted on the necessity of filling the gap left by the failure of the tripartite agreement between the United States, England and France, which never came into effective existence, as

the first and governing duty of European statesmanship."

Foreign Minister Chamberlain stated the position of the British Government the very next day. The London correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "Foreign Minister Austen Chamberlain has sent Foreign Minister Stresemann a note couched in emphatic terms, in which it is stated that the British Government expects Berlin to make an early favorable reply to the French security note." It was explained that "Mr. Chamberlain informs the German Government that his statement in the House of Commons relative to the evident good faith of Germany was based on the belief that Berlin would meet the Allies at least half way for opening negotiations in time to provide for the entry of Germany into the League of Nations during the Assembly meeting at Geneva in September." Continuing, he said: "It is understood to be the inference of the note that if recent pessimistic reports concerning the German attitude toward the Allied conditions are exact the British Foreign Secretary will not be able in his appearances before the Commons to continue to exalt German good faith. It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain suggests that Dr. Stresemann show his note to President Hindenburg. Back of this action by London lies the fact that between the dispatch of M. Briand's note and Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the Commons on security, the indications sent to London by the British Embassy in Berlin were very optimistic. Mr. Chamberlain evidently expected quick favorable action by Germany. Later indications from Berlin were not favorable to the continuation of optimism as to Berlin's attitude."

Quite likely the most striking or sensational development in Germany that was made known in this country through cable dispatches to the newspapers was the closing of the principal Exchanges on Wednesday. It was stated that "Berlin and other German cities witnessed to-day the strange spectacle of a strike of the Stock Exchange. The Exchange directors ordered it as a protest against the decision of the Reichstag 'Revalorization' Committee that 'new owners of the Government's State communal pre-war bonds shall receive only 2½% on the face value of their holdings instead of 5%, the amount allowed to those who acquired these bonds before 1920.'" According to a Berlin cable message to the New York "Times" that evening, "similar strike action was taken on the important Exchanges at Hamburg, Hanover, Cologne, Dresden and Frankfort-on-Main. The Stock Exchange strike consisted of dropping out during to-day in the posting of all quotations except those of foreign currencies. To-morrow, it is announced, stock and bond quotations will be resumed, but not the pre-war loan quotations, which will be dropped out until the Government definitely settles the revalorization question." It was explained that "one of the main reasons for to-day's strike action was the fear that something approaching a catastrophe might result if the 'new' holders of the pre-war loans began selling out their holdings. Another reason was that the pre-war loan bonds have long been a source of serious trouble in the German Exchanges owing to their wild fluctuations—sometimes they have doubled and halved in price in a few hours, creating unhealthy markets."

On Thursday, the day following the strike, the situation was described as follows in a special Berlin wireless message to the New York "Times" under date of July 9: "After yesterday's flurry on Germany's most important Stock Exchanges caused by a strike, the Exchanges opened slightly weak this morning, but soon regained strength. The Exchange directors stuck to their decision not to give pre-war loan bond quotations until the Reichstag finally decides upon the revalorization of these bonds, concerning whether the Government will differentiate between new and old bondholders. The Revalorization Bill passed its third reading to-day, the Reichstag making changes giving all holders 5% of the face value on National, State and Communal pre-war bonds. The Reichstag Committee recommendation which caused the strike yesterday on the Berlin Boerse and the Exchanges at Hamburg, Hanover, Cologne, Dresden and Frankfort-on-Main, was to allow only 2½% on the face value of the loans to those who had acquired these bonds since 1920. The quotations of other stocks and bonds did not suffer from yesterday's strike and there are no signs of panic on the Exchange. Curb trading on the pre-war loan bonds began soon after the Exchange opened, with quotations only slightly lower than the official quotations on Tuesday. The bears actively continued to make deliveries. The banks have refused to mix up in the free markets for loan bonds. The closing hour found the markets firm and confident."

While a definite date has not been mentioned, it seems probable that negotiations relative to a settlement of France's war debt to the United States will start some time next month. In fact, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," in a dispatch on July 6, said that, "following a conversation to-day between Secretary Mellon and the French Ambassador, M. Daeschner, the Treasury Department announced that formal debt settlement negotiations probably will be opened during August between the American commission and representatives of the Paris Government." It was added that, "acting on instructions from Premier Painleve, Ambassador Daeschner asked Mr. Mellon to suggest a satisfactory date for the arrival of the French mission. He was told that the commission could receive the French either before Aug. 5 or after Aug. 16. The period between Aug. 5 and 16 will be consumed, it is expected, by the discussions with the Belgian commissioners, who will leave Brussels for Washington July 29." The correspondent further stated that "the Italian delegates, with whom two discussions have taken place, will return some time next month to resume. About \$7,000,000,000 is involved in this series of negotiations."

It became known here through Paris cable advices bearing the date of July 3 that "Foreign Minister Briand announced to-day at a luncheon given at the Quai d'Orsay in honor of the American delegation to the Decorative Arts Exposition that the Cabinet this morning had approved in principle the project of sending to Washington some time this summer a French delegation to study ways and means for arriving at a settlement of the French debt to the United States. Briand repeated the assurances which he said he had already given from the rostrum of the Senate that France wants to pay her debts, but within the limits allowed by the state of the French Treasury."

The Associated Press correspondent in the French capital said that probably the Cabinet would soon take up the necessary details relative to sending the commission. He also said that "the Government's decision to send a mission has revived expressions of hope that the United States will be generous enough in its terms so that France can really begin to pay after a reasonable moratorium. The magnitude of the burden is emphasized by the newspapers, which calculate that the debt, including \$400,000,000 for army stocks on which France is paying \$20,000,000 in annual interest, amounts with accrued interest at 5% to 91,000,000,000 paper francs. Lately the payment of the debt has come to be accepted as inevitable and as absolutely necessary for French credit. So the discussion centres on how it can be done instead of, as formerly, on whether it ought to be done. There are still notes of regret, however, that Great Britain and the United States, Allies of France in the war, are presenting their bills."

Word came from Washington on Wednesday, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "Czechoslovakia has joined France, Belgium, Italy and Estonia in assuring the United States of its willingness to refund its debt." It was added that "the State Department has been informally advised by the legation here that in a few days an official note would be dispatched by the Prague Government announcing full acknowledgment of its post-war reconstruction obligations and its readiness to enter into immediate negotiations for a settlement." The correspondent further explained that "in addition to the acknowledged debt, amounting to about \$80,000,000, a further amount of about \$11,000,000 is due the United States for expenses incurred by this Government in the transportation of Czechoslovak troops from Siberia to their country in 1919 and 1920. The amount of the latter debt has not been definitely agreed upon, but the Czechoslovak Government is understood to be ready to negotiate a settlement for the larger amount now and apply the same terms to the small sum as soon as its amount is fixed."

In a special message to his paper on July 9 the Paris representative of the New York "Evening Post" claimed that "Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, who is on the liner 'Paris' en route for his annual vacation in the United States, is taking important information to the State Department concerning the hopes and plans of the Painleve Government regarding the funding of France's debt. Following a final conference with Finance Minister Caillaux, Mr. Herrick will enlighten Washington on the proposed personnel of the French debt funding commission and also will present complete details of the negotiations which he has been conducting."

The State Department at Washington was officially advised on July 9 that the Government of Latvia desired "to pay the \$6,000,000 borrowed by the war-born Republic." It was added that, "with interest to date, the debt amounts to approximately \$6,352,000."

The terms of Finance Minister Caillaux's proposed interior loan were approved by the Cabinet on the morning of July 4 and made public. The New York "Times" representative in Paris cabled that, "in brief, the measure provides for conversion of the floating debt in the form of national defense bonds

into a 4% perpetual loan issued at par. Subscriptions will be opened on July 20 and will remain open until Sept. 5." The terms were further outlined as follows: "Interest on the new loan will be guaranteed against depreciation by the fixation of the exchange rate of the franc at 95 to the pound sterling. The interest will be fixed by Ministerial decision 15 days before half-yearly payment date on the basis that if during the previous six months the franc has not fallen below 95 to the pound the bondholder will receive as his half-yearly interest two francs per cent of his investment. If the pound exceeds 95 francs on the average over six months, the half-yearly interest will be equivalent to two ninety-fifths of a pound for each 100-franc bond. The figure of 95 to the pound as the value of the franc makes the dollar worth about 19.55 francs, or one franc worth 5.12 cents. Interest attaches to this figure because it is believed to be the figure at which the Finance Minister hopes to stabilize the franc. Although somewhat above the figure of 25 centimes gold supposed to be the base at which Caillaux is aiming, it is not far from it. With the franc to-day at between 102 and 103 to the pound, apparently the French Government believes the good effects of the new loan will enable the franc to return to 95 to the pound."

Commenting upon the plan, the correspondent said: "While there is nothing in the project to prevent the franc from going higher, opinion prevails in Paris that in naming the figure 95 as the point which would determine interest payments of the new loan, he sought to notify the country indirectly of the probable future value of the paper franc. Politically something is to be said for the indirect notification instead of direct, for there exist 2,000,000 holders of French Government securities, most of whom still nurse the hope that one day their franc securities will be worth gold francs. M. Caillaux project serves to break the news gently that one may consider francs for some time to be worth no more than 95 to the pound, or 19.55 to the dollar." As to the manner in which the loan was received, he said that "prevailing opinion here seems to be that the figure is well chosen, although a figure of 100 to the pound was expected. If the Government can do without further printing of paper money, it appears likely, so far as present indications go, that M. Caillaux can stabilize the franc at the figure set to-day in his new loan plan."

It became known here a week ago this morning that "the Chamber of Deputies to-night, after an all-night session, finally passed the 1925 budget by a vote of 410 to 31. It was approved in the Lower House for the second time and is again in the hands of the Senate, which is expected to vote the provisions with little modification by the end of next week." It was explained that, "as passed to-day, the budget provides for 33,175,000,000 francs of revenue, as against 33,164,000,000 for expenditures, thus leaving a surplus of 11,000,000 francs."

It seems that with the lapse of a few days the request made by the British Government of the French Government for a statement of the latter's intentions regarding her war debts to the former, which was noted in the "Chronicle" last week, was regarded more seriously than when first received. According to a Paris dispatch under date of July 3, "following

a more thorough examination of the British note on the question of inter-Allied debts, the French Foreign Office has decided that the communication was not intended to be treated as a mere formality, but really contained a definite request for immediate consideration of France's obligations to Great Britain." The note and the French position were further outlined as follows: "For this reason M. Briand to-day forwarded a reply to the French Ambassador in London, with instructions that it was to be transmitted at once to Mr. Chamberlain. In this reply M. Briand points out that the French Government since February last has been in constant touch with the British Treasury, and that with every change of Ministry the Government has not failed to reiterate its intention to take up the matter of the debts. The British note appears to have been much more decisive in content than the French Foreign Office yesterday was willing to confess. The British frankly complain that since the conversations which took place between M. Clementel and Mr. Churchill, France has done nothing toward liquidation of her debt. The note calls the attention of France to the fact that England during the last few years has paid to the United States £85,000,000 and from Germany has received in the same period of time not more than £20,000,000. In accordance with the Balfour stipulations deducting receipts from Germany, Great Britain should have received from her debtors £65,000,000. In view of these conditions, the note calls upon France to take some definite action with reference to her obligations, and specifically insists that if payments are to be made to other creditors at least the equivalent thereof must first be made to Great Britain. This stipulation the French Foreign Office feels specifically directed against any disposition on the part of the French Government to begin negotiations at Washington for the settlement of its debt to the United States."

It was stated by the London correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," in a cable message on July 5, that "France will be called on to pay her debt to Great Britain in annual payments of £10,000,000, which will be equivalent to a two-thirds cancellation of her total obligation, experts here reckon, assuming that Foreign Minister Briand's reply to Foreign Secretary Chamberlain's note implies that the negotiations will be taken up at the point where they were suspended when the Herriot Ministry fell last April." It was explained that "this figure is reached by scaling down the annual cost of the unpaid French debt to the British taxpayer, which is £30,000,000, not only by possible payments from Italy and other Allied debtors and the direct German reparations payments, but also the claim upon the French share of the Dawes annuities, as outlined in Winston Churchill's note last February. If the German reparations payments go through according to plan, the sum mentioned will meet France's share in making up the £33,000,000 which this country has to pay the United States annually, it is estimated. Britain, as has been stated before, will ask from all her debtors, including Germany, only a sum sufficient to meet her payments to America."

The Moroccan campaign has continued more or less of a see-saw between the two sides. For instance, it was stated in an Associated Press dispatch on July 5 that "the Ministry of War in an official note

issued to-night admits what is considered a serious setback on the Moroccan front near Taza. Some of the loyal tribes have seceded and the Riffians have succeeded in carrying out attacks on the French troops through the breach thus caused." The very next day announcement was made in a dispatch from Fez, French Morocco; that "the French have defeated Abd-el-Krim's tribesmen severely in two engagements. The Riffs attacked near Ain Matouf and Kiffane. They lost heavily at the first and were routed at the second place. The French captured all the arms and munitions of the attacking tribesmen. These successes, French officials said, have produced an excellent effect on some of the Moroccan tribes whose loyalty to the French has been doubtful of late."

In a special cable message from the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" under the same date as the dispatch from Fez, it was stated that, "although official news from the front is more reassuring, the admission is made in all dispatches that for a time during the last week the whole Taza district was in danger of falling into enemy hands. There and all along the line the battle has been of the fiercest. For the first time in almost two months the French have advanced and held their ground, and for the first time the Riffians have been driven back without being able to remove even their own munitions and supplies. The battle was fought through a night with a full moon and all day under a burning sun. The enemy, reinforced by dissident tribesmen, fully equipped with French rifles, concentrated a greater number of men than at any other time since the fighting began and for once it was possible to use French artillery with effect."

Announcement likewise was made in Paris, also on July 6, that "Gen. Stanislas Naulin was appointed by the French Cabinet this evening to take over the military command in Morocco, while Marshal Lyautey will remain Resident Agent of the Government for civil and political matters. This appointment was not made without considerable difficulty. Several names had been proposed, and among them General Guillaumat, present Commander-in-Chief of the French troops on the Rhine." It was explained that the latter informed M. Painleve and President Doumergue that "he considered it unwise for him to leave his present post at the time when the Ruhr was being evacuated and the whole Rhineland situation involved in discussion. M. Painleve and President Doumergue accepted this argument, and after several other possible names were discussed a choice was made of General Naulin, who accepted." The following information was given regarding General Naulin: "The new Commander-in-Chief of operations against the Riff, with military power over all Morocco, is 55 years old. He is thoroughly conversant with Morocco, having served there as Lieutenant and as Captain, and after the Great War as General of Division at Oran. During the war he took part in nearly all the great fighting, being promoted Colonel in 1915, when he commanded the 170th Regiment in a brilliant engagement in Artois. At Verdun he was in command of a brigade, and in July 1918 took part in the offensive of the Fourth Army as head of the Twenty-first Corps. For a time after the war he commanded Allied forces in Silesia, and recently has been assistant to the Commander of French troops in the Near East, from which post he

returned to France to take command of the Thirtieth Corps of the Rhine Army."

Although the new Commander will not take up his duties for a few days, the situation in Morocco appears to be improving from the French point of view. On July 7 "Gen. Stanislas Naulin, the new Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Morocco, announced after a conference with Premier Painleve that he would take up his new duties within ten days." From Fez, French Morocco, came a special cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune" under the same date that "the French forces have won their first success in the newly launched offensive by repulsing the enemy in the Taza sector and also on the upper Lieben front. A flying column, first using hand grenades and then cavalry forces, put to flight a large Riffian force, the enemy leaving several hundred dead on the field."

This was followed by a special Paris cablegram to the New York "Times" under date of July 8 in which it was stated that "the anxiety in Government circles over the situation in Morocco was relieved to some extent to-night by news of the practical conclusion of the Franco-Spanish negotiations in Madrid with two agreements. One signed to-day provides for collaboration in a land blockade of the Riff frontiers and the other, to be signed to-morrow, provides for effective 'political' collaboration between France and Spain in Morocco." The correspondent noted that "the convention which is to be signed to-morrow is regarded as the most important result of the conference. It is expected to contain terms on which the two Powers will agree to make a peace offer to Abd-el-Krim."

On the other hand, the Associated Press correspondent at Fez cabled the same day that "to-day's French official communique says 10,000 of Abd-el-Krim's Riffians and tribesmen, hostile to the French, are pressing forward along the Cuergha River and seem determined to strike south for Fez. Some of the tribes are falling back before the advance of Abd-el-Krim's forces. His leaders are attempting to turn all the tribes against the French." According to a Berlin cable message to the New York "Evening Post" the next day, July 9, "some 10,000 German members of the Spanish Legion, who recently were paid off as a result of Spain's limiting her activities in Morocco, have joined the Riffian forces, it is learned from official sources. Virtually none returned to Germany."

The Painleve Ministry encountered fresh opposition in the Chamber of Deputies from the Communists on Thursday. The Paris representative of the Associated Press cabled that "Communist Deputies, led by Marcel Cachin, began an attack upon the French Government for conducting warfare in Morocco against the invading Riffians under Abd-el-Krim, when debate commenced to-day upon Premier Painleve's bill for an appropriation of 183,000,000 francs for the Moroccan operations." He added that "M. Painleve told the Chamber that 'nothing could be further from the truth than rumors that Abd-el-Krim has captured Taza.' He said he could not understand what interest would be served by the dissemination of such false reports. M. Cachin threatened the Government with the possibility of a general strike of all French factory workers to compel

France to cease the Moroccan war and offer peace to Abd-el-Krim."

Later in the evening the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" sent word that, "with Abd-el-Krim pushing his attacks nearer and nearer Taza and Fez, the French Chamber of Deputies, after discussing Communist sympathies with the Riffians to-day voted the Government a credit of 183,000,000 francs for carrying on the war in Morocco. The Chamber divided, 411 to 29."

Premier Mussolini of Italy has found it necessary to make still other appointments to fill vacancies in his Cabinet. According to a special wireless message to the New York "Times" on July 8, "two Ministers, De Stefani, head of the Finance Department, and Nava, head of the National Economy Department, presented their resignations to-day to Premier Mussolini and he accepted them." It was added that, "with Stefani's withdrawal only one member of Mussolini's original Cabinet, Federzoni, Minister of Internal Affairs, is now left. Nava, who belongs to the Popular Party, was the last non-Fascist Minister." Explaining the situation still further, the Rome correspondent of the "Times" said that "the resignation of De Stefani, who gained credit by ridding Italian finances of a chronic deficit of several billion lire yearly, is attributed chiefly to the loss of prestige through the unhappy results of his decrees on Stock Exchanges and the recent depreciation of the lira. He has been the object of violent attacks by the extreme wing of Fascismo and also responsible financial circles. Nava's resignation is attributed to bad health, but may have been influenced by Mussolini's swing toward intransigence which has led him gradually to rid himself of all non-Fascist Ministers. It is stated that the resignation is devoid of political significance as the National Popular Party, which he leads, will continue to support the Fascist Cabinet." He further stated that "both resignations had been expected, but they created much comment, especially that of De Stefani."

Announcement was made in Rome the very next day, July 9, that "the Cabinet crisis has been solved within twenty-four hours with the appointment of Count Giuseppe Volpi to succeed De Stefani as Minister of Finance, and Deputy Giuseppe Belluzzo to succeed Signor Nava as Minister of National Economy. Premier Mussolini's selections have created an excellent impression, not a single word of criticism being heard even in the Opposition camp. Official news of the appointments had a strong reaction on the Stock Exchanges, a considerable hardening of prices being the most notable feature of to-day's trading."

Keen interest in future European financing was aroused by reports from Melbourne and London that the Australian Government would soon float a loan in the United States, probably for \$100,000,000. According to an Associated Press cable dispatch from London on July 8, "the Australian Government recently asked Great Britain whether there was any objection to borrowing in New York to meet these requirements. The British reply, according to the Associated Press cable, was that there was no particular objection, especially since it was not likely that sufficient money would be available in London to meet Australia's needs." According to that dispatch also, the Australian Government has £120,000,-

000 in loans maturing this year." It was further pointed out that "the Australian Government by Dec. 15 must provide for the payment of £70,000,000, or almost \$350,000,000, of 4½% bonds, issued in 1915, 1916 and 1917, constituting the outstanding balance of the first, second, third and fourth war loans." It was claimed in local banking circles that "nothing tangible has developed so far in the negotiations."

Evidence continues to come to hand from many sources that there has been little or no improvement in the way that the Soviet Government of Russia is doing things. London cable advices have made it clear that the British Government feels uneasy and disturbed over the policy and acts of the Soviet. In a special London cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on July 4 it was stated that "the Cabinet, according to the 'Sunday Times,' is becoming deeply incensed over the policy of the Soviet Government, particularly its part in stirring up the Chinese troubles, and is even considering the possibility of breaking off diplomatic relations with it. The matter, it says, was actually discussed at Friday's emergency Cabinet meeting, and even if such a strong step is not taken it is likely that a stern note will be sent to Moscow warning the Russian Government of the inevitable result of the course it is following." The correspondent added that "such a warning would call attention to the undertaking the Soviet entered into under the trade agreement to refrain from propaganda against Great Britain and would quote the evidence from cases in which it has been flagrantly violated. Some such step as this, it is stated, has the support of the Earl of Birkenhead and Sir Douglas Hogg, the Attorney-General, while the statements of Austen Chamberlain in Parliament show that he is fully alive to the gravity of the situation."

According to a special London cable dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" about the same time, "the news that M. Rakovsky will return as the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London is being interpreted here as meaning that a final effort will be made to avoid a diplomatic rupture between Great Britain and Russia. Rakovsky belongs to a moderate faction of the Communist Party and is a devout follower of Trotzky. When he was summoned to Moscow recently, it was assumed the Extremists finally had succeeded in getting his head. Diplomatic relations with Russia are in a state of unusual tensiety, due to two Ministerial speeches, one by Sir Douglas Hogg and the other by Lord Birkenhead, denouncing Soviet interference in China."

In view of the foregoing statements, the following excerpt from a special cable dispatch to "The Sun" a few days later were rather surprising: "Following protracted negotiations, Soviet Russia has, according to information obtained by 'The Sun' correspondent in financial quarters, established new credits here running into millions of pounds. It is understood that grain and lumber exports figure largely in this new deal." It was added, "but this belated establishment of large credits in London comes at the very moment when it is known that the Government, under strong pressure from the right wing Tories, is seriously debating the advisability of severing diplomatic relations with Moscow, largely because of anti-British propaganda in China by the Bolsheviks."



It was reported that the British Government took the Russian situation up with the French Government. According to a special cable message from Paris to the New York "Times" on July 5, "a suggestion by Foreign Secretary Chamberlain of England to the French Government that the two capitals consider the possibility of breaking off relations with Moscow is receiving considerable attention in France." The correspondent added that, "while, as matters stand, it is doubtful if the French Government, so long as it depends on the Left majority, would take this step, there is a possibility that a swing by the Government away from the Left might bring serious consideration of whether the general trouble making by the Soviets, which is harming the French especially in Morocco, ought not to call for retaliatory measures. It is no secret at the Foreign Offices of Europe that the situation is getting more and more strained between London and Moscow. There are British business interests which oppose breaking off with the Bolsheviki, especially as long as the French, Germans and Italians maintain diplomatic relations, but it remains true more and more that the Soviets loom up as the biggest enemies of the British Empire, since Britain, being the greatest colonizer in the world, faces most difficulties from agitation by the Soviets among the natives of her colonies, and in addition there is the British belief, voiced by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons, that the Russians are in part responsible for the anti-British agitation in China."

The position of the British Government was outlined the following day. The London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled that "Foreign Secretary Chamberlain to-day declared that it would be wrong to assume that the Government had under consideration any change in policy toward Russia, but insisted that it must reserve full liberty to take whatever action is necessary. Simultaneously, Premier Baldwin told the House of Commons that he was not willing to allot a day for debate on the Anglo-Soviet relations." According to a special wireless message to the New York "Times" the same day, "the British Government will not avail itself of the offer made by M. Tchitcherin, Commissar for Foreign Affairs in Moscow, to discuss the questions at issue between the two countries, particularly as to China, declared Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, in the Commons to-day. Mr. Chamberlain made this announcement after admitting that his attention had been called to a categorical denial by M. Tchitcherin that the Soviet Government had done anything to damage British trade in China."

The Bank of France, on July 9, lowered its discount rate from 7 to 6%. The former rate had been in effect since Dec. 11 1924. The rate for loans on securities remains at 8%, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on July 9. Otherwise official discount rates at leading European centres have not been changed from 9% in Berlin; 7% in Italy and Denmark; 6% in Norway; 5½% in Belgium and Sweden; 5% in London and Madrid and 4% in Holland and Switzerland. Open market discount rates in London were steady, without quotable change, at 4-7-16@4½% for short bills, against 4-7-16%, and three months' bills at 4½@4-9-16%, the same as last week. Money on call was strong and advanced to 3⅞%, but closed at 3¼%, un-

changed from a week earlier. In Paris the open market discount rate remains at 5⅞% and in Switzerland at 2⅞%, unchanged.

Another substantial addition was made to the Bank of England's stock of gold, namely £1,259,128, according to its statement for the week ended July 8, while reserve expanded no less than £2,683,000, as a result of a simultaneous contraction in note circulation of £1,424,000. Furthermore, the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 25.70%, as compared with 19.74% a week ago, 17⅞% last year and 17½% in 1923. Public deposits declined £409,000. "Other" deposits, which expanded heavily last week, were reduced £25,299,000. There were likewise large reductions in the Bank's temporary loans to the Government and in loans on other securities, totaling £4,060,000 and £24,286,000, respectively. Gold holdings aggregate £158,861,736, in comparison with £128,269,317 in 1924 (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 £127,622,694 the year prior to that. Reserve amounts to £33,399,000, as against £20,749,417 last year and £20,963,059 in 1923. Note circulation stands at £145,204,000, as compared with £127,269,900 last year and £126,409,635 a year earlier, while the loan total is £71,992,000, in contrast with £69,950,129 and £69,702,107 one and two years ago, respectively. The official discount rate of the institution remains at 5%, unchanged. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £811,476,000, as against £942,336,000 a week ago and £776,272,000 last year. 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 8.	1924. July 9.	1923. July 11.	1922. July 12.	1921. July 13.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	145,204,000	127,269,900	126,409,635	124,248,705	127,995,565
Public deposits.....	11,249,000	9,928,000	11,597,431	12,612,045	19,664,910
Other deposits.....	118,654,000	110,875,468	107,981,759	112,375,059	134,964,309
Government securities	42,515,000	48,057,467	46,838,731	47,103,552	76,003,078
Other securities.....	71,992,000	69,950,129	69,702,107	73,663,109	77,612,637
Reserve notes & coin	33,399,000	20,749,417	20,963,059	22,101,993	18,868,096
Coin and bullion.....	158,861,736	128,269,317	127,622,694	127,900,698	128,373,661
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	25.70%	17⅞%	17½%	17⅞%	12.20%
Bank rate.....	5%	4%	4%	3%	6%

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency note issues and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to gold standard.

b Beginning with the statement for April 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.

The Bank of France in its weekly statement this week reports a further small gain in its gold item, namely 50,425 francs. Total gold holdings now aggregate 5,546,771,975 francs, which compares with 5,543,283,675 francs in 1924 and 5,537,784,379 for the year previous; of the foregoing amounts 1,864,320,907 francs were held abroad in both 1925 and 1924 and 1,864,344,927 francs in 1923. A further expansion of 694,223,000 francs occurred in note circulation. The total of notes in circulation is thus brought up to a new high level of 44,394,750,840 francs. The previous high record was 43,700,527,840 francs, reached last week, July 2. For the corresponding date last year the amount was 40,224,978,825 francs and in 1923 37,400,059,525 francs. Advances during the week rose 44,092,000 francs. On the other hand, silver decreased 855,000 francs, bills discounted were reduced 974,947,000 francs, Treasury deposits fell 1,574,000 francs and general deposits were diminished 603,918,000 francs. Comparisons

of the various items of this week's return with the statement of last week and with corresponding dates in both 1924 and 1923 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		July 9 1925.	July 10 1924.	July 12 1923.
	Franks.	Franks.	Franks.	Franks.
In France.....Inc.	50,425	3,682,451,068	3,678,962,768	3,673,439,452
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,344,927
Total.....Inc.	50,425	5,546,771,975	5,543,283,675	5,537,784,379
Silver.....Dec.	855,000	311,416,498	299,869,771	293,517,729
Bills discounted.....Dec.	974,947,000	3,353,037,936	4,864,021,212	2,311,797,440
Advances.....Inc.	44,092,000	3,057,163,969	2,772,985,073	2,175,135,314
Note circulation.....Inc.	694,223,000	44,394,750,840	40,224,978,825	37,400,059,525
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	1,574,000	28,264,498	15,235,570	25,747,169
General deposits.....Dec.	603,918,000	2,473,875,529	2,200,241,984	2,049,592,599

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, issued as of June 30, showed the usual end-of-the-month addition to note circulation, amounting this time to 235,844,000 marks, although there was an equally large reduction in other maturing obligations, which fell 237,764,000 marks, while loans from the Rentenbank were reduced 62,000 marks and other liabilities declined 26,810,000 marks. As to assets, holdings of bills of exchange and checks showed record expansion, namely 325,441,000 marks, and advances increased 39,385,000 marks. There were declines in deposits held abroad of 5,086,000 marks, and in silver and other coins of 4,754,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currencies showed a nominal increase of 25,000 marks. Notes on other banks declined 18,649,000 marks, while investments expanded 51,000 marks. Gold and bullion holdings increased moderately—76,000 marks, which brought the Bank's total of gold up to 1,061,717,000 marks, in comparison with 462,187,000 marks last year and 716,912,000 marks in 1923. Note circulation now stands at 2,474,416,000 marks.

The Federal Reserve Bank's weekly statements issued Thursday afternoon showed substantial reduction in the volume of bills discounted. Gold holdings were only slightly changed. At New York, however, there was an increase in gold of \$6,000,000. Rediscounting of Government secured paper at the local institution declined \$17,800,000 and "other" bills \$9,500,000, so that total bills discounted fell \$27,300,000. Open market purchases were reduced \$8,500,000. Shrinkage in total earning assets was \$50,900,000 and in deposits \$24,500,000, while the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation declined \$4,800,000. For the System as a whole, gold reserve diminished \$1,300,000. Rediscounts of all classes of bills declined \$61,300,000, with the result that total bills discounted now aggregate \$450,331,000, as compared with \$310,713,000 a year ago. Holdings of bills bought in the open market dropped \$8,300,000. Total earning assets show the large reduction of \$84,300,000, while there was a loss in deposits of \$64,600,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes remained almost stationary. Member bank reserve accounts sharply diminished for the banks as a group—\$51,500,000. Locally there was a decrease of \$17,500,000. Reserve ratios were up this week, mainly, of course, in response to the contraction in deposits. For the System there was an advance of 1.2%, to 76.1%, and at New York of 2.6%, to 81.4%.

Last Saturday's New York Clearing House bank and trust company statement reflected the strain of meeting the heavy half-yearly disbursements on July 1, and was featured by an increase in demand

deposits totaling \$139,601,000 and an expansion in loans of \$52,641,000. Time deposits fell off \$23,307,000, to \$576,894,000. The total of net demand deposits is \$4,533,726,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$11,318,000. An increase was shown in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$7,087,000, to \$52,257,000, although this amount is not counted as reserve. Other lesser changes included a gain of \$429,000 in the reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults and a decrease of \$436,000 in the reserves of these institutions in other depositories. An increase of \$36,347,000 in the reserves of member banks at the Reserve institution was sufficient to offset the effect of larger deposits and bring about an addition to surplus reserve of \$18,787,870; thus bringing total excess reserves up to \$41,270,850, as compared with \$22,482,980 last week. These figures for surplus are on the basis of 13% legal reserve for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash to the amount of \$52,257,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

Call money reacted more rapidly and to a lower level than had been expected. In the regular loan market a quotation of 3½% was reported on Wednesday, while in the so-called outside market it was claimed that funds were obtainable at 3¼% the same day. The July 1 disbursements were unusually large. As this money was released it did not meet with a specially increased demand from industrial and general business circles. Although the stock market was active and some large offerings of new securities were made, it was evident that the supply was in excess of the demand. Otherwise the rate would not have declined so rapidly and so far. On Thursday the Government withdrew \$2,600,000 from depositories in this Federal Reserve district, but otherwise was not a big factor in the local money market. One of the largest domestic offerings of new securities was that of \$40,000,000 Central Pacific Railway 35-year 5% bonds, guaranteed by the Southern Pacific. The Street was much interested in reports from London and within its own limits that the Australian Government was seeking to float a loan for about \$100,000,000 in the American market. Such a loan would be the first to be offered in this country. There appears to be little probability of a radical change in our money market soon. Yesterday afternoon, however, call money advanced to 4½%, after renewing and loaning at 3¾%. Withdrawal of out-of-town funds because of the low rates that had been reached was given as the principal reason for the advance. The latter will bring the money back again.

Referring to specific rates for money, loans on call this week ranged between 3½% and 4½%, in comparison with 4@6% last week. Monday and Tuesday a flat rate of 4% was quoted, this being the high, the low and the ruling figure on both days. On Wednesday renewals continued to be negotiated at 4%, which was the high, but before the close there was a decline to 3¾%. All loans on call were made at 3¾% on Thursday, the only rate named. On Friday heavy withdrawals of funds by interior banks caused a small flurry and the call rate advanced to 4½%; although 3¾% was again the renewal basis, while before the close a decline to 3½% took place. For fixed date maturities the market was

quiet and unchanged until the latter part of the week, then quotations advanced for the longer periods. Four, five and six months' money closed at 4@4¼%, against 3¾@4% last week. Sixty and ninety days remained at 3¾@4%. A better demand was noted, while offerings were somewhat smaller.

Commercial paper was rather more active and the volume of business transacted increased. Dealings were reported as more diversified than of late; both country and local institutions were included among the buyers. Quotations were not changed from 3¾@4% for four to six months' names of choice character, with names less well known still requiring 4@4¼%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are still being dealt in at 3¾@4%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances ruled at the levels previously current, but trading was dull and restricted and the aggregate turnover small. Interior banks were the principal buyers. The under tone was steady. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 3½%, as against 4¼% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks, 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running 30 days, 3¼% bid and 3⅛% asked for bills running 60 days, 3⅜% bid and 3¼% asked for bills running for 90 days, 3½% bid and 3⅜% asked for bills running for 120 days, and 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for bills running 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations were as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3⅜@3¼	3¼@3¼	3¼@3

  

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.	
Eligible member banks.....	3¼ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	3½ bid

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JULY 10 1925.

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

Sterling exchange continues to move listlessly at within a fraction of par, and business this week was again dull to the point of absolute stagnation. The bulk of the limited business passing was negotiated at 4 85¾ for demand, while cable transfers ruled at from 4 86 1-16 to 4 86¼. In the early part of the week intervention of the Independence Day celebrations served to accentuate, if that were possible, the inactivity, and later on attention once more turned to the stirring developments in the so-called reparation currencies. As a matter of fact, with the excep-

tion of the war period, when sterling for many months was artificially controlled, the present probably constitutes the longest uninterrupted period of practically unchanged quotations on record. For nearly a month rates have varied slightly over an eighth of a cent, a fact which testifies eloquently to the entire lack of either speculative or straight commercial activity. While much of this is to a certain extent explained by absence of export movement of commodities, it is also regarded as reflecting a marked falling off in inter-bank dealings. In a "controlled" market the chance of trading profits is very small, and when a bank does sell a large amount of sterling it no longer, as formerly, promptly enters the market to replenish its London balances by buying exchange from another institution. It should, however, be noted that when the rate has fluctuated as much as an eighth of a cent, buying or selling, as the case may be, promptly develops. In the opinion of the banking fraternity these transactions are the work of the Bank of England, although not officially reported as such. The speculative element, while holding rigidly aloof, are said to be evincing considerable curiosity as to how the sterling market is going to act once the cotton and grain export movement gets under way. An influence which has greatly helped stabilize rates this summer has been the unusually heavy tourist inquiry, that as yet shows no sign of abatement and has been responsible for occasional brisk buying during the last two months or more.

As to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Monday (Saturday of last week was a holiday—Independence Day) was steady at the levels prevailing on Friday, namely 4 85⅝@4 85¾ for demand, 4 86 1-16@4 86¼ for cable transfers and 4 82 7-16@4 82⅝ for sixty days. Tuesday's market was quiet but firm and a shade higher, at 4 85¾@4 85 13-16 for demand, 4 86⅛@4 86 3-16 for cable transfers and 4 82½@4 82 9-16 for sixty days. On Wednesday inactivity predominated and demand ruled all day at 4 85¾ (one rate), cable transfers at 4 86⅛ and sixty days at 4 82½. Dulness continued to characterize dealings on Thursday, when quotations were slightly easier at 4 85⅝@4 85¾ for demand, 4 86@4 86⅛ for cable transfers and 4 82⅝@4 82½ for sixty days. Friday's trading was very quiet, and rates remained without alteration; the range for demand was 4 85⅝@4 85¾, for cable transfers 4 86@4 86⅛, and for sixty days 4 82⅝@4 82½. Closing quotations were 4 82½ for sixty days, 4 85¾ for demand and 4 86⅛ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 85⅝, sixty days at 4 80¼, ninety days at 4 79⅝, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 81⅝ and seven-day grain bills at 4 84¾. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 85⅝.

No gold was reported this week either for export or import. The Bank of England continues to add to its gold holdings and reported the purchase of £405,000 in bullion bars, also the receipt of £1,000,000 in gold sovereigns from Holland, making the third million received from that source since the re-establishment of free gold movements.

As to Continental exchange, the week just closed has again proved to be one of mixed movements and active, excited trading operations. The trend, however, notwithstanding sundry setbacks, was towards improvement and both francs and lire regained some of the ground lost a week earlier. Developments in

France over the week-end were favorable to francs and the quotation rushed up more than 7 points, to 4.77½ on intimations that French investors were taking kindly to Finance Minister Caillaux's new bond issues, thus ensuring to the Government its immediate financial requirements. Talk persists of a serious attempt in the near future to permanently stabilize the franc, at about \$.0512, or slightly less, but nothing definite has been decided on this important point as yet. Rumors that M. Caillaux and certain members of a commission are coming here to arrange for the funding of the French war debt to the United States, also that attempts are to be made to float another French loan appeared to have a cheering influence, so that the pressure of "distress" and speculative selling abated somewhat. Elements of uncertainty, however, are contained in the fact that no successful loan negotiations can be made until action has been taken on the budgets for 1925 and 1926 and it is felt that a plain statement of the currency program would greatly aid in clearing up the situation at this time. One of the strengthening influences of the week was the vote of confidence given by the Chamber of Deputies to Premier Painlevé on his Moroccan policy, which thus relieved fears that the Riffian campaign was about to cause a political upheaval in France. Toward the latter part of the week francs dipped somewhat on announcement of a poor Bank of France statement, showing another large expansion in note circulation, and the closing range was 467 3-4 @ 471½.

Lire recovered sharply on what was regarded as belated intervention on the part of Italian Government agents, which had the inevitable effect of bringing about a rush to cover by short interests. On Monday the rate was forced up to 3.78, a gain of 21 points from the close of last week. This quotation, however, was not maintained and as soon as the buying movement had culminated fresh political difficulties at Rome caused weakness and there was a decline to 3.61½, although before the close some of the loss was regained and the final quotation was 3.68. Most of the activity this week was on the London and Continental markets, and quoted rates, locally, were largely a reflex of what is going on abroad. Operators on this side took a comparatively small part in the trading. Official statements of the action to be taken by the Italian Government to protect exchange and punish speculative manipulation had a salutary effect in halting the speculative activity that has been so much in evidence during the last week or two. Financial authorities in this market who have been seeking for some really tangible reason for the erratic action of the French and Italian currencies lately are more and more of the opinion that the underlying reason is the determined attitude of the United States Government in demanding some basis of settlement for its war debts, which has dispelled the seemingly prevalent idea that the day of reckoning was still a great way off. The collapse, although undoubtedly painful, may have beneficial effects if it can stir up Europe to take a definite stand on the debt funding question. Belgian exchange has also suffered severely, despite the fact that its financial position is far stronger than either France or Italy, and this is explained by the fact that its internal finances are too closely bound up with those of France to permit of independent movement. It seems improbable that any attempt will be made to restore Belgian currency to a stable basis until French francs have been stabilized.

German and Austrian exchanges remain without change at nominal levels. Greek drachma were slightly easier, but without specific activity. Of the minor Central European group, Rumanian lei attracted some attention by an advance of about 4¼ points to 0.50 as a result of an agreement between the Rumanian Government and the Bank of Rumania for the re-payment of the Government's indebtedness to the Bank. It was reported that lei were not on offer in this market.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 103.60, as against 102.80 a week ago. In New York, sight bills on the French centre closed at 4.68½, against 4.69; cable transfers at 4.69½, against 4.70; commercial sight bills at 4.67½, against 4.68, and commercial sixty days at 4.61¼, against 4.62¾ last week. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were 4.61¾ for checks and 4.62¾ for cable transfers, in comparison with 4.64 and 4.65 the preceding week. Reichsmarks closed at 23.80 (one rate) for both checks and cable transfers, against 23.80½. Austrian kronen continued to rule unchanged at 0.0014½. Lire finished the week at 3.73 for bankers' sight bills and at 3.74 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 3.57 and 3.58. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96¼, against 2.96¾; on Bucharest at 0.49¼, against 0.46½; on Poland at 19.20 (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.53 (unchanged). Greek exchange finished at 1.61½ for checks and at 1.62 for cable transfers, which compares with 1.64½ and 1.65 the week previous.

Neutral exchange, formerly so-called, after a sustained advance lasting for weeks—that is, in the Scandinavian currencies—the present week suffered a setback. Following early firmness which carried Danish kronen to a new high level of 20.77, reaction set in and the quotation dropped back to 20.44, a loss of 33 points. Norwegian krone moved in sympathy and slumped about 45 points to 17.44. The movement, however, was regarded as a healthy one, reflecting the usual "natural reaction" that so frequently follows a too violent rise. It was reported that much of the selling emanated from trade interests abroad who were endeavoring to force the rates down for the purpose of counteracting the upswing here and in London. Local dealers took a relatively small part in the trading, and rate variations reflected selling in London and on the Continent. Swedish exchange was steady but not changed. Guilders ruled easy but Swiss francs were firmly held. Spanish pesetas were dull but firm; all on a narrow volume of trading.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 40.04½, against 40.04; cable transfers at 40.06½, against 40.06; commercial sight at 39.96½, against 39.96, and commercial sixty days at 39.60½, against 39.60 a week ago. Swiss francs closed at 19.41¼ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.42¼ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.39 and 19.40 the previous week. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.44 and cable transfers at 20.48, against 20.36 and 20.40. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.81 and cable transfers at 26.48, against 26.76 and 26.80, while checks on Norway finished at 17.44 and cable remittances at 17.48, against 18.08½ and 18.12½ the week before. Spanish pesetas closed the week at 14.50½ for checks and at 14.52½ for cable transfers. Last week the close was 14.54½ and 14.56½.

Concerning South American exchange, very little change was noted. Rates were firmly held on less

active trading and Argentine checks closed at 40.45 and cable transfers at 40.50, against 40.40 and 40.45. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.07 for checks and at 11.25 for cable transfers, as contrasted with 10.80 and 10.85 a week ago. Chilean exchange continues to move upward and closed at 11.63, against 11.54 a week earlier; but Peru was not changed from 4 13.

In the Far Eastern exchanges active and erratic price movements in the silver market were reflected, at least in the case of the Chinese currencies, which moved irregularly but closed firm. Hong Kong finished at 57½@58, against 57¼@57½; Shanghai at 78@78¼, against 77¼@78¼; Yokohama at 41½@41¾, against 40¾@41; Manila at 49½@50, against 49¾@50; Singapore at 57¾@57½ (unchanged); Bombay, 37½@37½, against 37¼@37½, and Calcutta, 37½@37½, against 37¼@37½.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. JULY 4 1925 TO JULY 10 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in United States Money					
	July 4.	July 6.	July 7.	July 8.	July 9.	July 10.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, schilling	1.4051	1.4041	1.4043	1.4039	1.4043	
Belgium, franc	0.470	0.460	0.463	0.461	0.462	
Bulgaria, lev	0.07338	0.07372	0.07361	0.07363	0.07361	
Czechoslovakia, krone	0.029618	0.029617	0.029616	0.029610	0.029615	
Denmark, krone	0.2070	0.2057	0.2051	0.2045	0.2052	
England, pound sterling	4.8612	4.8609	4.8607	4.8603	4.8604	
Finland, marka	0.25218	0.25214	0.25208	0.25202	0.25214	
France, franc	0.473	0.464	0.470	0.469	0.469	
Germany, reichsmark	2.380	2.380	2.380	2.380	2.380	
Greece, drachma	0.16418	0.16187	0.16069	0.16181	0.16189	
Holland, guilder	4.008	4.008	4.006	4.006	4.005	
Hungary, krone	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	
Italy, lira	0.376	0.364	0.369	0.368	0.370	
Norway, krone	1.821	1.805	1.781	1.756	1.752	
Poland, zloty	1.918	1.917	1.919	1.920	1.919	
Portugal, escudo	0.508	0.510	0.510	0.510	0.510	
Rumania, leu	0.04596	0.04591	0.04673	0.04823	0.04825	
Spain, peseta	1.454	1.454	1.454	1.453	1.452	
Sweden, krona	2.680	2.681	2.681	2.682	2.683	
Switzerland, franc	1.941	1.941	1.941	1.941	1.941	
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.017458	0.017484	0.017566	0.017557	0.017552	
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo, tael	7.938	7.888	7.896	7.900	7.921	
Hankow, tael	7.813	7.784	7.797	7.794	7.813	
Shanghai, tael	7.634	7.621	7.644	7.638	7.650	
Tientsin, tael	8.046	7.992	8.000	8.004	8.033	
Hong Kong, dollar	5.686	5.666	5.677	5.681	5.684	
Mexican dollar	5.633	5.604	5.595	5.605	5.623	
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	5.642	5.592	5.608	5.625	5.629	
Yuan, dollar	5.746	5.696	5.717	5.733	5.738	
<b>India, rupee</b>	3.664	3.663	3.663	3.664	3.667	
Japan, yen	4.089	4.087	4.087	4.095	4.105	
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	5.663	5.663	5.663	5.663	5.663	
<b>NORTH AMER.</b>						
Canada, dollar	1.000010	1.000029	1.000063	1.000042	1.000098	
Cuba, peso	9.99219	9.99583	9.99583	9.99531	9.99271	
Mexico, peso	4.96833	4.97375	4.97188	4.95833	4.97167	
Newfoundland, dollar	9.97281	9.97313	9.97719	9.97688	9.97719	
<b>SOUTH AMER.</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	9.175	9.165	9.167	9.167	9.178	
Brazil, milreis	1.100	1.094	1.099	1.105	1.109	
Chile, peso (paper)	1.158	1.160	1.164	1.160	1.167	
Uruguay, peso	9.749	9.745	9.736	9.742	9.744	

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

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$6,021,317 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended July 9. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$6,592,017, while the shipments have reached \$570,700, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended July 9.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$6,592,017	\$570,700	Gain \$6,021,317

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is no longer possible to show the effect of Government opera-

tions on the Clearing House institutions. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:

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

Saturday, July 4.	Monday, July 6.	Tuesday, July 7.	Wednesday, July 8.	Thursday, July 9.	Friday, July 10.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 120,000,000	\$ 70,000,000	\$ 81,000,000	\$ 84,000,000	\$ 84,000,000	\$ 84,000,000	Cr. 439,000,000

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

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

Banks of	July 9 1925.			July 10 1924.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 158,861,736	£	£ 158,861,736	£ 128,269,317	£	£ 128,269,317
France a	147,298,043	12,440,000	159,738,043	147,157,370	11,960,000	159,117,370
Germany c	53,266,200	d994,600	54,260,800	23,109,350	1,171,650	24,281,000
Aus.-Hun	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000
Spain	101,464,000	26,256,000	127,720,000	101,366,000	26,457,000	127,823,000
Italy	35,589,000	3,349,000	38,938,000	35,417,000	3,416,000	38,833,000
Netherl'ds.	36,970,000	1,853,000	38,823,000	44,300,000	836,000	45,136,000
Nat. Belg.	10,891,000	3,217,000	14,108,000	10,819,000	2,681,000	13,500,000
Switzerl'd.	19,932,000	3,572,000	23,504,000	20,223,000	3,967,000	24,194,000
Sweden	13,045,000		13,045,000	13,740,000		13,740,000
Denmark	11,638,000	1,137,000	12,775,000	11,642,000	898,000	12,540,000
Norway	8,180,000		8,180,000	8,182,000		8,182,000
Total week	599,132,979		52,818,600	651,951,579	546,225,037	51,386,650
Prev. week	592,948,834		52,770,600	645,719,434	546,517,620	50,810,740

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,572,836 held abroad. b No recent figures. c Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £4,819,650 held abroad. d As of Oct. 7 1924.

M. Caillaux's Financial Program.

The confidence which was expressed when the selection of M. Joseph Caillaux as Minister of Finance was announced, in the ability of the new Minister to pull France out of its financial hole has apparently been justified by the general approval with which the first part of his financial program has been received, and the public response which is reported to have been made to it. Difficult as the financial situation of France still is, it is better than it was a few weeks ago, and with that improvement M. Caillaux and his "daring policy," as he has called it, are mainly to be credited.

In two respects the problem which confronted M. Caillaux resembled that with which Alexander Hamilton was faced when he became the first American Secretary of the Treasury. It was necessary to restore confidence in the ability of the Government to meet its financial obligations, while at the same time taking specific and prompt measures to meet immediate contingencies. The main facts of the situation were summarized by M. Caillaux in the preamble to the bill which he presented in the Chamber of Deputies on June 26. Of the 4,000,000,000 francs which the Bank of France had advanced to the Treasury just before M. Caillaux took office, 2,300,000,000 had been used for immediate necessities, and the remaining 1,700,000,000, notwithstanding large increases from taxation, had since been practically exhausted. With the Treasury practically drained of cash, it was necessary to provide for the payment of 1,800,000,000 francs of national bonds falling due in July and 3,800,000,000 francs of similar bonds due in September. It was obvious that failure to pay the bonds, in addition to impairing the credit of France, would add to the burden of debt already resting upon the Treasury. Public opinion on the whole seemed to be adverse to anything that could be construed as an inflation of the currency, and an important minority in the Chamber of Deputies still favored a capital levy. It was matter of common

knowledge that the willingness of the French people to invest in the short-term national defense bonds, which for some years had been issued in a continuous stream, was due to the ability of the holders to cash their bonds promptly when due, and while a certain percentage of bondholders could always be counted upon to accept new bonds for old, any wholesale attempt to replace the short-term indebtedness by new issues would, it was feared, be only a transparent device for concealing the actual shortage of cash.

M. Caillaux's program boldly contemplated both an increase in the volume of currency and a replacing of the short-term national defense bonds with a new issue, but with safeguards and advantages designed to protect the country from the evils of inflation, on the one hand, and of impairment of confidence on the other. The bill which he introduced on June 26 provided, in the first place, for an increase of the note issues of the Bank of France from 45,000,000,000 francs to 51,000,000,000 francs, the additional 6,000,000,000,000 francs being, it was believed, sufficient for the needs of the Treasury until the end of the year. With this went a provision for the issuance of a new series of bonds, exchangeable for the outstanding bonds which mature in July and September, and available only to bondholders, the interest on the new bonds being payable at a parity with gold and without diminution in the event of a further decline of the franc. The details of the loan, as is usual in France, were left to be determined by decree, but it is understood that the bonds will carry 4% interest, and that for the purpose of interest payments the valuation of the franc will be fixed at a figure considerably higher than the recent rates of exchange. The exchange of the old bonds for the new is not compulsory, but it is M. Caillaux's belief that the advantages offered by the new loan are such as will lead to the exchange of far the larger part of the old bonds outstanding, thereby relieving the Treasury from the necessity of more or less constant redemption of short-term securities, which has been one of its greatest sources of embarrassment. It is reported that the new bonds will be ready for issue on Bastille Day, July 14, the great national holiday, and the bill provides that the maximum amount of floating debt, not including advances by the Bank of France, shall be fixed at the sum which is reached on the date of the closing of the subscription.

The speed with which the bill was acted upon by Parliament was a striking tribute to M. Caillaux's skill and persistency and to the convincing force of his proposals. Within twenty-four hours of its presentation the bill had been considered by committee, passed in the Chamber of Deputies, and approved by the Senate. Discussion of the bill in the Chamber was notable for the emphatic rejection of an amendment proposing a capital levy, although the vote in the two houses showed a considerable division in the Government support, and in the Senate the Poincare following abstained from voting. Public opinion of the measure was apparently indicated by the prompt purchase of a greater volume of national defense bonds than was presented for redemption. The wisdom of increasing the note circulation appears to have been generally approved in financial circles, and while the fear has been expressed that the singling out of one class of Government indebtedness to be paid at a definite ratio to gold may lead to a demand for contracts on a gold basis by those who fur-

nish Government supplies, no substantial opposition to the general plan has been reported.

For the success of his plan M. Caillaux declared that he relied upon the patriotism of the French people, and upon the appeal to voluntary co-operation as opposed to compulsion. Back of those arguments, of course, lies the undoubted prosperity of the country. It is, indeed, a curious anomaly that while the Government of France has apparently been headed for bankruptcy, the French people have been enjoying one of the most prosperous periods in the nation's history. What M. Caillaux now proposes, however, is only a first step in a program of thoroughgoing financial reorganization. A further step is intended to be the imposition of additional taxes sufficient to balance the 1926 budget; when this is done it is hoped to close the "era of loans." In addition, the bill opens the way to much-needed economies by transferring to the Minister of Finance the powers over the creation or abolition of offices and the appointment or dismissal of officials which have been vested in certain Parliamentary committees. The first fruit of this new arrangement was the announcement on June 29 that 100 registration offices, with an average of five employees each, had been suppressed, and that 134 similar offices had been notified that they would shortly be discontinued. The Caillaux plan will be complete when, with the limit of the floating debt fixed as provided by the bill, all public expenditures will be covered by taxation. Then, and not until then, M. Caillaux believes, will the finances of France be upon an entirely healthy basis.

Two obstacles to the accomplishment of all that M. Caillaux desires are not to be overlooked. One is the Moroccan war, the other is the French foreign debt. The war with the Riffs is certainly not one which France has provoked, and presumably it must be fought through to some kind of settlement, but it is proving unexpectedly serious and costly, and the new credit of 183,000,000 francs which Parliament has just granted will make itself felt in M. Caillaux's program of all-round economy. The question of the foreign debt, apparently in the way of adjustment, as far as the United States is concerned, by the recent decision of the French Government to send a debt commission to Washington next month, has been complicated by the pointed request of Austen Chamberlain for a definite proposal by France for the settlement of its debt to Great Britain. The fact that a similar request has been made of all the other debtor Governments, or that the £60,000,000 which Great Britain is willing to accept from them collectively is less than the amount which it still owes to the United States, does not lessen the obligation of France to pay its share or make the task of payment easier. It is this problem that M. Caillaux must now attack while putting through his domestic program. If his initial success in his negotiations abroad shall be as successful as his initial steps at home have apparently been, the outlook for an adjustment of a vexatious international situation will indeed be hopeful.

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#### *The Problem of the Automobile.*

Those who are dogmatic in their opinions and beliefs as to our economics and trade must find themselves somewhat jarred by a report on the automobile in industry that has been made by the "American Committee on Highway Transport" and submitted to

the Third Biennial Conference of the International Chamber of Commerce, which opened at Brussels on June 21. In a summary of this report, sent out from Washington, we learn that "the American people are spending about \$8,000,000,000 annually in the purchase and maintenance of automobiles. Of this amount \$2,000,000,000 goes for new machines and the remaining \$6,000,000,000 represents accessories, gasoline, tires, repairs and garage charges. There are now in use in the United States 17,500,000 passenger cars and trucks, or one to every seven persons in the country." These figures are so enormous as to be startling. And to the thinking mind they must arouse a deeper questioning into effects than seems to have been the province of this committee. We take the following from this summary of the report: "The widespread use of the motor car is believed responsible by the committee for an increase of billions of dollars in the country's wealth and resources." After declaring that the motor car is not a luxury, but an economic necessity, the committee says: "During the period of the motor car's advance in America, savings bank deposits have nearly doubled; individual bank deposits have more than tripled; assets of building and loan associations have tripled, and life insurance in force has increased two and one-half times. This would seem to prove that development of the automobile as a basic element of transportation has been a vital part of the increased efficiency and productive capacity of all interests."

It is captious to say, but certainly not irrelevant, that it is easy to understand the influence of the "motor car's advance in America" upon "life insurance in force," but that is one of the "interests" we do not particularly care to realize upon. As to the effect on bank deposits, we are inclined to believe that the case is not proven. As we said in the beginning, these colossal figures startle the complacency of our dogmatism. How a people can spend six billions a year for operating expenses of automobiles and put *more* money in the bank, and still not decrease the returns of other older and well-established transportation factors, is more than we can understand offhand. But let the committee enlighten us upon this point. The report says: "Obviously, it is as a unit of transportation that the motor passenger vehicle and the motor truck assume their greatest importance. One of the lessons that Americans have learned after some bitter experience is that the transportation problem is of dual nature; its major or trunk line functions and its minor or local distribution functions. The tying-in of individual transportation to water, steam and electric railways systems, presents a major problem, since no one form of transportation can either reach its greatest state of usefulness to the community unless all other agents are duly weighted. Out of the welter of conflicting interest and active opposition there is developing in the United States a definite understanding of the relation between motor and other transportation, and we are now able to avoid many of the losses and the conflicts in which railways and motors previously competed for service for which they were economically unfitted."

Now, it is not worth while to try to make a case for or against the automobile. It is here to stay and we must make the best of it. But it is not out of place to point out that this "tying-in" process the committee refers to is one of the most imperfect developments of the time as matters stand to-day.

In 1924, as this report itself shows, there were in use "in the 6,500,000 farms of the United States," 4,200,000 automobiles, "with 370,000 motor trucks in use." And it is no doubt true, as contended, that in centres like "Indianapolis and St. Paul more than 90% of the milk is handled direct from producer to the city distributor by motor truck and from 10 to 95% of the country's total production of butter, eggs, fruit, potatoes and hogs are being delivered by motor." But, allowing for growth, this was all delivered by other methods before the recent rapid advance of the automobile, and it remains to be shown in what way this new transport has increased production; 370,000 trucks do not go very far in 6,500,000 farms. As to the conclusion reached by this report that the automobile, or motor vehicle, "as a feeder, a supplement to the main lines of railway transportation . . . exercise their greatest usefulness," it cannot be claimed that the co-ordination is direct or profitable, since the short haul is seriously impaired thereby.

As to "notable extension of educational facilities available for rural populations," it may be granted, but is a minor consideration in the financial problem. As to extending the "economic range" of the farmer's "choice of markets," this is true as far as it goes, as far as the 370,000 motor trucks in use by farmers will aid him in his marketing, but the more than four million farmers' automobiles left, save in a very small way, are not trucking machines. As to motor truck lines for freight, they often parallel steam trunk lines, for they run from town to town. And after all this we have nearly thirteen million machines used by urban dwellers that practically earn nothing. What the automobile has done is to foster, even compel, the building of "good roads," concreted highways; and under the taxing system they have paid for a portion of these. But the increasing long hauls of road materials and of autos and parts accruing to the railroads cannot compensate for the losses by reason of auto competition—remembering that the railways also are heavily taxed to build highways for autos to run over to compete with the railways in so far as they do. And nearly every railway manager can testify to the fact that passenger traffic has been materially diminished by travel in privately owned machines.

To repeat the second time, here is an "advance," an "improvement" that it is not wise to dogmatize about. One of the wonders to the common-sense mind is how a people can grow rich by the process of spending \$6,000,000,000 a year with very little that is *permanent* in value to show for it when it is done. Perhaps they have grown rich in other ways! Money spent for gasoline, tires, repairs and garage charges cannot go directly into savings banks, if as a matter of economics it can be said ever to go there. Yet the auto is here and a very present problem. In our large cities they are so thick as to be in each other's way. They are so congesting streets as to cause serious consideration of three street levels, which, when it comes, will entail enormous expense. As it is, taxis are buzzing like bees swarming in the downtown sections, and in at least one city the horse-drawn vehicle has been banished from the central section. The philosophic question involved is this: Considering the cost of roads and schools, and the waste of the auto not used as a business economy, has not this machine hurried us into complications that would not have followed the slower improve-

ments by other methods? If so, where lies the fault save in the people themselves? And can another equal, and at all similar, national expense be pointed out? What would have been said ten years ago about an annual expense of \$6,000,000,000 principally for pleasure riding? What is to be said of this expense of \$6,000,000,000 in the face of the fact that we are trying by every means to reduce the annual cost of the Federal Government to \$3,000,000,000? Yes, thousands are well employed in the industry itself. True, that bringing the city to the country and the reverse is educative, improving, culturing. But man has still two legs that will carry him to the heart of nature if he really will go—and when he rides he too often sees nothing. Well—those who do not dogmatize are tolerant. And toleration teaches that those who “go slow and comprehend” are wise. And the moral is, if there is one, that all that is named progress is not always so; and “advance” according to our means is the best advance for us all!

### *The Essential American Tradition.*

A book of exceptional value has just been issued under the above title.\* It brings together in briefest form the original statements of the ideas and sentiments of the early leaders in the making of America, which embody the essential political doctrines and principles held by the people of the United States.

It is not an attempt to restate those principles or to trace their authoritative interpretation and development; much less to attach labels to them, as is done in support of every new attempt at political or Governmental control. Here in connection with the original statements is a succinct account of the surrounding conditions which affected the minds of the founders of the nation and indicate the origin of their political ideas, and also of the contemporary criticism under which these were wrought into form in the Federal Constitution, and, as subsequently affected by the habits and customs of the people, they were embodied in the Constitutions of the United States and of the Union. All this has especial value in the face of the constant attempts that are made to enlarge the scope of government or to change established methods.

The American system of government was a departure from the systems of the past, and as an experiment in self-government has for nearly a century and a half held the attention of the world and had an important part in shaping modern history. Its growth and strength make it a distinct contribution to modern civilization and justify faith in its permanency without substantial change. In this book will be found material for knowing exactly what the essential American idea is and how it is to be justly regarded in the subsequent life of the nation.

Unquestionably at every stage the nation has sought to respect it. A rapidly increasing mass of men, with many interests and great variety of personal traditions, as well as diversity of speech, were to be fused into a whole; and a vast territory was to be subdued and occupied. From time to time controversy with other nations and occasional wars created abiding antagonisms, even though they resulted in enlargement of territory and increase of national self-consciousness and intensified patriotism. This has been a positive influence in modifying the

original conceptions, and the modifications have grown into fixed traditions; witness, for example, the Monroe Doctrine as now interpreted, and the idea of provisional control or government, as in Cuba, Haiti and the Philippines. Within the nation the great increase of wealth, the extension of every form of business and industry, and close contacts with other nations, have all united to affect the character and the institutions of the American people. Civilization itself is undergoing constant change, and ideas resulting from modern conditions and different ways of life find expression in new philosophies, both individualistic and social. These all have to fall into the alembic of daily life for testing, compelling the review of long accepted views, and their re-statement, or a contest for their preservation. There is, however, in the American tradition in its application a substance of truth which will not be abandoned and cannot be adequately expressed in the slogans that from time to time are for party purposes set forth in its behalf.

Two special contributions to political science were made at the outset, one in the realm of ideas, the other in the organs of State designed to secure the functioning of representative democracy. The one was to free the individual from other authority than that of laws made and administered by men whom he had a hand in choosing, and who are themselves held in check by those laws. The individual as a conscious factor in every department of the common life was a new contribution to human society. It was but slowly apprehended and was much affected by the environment in which the new settlers found themselves. Once grasped it became fixed and characteristic. It crystallized the conception of Natural Law and Natural Rights, served to interpret past human experience and as the new life developed took root in Church and State. It had been present as a conception in the mind of Europe for generations, but had not taken root or found acceptance. There under the impulse of the Treaty of Peace people to-day are finding it a method of government far more difficult to apply than they expected. The individual with them is not as free to think and act as he was in quieter times; life has become more complex. America's method is still a great laboratory experiment; its permanent place and value are yet to be determined.

The other contribution is the new organs of Government designed to carry out representative democracy. The breach with England was largely the result of unwise acts of the British monarchy at the time, aimed chiefly at securing financial revenue. There was as yet no compelling democratic impulse forcing an issue. The Rebellion gave new ideas an opportunity here as it did soon after in France, and later in Central Europe. These ideas were shaped in the Constitution and taken up by the States, but had, and still have, to be fought for. The Declaration of Independence was aptly described in modern times as “not a theory, but a program of action.” It was not wholly approved even among the men of the day. The path to a settled form of government was thorny. The Federation proved weak and was little trusted. At one time the Continental Congress had only 15 members, representing but seven States. Washington said of it: “We are fast verging into anarchy.” The men who met in 1787 to form the Constitution felt it necessary to conduct their debates in secret. The written Constitution was in

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itself an experiment, but hesitatingly and slowly adopted. It had to hold the people together, to maintain the social order and to establish a financial system. It was planned to work as a machine and at the same time respect the sovereignty of the individual States on which it rested and from which it grew. It must connect known methods of government with new devices. It was a new society in an old shell, as found in the habits and traditions of the people. Three divisions of Government were to be created that would co-operate effectively and yet keep within definitely prescribed lines. Old folkways had to be inserted to satisfy one group of statesmen who laid stress upon machinery, while another group required emphasis upon the inherent power of noble principles and high ideals of human character. All know the result. It had to be soon amended in a dozen ways and has been further expanded since.

The two conceptions, of the value of the experience of the past, and the strength of the aspiration seeking to shape the future, are embodied in it. The one, strictly practical, tends to become static; the other is ideal and more positively dynamic. Meanwhile the world has changed its attitude. New nations assume new positions; and new political theories are inevitable. Our Government has to maintain its national position and accept the new and inevitable responsibility, while it remains true to itself. In its free and effective action it must hold the respect and support of the people and at the same time it must not fail to enlighten and lead them. Its abiding task as in face of recurring conditions is thus summed up by the historian: "It would be unconsciously altered as a form of government should it remain so inflexible as not to change with changing conditions when it has to protect the rights of the individual citizen or to prevent the growth of dominant groups perverting the organic law of the nation."

This is the outline of the story as told by our author; to which is added a host of brief and pregnant quotations from the men who have fashioned the nation. From among them he quotes at the end Alexander Hamilton, saying: "The liberty of the country

can be subverted only by a pretense of adhering to all the forms of law and yet by breaking down all the substance of our liberties."

Though in the past, administrative officers, from Mayors to Presidents, have been accused of exceeding their powers, and Senators of the United States have from the beginning been tempted to extend theirs, and ex-members of the Cabinet were but now before the courts for questionable official conduct, and the Supreme Court has just declared the action of a State Legislature illegal and void in depriving its citizens of the right to educate their children as they may think best, this is not exactly the danger to our institutions uppermost in the mind of the public.

It is one, however, that was prominent in the thoughts of the fathers of the country and has not disappeared. A very small minority of the dominant party can completely control legislation and leave to the common will of the people slight opportunity of expression at the critical hour. In the opinion of our author, as the result of his survey, the time impends when instrumentalities will need to be established that will secure the conscious expression of that will.

Economic realities affecting the lives of the citizens of any and every class must find expression in the law, and there must be in Congress that care for the interests of the people that is now used in the interest of blocs and classes. Such instrumentalities need not involve any basic change in the form of government, but they will equalize it in case this should fail to be remedied by a larger intelligence and a truer sense of responsibility on the part of the present representatives. Meanwhile new agencies created from time to time by the Government cannot be too carefully kept by their officers within the lines of their charter or too watchfully held to a stricter accountability.

Organizations created by the Government on the one hand, and the Government itself in its various branches on the other, will always be in need of this reminder.

### **Railroad Gross and Net Earnings for May**

Comparisons with a year ago of the earnings of United States railroads are now rapidly improving. Exaggerated importance, however, should not be attached to the fact. Comparisons are getting better simply because a year ago they were steadily growing worse. The present improvement, therefore, represents merely recovery, and only partial recovery at that, of what the carriers lost in earnings, gross and net, a year ago. However, the improvement is satisfactory and encouraging as far as it goes. What makes it particularly gratifying is that no matter what the present trade situation or the present volume of business, things at all events are not so intolerably bad as they were at the corresponding time in 1924, when, however, they were so bad that they could not conceivably have been much worse.

Trade the present year has been far from what had been counted upon. The revival of activity, which came last November with the election of Mr. Coolidge by such a decisive vote, lasted scarcely more than three months, and since then the volume of trade has been slowly and gradually declining, but

at least there has been no such profound slump in business as occurred in the spring and summer of last year, when business all of a sudden fell away in a manner and to an extent that has no parallel except in the collapse which developed the latter part of 1920 following the war period of inflation in 1919-1920. Stated in brief, the trade situation the present year is better than it was last year, even though it may not be up to that of 1923. The railroads are reflecting that fact in their returns and are showing, as already stated, larger earnings, both gross and net, than in 1924, but below those of 1923.

Our compilations this time cover the month of May, and they register substantial gains in gross and net earnings alike. In the gross earnings, while the increase in amount is \$11,114,584, in ratio it is, after all, only very moderate, being no more than 2.33%. But May is the first month in 1925 since January when there has been any increase in gross earnings at all, and therefore in that particular marks a decided change. In the net earnings the improvement is of much greater extent, both in amount and in ratio, the gain in the gross having been attended by

a reduction in expenses; in other words, the addition to the net is \$16,805,030, or nearly 17½%. Contrasted, however, with the losses recorded in May 1924, the present gains do not look particularly impressive, for while, as just stated, the increase in the gross is \$11,114,584, and in the net \$16,805,030, the loss in gross in May last year (as compared with the year preceding) amounted to no less than \$70,476,133 and the loss in net to \$30,448,063. The satisfactory feature, of course, is the saving in expenses, reflecting increasing operating efficiency. For May 1925 the ratio of expenses to earnings (exclusive of taxes) figures out only 76.85%, as against 79.74% in May last year. The comparative totals for the two years are as follows:

Month of May (190 Roads)	1925.	1924.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
Miles of road.....	236,663	236,098	+565	+0.24
Gross earnings.....	\$487,664,385	\$476,549,801	+\$11,114,584	+2.33
Operating expenses.....	374,804,861	380,495,307	-5,690,446	-1.50
Ratio of expenses to earnings	76.85	79.74		
Net earnings.....	\$112,859,524	\$96,054,494	+16,805,030	+17.49

The reduction in expenses appears the more significant when it is noted that, according to the Bureau of Railway Economics at Washington, the railroads in May this year carried approximately 10% more freight traffic than they did in May 1924. In amount total operating expenses were roughly \$5,700,000 less (or 1½%) than in the same month last year. Of the total reduction in expenses just about half, or \$2,857,669, was in the maintenance account, but that still leaves about an equal reduction in transportation costs and in miscellaneous expenses. With reference to the improvement in the volume of traffic, it is of interest to observe that in what is called the Eastern District, covering New England and the Middle and Middle Western States, freight traffic, according to the Bureau of Railway Economics, was nearly 12% above that for May last year. That part of the country embraces the great manufacturing industries in which the falling off in business last year was especially pronounced. In the Southern District the increase in freight traffic is put at about 10%, while in the Western District, embracing substantially the Western half of the country, the increase in freight traffic is estimated to have been only slightly over 4%.

With reference to the big losses in earnings sustained in 1924, of which only a portion has now been recovered in 1925, it seems proper to recall for the benefit of the reader that these losses followed prodigious gains in the year preceding—that is in May 1923, when the totals were of exceptional size. In May of that year the roads were in enjoyment of an unexampled volume of traffic, as has been many times related in these columns. Our compilations of earnings for May 1923 reflected this tremendous expansion in trade and in traffic, there having been an addition to the gross (as compared with the preceding year) of no less than \$97,510,054, or 21.77%, and an addition to the net in the sum of \$32,573,715, or nearly 35%. But admitting the existence of exceptional prosperity at that time, it is equally plain that in 1924 the roads once more passed to the other extreme, and had to sacrifice practically all they had then gained. Of the \$97,510,054 increase in gross in May 1923, \$70,476,133 was lost in May 1924, and of the \$32,573,715 improvement in net no less than \$30,448,063 was lost. In the net, however, the roads had been steadily improving their position prior to the setback which came in 1924.

The course of gross and net earnings in these earlier years is always worth tracing and study reveals

that through control of their expense accounts, which was destroyed during the period of Government operation, the carriers had vastly improved their position over 1920, when they were still suffering so seriously from the demoralization produced by Government control of their affairs. In brief, they kept enlarging their net year by year and the 1923 gains which were almost entirely lost in 1924 were simply the topmost of a series of improvements that had been in progress for some time. Thus in May 1922, when business revival had already begun, but when the carriers suffered a very notable reduction of their coal tonnage by reason of the strike at the unionized coal mines then prevailing throughout the country (coal loadings then having fallen off 47.4% as compared with May of the year before) there was only a very small improvement in the gross earnings—only \$4,069,751, or less than 1%—but there was at the same time a contraction in expenses of \$23,995,177, and this brought about an augmentation in the net in amount of \$28,064,928, or roughly 43%. There was improvement also in the net in the year preceding (1921), though gross at that time was declining, owing to the collapse in trade. The decrease in the gross then was \$13,214,331, but it was accompanied by a reduction in expenses of \$58,054,141 (the situation of the roads having been so desperate as to compel the most rigid retrenchment and economy), thus leaving a gain of \$44,839,810 in the net earnings. The loss in the gross at that time was only 2.89%, which, of course, failed to reflect either the great falling off in traffic or the extent and magnitude of the depression in trade under which the country was then laboring, the reason being that railroad rates, both passenger and freight, had been advanced and the added revenue from the higher rates served to that extent to offset the loss in earnings resulting from the shrinkage in the volume of traffic. Contrariwise, the saving in expenses then achieved was effected in face of higher wage scales, the Railroad Labor Board having the previous summer awarded a 20% increase to the employees, at the same time that the Inter-State Commerce Commission granted the carriers authority to put into effect higher rate schedules for passengers and freight. Had business and traffic remained normal, the higher rate schedules would, according to the computations made at the time, have added \$125,000,000 a month to the gross revenues, and the higher wage schedules would have added \$50,000,000 a month to the payroll of the carriers, as was pointed out by us at the time.

On the other hand, in any attempt to appraise correctly the big reduction in expenses effected in 1922 and 1921, the fact should not be overlooked that, as a result of the antecedent prodigious increases in the expenses, net earnings in 1920 had been reduced to very low levels. In May 1920 our compilation of earnings was a very unfavorable one by reason of great augmentation in operating expenses disclosed, and as a matter of fact these high operating costs had been a feature of the returns for many previous years, too. Railroad operating conditions in May 1920 had been such as to render out of the question any other than an unfavorable result. The so-called "outlaw" strike, which had served so seriously to interfere with railroad operations the previous month, continued with greatly aggravated consequences in May. In these circumstances, railroad operations not only were difficult, but costly, and accordingly

it was no surprise to find that although gross earnings increased \$38,629,073 over the amount for May of the previous year, the augmentation in expenses reached no less than \$61,001,464, leaving a loss in net of \$22,372,391.

As a matter of fact, however, as already stated, the 1920 decrease in net was merely one of a series of losses in net that had been continuing through successive years. As indicating how expenses had been mounting up, it is only necessary to note that in May 1919, though gross earnings increased as compared with 1918 in amount of \$35,132,305, the augmentation in expenses reached \$69,091,093, leaving a diminution in the net of \$33,958,788. Similarly for May 1918 our compilations registered \$31,773,655 increase in gross, but \$14,459,024 decrease in net, owing to an increase of \$46,232,679 in expenses. For the three years combined, therefore, the loss in net for this single month was \$70,790,203, in face of an increase in gross earnings of \$105,535,033. Expenses in the three years for this month increased \$176,325,236. Even prior to 1918 rising expenses were a feature of the returns, though, not, of course, to anywhere near the extent which subsequently developed. In the following we show the May comparisons for each year back to 1906. We give the results just as registered by our own tables each year, though in 1908 and prior years a portion of the railroad mileage of the country was unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal at that time of some of the roads to furnish monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year	Year	Increase or	Year	Year	Increase or
May.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	115,304,506	105,787,062	+9,517,444	34,414,213	30,946,848	+3,467,365
1907	144,267,760	121,074,984	+23,192,776	43,765,836	37,319,290	+6,446,546
1908	133,680,555	172,218,497	-38,537,942	38,076,927	50,922,678	-12,845,751
1909	196,826,686	170,600,041	+26,226,645	64,690,920	49,789,800	+14,901,120
1910	230,033,384	198,049,990	+31,983,394	70,084,170	64,857,343	+5,226,827
1911	226,442,818	231,066,896	-4,624,078	69,173,574	70,868,645	-1,695,071
1912	232,229,364	226,184,666	+6,044,698	66,035,597	68,488,263	-2,452,666
1913	263,496,033	232,879,970	+30,616,063	73,672,313	66,499,916	+7,172,397
1914	239,427,102	265,435,022	-26,007,920	57,628,765	73,385,635	-15,756,870
1915	244,692,738	243,367,953	+1,324,785	71,958,563	57,339,166	+14,619,397
1916	308,026,096	244,580,685	+63,445,411	105,598,255	71,791,320	+33,806,935
1917	353,825,032	308,132,969	+45,692,063	109,307,435	105,732,717	+3,574,718
1918	374,237,097	342,463,442	+31,773,655	91,995,194	106,454,218	-14,459,024
1919	413,190,468	378,058,163	+35,132,305	58,293,249	92,252,037	-33,958,788
1920	387,330,487	348,701,414	+38,629,073	28,684,058	61,056,449	-22,372,391
1921	444,028,885	457,243,216	-13,214,331	64,882,813	20,043,003	+44,839,810
1922	447,299,150	443,229,399	+4,069,751	92,931,565	64,866,637	+28,064,928
1923	455,503,898	447,934,844	+7,510,054	126,173,540	93,599,825	+32,573,715
1924	476,458,749	546,934,882	-70,476,133	96,408,087	126,496,150	-30,448,063
1925	487,664,385	476,549,801	+11,114,584	112,859,524	96,054,494	+16,805,030

Note.—Includes for May 96 roads in 1906; 92 in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 153,310 miles of road; in 1909, 220,514; in 1910, 229,345; in 1911, 236,230; in 1912, 235,410; in 1913, 239,445; in 1914, 242,070; in 1915, 247,747; in 1916, 245,006; in 1917, 248,312; in 1918, 230,355; in 1919, 233,931; in 1920, 213,206; in 1921, 235,333; in 1922, 234,931; in 1923, 235,186; in 1924, 235,894; in 1925, 236,663.

With the roads as a whole showing the present year fair-sized recovery of what had been lost in May last year, it follows as a matter of course that the character of the exhibits of the separate roads is of much the same nature. In other words, gains in earnings, gross and net, are the rule. Losses, however, are by no means lacking, either in the gross or the net, and some of these are contributed by important systems. Thus the Southern Pacific, the Burlington & Quincy and the Milwaukee & St. Paul, all belong in that category, having sustained losses in gross and net alike, and a number of other Western roads, like the Union Pacific, the Chicago & North Western and the Atchison, have fallen behind in the gross, but have managed to enlarge their net through reductions in expenses. The Chicago & North Western is perhaps the most conspicuous instance of the latter kind, having enlarged its net by \$1,675,841, though the gross decreased \$265,622. The great East and West trunk lines, as well as Southern and Southwestern roads, as a rule give very good accounts of themselves. Thus the Pennsylvania Railroad for its

entire system, including all roads owned and controlled, reports an increase in gross of \$2,671,741 and an increase in net of \$1,795,530. However, this follows a loss of no less than \$13,310,431 in gross and of \$2,812,329 in net in May last year on the same system. The New York Central the present year reports \$1,058,910 addition to gross and \$514,413 to net following \$8,245,828 loss in gross and \$3,241,187 loss in net in May 1924. For all the New York Central lines combined the showing the present year is \$1,891,285 increase in gross and \$1,382,590 increase in net, following \$13,036,282 loss in gross and \$6,762,511 loss in net in the same month last year. The Baltimore & Ohio the present year has added \$327,389 to gross, but falls \$81,921 behind in net. Last year in the same month this road reported \$5,249,822 decrease in gross and \$1,064,634 decrease in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR MAY.

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	a\$2,385,965	Erie (3)	\$137,491
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,548,951	West Jersey & Sea Shore	131,245
New York Central	b1,058,910	Northern Pacific	127,077
Norfolk & Western	860,287	Chicago & Eastern Ill.	125,874
Hocking Valley & Nor.	619,143	Bangor & Aroostook	114,143
Seaboard Air Line	602,122	Central Georgia	110,684
Wabash	516,576	Grand Trunk Western	104,448
Florida East Coast	480,058	Duluth & Iron Range	107,509
C C & St Louis	441,159	N Y N H & Hartford	101,042
Great Northern	429,342		
St Louis-San Fran (3)	416,824	Total (38 roads)	\$14,203,675
Missouri Pacific	413,765		
Lehigh Valley	388,262		
Michigan Central	328,888	Chicago Burl & Quincy	\$862,382
Baltimore & Ohio	327,389	Union Pacific (4)	738,893
Louisville & Nashville	304,678	Chicago Milw & St Paul	631,705
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	279,138	Reading	325,996
Wheeling & Lake Erie	268,023	Atch Topeka & S Fe (3)	318,840
Hocking Valley	264,868	Chicago & North West	265,622
Elgin Joliet & Eastern	257,910	Southern Pacific (7)	265,098
Central New Jersey	248,942	Mobile & Ohio	247,684
Delaware & Hudson	225,215	Southern Railway	226,743
Long Island	172,000	Chicago St P Minn & Om	150,272
Atlantic Coast Line	158,824		
N Y Chicago & St Louis	142,922	Total (21 roads)	\$4,019,235

Note.—All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Where, however, these returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate returns so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves.

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and the Grand Rapids & Indiana), the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$2,385,965 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in gross of \$2,671,741.

b The New York Central proper shows \$1,058,910 increase. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is an increase of \$1,891,285.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR MAY.

	Increase.		Increase.
Chicago & North Western	\$1,675,841	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	\$199,707
Pennsylvania	a1,516,861	Elgin Joliet & Eastern	198,671
Chesapeake & Ohio	828,776	Minn St P & S S M	196,568
Lehigh Valley	828,659	Seaboard Air Line	173,646
Norfolk & Western	757,051	Long Island	173,304
Atch Topeka & S Fe (3)	686,534	Hocking Valley	168,512
Northern Pacific	596,277	Chic R I & Pacific (2)	167,981
Duluth Missabe & Nor.	565,060	Boston & Maine	166,175
New York Central	b514,413	Minneapolis & St Louis	163,361
Wabash	451,886	West Jersey & Seashore	140,136
St Louis-San Fran (3)	445,731	Bangor & Aroostook	137,297
Louisville & Nashville	440,064	Duluth & Iron Range	133,665
Union Pacific (4)	419,548	Chicago & Eastern Ill.	129,042
C C & St Louis	418,916	Western Pacific	116,692
Michigan Central	400,660	Pere Marquette	112,585
Union RR	394,326	Pittsburgh & West Va	103,592
Illinois Central	379,911	Mo-Kan-Texas (3)	100,901
Great Northern	370,691		
Delaware & Hudson	365,622	Total (59 roads)	\$17,273,068
N Y Chicago & St Louis	356,651		
Central of New Jersey	320,496	Southern Pacific (7)	\$1,007,156
Texas & Pacific	280,250	Chicago Milw & St Paul	546,201
Wheeling & Lake Erie	251,844	Chicago Burl & Quincy	259,058
Grand Trunk Western	250,266	Mobile & Ohio	198,602
Bessemer & Lake Erie	242,982	Southern Railway	181,713
Missouri Pacific	241,486	Central Vermont	154,471
Denver & Rio Gr West	233,682	Buffalo Rochester & Pitts	103,206
N Y N H & Hartford	231,090		
	225,719	Total (13 roads)	\$2,430,407

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and the Grand Rapids & Indiana), the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$1,516,861 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania system, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase of \$1,795,530.

b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$1,382,590.

When the roads are arranged in groups, or geographical divisions, according to their location, it is found that two of the geographical sections, the least favored ones, namely the Northwest and the Pacific Coast, show losses in gross, but only one, namely the Pacific Coast, a loss in net. In the Northwest, as already indicated, the falling off in the gross was offset by reductions in expenses. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group.	Gross Earnings					
	1925.		1924.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
May—	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
Group 1 (9 roads), New England.....	21,085,404	20,899,630	+185,774	+0.89		
Group 2 (33 roads), East Middle.....	158,004,634	152,733,910	+5,270,724	+3.44		
Group 3 (27 roads), Middle West.....	45,573,120	42,734,129	+2,838,991	+6.64		
Groups 4 & 5 (34 roads), Southern.....	74,116,877	70,438,564	+3,678,313	+5.22		
Groups 6 & 7 (29 roads), Northwest.....	92,871,586	93,544,955	-673,369	-0.72		
Groups 8 & 9 (48 roads), Southwest.....	71,045,014	70,655,999	+389,015	+0.55		
Group 10 (10 roads), Pacific Coast.....	24,967,750	25,542,614	-574,864	-2.25		
Total (190 roads).....	487,664,385	476,549,801	+11,114,584	+2.33		

  

Mileage—	Net Earnings					
	1925.		1924.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
1925.	1924.	\$	\$	\$	%	%
Group 1.....	7,310	7,369	4,364,377	3,893,962	+470,415	+12.08
Group 2.....	34,704	34,709	38,312,753	33,312,879	+4,999,874	+15.00
Group 3.....	15,988	16,000	12,855,975	9,619,184	+3,236,791	+33.64
Groups 4 & 5.....	39,141	38,993	19,132,312	16,730,392	+2,401,920	+14.36
Groups 6 & 7.....	87,151	66,960	19,057,128	14,841,641	+4,215,487	+28.41
Groups 8 & 9.....	55,299	55,113	14,037,874	11,644,337	+2,393,537	+20.55
Group 10.....	17,070	16,954	5,099,105	6,012,099	-912,994	-15.18
Total.....	236,663	236,098	112,859,524	96,054,494	+16,805,030	+17.49

NOTE.—Group I. includes all of the New England States.  
 Group II. includes all of New York and Pennsylvania except that portion west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo, also all of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and the extreme northern portion of West Virginia.  
 Group III. includes all of Ohio and Indiana, all of Michigan except the northern peninsula, and that portion of New York and Pennsylvania west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.  
 Groups IV. and V. combined include the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.  
 Groups VI. and VII. combined include the northern peninsula of Michigan, all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, all of South Dakota and North Dakota and Missouri north of St. Louis and Kansas City, also all of Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, together with Colorado north of a line parallel to the State line passing through Denver.  
 Groups VIII. and IX. combined include all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indian Territory, Missouri south of St. Louis and Kansas City, Colorado south of Denver, the whole of Texas and the bulk of Louisiana, and that portion of New Mexico north of a line running from the northwest corner of the State through Santa Fe and east of a line running from Santa Fe to El Paso.  
 Group X. includes all of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and the western part of New Mexico.

When we come to examine the Western live stock movement, it does not seem strange that some of the Western roads should have suffered losses in gross revenue, inasmuch as this live stock movement fell very much below that of the same month in 1924. For instance, at Chicago the live stock receipts comprised only 18,554 carloads, against 21,102 cars in May 1924; at Kansas City, only 7,394 cars, against 9,669, and at Omaha only 8,143 cars, against 10,465. This shrinkage the present year merits the more notice, as it follows a contraction in May 1924 as compared with May 1923.

The Western grain movement, also, ran only about the same as in May last year. The wheat receipts at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ending May 30 1925 were 16,710,000 bushels, as against 13,990,000 bushels in the same four weeks of last year, and the barley receipts and the rye receipts were also somewhat larger the present year, but the corn receipts and the oats receipts fell substantially below the figures of 1924. For the five cereals combined the receipts for the four weeks the present year were 44,014,000 bushels, as against 43,911,000 bushels in 1924. The details of the Western

grain movement, in our usual form, are shown in the table we now present:

4 Weeks End.	WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.					
	Flour (bbls.)	Wheat (bush.)	Corn (bush.)	Oats (bush.)	Barley (bush.)	Rye (bush.)
May 30.						
Chicago—						
1925.....	813,000	3,190,000	3,352,000	2,642,000	293,000	1,548,000
1924.....	799,000	1,106,000	4,319,000	4,040,000	497,000	89,000
Milwaukee—						
1925.....	220,000	103,000	224,000	1,001,000	676,000	68,000
1924.....	170,000	44,000	389,000	486,000	496,000	45,000
St. Louis—						
1925.....	324,000	1,718,000	1,769,000	2,596,000	-----	-----
1924.....	364,000	1,584,000	2,723,000	3,056,000	36,000	7,000
Toledo—						
1925.....	-----	392,000	136,000	615,000	-----	22,000
1924.....	-----	1,202,000	339,000	295,000	-----	238,000
Detroit—						
1925.....	24,000	62,000	15,000	76,000	-----	7,000
1924.....	-----	63,000	44,000	124,000	-----	-----
Peoria—						
1925.....	136,000	100,000	1,291,000	474,000	41,000	8,000
1924.....	157,000	75,000	937,000	673,000	35,000	2,000
Duluth—						
1925.....	-----	4,355,000	40,000	88,000	476,000	1,440,000
1924.....	-----	1,517,000	484,000	291,000	150,000	1,635,000
Minneapolis—						
1925.....	-----	2,843,000	302,000	1,351,000	785,000	156,000
1924.....	-----	3,928,000	384,000	677,000	650,000	218,000
Kansas City—						
1925.....	-----	1,776,000	955,000	366,000	6,000	-----
1924.....	-----	2,241,000	1,260,000	400,000	-----	-----
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1925.....	-----	1,033,000	1,783,000	1,490,000	-----	-----
1924.....	-----	1,479,000	1,929,000	1,654,000	-----	-----
St. Joseph—						
1925.....	-----	102,000	173,000	184,000	1,000	2,000
1924.....	-----	129,000	335,000	234,000	-----	3,000
St. Joseph—						
1925.....	-----	519,000	558,000	88,000	-----	-----
1924.....	-----	622,000	651,000	96,000	-----	-----
Wichita—						
1925.....	-----	517,000	200,000	16,000	-----	-----
1924.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total All—						
1925.....	1,517,000	16,710,000	10,798,000	10,977,000	2,278,000	3,251,000
1924.....	1,490,000	13,990,000	13,794,000	12,026,000	1,864,000	2,237,000

As to the Southern cotton movement, the shipments overland in May 1925 were 29,004 bales, against 40,534 bales in May 1924 and 65,395 bales in May 1923; 139,348 bales in May 1922; 224,354 bales in May 1921; 184,436 bales in May 1920; 211,617 bales in May 1919, and 285,394 bales in May 1918, while the receipts at the Southern outports in May the present year were only 188,024 bales, as against 209,540 bales in May last year, but comparing with only 130,291 bales in May 1923. The complete details of the receipts of cotton at the Southern ports are shown in the following:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN MAY AND FROM JAN. 1 TO MAY 31 1925, 1924 AND 1923.

Ports.	May.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Galveston.....	52,528	37,902	39,490	909,663	573,566	450,483
Texas City, &c.....	62,302	19,593	14,457	763,010	244,058	190,814
New Orleans.....	38,146	89,617	37,422	593,345	409,926	455,850
Mobile.....	1,579	12,193	4,160	44,951	33,107	17,268
Pensacola, &c.....	600	288	-----	2,831	4,777	3,276
Savannah.....	6,901	27,161	14,722	179,569	137,902	151,891
Brunswick.....	-----	-----	108	350	-----	2,947
Charleston.....	12,385	5,871	12,782	115,186	43,533	62,262
Wilmington.....	517	5,575	897	47,149	23,239	19,296
Norfolk.....	13,066	11,340	6,253	136,074	91,623	71,720
Total.....	188,024	209,540	130,291	2,792,128	1,651,731	1,425,807

**National Capacity to Pay—the Influences Affecting It.**

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On the occasion of the opening of negotiations between the United States and Italy concerning the funding of the latter's debt to the former, it was announced that "capacity to pay" had been carefully considered by Italy, and that the basic principle, that debt payment should be limited on these lines, was put forward as recommending itself to the practical mentality of the American people. The acceptance and discussion of this principle is said to have occupied most of the attentions of the delegates of the two peoples at the first conference, and was hailed by the "Times" correspondent as a "far cry from the uncompromising American insistence of a few years ago."

Unfortunately, the acceptance of this principle does not really take us very far towards a practical solution of the questions involved. In the first place the principle merely states a truism, since it is obvious that no nation can be made to pay more than is within its capacity. If it be true

that American opinion has moved a long way in order to arrive at the conclusion that no one can draw more than a pint out of a pint pot, it is a good deal less alert than it is usually believed to be. In fact, American opinion probably did not concern itself very closely with the question of the amounts that America's European debtors would finally be able to pay. It had a sound and sensible prejudice in favor of the view that debts between nations ought to be observed as carefully as debts between man and man, but it would certainly have admitted that national, like individual debtors, have to be handled with consideration for the facts of the case; and that if a debtor who owes £1,000 has assets worth £500 attempts to exact payment in full are unprofitable to both parties. Recognition of this principle does not, therefore, throw a very large flood of new light on the broad issue involved, and as a help towards arriving at a practical figure it is still less illuminating; because when we have

got it we are still a very long way from knowing what is the capacity of any people to make payments. We all remember with how much hope and enthusiasm the appointment of the Dawes Commission was received, because it was expected that from its labors the world would at last be enlightened as to the real facts concerning Germany's capacity to pay reparations. The Commission did work that will entitle it and its efforts to an honorable place in history. But we do not yet know how much Germany is going to pay to her creditors; and when that is known there will certainly be plenty of people who will argue from the fact that she has paid so much, she could, and ought to, have paid more.

Even the actual physical facts of a people's capacity to pay are only capable of measurement within limits that leave plenty of room for error. By means of a Census of Production carried out with scientific thoroughness that is rarely applied to such investigations, it might be possible to know the value of the total productions of goods and services of any country in a stated period previous to the inquiry. But even when we have got thus far, there is still plenty of room for doubt as to how far this production might be increased by better organization and more scientific methods. As was shown at the time of the war, all the countries involved had reserves of productive power such as had never been suspected and only came into practical use because a great national emergency discovered their existence. To use his lawn tennis court for feeding his family with a potato crop did not occur to the average middle-class Briton of 1913 as an economic proposition to be seriously considered. In 1917 he was doing it.

Capacity to produce thus depends not only on the physical and material plant at the disposal of a people, which can be measured with some approach to accuracy, but also on the quite imponderable question of the extent to which it is prepared to make use of it. The tennis court is there, visible. But no one can guess how much patriotic or other pressure is

required before its owner will set about digging it up and planting it with potatoes.

And from capacity to produce it is a long step to capacity to pay; for the latter implies that part of the production is to be used for the benefit not of the producer but of some other party—a creditor or a tax-gatherer; and so we come to the still more unanswerable question of the point at which the energy of production will be checked by the thought, that so much of each man's work will be devoted to somebody else's benefit. In these psychological matters each nation can only make guesses from its own experience; and there is no doubt that we in England, at the time when income tax and super-tax was at their maximum, were checked in our readiness to work and to take economic risks by the thought that something like half the reward of effort would go into the maw of the tax collector. As long as the war lasted, this feeling had little if any effect; afterwards, it was certainly a factor to be reckoned with.

All these uncertainties have to be cleared up before we can know the facts about the power of a people to make payments to its own Government; and when the question is still further expanded by trying to reckon its power to make payments abroad, a new set of complications arises. One of the most important services rendered by the Dawes Commission was the emphasis that it laid on a fact—recognized by economists and business men, but obscure to the general public—that a people can only transfer money across its frontiers by means of an excess of exports, using the word exports in its widest sense. With regard to Germany the Dawes Commission left this problem to be settled in the light of experience. It decided how much could be collected in Germany towards reparations payments, but left the amount to be transferred to the Allies to be settled by the exchange value of the mark, payments being limited to the amount of marks that can be sold abroad without breaking their price.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, July 10 1925.*

Naturally, business at this time of year is at a rather moderate pace, although it is noticeable that the effects of the habit for many months past of buying from hand to mouth are seen in a more active demand in some trades than might be expected, if only for the moment. For instance, there is quite a good demand for "filling in" in the clothing business. And it is noticeable that business in June showed a tendency to improve, probably for the very reason that buyers had been drawing it too fine. They had been buying too little, relying on quick deliveries and comparatively stationary prices. Now it develops that consumption is to all appearances increasing in this country. The coffee dealers find that consumption of that beverage goes on and prices have further advanced. Brazil seems, to all intents and purposes, still to be in control of the market, partly for the reason that roasters, jobbers and others had for too long a period abstained from buying except on a small scale. And now the quantity of coffee in sight for the United States is something less than it was a year ago. Sugar has declined somewhat. Refiners' business has on the whole been rather disappointing and granulated to-day was down to 5.35 cents, with raw a little under 2½ cents. Evidently production the world over has outrun consumption. The grain markets have all advanced during the week. The wheat crop is estimated at a total of 680,000,000 bushels, against 872,000,000 last year, and prices of wheat are some 3 to 5 cents higher than a week ago. Corn has advanced, although the crop is estimated at some 3,100,000,000 bushels, or 650,000,000 bushels more than last year. Oats are higher, with the crop 1,292,000,000 bushels, or roughly 250,000,000 bushels less than a year ago. There has been fair export demand for wheat, oats and rye. Cotton has advanced sharply, mainly because of the persistent Texas drought and the scarcity of contracts here. Moreover, spinning interests may be on the eve of better times. Fall River shows signs of more activity.

Instead of weekly sales, as for many weeks recently, of only 30,000 pieces of print cloth, they are 100,000 pieces this week and reached, it turns out, some 200,000 last week. The feeling there is more cheerful. And at Manchester, N. H., the big Amoskeag Co. will put on 2,000 more hands in the gingham department on Monday. At the South there is less talk of curtailment among the cotton mills. There is no disguising the fact that the cotton goods manufacturing in this country is not in really satisfactory shape; far from it. Profits are slim, where there are any at all, and in many cases the mills are kept going rather than suffer losses from the overhead charges and the less probably, too, of labor which would drift away to other parts of the country. But the trend is towards improvement. Wool sales in London are turning out better than expected, particularly on the fine grades, though the lower grades are dull and selling at less satisfactory prices. The woolen goods industry in this country, however, is still quiet.

Building is active where it is not interfered with by the exactions of labor or quarreling among labor unions. It now turns out that an arrangement will be made whereby some \$25,000,000 of work will be proceeded with here. But there is still a question whether there may not be a country-wide hold-up of construction simply because of a quarrel between bricklayers' and plasterers' unions. It is a curious commentary on the times when a thing of this kind can occur in a civilized country. The supply of housing is still short, rents are high and the people suffer, yet it seems nothing can be done. Permit values for the second quarter of 1925 make a high record. Rubber has advanced to-day to \$1 a pound, the highest in nearly ten years, and the only comfort the rubber consumer has is that the tire manufacturers are resorting to a campaign to save rubber. Fifteen years ago the price was treble the present quotation, or \$3.05. Then over-production brought prices down to 17 cents a year ago. From this price there has been a rebound to \$1 because of artificial restriction of output by British

interests. It ought to be possible to introduce economies in the manufacture of rubber goods, that is by eliminating waste, to partly meet the situation. In time, of course, it will cure itself by the increase of production in other countries. Economic law provides for such things. The remedy is as sure as the fact that the need exists.

One of the most prosperous branches of business is the silk industry, as has been the case all along. In the iron and steel trade the feeling is hopeful, but as a matter of fact, just now business is not at all brisk and there are intimations that prices are shaded from time to time, not only on pig iron, but on steel. Whether there is to be a coal strike or not, the operators have refused to advance wages. As the case stands, the available stocks of bituminous coal are small. Copper had advanced with an expanding demand. This may be taken as a sign of the times. The automobile industry is unusually active for this time of the year, although naturally the sales are smaller than in May and April. The output of cars in June was 396,000, against 404,500 in May and 421,878 in April. Brass manufacturers are doing a good business at higher prices. Mail order and chain store sales in June were larger than in May. The stock market has been active and in the main firm, though for a couple of days the tone has been more reactionary, as might have been expected, after the recent advance. Many stocks have reached new high levels, and naturally, there was a good deal of profit taking. Money has been irregular, but on the whole easier for call loans. Time money has been firmer. It is noticed that commercial paper is in better demand. This surely is a good sign. It is regrettable that Italian and French exchange has been irregular and more or less depressed, but sterling has been steady. The latest Bank of England statement was the strongest in nine years, and money is easier in London, owing to the large influx of gold. A feature of the London business situation is the active, excited and rapidly rising prices for rubber. There is distinctly a more cheerful tone in London. And the French bank rate has been reduced to 6%. Altogether, the general trend of things in Europe seems to be toward improvement. The closing of the Berlin Stock Exchange the other day in connection with the bond controversy was merely a passing incident. President Coolidge has let Europe distinctly understand that the United States is its friend, but expects European Powers to get together in the matter of preserving the peace and take such measures that it will be insured beyond question. Then, and then only, will this country be ready to lend its aid to the peoples across the sea. And in this position the President will have the backing of the American people, irrespective of party.

Fall River, Mass., it is now declared, has seen its worst. For the first time in two years manufacturers there are beginning to be hopeful. They are more so than for many months past. They think next winter will see a noteworthy improvement. Talk of moving to other places has died out. As already stated, last week's total sales there were 200,000 pieces, being five times as large as the average for any week in the last 90 days. Mills are either closed or are not running on full time there, however, because raw cotton is too high and too scarce and cotton goods too low in price. Profits are small, where there are any at all. But the better demand recently for mill shares is a straw showing the hopeful trend of feeling at Fall River. Many mills are running at least on short time because it is cheaper to do so than to close down. Mill owners meanwhile are biding their time. Sales in the past week were 100,000 pieces at firmer prices. A big demand is said to be developing. The resumption of operations after holidays has benefited 6,500 workers in textile mills in Holyoke and South Hadley Falls, Mass. A Manchester, N. H., wire says that a better business in Amoskeag's gingham line is indicated in notices posted by the company calling in nearly 2,000 employees next Monday morning. Weave rooms closed for three weeks will start up. Looms which were shut down indefinitely have been ordered opened. The company resumed operations on July 6 with all departments in the worsted section of the mill in operation. A number of the rooms in the cotton section were still closed.

The Cherokee Falls Manufacturing Co., at Cherokee Falls, S. C., has closed down for a week to give the machinery a thorough overhauling. The Union Buffalo Mills Co. of Buffalo, S. C., is giving its operatives a two-weeks holiday.

At Rochester, N. Y., a strike affecting 150 clothing workers has been called on the Aaron Silverstein clothing firm, and contract shops manufacturing for them, by the Amal-

gamated Clothing Workers of America. This strike is but one of a large number now in effect in cities in which the Amalgamated is established, called in the effort of the Amalgamated to bring about a 100% organization in membership in all its branches. At present strikes are in effect in Chicago, Buffalo and New York and may be called at a later date in Philadelphia.

Chain store sales in June increased in some cases 12½ to 23%. The June sales of F. W. Woolworth Co., compared with the same month last year, showed the largest gain reported for any month thus far this year, according to a statement issued by the company. The gain reported was about \$1,000,000 larger than the increase reported in May and \$400,000 larger than the January gain, which was the previous record for the current year. Based upon the sales for June and for the first six months of 1925, it is estimated that the current year's business will establish a new high record.

The weather was for the most part warm until the afternoon of the 8th inst., when rains lowered the temperature. At the beginning of the week it was 86 to 90 degrees. On the 8th it was 100 at Kansas City and 92 at Cincinnati, but the temperature had fallen to 76 at Chicago and 72 at Cleveland, and it was only 80 at St. Paul. It has been up to 110 in Texas and 100 to 105 in some other parts of the South. The great Texas drought is unbroken. There were heavy thunder showers here to-day, after which, however, the weather became sultry.

#### Increase in Retail Food Prices by Cities.

The U. S. Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, has completed the compilations showing changes in the retail cost of food in 23 of the 51 cities included in the Bureau's report, and under date of July 9, says:

During the month from May 15 to June 15 1925, all of the 23 cities showed increases as follows: Detroit 4%, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Mobile, Omaha, Philadelphia and St. Louis 3%; Bridgeport, Fall River, Jacksonville, Manchester, Memphis, Peoria and Portland, Me., 2%; and Baltimore, Boston, Charleston, S. C., Dallas, Little Rock, New York, St. Paul and Savannah, 1%.

For the year period, June 15 1924 to June 15 1925, all of the 23 cities showed increases as follows: Mobile, 13%; Memphis and Savannah, 12%; Little Rock, 11%; Baltimore, Cincinnati, Detroit, Kansas City, Omaha Peoria and St. Louis, 10%; Charleston, S. C., Dallas, Jacksonville and Philadelphia, 9%; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 7%; Bridgeport, New York and Portland, Me., 6%; Boston and Fall River, 5%, and Manchester, 4%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the retail cost of food on June 15 1925 was 66% higher in Detroit, 63% in Baltimore, 58% in Philadelphia and St. Louis, 57% in Cincinnati, 56% in Charleston, S. C., 55% in Milwaukee, New York and Omaha, 54% in Dallas, 53% in Kansas City, 51% in Boston, 48% in Memphis, 47% in Fall River, Jacksonville and Manchester, and 46% in Little Rock. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Mobile, Peoria, Portland, Me., and Savannah in 1913, hence no comparison for the 12-year period can be given for those cities.

#### Seasonal Changes Important in Factory Employment in New York State During June—Smallest Decrease Since Curtailment of Operations.

Stating that factory employment in New York State went down less than one per cent from May to June, State Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton, in his review just made public says that this is the smallest decrease which has been reported since manufacturers began to curtail operations after the early spring gain. Commissioner Hamilton continues:

During June it is estimated almost 1,300,000 workers were engaged in manufacturing throughout the State. This is about equal to the number employed a year ago when the depression was nearing its low point. Higher payrolls, however, indicate that plants are running closer to full time schedules than in 1924.

The analysis is based on reports covering 430,000 employees or over one-third of all the factory employees of the State. These reports are received from a list of firms which has remained practically unchanged for a period of over ten years.

Although the June decrease was not large, the number of employees involved probably exceeded previous months when the total volume of employment fluctuated more sharply. June is a month when the seasonal factory in employment is strikingly evident. Summer activity in canning, building supplies and men's clothing meant the absorption of thousands of men and women into these industries. At the same time contraction continued in other trades as the summer dullness came on. And reductions began in the automobile factories following the high production of May. While seasonal movements explained the largest changes in employment during June, the downward tendency of the last few months was still in evidence in some of the metals and textiles.

#### General Tendency of Textiles is Downward.

Over a thousand operatives were released from the textile mills reporting to the State during June and several hundred more were out as the result of a strike. The most consistent reductions appeared in the carpet mills which are beginning to slow up after an unusually active spring. Knit goods—silk, cotton and woolen—showed hardly more than the usual reductions but the factories are running below last year. The situation in cotton was not encouraging as part time was instituted in some of the mills. Woolens improved somewhat and several companies reported they were

working longer hours. Those employed at finishing textiles were affected by the dullness in cotton goods.

The importance of the automobile industry is seen in the wide range of manufactures affected as the peak of activity was passed. Batteries, bolts, hardware, castings, upholstery, brass and copper accessories were all pulled downward. Manufacturers of automobiles and parts reporting to the State let over a thousand employees go in June, although not all factories began to curtail operations. June also brought further reductions in iron and steel mills. Copper was uneven. While railroad equipment factories were employing as many men as in May, employees in the several equipment districts were seriously affected by the changes that occurred within the plants. There were fewer engaged in railroad repair work. Typewriter factories were busier but instruments of precision and lenses went down during June.

*Large Seasonal Gains in June.*

While over a hundred employees were taken on in the brick yards reporting to the State, the stimulus of the demand for materials was reflected in higher wages rather than in increased employment. Seasonal wage rate increases were granted. Employment is now about 20% under last year but part of this is due to the introduction of machinery in the Hudson River district. There were small gains in cement and plaster and a decided improvement in some of the mills making house trim.

The warm weather early in June and sufficient rain resulted in an early start for the canning factories and rushed the beverage industry. Forces in the canneries almost doubled. Other seasonal increases appeared in baked goods, ice cream and candy. Cigar manufacturers are still cutting forces.

Over 2,000 workers were added to the payrolls of the men's clothing factories making a monthly report, as both the up-State and New York City seasons progressed. Shirt and collar factories operated at a lower rate than in May and manufacturers of all kinds of women's clothing reported the usual dullness at this time. Conditions in the shoe industry were uneven. Heavy seasonal reductions appeared side by side with increases after the recent depression.

Changes within the chemical industries included losses in soap and drugs and a seasonal gain in petroleum products. There was a severe curtailment in one or two of the industrial chemical factories. Paper goods and printing plants had slightly fewer employees at work in June.

Poor market conditions and the approach of summer made furniture manufacturers slow up further and pianos tended downward.

*Small Decrease in New York City.*

The course of employment in New York City from May to June closely followed that of the whole State. However, the absence of heavier metal manufactures, particularly automobiles, made the decrease for this city slightly less. There were 170,000 employees in the reporting factories, about the number at work a year ago.

Hundreds of workers were taken on in the food plants reporting to the State, particularly in the biscuit factories after recent reductions and there were one or two large gains in the candy factories.

All the sewing trades, with the exception of men's clothing, moved downward because of the slack season. Straw hat manufacturers let more employees go and labor troubles in some of the factories meant additional workers were temporarily unemployed. Men's clothing shops reporting to the State had over 1,000 more at work than in May and they are running above last year. Shoe factories were irregular.

Other seasonal reductions were found in Jewelry, smoking pipes and leather and paper goods. Building materials in New York City consist mainly of plaster, house trim, cut stone and paints. The first two made good gains. Lumber for the furniture industry declined from May.

A large part of the decrease in the metals was seasonal and employment for this group of industries is still above 1924. Railroad repair shops were less busy but the automobile factories, doing repair work, stayed even with May. There were a few losses in machine shops. Summer dullness accounted for the lowered employment in instrument, cutlery and hardware factories.

*Seasonal Gains in Rochester and Syracuse.*

As the emphasis in the June labor market was on seasonal industries, it followed that Rochester was the only city to show a decided increase from May. The presence of canning and men's clothing industries sent employment up about 2% for the city. However, employment here is still below last year because of the metals and chemicals. These two groups of industries made little change in June. Shoe manufacturers on the whole reduced forces.

Syracuse also reported a small gain which was limited almost entirely to the clothing industry. Employees released from men's clothing shops last month were taken back on the payrolls. The activity in the automobile industry which has been responsible for the improvement in this district recently lasted well through June. The manufacture of office equipment improved during the month but some of the other metal industries curtailed production somewhat.

*Further Loss in Capital District.*

The 2% reduction in June brings employment in the Capital District to about where it was in the midst of the 1924 depression. Reductions in some of the important metal industries were supplemented by serious losses in the textile mills and to a smaller extent in the collar factories. Railroad equipment gained after reaching a new low point last month but steel and machinery continued to move downward. Printing and paper goods stayed fairly even.

*Automobiles Important In Buffalo Loss.*

While the Syracuse district reported that the automobile and accessories factories were running close to the May schedule, Buffalo plants showed a decided loss in June. About 700 employees were released from the reporting factories. The Buffalo district, however, led in the early spring increases. This loss and a decrease in drugs and household chemicals brought employment for this area a little below May. The advance of the season for men's clothing meant that about 500 workers were added to the payrolls of the shops on the State's list.

*Utica Even with May.*

Utica reported little change in June after the May decrease. All of the metal industries in this district with the exception of the copper mills were slightly less active than the preceding month but there were few large changes. Textiles were running a little below May but cotton goods stayed fairly even. Seasonal gains in food products and men's clothing tended to offset these losses. The recovery in leather products, which was begun last month, extended into June and a large number of employees were taken back on the payrolls after several months absence.

Highly seasonal industries are not found in Binghamton so that the sharp gains of other cities did not appear here. Metals lost slightly during June and there were severe reductions in one or two of the furniture factories. A few more workers were released from cigar plants.

**Enormous Building Volume in June—F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of Building Activity.**

June was another month of enormous building volume, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. Contracts awarded last month in the 36 Eastern States (which include about 7% of the total construction volume of the country) amounted to \$540,609,600. This was only 7 million dollars less than the highest record figure, which was reached last April. The increase over May was 9%; over June of last year, nearly 40%. It is rather unusual for the June building volume to exceed that of May. The statement goes on to say:

Each month of the past quarter has had a larger building total than that of any month previous to April. The first quarter of 1925 increased \$44,000,090 over the first quarter of 1924; the second quarter of this year increased \$294,000,000 over the second quarter of last year. The total increase during the past six months has been over \$338,000,000; which is nearly 15%. This increase has brought the total construction of the first half of 1925 up to \$2,660,173,700.

The June record included the following important items: \$208,582,500, or 39% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$92,915,700, or 17%, for public works and utilities; \$92,151,900, or 17%, for commercial buildings; \$64,584,800, or 12%, for educational buildings; and \$25,161,400, or 5%, for industrial buildings.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$667,876,600. This was 6% less than the amount reported in May, but 54% greater than the amount reported in June of last year.

*New England.*

June building contracts in New England amounted to \$42,963,200. This was 15% under the May figure, but 26% over the total for June of last year. New construction started during the first half of this year has amounted to \$212,387,400, an increase of 19% over the first half of 1924.

Last month's record included: \$16,653,300, or 39% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$11,293,900, or 26%, for commercial buildings; \$4,487,000, or 10%, for industrial buildings; \$4,334,600, or 10%, for educational buildings; and \$2,975,300, or 7%, for public works and utilities.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$42,219,600. This was a decrease of 24% from the amount reported in May, but an increase of 10% over June of last year.

*New York State and Northern New Jersey.*

Contracts awarded last month in New York State and Northern New Jersey amounted to \$121,996,500. This was an increase of 8% over May and of 33% over June 1924. Total new construction started in this district during the first half of this year has amounted to \$625,056,300, which is 17% less than the total volume of the first half of last year.

Last month's record included: \$54,870,000, or 45% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$35,462,600, or 29%, for commercial buildings, \$8,023,200, or 7%, for public works and utilities; \$7,096,300, or 6%, for religious and memorial buildings; \$6,017,500, or 5%, for social and recreational projects; and \$5,364,000, or 4%, for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$161,119,800, which was only 9% under the May figure and was nearly double that of June 1924.

*Middle Atlantic States.*

Construction started last month in the Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, and Virginia) amounted to \$44,804,700. This was a decrease of 14% from May and an increase of 11% over June of last year. The June record brought the total construction volume for this district during the first half of 1925 up to \$276,799,400. This is 21% more than the volume of the first half of last year.

Included in last month's record were: \$21,481,000, or 48% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$7,350,300, or 16%, for public works and utilities; \$4,744,000, or 11%, for commercial buildings; and \$4,040,400, or 9%, for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$70,215,700, a decrease of 39% from the amount reported in May and an increase of 18% over the amount reported in June of last year.

*Another Record Month in the Southeast.*

Last month's contract total in the Southeastern States (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana) was \$74,265,800. This was an increase of 3% over May, which was itself the record month to date. The June record was also 32% over that of June 1924. New construction started in these states during the first half of 1925 amounted to \$335,122,400, an increase of 12% over the first half of last year.

Included in the June record were: \$24,401,300, or 33% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$21,622,900, or 29%, for public works and utilities \$9,638,500, or 13%, for commercial buildings; \$6,706,000, or 9%, for industrial buildings; and \$4,384,300, or 6%, for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported last month amounted to \$125,986,600. This was slightly less than the amount reported in May and more than double the amount reported in June of last year.

*Pittsburgh District.*

Last month's building contracts in the Pittsburgh district (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky) amounted to \$62,983,100. This was an increase of 3% over May and of 22% over June 1924. It brought the total building volume for the first half of this year up to \$413,467,500, an increase of nearly 13% over the first half of last year.

The June record included: \$24,792,300, or 39% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$14,777,000, or 23%, for public works and utilities; \$7,372,300, or 12%, for commercial buildings; \$5,685,500, or 9%, for educational buildings; and \$3,331,000, or 5%, for industrial buildings.

Contemplated new work reported last month amounted to \$72,121,300, a slight increase over the amount reported in May and 61% over the amount reported in June of last year.

*The Central West Again Breaks Record.*

June building contracts in the Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Southern Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska) reached the enormous total of \$181,129,900, the highest monthly figure on record for the district. The previous top record was that of last April, with a total of \$157,668,200. June's increase over May was 30%; over the previous June, 77%. New construction started in this district during the first half of 1925 has amounted to \$746,344,800, an increase of 39% over the first half of 1924.

Included in the June record were: \$62,721,500, or 35% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$39,762,500, or 22%, for educational buildings (including a 25-million dollar group of buildings for the University of Chicago); \$34,076,400, or 19%, for public works and utilities; \$21,568,600, or 12%, for commercial buildings; \$9,457,300, or 5%, for social and recreational projects; and \$6,300,300, or 3%, for industrial buildings.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$185,486,800. Although this was only slightly over the amount of work actually started, it was considerably greater than the amount of contemplated work reported in May or in June of last year.

The Northwest.

Contracts awarded during June in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Northern Michigan amounted to \$12,466,400. This was only 1% under the May figure and it was 13% over June of last year. The June record put this district definitely ahead of last year in building volume. New construction started during the past six months, amounted to \$51,055,900, has increased nearly 3% over the first half of 1924.

Included in the June record were the following important items: \$4,090,600, or 33% of all construction for public works and utilities; \$3,663,100, or 29%, for residential buildings; \$2,072,000, or 17%, for commercial buildings; and \$1,013,500, or 8%, for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$10,726,800. This figure is only slightly over that of June 1924 and is slightly under that of May 1925.

Texas.

June building contracts in Texas (which is not included in the 36 Eastern States) amounted to \$20,442,200. This was an increase of 61% over May and also 50% over the average for the five earlier months of this year. However, it was 27% under the total for June 1924. New construction started in Texas during the past six months has amounted to \$88,521,100, which is 25% more than in the preceding six months.

Last month's record included: \$10,295,300, or 50% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$4,747,100, or 23%, for commercial buildings, and \$2,976,600, or 15%, for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported in June amounted to \$26,088,600. Although this was an increase of 48% over the amount reported in May, it was 35% less than the amount reported in June of last year.

Increased Building Volume in New York.

June building contracts in the five boroughs of New York City amounted to \$76,173,000, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. This was a 26% increase over May and a 51% increase over June of last year. It is rather unusual it is stated for that June volume to exceed that of the previous month. Last month's record was characterized by an increase in commercial buildings contracted for, and a slight decrease in residential buildings. Residential contracts reached a total of \$35,103,100, which was 46% of all construction. Commercial buildings amounted to \$24,875,100, which was 33% of the total. Public works and utilities amounted to \$4,984,300, or 7%; religious and memorial buildings, \$4,861,000, or 6%; social and recreational projects, \$3,040,000, or 4%; educational buildings, \$2,178,000, or 3%.

Total new construction started in New York during the first half of the year according to the Dodge Corporation has amounted to \$370,275,800, compared with \$514,489,500, a decrease of 28%. However, this year's building volume to date it is pointed out is considerably greater than that of any previous year except 1924. There has been a considerable recovery in building activity during the second quarter of 1925, which ran only 13% behind the second quarter of last year; whereas, the first quarter of this year was nearly 41% under the first quarter of 1924.

Continued Large Revenue Freight Tonnage.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on June 27 totaled 991,341 cars, according to reports filed to-day by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. Compared with the corresponding week last year, this was an increase of 83,090 cars but a decrease of 30,130 cars under the corresponding week in 1923. The total for the week of June 27 was an increase of 8,741 cars over the preceding week, grain and grain products, live stock, coal, miscellaneous freight and ore being the only commodities to show an increase over the week before. Further particulars follow:

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight amounted to 255,807 cars, a decrease of 1,907 cars under the week before, but 15,715 cars above the corresponding week last year as well as 10,699 cars over the same week two years ago.

Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 369,057 cars, an increase of 1,564 cars above the week before and 45,858 cars above the same week last year. It also was an increase of 20,166 cars above the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 36,414 cars, an increase of 1,129 cars over the week before but 1,907 cars below the same week last year and 703 cars under the same week in 1923. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 23,460 cars, a decrease of 1,565 cars under the corresponding week last year.

Coal loading totaled 159,473 cars, an increase of 5,810 cars over the preceding week and 14,720 cars above the same week last year. Compared with the corresponding week two years ago, however, it was a decrease of 25,851 cars.

Ore loading totaled 63,026 cars, an increase of 1,369 cars over the preceding week and 3,828 cars above the same week last year. It was, however, a decrease of 17,765 cars under the same period two years ago.

Live stock loading for the week totaled 27,150 cars, an increase of 1,569 cars over the week before, but a decrease of 701 cars below the corresponding week last year as well as 3,048 cars under the same week two years ago. In the western districts alone, 20,593 cars were loaded with live stock during the week, 486 cars below last year.

Forest products loading totaled 71,267 cars, 750 cars below the week before but 3,416 cars above last year. Compared with the same week two years ago, it was a decrease of 8,030 cars.

Coke loading totaled 9,147 cars, a decrease of 43 cars below the preceding week but 2,161 cars above the corresponding period in 1924. Compared with the same period in 1923, it was a decrease of 5,598 cars.

Compared with the preceding week this year, increases in the total loading of all commodities were reported in all districts except the Northwestern. All districts reported increases over the corresponding period last year while all reported increases over the same week two years ago except the Eastern, Allegheny, Northwestern and Central western.

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

Table with 3 columns: Year (1925, 1924, 1923), and 4 rows of weekly totals for January through June. Total for 1925 is 24,297,628; for 1924 is 23,185,152; for 1923 is 24,005,502.

Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Selected Cities in June This Year Compared With Last Year.

In making public on July 8 a statement giving the postal receipts at fifty selected cities throughout the country for the month of June 1925, which showed an increase of 14.72% over the same month for 1924, Postmaster-General New observed that it is impossible to say what percentage is due to the newly adopted postal rates. The total receipts for June 1925 were \$26,986,519, while those for the corresponding month last year were but \$23,523,748. The city of Jacksonville, Fla., led in the percentage of increased postal receipts for June 1925, amounting to 29.11%. Jersey City, N. J., came next with an increase of 27.73%, while Cincinnati, Ohio, was third with an increase of 22.32%. The comments of Postmaster-General New follow:

Although the receipts for June 1925 show an increase of 14.72% over June 1924, it is fair to state that June 1924, with which the comparison is made, was a very poor month and showed a loss of 1.17% in receipts over June 1923. In contemplating the increase, this fact must be taken into consideration as well as the further fact that in June 1925 there was one more business day than in June 1924.

Therefore, the increase of 14.72% is, to that extent, abnormal. It is impossible to say what percentage of this increase is due to normal increase of business and what percentage of it is due to the new postal rates prescribed by the Act of Feb. 28 1925.

However, all things considered, the month's business is about what the Department had anticipated and is reasonably satisfactory.

We annex herewith the summary for the month:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY SELECTED OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1925. Table with 4 columns: Office, June 1925, June 1924, Increase, and 3 columns of percentage changes (1925 over 1924, 1924 over 1923, 1925 over 1923).

Total... \$26,986,519 72 \$23,523,748 30 \$3,462,770 42 14.72 \*1.17 7.07 \* Decrease, March 1925 over March 1924, 5.91, April 1925 over April 1924, 8.04, May 1925 over May 1924, 5.94.

Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Industrial Cities in June as Compared With Year Ago.

Although the receipts of the 50 selected post offices for the month of June 1925 show an increase of 14.72% over June 1924, and those of 50 industrial cities, with 16.45% show even a better average, it is fair to state, says the statement of the Post Office Department July 8, that June 1924, with which the comparison was made, was a very poor month and showed a loss of 1.17% in receipts of June 1923. In contemplating the increase this fact must be taken into consideration as well as the further fact that in June 1925 there was one more business day than in June 1924. Postmaster-General New in his comments states:

There are two most gratifying circumstances in connection with these figures, the first of which is the fact that every one of the larger cities shows an increase, and the same is true of all but one of the 50 industrial towns.





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

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1925.....	6,527,450,171	6,456,375,255	6,283,546,035
1924.....	6,357,699,787	6,288,119,274	5,913,553,893
1925 Increase.....	169,750,384	168,255,981	369,992,142

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. Nine of these mills reported a cut of 9,139,000 feet, shipments 6,374,000 feet, and orders 4,978,000 feet. The reported cut represents 23% of the total of the California Pine region. As compared with the preceding week, from reports of the same number of mills, decrease is shown in all three items.

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

One hundred and fifteen mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending June 27 manufactured 102,950,030 feet of lumber; sold 98,527,268 feet; and shipped 110,886,599 feet. New business was 4% below production. Shipments were 12½% above new business.

Forty per cent of all new business taken during the week was for water delivery. This amounted to 38,869,343 feet, of which 23,369,463 feet was for domestic cargo delivery; and 15,499,940 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,792 cars.

Forty-one per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 45,708,674 feet, of which 31,045,542 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal; and 14,663,132 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1,976 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 5,897,925 feet. Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 148,456,020 feet. Unfilled export orders 75,900,126 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders 4,706 cars.

In the first twenty-six weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 2,622,935,624 feet; new business 2,673,775,956 feet; and shipments 2,722,372,758 feet.

**Crude Oil Prices Rise—Gasoline Unchanged.**

Advances in the price of crude oil during the past week, while not numerous, tend to show the trend of the markets. The Ohio Oil Co. on July 6 announced an advance of 10c. a barrel in the price of Wooster crude oil, marking that product up to \$2 25 a barrel. On July 8 the Joseph Seep Agency advanced Corning crude oil 20c. a barrel to \$2 25. The Humble Oil & Refining raised the price of high-gravity crude in Currie pool, Texas, effective July 9, to bring it in line with adjustment made by Texas Co. two weeks ago. This brings Currie crude 42 gravity and above to \$2 25 a barrel; under 42 remains at \$2. Previously all grades of Currie were posted at \$2 a barrel. Effective July 10 the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. posted higher prices for crude oil in Oklahoma, Kansas and north Texas, resulting in increasing prices from 5 to 33c. a barrel. The increased prices posted for Mid-Continent crude oil by Prairie Oil & Gas Co. divide the crude into 17 gradings, compared with six gradings previously. The new and old prices per barrel are as follows:

New Prices.		Old Prices.	
28 to 28.9 gravity.....	\$1 40	Below 30 degrees.....	\$1 35
29 to 29.9 ".....	1 48	30 to 32.9 ".....	1 55
30 to 30.9 ".....	1 56	33 to 35.9 ".....	1 80
31 to 31.9 ".....	1 64	36 to 38.9 ".....	2 00
32 to 32.9 ".....	1 72	39 to 41.9 ".....	2 25
33 to 33.9 ".....	1 80	42 and above.....	2 35
34 to 34.9 ".....	1 88		
35 to 35.9 ".....	1 96		
36 to 36.9 ".....	2 04		
37 to 37.9 ".....	2 12		
38 to 38.9 ".....	2 20		
39 to 39.9 ".....	2 28		
40 to 40.9 ".....	2 36		
41 to 41.9 ".....	2 44		
42 to 42.9 ".....	2 52		
43 to 43.9 ".....	2 60		
44 and above.....	2 68		

These prices were followed by the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co.

The wholesale market for Mid-Continent gasoline has been advanced to 13c. a gallon, following the higher crude oil prices. Refiners have withdrawn all offerings, which up to that time were up to 12¾ and 12½c. a gallon, according to July 10 press dispatches.

**Crude Oil Production Again Declines.**

The American Petroleum Institute this week estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the Smackover heavy oil field was 220,400 barrels, a decrease of 17,850 barrels for the week ending July 4. The daily average production in the United States for the week ended July 4 was 2,152,350 barrels, as compared with 2,173,850 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 21,500 barrels. The daily average production in the United States, excluding Smack-

over heavy, decreased 3,650 barrels. The daily average production east of California was 1,491,850 barrels, as compared with 1,519,350 barrels, a decrease of 28,500 barrels.

California production was 661,500 barrels, as compared with 654,500 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 7,000 barrels; Santa Fe Springs is reported at 51,500 barrels, against 52,000; Long Beach, 107,500 barrels, against 108,000; Huntington Beach, 45,000 barrels, against 44,000; Torrance, 36,000 barrels, against 35,500; Dominguez, 31,000 barrels, no change; Rosecrans, 22,000 barrels, against 22,500, and Inglewood, 85,500 barrels, against 77,500.

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, north, east central and west central Texas, north Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended July 4 was 1,144,900 barrels, as compared with 1,171,100 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 26,200 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Ark., heavy oil, was 924,500 barrels, against 932,850 barrels, a decrease of 8,350 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks indicated:

(In Barrels.)	DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.			
	July 4 '25.	June 27 '25.	June 20 '25.	July 5 '24.
Oklahoma.....	445,100	447,900	451,700	476,950
Kansas.....	100,100	101,300	103,750	76,500
North Texas.....	86,300	87,200	88,900	78,350
East Central Texas.....	107,600	110,000	113,300	120,400
West Central Texas.....	92,900	94,500	96,600	48,950
North Louisiana.....	51,850	51,100	51,250	54,100
Arkansas.....	261,050	279,100	302,250	149,950
Gulf Coast.....	101,250	103,450	104,350	71,250
Southwest Texas.....	48,100	46,900	49,600	44,400
Eastern.....	104,000	104,500	104,500	107,500
Rocky Mountain.....	92,000	93,400	95,750	120,200
California.....	661,500	654,500	635,500	619,500
Total.....	2,152,350	2,173,850	2,197,450	1,968,550

**Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, &c.**

Under date of July 6 the Silk Association of America makes public the following statistics relative to raw silk imports, stocks on hand June 1 1925, &c.:

	RAW SILK IN STORAGE JULY 1 1925.			
	(As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City.)			
	Figures in Bales.			
	Euro-pean.	Japan.	Other.	Total.
Stocks June 1 1925.....	1,430	32,105	8,982	42,517
Imports month of June 1925.*b.....	1,171	34,403	5,500	41,074
Total amount available during June.....	2,601	66,508	14,482	83,591
Stocks July 1 1925.b.....	1,295	34,823	7,898	44,016
Approx. deliveries to American mills during June.a.....	1,306	31,685	6,584	39,575

**SUMMARY.**

	Imports During Month.*			Storage at End of Month.		
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1925.	1924.	1923.
January.....	37,084	36,364	32,592	58,732	44,398	47,087
February.....	39,046	25,632	33,759	60,249	40,226	44,615
March.....	31,571	16,692	28,336	46,663	30,375	39,436
April.....	32,648	21,272	27,414	39,271	25,662	28,657
May.....	41,512	29,684	25,814	42,517	27,074	29,962
June.....	41,074	20,933	23,727	44,016	24,843	25,865
July.....	.....	29,322	25,622	.....	23,213	22,914
August.....	.....	36,380	36,092	.....	30,075	25,459
September.....	.....	48,551	28,837	.....	42,260	27,367
October.....	.....	37,646	31,229	.....	44,398	32,679
November.....	.....	44,057	27,944	.....	55,516	35,398
December.....	.....	39,978	28,835	.....	61,533	40,959
Total.....	222,935	386,511	350,202	.....	.....	.....
Average monthly.....	37,156	32,209	29,184	48,575	37,464	33,367

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills.a			In Transit Between Yokohama, Kobe and New York, End of Month		
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1925.	1924.	1923.
January.....	39,885	32,925	34,680	18,900	13,700	16,200
February.....	37,529	29,804	36,231	12,400	8,700	12,300
March.....	45,157	26,543	33,515	12,705	9,600	11,300
April.....	40,040	25,985	38,193	16,969	12,400	13,900
May.....	38,266	28,272	24,509	19,100	13,100	11,400
June.....	39,575	23,164	27,824	15,000	14,000	11,000
July.....	.....	30,932	28,573	.....	18,700	16,400
August.....	.....	29,888	33,547	.....	30,000	16,500
September.....	.....	36,658	29,929	.....	12,000	5,200
October.....	.....	35,794	25,917	.....	19,200	14,400
November.....	.....	33,125	25,225	.....	21,200	15,000
December.....	.....	33,961	23,274	.....	24,000	22,800
Total.....	240,452	367,101	358,417	.....	.....	.....
Average monthly.....	40,075	30,592	29,868	15,846	16,383	13,867

\* Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the continent. a Includes re-exports. b Includes goods held at railroad terminals on June 30.

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

The revised figures showing the daily volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago during the month of June 1925, together with monthly totals for all "contract markets," as reported by the Grain Futures Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, were made public on July 7 by J. W. T. Duvel, in charge of the Chicago office of the Grain Futures Administration.

Total transactions during the month at all the markets aggregated 2,677,958,000 bushels, as compared with 1,443,067,000 bushels in the same month last year.

Table showing wheat transactions by date from June 1 to June 30, 1925. Columns include Date, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Flax, and Total.

Summary table for Chicago Open Board, Minneapolis C. of C., Kansas City B. of T., Duluth B. of T., St. Louis Mer. Ex., Milwaukee C. of C., San Francisco C. of C., Los Angeles Gr. Ex., and Baltimore C. of C.

Total all markets year ago. 850,055 426,320 89,435 75,407 884 966 1,443,067

"OPEN CONTRACTS" IN FUTURES ON THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FOR JUNE 1925.

Table showing open contracts for wheat, corn, oats, rye, and barley for June 1925, with sub-sections for "Short" and "Total" sides.

Steel Corporation's Unfilled Orders Show Further Decrease.

The United States Steel Corporation issued yesterday (July 10) its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of June 30 1925 to the amount of 3,710,458 tons.

Table showing unfilled orders for steel from 1925 back to 1921, with columns for month and tonnage.

Further Decline in Steel Production.

A further reduction occurred during June in the production of steel bringing the output down to the lowest level since November last. The American Iron & Steel Institute in its regular monthly statement issued July 9 puts the production of steel ingots in June 1925 by companies, which in 1924 made 94.43% of the steel ingot production in that year, at 3,028,423 tons, of which 2,538,988 tons were open-hearth, 476,945 tons Bessemer and 12,490 tons all other grades.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JAN. 1924 TO DEC. 1924. Reported for 1924 by companies which made 94.43% of the steel ingot production in that year.

Table showing monthly production of steel ingots from January 1924 to December 1924, with columns for Months, Open-Hearth, Bessemer, All Other, Monthly Production, Calculated Monthly Production, No of Working Days, and Approximate Daily Production.

Steel and Iron Markets Steady—Pig Iron Price Falls.

That consumption will continue through July and August on a scale well above that of the summer of 1924 is indicated as the steel trade enters on the second half of the year, according to the opinion of the "Iron Age" this week.

Estimates of June production of steel by the largest companies bear out the week-to-week statements in this review, that operations last month averaged 70%.

In only two other six-month periods has the country produced more steel than in the first six months of 1925. One of these was the first half of 1923, with its high record of 23,327,000 tons, and the other was the second half of 1918, with 22,531,000 tons.

Now that mill schedules have been more closely gaged to the country's actual consumption of steel, the extent to which buyers can count on prompt shipment is getting more attention in connection with the depletion of consumers' stocks.

Some access of strength is seen in the sheet market from the efforts of manufacturers to get 4.20c. for galvanized, 3.15c. for black and 2.30c. for blue annealed; but 3.10c. for black sheets is still being done.

Cold rolled strip steel is the other product on which attempts at price betterment are being concentrated.

In the Pittsburgh district tin plate and pipe mills still lead in activity, current operations being estimated above 85%.

Inquiries from the Central Railroad of Georgia for 1,000 freight cars and from the Texas & Pacific for 750, and the ordering of 367 passenger and baggage cars by the Pennsylvania represent the chief activity in railroad equipment.

Track supplies lately closed include 12,500 kegs of spikes and bolts and there is inquiry for 20,000 kegs. That the railroads are running close on their stocks of steel appears from various orders ranging from 300 to 1,000 tons of plates, shapes and bars.

Structural steel work, both in awards and inquiries, was the smallest in months in the holiday week. The largest inquiry is for 7,700 tons for a pier for the Erie RR. on the Hudson River.

At Cleveland, with six Lake vessels recently under inquiry, the Canadian National Ry. has asked bids on two barges calling for 6,000 tons of steel.

A third-quarter contract price below \$35 at Youngstown for sheet bars seems less likely now than a fortnight ago, when sheet producers were seeking a reduction to \$33.

Pig iron business in all selling centres has dropped off in the past fortnight. The good buying movement of May and early June did not help prices. Statistically, the main factors in the situation since May 1 are reduced production, increase in sales and unfilled tonnage, but no marked change in shipments or in stocks at furnaces.

Midsummer iron ore buying is rare, but a Pittsburgh district consumer has contracted for upward of 100,000 tons in the past week, and sales of low-grade ore amounted to 24,000 tons.

The German Raw Steel Association has been extended until October 1929. The proposed international rail syndicate is still under discussion. Meanwhile, Belgium and France are considering the taking of round lots of German rails on reparations account.

Pig iron, according to the "Iron Age" composite price, is down to \$18.96 a ton, from \$19.13 last week, the change being entirely in the Southern market. This is the first dip below \$19 since early April of 1922—39 months ago.

Finished steel remains at 2.431c. per lb., the "Iron Age" composite price showing no change. It has been within 2% of that figure for about three months.

The usual comparative price table follows:

July 7 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 U. S. output.	One week ago,	2.431c.	
	One month ago,	2.446c.	
	One year ago,	2.589c.	
	10-year pre-war average,	1.689c.	
July 7 1925, Pig Iron, \$18.96 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.	One week ago,	\$19.13	
	One month ago,	19.21	
	One year ago,	19.29	
	10-year pre-war average,	15.72	
1923 1924 1925			
Finished steel—High 2.824c. Apr. 24	2.789c. Jan. 15	2.560c. Jan. 6	
Low 2.446c. Jan. 2	2.460c. Oct. 14	2.424c. June 23	
Pig iron—High \$30.86 Mar. 20	\$22.88 Feb. 26	\$22.50 Jan. 13	
Low \$20.77 Nov. 20	\$19.21 Nov. 3	\$18.96 July 7	

Whether July will be a turning point in the iron and steel situation, after three months of steady retrenchment, remains an open question, declares the July 8 "Iron Trade Review." All indications are that the process of curtailment is nearly spent and that supply and demand have been brought close to a balancing position. The movement of material, while well sustained, is yet to show any trustworthy signs of an early expansion. In all events, however, the record is decidedly better than a year ago, when a condition of heavy production in the early months followed by a sharp decline by midyear prevailed. Sixty to 65% operations of the steel works to-day are fully 20% above the rate this time in 1924 and which was lowest in July. The steadiness of the present situation is more and more cause for hopeful sentiment and increasing expectations that subsequent changes will be for the better, continues this trade journal, adding:

Bookings at the Chicago mills during the past six weeks are fully 25% in excess of last year. In sheets and tin plate a margin gain of 10 to 15% is reported by leading producers. Tubular goods demand for the first half was uniformly large with some mills reporting June business as the best in their history.

Complete returns for June pig iron production show changes over May even more moderate than the preliminary returns had indicated. Loss in the average daily output was 5.6% against shrinkage of 11.7 and 20%, respectively, in the two preceding months. The net decline of five shown as the list of furnaces in blast at the end of June compared with 24 in May and 25 in April. The total in blast represented 47.9% of the total workable list of the country.

Actual production of coke and anthracite pig iron for the first half of 1925 was 19,981,830 tons, a gain of 1,558,413 tons, or 8.94% over 1924.

That railroads will prove heavier buyers during the last half than during the first six months, especially of equipment, is the view generally held. With reports new models embracing important changes soon to appear, the automobile industry entered the fag-end of its season with the July rate of activity beyond the most sanguine predictions.

State subsidies to revive languishing British pig iron conditions are being talked of now that manufacturers realize there is small chance of their obtaining the tariff protection which they had petitioned.

The composite this week on 14 representative iron and steel products is \$37.45. This compares with \$37.45 last week and \$37.33 the preceding week.

**June Pig Iron Output.**

Actual returns for the pig iron production in June show that the estimate quoted from the "Iron Age" of last week, July 2, was close to the real output. Final figures place the total at 2,673,457 gross tons, or 89,115 tons per day. This is 243 tons in excess of the daily rate published last week, when the output for the last two days was estimated by the companies reporting. The June output at 89,115 tons per day was 5,427 tons less than the daily rate in May, a decrease of 5.7%. The net loss of furnaces was 7 instead of 5, as estimated last week, 2 having been blown out on June 30, adds the "Iron Age," giving further details as follows:

The production of coke pig iron for the 30 days in June amounted to 2,673,457 tons, or 89,115 tons per day, as compared with 2,930,807 tons, or 94,542 tons per day for the 31 days in May. The June output is the lowest for the year, but is still considerably higher than that of last year at this time.

There were 10 furnaces blown out or banked and 3 blown in, a net loss of 7, bringing the number of furnaces active on July 1 to 189. The daily capacity of these 189 stacks on July 1 is estimated at about 86,250 tons, compared with 89,550 tons per day for the 196 furnaces active on June 1.

Of the 10 furnaces shut down last month, 5 were Steel Corporation stacks, 4 were independent steel company furnaces and one was a merchant furnace. One Steel Corporation and 2 independent steel company furnaces were blown in.

The production for the half year has been 19,011,948 tons, which compares with 17,434,492 tons for the first half of 1924 and with 20,841,534 tons for the first half of 1923.

**TOTAL PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS.**

	1923.	1924.	1925.
January	3,229,604	3,018,890	3,370,336
February	2,994,187	3,074,757	3,214,143
March	3,523,868	3,466,086	3,564,247
April	3,549,736	3,233,428	3,258,958
May	3,867,694	2,615,110	2,930,807
June	3,676,445	2,026,221	2,673,457
Half year	20,841,534	17,434,492	19,011,948
July	3,678,334	1,784,899	-----
August	3,449,493	1,887,145	-----
September	3,125,612	2,053,264	-----
October	3,149,158	2,477,127	-----
November	2,894,295	2,509,673	-----
December	2,920,982	2,961,702	-----
Year*	40,059,308	31,108,302	-----

\*These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1924 production of this iron was 212,710 tons.

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

	Steel Works.	Merchant.	Total.
1924—May	62,176	22,182	84,358
June	50,237	17,304	67,541
July	43,333	14,224	57,557
August	45,591	15,284	60,875
September	50,312	18,130	68,442
October	59,952	19,955	79,907
November	63,230	20,426	83,656
December	76,682	18,857	95,539
1925—January	86,856	21,864	108,720
February	90,707	24,084	114,791
March	90,741	24,234	114,975
April	83,827	24,805	108,632
May	74,415	20,127	94,542
June	70,452	18,663	89,115

**PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES—GROSS TONS.**

	—Total Production b—		—Spiegelisen and Ferromanganese*			
	1924.	1925.	1924.		1925.	
			Ferrom.	Spiegel.	Ferrom.	Spiegel.
January	2,274,005	2,692,537	20,735	7,948	23,578	5,418
February	2,410,658	2,539,785	22,405	9,870	18,184	4,910
March	2,674,565	2,812,995	22,351	13,796	20,062	5,449
April	2,463,027	2,514,828	23,580	4,240	21,448	5,341
May	1,927,461	2,306,887	14,993	9,336	22,679	5,294
June	1,507,110	2,113,566	20,049	9,405	19,836	4,972
Half year	13,256,826	14,980,598	124,113	54,595	125,787	31,384
July	1,343,952	-----	14,367	15,328	-----	-----
August	1,413,314	-----	10,718	8,010	-----	-----
September	1,509,360	-----	13,263	5,033	-----	-----
October	1,858,502	-----	7,780	10,047	-----	-----
November	1,896,886	-----	13,448	8,835	-----	-----
December	2,377,141	-----	21,220	5,284	-----	-----
Year	23,656,981	-----	204,909	107,132	-----	-----

\* Includes output of merchant furnaces.  
b Ferromanganese and spiegelisen included.

**Coal Production Gains a Trifle, but Prices Remain Practically Unchanged.**

The production in the majority of the producing districts has increased during the past week, but prices are still at the same low level, observes the "Coal Trade Journal's" Eastern market review this week. In the central Pennsylvania section the usual midsummer dullness prevails but loadings are ahead of last month and of June 1924. In the Pittsburgh unionized district production is low and spot trading is the dominant feature of the market. Prices are unchanged though some cars have had to be moved at slightly under the market prices in order to avoid demurrage. Industrial demand has increased slightly and by-product coke sales are steady. Slack is a trifle easier. Foundry coke in the Connellsville district is steady and in better condition than the furnace, continues the report, from which we quote further as follows:

In the Fairmont field of northern West Virginia the cement mills are contracting for slack at 10 cents under the price prevailing during June. Demand for mine-run has decreased slightly as has that for prepared, except for shipments to the Lakes. Railroads are expected to contract soon. The non-union tonnage is 86% of the total for the district. In southern West Virginia production is still increasing in both high and low volatile fields and prices have not receded. Smokeless quotations are unchanged with the exception of lump, which is lower in inland eastern markets. High volatile lump prices are softer in the west but egg is in better position. Slack is weak. Large shipments are going to the Lakes and to tidewater. In the Upper Potomac and Georges Creek fields contracting is practically absent and, with production increasing, prices are held at an extremely low level. In Virginia, however, conditions are unchanged with production at two-thirds capacity, most of the movement being on contract. Coke in this section is still sluggish.

Increased inquiry for export is the feature of the Baltimore coal market. On account of the predicted strike of the miners in Great Britain, foreign consumers are getting anxious about their fuel supplies and inquiries for American coals have increased greatly during the past week. Prices, however, remain unchanged. The anthracite market is dull and prices are the same as prevailed in June.

Last week started out to be dull in the Philadelphia market, but, on account of the anthracite conference, finished with the trade showing considerably more interest. Retailers have advanced their prices from 15 to 25 cents a ton to take care of the raises in the wholesale prices since April 1. Bituminous prices show little change. The New York market is unchanged in spite of all the tale of strikes. The line companies raised the prices the usual 10 cents on July 1 and some of the independent companies followed their lead. This motion did not mean very much, however, as good coal can be bought now at practically the same prices ruling during the past few weeks. There was no improvement in the situation at Providence last week, prices being a shade softer if anything. At Boston the market declined 5 cents, due to greater arrivals at the piers and slightly lower prices granted to Boston shippers at southern loading piers during the past week. The New England slack market is good and sales of all-rail coal

have increased slightly. The anthracite situation in New England is practically unchanged and no advance in retail prices has taken place.

Taken as a whole, the tone of the coal market in the east is slightly better than in the past few weeks.

While actual conditions in the marketing of coal showed little discernible difference during the past week from recent preceding weeks, nevertheless two recent developments are fraught with far-reaching possibilities to the trade—the threat of a nationwide strike by John L. Lewis and the report of coal stocks by the Geological Survey, declares the “Coal Age” on July 9. The industry as a whole will take the Lewis threat calmly, knowing the size of the job the union leader already has on his hands in West Virginia and confident that the Government would quickly step in in the event of dangerous tie-up at the mines. Realization of the extent of the shrinkage in reserve coal stocks, as revealed in this week’s report, may be a different story. Whether it will prove to be the needed impetus that the market lacked, the next few weeks will show, adds the “Age” summary, from which further details are quoted herewith:

A shipment of western Kentucky strip mine-run that sold in Chicago last week on the basis of 95c. per ton f. o. b. mine gave the Midwest market another bump, shaking the confidence of Illinois and Indiana producers who were trying to maintain prices on 2-inch screenings. Western Kentucky is in poor shape and eastern Kentucky is dissatisfied with prices, a plentiful car supply and many mines running full, making coal too plentiful. Business at the head of the Lakes is at a standstill. Conditions are somewhat steadier in the Southwest, the situation being practically unchanged in Colorado and Utah.

Lake buying has been heavier during the last week, and as a result the Cincinnati market has stiffened. A slight pick-up is in evidence in southern Ohio also, but there is no change in eastern Ohio. Demand continues light at Pittsburgh. The depression in New England shows no signs of lifting. At New York and Philadelphia sales have not picked up much, but encouraging signs are not lacking. Little change is observable at Baltimore and Birmingham.

Anthracite consumers display nothing but indifference despite the nearness of the wage parley, but it is not unlikely that a change of front will be in evidence when news from the scene of hostilities begins to spread. Stove continues to lead in demand, with egg close up. Chestnut, however, is causing nearly as much difficulty as pea. The steam sizes are quiet. As expected, the companies tacked 10c. to the prices of domestic sizes on July 1.

The “Coal Age” index of spot prices of bituminous coal remained stationary during the past week, standing on July 6 at 160, the corresponding price being \$1 94.

Dumpings at Lake Erie ports during the week ended July 5, according to the Ore & Coal Exchange, were: Cargo, 733,042 net tons; steamship fuel, 47,258 tons—a total of 780,300 net tons, compared with 912,945 tons in the preceding week. Hampton Roads dumpings in the week ended July 2 totaled 401,083 net tons, compared with 447,290 tons in the previous week.

**Coal Production Slightly Larger.**

The weekly report on the production of bituminous and anthracite coal and beehive coke, issued by the Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of Mines, July 3 1925, shows increases in the production of the first two fuels but a decrease in the output of coke. The report follows:

The total output of bituminous coal during the week ended June 27, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 8,679,000 net tons, an increase over the preceding week of 279,000 tons, or 3.3%.

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

	1925		1924	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date (b)
June 13 c.....	8,622,000	214,716,000	7,385,000	214,730,000
Daily average.....	1,437,000	1,543,000	1,231,000	1,546,000
June 20 c.....	8,400,000	223,116,000	7,434,000	222,164,000
Daily average.....	1,400,000	1,537,000	1,239,000	1,533,000
June 27 d.....	8,679,000	231,795,000	7,608,000	229,772,000
Daily average.....	1,447,000	1,533,000	1,268,000	1,523,000

a Original estimates corrected for usual error, which in past has averaged 2%. b Minus 2 days' production first week in January to equalize number of days in the two years. c Revised from last report. d Subject to revision.

The total output for the calendar year 1925 to June 27 is 231,795,000 net tons. Corresponding figures for recent years are given below:

Years of Activity.	Years of Depression.
1918.....277,876,000 net tons	1919.....215,525,000 net tons
1920.....257,178,000 net tons	1921.....195,395,000 net tons
1923.....275,881,000 net tons	1924.....229,772,000 net tons

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

Week Ended—	1925		1924	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date (a)
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
June 27.....	1,844,000	44,435,000	1,918,000	45,145,000

a Less 2 days' production in January to equalize number of days in the 2 years.

*Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).*

	Week Ended—			1925	1924
	June 27 1925. (b)	June 20 1925. (c)	June 28 1924.	Date.	Date. (a)
Pennsylvania and Ohio.....	91,000	93,000	85,000	3,984,000	4,728,000
West Virginia.....	9,000	9,000	6,000	311,000	316,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.....	15,000	15,000	18,000	512,000	512,000
Virginia.....	4,000	4,000	7,000	198,000	209,000
Colorado & New Mex.....	5,000	5,000	5,000	116,000	135,800
Washington and Utah.....	3,000	3,000	4,000	109,000	104,000
United States total.....	127,000	129,000	125,000	5,230,000	6,004,000
Daily average.....	21,000	22,000	21,000	34,000	39,000

a Adjusted to make comparable the number of days covered in both years. b Subject to 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 8, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows a decline of \$61,300,000 in holdings of discounted bills, of \$14,600,000 in Government securities, and of \$8,400,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, with the result that total earning assets went down \$84,300,000 to \$1,042,800,000. Federal Reserve note circulation declined \$700,000 and cash reserves \$3,100,000, while non-reserve cash increased \$2,300,000.

All Federal Reserve banks report smaller holdings of discounted bills, with the exception of San Francisco and Dallas, which show increases of \$8,600,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively. The principal decreases were: New York, \$27,300,000; Chicago, \$16,000,100; Cleveland, \$6,500,000; Boston, \$6,300,000; Philadelphia, \$5,900,000, and Richmond, \$4,300,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows a decrease of \$8,500,000 in holdings of acceptances purchased in open market, and Philadelphia a decline of \$2,100,000, while the Boston bank reports an increase of \$1,900,000 and Dallas of \$1,500,000. The system's holdings of Treasury notes went down \$7,900,000 and of Treasury certificates \$7,000,000, while holdings of United States bonds increased \$300,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week comprise a decrease of \$4,800,000 reported by the New York bank, \$2,900,000 by Boston and \$2,700,000 by Philadelphia, and increases of \$4,700,000 and \$2,900,000, respectively, reported by the Cleveland and San Francisco 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 143 and 144. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending July 8 1925 follows:

Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During

	Week.		Year.
	1925.	1924.	
Total reserves.....	-\$3,100,000	-\$321,600,000	-\$359,100,000
Gold reserves.....	-1,300,000	-	-359,100,000
Total earning assets.....	-\$4,300,000	+\$21,800,000	+\$21,800,000
Bills discounted, total.....	-61,300,000	+	+139,600,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-38,700,000	+	+135,700,000
Other bills discounted.....	-22,600,000	+	+3,900,000
Bills bought in open market.....	-8,400,000	+	+182,200,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	-14,600,000	+	+111,500,000
Bonds.....	+300,000	+	+47,700,000
Treasury notes.....	-7,900,000	+	85,300,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	-7,000,000	+	70,900,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-	+	202,700,000
Total deposits.....	-64,600,000	+	+108,800,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-51,500,000	+	+110,200,000
Government deposits.....	-10,000,000	+	-5,900,000
Other deposits.....	-3,100,000	+	+4,500,000

**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 July 1, as shown in the statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, comprise increases of \$170,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$12,000,000 in investments, \$329,000,000 in net demand deposits, and of \$52,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those of the Reserve banks themselves. The New York City members reported increases of \$137,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$12,000,000 in investments, \$194,000,000 in net demand deposits, and of \$24,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds went up \$134,000,000, the principal increases being \$119,000,000 in the New York district and \$14,000,000 in the Boston district. “All other” loans and discounts, largely commercial, increased \$30,000,000, the New York district reporting an increase of \$20,000,000 and the Chicago district of \$8,000,000. Further

comments regarding the changes shown by these member banks are as follows:

Investments in United States securities show a reduction of \$5,000,000, the decrease of \$13,000,000 in Treasury certificates being partly offset by an increase of \$8,000,000 in United States bonds and Treasury notes. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities went up \$10,000,000 and Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities went up \$10,000,000 and \$9,000,000 in the Chicago and New York districts, respectively, while banks in the Cleveland district reported a decline of \$5,000,000 in this item.

Net demand deposits show an increase of \$329,000,000, of which \$211,000,000 was in the New York district, \$28,000,000 in the Boston district, \$27,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$22,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$15,000,000 and \$13,000,000, respectively, in the Cleveland and Kansas City districts.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks increased \$52,000,000, the New York district reporting an increase of \$29,000,000 and Chicago an increase of \$15,000,000, while a reduction of \$12,000,000 was reported by the San Francisco district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 144—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	
	Week During	Year
Loans and discounts, total	+\$170,000,000	+\$1,225,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	+6,000,000	—37,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	+134,000,000	+1,055,000,000
All other	+30,000,000	+207,000,000
Investments, total	+12,000,000	+610,000,000
U. S. bonds	+4,000,000	+456,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes	+4,000,000	—274,000,000
U. S. Treasury certificates	—13,000,000	—7,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	+17,000,000	+435,000,000
Reserve balances with Fed. Reserve banks	+58,000,000	+141,000,000
Cash in vault		—14,000,000
Net demand deposits	+329,000,000	+1,059,000,000
Time deposits	—16,000,000	+754,000,000
Government deposits	—4,000,000	—17,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed. Res. banks	+52,000,000	+174,000,000

### Reports of Floating of \$100,000,000 Australian Loan by J. P. Morgan & Co.

Reports of the proposed floating of a loan of \$100,000,000 by J. P. Morgan & Co. for the Australian Commonwealth Government were current this week, but no authoritative statement has been available. One of the reports from London, July 8, (Associated Press) said:

An Exchange Telegraph Agency message from Melbourne says the Australian Government has confirmed the New York report that Australia will float a loan in the United States soon.

With £120,000,000 in loans maturing this year, the Australian Government recently asked Great Britain whether there was any objection to borrowing in New York to meet these requirements. The British reply was that there was no particular objection, especially since it was not likely that sufficient money would be available in London to meet Australia's needs.

It is expected that the American loan to Australia will total \$100,000,000.

The New York "Herald Tribune" of July 10 stated that it is understood that J. P. Morgan & Co. and Nevinson & Co. will handle the loan in America and England, respectively. From the New York "Times" of July 9 we take the following:

\* All Australian financing heretofore has been done in London, but a number of New York banking houses have been angling for a new issue during the last year. In the last day or two there have been reports in Wall Street that the American efforts were nearing a successful conclusion, and last night an Associated Press dispatch from London said that confirmation had been received from Melbourne of Australia's intention of floating a loan in the United States.

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The Australian Government by Dec. 15 must provide for the payment of £70,000,000, or almost \$350,000,000, of 4½% bonds, issued in 1915, 1916 and 1917, constituting the outstanding balance of the first, second, third and fourth war loans.

Australian credit standing is of the highest, and New York bankers would welcome the opportunity of handling a new issue, as the large volume of funds pressing for investment here has led to keen competition for desirable foreign offerings.

### Reimposed McKenna Duties (Great Britain) Not Retroactive.

The reimposed McKenna duties, which became effective July 1, levying among other schedules a 33 1-3% import tax on automobiles, will not be retroactive, Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill announced in Commons on July 7, said Associated Press cablegrams from London, which added:

This will mean a saving to the importers or purchasers of American automobiles rushed into England since April 28, when it was announced the McKenna duties would be revived.

During the few days preceding July 1, when the duties became effective, there was a rush into England of motor cars, silks, musical instruments, clocks and watches. These carry increased duties under the McKenna schedules and traders made every effort to enter large supplies before the higher rates became effective.

Mr. Churchill told Commons the British Government would lose £1,000,000 sterling by the "dumping" into England before the McKenna duties became operative of the goods dutiable under its schedules.

Duties to that amount would have been collected had the law been in operation and now would be collected if the duties were made retroactive. He explained, however, that a special bill would be required to make them

retroactive and this might disturb the Parliamentary program. Therefore he had decided to follow the ordinary practice.

### One-Day Suspension of Berlin Bourse in Protest Against Change in Revaluation of Pre-War Bonds.

The closing on July 8 of the Berlin Bourse and the Stock Exchanges at Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Cologne and Dresden, was of one day's duration, the reopening occurring on the succeeding day. As to the reason therefor, we quote the following from Berlin Associated Press cablegrams July 8:

German exchanges ceased to operate to-day by reason of the action taken by the Bourse Committee in protest against the Government's delay in enacting a definite revaluation program and also against the decision of the Revaluation Committee of the Reichstag to differentiate between old and new holders of paper mark State loans.

The committee was further prompted to close the Berlin exchange by the consideration that thereby wholesale dumping of pre-war securities on the market would be stopped, a movement in this direction having begun as soon as the Reichstag committee's action became known.

Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden and Hanover followed Berlin's lead in closing their exchanges.

The Bourse Committee decided to make representations at once to the Cabinet. It is authoritatively stated in financial circles that the committee will make plain to the Government that it must not continue to bend to political parties, but must formulate definite proposals and adhere to them.

The Reichstag committee's plan allows new holders of paper mark State loan securities a revaluation of only 2½%, and old subscribers 5%, and it is asserted that this differentiation is opposed by the members of the exchange as well as by experts. The argument is offered that the parties behind the Government are trying to force concessions in revaluation incompatible with sound economics.

The "Boersen Zeitung," pro-Government financial organ, berates the political parties, declaring: "The Reichstag parties no longer deem it necessary to respect the Government set up by themselves as the authority. In recent times cases have recurred again and again of the Government parties changing Government bills, the Government's economic policy."

The closing of the Bourse and other exchanges has no bearing on industrial and other stocks. The Bourse will resume to-morrow.

The Bourse committee expressed the belief that confidence in German loans and in official Government declarations regarding them would be shaken if the distinction proposed by the Reichstag's revaluation committee between old and new holders of paper mark State loans should prevail. The Bourse committee decided that until further notice it will not carry quotations on German municipal bonds and bonds of States of the German Federation.

While reopening on the 9th, the exchange directors, says a copyright message to the New York "Times," stuck to their decision not to give pre-war loan bond quotations until the Reichstag finally decides upon the revalorization of these bonds, concerning whether the Government will differentiate between new and old bondholders. The same account states:

The Revalorization Bill passed its third reading to-day, the Reichstag making changes giving all holders 5% of the face value on national, State and communal pre-war bonds.

The Associated Press advices of that day (July 9) stated:

While the Berlin Bourse resumed quotations of pre-war loan bonds to-day after yesterday's closure, financial circles continued to protest the action of the Reichstag's revaluation committee in differentiating between old and new holders of paper mark State loans.

A memorial submitted by the Bankers' Association to the Finance Ministry says the future placing of loans by the German Reich and the German provinces will encounter great difficulties if the revaluation committee's proposal prevails. The Bankers' Association says the situation is so grave it is compelled to protest, although ordinarily its business is not to safeguard the interests of any particular group of bondholders.

The Bankers' memorial says the plan of the Reichstag revaluation committee would undermine public confidence in the Government's guarantees of its bonds and charges that "purely political motives" underlie the committee's action.

It is said in financial circles that as soon as the Government's original program for the revaluation of German paper mark State loans was submitted to the Reichstag many people, trusting in the Government's promise, bought these loans as a permanent investment on the basis of quotations calculated upon this revaluation plan. These holders now find the value of their investments in the paper mark loans reduced by half if the Reichstag revaluation committee's figures stand.

### Progress of Hungary's Reconstruction.

The results achieved by Jeremiah Smith Jr., the Commissioner-General of the League of Nations for Hungary, was one of the outstanding topics of interest in the 34th session of the Council of the League, held in Geneva in June. It is stated that the progress of reconstruction in Hungary has been more than encouraging. At a public meeting of the Council of the League, which was held on June 9 of this year, these results were summarized before the Council as follows:

Among the principal questions dealt with by the Council were those concerning the financial reconstruction schemes in Austria and Hungary. The Hungarian scheme has so far succeeded that for the first financial year since the reconstruction period began in May 1924 there will be a substantial surplus instead of a deficit, for which 100 million gold crowns were allowed for in the original plan. It is estimated, also, that the budget for the next financial year will also have a surplus, and in addition to this the currency has been stabilized and the volume of trade increased. The Council was therefore able to meet the request of the Hungarian Government for a necessary increase in the salaries of State officials, and gave authority for 30 million gold crowns to be released from the reconstruction loan of 233 million gold crowns (two-thirds of which still remain in hand) for productive capital investment, with the approval of the Commissioner-General. The Council at the same time expressed the earnest hope that the efforts of Hungary and the other countries concerned would result in the rapid progress in the negotiation of commercial treaties and in the reduction of barriers which impede the flow of both exports and imports.

### Finance Minister de Stefani of Italy Resigns With Signor Nava—Count Giuseppe Volpi New Finance Minister.

The resignations of Minister of Finance de Stefani of Italy and Minister of Economy de Nava were presented to and accepted by Premier Mussolini on July 8. A copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Rome, July 8, said:

The resignation of De Stefani, who gained credit by ridding Italian finances of a chronic deficit of several billion lire yearly, is attributed chiefly to loss of prestige through the unhappy results of his decrees on Stock Exchanges and the recent depreciation of the lira. He has been the object of violent attacks by the extreme wing of Fascismo and also responsible financial circles.

Nava's resignation is attributed to bad health, but may have been influenced by Mussolini's swing toward intransigence which has led him gradually to rid himself of all non-Fascist Ministers. It is stated that the resignation is devoid of political significance as the National Popular Party, which he leads, will continue to support the Fascist Cabinet.

The same paper in further copyright advices July 9 said in part:

The Cabinet crisis has been solved within 24 hours with the appointment of Count Giuseppe Volpi to succeed De Stefani as Minister of Finance, and Deputy Giuseppe Belluzzo to succeed Signor Nava as Minister of National Economy.

Premier Mussolini's selections have created an excellent impression, not a single word of criticism being heard even in the Opposition camp. Official news of the appointments had a strong reaction on the Stock Exchanges, a considerable hardening of prices being the most notable feature of today's trading.

Both Count Volpi and Signor Belluzzo are Fascisti and therefore Premier Mussolini now heads a Cabinet all the Ministers of which are blackshirts. They, however, joined the movement comparatively recently and are exponents of the moderate wing.

### Economic Situation in Greece.

The economic situation in Greece was profoundly affected during the past two years by the arrangement entered into between the Greek and Turkish Governments at the Lausanne Convention in January 1923, for the mutual interchange of their respective nationals. This condition was brought about as a climax of the unsuccessful war with Turkey and the determination of Turkey as a result of her victory to drive from her territory all people of Greek origin, although these people had resided in Turkey for centuries and were as much indigenous to the soil as any of the other peoples making up the Turkish Empire, according to advices received by Bankers Trust Co. of New York from its Foreign Information Service, which under date of July 7 says:

In the two years which have elapsed since the arrangement at Lausanne, it has been necessary for the Greek Government to find homes for upwards of 1,300,000 refugees from East Thrace and Anatolia. On the other hand, under the terms of the agreement, approximately 300,000 Turks have gone from Greece to Turkey. The net increase in the population of Greece brought about by these events has been 18%. The immediate effect of the influx of the refugees on the internal conditions of Greece was very serious, the destitute condition of the greater number of them adding a further burden to the already depleted finances of the country. Imports of foodstuffs and clothing had to be paid for to a great extent out of the national Treasury. However, with the aid of the Refugees Settlement Commission and the Refugee Loan, which was concluded at the end of 1924 under the auspices of the League of Nations, most of the refugees have been settled on farms and in industries and have been transformed into a productive factor. The Commission reports them as having proved to be laborious, intelligent and honest, and their contribution to the prosperity of the country is felt already in the increased industrial activity.

Bankers Trust Co. points out that it seems as if the industrial conditions in Greece might be as greatly affected by these refugees from Turkey as industrial conditions in England were affected in the 16th century by the incoming of the Huguenot refugees from France. One of the most important industries brought to Greece by the Greeks from Turkey is that of carpet weaving and rug making. Besides the rugs and carpets being manufactured in the homes of the people on hand looms, carpet factories which amounted to only seven in 1922 had by the end of 1924 increased to 28. There are now over 2,500 looms in the country, employing over 13,000 workers, and the production of the industry is estimated to have an annual value of \$3,500,000. Another transplanted industry is the manufacture of attar of roses, which has heretofore been one of the most important industries of Bulgaria. The necessity of providing shelter for the newcomers has brought about a veritable building boom in Greece and the added distribution of materials and supplies has helped the finances of the railways to such an extent that a deficit of five and a quarter million drachmae in the fiscal year 1922-1923 was turned into a surplus of 38½ million drachmae in the year 1923-1924. Another indication of improved conditions in Greece in 1924 was the fact that only 2% of her shipping tonnage was idle.

Turning to the Government finances, Bankers Trust Co. notes some improvement in the budget, which shows a deficit for the year 1924-1925 of 990,590,608 drachmae, as compared with a deficit of 2,900,000,000 drachmae in 1923-1924 and

\$3,200,000,000 drachmae for 1922-1923. The ordinary revenue amounted to 4,180,536,948 drachmae and ordinary expenditures to 3,727,626,691 drachmae, leaving a surplus of 452,910,257 drachmae, while the extraordinary revenue and extraordinary expenditures amounted to 599,938,750 and \$2,043,439,615, respectively, or a deficit of 1,443,500,865, which shows that the deficit is entirely due to extraordinary expenditures. Continuing, the trust company says:

To further improve the financial situation, the Government which has just been overturned, recently drafted a bill imposing additional taxes. It is difficult to determine now whether the new Government will carry on this plan or perhaps devise even a better one.

The national debt of Greece as of March 31 1924 amounted to 9,287,680,181 drachmae, as compared with 8,413,975,843 drachmae for 1923. The only important modification from April 1 to December 31 1924 was brought about by the conclusion of the Refugee Loan, which increased the national debt by £12,300,000, of which, however, £1,000,000 had been advanced already and taken into consideration in the figure for March, so that the net increase is £11,300,000, equivalent at par of exchange to 284,986,000 drachmae, thus making the total debt as of Dec. 31 1924 9,572,666,181 drachmae.

The note issues which in 1913 amounted to 234,476,000 drachmae increased to 5,292,064,230 at the end of 1924, with a corresponding depreciation in value as shown by the rates of exchange, which from a par value of 19.3 cents in 1913, fell to an average of \$0.01709 in 1923. During 1924 the Government took every possible step to maintain the exchange at a workable level, resorting to artificial measures by means of Government purchase or sales of sterling and dollars. The measures adopted proved to a certain extent successful and the exchange rose to \$0.9182 at the end of 1924, with a temporary stabilization of the drachma, which, however, has again depreciated this year and is now, at the end of June, quoted at \$0.0173.

### Soviet Seeks Private Capital to Move Great Grain Harvest.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" we quote the following Associated Press advices from Moscow, July 5:

Such an abundant harvest is expected by the authorities as to necessitate the mobilization of large amounts of State funds for gathering it. Anticipating a shortage in capital, a conference of Soviet bank directors has been held, at which it was decided to attract private capital for realizing the grain harvest. Recommendations were sent to the Government that it create normal conditions for private contractors.

The conference also recommended increased importation of certain articles which, it was pointed out, are badly needed by the peasantry.

The same time the same paper printed the following from Washington:

Russian grain crops are expected to total 63,540,000 short tons for the 1925 season, according to information received here. Stocks of grain from last season amounted to 2,880,000 short tons, making a total available for the current season of 66,420,000 short tons. Deterioration of crops, due to unfavorable weather conditions in parts of ten central districts, had caused some reduction in the grain estimate. It is figured, however, that production will not only be sufficient to cover domestic requirements but leave a surplus of some 7,650,000 short tons for export.

### Rumania to Remove Ban on Grain Exports.

Bucharest (Rumania) Associated Press cablegrams, June 21, said:

Although a crop failure throughout Bessarabia is admitted, reports from other parts of Rumania have been so encouraging the Council of Ministers announces that the present ban on the exportation of wheat, rye and oats will be removed before harvest. It is also announced that adequate railroad facilities are being provided to move the crop surplus available for export to the seaboard. Estimates of the probable surplus of wheat for export bary from 500,000 to 1,000,000 metric tons.

### Italy Admits Cereals Free—Prohibition on Exports Extended to End of December 1925—Wheat Flour Dutiable.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of July 2 we take the following Washington advices:

Italy has extended the duty-free admission of cereals and the prohibition on their exportation until Dec. 31 1925, according to Commercial Attache Osborne at Rome. Exemption of duty on wheat and macaroni is extended indefinitely from July 1 but wheat-flour, until recently free of duty, becomes dutiable at the rate of 0.65 gold lira per 100 kilos.

### Urge Aid to Polish Farmer—British Committee Want Half of Loan to Poland Spent on Agriculture.

From the New York "Times" we take the following cablegram (copyright) from London June 29:

The British Parliamentary Committee which recently returned from Poland has recommended to the Government that of the guaranteed short-term loan to Poland of £25,000,000, half be spent on agriculture.

Walter Raine, Member of Parliament, announcing the recommendation to-night, said that in addition to a probable yield of 8%, Britain might receive half a million tons of grain, which should fill the gap left by Russia, and be free from the vagaries of the Chicago wheat pit.

### Americans and Brazilians Agree on Coffee Marketing Program.

The following advices from Rio Janiero (Associated Press) July 8 are from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The United States Coffee Mission to-day returned to Rio Janiero after several weeks in the interior of Sao Paulo inspecting coffee plantations. The members announced complete satisfaction over the outcome of their negotiations to obtain a mutual and agreeable marketing system for coffee between Brazil and the United States, and to guarantee plantation owners satisfactory profits, at the same time holding prices low enough to avoid

a decrease in consumption of coffee in the United States, which is Brazil's principal customer.

Felix Coste, one of the members and representative of the National Coffee Roasters' Association, told the Associated Press that the conference with the Sao Paulo Institute for the permanent defense of coffee had been very satisfactory.

"The spirit in which we were met," Mr. Coste added, "was wonderful and their sincerity and willingness to co-operate impressed us deeply. We went to Sao Paulo with the idea of talking over coffee problems as a group of mutual directors of a business organization. The mission, consisting of F. J. Ach of Dayton, Ohio, representing the National Coffee Roasters' Association, and myself, sat at a table with five men of the governing board of the institute and discussed lengthily the coffee problems of each country.

"They now have a new viewpoint regarding distribution," concluded Mr. Coste, "and we have new ideas on production problems."

### Rumania to Permit Exports of Oil.

Bucharest, Rumania, Associated Press cablegrams July 8 said:

The Cabinet has finally agreed to permit Rumanian refineries to export fuel oil, the export tax being provisionally fixed at the equivalent of \$5 a metric ton. Stocks of fuel oil on hand at present approximate 250,000 tons, having increased nearly 200,000 tons during the last year.

### French Government's Gold Basis Consolidation Loan to Be Floated July 20—Increase in Limit of Circulation of Bank of France.

On July 4 the French Council of Ministers approved the terms of the new gold basis consolidation loan, proposed by Finance Minister Caillaux, which is to be issued in exchange for national defense bonds falling due this year. According to Associated Press cablegrams, the decree authorizing the loan fixes interest at 4% on the basis of sterling exchange at 95 francs to the pound, with a proportionate increase if the franc averages below that figure during the six-month periods preceding the interest dates, which are March 5 and Sept. 5. The bonds are perpetual and can be redeemed only at par on the basis of sterling exchange at 95. The Government's savings of interest on the national defense bonds, for which the new issue alone can be exchanged, will be used to buy in bonds at the market price. In a copyright cablegram July 4, the New York "Herald-Tribune" gave the following information regarding the loan:

Finance Minister Caillaux's new gold-guaranteed consolidation loan will be launched July 20 with an interest rate of 4% and a guaranty of exchange based on the value of the franc at a fixed rate of 95 francs to £1. This was announced to-day following the submission of the decree authorizing the loan for President Doumergue's signature after it had been adopted by the Council of Ministers.

The only surprise seen in the details of the loan was the fixing of the franc considerably higher than it now stands on the exchange. It is understood that this was due to pressure from bankers, who felt that the popularity of the bonds, which are an innovation in French finance, would be greatly increased with the guaranty against the gold value fixed at a value high enough for the franc to hold out hope to the subscribers that their interest would increase.

With the franc as now at approximately 103, the initial interest for example would have to be something like 4 1/3%. This rate will be fixed fifteen days before each semi-annual payment of interest.

Another feature attracted attention. It is guaranteed that the capital never will be repaid at a rate less than fifty times the latest semi-annual payment of interest. In other words, with the fall of the franc and the increase of the rate of interest, no depreciation of the capital would be allowed, for with the interest at 5%, twelve francs would have to be paid for each one hundred francs investment. According to the previous announcement, the bonds will be perpetual, however, and reserved for holders of national defense bonds. The subscriptions will remain open until Sept. 5.

Treasury officials to-night expressed confidence that the loan would be generously subscribed, and it is hoped that at least half of the outstanding national defense bonds, or approximately 28,000,000,000 francs, will be exchanged for the new bonds, thus assuring the success of the first step of the consolidation of France's huge floating debt.

Finance Minister Caillaux's bill which also provides for an increase of 6,000,000,000 francs in circulation of the Bank of France, was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies on June 26, and was passed by that body in the early morning (6 o'clock a. m.) of June 27; the vote on bill as a whole was 330 to 34. Article II, increasing the circulation by 6,000,000,000 francs, was adopted by a vote of 328 to 119.

Article III, authorizing a gold basis loan in exchange for national defense bonds, was passed by a vote of 373 to 36, and the remaining articles were adopted, said the Associated Press, by a show of hands. The Senate adopted the financial measure in the afternoon of June 27 by a vote of 273 to 11, the bill becoming a law upon its publication in the official journal on the succeeding day. Under the new legislation the maximum total issue of bank notes by the Bank of France and branches, which on April 15 1925 was increased from 41,000,000,000 francs to 45,000,000,000 francs, is further increased to 51,000,000,000 francs. The earlier increase was noted in these columns April 18, pages 1957-1961. In its account of the Senate action on June 27 the Associated Press advices from Paris stated:

This inflation of the currency was scored by all the Opposition speakers in the Senate, and even by Premier Painleve himself, who, however, excused it as a measure to avert national peril.

Senator Henry Berenger, reporting the Caillaux project for the Senate, declared it was certain that if the deficit in the circulation, due to the national defense bonds, was not checked, the newly authorized 6,000,000,000 francs would be rapidly absorbed.

After the inflation feature had been voted 226 to 29, the Opposition, led by M. Cheron, former Minister of Agriculture under Poincare, decided not to abstain from voting on the financial projects as a whole, thus responding to Premier Painleve's appeal for the largest possible majority from the Senate in order to reassure the country.

Speaking in the Senate to-day M. Caillaux declared:

"This project is a liquidation of the past. No other Government in our place could do otherwise. We are in the presence of peril. I do not like inflation any more than you do, but I felt when the first 4,000,000,000 francs of additional issue were authorized a few months ago we should then have made the amount 10,000,000,000."

Senator Berenger, presenting the report to the Senate, said the French Treasury had at the Bank of France a balance of only 40,000,000 francs.

The Chamber of Deputies to-day voted provisional credits of 3,229,000,000 francs to carry on the business of the country during July, M. Caillaux admitting the impossibility of having the 1925 budget voted before the beginning of next month.

The credits include 59,000,000 francs for the upkeep of French troops in foreign countries.

The following regarding the gold bond provisions of the bill is from the Associated Press cablegrams from Paris June 26:

The preamble of the bill says the Treasury's shortage is partly due to the "continued repayment of national defense bonds."

It says the maturing bonds for which the holders demand payment total 1,800,000,000 francs for July and 3,800,000,000 for September.

The new issue of gold parity bonds will be offered only in exchange for the maturing defense bonds, but the exchange will not be obligatory, the bill says. It is thus hoped to consolidate the greater part of this floating debt.

On June 29 an Associated Press account from Paris had the following to say:

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.

### France Replies to Great Britain's Note Seeking Settlement of War Debt.

A reply by French Foreign Minister Briand to the British note to France, seeking a settlement of the latter's war debt was handed to the Foreign Office on July 4 by M. de Fleuriau, the French Ambassador at London. The British note was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 30. In a Paris cablegram (copyright) July 3 the New York "Times" reported the following regarding the French Government's reply:

Following a more thorough examination of the British note on the question of inter-Allied debts, the French Foreign Office has decided that the communication was not intended to be treated as a mere formality, but really contained a definite request for immediate consideration of France's obligations to Great Britain.

For this reason M. Briand to-day forwarded a reply to the French Ambassador in London, with instructions that it was to be transmitted at once to Mr. Chamberlain.

In this reply M. Briand points out that the French Government since February last has been in constant touch with the British Treasury and that, with every change of Ministry the Government has not failed to reiterate its intention to take up the matter of the debts.

The British note appears to have been much more decisive in content than the French Foreign Office yesterday was willing to confess. The British frankly complain that since the conversations which took place between M. Clementel and Mr. Churchill, France has done nothing toward liquidation of her debt. The note calls the attention of France to the fact that England during the last few years has paid to the United States \$85,000,000 and that from Germany she has received in the same period not more than £20,000,000. In accordance with the Balfour stipulations deducting receipts from Germany, Great Britain should have received from her debtors £65,000,000.

The same paper had the following to say in a London cablegram (copyright) July 4:

It [the reply] is expected to be the prelude to a return in the next few weeks to England of French experts to resume at the British Treasury the discussions of Winston Churchill's note of February, which were broken off by the fall of the Herriot Ministry.

M. Clementel, the Finance Minister of that Cabinet, favored as speedy action as possible on the debt question, but his successor, M. de Monzie, was in office only a short while, and since then M. Caillaux has been too busy with domestic financial affairs to take up discussions with England. But it is hoped here that the experts will be able to continue them now very much where they were broken off.

The British position has not changed and the terms advanced by Mr. Churchill still remain a firm offer, and sufficient progress has been made in debating them for the French to have realized fully what the British interpretation of them is. It is hoped the French experts have been considering them during the interval and will now be prepared to give a considered answer without further delay.

The point which came out in the spring discussion was that France was more inclined to consider the capital value of the sums which Great Britain thought she should pay, while the British experts were much more interested in annual payments.

Making the French debt to England, in round figures, £800,000,000 that means that the British taxpayer is paying annually £30,000,000 interest upon it, as the British Treasury had to borrow the money at 5%.



Great Britain, however, is not asking annual payment by France of anything like as large a figure. Under the Balfour principle it was merely stipulated that she get out of reparations and the Allies together enough to reimburse her for her annual payment on the American debt, which is now £33,000,000. Reparations, it is hoped, will produce £9,000,000, leaving £24,000,000 to come from the Allies.

So, even if France were to take £20,000,000 as her share, that would be considerably less than the full amount of the burden Britain bears as the result of her loan to her. If the Dawes scheme works out according to plan, that payment may well be reduced before long to about one-half.

#### Belgian Debt Mission to Sail for United States July 29 —Pressure by United States Blamed by Finance Minister Janssen for Exchange Crisis.

The mission which the Belgian Government will send to the United States to undertake negotiations for the funding of its war debt will depart from Brussels on July 29. According to Associated Press cablegrams from Brussels, July 8, pressure by the American Government for inauguration of debt funding negotiations was partly blamed for Belgium's exchange crisis during the last two months by Finance Minister Albert Janssen, discussing the country's financial situation before the Senate on the 8th. The accounts added:

He said the crisis was "caused chiefly by lack of confidence during the Ministerial crisis, by difficulties in France, and also by the American claims, which profoundly moved all Belgians to ask themselves how the country is going to meet the demands.

The Belgian Government hopes its American friends will not paralyze Belgium's superhuman effort in repairing the havoc of the great war," said the Finance Minister.

Under date of July 5 the Associated Press advices from Brussels had the following to say:

The United States is being violently attacked by the Brussels newspapers in a series of editorials for "cornering Belgium," as the papers allege, "into recognizing the war debt in order to float a \$100,000,000 loan," and also for "trying to collect a debt which the Belgians expected to be charged to Germany under the Versailles Treaty."

Comparing the failure of the United States to ratify this treaty with the German "scrap of paper" repudiation of Belgian neutrality, the "Nation Belge" asks: "Are we vassals?" and continues: "To recognize—because one is little, because one is poor and because one needs money—a debt that the creditor contracted to cancel and to collect from a third party (Germany) is to become a vassal."

The "Vingtme Siecle," Catholic organ, commenting on President Coolidge's reference to security in his recent speech at Cambridge, asks: "After such statements is it unreasonable to think that the United States entered the war solely to help its debtors to win and thereby protect its accounts?" and concludes: "Do not let us speak any more about American philanthropy."

Under Secretary Winston of the Treasury, as Secretary of the World War Debt Commission, has announced that the Belgian debt is to be discussed between Aug. 5 and 16.

#### Latvia Indicates Readiness to Begin Debt Funding Negotiations.

Dr. Charles L. Seya, Minister of Latvia on July 9 called upon Under-Secretary Winston, of the Treasury Department, and indicated the desire of his Government to adjust its war debt, to the United States, amounting with interest to \$6,352,139. The New York "Times" account from Washington July 9 said:

The discussions, it is understood, were of a preliminary nature, and did not progress to the stage of definite terms. The American officials were informed that the Latvian budget is balanced and that her currency is in a fairly satisfactory condition, though it was pointed out that Latvia suffered a 40% population loss through the war, or relatively a greater loss than any other European country. This consideration is expected to be given weight in discussions of paying capacity.

#### Czecho-Slovakia Ready for Parleys on Debt Funding.

The State Department was formally advised on July 9 by the Czecho-Slovakian legation that its Government had acknowledged its war indebtedness to the United States and that an official note outlining its desires would be forthcoming. The Associated Press advices from Washington on July 7 stated:

The Czech reconstruction debt is about \$80,000,000, the amount having been agreed upon by a Czecho-Slovak mission sent here in June 1923. In addition, about \$11,000,000 is due for expenses incurred by American for the transportation from Siberia to Czecho-Slovakia of Czecho-Slovak troops in 1919 and 1920.

Should the United States desire a debt commission be sent to this country, legation officials said this undoubtedly would be done. Otherwise, settlement may be reached by exchange through the legation as was done in the cases of Poland and Lithuania.

#### Offering of \$4,000,000 Bonds of Saar Basin Consolidated Counties—Books Closed—Issue Oversubscribed.

The \$4,000,000 Saar Basin Consolidated Counties external 7% sinking fund gold bonds, referred to in these columns last week (page 28), were publicly offered on July 8 by Ames, Emerich & Co., the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, at Chicago; the Federal Securities Corporation and Strupp & Co. at 97 and accrued interest, to yield a minimum of 7.58%.

The books were closed on July 9, the bonds, it is announced, having been oversubscribed. Regarding the purpose of the loan the offering circular says:

These bonds are a direct obligation of the Saar Basin Consolidated Counties, as well as a joint and several obligation of each of the seven constituent counties, and are payable, principal and interest, from taxes, duties and general revenues. Proceeds of this loan will be devoted primarily for income-producing municipal improvements such as water works, electric light and power plants, spur railroad trackage and housing. Approximately 25% of the proceeds will be used for the retirement of the entire franc debt now outstanding. All utilities are operated at a substantial profit, and it is expected that it will therefore be unnecessary to levy additional taxes to meet the service of this loan. There is no limitation, however, on the amount of taxes which may be levied for loan services.

A sinking fund is provided to retire entire issue by maturity at 102, as to which we quote the following:

The sinking fund contract provides for the call by lot at 102 beginning Nov. 1 1925 of \$80,000, and each six months beginning April 1 1926 of \$145,000 to be increased semi-annually by the interest on bonds previously retired. These bonds are also redeemable as a whole at 105.

The bonds will be dated April 1 1925 and will become due March 31 1935. Principal and semi-annual interest (April 1 and Oct. 1) will be payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of Ames, Emerich & Co., fiscal agents, in New York, or, at the option of the holder, at Saar Handelsbank, A. G. City of Saarbruecken, or at Amsterdamsche Bank, Amsterdam, without deduction for any taxes or duties, present or future, levied by any authority within the Saar Territory. The bonds will be in denomination of \$1,000 and \$500. It is stated that:

The issuance and terms of this loan, as well as the right of the Consolidated Counties, to meet the service thereof in United States gold dollars have been approved by the Saar Basin Governing Commission appointed by the League of Nations.

The following information from official sources is also supplied:

The Saar Basin Consolidated Counties, which include the entire Saar Basin, except the city of Saarbruecken, consist of 283 incorporated communities with a population of 636,972. The Basin contains the valuable coal and iron area, formerly a part of southwestern Germany with its world-famous smelters, foundries, steel mills and factories producing pottery, glassware, textiles and various other products. Coal mines of the region which were awarded to France by the Treaty of Versailles have reserves estimated as sufficient to last 1,000 years.

Under the Treaty the Territory is administered by the League of Nations as trustee for 15 years ending in 1935; at the termination of this period it will indicate by a plebiscite whether it desires to return to Germany, be ceded to France or remain under the League of Nations.

The advantages of the Saar Territory, reflected in its steady expansion, are numerous:

(1) It has no war debts, reparations payments or liability under the Dawes plan.

(2) It has no national debt.

(3) There can be no military service, compulsory or voluntary.

(4) No foreign taxes of any nature may be imposed and proceeds of all levies may be spent only for territorial purposes.

(5) The budget has been balanced every year under the League of Nations.

The financial status of the Saar Basin Consolidated Counties is indicated by three important facts:

(1) Total taxable value of real property is over \$330,000,000, or more than 73 times the total debt of \$4,500,000 to be outstanding, for all counties and municipalities. This debt includes this issue and \$500,000 owed by Saarbruecken-Land, one of the counties; the only other obligations are payable in the old German mark and valued at less than one cent at the stabilized rate of exchange. The total debt per capita will therefore be only about \$7.

(2) Net assets owned by the counties and the communities are valued at over \$32,775,000, or more than 7 1/2 times the total funded debt to be outstanding.

(3) Service charges on the total debt will be equal to less than 8% of total revenues, since the budget for the current fiscal year, which ends April 1 1926, is expected to balance at about \$8,100,000. The budget for the last fiscal year was balanced at about \$6,790,000.

All conversions, it is stated, have been made on a basis of 4.50 cents to the French franc. The bonds were offered when, as and if issued, and subject to approval as to their legality. Pending delivery of definitive bonds, interim receipts countersigned by the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustee, will be delivered. As we indicated in our item of a week ago, a part of this loan will be distributed in Europe by the Amsterdamsche Bank and the Internationale Bank, Amsterdam.

#### Offering of \$3,000,000 4 1/2% Farm Loan Bonds of Lincoln (Neb.) Joint Stock Land Bank.

On July 9 an issue of \$3,000,000 4 1/2% Farm Loan bonds of the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank of Lincoln, Neb., was offered at 101 1/2 and interest, to yield 4.31% to the optional date in 1935 and 4 1/2% thereafter. The offering was made by a syndicate composed of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York; First National Corporation of Boston; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Brooke, Stokes & Co., Philadelphia. The bonds will be dated July 1 1925 and will run until July 1 1965. They will not be callable before July 1 1935. In denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, they will be in the form of coupon and fully

registered bonds, interchangeable. Interest will be payable Jan. 1 and July 1 and principal and interest will be payable at the offices of the bank and at the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, New York, and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago. The purpose of the issue is to refund two issues of 5% bonds of the bank dated respectively May 1 1919 and Nov. 1 1919, which are now callable. The Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank was chartered in 1918. It operates in the States of Iowa and Nebraska. The capital stock of the bank is \$2,033,700, on which dividends have been paid regularly at the rate of 9% per year. The bank has accumulated surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$273,860. The following is the bank's statement of condition as of June 30 1925:

Assets—	
Mortgage loans.....	\$30,709,500 00
U. S. Government bonds.....	1,159,468 75
Notes receivable and contracts.....	45,662 26
Accounts receivable.....	58,132 33
Deposits with banks.....	665,458 88
Accrued interest on loans and securities.....	524,153 03
Furniture and fixtures.....	5,559 70
Other assets.....	290,869 53
	\$33,458,804 48
Liabilities—	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$2,033,700 00
Surplus from earnings.....	210,400 00
Undivided profits.....	63,460 07
Farm Loan bonds issued.....	29,713,000 00
Payments on principal of loans.....	874,773 44
Advance payments on principal and interest.....	42,546 07
Reserved for unpaid bond coupons.....	53,022 50
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds.....	311,058 61
Accounts payable (due on incomplete loans).....	90,843 79
Bills payable.....	66,000 00
	\$33,458,804 48

Loan statistics as of March 31 1925 follow:

Number of loans in force.....	2,870
Total acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	812,310
Total amount loaned.....	\$30,086,100 00
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$77,056,688 00
Appraised value per acre, land and buildings.....	\$94 86
Average amount loaned per acre, land and buildings.....	\$37 01
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	39%

A number of farms have changed ownership since the loans were made. The following is a summary of such sales:

Total acres of land sold on which bank has loans.....	106,339
Total consideration.....	\$14,568,667 00
Appraised value of real estate sold.....	\$14,487,474 00
Total amount loaned on real estate sold.....	\$6,169,283 00
Average sale price per acre.....	\$136 90
Average amount loaned per acre on real estate sold.....	\$58 02
Percentage of loans to selling price.....	42.35%

#### Offering of \$1,000,000 5% Bonds of First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank.

At 103 $\frac{3}{4}$  and interest, to yield over 4.50 to the redeemable date (1935) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. 50% bonds of the First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank, to the amount of \$1,000,000, was offered on July 9 by Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and William R. Compton Co. The bonds will bear date July 1 1925, will become due July 1 1955 and will be redeemable at par and interest on any interest date after ten years from date of issue. Issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, the bonds, coupon, fully registerable and interchangeable, will be in denomination of \$1,000. Interest will be payable semi-annually, January 1st and July 1st; Principal and interest will be payable at the Chemical National Bank, New York City, or at the First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank, Columbia South Carolina. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and local taxation and are acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of government funds. The First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank reports a paid-in capital of \$700,000, surplus \$70,000 and reserves \$20,000. Bonds outstanding including this issue amount to \$10,500,000. The following is the statement of the bank (as officially reported July 3 1925):

Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	473,588
Total amount loaned.....	\$9,813,600
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$25,223,095
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$53.25
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$20.72
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	38%

#### Offering of \$1,500,000 5% Bonds of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco.

Harris, Forbes & Co. and the bond department of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago are offering at 104.25 and interest, to yield over 4.45% to the optional date and 5% thereafter, \$1,500,000 5% bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco. The issue will be dated June 1 1925, will mature June 1 1955 and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from date of issue. They will be coupon

bonds fully registerable and interchangeable in denom. of \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (June 1 and December 1) will be payable in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, New York or Chicago. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, and are exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and local taxation. The Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco operates in California and Nevada. According to the Official Statement of the Bank as of May 31 1925, it has first mortgages on farm property amounting to \$5,782,596 secured by property appraised at \$14,296,702. The Bank has a paid in capital of \$400,000, surplus and reserves of \$44,100 and undivided profits of \$42,151. The liability of the shareholders is double the amount of their stock. Dividends are paid at the rate of 6% per annum. Including this issue there will be \$7,848,000 of bonds outstanding.

#### Offering of Farm Loan Bonds of Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank.

In addition to the \$100,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % farm loan bonds of the Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank, offered in May, and referred to in these columns May 30, (page 2755) the Fletcher Savings & Trust Company of Indianapolis offered on June 24 an issue of \$250,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds of the Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank, at 102 $\frac{1}{2}$  yielding about 4.18%. The bonds are apparently part of an issue of \$500,000; they are dated May 1 1925, will become due May 1 1955 and are callable May 1 1935 or at any interest date thereafter at par. They are in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Interest is payable May 1 and November 1. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, Municipal and local taxation.

#### Developments in the Dean, Onativia & Co. Failure.

Creditors and customers, both here and in Chicago, of the New York Stock Exchange house of Dean, Onativia & Co., which failed on Friday of last week (July 3) with liabilities estimated at \$36,000,000 and assets at \$35,000,000 (making it the biggest brokerage failure in the history of the Stock Exchange), have come to the aid of the firm during the past week, and creditors' committees, members of the firm and the receivers, at a series of meetings held in both cities, have been working on plans to raise \$2,500,000 new capital and permit the brokerage house to resume business. In regard to the progress being made in the raising of the money, the New York "Evening Post" of last evening (July 10) had the following to say:

With New York and Chicago banks granting time extensions to creditors of Dean, Onativia & Co., brokerage firm, which failed with liabilities of \$36,000,000, and with more than \$2,000,000 of the \$2,500,000 new cash sought by the firm already in, strenuous efforts were bent to-day to get remaining creditors to sign on the dotted line.

The entire amount needed to lift the receivership has been promised verbally, according to William F. Unger, attorney for the firm, and the largest creditors, under the leadership of William F. McGuire, Chairman of the creditors' committee, already have turned over part of their equities to the company.

Lining up the small customers and obtaining their signatures, which must precede presentation of the firm's case to the courts, is the pressing problem of to-day, Mr. Unger said.

In Chicago, banks granted a third extension of 24 hours to creditors of the firm, having been persuaded that it was merely a question of time and effort before the smaller creditors followed in the track of the larger customers. The extension followed a conference between Chicago and New York creditors, represented by Benjamin V. Becker.

Irving L. Ernst, attorney for receiver Cannon, has indicated a willingness to stave off all but necessary action, in view of the optimistic tone which colors the present situation. He pointed out however, that he was obliged to carry on with the receiver's work in accord with precautions designed by law to protect creditors of the bankrupt firm.

"As far as I can do so," said Mr. Ernst, "without prejudice to the interests of creditors and the demands made by the law upon the receiver, the status quo is being maintained, in the hope that creditors soon will come to the help of the firm and make possible reorganization plans."

The extraordinary friendliness displayed by former customers has made possible the progress in reorganizing the firm, according to Alexander S. Banks of Leslie, Banks & Co., accountants for Receiver Cannon.

"Like most plans put forward," Mr. Banks said, "it offers a share in future profits to those creditors who accede to it. Many such plans have, of course, been tried without success, but there has not been in my experience a case in which the failed firm enjoyed such loyal support from former customers.

"The unfortunate situation in which the members of Dean, Onativia & Co. find themselves probably was beyond their control."

The failure of Dean, Onativia & Co. was reported in the "Chronicle" last week, July 4, page 33.

#### New York Stock Exchange Expels R. A. Kohloss, Jr. of Joslin & Kohloss, Springfield, Mass.

Robert A. Kohloss, Jr., of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Joslin & Kohloss, Springfield, Mass., was expelled from membership in the Exchange on July 9. This action was taken under Section 3, Article XVII of the Constitution which was in effect prior to June 25, of this year. The

announcement was made from the rostrum by Vice-President Walter L. Johnson and was as follows:

"The committee on business conduct having reported to the governing committee, under Section 3, Paragraph (a) of Article 17 of the constitution of the exchange that a misstatement upon a material point had been made to it by Robert A. Kohloss, Jr., a member of the exchange and a member of the firm of Joslin & Kohloss, a copy of said report was furnished to said Robert A. Kohloss, Jr., said report was considered by the governing committee at a meeting held on July 8 1925, at which meeting said Robert A. Kohloss, Jr., was notified to be present, but did not appear, submitting a letter admitting that he had made such a misstatement, and the governing committee having so determined, said Robert A. Kohloss, Jr., was expelled."

It is understood, that the Section of the Constitution referred to in the announcement to the Board, as it existed prior to June 25 1925, provided that "whenever it shall appear to a majority of a standing or special committee of the exchange, or to a majority of the executive committee or the board of directors of the Stock Clearing Corporation, that a misstatement upon a material point has been made to it by a member of the exchange, said committee, or executive committee or board of directors, may report the same to the governing committee, who may expel or suspend said member, as the governing committee may determine."

The misstatements which were referred to in the committee on business conduct it is said, were in connection with the answer to the questionnaire filed by said firm with said committee.

**Commonwealth Finance Corporation, New York, in Bankruptcy.**

On Monday of this week (July 6) a petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court against the Commonwealth Finance Corporation of 100 Broadway, this city, a South Dakota corporation. The petition was filed by the American Surety Co. with a claim of \$124,000 due on promissory notes and \$16,000 for rent; the Kraft-Murphy Co. of Washington, D. C., with a claim of \$18,000 due on promissory notes, and Ferdinand Bruyninck, a creditor to the extent of \$6,000 due on notes. The business of the Commonwealth Finance Corporation is described in the petition as lending money, secured by mortgages or other liens on real and personal property and underwriting, purchasing and investing in bonds, mortgages and stocks. The petition alleges, it is said, that the corporation owes a number of other creditors and that it had made preferential payments to creditors of various sums aggregating more than \$80,000. The amount of assets was not stated. The following Associated Press dispatch from Pierre, S. D., on July 6 with regard to the failed corporation appeared in the New York daily papers of July 7:

The Commonwealth Finance Corporation against which bankruptcy proceedings were filed to-day in New York, was organized under the laws of South Dakota, but never transacted business in this State.

The organization was incorporated June 24 1916 as the Metropolitan Finance Corporation and authorized a capital stock of \$17,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 was preferred. On Dec. 27 1916 the incorporators made an organization agreement with Sargent & Co., of Minnesota, by which the finance company's common stock was turned over to Sargent to be given gratis with the sale of preferred stock. Sargent & Co. turned back \$5,000,000 to the finance company's treasurer as a result of the stock sale.

More recently the original incorporators are understood here to have sold their interests to a combination of New Jersey financiers.

**F. W. Mondell Resigns as Member of War Finance Corporation.**

A Swampscott (Mass.) Associated Press dispatch July 7 states that Frank W. Mondell that day submitted his resignation to President Coolidge as a member of the War Finance Corporation.

**Governor Strong of New York Federal Reserve Bank, Montagu Norman and President Schacht of Reichsbank to Confer.**

Yesterday's (July 10) Associated Press cablegrams from Berlin stated:

Benjamin Strong Jr., Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, arrived here to-day to discuss with Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, the business relations of the three banks.

**President Coolidge in Celebration Commemorating Assumption of Command of Army by George Washington Urges Mutual Covenants by European Nations for Mutual Security, to Which United States Would Accord Moral Support.**

Speaking on July 3 at Cambridge, Mass., where, 150 years before, George Washington had formally assumed command of the armies of the Colonies, President Coolidge paid tribute to the qualifications of the nation's first President as a soldier and statesman, noting that while he had won the

war, his retirement to Mt. Vernon, Va., had been as "a man of peace." He described "the vigor with which Washington insisted upon the prosecution of war" as "no less than the vigor with which he insisted on the observance of peace." President Coolidge likewise declared that Washington "demonstrated by his arguments and our country has demonstrated by experience that more progress can be made by co-operation than by conflict." Expressing the desire "to see America assume a leadership among the nations in the reliance upon the good faith of mankind," the President averred that "I do not see how civilization can expect permanent progress on any other theory." The President went on to say:

If the people of the Old World are mutually distrustful of each other let them enter into mutual covenants for their mutual security. And when such covenants have been made let them be solemnly observed, no matter what the sacrifice. . . .

If there be differences which cannot be adjusted at the moment, if there be conditions which cannot be foreseen, let them be resolved in the future by methods of arbitration and by the forms of judicial determination.

While our own country should refrain from making political commitments where it does not have political interests, such covenants would always have the moral support of our Government and could not fail to have the commendation of the public opinion of the world. . . .

The world has tried war with force and has utterly failed. The only hope of success lies in peace with justice. No other principle conforms to the teaching of Washington; no other standard is worthy of the spirit of America; no other course makes so much promise for the regeneration of the world.

**The President spoke as follows:**

After 150 anniversaries repeatedly observed, followed during the last three months by intensive celebration, in this neighborhood where it had its beginning, the American Revolution should be fairly well understood. If it needs any justification, if it needs any praise, it is enough to say that its product is America.

It ought to be unnecessary on this occasion to dwell very much on that event and its yet more remarkable results. But no great movement in the progress of mankind has ever been accomplished without the guidance of an inspired leadership. Of this accepted truth there is no more pre-eminent example than that which was revealed by the war which made this country independent.

Wherever men love liberty, wherever they believe in patriotism, wherever they exalt high character, by universal consent they turn to the name of George Washington. No occasion could be conceived more worthy, more truly and comprehensively American, than that which is chosen to commemorate this divinely appointed captain. The contemplation of his life and work will forever strengthen our faith in our country and in our country's God.

*Washington First Lay Citizen of World.*

Those men who have taken great parts in the world are commonly ranked by posterity according to their accomplishments while living, and the permanent worth of the monuments representing their achievements which remain after they are gone. By this standard I think we may regard George Washington as the first lay citizen of the world of all time. He was one in whom the elements of greatness were so evenly blended, so accurately proportioned, that his character has well-nigh defied analysis.

Others have created wider commotion and deeper impression in the hour of their eminence. But we shall hardly find one who in his own day achieved so much as Washington and left his work so firmly established that posterity, generation after generation, can only increase its tributes to his ability, his wisdom, his patriotism and his rounded perfection in the character of a Christian citizen.

No figure in profane history has inspired so many testimonies of admiration. The highest eloquence, the most profound sincerity, have been invoked to picture him as the very sum of public capacities and civic virtues. No pride of race or country has even attempted to set up rivals to him. Envy and malice have stood rebuked in the presence of his towering form.

There is no language of literature and culture which does not boast among its adornments noble eulogies of the work and character of Washington. Although, as history reckons its periods, it is but a little time since he passed from the stage of life, he has been claimed, wherever men struggle and aspire, as the possession of all humanity, the first citizen of all the ages.

So he must be a strangely bold and self-confidence eulogist who would attempt even on such an occasion as this to add anything to the total of affection, admiration and reverence which has been reared as the true memorial to Washington. It is impossible for us to add to or take from the estimate which has been fixed by the generations of the world.

But if the pre-eminent place of Washington is thus established beyond possibility of change at our hands, it is only the more desirable that on this anniversary we should come here to do our reverence and to seek replenishment of the inspiration which is always to be drawn from consideration of his life and works.

To the people of the Republic whose existence is due to his leadership, his life is the full and finished teaching of citizenship. To others, who may claim him only by virtue of the right of humanity to be heir to all the ages, his story is replete with example and admonition peculiarly applicable to the problems of the world and its peoples in these times.

We have come here because this day a century and a half ago, and in this place, Washington formally assumed command of the armies of the Colonies. His feet trod this soil. Here was his headquarters. Our first view, therefore, is of Washington the soldier.

But he was indeed so much more than the soldier; his talents were so many and so perfectly proportioned that it is impossible to study him in any one of his capacities to the exclusion of the others. In him we find also a marvelous instinct for statecraft, supporting and sustaining an equal genius for camp and field.

We see, moreover, the qualities of a great man of business, which he brings to serve the vast task of organizing and equipping his armies. We find him on one day writing a noble and eloquent rebuke to a commander of the King's forces who was bent on waiving the laws of civilized warfare; and on another, addressing compelling counsels of patriotism, energy and executive sense to the Continental Congress and the provincial legislatures.

*Leadership Which Wrought Results.*

In everything he was called to be the leader. In everything his leadership wrought results which completely vindicated the confidence reposed in him.

The complaint has been many times uttered that Washington was so nearly a paragon of abilities and virtues that it is impossible to see through the aura of perfection to the real, simple, human man. But there is a phase of

Washington's career which, fully studied and understood, will give us the picture of him as one of the most human men in history. To inform ourselves of this human side, we need only to know of the long years of arduous preparation which preceded the historic event which took place here 150 years ago to-day.

From his earliest manhood, Washington's life had been a part of great affairs. Many of those affairs were vastly greater and more significant than he himself, or indeed anybody else, could possibly have realized at the time.

He had come up through a schooling of strangely mingled adversities and successes. He had devoted hard and disappointing years to activities which resulted, aside from the training which he derived, in little more than hopeless futilities.

Nobody can know the real Washington, the man Washington, without studying closely his services to the Virginia colony and the British crown, during the years immediately preceding and covering the old French War. Here we see him as a young man, in whom the combination of rare and remarkable parts is most easily discerned. We find him, at times, hot-headed and impetuous, always intensely impatient with incompetency in places of authority.

#### *First Bloodshed in Series of Wars Which Ended With Downfall of Napoleon.*

From the beginning we discover a special genius for commanding the respect and attention of older men. When hardly more than a boy he was chosen for a responsible and difficult mission to the French on the Western frontier.

This mission brought him in contact with an important French officer who reported to his Government that this young man was likely to make more trouble for French interests in America than any fifty other people. That observation was more profound than its maker could have realized.

Washington had been sent with a small force, as the emissary of Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia, to notify the French their aggressions in the upper Ohio territory were occasion of deep concern to the British colonies, and must cease. It was the wish of Washington and his superiors that the message be delivered without bringing about any clash at arms. But events decreed otherwise, and a skirmish took place in the wilderness in which a number of men were killed and wounded, among them a French officer of some rank and importance.

It is deeply suggestive of the destiny which had marked Washington that this backwoods brush at arms should have occasioned the first bloodshed in that long series of wars which was to drench the Western World for near two generations, and did not end until the downfall of Napoleon.

From the day of that clash in the western forests of Pennsylvania, precipitated by the determination of Washington to execute his mission, the Seven Years' War was a foregone conclusion.

Washington was denounced in France as a murderer, a man-eating free-booter of the wilds. In England his boldness and determination won him a good deal of reputation. In the colonies there was much difference of opinion, for the time being, whether his course was justified or had brought the country face to face with the possibility of a disastrous struggle.

At any rate, from that day until the downfall of Napoleon at Waterloo, there was no peace in either Europe or America, save for brief periods which represented little more than temporary truces. Doubtless that long and fearful series of conflicts was inevitable. Whether it was or not, the facts of history show Washington, a youth of 22, as the commander whose order proved the torch to set the world on fire.

From that hour, responsible men in both Britain and France realized that there could be no lasting peace until those countries had fought the duel which should determine the supremacy of one or the other in the New World. There was not room for both.

So came the Seven Years' War and the establishment of British domination in North America. A little later came the American Revolution, the French Revolution and the Napoleonic wars.

One can but wonder what might have been the reflections of Washington if he could have imagined on that July morning of 1754, when he resolved that he must fight, if he could have known the train of events that would follow upon his determination. But such conjecture is of little value. To us there is more of immediate interest in the curious coincidence that the skirmish for possession of Fort Necessity took place on July 3 1754, exactly 21 years before the day when Washington in this place assumed command of the Continental Army.

And those 21 years, as Washington lived them, constituted a fitting probation for the career that awaited him. The echoes of the little battle of Fort Necessity reverberated throughout the American colonies and the European courts as if it had been an engagement of Titans. Its political effects were tremendous. It made Washington a marked man throughout the colonies that gave him a real European reputation.

#### *Part in Braddock Expedition.*

His part in the Braddock expedition, though vastly better known, probably had less effect in forming his character or directing his career than this expedition to Fort Necessity. Nevertheless, his reputation was further increased by his conduct in the Braddock campaign. But that heroic episode was followed by a long and disappointing experience as head of the Virginia forces defending the Western frontier. He saw little of satisfying service during this period.

But he learned the supreme importance of organization and preparation in connection with military operations. In the end it was his privilege to lead his Virginians to the occupation of Fort Pitt, when it was finally surrendered by the French. But the real campaign for control of the Ohio Valley was made from the North by General Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham rather than from Virginia, and Washington found his part in it disappointingly small.

Not only the Braddock campaign of 1755, but his earlier operations, both diplomatic and military, on the upper Ohio, marked him as a man of caution, sagacity and wisdom in planning and conducting military operations. At the same time they showed him as the intrepid and fearless fighting soldier in the hours of action.

One thing that Washington learned during the French War must have contributed greatly to form his opinions about relations between Britain and the Colonies. He was brought to realize that the form of Colonial Government, with which bitter experience made him so familiar, could not long satisfy the people of the larger, wealthier and fast-growing Colonies.

With Washington the idea of substantial freedom long preceded that of independence. Like most of the Colonial youth, he hoped that a more enlightened policy in London and a more sympathetic execution of it by the royal Governors might compose the growing differences. During the troublous epoch between the French war and the Revolution he thought deeply of these matters, and his correspondence gives evidence of the growing impression that a contest must come. He followed the development of events in Massachusetts with a close and understanding concern.

His writings and occasional public pronouncements during this period show him acutely anxious that the Colonies should present a united front when the test came. One in his position of leadership, authority and independent fortune, living as a Virginia gentleman, might easily enough have

felt that the troubles of the Massachusetts Bay Colony had small concern for him.

High churchman, conformist in most things, enjoying excellent repute in England and with English officials in America, his influence might logically enough have been thrown to the royalists. Yet, as early as the spring of 1769, he wrote, declaring, "Our lordly masters in Great Britain will be satisfied with nothing less than the deprivation of American freedom . . ."

And, inquiring what could be done to avert such a calamity, he added "that no man should scruple or hesitate a moment to use arms in defense of so valuable a blessing is clearly my opinion. Yet, arms, I would beg to add, should be the last resource." A little later, in that same year, Washington, at a public meeting, offered a non-importation resolution and secured its adoption.

In short, it is plain that he was anxious to keep the sentiment of the Southern Colonies fully in step and sympathy with the attitude of the New England patriots who at the moment were bearing the brunt of the struggle for Colonial rights. Seemingly, the Boston Port Bill convinced him that the Colonies must prepare for the harshest eventualities. At a meeting of the citizens of his county he helped draft a petition and remonstrance to the King, which concluded with the ominous words: "From our Sovereign there can be but one appeal."

Such a declaration, coming from one whose repute was high in all the Colonies, and who was beginning to speak with the voice of something like authority for the Southern communities, could not fail to strengthen the arm and purpose of the New Englanders.

#### *Selection of Washington to Command Continental Armies.*

The selection of Washington to command the Continental armies has, I think, been too much attributed to his high military repute and too little to the fact that he had long taken the view of a true statesman regarding the impending crisis. The fact is that he had all along seen the struggle as a continental and national one. He realized that Massachusetts could not win alone, nor could New England.

In helping to set up the Committee of Correspondence, in molding the sentiment of Virginia, in his service as member of the Continental Congress, the ideal of a firm and whole-hearted union of all the Colonies was plainly fundamental.

Repeatedly in his writings, even long before the struggle had seriously suggested the possibility of war, he used the phrase, "Our country," giving it an application vastly broader than the domain or concerns of any single colony. He was among the first to see the vision of an American nation. No other man so early grasped certain physical and geographic arguments which urged nationality as inevitable.

In this his engineering training, together with his intimate knowledge of the topography of the Ohio and Potomac valleys, had an important part. As a young surveyor he realized the importance of that break through the Allegheny system which these two valleys mark. Many years later he pointed out its strategic importance in connection with the defense and unity of the Colonies fronting the Atlantic. Before the Ohio was much more than a myth to most people, even in Virginia, Washington saw that the Ohio basin must be controlled by the Colonies if they were to be secure.

Thus it was that a complete and clear vision of all the arguments for national unity was due to the many-sidedness of the Washington mind. He saw it as politician, as statesman, as military man, as engineer.

Without such a grasp of all the elements, he could not have taken the statesmanly and essentially national view of the problem before hostilities began. Nor could he have dealt effectively with its military aspects during the war. He possessed one of those rarely endowed minds which not only recognize all the factors, but assign to each its proper weight.

He was in truth a consummate politician. When he went to the sittings of the Continental Congress, wearing his Virginia uniform of buff and blue, some were inclined to ridicule the display of military predilection. They accused him of swashbuckling, and pointed to his uniform as equivalent to announcement of his candidacy for Commander-in-Chief.

In the first, they were utterly wrong; in the second, quite probably right. That uniform, when he presided over the committees on military preparation, could hardly have been construed as meaning anything other than that its wearer realized what was ahead and was willing to force some part of that realization on others.

I suppose if we were to pick any two men out of that gathering, to be set down as something other than politicians, Washington and sturdy old John Adams would be well toward the top in the polling. Though they approached the matter from utterly different angles, they were both led by the sagacity of great politicians to the Commander-in-Chief.

To both, the crisis was essentially national. A nation must be created to deal with it. The army before Boston must be taken over by the Congress as a national army. There must be a Commander-in-Chief, supreme in the military field. All this we look back upon as illumined statesmanship.

But statesmanship is nothing more than good, sound politics, tested and proved. That is what it was when John Adams conceived the great strategy of calling a man of the South to the chief command. A more provincial man might have dreamed of Massachusetts, aided by the other Colonies, taking and holding the lead and garnering the lion's share of glory. But Adams was planning in terms of a nation, not of provinces; and Washington had for years been writing of "Our Country." So Washington put on his uniform in testimony of his readiness for whatever might happen, and Adams, after some period of misgivings, set about convincing the delegates from New England and the middle Colonies that there must be a nation, and a national army, with a Commander-in-Chief, and that must be Washington.

#### *Adams's Description of Washington Prophetic.*

It was a stroke of political genius that Adams, soul of Puritanic idealism, should have moved the adoption of the army by Congress and the selection of Washington as Commander-in-Chief. The selection was made without a dissenting vote, though it is not true to say that Washington was unanimously preferred. Already there were clashing ambitions and divergent community interests. But Adams saw, and made others see, the peculiar reasons that urged Washington.

The middle Colonies, dominated by their landed aristocrats, had much in common with the social and economic system of the South. To them Washington meant the enlistment of property, substance and eminent respectability.

In presenting his name to the Congress Adams described him in terms which seem prophetic, and which we can hardly improve: "A gentleman, whose skill and experience as an officer, whose independent fortune, great talents and excellent universal character would command the approbation of all America and unite the cordial exertions of all the Colonies better than any other person in the Union."

Let it ever be set down to the glory of Massachusetts that John Adams made George Washington Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Armies and John Marshall Chief Justice of the United States. Destiny could have done no more.

Immediately after his selection Washington set out from Philadelphia for Boston. On the way he received first tidings of the Battle of Bunker Hill, which had been fought two days after he was named for Commander. He

inquired eagerly about the behavior of the Continental troops, and when he learned how splendidly they had fought against the British regulars he quietly declared that the liberties of the country were safe.

In that anxious hour the battle of 20 years earlier in the Pennsylvania woods, wherein his Virginia militia had saved Braddock's regulars from destruction, no doubt was near the top of his mind. To be assured that the raw levies of New England were capable of behaving just as well in 1775 as his Virginians had done in 1755 must have been intensely reassuring.

Knowing the story of the Revolution as we do, we cannot doubt that the historic event which took place 150 years ago to-day marked one of its crises. Even with Washington, the struggle was well-nigh lost at several periods. Of course, the ultimate separation of the Colonies from the mother country was inevitable. Had the Revolution of 1775 failed, as it must have failed without Washington, there would have been harsh and vindictive reprisals.

#### *Importance to World of Victory of Colonies.*

Nobody can read the arrogant pronouncement of Lord North's Government or the still more arrogant letters of General Gage to Washington and avoid conviction that the British Government and its American military representatives would have vied with each other in efforts to estrange the Colonies. Such a policy would have established traditions of animosity that would have kept the struggle alive even after a nominal peace.

In the end separation would have come. But it might have been delayed through many recurrences of turbulence and struggle. It was vastly to the good of both the mother country and the Colonies that, the conflict being once begun, it was brought to a decisive conclusion.

There is another reason why the final victory of the Colonies was important to the world. It was just as necessary for the maintenance of the British Empire as for the proper development of the American community. I believe this view is now generally accepted by British students as well as Americans. We may be sure that it was in the mind of the great Chatham, who laid the foundations of the British Empire in the Seven Years' War.

If there was a man in all that realm who might well have been given attention when the American crisis was developing, that man was Chatham. He had found Britain weak and had built it into strength. He had well-nigh made the whole North American Continent British. He had re-established the empire and extended it in many directions. Yet Chatham knew that Lord North's policies would surely cost the loss of the American dominion.

Emerging from a long political retirement, defying the doctors he hated and the King he had served, the grand old man hurried down to the House of Lords to pronounce his allegiance to the cause of the Colonies. "When your Lordships," said he, "look at the papers transmitted to us from America; when you consider their decency, their firmness, their wisdom, you cannot but respect their cause and wish to make it your own." That decency, firmness and wisdom were in no small part George Washington.

Chatham knew what it had been to build an empire; he would not see it thrown away without having his protest heard. He spoke the voice of liberalism in England; but the King and his Ministers had no ear for such counsels. They had fixed their course and could not be swerved.

Washington's assumption of the command gave the Colonial cause an effective national character. Had he not possessed the genius and the power to impress others with that conception, it is hardly conceivable that disaster could long have been postponed. He found himself in command of an unorganized, undisciplined, unprovisioned and unarmored body of some 14,000 militia, opposing an army of 11,000 regulars shut up in Boston and supported by a naval power that completely commanded the seas.

Washington was called first to make an army, then to drive his enemy out of Boston, and then to meet attack at whatever point along the coast the enemy might choose. Where many others, quite as sincere in their patriotism, fondly imagined that the evacuation of Boston would move the London Government to make peace, he was convinced that it would be little more than the beginning. For the long struggle he foresaw he had to prepare, not only for creating an army, but by convincing the civil authority and the people that he must have the utmost measure of their support and co-operation.

So we find him, immediately upon assuming his command, dividing his time between military tasks and the writing of endless letters to the leaders of the Congress, to the provincial assemblies, to men of importance everywhere, designed to impress them with the enormity of the coming struggle.

This is not the time or place for a review of Washington's military career. Yet there are phases of that career which I am never able to pass over without a word of wonder and admiration because of some of the exploits which it includes.

It is recorded that a few evening after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown a banquet was given by Washington and his staff to the British commander and his staff. One likes to contemplate the sportsmanship of that function.

Amiabilities and good wishes were duly exchanged, and finally Lord Cornwallis rose to present his compliments to Washington. There had been much talk of past campaigning experiences, and Cornwallis, turning to Washington, expressed the judgment that when history's verdict was made up "the brightest garlands for your Excellency will be gathered, not from the shores of the Chesapeake, but from the banks of the Delaware."

We may fairly assume that Cornwallis, in the fullness of a very personal experience, was qualified to judge. Washington had outgeneraled and defeated him both on the banks of the Delaware and the shores of the Chesapeake. In giving the laurels to the Trenton-Princeton campaign he expressed not only his own judgment but the estimate which was afterward pronounced by Frederick the Great, who declared that the Trenton-Princeton campaign was the most brilliant military performance of the century.

For myself, without pretense of military wisdom, the lightning-like stroke of Trenton and Princeton, in its supreme audacity and ideal execution, has always seemed the most perfectly timed combination of military genius and political wisdom that we find in the records of warfare.

On the other hand, much can be urged to support the claim that Yorktown was the most brilliant campaign of Washington. With an army on the point of disintegration, he was almost utterly unable to get supplies and transport. Yet he managed to withdraw his forces from before New York and get them well on the way to Virginia before his enemy seriously suspected his design.

It was a miracle of military skill, diplomacy and determination to effect on the Virginia peninsula that consolidation of forces from south and north, along with the French army and fleet, at precisely the right moment. The essence of strategy is to divide the forces of the enemy and defeat them in detail; and there are few campaigns which show a commander accomplishing this through operations covering so extended a territory and involving so many difficulties.

In the Yorktown campaign we see all the varied elements of Washington's genius at work. He had to deal at once with an inert Congress that was threatening at this critical moment actually to reduce the army. He had to find supplies and money or get along without them. In part he did one, in part the other. He had to effect a junction of widely separated forces and to maintain secrecy to the last moment. Everything must be done within a period of time so short that it might well have made success appear

utterly impossible, because he could not count on the co-operation of the French for a longer period. All these things he accomplished.

Accomplishing them, he won the war, as in the campaign of Trenton and Princeton he had saved the Revolution. No man could have rendered his service to the Revolution who was not both a soldier and statesman. He understood, and he never underestimated, the political bearings of every move.

#### *Retired to Mt. Vernon as Man of Peace.*

When he retired to Mount Vernon, Washington entered upon a new phase of his career. He had won the war, but he was a man of peace. His experience as Commander-in-Chief had completely convinced him that the form of government under the Confederation could not possibly serve the necessities of the country.

It is not possible here to outline the discouragements which threatened the country with all manner of disasters. Washington, as the most influential citizen, was the inevitable leader in preparing for the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the establishment of a real nation. That task he took up early, and to it he devoted an energy and a wisdom that were alike amazing.

It was quite natural that he should be chosen to preside over the Constitutional Convention. When its work was done, his influence was one of the chief forces to bring about ratification. After that, there was none to question that he must be the first President under the new regime.

Perhaps no character in history has been subjected to more close study or sympathetic analysis than that of Washington. The volume of his writings which have been left to us is enormous. Moreover, from earliest manhood his life was lived almost continuously under intense public observation.

It is therefore remarkable that biographers and eulogists should be so generally accused of failing to give us a satisfying picture of him. The fault, however, is not his, but theirs. The explanation is that no biographer has possessed, and probably none ever will possess, the full-rounded measure of qualification to appreciate, to understand, to apportion and to weigh all the elements that made this man.

Unfortunately, a vast myth was early built around Washington, difficult to avoid, and not even yet entirely dissipated. Among his biographers and eulogists some have seen first and most admiringly the great soldier. Some have been most engaged with him as the statesman-politician, dealing with great affairs from day to day as circumstances demanded. Others have devoted themselves particularly to portraying him as the constructive student of government and builder of institutions. Still others have found their first inspiration in his work as a wise, firm and discriminating administrator.

Volumes have been written, and they are exceedingly interesting volumes, on Washington as a pioneer of modern scientific agriculture. It is interesting to recall that in their tastes for agriculture Washington and his great antagonist, King George III, stood on a common ground.

Whoever cares to familiarize himself with this particular detail in the careers of Washington and the King will find that these two might, in other circumstances, been the best of friends. For both were devoted admirers and supporters of Arthur Young, the famous English traveler and agricultural authority. In the last year or two before the beginning of the French Revolution, Young traveled extensively throughout France. He kept a journal of his observations and experiences that has since been invaluable to whoever wished to know conditions in France of that time.

Besides all this Arthur Young was almost the founder of the modern science and technic of advanced agriculture. He wrote and published voluminously on such subjects as rotation of crops, scientific fertilization, farm drainage, the breeding of live stock, the growing of plants, and many other subjects which are now commonplace. King George became interested in his work and turned over to him some farms of the royal domain to be conducted as the earliest agricultural experiment stations.

Young published an agricultural journal devoted to his theories and experiments, and to it Washington became a subscriber. This led him into a correspondence with Young, which seems to have been quite extended. Convinced that the Young program represented much of value to American agriculture, Washington offered to set aside one of his farms, to be managed by English experts, if Young would enlist them. Apparently nothing finally came of this proposal, but the fact that it was made, and seriously considered, shows how near Washington and King George came to an intimate association for the betterment of agriculture.

Indeed, inside of two years after the end of the Revolution, Washington appealed to Young to buy and ship to him an invoice of agricultural implements and seeds with which Washington desired to experiment.

On investigation, Young discovered that British law forbade these exports. So he went to the Minister for Home Affairs, Lord Grenville, and pleaded for permission to send them. It was immediately granted, and by the courtesy of the British Government the entire order was filled. The incident is an interesting indication of the liberal disposition manifested, so soon after the war, by leading men of both countries.

#### *Peace Result Only of Mutual Forbearance and Good Will.*

It is a pleasant thing to be privileged to recall on an occasion like this such a bit of evidence touching the underlying community of interest between the old Kingdom and the new Republic in matters of common concern and human advancement. Washington was the last person to harbor resentments; and in this and other instances he more than once found his former enemies ready to meet him half way. As we look back now on a century and more of uninterrupted peace between the two nations, we cannot but feel that such peace and the long period of international co-operation which it has made possible have been in no small part a testimony to the generous willingness of all men everywhere to recognize as the first citizen of the world him who has been so long acclaimed as the first American.

It had been my expectation to confine my address to General Washington and leave the stately and solemn grandeur of this great figure as the sole subject for the thought of those who might hear me. I shall not enter into the vain speculation of what he might do if he were living to-day. Yet his Farewell Address shows conclusively that he hoped to be able to lay down certain principles of conduct for his fellow-countrymen which would be of advantage to them so long as the nation into which he had wrought his life might endure.

No doubt he knew the whole world would hear him. He had seen the life of the soldier in time of war and after that of the statesman in time of peace. He had an abiding faith in honesty. He believed mightily in his fellow-men. The vigor with which he insisted on the prosecution of war was no less than the vigor with which he insisted on the observance of peace.

He cherished no resentments, he harbored no hatreds, he forgave his enemies. He felt the same obligation to execute the terms of a treaty made for the benefit of a former foe that he felt to require the observance of those made for the benefit of his own country. He realized that peace could be the result only of mutual forbearance and mutual good faith.

He harmonized the divergent and conflicting interests of different nationalities and different Colonial Governments by conference and agreement. He demonstrated by his arguments, and our country has demonstrated by experience, that more progress can be made by co-operating than by conflict. To agree quickly with your adversary always pays.

The world has not outgrown, it can never outgrow, the absolute necessity for conformity to these eternal principles. I want to see America assume a leadership among the nations in the reliance upon the good faith of mankind. I do not see how civilization can expect permanent progress on any other theory.

If what is saved in the productive peace of to-day is to be lost in the destructive war of to-morrow, the people of this earth can look forward to nothing but everlasting servitude. There is no justification for hope. This was not the conception which Washington had of life.

#### Mutual Covenants for Mutual Security.

If the people of the Old World are mutually distrustful of each other let them enter into mutual covenants for their mutual security, and when such covenants have been made let them be solemnly observed, no matter what the sacrifice. They have settled the far more difficult problems of reparations, they are in process of funding their debts to us, why can they not agree on permanent terms of peace and fully re-establish international faith and credit?

If there be differences which cannot be adjusted at the moment, if there be conditions which cannot be foreseen, let them be resolved in the future by methods of arbitration and by the forms of judicial determination.

While our own country should refrain from making political commitments where it does not have political interests, such covenants would always have the moral support of our Government and could not fail to have the commendation of the public opinion of the world. Such a course would be sure to endow the participating nations with an abundant material and spiritual reward.

On what other basis can there be any encouragement for a disposition to attempt to finance a revival of Europe? The world has tried war with force and has utterly failed. The only hope of success lies in peace with justice. No other principle conforms to the teaching of Washington; no other standard is worthy of the spirit of America; no other course makes so much promise for the regeneration of the world.

The celebration was marked by the presentation to the President by Mayor Quinn of Cambridge on behalf of the pupils of the Cambridge schools, of a memorial scroll on parchment, written by the Rev. John A. Butler of the Blessed Sacrament parish, designed and illuminated by Ralph M. Folkins of Arlington. The scroll reads:

1775-1925.

To Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America.

Greeting: Assembled at the historic site where flourished the famous elm, under whose sheltering branches General George Washington first took command of the Continental Army, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of this event, the pupils of the schools of Cambridge, Mass., give glad welcome to Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, and inspired by his presence among them pledge anew allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, and knowing that liberty, bought at a price, can be preserved only by vigilance and obedience to law, reaffirm their loyalty to the Constitution of the United States and their firm resolve to promote peace and concord by a generous submission to lawful authority and a patriotic service of country.

This day shall be for a memorial.

July 3 1925.

The exercises on the Common included a pageant of Washington taking command of the army. Many old Massachusetts families participated in clothes worn by their ancestors. Lieut.-Col. Melvin H. Leonard of the 101st Engineers took the part of Washington and Captain Robert R. Langley represented General Artemas Ward.

### Anthracite Coal Operators Reject Demands of Miners for 10% Wage Increase—Propose Arbitration, Which Miners Reject.

Rejecting, in behalf of the anthracite coal operators, the demands of the miners for a 10% increase in wages for contract men, an advance of \$1 a day for day men, and the adoption of the "check-off" system, Samuel D. Warriner, at the joint conference of miners and operators at Atlantic City on July 9 urged the arbitration of the disputed issues, and asked that there be no suspension at the mines Sept. 1 in the event that issues at that date were still awaiting adjustment. A sub-committee of six from the operators' ranks and a similar number representing the miners were named at the conclusion of the conference on the 9th to consider the issues in executive session yesterday (the 10th). In reporting the developments the Associated Press advices from Atlantic City last night stated:

The anthracite miners will not listen at this time to the proposals of operators for arbitration in the event of a deadlock in the coming scale negotiations or to agree to remain at work after Sept. 1 whether a contract has been signed or not.

The miners' sub-committee of six reached this decision to-day. No official statement was made, but it was learned objection to the proposals was based on two grounds.

First, the miners were said to feel that with seven weeks until Sept. 1 there was plenty of time to reach an agreement if one were possible.

Second, according to this information the miners frowned upon arbitration in a belief that operators would try to make it the substitute for the present negotiations.

Operators to-day declined to discuss this disclosure other than to say they stood upon the proposals made by Samuel D. Warriner, Chairman of the Anthracite Operators' Conference. Arbitration and a non-strike pledge were simply measures calculated to serve the public interest, they said.

As to the presentations at the conference on July 9th we give the following from Associated Press advices:

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, denied at an open conference yesterday the existence of justification for arbitration. Samuel D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and chairman of the operators' general committee, suggested arbitration to prevent injury to the industry by suspension of work.

Recalling that 1,000 miners were killed and 40,000 maimed since the last wage conference in 1923, Mr. Lewis said that an arbitration commission virtually determines what price a miner may die for. Arbitration is demanded only of the man who works with his hands, he said, and neither the professions nor capital surrenders to others the right to fix what fees or profits should be. He defended only arbitration of disputed interpretations of contracts already signed.

Mr. Warriner said inroads on the hard coal market by oil, gas, electricity and bituminous coal had so imperiled the industry that a reduction of labor costs is needed. The miners' demands, he declared, would add \$100,000,000 to the existing labor bill of \$300,000,000, an increase which operators cannot afford to absorb, even in part, and which cannot be passed on to consumers without curtailing the demand for anthracite already selling at peak prices.

According to the New York "Times" inroads made on the hard coal markets by oil, gas, electric power, the use of prepared sizes of coke and competition from bituminous coal were such, said Mr. Warriner, that the needs of the situation required a reduction in labor costs. He mentioned, says the "Times" account, no specific decrease in wages, but hoped that if joint efforts to increase production were successful wage costs would not be cut.

He warned the miners' representatives that insistence on the wage increase would force the same conditions that exist in bituminous fields, where non-union operators have taken over 70% of the production.

The average miner's annual wage of \$2,000 or more, he said is \$700 above the average for all industries. He rejected demands for retention of the check-off.

Other union demands are a two-year contract and improvements in working conditions. Alvin Markle of the Jeddo Highland Coal Company of Hazelton, Pa., was named chairman of the Joint sub-committee. The Department of Labor and the Pennsylvania Labor Department had observers at the conference.

Mr. Warriner is quoted as saying:

"When the present wages in that industry were agreed to, some 66% of all bituminous coal was produced by union miners and 33% by the non-union fields. Today I am informed about 70% of all bituminous coal is produced in the non-union fields and only about 30% in the unionized fields; that large union operations are entirely shut down and that more than 200,000 union miners are out of regular employment. There is no escaping from the meaning of these facts. The unionized mines cannot survive under the scale of wages attempted to be imposed upon them and the non-union operators are taking the business.

"We agree to the proposition that anthracite workers should be well paid, and in asking for wage reductions we are not departing from that proposition. Just what the amount of such reductions should be we leave for discussion by the negotiating committees."

The demands of the miners were referred to in our issue of last week, page 35.

### Text of Wage Demands of Anthracite Miners—Assessment on Miners to Assist Bituminous Coal Miners on Strike.

Incident to the new wage demands of anthracite miners, formulated in Scranton last week at the Tri-District Convention of the United Mine Workers of America a per capita assessment on 158,000 anthracite miners during July and August of possibly at least \$200,000 to assist bituminous coal miners on strike and otherwise unemployed, was recommended to the executive boards of Districts 1, 7 and 9, by the Anthracite Tri-District Scale Convention. The exact amount was left to the boards to decide. The Associated Press dispatches from Scranton on July 1 also stated:

Other resolutions adopted by the convention favored moral and financial support of bituminous coal strikers in West Virginia and other sections; repeal of such sedition laws as that of Pennsylvania, abolition of child labor, and nationalization of coal mines, which, however, was passed by a light vote.

The resolution urging assessments for the benefit of the soft coal fields was worded as a request upon the three district boards to consider the matter.

Details of the demands of the anthracite miners, which involve 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., were given in these columns a week ago, page 35. Lack of space prevented our giving the full text of the demands and we accordingly make room for the same herewith.

1. We demand the next contract be for a period of two years, with complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, Districts 1, 7 and 9.

2. We demand that the contract wage scale shall be increased 10%; all day men shall be granted an increase of \$1 per day; that the contract laborers' increase now being paid by the operators shall be added to the contract rates; that the differential in cents per day between classifications of labor previous to the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission shall be restored.

3. We demand uniformity and equalization of all day rates and that the consideration rate of each colliery shall be equivalent to the average daily earnings of contract miners under normal conditions and that for dead work performed by the contract miners he shall be paid this consideration rate; and that skilled mechanics, such as carpenters, blacksmiths, &c., shall be paid the recognized standard rates existing in the region; and that engineers and pumpmen who do repair work on their engines and pumps shall

be paid the recognized mechanic's rate for this repair work; that first-class hoisting engineers shall be paid a more substantial rate of wages in keeping with the responsibilities and nature of the work; and that all day men shall be paid time and one-half for overtime and double time for Sundays and holidays.

4. We demand that where coal is paid for by the car it shall be charged and payment shall be made on the ton basis of 2,240 pounds, and where dockage and penalties are now imposed for refuse that the amount of refuse to be permitted in any car shall be fixed by the mine committee and colliery officials in conformity with the agreement, and that the present unreasonable penalties and dockage shall be abolished.

5. We demand payment for all sheet iron props, timber, forepolling, extra and abnormal shoveling where such is not now paid for; and that the same full rates shall be paid for skipping as for splitting pillars, both advancing and retreating; advanced openings driven for development purposes shall be paid for on the proper basis covering such work; that in thin veins, where the pitch is not sufficient to carry the coal on the bottom, the distance of the working places shall not exceed 150 feet; and that jack-hammers and air necessary for their operation shall be supplied to miners free of charge, and that company workers shall be supplied with tools for use in their work free of charge; and that electric lamps and batteries where used shall be supplied free of charge.

6. We demand that a uniform rate of twenty (20) cents per inch be paid for refuse in all kinds of mining up to ten (10) feet wide, and that the rate for blasting top and bottom rock shall not be less than thirty (30) cents per inch with the understanding that these rates are to be the minimum not affecting higher rates that exist.

7. On the general improvement of conditions, looking toward greater efficiency in operation and as an evidence of simple justice to those affected, we demand that the account of all cars loaded by the miner shall be credited at the working place; that maintenance men shall be continued at their regular necessary continuous occupations and not be replaced by others during broken time; that a five-day work week be established, which would permit of the working of the usual average number of days per year and provide for greater efficiency in operation and the elimination of the haphazard system of enforced idleness on different days as is now the practice; that contract miners shall be provided with work at the consideration rate when, through no fault of their own, they are not permitted to work at the face of their regular working place; that all drivers should receive consideration for handling mules before and after quitting time; that in the laying off of men that the older men in point of service shall have seniority rights and likewise the older men in point of service, who shall be out of employment, shall be returned to such occupations available in conformity with the principle of seniority; that in the adjustment of grievances every possible improvement in the present system shall be made so as to provide for a more prompt and satisfactory determination of such grievances under the contract; that a more comprehensive method be outlined to protect the miners in having them placed on consideration work when through abnormal conditions they are unable to make wages; that employees of rock and stripping contractors be brought under the terms of the general agreement with the mine privileges and rights of all other employees; that all employers of diamond drill contractors be brought under the agreement and that their rates shall be uniform and standardized on a basis in keeping with the skill and knowledge required in the work.

#### Supplementary recommendation:

Repairs, rebuilding and erections of new buildings are necessary to relieve the housing situation in many sections of the anthracite region; and we, therefore, recommend that four scale committee use every effort to have the general housing and sanitary conditions of the coal companies' property improved upon as much as possible.

A number of coal companies who operate one or more collieries at times when market conditions are dull shut down some collieries completely and keep others in operation. We consider this most unfair and recommend that our scale committee use every effort to bring about an equal division of work at all collieries under any given company.

The convention also adopted the following recommendation of the scale committee:

The committee recommends that the scale committee to negotiate the contract shall be composed of the officers, the executive board members of the three districts, together with the resident international officers and three mine workers from each district affected, the district presidents to select the three mine workers in each district, subject to the approval of the executive board. We further recommend that this committee thus constituted shall decide as to whether their report shall be submitted to the rank and file by referendum vote or to a tri-district convention, with the further understanding that copies of the report of the scale committee shall be forwarded to all.

### John D. Rockefeller Jr., Answering Charges of John L. Lewis, Makes Public Data in Support of Consolidation Coal Company's Action in Closing Mines in 1924.

Last week (page 35) we quoted what John L. Lewis, International President of the United Mine Workers, had to say in his allegations against the coal companies, in which he declared that the Consolidation Coal Co. had repudiated its agreement, having informed Mr. Lewis that it was no longer bound thereby and would pay any wages that it saw fit. Mr. Lewis, in noting that Col. C. W. Watson was President of the company, said that associated with the latter in the company was John D. Rockefeller Jr., a large stockholder. According to data made public by the latter, "the union contract relationship has been specifically repudiated by an overwhelming majority of the union members." We give herewith this data as it appeared in the "Herald-Tribune":

Replying to charges by John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, that the Consolidation Coal Co. has violated the 1924 wage agreement with the union, John D. Rockefeller Jr., a stockholder in the company, yesterday released a series of telegrams between Mr. Lewis and C. W. Watson, Chairman of the company, covering the dispute in question.

Mr. Rockefeller, who was named specifically by Mr. Lewis in his charges, wrote to Mr. Watson yesterday and asked for the facts in the matter. In his reply Mr. Watson sent the exchanges between himself and the union official.

Mr. Watson said that after the company found that its cost of producing coal in its West Virginia mines was far in excess of the best price obtainable, it notified Mr. Lewis that the mines would have to be closed indefinitely, but this action was taken only after months of effort to avoid it. He continued:

"A state of widespread suffering, due to idle mines and idle men, did not disturb the officers of the United Mine Workers, nor was any criticism forthcoming on that score. On the contrary, they have insisted that the Consolidation Coal Co. should continue to enforce, by the duress of unemployment, conditions of work and wages which the union itself has been unable to maintain over its own members. In other words, it has seemed to be Mr. Lewis's contention that either our men should work under conditions of his choice or they must not be allowed to work at all."

Mr. Watson then quoted a series of telegrams from Mr. Lewis charging the company with violating its contract and his replies. On June 5 Mr. Watson sent the union official the following memorandum covering the northern West Virginia conditions and outlining the company's attitude:

"The collapse of the so-called 'Baltimore Agreement,' entered into between the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association and the subdistrict organization of District No. 17 of the United Mine Workers may be briefly summarized as follows:

#### Non-Union Production.

"(1) At the time of the negotiations it was informally agreed between representatives of the two parties that at least 20% of the production in the region was being produced under non-union conditions. Subsequent investigation showed that this was, if anything, an underestimate. It was also agreed that this situation offered a distinct menace to the stability of the union agreement, and that its spread, to any appreciable extent, could only destroy it.

"(2) During subsequent months regular and careful surveys of the situation revealed steady growth of non-union production and an equally steady decline of tonnage produced under the Baltimore agreement.

[The statement shows that the cars produced in June, 1924, were 763 union and 438 non-union, while in March, 1925, the cars produced were 601 union and 939 non-union.]

"(3) When the sales contracts secured prior to the Baltimore agreement expired with the beginning of the new coal year, April 1 1925, practically every union operation of any size, with one exception, suspended. The exception was the Consolidation Coal Co., which, with a greatly reduced number of mines, continued its efforts to operate for another month or more. This company then likewise came to a practically complete shutdown, forced by heavy losses and by its practical isolation in the matter of labor costs.

"(4) In recent weeks almost the entire output of the region, totaling nearly 1,200 cars daily, has been produced by operators and mine employees working together under non-union conditions of wages and employment. From whatever motive or cause, the essential fact is now the almost complete repudiation of the Baltimore wage contract by both sides. As a working reality, it no longer exists.

#### Union Near Receivership.

"5. During these months the affairs of District No. 17 of the United Mine Workers had been put into a state equivalent to a receivership. The duly elected district officials were supplanted by personal representatives of the President of the national organization and local autonomy and control were suspended. Thousands of the union members openly withdrew from the wage contract as individuals by seeking employment wherever it could be obtained under the terms available. Briefly, the situation now consists of outside officials, neither chosen by nor accountable to the rank and file of the district membership, and who supervise a body that is only a fraction of the original organization in this field. In other words, so far as their individual economic action is concerned, the union contract relationship has been specifically repudiated by an overwhelming majority of the union members. As for the officials, there are none who can speak for the district, but only for the national body.

"(6) The alternative now facing both the union operator and the union employee are, therefore, not the choice between both working under the contract and either breaking it. The contract, being in its essence a collective agreement, is already broken and gone. Neither side has been able to cope with the forces which brought this about. The present alternatives, and the only ones, are those between sharing idle mines and unemployment on the one hand and sharing competitive production and prevailing wages on the other.

"(7) Essentially this is a choice which now rests solely upon the individual employee, just as it has already been decided by thousands of them. If an employee of a company, both hitherto bound by the union contract, prefers to endure months of unemployment, throughout the remaining term of the contract, in order to maintain his union membership, that is his privilege. If, on the contrary, he prefers not to assess this penalty upon himself and his family, as the price of his union affiliation, but decides rather to exchange a printed scale for actual earnings, that also is his right. The company can neither compel the one nor deny the other.

"(8) Under such conditions the issue to be decided is not the technicalities of a document which exists only in the files of the operator and employee but their mutual decision on the obligations which they owe to the families and to the properties entrusted to their care. These obligations existed prior to and independent of the relationship to the third part of the union."

### League for Industrial Democracy Proposes Nationalization of Coal Mining Industry.

At the June conference of the League for Industrial Democracy a resolution was adopted, proposing, says the Associated Press accounts from Stroudsburg, Pa., June 28, that the League make an effort to set up a commission of experts to bring about the nationalization of the coal industry and correlate it with the nationalized super-power concerns. Norman Thomas, executive director, was in charge of the final session. The conference was devoted to a discussion of public ownership of public utilities.

### Secretary of Labor Davis in Urging Stabilization of Coal Industry, Advocates Operation of Fewer Mines.

The operation of fewer mines to the end that coal miners would be employed 300 days a year was recommended by Secretary of Labor Davis in an address at the Pennsylvania Military College at Philadelphia on June 17, at which time he received the degree of LL.D. Secretary Davis declared that the entire country is suffering from an over-development of the coal industry, it is learned from a Philadelphia dispatch to the New York "Times," which reported him as saying further:

All the coal in the country is produced by men who work no more than 2½ days a week.

This makes the purchasing power low and does not argue well for prosperity. Some one must step into the coal business and stabilize it. I would recommend that these men work 300 days each year and operate fewer mines, rather than work but two days a week and operate all the mines.

### Report of Federal Trade Commission on Premium Prices of Anthracite Coal.

A report to Congress by the Federal Trade Commission dealing with the premium prices of anthracite charged by certain mine operators and the premium prices and gross profits of anthracite wholesalers in the latter part of 1923 and early in 1924, was made public at Washington on July 6. In explanation of the conditions disclosed the report also discusses the development of the anthracite combination and the results of the Government's efforts to dissolve it. "A long period of monopolistic combination in the anthracite industry (now largely abated by recent judicial decrees) has," says the report, "resulted in concentration in the ownership of coal lands, in the failure to increase mining capacity adequately so that production has not developed with demand, in the establishment of an unduly high general price level, and, in times of temporary or apparent shortage, in high premium prices at the mine, which have encouraged and facilitated the taking of excessive profits both by wholesalers and retailers." Stating that "premium prices of anthracite occur in times of actual or anticipated shortage, and especially when there is a panic demand," the Commission in its letter submitted to Congress says:

This Commission first inquired into the problem in 1916-17 and by the collection currently of data on anthracite prices aided in reducing speculation and panic buying. More recently, in the panic market of August 1923, the United States Coal Commission initiated a somewhat similar activity, which on the termination of all of the Coal Commission work in September of the same year, was taken up by the Federal Trade Commission as the result of a conference with the Coal Commission. Thus this Commission undertook to gather and publish currently from week to week data showing the extent to which the premium prices of anthracite were due to profit-taking by the wholesalers intervening between the mine and the retailer or consumer. Current monthly data were also secured from mine operators covering the quantities of anthracite sold in inter-State commerce and the prices received therefor. The current publication of this information had a restraining influence on speculation.

Of the total annual anthracite production, which averaged over 88,000,000 net tons for the period 1914-1923, more than 70% is produced by eight large companies which, because they are, or until recently, have been owned by, or more or less closely affiliated with, the railroads tapping the anthracite territory, are known in the trade as "Railroad Coal Companies." The remainder of the annual output, constituting less than 30% of the total, is produced by over 100 companies, known as "independent coal companies," or "independents."

The prices charged by the different railroad coal companies for domestic sizes of anthracite, although not identical in amount, do not vary widely. These prices are announced periodically, usually about the 1st of April of each year, and do not fluctuate with the current changes in supply and demand. A few of the larger independents similarly announce prices, which in recent years have been about 75 cents per ton higher than those of the railroad companies, except when a slump in demand has induced them to sell at lower prices. The majority of the independents, however, do not announce their prices, but sell at the highest prices obtainable.

The report also considers in some detail the large degree of success which has accompanied the persistent efforts of the Department of Justice to disintegrate the anthracite combination, and points out additional steps which would apparently tend to restore the industry to a normal competitive basis, as well as certain constructive measures which would aid in preventing the recurrence of high premium prices.

A summary of the principal points developed in the report on premium prices of anthracite, states, in addition to the quotation above regarding monopolistic combination:

2. In such times of temporary or anticipated shortage, the independent companies have sold at prices higher by widely varying amounts or premiums than those announced by the railroad coal companies, while at other times, especially in the dull late spring season, the independents have sold for less than the railroad companies. The causes of the high premium prices which were charged the anthracite consumer in 1922 and 1923 was an actual shortage of coal in 1922 and a merely anticipated shortage in 1923, which, aggravated by the panic fear of buyers, gave the opportunity for the high premium prices, charged by independent operators for a small proportion of the total output. During August 1923, for example, when the highest railroad coal company price was \$8.35 per gross ton, wholesalers reported purchases from independent operators of a considerable tonnage at \$14 or more per ton at the mine.

3. These high mine prices have sometimes been alleged to be justified by high mine costs, but such very high costs would indicate either that production policies were arbitrarily conducted to give that result or that the mining conditions were so unfavorable that production should have been discontinued and mining labor diverted to less expensive workings.

4. The existence of a wide range in the mine prices charged for anthracite in the fall of 1923 enabled wholesalers to exact very large gross profits. In September and October 1923, after the brief strike in September, the gross profits realized by wholesalers reporting to the Commission ranged as high as \$1.75 per ton and amounted to \$1 or more per ton on about 4 to 11% of their reported weekly sales. In August, immediately preceding the strike, gross profits ranging as high as \$3.65 per ton were reported. The exorbitant character of such profits is evident when it is realized that these wholesalers sell in carload lots without physically handling the coal, and that even the gross profit allowed during the war was only 20 cents per ton in the Eastern States.

5. The existence of high premium prices at the mine has also led to speculative sales among wholesalers, thereby further enhancing the price paid by the retailer. During August and September 1923 from one-third to more than two-fifths of the reported sales of premium anthracite was handled by two or more wholesalers before being sold to a retailer.

6. The production of anthracite has not developed with demand. In spite of steadily increasing prices and large untouched coal land reserves of the railroad coal companies, some of which at the present rate of production would last more than a hundred years, the output has remained comparatively stationary for a number of years. In order that the present generation may have an adequate supply of anthracite at a reasonable price, more effective competition must be re-established. Complete restoration of competition is

not only practicable in the anthracite industry in the opinion of this Commission, but, also, is preferable to price regulation which has often been advocated with respect to this industry.

7. Among the most promising constructive measures to prevent frequently recurring shortages in the anthracite trade (apart from the education of the consumer in the possible use of economical substitutes) are a further and more effective development of price reductions in the late spring and summer to induce earlier and more regular buying by the private consumers; the development of a public statistical organization of information, either through the present wholesale-retail chain of marketing or through consumers' co-operative buying associations, through which the total demand would be definitely determined and translated into firm contracts and prompt car movements; the systematic development of an earlier and more rational buying program by municipalities and other public agencies; an increase in storage equipment of mining and distributing companies; and the enlargement of mine capacity to meet periods of extraordinary demand.

8. The greatest obstacle to intelligent action on the part of the public and the Government in the frequently recurring emergencies in the coal trade is the lack of adequate current information, particularly with regard to prices, costs of production and profits. The premium prices of 1923 were the result of an anticipated shortage and a panic demand due largely to general ignorance of the real conditions. The publication of the facts by this Commission assisted in restoring normal conditions in inter-State trade. Shortly after this Commission began its bi-weekly publication of the facts, premium prices at the mine and excessive profit taking and speculation by wholesalers began steadily to decline. The Commission believes, therefore, if the matter is found to be within the legislative power of Congress, that some Federal agency should secure and publish currently data on production, prices, costs and profits in the coal industry.

### Advances in Wages of Anthracite Miners During Past Ten Years Greater than Those in Manufacturing Industries, Railroad or Public Utility Workers.

Wages of anthracite miners, whose present wage contract with the operators expires on Aug. 31 this year, have risen considerably more during the past ten years than those of workers in the manufacturing industries, on railroads or in public utilities, according to a survey of wages in the anthracite coal mining field just completed by the National Industrial Conference Board, New York. Reference to the new demands of the anthracite miners appeared in these columns last week, page 35. Average hourly earnings of workers in the anthracite mines (according to the Conference Board's analysis, made public July 2), from June 1914 until December 1924 rose 192%, while hourly wages in 25 basic industries during the same period increased only 129%, hourly earnings of workers on Class I railroads 141%, those of workers in illuminating gas plants 111%, and in electric light and power establishments, 121%. The Board's statement also says:

Average daily earnings, or earnings per "start" of contract miners do not show as large an increase for the ten-year period since pre-war days, owing to the shortened working day. However, contract miners, who in June 1914 drew an average of \$3.46 per day, when the day averaged nine hours, in December 1924 were drawing an average of \$9.11 for a day averaging 7.6 hours, representing a gain of 163% in earnings per start. Average earnings per start from December 1923 to December 1924 increased from \$9.05 to \$9.11.

Increase in "real" earnings of anthracite workers, that is of wages in terms of purchasing power, owing to the general increase in the cost of living, is somewhat less, of course, than the increase in money, or actual wages. Average "real" hourly earnings of all anthracite mine workers, provided they spend their money in the same manner as they did in 1914, show an increase of 76% over those of pre-war days, as against an increase of 45% in "real" hourly earnings of railroad workers and a 38% increase in "real" hourly earnings of wage earners in manufacturing industries. "Real" earnings per day, or start, of contract miners were 58% higher in December 1924 than in June 1914.

While other industrial wages as a whole decreased somewhat since the peak year 1920, wages in the anthracite mines show practically no recessions, increasing steadily from pre-war days, when the average hourly wage was 28.4 cents, to December 1924—the month upon which the present study is based—when average hourly earnings per worker averaged 82.9 cents. Hourly earnings of contract miners, however, who make up by far the greatest single group, show an even greater proportional increase, reaching \$1.20 in December 1924, a total net gain of 194% in money wages over June 1914.

With the exception of contract miners, a slight decrease was suffered by anthracite workers between December 1923 and December 1924, the composite figure for all anthracite wage earners other than contract miners' laborers dropping from 83.2 cents to 82.9 cents per hour during the year.

The wage study of the Conference Board covers 140 collieries employing 96,226 wage earners, representing about 90% of the total commercial production of anthracite, and 62% of the total number of workers in the anthracite field. It is the latest of a series of anthracite mining wage studies made by the Conference Board, the first of which covered wages as of June 1914, followed by other surveys of anthracite wages as of October 1920, March, June and October 1921, and of July and December 1923.

### Secretary of Agriculture Jardine Says Grain Exchange Can Themselves Correct Violent Price Fluctuations—Importance of Co-operative Marketing in Solving Farmers' Problems.

In an address at Mandan, N. D., on July 4, Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine referred to the investigation carried on by his department to determine the causes of violent fluctuations of grain prices during recent months and noted that he had made "certain suggestions to representatives of



the Chicago Board of Trade and called upon them to consider constructive measures to prevent a similar situation in the future." "As I see it," said Secretary Jardine, "the grain exchanges of this country perform a useful function at least; we have perfected no better system of marketing. But when the price of wheat fluctuates 12 or 13 cents in a day it indicates to me that there is something wrong. There is no agency that can bring about more effectively a correction of this situation than the grain exchanges themselves. They must realize that they have to a large extent lost the confidence of the people and can regain this only by thoroughly putting their house in order. If they fail voluntarily to take appropriate action, it is my purpose to exercise to the fullest extent such power as the existing law gives me to require them to do so."

In the course of his remarks Secretary Jardine states that he is "one of those who believe that co-operative marketing will be an important factor in the solution of many of our production and marketing problems." He added:

I do not by any means regard it as a "cure all" for the troubles of the farmer, but it has real possibilities. I wonder if you fully appreciate the extent to which co-operative marketing activities in this country have been developed. The first farmers' co-operative in this country was organized shortly before the Civil War. To-day there are over twelve thousand farmers' co-operative organizations, with a membership of about two and one-half million farmers and doing an annual business of approximately two and a half billion dollars. While this development is remarkable, there is nothing mysterious about it. It is merely common sense applied to the marketing problems of the farmer. At the present time I am more interested in the question of making these farmers' co-operative organizations highly efficient than I am in organizing new associations. For, after all, the success of the co-operative movement will depend very much upon the success of the organizations already established.

The co-operative marketing association will succeed only if it performs the functions required in the marketing processes as efficiently and as economically as others can perform these services. There are a number of things which farmers should be able to do better through their co-operative organizations, than as individuals. I have, time and again, emphasized the importance of adjusting production to the market demands. To my mind one of the greatest services that the co-operative association can render its members is to supply crop and market information which will help them make such adjustments.

Through the efforts of the Danish co-operatives, the Danish farmer discarded the old lard type of hog for which there was a market in Germany and developed the more profitable bacon type hog, which is peculiarly fitted to the desires of British consumers.

Co-operative marketing among the orange and lemon growers of California reaches away back to bud selection. By organizing co-operatively in the marketing of their products the California orange and lemon growers have successfully solved many of their marketing problems by adjusting and improving their production methods and practices.

The standardized grading of products, of course, can be performed more efficiently by farmers when organized into groups. The grading of the product near the source of production makes it possible to reduce the cost of getting the product through the marketing channel to the market. Perhaps I can illustrate a little more fully the advantage of grading the product before shipment. A large number of producers of lambs in certain sections of the country had been in the habit of shipping their lambs to market without having them docked. At present the co-operative livestock shipping association is marketing these lambs and it knows full well that a carlot of lambs with long, dirty tails will not bring as much money as a well-finished carlot of lambs that are properly docked. The association has succeeded, in a very short time, in getting this information back to growers and shipments are now made of properly docked lambs that command better prices.

The co-operative association has still another important function to perform, namely, that of feeding the product to the market at the time and in the place where needed. Co-operative associations can be very helpful in avoiding the glutting of markets at harvest time, in obtaining a wider distribution of the product and in elevating the general average price received for the product as a whole.

The success of co-operative associations hinges upon a number of factors. First of all, I should say they must have honest and efficient management. If you will carefully scan the co-operatives that have been most successful, you will find that invariably they have been fortunate in having efficient managers. It is equally important that the farmer members of the co-operative take a personal and active part in the activities of their organization and co-operate with the management in solving its many problems. If the members have the feeling of responsibility for the success of the association, they will see to it that their association is honestly and efficiently managed.

The successful co-operative association will have the viewpoint of the farmer. It will be responsive to the interests and welfare of the farmer. The farmer is not investing his money in the stock of the co-operative, but he is putting into the association his entire year's work and probably that of his whole family. The things he can buy during the year, the education he can give his boys and his girls, are all wrapped up in the success of the organization. The co-operative association touches the daily life of the farm man, woman and child, and it must be operated in a manner that makes the farmer feel that he is getting a square deal. The more he knows about the details of the operation and the management of his organization, the greater will be his satisfaction. I am not urging the idea that farmers break in on management questions indiscriminately, but I am saying that good management of a co-operative will recognize in the highest degree the point of view of the farmer.

The co-operative movement, in my opinion, has a real mission to perform in the solution of the farmers' problems. It can be an effective factor in helping farmers only if it is conducted along the most efficient lines, and I can not too strongly urge upon farmers that they take a personal and direct interest in the activities of their own organizations.

The question of efficient farming was also brought before the convention by Secretary Jardine, who emphasized "the fitting of production to the needs of the market," and said:

Farming is a business. It is a highly specialized and complicated business. As a business it must be conducted along efficient lines, if it is to succeed. Wasteful methods will result in loss, and perhaps in failure, in farming as surely as in other business. I believe that the farmer who

fully reckons with all the factors that may influence his business and who conducts his farming along the most efficient lines will succeed. On the other hand, I also believe that the inefficient farmer will fail.

At Ames, Iowa, on July 10 Secretary Jardine, while stating that he recognized "the plight of agriculture to-day, even in the face of material improvement," said he knows of "no practical short cut remedy for these troubles." In part he continued:

I cannot offer you a single "cure-all" for the difficulties of the farmer. The solution, it seems to me, must be found in a number of directions.

The present troubles of agriculture, in no small measure, have grown out of excessive production and the loss of foreign markets, a situation that was brought on by the World War. Surely, then, one of our most important jobs must be to restore a proper balance between the prices of farm products and the prices of other commodities by a better adjustment of the volume of production to the needs of the market. I believe also that it is possible to increase farm incomes materially through more efficient organization and management of our farms. We need to have more sound business principles injected into agriculture. Many of us can more wisely utilize our land, labor and capital in reducing farm costs and in increasing net farm incomes. This is an aspect of the subject that I have discussed at some length on other occasions. I shall not dwell on it here.

Despite our best efforts, there will be times when abnormal surpluses will depress prices below profitable levels. No one wishes more ardently than I to find a workable solution for this problem. It should be possible to find some practical means of preventing abnormal surpluses of farm products from having their demoralizing effects.

Largely through their own efforts, farmers in recent years have made adjustments in production that have helped to reduce for the time being the influence of this depressing factor in American agriculture.

During the past two years I have differed with a large number of honest Iowa farmers as to the best means of solving the agricultural problem. We have heard a great deal of discussion about what Congress could or should do in the way of legislative assistance to agriculture.

Congress has passed a large number of agricultural bills in recent years which have been of material assistance to farmers. There is the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923, the Packers and Stockyards Act, the Grain Futures Act, the War Finance Corporation—to mention a few of them. I further believe that Congress is ready and willing to give consideration to other helpful measures.

But too few people stop to consider that legislation cannot accomplish everything. There is no magic power in legislation as a panacea for agricultural difficulties. The many constructive acts now on our statute books have not solved the fundamental agricultural problems. They have been shock absorbers—a helping hand. I am one who firmly believes that the farmer cannot be legislated out of his difficulties.

While considering the problem of surpluses, I should add a word in regard to the need of exercising a better control over the expansion of our farm land area. We of the West have grown up in an atmosphere of expansion—more people, more land under cultivation and a larger crop production. But in the last few years we have had forced upon us the fact that more expansion in agriculture is not necessarily good. Putting people on land where they cannot make a living and where their products not only bring them no profit but force down the prices for others does not benefit any farmer.

We have reached the point where we cannot expand our production indefinitely and expect to find profitable markets. We must consider before expanding our agricultural areas what we are going to raise on the new land and what we are going to do with the products after we have raised them.

### President Frank L. Carey of Chicago Board of Trade on Plans of Board to Prevent "Wide Price Swings."

Steps to permanently end criticism of the grain-marketing system are now being taken by the exchange, President Frank L. Carey of the Chicago Board of Trade declared in an address at Michigan City, Ind., June 26. Guided by suggestions of the Department of Agriculture, a close study of means to prevent wide price swings is now in progress, President Carey told the Indiana Grain Dealers' Convention, adding that the Department and the Exchange are working in closest co-operation. A new, modern clearing house, suggested by Secretary Jardine in a recent conference, as a means of reducing price swings, may be effected in the near future, Mr. Carey stated. He added:

This is no small task, nor has it the unanimous approval of Exchange members. But nevertheless they are determined to carry out suggestions that may solve the problem regardless of personal views.

Several other steps are being taken. We do not know that any single measure will be a complete solution. But each will help. And we intend to do our own correcting rather than submit further to the blunders of politicians. The administration desires to protect honest business from those political crusaders who have kept the channels of commerce churned with uncertainty. The grain exchange will do its full part by first inaugurating every reasonable policy toward higher efficiency in the hope of forever ending criticism both deserved and undeserved. The Exchange is here to stay. Many years will elapse before any new system will replace the present one, which markets the farmers' grain at a lower toll than exists in marketing of other stable food products.

Reviewing the period of wide price swings, Mr. Carey said when a world wheat famine seemed probable the situation was at once registered in the futures and speculative market. During the high price period, he added, farmers rushed their grain to market, benefitting by the high prices. Mr. Carey continued:

In five months the farmer dumped on the market 141,000,000 bushels of wheat in excess of the normal flow. These enormous receipts were absorbed without a break in price. Without the futures market with its speculative support the serious situation as to supplies would not have been made known so soon and the farmer would have marketed his crop at a much lower figure. Therefore the speculative market served the farmer in a highly efficient manner, despite the later wide price swings.

Mr. Carey traced the course of wheat prices, declaring they were carried above actual value by a great wave of

public speculation when a serious world shortage seemed probable, and that they later dropped below actual value by heavy liquidation when it was found supply would meet demand. He said no man or group of men "could tell to a nicety in the face of an unprecedented world situation" whether prices were in line with actual value. Nor could it be determined, he said, whether individuals were indulging in what might be deemed excessive speculation. Mr. Carey also noted:

A law was enacted placing exchanges under Government supervision. One purpose was to prevent over-speculation by individuals. The Government has access to all information and is now trying to learn whether the law was violated. So far, it has been stated, evidence found does not warrant criminal prosecution. It will be seen that it is no easy task even for the Government to determine what is and what is not an excessive speculative line of wheat. But the Government and the grain exchange are determined to work the problem out together, just as they are working out other difficult problems.

Mr. Carey said the condition of the grain farmer had steadily improved, that his outlook is far better than at any time since the war, and that agriculture as a whole "is swinging into a period of well-deserved prosperity."

### Cheyenne Court Which Upheld Validity of Teapot Dome Naval Oil Lease Denies Government Petition for Reopening of Proceedings.

A motion in behalf of the Government for the reopening of the proceedings for the annulment of the lease of the Teapot Dome Naval Oil Reserve to Harry F. Sinclair and the Mammoth Oil Company was denied on July 6 by U. S. District Judge T. Blake Kennedy in the Federal Court for Wyoming at Cheyenne. On June 19 a decision upholding the validity of the lease was handed down by Judge Kennedy. A contrary decision in the care of the lease, to the Pan American Petroleum Company, of the Naval Oil Reservation No. 1, Elk Hills, Calif., was rendered on May 29 by Paul J. McCormick in the U. S. District Court at Los Angeles, Judge McCormick having ordered the Petroleum Company, of which Edward L. Doheny is President to surrender for cancellation their Elk Hills leases as well as contracts for the construction of oil storage facilities at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This decision was referred to in our issue of May 30, page 2765. At the time Judge Kennedy on June 19 rendered his decision in the Teapot Dome proceedings the Associated Press reported as follows his conclusions:

Government charges of collusion, scandal and fraud in the leasing of the Dome by former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall to the Mammoth company was buried deep under a voluminous legal decision when Judge Kennedy completely upheld every act in the process which resulted in the granting of the big Wyoming oil field concession to Sinclair.

Beaten, but not ready to quit counsel for the Government, Albert D. Walton, United States District Attorney, announced after the decision that an appeal would be taken.

Judge Kennedy's decision contained the following rulings: That the executive order signed May 31 1921, by President Harding, transferring the Naval Oil Reserve from the jurisdiction of the Navy Department to that of the Interior Department, was legal and not obtained from the Chief Executive by fraud.

That an act of Congress of June 4 1920, under which the lease and other negotiations were consummated, clothed the Secretary of the Navy with full power to do everything that was done in negotiating the naval oil leases.

That the "loan" of \$25,000 by Sinclair to Fall in June, 1923, was a "suspicious circumstance," but that the ready explanation given by Sinclair's attorney, I. W. Zevilly, to a Senate investigating committee and the lack of evidence that any attempt at secrecy was made over the transaction gave it the badge of a legitimate transaction.

That the Government's allegation of fraud had not been sustained.

That the "collateral transaction" involved in the case—the mysterious high financing carried on by the Continental Trading Company of Toronto, headed by J. H. Osler, with certain American oil companies, including the Midwest Oil Company, the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Company, the Prairie Oil Company and A. E. Humphreys, independent operator, could not, from the evidence, be stamped judicially as evidence of conspiracy involving Fall.

That in carrying out the provisions of the act of June, 1920, the then Secretary of the Navy, Edwin Denby, did not usurp the powers of Congress, as alleged by the Government.

That the evidence introduced regarding Fall's bank accounts in the Government's attempt to prove conspiracy and fraud did not link the former Interior Secretary with any unlawful dealings with Sinclair. This evidence was stricken from the record.

That Congress may delegate power to executive branches of the Government to handle Government property "in an unrestricted way, and in accordance with a vested discretion."

That former Secretary Denby, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson, chief of Navy engineering, who acted as Denby's agent; E. O. Finney, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and H. Foster Bain and A. W. Ambrose, of the Federal Bureau of Mines, "must be considered as absolved from any incriminating fault as to fraudulent motive" in their actions in connection with the negotiations.

That there was no undue secrecy in concealing the fact that a lease had been granted to Sinclair, and that the Government's charge that opportunities were not given persons other than Sinclair to negotiate leases, were not borne out by the evidence.

Persons who held mineral leases in Teapot Dome were absolved of blame for demanding compensation for vacating their holdings, Judge Kennedy ruled, setting forth that Fall's requirement that Sinclair acquire quit claim deeds to all these claims as a prerequisite to getting a lease probably was the best way of definitely settling the matter of such ownership.

Every major allegation made by the Government was crushed under the decision.

Judge Kennedy near the end of the decision said:

"In reaching a conclusion in this case, we fully realize the degree of unpopularity with which it will be received. This is true in the nature of things, because the great general public is reached only with the sensational features surrounding the transactions involved and being largely in the dark as to all the other multitude of circumstances with which the case is surrounded and knowing perhaps less of the great legal principles which the experience of the ages has taught mankind must control in dealing with the rights of persons and property.

"The fact that this appears to be a good contract for the Government, as testified to by those witnesses who are qualified to speak of its character, coupled with the fact that the courts should be concerned in sustaining formal grants upon which the rights and welfare of many depend, impels the conclusion that such contracts should not be set aside for light or frivolous reasons, unless fraud in connection with this execution is clearly shown.

"We have no quarrel with the theory that the Congress should have and has the constitutional power to regulate the manner in which the property of the United States shall be handled by the executive branch," said the conclusion of the decision, "but we do maintain that in the exercise of that power it may by appropriate legislative authority delegate officers of that department to handle Government property in an unrestricted way, and in accordance with a vested discretion.

"Therefore, it is not only possible but very probable in this case that the action taken by the Secretary of the Navy, if the contracts are fairly and honestly carried out, will actually conserve oil which would otherwise have been lost had not such action been taken, for, as to how far reaching drainage may be and how far oil pools extend under ground, is at present little known, even by geologists themselves."

Commenting on the Government's charge of fraud, Judge Kennedy said

"There is a significant lack of material damage to the Government which usually attends allegations of fraud, for in the case at the bar, no attempt has been made to show that the lease in controversy was in itself a bad lease for the Government, except perhaps theoretically by counsel, but on the other hand, testimony of the plaintiff's own witnesses who are competent to speak on the subject, tends to show that it is a lease much more favorable to the Government than they as oil operators would be willing to assume."

The ruling held, that since there was no allegation of a violation of the law, and since Government counsel had "virtually abandoned any discussion of the invalidity" of President Harding's order, the charge could not be sustained.

A detailed account of the decision was given in the New York "Times" of June 20. Regarding the action of Judge Kennedy on July 6 we quote the following Associated Press accounts from Cheyenne.

Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy late today denied the motion of Government counsel Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts for a rehearing of the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit on the ground that additional testimony for the Government was available.

Judge Kennedy also signed a decree dismissing the lease annulment suit against the Mammoth Oil Company, entering the dismissal as of June 19, the date of his decision in the case.

Judge Kennedy in his decree of dismissal provided for the continuance of the Teapot Dome receivership until further order while the appeal from the decision is being taken by the Government to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Government is given forty-five days from June 19 to file its petition for appeal.

The Government counsel sought to reopen the case to present additional testimony on the alleged transfer of Liberty bonds from the Continental Trading Company of Canada for Harry F. Sinclair to Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, who negotiated the lease for the Government.

Their motion requested that depositions in connection with the alleged transfer of Liberty bonds be taken in Toronto, Canada, and filed with the court.

Before the trial of the Teapot Dome case Government counsel endeavored to secure these depositions in regard to the alleged Liberty bond transfer. Judge Kennedy granted the Government a continuance of the trial from Feb. 26 to March 9 for the obtaining of this evidence. The refusal of H. S. Osler, the trading company's President, to answer part of the questions put to him defeated the Government's move. The Canadian courts have since ruled that he must answer all the questions.

Judge Kennedy in his order dismissing the lease annulment suit against Harry F. Sinclair's Mammoth Oil Company stated that the question of the validity or invalidity of the executive order of May 30 1921, transferring the jurisdiction of all naval reserves from the Navy Department to the Interior Department was immaterial.

In the evidence presented by the Government in seeking the lease annulment, Judge Kennedy finds "nothing to show irregularity or fraud surrounding the transaction or execution of the lease."

The negotiation and manner of executing the lease, Judge Kennedy stated in his dismissal order, show that it was "entirely immaterial so far as the lease annulment case is concerned whether the executive order of 1921 was ever made or not."

Commenting on the Cheyenne decision, Frank J. Hogan, chief counsel for E. L. Doheny was quoted in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 20 as saying:

"We are naturally gratified by the decision of Judge Kennedy. On every legal point common to both the Pan-American and Sinclair cases, he upholds our contention. Speaking for myself personally, I would say that this decision increases and confirms my judgment that the Circuit Court of Appeals will uphold the men in the government and in the Pan-American Co., who, for patriotic purposes, responded to the call of the Navy Department which resulted in the completion of the greatest naval base in the world at Pearl Harbor.

"Judge Kennedy rightly holds that the secrecy maintained by the government was for military purposes having to do with the security of the nation, and that Admiral Robinson of the Navy, Dr. H. Foster Bain, director of the Bureau of Mines, A. W. Andrews, chief of the Petroleum Division of the Interior Department, E. C. Finney, assistant secretary of the Interior, and Secretary Denby of the Navy, all acted legitimately, in good faith and for the best interests of the government.

"It will not be forgotten that these are the men who negotiated the Pan-American contracts and leases. Their motives in the Sinclair case were precisely the same as the motives in the Pan-American case. There is no distinguishing the two cases. On the real facts either Judge McCormick or Judge Kennedy is wrong. Every member of the Doheny legal staff believes beyond question that the Court of Appeals will follow Judge Kennedy and that the decision which we have always counted on when these cases got into court will be handed down in San Francisco next fall.

"We repeat there is no escaping from this conclusion—either United States District Judge Kennedy is wrong or U. S. District Judge McCormick is wrong. These two cases will go to two United States Circuit Courts of Appeal. One will be heard in San Francisco and the other will be held in Denver. It is our prediction that in both cases the final decision will show that Mr. Doheny was right when he said on the day these suits were filed that he thanked God they had been transferred from the forum of partisan politics into the forum of the American Courts."

The same paper said:

The appeal from Judge McCormick's decision will be prosecuted by the Pan-American Petroleum Co. The appeal from Judge Kennedy's decision will be prosecuted by the United States Government. Neither decision is final at this moment.

Frederic R. Kellogg, of Kellogg, Emery, Inness-Brown & Cuthell, chief counsel for the Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Company, in a statement issued on June 20 said in part:

"It is our confident belief that the Appellate Court that hears the Doheny case will reach the same conclusion concerning Secretary Denby's attitude and action in this matter that has now been reached by Judge Kennedy, who not only had before him the evidence in the Sinclair case, but who, of course, was fully informed as to the conclusions which had previously been reached by Judge McCormick in the Doheny case.

"The importance of this point is evident when it is remembered that there never has been a suggestion in any litigation or investigation that Secretary Denby had been either a party to any alleged conspiracy or had been guilty of the slightest dishonorable or wrongful act in connection with any of these transactions.

"Nor has there been any proof or even suggestion that Secretary Fall or any other person had made any false representations to Secretary Denby, had deceived him in any way or had induced him surreptitiously to sign any contract which he ought not to have signed.

"With these two points clearly in mind it would seem that the only way by which Judge McCormick could reach a conclusion adverse to the defendants in the Doheny case was to brush away and disregard everything that Secretary Denby had done upon the theory of 'misapprehension' and 'passivity.'

"But Judge Kennedy has positively refused to adopt any such theory, although the facts are practically identical, and it is our belief that the Circuit Court of Appeals will likewise perceive the impossibility of affirming the conclusion of Judge McCormick upon this point."

The minimum estimate on the time that will elapse before the oil lease cases are decided finally will be a year, it was said yesterday. Counsel for the Pan-American interests already have taken steps to appeal the decision against them. Whatever the decision of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals may be, it is expected that an appeal will be taken.

Whether the suit reaches the United States Supreme Court will depend on that body's decision, under the new rules of procedure, after issuing a writ of certiorari, as to whether the case is admissible to appeal. Similar procedure is expected in the Sinclair Teapot Dome suit.

Mr. Doheny's version of the Naval oil leases was given extended space in the New York "Times" of July 1, the "Wall Street Journal" in summarizing the story stating that Mr. Doheny makes six principal points, viz.:

(1) There would not have been an Elk Hills Naval Reserve oil lease nor would the Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. have undertaken tank construction at Pearl Harbor had not Rear Admiral J. K. Robison convinced Doheny great war in the Pacific threatened United States in 1921; (2) naval lease policy of the Harding administration originated, not with Secretary Fall, but in the brains of high officers of the Navy; (3) the executive order of President Harding, giving the Department of the Interior administrative powers involving the naval oil reserves, was suggested not by Mr. Fall, but by Secretary of the Navy Denby; (4) Admiral Robison asked Mr. Doheny, not as an oil man, but as a citizen, to come to the aid of his country, and for this reason alone Mr. Doheny pledged his support; (5) the "Pacific crisis" in 1921 was the real reason for calling of the Washington conference for the Limitation of Armament, to avoid by diplomacy, if possible, the threatened conflict in the Pacific; (6) certain important telegrams which Mr. Doheny said mysteriously disappeared from the files of the Interior Department would, if read into the Senate investigating committee record, have disclosed to the country that Secretary Fall had no part in making the contracts with the Doheny interests, but that they were supervised by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Finney, Secretary Denby, and Admiral Robison.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Lands, which conducted the Senate investigation into the leases, in a statement on July 3 regarding Mr. Doheny's assertions had the following to say in part:

There are two features of Mr. Doheny's interview that ought to awaken more than usual public interest.

In the first place, Mr. Doheny asserts that the subject of the Executive order transferring the control of the oil reserves from the Navy to the Interior Department was discussed at least two Cabinet meetings at which Secretary Denby expressed his desire to have the transfer made. It is specifically stated in the Doheny interview that Secretary Denby inquired of the Attorney-General whether the duties could legally be devolved upon the Secretary of the Interior, to which inquiry Attorney-General Daugherty replied, "Certainly."

The source of Mr. Doheny's information on the subject is not disclosed, but presumably it came from Secretary Denby, although it is inconsistent with the testimony given by that gentleman before the Public Lands Committee.

According to my recollection, Secretary Hughes and Secretary Hoover, at least, were asked if the subject was ever considered at a Cabinet meeting. Both replied it was not or, at least, that neither of them had any recollection of such an event.

It will be interesting now to learn what they have to say about the matter in view of the Doheny statement.

If Mr. Doheny is correct about the matter, the responsibility for the Executive order is shared by every member of the Cabinet.

In the second place, Mr. Doheny asserts that when the plan was under consideration of constructing the Pearl Harbor tanks and of paying for them in oil, to quote from his statement, "Mr. Fall said that if my company, or any other, would undertake the work contemplated (construction of the tanks), leases would be made for the drilling of such additional wells as would be required to supply the crude oil with which the navy would pay for fuel oil in storage."

This is in entire harmony with the testimony of Admiral Robison before the committee. Doheny was given the lease which he secured on the entire reserve that there might be oil enough accruing to the Government to meet the obligations incurred by the construction of the tanks as they were being constructed.

This effectually disposes of the contention that the Doheny lease on December 12 1922, (that is, the lease which covered practically the entire reserve) was made because the reserve was being drained by wells outside and to protect the Government from loss from drainage so set up.

These two items I regard as of very particular consequence. In the one case, the statement of Mr. Doheny, if true, involves every member of the Cabinet in some measure of responsibility for the odious transaction.

In the second, there is a complete refutation of the view that it was either necessary or advisable to lease the reserves in order to avert loss of oil through drainage.

According to the New York "World" Senator Walsh also said:

"An amazing part of Mr. Doheny's ex-parte statement is that which carries an intimation that important letters or telegrams were suppressed by the committee of the Senate or some member thereof.

"It will be recalled that the Secretary of the Interior was ordered by the resolution pursuant to which the inquiry took place to send to the committee copies of all papers in relation to the leases, in compliance with which direction a whole cartload of photostatic copies of documents was transmitted, many of which had only the most remote relation to the subject of the inquiry.

"A representative of the department listed every document that came, before they were touched by any member of the committee. If anything was spirited away, the charge must be laid at the doors of some one in the Department of the Interior.

"The Doheny statement does not assert that copies of the letters or telegrams to which so much importance is attached were not among those sent in obedience to the resolution of the Senate. So the insinuation is obvious.

"Perhaps there is no more direct charge in the statement that the letters and telegrams were not offered in evidence. I have no recollection about this and the record not being available to me I am unable to say. No attempt was made to submit every paper. If the letters and telegrams set out in the statement were not introduced it was probably because their importance if they had any was not appreciated by any one concerned.

#### No Suppression.

"It is needless to say that, lest any indirect statement on my part might be misconstrued, I am moved to say there was no suppression by myself or under my direction or, so far as I know, by any member or clerk or assistant of the committee, of any evidence, relevant or otherwise."

#### Distribution to Growers by Burley Tobacco Growers' Association—Sale to Japanese Government.

From the June 1 issue of the "Monthly Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, we take the following:

The Burley Tobacco Growers' Association announces the distribution to growers of 1923 crop of \$12,419,440 to be made early in June, and also announces that a recent sale has been made to the Japanese Government monopoly. This is of more than ordinary interest in view of the fact that it is the first on record to that country.

The distribution of more than \$6,000,000 to members of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association on the 1922 crop was noted in our issue of April 4, page 1684.

#### Wheat Pool Law Declared Valid by Kansas Court—Does Not Contravene Constitution and Is Not Combination in Restraint of Trade, Court Holds.

Validity of the Co-operative Marketing Law under which the Kansas Wheat Growers' Association is organized, was upheld on June 6 by the Kansas Supreme Court, it is learned from the Topeka "Capital" of June 7, from which the following information is taken:

In its opinion, written by Justice Rousseau Burch, the Court holds that the Act does not contravene the Constitution of the State or the United States, that the association is not a combination in restraint of trade, nor organized to create a monopoly.

The Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the Edwards County District Court in an action brought by Ed Charlet to test the constitutionality of the Act. It was urged that the association is a monopoly under the terms of the Anti-Trust Act, and that the Co-operative Marketing Law is discriminatory in that it allows an association to engage in anything, except banking, directly or indirectly connected with agriculture.

"One flaw in the contention," Justice Burch says, "consists in the fact that the Co-operative Marketing Act does not create a monopoly of the kind denounced in the Anti-Trust Act. . . . If the question should properly be raised, it will doubtless be held that only those activities which are germane to the purposes of the Act are permissible, and that banking is not such an activity."

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Herbert H. Knox was reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$120,000. Two other memberships were reported transferred, that of John M. Cates to Frederic W. Kreiner and that of Edwin W. Orvis to Warner D. Orvis, the consideration in the case of the last two being nominal.

Two New York Cotton Exchange memberships were reported sold this week, each for \$31,500. That of Mike S. Hart to Thomas F. Cahill for another, and that held by the estate of Henry Hentz to Norris Sellar. The last previous sale was for \$30,000.

The New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange membership of F. G. Browne was reported sold this week to Friend Fuerst & Co. for a consideration stated to be \$13,250. The last previous sale was at \$13,000.

James Speyer sailed yesterday (July 10) on the Olympic for his usual holiday trip to Europe. He expects to return the first week in September.

At an election held under the new constitution of the New York Stock Exchange, the Governors on July 8 re-named Edgar Boody as Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Boody has held this position heretofore as an appointee of the finance committee. Under the new constitution the Assistant Treasurer is appointed by the governing committee.

On July 6, Francis Halpin, formerly Vice-President of the Chemical National Bank of this city, died at the age of seventy-one. After entering the Chemical National Bank as a messenger at the age of sixteen, Mr. Halpin rose to the position of discount clerk in 1890, Assistant Cashier in 1892, Cashier in 1898 and became Vice-President a few years later. After fifty-two years of service with the bank he retired on July 2 1921.

At a meeting this week of the directors of the American Exchange National Bank of New York, Byron M. Huyler and Harold D. Pennington were appointed Assistant Cashiers and Edwin L. Moran Assistant Trust Officer. As stated in our issue of last week, on page 38, the stockholders of the American Exchange National Bank and the Pacific National Bank ratified on July 2 the plans to consolidate under the name of the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, with a capital of \$7,500,000 and a surplus of \$8,500,000. The merger will become effective Aug. 1 and stockholders will have the right to subscribe on or before July 28 at \$200 per share of \$100 par, to the extent of 30% of their holdings. The bank will have total assets of about \$235,000,000. The consolidation plans were further referred to in our issues of May 16, page 2505, May 23, page 2646 and June 13, page 3025. Officers of the consolidated institution are:

President, Lewis L. Clarke; Vice-Presidents, Walter H. Bennett, Theodore H. Banks, O. H. Cheney, George C. Haigh, Louis S. Tiemann, Mercer P. Moseley, William P. Malburn, Thomas L. Robinson, Howard Marshall and John S. Hamilton; Assistant Vice-Presidents, Arthur P. Lee, Charles E. Meek, Joseph D. Higgins and F. E. Goldman; Cashier, Walter B. Tallman; Assistant Cashiers, A. G. Armstrong, Arthur D. Bright, William G. Clinkunbroomer, Luke D. Doyle, Byron M. Huyler, A. G. Irvine, F. L. Kerr, J. W. Konvalinka, Frederic M. Langdon, J. C. Lawrence, John J. Martin Jr., Hugh S. McClure, John P. G. Moran, Harold D. Pennington, George A. Polsey, Henry P. Seibert, B. D. Swain, Harry Van Brunt and Knight Woolley; Assistant Trust Officers, George W. Giddings, J. S. Roberts and Edwin L. Moran; Auditor, C. V. A. Walsh; Assistant Auditors, Jesse T. Godfrey and L. A. Mignot.

On Saturday and Sunday last the safe removal of over 225 millions of dollars in securities and two millions in cash was accomplished when the Bank of America of New York took possession of its new offices and banking room in the first section of the 23-story building at Pine and William streets. Although the greater part of the transfer of assets was done through the novel use of an opening cut in the wall separating the old building from the new, nevertheless a squad of policemen guarded the premises. With the opening of the first section of the Bank of America building this week the bank occupies its fourth home on the same historic site, where it has been located for 113 years. The Bank of America succeeded the first Bank of the United States in 1812. Many interesting financial events have been chronicled in the intervening years, and the modern bank building now occupied is a far cry from the original small dwelling first rented by the bank, lighted by candles, and in which all the work was done with quill pens. The demolition of the old building at Wall and William streets is proceeding rapidly. It was erected in 1889.

J. L. Cleveland Jr., formerly Assistant Secretary of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed an Assistant Vice-President of the company.

The condensed statement of condition of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as of June 30 1925 shows total resources of \$716,681,182, as compared with a total of \$628,091,397 at the time of the last published statement, March 25 1925 and of \$650,427,127 as of June 30 1924. The company's deposits total \$577,221,465, as compared with \$531,495,382 a year ago. Surplus and undivided profits of \$20,369,141 show a gain of \$809,679 since the issuance of the last statement, and of \$1,605,648 since June 30 1924.

William H. Goadby, founder of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Wm. H. Goadby & Co. and the third oldest member of the Exchange, died on July 4 at the age of 75. Mr. Goadby became a member of the Stock Exchange in 1870, at the age of 21, and in 1876 he formed the firm of

Wm. H. Goadby & Co. With advancing age, Mr. Goadby had relinquished active duties and of late years had been identified with the firm as special partner. At the time of his death he was a director of the Lanston Monotype Machine Co., the Sheffield Co. of Alabama, the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.

At the regular meeting this week of the directors of the Continental Bank of New York, Andre de Coppet was elected a director and Walter Frederichs was appointed an Assistant Cashier.

Herbert L. Pratt, President of the Standard Oil Co. of New York was on July 8 elected a trustee of the New York Produce Exchange Safe Deposit and Storage Co.

The statement of condition of the New York Trust Co. as of June 30 shows total resources of \$314,905,000, as against \$201,916,000 on June 30 a year ago, an increase of \$112,857,000. Deposits were \$225,857,000, an increase of \$23,941,000 over a year ago. Acceptances and letters of credit were \$26,129,000, an increase of \$10,137,000 during the year, and undivided profits were increased by \$828,000 to \$9,145,000.

The increasing use of the services of corporations as executor and trustee and in other fiduciary capacities has prompted the preparation of a booklet by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of this city, showing briefly but in detail how the company acts in carrying out its duties in a fiduciary capacity. The booklet is issued under the title "The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. Plan for the Care of Estates and Trust Funds." A paragraph therein says:

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. has never had a bond department, due to the company's policy and firm conviction that as executor and trustee it should not be placed in the position of a buyer and seller of securities at the same time. The company's security department is organized for the impartial study of securities and not for the sale of bonds to its customers or the public.

The feature of the booklet is its presentation of two charts, made to render easily understandable the nature and extent of the care of an estate by the company both as executor and as trustee. The matter is presented in such a way as to furnish a convincing demonstration going to show the importance of having an executor or trustee who not only knows what to do, but who is at all times in a position to carry out the duties assumed.

The Trust Co. of New Jersey, located at Journal Square, Jersey City, N. J., and maintaining four branches in Hudson County, reports a gain in six months of over \$6,500,000. Deposits have increased over the same period from \$49,717,140 to \$56,347,000. Total resources have increased from \$54,742,086 to \$61,502,210.

On recommendation of the President of the National Bank of America of Paterson, N. J., William E. Walter, a dividend of 4% was declared by the board of directors at the last monthly meeting, held June 9, on stock outstanding as of June 9, payable quarterly beginning July 1. The bank is just two years old, has purchased its own home and is now remodeling the new building to meet its requirements. A display appropriate to the celebration of Independence Day was the exhibition of old letters and documents in the window of the National Bank of America. These interesting souvenirs of Colonial days were loaned by Albert H. Heusser, historian of the Captain Abraham Godwin Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Among the rare papers shown there were two bank notes, one signed by Daniel Webster in 1834 and the other by President James Madison in 1814.

Silas Shoemaker, Vice-President of the Atlantic Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Atlantic City, N. J., died at the age of fifty-seven on June 30. Mr. Shoemaker had been in the banking business in Atlantic City for 35 years.

The Atco National Bank of Atco, N. J., opened for business on June 27 at West Front Street and Atco Avenue. The bank, which has been organized by business men in the section, has elected John H. Schleinkofer, President, and Richard C. Ewan, Cashier. The following are Vice-Presidents: Bartram A. Hand, Henry K. Winter and Caleb B. Githens. The bank starts with a capital of \$25,000 and surplus of \$5,000. On the opening day its deposits amounted to \$40,000 and in a week's time it reported deposits of \$65,000.

Effective July 1, the Buffalo Trust Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., increased its capital from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000. On May 12, the 44th anniversary of the incorporation of the trust company, the directors unanimously adopted a resolution recom-

mending the increase. This action was ratified by the stockholders at a special meeting on May 27. The increase in capital was effected through the issuance of 5,000 shares of new stock offered to existing stockholders at \$250 a share, each stockholder having the right to subscribe to one share of the new stock for every four shares which he now holds. Subscription warrants representing the right to purchase new stock at \$250 a share were issued June 15 to stockholders of record as of the close of business that day. Through the sale of the additional stock the company has a combined capital and surplus of \$5,000,000.

John W. DeKay, who for 12 years has been avoiding prosecution by the United States for alleged aiding and abetting in the misapplication of \$200,000 of the funds of the defunct Atlantic National Bank of Providence, arrived in this city from London on June 21 in the custody of an agent of the Department of Justice and was taken at once to Providence. On Monday, June 22, he was arraigned before Federal Judge Arthur A. Brown in Providence; pleaded "not guilty," and was released in \$25,000 bail for trial in the fall. In our issue of April 26 1924, page 2025, reference was made to the arrest in London of DeKay on April 10 of that year upon his arrival at Southampton from Hamburg, Germany. Since that time he has been fighting extradition, it is understood. In commenting on the bringing back of the fugitive, the Providence "Journal" of June 22 said in part:

On April 15 1913 the Atlantic National Bank, then in the Banigan Building, which is now the Grosvenor Building, closed its doors. It was discovered that \$200,000 of the institution's funds had been misappropriated.

The Government investigated. On Oct. 9 1913 Henry E. and John W. DeKay, brothers, and others, were indicted for aiding and abetting.

From that date until the present, John W. DeKay has been frequently in the newspapers, always dodging the United States Government, sometimes in trouble with European Governments, figuring at times as a pacifist, at others as an arms runner.

DeKay's brother, Henry, indicted with him, was arrested in Yonkers, N. Y., Oct. 14 1913. He was convicted after a trial that lasted four months. He fought stubbornly to retain his freedom, carrying the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals and spending more than \$35,000. He failed, and on May 1 1923 began a five-year sentence at Howard. After serving 20 months he was paroled Jan. 2 last.

Randolph S. Meck, President of the Reading Clearing House Association of Reading, Pa., announces the resignation of Carl M. Sisk as National Bank Examiner. Mr. Sisk, in point of service, is the oldest National Bank Examiner in the Third Federal Reserve District. His ability as an examiner and accountant was so highly regarded by many of the leading bankers in the district in which he was employed that he was urged to enter the auditing and examining field in the interest of directors and officers of banks. With a corps of trained men he will specialize in bank audits and the examination of defunct or embarrassed creditors of banks. The new firm will be known as the Carl M. Sisk Co., with offices in Reading, Pa.

The Union Trust Co. of Cleveland opened its new office at Euclid Avenue and Taylor Road on Wednesday, July 1—its eleventh office in Greater Cleveland. Open house was held at the new office all day on July 1. There were souvenirs for the grownups and toy balloons for the children.

During the week of June 22 one of the largest assemblages of bank stockholders ever held in the city of Cleveland was entertained at dinner in the new building of the United Banking & Trust Co. The purpose of the banquet was a preliminary showing of the beautiful new banking quarters. At this time tributes were paid to the bank by the speakers. William R. Hopkins, City Manager of Cleveland, congratulated the institution upon its enterprise in presenting to the city such a splendid structure. William Ganson Rose, President of William Ganson Rose, Inc., publicity counsel to the bank, presented the possibilities of the future to the bank and to its section of the city through the slogan which the bank has adopted, "United with Progress." Reference to the new building was made in these columns last week, page 38.

Ethan B. Stanley, Vice-President and Secretary of the American Laundry Machinery Co., has been elected a director of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. L. Whitaker, President of the Whitaker Paper Co.

According to F. E. Gunter, President of the Liberty Central Trust Co. of St. Louis, the board of directors have elected J. N. Sommer, Vice-President of the institution. Mr. Sommer entered the employ of the bank on Aug. 14 1890 as

a messenger boy. Since that time he has served in various capacities, being appointed Assistant Cashier in 1921. R. P. Titus has resigned as Vice-President of the Liberty Central Trust Co. to take the position of Vice-President and Director of the Magnus Chemical Co. of New York. Mr. Titus is returning to New York, where he received his education, and joining a company headed by his former classmate, William Campbell, President of the company. Mr. Titus had been with the Liberty Central Trust Co. eleven years and is to handle the finances of the Chemical Co. The election of Mr. Gunter as President of the Liberty Central Trust Co. was noted in our issue of June 20, page 3151.

An Associated Press dispatch from Topeka on July 6, which appeared in the New York "Times" of the following day, stated that a shortage of \$55,000 in the Scranton (Kan.) State Bank, whose Cashier, C. F. Bolton, committed suicide last week, was reported on that day to Roy Bone, State Bank Commissioner, by N. R. Oberwortman, an examiner. The Commissioner was reported as saying: "There is no hope for reorganizing the bank." The institution was a small one, capitalized at \$10,000, with surplus of \$12,000.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved an application to organize the American National Bank of Santa Monica, Cal., with a capital of \$100,000. The officers are: N. S. Gandy, President; E. S. Welch, Vice-President and Cashier. The officials expect to open the bank about Sept. 1. The par value of the stock is \$100 and its selling price was fixed at \$120.

Total resources of Barclays Bank, Ltd., of London amounted at the close of business on June 30 1925 to \$1,668,-849,860, representing an increase as compared with \$1,643,-964,118 on the corresponding date of last year. The figures covering the bank's condition were received this week by cable at the New York office of the bank at 60 Wall St., the changes reflecting the improvement in British trade over the last 12 months' period. Advances to customers and other accounts are reported as \$748,015,165, an increase from \$711,692,455 a year ago, while the investment account shows a decline from \$317,499,776 to \$292,761,278 current, deposits and other accounts rose from \$1,478,490,528 to \$1,494,736,350.

THE CURB MARKET.

While the general trend of prices in the Curb Market this week was upward, profit-taking at times served to impart an irregular appearance to movements. Public utilities attracted attention. Adirondack Power & Light com. rose from 84 to 87. Amer. Power & Light com. sold up from 59 3/4 to 64 1/2 and reacted finally to 61 3/8. Amer. Super-power Class A advanced from 35 3/4 to 39 5/8, declined to 38 3/8 and closed to-day at 38 1/2. The Class B stock gained four points to 40 3/4 and finished to-day at 40. Associated Gas & Elec. Class A was conspicuous for an advance from 34 5/8 to 42 3/4. It sold at the close to-day at 40 1/2 ex-dividend. General Gas & Elec. com. was another feature, jumping from 176 to 208 1/2 with the final figure to-day 207. The convertible pref. rose from 173 to 209. Southeastern Power & Light gained 12 1/2 points to 112 and closed to-day at 109. United Light & Power Class A sold up from 103 1/2 to 114 1/2 and down finally to 112 1/4. Trading in industrials was light with activity confined to a few issues. Chapin Tacks improved from 44 to 46 1/2 and ends the week at 45. Fox Film gained about 5 points to 57 1/2 and sold finally at 56. H. H. Franklin Mfg. advanced from 34 to 42 and ends the week at 41 3/4. Pathe Exchange "A" stock moved up from 84 3/8 to 93 3/8 and reacted to 85 1/8 finally. Oil shares were quiet and with small price changes. Humble Oil & Ref. rose from 66 3/8 to 69 3/8 and reacted finally to 67 1/2. Prairie Oil & Gas improved from 58 1/2 to 61 1/8, reacting finally to 59. In mining shares Engineers Gold Mining made a sensational advance from 55 1/2 to 100, with a final reaction to 85.

A complete record of Curb Market prices for the week will be found on page 187.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET

Week Ended July 10	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind. & Mts.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday			HOLIDAY		
Monday	251,088	81,990	40,820	\$786,000	\$32,000
Tuesday	294,340	72,480	51,680	739,000	64,000
Wednesday	263,350	82,170	74,600	771,000	28,000
Thursday	263,625	79,320	204,700	1,014,000	50,000
Friday	198,440	70,590	102,100	860,000	16,000
Total	1,270,843	386,550	473,900	\$4,170,000	\$190,000



gain of 20.3%. In the Boston Reserve District there is an improvement of 15.0%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 20.3%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 20.0%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are better by 17.8%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 19.6% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 27.4%. The Chicago Reserve District has again of 20.2%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 14.4% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 24.5%. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is an increase of 19.1%, in the Dallas Reserve District of 18.9% and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 16.4%.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of June and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table showing bank clearings at leading cities from 1925 to 1922, including Federal Reserve Districts, Outside N.Y. City, and Canada. Columns include year, amount in millions, and percentage change.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the six months back to 1922:

Table showing six-month bank clearings by Federal Reserve Districts for 1925, 1924, 1923, and 1922, with percentage changes.

Total all districts for six months ending June 30, 1925: \$43,150,263,754. Total all districts for six months ending June 30, 1924: \$36,059,911,877.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for June and the six months of 1925 and 1924 are given below:

Table comparing transactions on the New York Stock Exchange for June 1925 and June 1924, categorized by stock, bonds, and government securities.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 in 1922 to 1925 is indicated in the following:

Table showing the volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange by month from 1925 to 1922, measured in number of shares.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for June and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ending July 4th for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR JUNE, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 4.

Large composite table showing clearings for June, since January 1, and for the week ending July 4, broken down by Federal Reserve District (First, Second) and various cities.





CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Main table showing clearing data for various US cities (Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts) from June 1925 to July 1925. Columns include 'Month of June', 'Since January 1.', and 'Week Ending July 4.' with sub-columns for 1925, 1924, and percentage change.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR JUNE, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2.

Table showing Canadian clearing data for June 1925, since January 1, and for the week ending July 2. Columns include 'Month of June', 'Since January 1.', and 'Week Ending July 2.' with sub-columns for 1925, 1924, and percentage change.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended July 1. d Week ended July 2. e Week ended July 3. \* Estimated.

Condition of National Banks April 6.—The statement of condition of the national banks under the Comptroller's call of April 6 1925 has been issued and is summarized below. For purposes of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including Dec. 31 1923 are included.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES ON DECEMBER 31 1923 AND MARCH 31, JUNE 30, OCT. 10 AND DEC. 31 1924 AND APRIL 6 1925 (in Thousands of Dollars).

Table with columns for dates: Dec. 31 '23, Mar. 31 '24, June 30 '24, Oct. 10 '24, Dec. 31 '24, April 6 '25. Rows include Resources (Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Customers' liability account, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.), and Details of Cash in Vault (Gold coin, Gold certificates, etc.).

a Includes customers' liability under letters of credit.

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 24 1925:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 17th inst. amounted to £155,803,610 as compared with £155,229,875 on the previous Wednesday. The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced since our last letter:

Table showing gold movements: Received, Withdrawn, Received, Withdrawn for dates June 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24.

The destinations of the £167,000 sovereigns withdrawn were as follows: £152,000 to India, £10,000 to the Argentine and £5,000 to South America. During the week under review a net amount of £424,000 has been withdrawn, reducing the net influx since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £1,454,000.

Table showing gold and silver movements: Imports, private merchandise; Exports, private merchandise; Net imports of gold; Net imports of silver; Net imports of currency notes.

The total visible balance of trade in merchandise and treasure was Rs. 10.53 lacs in favor of India. The balance of Government transfers of funds was Rs. 1.27 lacs against India. The Imperial Bank of India lowered its official rate of discount on the 18th inst. from 6 to 5%.

the great variations which have taken place in the worth of platinum, ranging within the last 40 years from under £1 the ounce to nearly £39 (soon after the war), the valuation needs to be conservative.

SILVER.

The market has been dominated by the increasing gravity of news from China and a disposition set in to cover bear commitments, both of China and India. Supplies were not readily forthcoming to satisfy the persistent demand, and prices rose substantially.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS

Table showing Indian currency returns in lacs of rupees for May 31, June 7, and June 15. Includes Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in/out of India, Gold coin and bullion in/out of India, Securities (Indian Government), Securities (British Government).

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 20th inst. consisted of about 62,600,000 ounces in sycee, \$41,500,000 and 3,510 silver bars, as compared with about 62,600,000 ounces in sycee, \$41,500,000 and 2,880 silver bars on the 13th inst.





Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes 'Miscellaneous (Concluded)' with entries like Homestake Mining, International Nickel, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes 'Public Utilities (Concluded)' with entries like Detroit Edison Co., Dominion Power & Transmission, etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes 'Railroads (Steam)', 'Public Utilities', and 'Miscellaneous' sections.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes 'Public Utilities (Concluded)', 'Banks', 'Trust Companies', 'Fire Insurance', and 'Miscellaneous' sections.



Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Plymouth Cordage, Employees' stock, etc.

Weekly Returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending July 3. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Large table with multiple columns: Week Ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-headers for State, Apr. 6, Tr. Cos. Mar. 25.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above, were as follows: Average total July 3, \$12,861,000. Actual totals, July 3, \$11,318,000; June 27, \$13,193,000; June 20, \$13,196,000; June 13, \$19,321,000; June 6, \$19,329,000.

\* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$139,536,000; Chase National Bank, \$11,481,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$8,053,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$73,378,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$8,053,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$61,382,000.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with 5 columns: Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Lists various banks like Members Federal Reserve Bank, Reserve Bank, State Banks, etc.

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. a This is the reserve required on the net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount in reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows; June 3, \$15,503,250; June 27, \$15,986,220; June 20, \$16,139,310; June 13, \$16,050,600; June 6, \$16,164,060.

\* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.





Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 9, 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 142, 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 8, 1925.

Table with columns for dates (July 8 1925, July 1 1925, June 24 1925, June 17 1925, June 10 1925, June 3 1925, May 27 1925, May 20 1925, July 9 1924) and rows for 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, Total bills discounted, U.S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U.S. Government securities, Foreign loans on gold, All other earning assets, Total earnings assets, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Member banks—reserve account, Government, Other 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 8 1925

Table with columns for Federal Reserve Bank of (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) and rows for 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, Total bills discounted, U.S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U.S. Govt. securities).



Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, July 10 1925.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 160.

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 10, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock categories.

Table of exchange rates for Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders. Includes Domestic Exchange rates for Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Montreal, and Cincinnati.

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.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns: Bond Name, July 4, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 9, July 10. Includes First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury bonds.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 3 1st 4s, 100.00 to 100.00; 86 4th 4 1/2s, 102 1/2 to 102 1/2; 24 1st 4 1/2s, 102 1/2 to 102 1/2; 3 Treasury 4 1/2s, 107 1/2 to 108.00; 126 2d 4 1/2s, 101 1/2 to 101 1/2; 7 Treasury 4s, 104.00 to 104.00; 14 3d 4 1/2s, 101 1/2 to 101 1/2.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates and their market prices.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including their assets, liabilities, and other financial metrics. Includes entries for American, Manhattan, and various trust companies.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing realty and surety companies in New York City, including their assets, liabilities, and other financial metrics. Includes entries for Alliance Realty, Mtge Bond, and various surety companies.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 159.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 187.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling ruled dull but steady and unchanged. In the Continental exchanges irregularity still prevailed, though there was a tendency at times to improvement, in French francs and Italian lire. The local market was less active.

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 @ 4 86 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 85 @ 4 85 1/2; sixty days, 4 79 @ 4 80 1/2; ninety days, 4 79 @ 4 79 1/2, and documents for payment (60 days), 4 81 1/2 @ 4 81 1/2; cotton for payment, 4 85 @ 4 85 1/2, and grain for payment, 4 85 @ 4 85 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 4 60 1/2 @ 4 63 1/2 for long and 4 66 3/4 @ 4 69 1/2 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.60 1/2 for long and 39.96 1/2 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 103.60 fr.; week's range, 101.90 fr. high and 104.07 low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—High for the week 4 82 1/2, Checks 4 85 1/2, Cables 4 86 1/2; Low for the week 4 82 1/2, Checks 4 85 1/2, Cables 4 86 1/2.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest) for the year 1925 and previous years. Includes sub-sections for Railroads and Industrial & Miscellaneous.

\* Bid and asked prices z Ex-dividend. d Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock prices per share.

Main table of stock prices with columns for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1925', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924'. Lists various companies and their stock prices.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Ex-rights. z Ex dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1925; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924. Rows include various stock categories like Indus. & Miscell., Coal Gas & Elec., Comm'l Invest Trust, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. \* Ex-dividend. \* Par value changed from \$100 to \$50 and prices on that basis be in Jan 3. a Ex-right to.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), share prices, and stock names under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Includes sub-sections for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1925.' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924.'

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-new rights. § No par. ¶ Ex-rights. & 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.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Radio Corp of Amer., Do prof., Railway Steel Spring, etc.); PER SHARE Range for Year 1925 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of New Jersey, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend e 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.

Table of bonds under 'U. S. Government' and 'Foreign Government' categories. Includes columns for description, interest period, price (bid/ask), week's range, and range since Jan. 1.

Table of bonds under 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' category. Includes columns for description, interest period, price (bid/ask), week's range, and range since Jan. 1.

\$ 1/4 = 1/4 due Jan. 1/2 due July. 1/2 due Aug. 1/4 due Nov. s Option sale.



Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

a Due Jan. b Due July p Due Nov s Option sale

Table with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended July 10.' and 'INDUSTRIALS'. Includes sub-headers like 'Price Friday July 10.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', and 'Range Since Jan. 1.'. Lists various bond titles such as 'St Paul Minn & Man con 4s 1933' and 'Am Express coll tr 4s 1948'.

d Due May e Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug s Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

Due Jan. Due April. Due Dec. Option sale.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range for Year 1925.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1924.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales volume, stock names, and price ranges for 1925 and 1924. Includes categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-rights. b Ex-div. and rights. c 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, Sugar Stocks, and Industrial/Miscellaneous. Columns include Bid, Ask, and various price points.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange July 6 to July 10, both inclusive:

Table of Boston Bond Record with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transaction at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Philadelphia Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Bonds with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\* No par value. Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange July 6 to July 10, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\*Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. \*\* Flat price. †† Last sale. ‡‡ Nominal. §§ Ex-dividend. ¶¶ Ex-rights. ††† Ex-stock dividend. §§§ Sale price. ¶¶¶ Canadian quotation. ¶¶¶ Ex-rights.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Penna Water & Power, Bonds, and other financial instruments. 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 U S Gypsum, Bonds, and other financial instruments. 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).

\* No par value. x Ex-dividend.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange July 6 to July 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including First National Bank, Nat Bk of Commerce, Mercantile Trust Co, and other financial instruments. 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).

\* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange July 6 to July 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Amer Laun Maeh com, Amer Rolling Mill com, and other financial instruments. 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 July 6 to July 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including All America Radio, American Pub Serv, American Shipbuilding, and other financial instruments. 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 with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange see page 166.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from July 6 to July 10, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists.

Table with columns: Week Ended July 10, Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various stock categories like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Railroads, etc.

Table with columns: Industrial and Miscellaneous Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various stock categories like Gen'l Outdoor Adver'g, Class A, etc.

Table with multiple columns: Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Anglo-American Oil, Borne Strymer Co, Buckeye Pipe Line, Chesabrough Mfg, etc.

\* No par value. & Correction. / Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. o New stock. s Option sale. \$ Sales of Standard Publishing in our issue of June 27 at 17 1/2 was an error. w When issued, x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend.





BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1924 and 1923. Assets include Inv. in road & equipment, Misc. phys. prop, Inv. affil. cos., Stock, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Other invest., Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Miscellaneous, Cash, Special deposits, Loans & bills rec., Misc. accts. rec., Int. & divs. rec., Ins., etc., prepay, Unadj. debits. Liabilities include Common stock, 4% gold loan of 1906 cts., Aud. accts., wages payable, Misc. accts. pay., Int. mat'd unpd., F'd debt mat'd unpaid, Unmat. Int. acer, Other curr. liab., Other def. liab., Tax liability, Oth. unadj. cred, Misc. fund res., P. & l.—balance.

—V. 119, p. 2408.

Canadian National Railway System. Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.

Sir Henry W. Thornton, Chairman, wrote in substance: Gross Earnings.—Operating revenues decreased by \$17,547,305, or by 6.93%. This decrease resulted from adverse business conditions which obtained during the greater part of the year throughout Canada and elsewhere. Traffic during the first three months of the year was in excess of that moved in the same period of 1923, but general business suffered a reduction early in April and the depression continued until the end of the year. Due principally to the relatively small grain crop in Western Canada the movement of grain to the lakehead was in much less volume than usual and was considerably below the exceptionally heavy movement which took place in the last three months of 1923, with the result that the impetus to active business which a large grain movement usually engenders was noticeably lacking. The movement was also to some extent affected by the disposition shown to hold grain in the country creating an unusual condition and one which business in general had not anticipated.

In connection with the consideration of the gross earnings of the system, it is appropriate again to refer to the freight rate situation in Canada. As already pointed out, continued reductions in freight rates will inevitably postpone the day when the national system will become self-supporting. The recent decision with respect to what is known as the "Crow's Nest Agreement" has established a condition which is serious to all of the transportation interests of Canada. It is earnestly to be hoped that, during the ensuing year, some solution of the difficulty will be found which will have due regard to the interests of all of the parties concerned.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses were reduced in the aggregate by \$14,360,907. This reduction more than meets the decrease in freight earnings, but it is to be remembered that, while it is possible to reduce freight train services when a reduction in that class of traffic occurs it is impossible to pursue to a similar degree the same policy with passenger train services.

Finance.—Of the \$56,527,000 voted by Parliament for the fiscal year ending March 31 1925, \$10,000,000 was received in cash by the company and two issues of guaranteed securities were made as follows: \$20,000,000 4% 3-Year Gold Notes, dated July 1 1924; and \$26,000,000 4½% 30-Year Gold Bonds, dated Sept. 15 1924.

As of July 1 1924, an issue was made of \$9,375,000 4½% Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "H," secured by \$12,500,000 worth of new equipment.

The funded debt retirements during the year were \$15,511,973 as follows: 5½% 5-Year Canadian Northern Railway Secured Notes \$6,000,000 6% 5-Year Canadian Northern Collateral Trust Gold Notes 4,349,000 Equipment Trust Certificates of various issues 5,063,400

Payments under various Sinking Funds and sundry retirements 99,573 Traffic Movement.—The volume of revenue freight decreased by 8.0% from 18,546,404,436 ton miles to 16,932,406,010 ton miles. Revenue freight tonnage decreased by 8.2%, namely 4,749,724 tons, represented partly by a decrease of 2,500,000 tons of bituminous coal and 500,000 tons of anthracite coal. Additional decreases in tonnages were as follows:—Wheat 691,206 tons; sawn lumber, timber, etc., 561,609 tons; iron ores 287,733 tons; dimension stone 260,182 tons.

In the manufactures class the tonnage of iron and steel commodities showed heavy decreases totalling 770,440 tons; automobiles and auto trucks 115,538 tons; unclassified manufactures and miscellaneous merchandise 681,291 tons. Partially compensating increases were recorded in roadmaking material of 634,112 tons, and cement of 95,778 tons. 15,248 carloads of grain were moved to Vancouver for export as compared with 6,981 carloads in 1923.

The movement of livestock to Winnipeg and to the East showed a good development and the cattle trade in the Western Provinces was reported at the end of the year as in promising condition. The average haul per ton of revenue freight declined from 323.96 miles to 322.53. The rate per ton per mile increased slightly, viz.:—from .999c. to 1.01c. Passenger business on the whole was very disappointing. The number of passengers carried declined from 23,683,781 to 22,707,880, or by 4.12%. The average journey declined slightly from 61.09 miles to 60.43 miles, and the revenue per passenger per mile declined from 2.715c. to 2.713c.

Rates.—Changes affecting freight rates were made effective as follows: April 14 1924: Class rates between Ontario points and the Maritime Provinces where arbitraries are added to Montreal rates were adjusted involving reductions ranging from 8c. to 17c. per 100 lbs. on first class, and from 1c. to 7.5c. on tenth class traffic. This was a voluntary reduction on the part of the Railway.

May 27 1924: Rates on grain ex lake milled in transit at lake ports, or en route to port of export were reduced by amounts ranging from ¼c. to 2c. per 100 lbs. dependent upon the port.

The suspension under Parliamentary authority of the Crow's Nest Pass rates terminated on July 6 1924. On the following day these rates again became effective, with consequent reductions in rates on certain specified commodities from and to points on certain Canadian Pacific lines. It was therefore necessary for the Canadian National to apply on its lines similar rates between competitive points. The Crow's Nest Pass rates were by Order of the Board of Railway Commissioners suspended as of Oct. 27 1924, but by order of the Governor General in Council were reinstated as of Jan. 9 1925. As is well known the matter has not yet been finally disposed of, and it will likely engage the attention of Parliament and the Board of Railway Commissioners in the near future.

Land Sales.—During the year 1924, 55,450 acres of land were sold at an average price of \$14.29 per acre, amounting to \$792,152, as compared with 61,994 acres sold in 1923 at an average price of \$15.66 per acre, amounting to \$970,952. Cancellations of purchase contracts during the year represented 39,295 acres as compared with 59,190 acres in 1923.

In explanation of the reduced average selling price it may be pointed out that the price received by western farmers for the 1923 crop was at a low rate per bushel and that many farmers abandoned their land, with the result that mortgage and trust companies and others had a large number of farms on their hands which they were willing to sell at low prices. The demand for land has not been great and the price paid for lands was correspondingly reduced.

Colonization & Development.—During the past year efforts were made to obtain land settlers not only from the British Isles but also from other European countries, particularly Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland. Additional branch agencies have been opened at Oslo, Copenhagen and Rotterdam. Educational courses in agriculture were inaugurated, with the object of enabling intending settlers to become familiar with agricultural methods in Canada before emigrating.

During the year 13,022 immigrants, mostly British, Scandinavian and Czecho-Slovakian passed through Winnipeg reaching that point on Canadian National trains, as compared with 7,574 in 1923.

From time to time, and particularly during the past two years, reference has been made on various occasions to the need for immigration. The whole future of Canada and of the railway systems in Canada depends upon increased population and upon the increased traffic which would result therefrom. As compared with what might be done in order to bring about the desired result, the efforts made in the past might be termed somewhat

spasmodic and unorganized. If there is to be real success the matter will have to be handled otherwise in the future. The Dominion as a whole, the provinces individually, the railways and all other business organizations are, each of them, interested. The problem is of sufficient magnitude and importance to justify in its solution the employment of the most capable and energetic minds in the Dominion. The investment of money on a larger scale than in the past will also be required. The matter might be entrusted to a permanent commission constituted somewhat on the lines of the Board of Railway Commissioners, except that more commissioners would doubtless have to be appointed; and this Immigration Commission would have to be authorized to make expenditures under a general programme approved by Parliament.

LOANS FROM DOMINION OF CANADA.

Table with columns for Canadian Nat.—Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern Railway, and various loan types. Rows include 6% 1920-1921 Loan, 6% 1921-1922 Loan, 6% 1922-1923 Vote No. 137, 6% 1923-1924 Vote No. 139, Advance A-c G.T.P. 4% Debentures, 5% 1924-1925 Vote 137, Grand Trunk Pacific, 6% Appropriation Act, 1916, 6% Appropriation Act, 1917, 6% Appropriation Act, 1918, 6% Orders in Council, Advances to pay Int. Guaranteed by Dom. Govt., Receiver's Certificates 6%, 3% G.T.P. Bonds held by Govt., Canadian Northern Railway, 3½% Adv. under 1911 Legislation, 4% Adv. under 1914 Legislation, 5% Adv. under 1915 Legislation, 6% Adv. under 1916 Legislation, 6% Adv. under 1917 Legislation, 6% Adv. under 1918 Legislation, 6% Adv. under 1918 War Meas. Act, 6% Equipment Loans under Chap. No. 38, 1918, 6% Adv. under 1919 Appro. Act., 6% Adv. under Vote No. 96—1919, 6% Adv. under Vote No. 127—1920, 6% Adv. under Vote No. 115—1920, 6% Adv. under Vote No. 113—1921, 6% Adv. under Vote No. 126—1921, 6% Advances under Vote No. 126, G. T. P. 1921-1922, 6% Advances under Vote No. 126, G. T. R. 1921-1922, 6% Advances under Vote No. 136—1922-1923, 6% Advances under Vote No. 115—1922-1923, 6% Advances under Vote No. 139—1923-1924, 5% Advances under Vote No. 137—1924-1925.

INCOME STATEMENT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for Revenue, Expenses, and Net revenue from misc. operations. Rows include Freight, Passenger, Mail, Miscellaneous, Total, Maintenance of way and structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transportation for investment—Cr., Transportation water line, Total, Net earnings, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revenues, Railway operating income, Revenues from miscell. operations, Expenses of miscellaneous operations, Net revenue from misc. operations, Total operating income, Non-Operating Income, Rent from locomotives, Rent from passenger train cars, Rent from floating equipment, Rent from work equipment, Joint facility rent income, Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Misc. non-oper. physical property, Separately oper. properties—profit, Dividend income, Income from funded securities, Income from unfund. secs. & acc'ts., Inc. from sinking, &c., reserve funds, Miscellaneous income, Total non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions, Hire of freight cars—debit balance, Rent for locomotives, Rent for passenger train cars, Rent for floating equipment, Rent for work equipment, Joint facility rents, Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Miscellaneous tax accruals, Separately operated properties—loss, Interest on funded debt, Interest on Dominion Govt. advances, Interest on unfunded debt, Amortization of disc. on funded debt, Miscellaneous income charges, Miscellaneous appropriation of income, Total deductions, Net income deficit.

The profit and loss account for 1924 shows: Debit balance at Jan. 1 1924, \$289,586,224; balance from income, \$54,860,419; profit and loss items of subsidiary companies taken up through income in parent companies account, (Cr.) \$792,359; surplus applied to sinking and other reserve funds, \$47,745; surplus appropriated for investment in physical property, \$1,440,089; loss on retired road and equipment, \$581,666; miscellaneous appropriations of surplus, \$905; delayed income and miscellaneous debits and credits, net, \$1,718,812; adjustment of land account, \$460,159; total, \$345,023,483. Profit on road and equipment sold, \$768,784; unrefundable overcharges, \$6,711; donations, \$187,217; debit balance forward, \$344,060,771.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET (DEC. 31 (CAN. NAT. RY. SYSTEM). [Excluding the Central Vermont Railway.]

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for various financial items like Investments, Bonds, and Capital stock, with values for 1924 and 1923.

Note.—The title of the Canadian Northern Ontario Ry. and the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Companies to lands carried in "miscellaneous physical property" at \$7,318,140 has been questioned by the Ontario and Quebec Provincial Governments.—V. 120, p. 3308, 952.

International Mercantile Marine Co. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

The advance figures for the year 1924 were given in the issue of June 6, p. 2934. The final report is signed by Pres. P. A. S. Franklin under date of June 18, who says in substance:

Results.—The net result of operating the company and its subsidiary companies (American Line, Red Star Line, White Star Line, Atlantic Transport Line, Panama Pacific Line and Leyland Line) for 1924, after deducting depreciation, shows a loss of \$1,079,305, as compared with a loss for the year 1923 of \$1,689,922.

The actual operation of all the steamers and business of the company and its subsidiaries for 1924 resulted in a profit of \$4,676,903, after deducting all expenses, taxes and bond interest. However, against this profit must be charged depreciation on the steamers amounting to \$5,756,208, after which the net result shows a deficit of \$1,079,305.

The earnings of company for 1924, including dividends from its subsidiary companies out of their surplus for the year 1924 and prior thereto and from the operation of steamers it owns directly, show \$1,705,337 as below, after deducting all expenses, bond interest and depreciation on the steamers directly owned:

Table showing Total net earnings of I. M. M. Co. plus dividends from sub. co.'s, after deducting taxes & general expenses, I. M. M. Co. Bond Interest, and Depreciation on Steamers directly owned for 1924 and 1923.

Surplus.—Dividends received from Foreign Subsidiary Companies have been converted at the market rate of exchange on date received.

Immigration.—As stated in the annual report last year the new Immigration Act, which took effect July 1 1924, materially reduced the number of westbound second and third class passengers, which to a certain extent was offset by an increase in the first class movement both eastbound and westbound and also by an increase in the second and third class movement eastbound. The total passenger traffic across the Atlantic to and from the United States and Canada, in all of which your Companies have an important share, shows a decrease of 217,041 passengers moved in the year 1924 as compared with 1923.

There was little improvement in the freight situation; nevertheless, the total combined earnings of all your Companies made a better showing than for 1923, largely brought about by the concentration of sailings.

The earnings of International Mercantile Marine Company (the parent company) show a material improvement over 1923 due to the receipt of dividends from a subsidiary Company, paid out of its surplus accumulated prior to 1924.

Rates.—Although passenger rates for 1925 have improved, the volume of passenger traffic moving shows only a moderate increase. The freight business generally is not as satisfactory as it was a year ago, for while the European situation has improved, the development of trade and commerce thus far has been disappointing; the number of steamers available is largely in excess of the business offering and expenses of operating are considerably greater, due largely to the increased cost of fuel oil. While the estimated net earnings for the first four months of 1925 are less than for the corresponding period of last year, it is hoped that the results for the entire year will not be less favorable than for 1924.

Competition.—Although competition is very severe, we are maintaining our position in the various trades and doing our utmost to husband our cash resources with the view of being in position to take full advantage of the situation when the hoped for improvement comes.

Sinking Fund.—\$400,000 was paid in 1924 to the trustees and \$471,000 were purchased and canceled, making total purchased and canceled \$3,569,000 of the original \$4,000,000, leaving \$36,431,000 outstanding.

Insurance Fund.—This department shows a net profit of \$892,404 for the year 1924.

Bonds.—The total amount of 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 6% bonds outstanding and in the hands of the public Dec. 31 1924 was \$36,431,000.

The Debenture bonds of subsidiary companies held by the public amounted on Dec. 31 1924 to \$5,804,480, as compared with \$6,144,465 on Dec. 31 1923.

Dividends.—A balance of 55 1/2% back dividends remained unpaid on the Preferred stock Feb. 1 1925. Reduction of Obligations.—During the years 1915 to 1924 inclusive the bonded indebtedness and interest charges of I. M. M. Co. and subsidiary companies have been reduced from \$84,146,033 to \$44,105,480 or \$40,040,553 and the interest charges from \$3,867,656 to \$2,559,262, or \$1,308,394.

COMBINED EARNINGS OF THE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES.

Table showing Calendar Years 1924, 1923, 1922, and 1921 with rows for Gross voyage earnings, Miscellaneous earnings, Total earnings, Oper., general expenses, taxes and misc. int., Net earnings, Fixed charges, Profit before deprec., Previous surplus, Total, Deduct—Depreciation, Pref. dividends, and Sur. as per cent.

Sur. as of bal. sheet. \$22,039,440 \$24,426,721 \$26,978,449 \$31,714,136 x Includes 3% paid Aug. 1 1922, amounting to \$1,551,750, and 1 1/2% Feb. 1 1923 (\$775,875).

The foregoing includes the earnings from operations, viz.: American, Red Star, White Star, Atlantic Transport and Leyland lines, together with dividends received from partly owned companies.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (Including Constituent Companies). [American, Red Star, White Star, Atlantic Transport and Leyland Lines.]

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Cost of properties, Investments, Secur. dep. for invest. in new tonnage, Cash on hand, &c., Accts. & receivable, Agency balances, Marketable stks. & bds., Inventories, Deferred charges, Total, Preferred stock, Common stock, Capital stock of sub. cos., 1st Mt. & Coll. Tr. 6% bds., Deb. bds. of constituent cos. held by public, Loans on mortgage, Purch. money oblig'ns., Lrcs., bills pay., &c., Accounts payable, Agency balances, Interest accrued, Reserve for liabilities, Miscellaneous reserves, Deferred credits, Insurance fund, Preferred stock dividend, Surplus.

Total—225,624,649 233,219,427 263,669,580 275,929,664 \* Balance at Dec. 31 1923 \$243,915,021, deduct difference between post-war cost of steamships and estimated normal value, which has been charged against miscellaneous reserves, \$1,948,030, less steamships sold and gone out of service, \$1,117,677, and deduct reserve for depreciation, \$64,190,762 balance Dec. 31 1924, \$176,657,552. a After deducting \$8,275,000 in treasury. b After deducting \$10,128,200 in treasury. c Originally \$40,000,000, less retired by sinking fund, \$3,569,000; balance, \$36,431,000.—V. 120, p. 2934.

Commonwealth Power Corporation. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1924.)

President Geo. E. Hardy, June 30, reports in substance:

Earnings.—The operating subsidiaries made favorable progress despite the recession in general business conditions nationally prevalent throughout the greater part of the year. The greater part (64%) of Commonwealth Power Corp.'s gross earnings are derived from the sale of electricity. The stable and well diversified character of this business is evidenced by the fact that approximately one-half of this total represents electricity used for lighting—residential, commercial and municipal. This is a particularly desirable feature. The other half, power, is well distributed among a wide variety of industries with no one class dominant, and a small portion to other public utilities.

Sales of gas account for over 17% of the gross earnings. The large part of the sales are for home cooking uses, with the balance divided among industrial, hotel and restaurant and commercial uses.

The railway department contributes less than 5% of the earnings. The balance is derived from the heating, water, coal and appliance departments. New high records were attained in the sales of both electricity and gas, fundamental barometers and the source of 81% of the gross earnings. The increase in electric sales over the preceding year totaled 15,021,226 k.w. hours and that of gas 88,425,800 cu. ft., while coincident with this 35,836 electric and gas customers were gained.

The following comparative figures (all as of Dec. 31) are a summary indication of the year's progress:

Table showing Sales of electricity in kilowatt hours, Electric meters in service, Sales of gas in cubic feet, Gas meters in service, Tons of coal mined, and Revenue passengers carried for 1924 and 1923.

Additions and Improvements.—Throughout the territories served the general development of communities, together with their integral industrial, commercial and home activities, requires a constructive policy of building to meet these public needs. In 1924 a comprehensive program involving the expenditure of \$22,433,101—the largest construction program in the history of the companies—was carried forward. The major part of the expenditure (86%) was for the electric properties, particularly for the enlargement of plant capacities. The year's proportion of the construction cost of an additional 207,000 h.p., all in modern, highly efficient turbine units, is being provided in this program. The gas properties required 10% of the total, which provided in part for the construction of 2 new gas plants to produce 6,000,000 cu. ft. of gas daily, and the remaining 4% was divided among the other departments.

The increased facilities, while conservatively developed, place the properties in a position to attract and serve the growing needs of their respective territories.

Financial.—In September 30,000 shares of Pref. stock, 10,000 shares of Common stock and options for 30,000 shares of additional Common stock were offered pro rata to Common stockholders of record Sept. 16 1924 in blocks of 3 shares of Preferred, 1 share of Common and 3 options for the sum of \$315. Each option entitled a holder to subscribe to 1 share of Common stock on or before Nov. 1 1926 at \$100 per share. Over 97% of the blocks were subscribed for by stockholders.

The proceeds from the sale of stock were used in part to increase company's holdings of Common stocks of its subsidiary companies, to pay the balance of \$1,381,275 due on contracts payable and to retire \$523,000 gold notes due 1939. During the year a net reduction in outstanding bonded indebtedness of \$1,411,600 was effected, of which sinking fund operations



Cape Girardeau & Northern RR.—To Be Sold.—

Sale of this road, extending from Cape Girardeau to Farmington on the north and to Anzell, ten miles south of Cape Girardeau, has been agreed upon.

Central Pacific Ry.—\$40,000,000 Bond Issue Sold.— Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have sold at 98 and interest, to yield 5 7/8%, \$40,000,000 35-Year 5% Guaranteed Gold bonds.

Denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal, exchangeable for fully registered bonds and re-exchangeable. Interest payable F. & A. National Bank of Commerce, New York, trustee.

Issuance, &c.—The issuance, guaranty and sale of these bonds are subject to the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Data from Letter of Henry W. de Forest, Chairman Executive Committee, July 7 1925.

Provisions.—The trust indenture, under which these bonds are to be issued, will provide among other things that so long as any of the bonds of this issue shall be outstanding the company will not create any new mortgage or deed of trust.

Purpose.—To reimburse the treasury of the company for expenditures made for additions and betterments to its properties.

Capital Stock.—Company has outstanding \$20,000,000 of Preferred stock and \$67,275,500 of Common stock, all of which (except directors' qualifying shares) is owned by the Southern Pacific Co.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Minority Stockholders Asked to Make a More Definite Statement.—

J. J. Bernet and W. A. Colston, Pres. and V.-Pres., respectively, of the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., have answered the petition of C. & O. minority stockholders for leave to intervene in the proceedings.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.—New President.— Thomas C. Powell, Vice-President of the Erie RR., has been elected President, succeeding William J. Jackson, who becomes Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Ask Investigation of Government Loan to Road.—Roosevelt & Son, who are leading the opposition against the reorganization plan of the road, proposed by its bankers made public a letter July 5 to Clyde B. Aitchison, Chairman of the I.-S. C. Commission.

The letter follows in part: The St. Paul has gone into the hands of receivers with large loss to investors. We have made an analysis of the causes of the St. Paul failure. We believe that the evidence is overwhelming that the cause of the failure is not loss of traffic nor impairment of operating efficiency.

The only reasons why the confiscatory rates imposed upon the Northwestern Railroad Group have 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 any other railroad group in the United States;

We respectfully submit, moreover, that the inquiry should include an investigation of the condition of the St. Paul road upon the termination of Government operation, to ascertain whether the condition of the property when it was handed back to the corporation was a contributory cause to the receivership.

Delay in Consummating Plan Advocated by Pres. Jameson of Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co.—Pres. Jameson of Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co., says:

I believe the group we represent to be the largest holders of St. Paul securities. We feel there is great injustice in present rail rates in the Northwest and that no plan can be assured to be the best until that fundamental is rectified.

Charles A. Peabody for Quick Action in Reorganization.—In the absence abroad of Frederick H. Ecker, Chairman of the bondholders' committee, Charles A. Peabody, Pres. of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. and a member of the bondholders' committee, on being shown Mr. Jameson's statement said:

Mr. Jameson, of course, speaks both as a bondholder and a stockholder, while our committee views the situation only from the point of view of the bondholders. All holders of St. Paul securities are anxious for such an increase in rates as will yield a reasonable return upon the investment.

Even if rates were increased to-morrow the bondholders committee would favor the present plan, because it assures to the bondholders to meet their interest the available income whatever it may prove to be.

Massachusetts Savings Banks and St. Paul Situation.— While Massachusetts savings banks hold, it is estimated, about \$12,000,000 of bonds of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, there are a number of the larger institutions which do not hold any of the bonds of this road.

It is the opinion of the committee that favorable action can best be obtained in this manner and that if so obtained more advantageous terms of reorganization can logically be expected.—V. 121, p. 69.

Cincinnati Northern RR.—Annual Report.— Calendar Years— 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921.

Net rev. from ry. oper. \$1,661,099 \$1,600,421 \$807,551 \$1,115,422

Net ry. oper. income. \$936,296 \$838,257 \$348,557 \$702,254

Gross income. \$972,514 \$873,046 \$374,577 \$694,030

Net income. \$205 464 21,902 11,429

Sur. to profit & loss. \$615,748 \$568,950 \$175,252 \$412,488

Coudersport & Port Allegany RR.—Abandonment of Part of Line.—

Cuba RR.—Preferred Dividends.— The directors have declared a dividend of 6% on the Pref. stock, payable in two installments of 3% each, one on Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15 and one on Feb. 1 1926 to holders of record Jan. 15 1926.

Dallas Cleburne & Southwestern Ry.—Abandonment.— The I.-S. C. Commission on June 20 issued a certificate authorizing the abandonment, as to Inter-State and foreign commerce, of a line of railroad extending from Cleburne to Egan, a distance of 9.82 miles.

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Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) \$29,808,000 Gen. Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold Coupon bonds due Aug. 1 1955; and (b) \$16,445,600 6% Cumul. Pref. stock, on official notice of issue in exchange for temporary bonds and certificates outstanding and listed, or distribution to the public pursuant to the plan and agreement dated June 15 1923 for the reorganization of the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. system, as modified Feb. 29 1924.

High Point Thomasville & Denton RR.—Notes.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 30 authorized the company to renew and discount at 6% of par seven promissory notes aggregating not exceeding \$200,000.—V. 118, p. 2948.

Indiana Harbor Belt RR.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Miles operated, Railway operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revs., Ry. oper. income, Equip. rents (net debit), Jt. facil. rents (net debit), Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions, Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Amortization of discount, Miscell. income charges, Surplus for the year.

Jonesboro Lake City & Eastern RR.—New Control.—

Control of the road has been acquired from Robert E. Lee Wilson by the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—V. 113, p. 1573.

Lehigh Valley RR.—Verdict in Black Tom Suit.—

The "State of Russia," which sued the company for damages to its property in the Black Tom explosion in July 1916, won a verdict for \$853,000 July 2 before Federal Judge Mack. A few weeks ago it won another verdict for \$3,000 on a similar complaint. When the explosion occurred Russia was under the Kerensky Government. The road carries a reserve against this and other damages.—V. 120, p. 1878, 1872.

Los Angeles Junction Ry.—Construction & Operation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 20 issued a certificate authorizing the company and the Central Manufacturing District, Inc., (a) to construct and operate a line of railroad extending from a connection with a spur of the Southern Pacific RR. at the intersection of Santa Fe and Fruitland Aves. in the City of Vernon, thence easterly in Fruitland Ave. to a point East of Pacific Blvd., thence northerly and easterly through the City of Vernon to a point immediately east of Downey Blvd. and south of Vernon Ave. near which a connection is made with the Union Pacific RR., thence from points on Downey Blvd. southeasterly paralleling the Los Angeles River to a connection with the Pacific Electric Ry. east of the city limits of Maywood, with a line extending easterly across the Los Angeles River to Laguna Road and northerly to a connection with the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. at Bandini, a total distance of 7.64 miles, all in Los Angeles County, Calif.

The Junction company was incorporated in California May 26 1923. The District was incorporated under the laws of Maine on Dec. 21 1922. Each of these companies is controlled by the Los Angeles Corp., a holding company. The District proposes to construct the line and to then lease it to the Junction company. The District owns a large tract of land along the south side of the Los Angeles River adjoining the cities of Vernon and Maywood, Calif. It is planned to bring about an extensive industrial development on this and adjoining property, which will be served by the proposed line, similar to that which has been established along the Chicago Junction Ry. in the City of Chicago, Ill. A warehouse and stock yards have been established in the tributary area by companies whose stock is owned by the Los Angeles Corp. It is represented that a large number of other industries have also located in this area and that considerable further industrial development is expected. The companies state that employment will be furnished for many thousand men in the territory to be served and that a large volume of traffic will be turned over to the trunk-line railroads now serving Los Angeles County. The Junction company also expects its line to prove valuable as a direct and economical connection between the lines of the Southern Pacific Co., Union Pacific RR., Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., and the Pacific Electric Ry.

Tentative arrangements have been made with the trunk lines entering Los Angeles for the payment to the Junction company of reasonable charges for trackage and providing that the trunk lines shall co-operate in publishing tariffs providing for reasonable compensation for the services to be performed by the Junction company. A tentative agreement has also been made with the Union Pacific RR. whereby the Junction company will operate over a spur of that company lying within the corporate limits of the City of Vernon between Downey Blvd. and Boyle Ave. This agreement provides for a 50-year lease of this track to the Junction company, which lease may be cancelled on six months' notice at any time after the expiration of the first five years. The rental to be paid by the Junction company will equal 6% upon an agreed valuation of the track used.

Mexican Ry. Co., Ltd.—Report Half Yr. End. Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Pass. rev. (incl. luggage), Goods & livestock rev., Express, pulque & sund. earnings, Total revenue, Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Conducting transport, General expenses, Balance, surplus.

Midland Valley RR.—Listing.—

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$124,000 additional 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due 1943, making the total amount of said bonds listed at July 3, \$6,315,000.—V. 120, p. 1455.

Muscle Shoals Birmingham & Pensacola Ry.—Sale.—

Control of the property formerly owned by the Muscle Shoals Birmingham & Pensacola Ry. has been acquired by the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. The Muscle Shoals Co. was sold at foreclosure on April 20 last and purchased by John W. Malone of Pensacola for \$229,000.—V. 120, p. 2811.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Securities.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 29 authorized the company to issue two 6-months 4 1/2% promissory notes, one for \$8,138,750 and the other for \$1,436,250, the proceeds to be used to pay \$9,575,000 of Toledo St. Louis & Western RR. Prior Lien 3 1/2% Gold bonds, maturing July 1 1925. Authority was also granted to issue \$10,000,000 of Toledo St. Louis & Western RR. 1st Mtge. 4% Gold bonds in exchange for a like amount of Toledo St. Louis & Western RR. Prior Lien 3 1/2% Gold bonds; said bonds so issued in exchange to be pledged with the trustee under company's refunding mortgage. Authority was also granted to issue \$9,575,000 of New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2% Gold bonds, Series "B," in refundment of \$9,575,000 of Toledo St. Louis & Western RR. Prior Lien 3 1/2% bonds paid at maturity; said refunding mortgage bonds to be pledged as collateral security for the \$8,138,750 note.—V. 120, p. 2811, 2537.

Nord Ry. (Compagnie du Chemin de Fer du Nord),

France.—Listing.—Earnings.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$15,000,000 6 1/2% External Sinking Fund Gold bonds due Oct. 1 1950.

Table with 4 columns: 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921. Rows include Earning Account Years Ending Dec. 31, Passengers, Freight, Miscellaneous, Total, To be deducted: One-third of the receipts of the Amiens to Rouen line (accruing to the State Rys.), Receipts of Nord Ry., Expenses (not incl. taxes) a, Fixed charges b, Total, To be deducted: One-third of the expenses of the Amiens to Rouen line (chargeable to the State Rys.), Expenses of the Nord Ry., Net.

Fixed charges b. The transportation taxes on freight, payable to the French Treasury, being collected on behalf of the Government, do not appear either in the receipts or in the expenses. In 1924 they amounted to Frs. 103,866,998 to be deducted, 1-3 of said taxes on transportation on the Amiens to Rouen line chargeable to the State Rys., Frs. 688,049; i. e., for Nord System, Frs. 103,178,949.

L Amount of interest and amortization of bonded debt, before deduction of the annuities payable by the Government. Beginning in 1924 the expenses for pensions, assistance, &c., have been distributed among all the company's accounts. The definitive income account for 1924 as provided by the convention dated June 28 1921 follows (in francs): Operating receipts, 1,421,626,391; operating expenses, 1,129,659,402; interest, sinking fund, &c., on the capital stock and bonded debt, after deduction of the annuities payable by the Government, 269,717,269; deficiencies of secondary operations, 772,804; dividends (income reserved as provided in the convention dated June 28 1921), 20,000,000; premiums created by the convention dated June 28 1921, 31,107,971; total to be deducted, 1,451,257,447. Deficit, 29,631,055; amount required during the first year for the loans made in 1924, 576,901; total deficit, 30,207,957. This deficit has been covered by the joint fund to the extent of 7,920,824, and for the balance by advances made to the French Treasury by the company, viz., 22,287,132; total as per above, 30,207,957.

The advances made by the company will be refunded by the French Treasury according to the provisions of the convention of June 28 1921. J. P. Morgan & Co. announce that they are now prepared to deliver definitive 6 1/2% External Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated Oct. 1 1924, in exchange for interim receipts now outstanding. See offering in V. 119, p. 1733.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Applies for Lease.—

The company has made formal application to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to lease the Virginian Ry. Co. for 999 years. The terms of the proposed lease include the payment of operating expenses, taxes, interest on funded debt, corporate maintenance and an amount equivalent to 6% upon the Preferred and Common stock of the Virginian.—V. 120, p. 2812.

Northern Pacific Terminal Co. of Oregon.—Tenders.—

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 16-22 William St., N. Y. City, will until July 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1933, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$93,297 at a price not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 120, p. 583.

Pearl River Valley RR.—Notes.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 30 authorized the company to issue \$35,000 promissory notes in renewal of certain outstanding notes, and (or) \$35,000 of promissory notes to be sold at not less than par and int.—V. 119, p. 580.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass Ry.—Abandons Part of Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 20 issued a certificate authorizing the abandonment by the company as to inter-State and foreign commerce of Minera station, which is the western terminus of its railroad, and 8,000 ft. of track immediately southeast of the station, all in Webb County, Tex.—V. 110, p. 168.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Proposed Acquisitions.—

The stockholders will vote Sept. 4 on authorizing (a) the acquisition by the company of the properties of Springfield Connecting Ry., Fayetteville & Little Rock RR., Little Rock & Texas Ry., and Pittsburg & Columbus Ry., the entire outstanding capital stock of all these roads are owned by the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., and (b) the acquisition by the company, or any controlled company, of the lines of railway and other property formerly of Muscle Shoals, Birmingham & Pensacola Ry., or the capital stock of a corporation owning such properties, and the capital stock of Jonesboro Lake City & Eastern RR., and the acquisition or lease of the property of the corporation.—V. 120, p. 2538, 2398.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Quoted on Interest Basis.—

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has ruled that the Second Income bonds of the company be quoted on an interest basis. Heretofore they have been quoted flat. The change is due to sustained earnings on the company's securities, which have given added assurance that future interest requirements would be met on the Second Income 4s as well as the road's First 4s, which have been quoted on an interest basis for some time.—V. 121, p. 67.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Adjustment Mortgage Interest.—

An installment of interest on the Adjustment bonds amounting to 2 1/2% (\$25), represented by Feb. 1 1923 coupons, Nos. 51 and 52, for \$12 50 each, has been declared and will be paid on and after Aug. 1 at the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 120, p. 2939.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Acquisition and Operation of Lines of Railroad—Equipment Trusts.—**

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 25 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and operate in inter-State commerce part of the railroad formerly known as the California Ry. lying south of East 14th St. and comprising 2½ miles of track, all in the city of Oakland, Alameda County, Calif. The Railroad Commission of California has approved and authorized the sale and transfer of the property to the company.

The part of the railroad which the company proposes to acquire embraces a number of short connected lines, electrically equipped, that are now operated as part of a street railway system in Oakland and adjacent cities. The railroad is located in an industrial district within the corporate limits of Oakland. In this district there are several industries shipping and receiving considerable freight. These industries are served exclusively by the Key Transit System Co., which handles their traffic by electric motors over its own lines and through interchange with the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific RR., with which the railroad connects. The Key company also uses the railroad, in part, at least, for its street car service.

The Commission on June 24 approved the issuance of \$10,491,000 Equip. Trust certificates, Series "H," to be issued by the Bank of North America & Trust Co. under an agreement to be dated June 1 1925, and sold at not less than 96.91 and divs. in connection with the procurement of certain equipment (see offering in V. 120, p. 2812).

**Guarantees \$40,000,000 Central Pacific Ry. Bonds.—**

See Central Pacific Ry. above.—V. 120, p. 3310.

**Southern Railway.—Tentative Valuation.—**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$250,342,174 on the total owned and \$349,066,622 on the total used properties of the company and its subsidiaries as of June 30 1916.

L. E. Jeffries, V.-Pres. & General Counsel, in connection with the valuation figures, says:

For the information of the holders of its securities the management of Southern Ry. Co. considers it appropriate to supplement the I.-S. C. Commission's announcement of the tentative valuation of the properties of the company with the following statement of facts:

As the Commission pointed out, the tentative valuation figure does not include the Southern's interest in the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry., the Alabama Great Southern RR., the New Orleans & North-eastern RR., the Mobile & Ohio RR., the Georgia Southern & Florida Ry., the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. (Monon), the Virginia & Southwestern Ry., and a number of other railway and terminal companies, the stocks of which the Southern owns in whole or in part. The book value of these investments is \$89,700,000.

The tentative valuation figure announced by the Commission is based upon an inventory made as of June 30 1916, and does not include the extensive additions and improvements provided in the past 8½ years at a cost of \$114,500,000.

The tentative valuation figure includes only \$5,838,900 for net working capital, such figure being arrived at according to the Commission's formula. As a matter of fact, the net working capital of the Southern amounts to \$19,238,730.

In arriving at the tentative valuation figure the unit prices prevailing in 1914 were applied to construction quantities. Since the pre-war purchasing power of money was at least 120% of its present purchase power, not less than 70% of the tentative valuation figure should be added to this figure to arrive at an estimate of the present-day costs of reproduction of the Southern's properties.

In arriving at the tentative valuation figure the Commission has made a deduction of \$68,714,416 for "depreciation" of roadway, structures, and equipment. That there is no actual depreciation of this character with reference to a properly maintained railroad is well known.

The company does not accept the Commission's tentative valuation figure as representing the fair value even of the things which it purports to appraise, and in the following calculation the tentative valuation figure is used as a basis only for the purpose of illustrating what that figure would have been had that appraisal included the additional element of value referred to above.

Commission's tentative valuation figure.....	\$349,066,622
Value of the Southern's investment in the securities of other cos. whose properties are not included in the Commission's tentative valuation figure.....	89,700,000
Additions and improvements made by the Southern to its properties from June 30 1916 to Dec. 31 1924.....	114,500,000
Excess of actual net working capital over amount of net working capital included in the Commission's tentative valuation figure.....	13,399,830
Restoration of amount deducted by the Commission for "depreciation" of roadway, structures and equipment.....	68,714,416
Addition of the excess of present-day cost prices over the 1914 prices used by the Commission.....	244,346,635
Total.....	x\$879,727,503

\* This total exceeds by \$254,258,780 the figure of \$625,468,723 at which the Southern's assets are carried on its balance sheet.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,000,000 additional 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% bonds, due July 1 1924, making the total amount applied for \$82,439,000.—V. 121, p. 71.

**Spokane Terminal Co.—Retirement of Bonds.—**

The First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, as trustee, has been provided with funds for the purpose and is prepared at this time to purchase at par and interest to date of presentation, the 1st Mtge. Serial 5% Gold bonds, maturing respectively on Aug. 1 1925 and Aug. 1 1926, and at 105 and interest to date of presentation the bonds of subsequent maturities.—V. 81, p. 1045.

**Wabash Ry.—To Acquire Ann Arbor.—**

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire control of the Ann Arbor RR. through the purchase of its capital stock. The application states that it desires to acquire 8,400 shares of Pref. and 6,935 shares of Common of Ann Arbor in addition to 10,929 shares of Pref. and 13,352 shares of Common which it now holds.—V. 120, p. 2939.

**Wrightsville & Tennille RR.—Final Valuation.—**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,532,000 on the properties owned and used, and \$1,235 on the used but not owned properties of the company as of June 30 1915.—V. 113, p. 1055.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

*Boston Elevated Co. Employees Take Strike Vote to Compel Public Trustees to Retain Present System of Arbitration.—*"New York Evening Post" July 7, p. 5.

**Allegheny Traction Co.—Judgment.—**

On July 7 judgment was obtained against the Allegheny Traction Co., Pittsburgh, for \$12,111 as guarantor by endorsement of \$11,000 Millvale Etna & Sharpsburg bonds. The judgment is for principal and 6% interest from Nov. 1 1923 and includes court costs in addition. The whole issue of Millvale Etna & Sharpsburg bonds is guaranteed by endorsement by the Allegheny Traction Co. The Allegheny Traction Co. is leased to the Fort Pitt Traction Co. and the lease assumed by the Consolidated Traction Co. The Consolidated Traction is controlled by the Philadelphia Co. of Pittsburgh.—V. 121, p. 72.

**American Light & Traction Co.—New Power Plant.**

To meet rapidly increasing requirements, the Comal Power Co., a subsidiary, is constructing a new steam electric generating plant on the Comal River near New Braunfels, Texas, about 35 miles northeast of San Antonio. The plant, which will cost approximately \$3,000,000, will have an initial installed capacity of 30,000 k. w. and an ultimate capacity of 100,000 k. w., and is expected to be finished during the autumn of 1926. It will serve San Antonio and vicinity and will also furnish power to the Texas Power & Light Co. through an inter-connection with that company, which operates in the oil fields to the northeast of New Braunfels.—V. 120, p. 1879, 1455.

**American Public Utilities Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.—**

Holders of all classes of stock of record July 10 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Aug. 1 for additional Common stock at par

(\$100 a share) to the extent of 30% of their holdings. The Committee on Securities of the Chicago Stock Exchange has ruled that the Partic. Pref. stock be quoted ex-rights July 10 and that warrants and rights be admitted to trading "when issued." After July 14 trading will be in warrants only.—V. 120, p. 207.

**American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Output.**

Electric output of the company's subsidiaries for May 1925 aggregated 101,094,504 k.w.h., comparing with 98,301,303 k.w.h. for the corresponding month of the previous year, an increase of 2,793,201 k.w.h.

For the first 5 months of 1925 output of electric energy was 532,498,800 k.w.h., against 517,203,941 k.w.h. over the same period 1924, a gain of 15,294,859 k.w.h.—V. 120, p. 3310.

**Berkshire Street Ry.—Bonds Extended.—**

The \$200,000 5% bonds due March 1 1925 have been extended to March 1 1930 at same rate of interest.—V. 120, p. 1880.

**Binghamton Light, Heat & Power Co.—Report.—**

The company in its annual report for 1924 announces that progress of the company throughout 1924 was marked by increased business, extension of territory through the acquisition of 8 companies, and enlargement of plants and systems.

The total number of customers served increased from 16,919 to 21,461, during the year, and electric sales for 1924 amounted to 27,434,760 k.w.h., or 2,819,889 k.w.h. more than in 1923. Operating revenues were \$1,392,078 for 1924, an increase of \$199,547 over 1923.

In Dec. 1924 all the outstanding 1st Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due July 1 1942, were called for redemption, thus making the company's first refunding bonds, maturing in 1946, a first mortgage lien on the properties.

During 1924, \$1,842,297 was expended for additions and extensions. The capacity of the main power station near Binghamton was increased by completing installation of a new 10,000 k.w. turbo-generator and its necessary auxiliaries. A large boiler specially designed to burn pulverized coal also was put in operation in 1924, together with a coal drying and pulverizing plant built alongside the station. Additional power also is supplied by a hydro-electric station of 450 k.w. capacity, completed and placed in service at Owego in 1924. Another hydro-electric station, of 700 k.w. capacity, is under construction at Owego and will be ready for operation in 1925. At the main power station the transformer capacity was greatly increased, and the outdoor substation extended to provide for additional outgoing lines.

The proceeds from the sale of an additional offering of \$1,500,000 1st Ref. 5% bonds of the company, offered in April of this year by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., were largely used for additions and improvements, including the installation of a new 10,000 k.w. generating unit at Johnson City, N. Y.

**Earnings for Calendar Years (Including Subsidiary Cos.)**

	1924.	1923.	1922.
x Operating revenue.....	\$1,463,441	\$1,231,230	\$1,032,378
Oper. exp., taxes and depreciation.....	964,992	830,948	762,615
Operating income.....	\$498,449	\$400,282	\$269,763
Deductions from income.....	\$227,850	\$142,478	\$121,729
Preferred dividends.....	90,038	69,726	55,438
Common dividends.....	50,000	50,000	50,000

Balance, surplus.....\$130,562 \$138,078 \$42,603  
 x Including other income.—V. 120, p. 2144.

**Bloomington & Normal Ry. & Light Co.—Tenders.—**

Notice is given to the holders of the 1st & Gen. Mtge. 5% bonds that funds have been deposited with the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., trustee, Chicago, Ill., which are available for the purchase of aid bonds and that offers thereof will be received by the trustee until July 22.—V. 117, p. 207.

**Broad River Power Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—**

Pynchon & Co., West & Co. and Jackson & Curtis are offering at 95 and div., to yield about 7.37%, \$1,400,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. (See original offering and description in V. 119, p. 2284.)

*Company.*—Organized in July 1924 in South Carolina. Has acquired through merger authorized by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, all the physical properties, franchises and other assets (except electric railway properties) of its former subsidiaries, Columbia Ry., Gas & Electric Co., Parr Shoals Power Co. and Columbia Gas Light Co. The electric railway property will continue operation as Columbia Ry., Gas & Electric Co., whose entire Common stock is owned by Broad River Power Co. In addition to the electric and gas properties formerly owned by Columbia Ry., Gas & Electric Co. and its subsidiaries, Broad River Power Co. has practically completed the construction of a new steam power plant at a site on the Broad River near its Hydro-Electric plant at Parr Shoals. Company supplies electric light and power service to the territory in and about Columbia, S. C., and through its new power generating facilities and transmission lines will furnish electric service to many additional communities in this section of the State, including Wainsboro, Batesburg, Leesville, Lexington and Johnston. The 70-mile transmission line from the new plant at Parr Shoals to the district around Spartanburg will enable the company to obtain a very considerable amount of desirable power business which is not now secured by the utility company operating in and about Spartanburg, because of insufficient production for the territory's requirements. The company will continue to furnish the entire gas service in the city of Columbia.

*Valuations.*—Based upon independent engineer's reports as of May 31 1924 and including construction accounts and additions to property from that date to May 31 1925 the value of company's physical properties directly owned is \$12,673,589. This amount is exclusive of electric railways owned by Columbia Ry., Gas & Electric Co.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds.....	\$1,500,000	\$1,110,000
10-Year 6½% Secured Gold bonds.....	1,500,000	1,500,000
7% Cumul. Preferred stock (incl. this issue).....	10,000,000	2,650,000
Common stock.....	2,000,000	2,200,000
Parr Shoals Power Co. 1st Mtge. 5s.....	Closed	2,701,000
Col. Ry., G. & El. Co. 1st M. 5s, 1936.....	Closed	2,907,000
Col. Gas Light Co. 10-Year 7s, 1930.....	Closed	322,600
Columbia Canal Co. 6s, 1926.....	Closed	200,000

\* The 1st & Ref. Mtge. is a first lien on the plant and transmission lines of Broad River Power Co. now under construction, and a lien upon the physical properties formerly owned by Columbia Ry., Gas & Electric Co. and subsidiary companies, subject to the liens of the mortgages outstanding against those properties. Mortgage does not limit in amount the authorized total of bonds to be issued, but the certification and delivery of bonds is carefully restricted to the refunding of underlying bonds on any properties of the company owned or acquired, and to the issue of bonds for not to exceed 80% of the cost or fair value, whichever is less, of properties built or newly acquired.

**Earnings Year Ended May 31 1925 (Includes Earnings of Properties Acquired From Subsidiaries in June 1925).**

Operating revenue and other income.....	\$1,495,228
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.....	622,419
Total income.....	\$872,809
Interest charges, &c.....	393,287

Balance available for dividends, depreciation, &c.....\$479,522

Annual dividend of \$7 per share on 26,500 shares Pref. stock..... 185,500

*Control & Management.*—Company is controlled by General Gas & Electric Corp., through ownership of the entire outstanding Common capital stock and the properties are under the management of the S.W. Barstow Management Association, Inc.—V. 121, p. 72.

**Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—Offer to Stockholders.—**

The company, in a letter to stockholders, is advising them that it has received from a prospective purchaser un-named an offer to purchase the Common shares outstanding at \$107 50 a share. It is stated that a large majority of the stockholders have already deposited their stock and those that have not are asked to deposit before Aug. 8 with the Land Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia.—V. 120, p. 2010.

**Calumet Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—**

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 98½ and interest, to yield about 5.60%, \$2,700,000 First & Ref. Mtge. 5½% Gold bonds, Series "B."

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1960. Interest payable J. & J. at Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago and New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*.

Company is now acquiring the properties of the Calumet Power Co., which are leased under favorable conditions, as authorized by the Indiana P. S. Commission to Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co., for a term of 36 years from Feb. 2 1925.

Security.—Mortgage covers all fixed property now or hereafter owned, subject to the outstanding divisional bonds, if any, on properties at the time of their acquisition and those thereafter issued for pledge under the mortgage.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding
7% Preferred stock----- \$5,000,000 \$1,500,000
Common stock (no par value)----- 500,000 shs. 256,900 shs.

First & Ref. Mtge. bonds Series A 6%----- a \$2,500,000
do Series B 5 1/2% (this issue)----- } \$2,700,000

Earnings 12 Months Ended April 30— 1924. 1925.
Operating revenues (including other income)----- \$ 1,430,546 \$1,610,238
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes----- 766,830 903,452

Net earnings before depreciation----- \$663,716 \$706,785
Annual interest on funded debt upon completion of this financing will require----- \$298,500

Canadian Marconi Co.—Change of Name—Earnings.— See Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of Canada, Ltd., below.

Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co., Lim.—International Utilities Corp. Increases Int. in Co.— See that corporation below.—V. 120, p. 701.

Central New York Gas & Electric Co.—Tenders.— The Philadelphia Trust Co., trustee, Broad and Chestnut Sts., Phila., Pa., will until Aug. 3 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated March 15 1911 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$11,015 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 120, p. 209.

Central Power & Light Co.—New Control.— See Middle West Utilities Co. below.—V. 120, p. 1880.

Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Ry.—Sale.— The road was sold June 29 to the Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR. for \$6,000,000. The railroad, which runs from Chicago to South Bend and is better known as the South Shore Line, was sold at a public sale held on the company's property in Gary by direction of the U. S. District Court.

The sale was conducted by Floyd O. Jellison, Special Master appointed by Federal Judge Slick of South Bend. The property was bid in by Hubert Hickman of Indianapolis, President of the new company.

Coincident with the bidding in of the South Shore Line property, it was stated at the office of the Midland Utilities Co. in Chicago that rehabilitation plants for the South Shore were being worked up but that these plans did not contemplate developments other than the improvement of service on the existing line between Chicago and South Bend.

The Indiana P. S. Commission and the Illinois Commerce Commission have authorized the newly incorporated Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR. to issue the following securities:

30-Year 6 1/2% 1st & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds----- \$2,000,000
50-Year 6% 2d Mtge. Gold bonds----- 250,000
50-Year Adj. Mtge. Gold bonds (bearing no int. during first 2 years, 2% during 3d year, 4% during the 4th year and 6% annually thereafter)----- 1,750,000
Common stock (without par value)----- 150,000 shs.

Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR.—Acquisition. See Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Ry. above.—V. 121, p. 73.

Chicago Surface Lines.—City Sues Companies for \$794,000 Interest.— Suits for \$794,000 were begun July 7 against the Chicago Railways and the Chicago City Ry. by the City of Chicago to collect interest claimed to be due from the traction fund.

This policy continued for a period of about four years, at the end of which the companies owed the city about \$8,000,000. They made repeated tenders of the money which the City Comptroller refused to accept.

When Mayor Dever took office one of the first things he did was to decide the city should accept the money.

A total of approximately \$8,000,000 was paid into the city treasury. Of this amount the Chicago Railways paid the most. However, both companies declined to pay interest at the rate of 5% claimed by the city.

Cities Service Co.—Dividend on Bankers' Shares.— The directors have declared a cash dividend of 14.6875c. a share on the bankers' shares, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. A cash dividend of 14 1/2c. was paid on these shares on July 1.

The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., as trustee, will until July 23 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Coll. Trust 5% Gold bonds, dated July 1 1905, of the Union Gas Co. of Spokane, Wash. (controlled by the Spokane Gas & Fuel Co., a subsidiary of Cities Service Co.), to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$20,752 at a price not exceeding 110 and int.—V. 120, p. 3312, 3185.

Citizens Gas Co. (of Ind.).—Scrip to Be Redeemed. In an announcement sent to the Common stockholders, C. L. Kirk, Vice-President and General Manager, says:

"By the articles of association of the Citizens Gas Co. of Indianapolis, dividends on the Common stock are limited to the amount of 10% per annum, with a further provision that if such amount of dividends is not paid in any year, then in any subsequent year, after dividends for the current year to the extent of 10% on the par value of the stock have been paid, the back dividends shall be made up if there are current earnings available for that purpose.

"On June 7 1920, for the purpose of equalizing stock sold prior to July 1 1915, with that sold thereafter, the company issued to the holders of the earlier stock a form of scrip known as "accrued dividend certificates," representing the amount by which the dividends paid prior to July 1 1915 had failed to equal 10% per annum.

"However, the Milburn By-Products Coal Co., which is controlled by this company, has accumulated some reserves during the last four or five years, which at the request of the company it has agreed to use in purchasing from the holders thereof of the above-mentioned scrip of this company.

"The total amount of scrip outstanding is \$125,250, representing \$2 62 1/2 a share on the 50,000 shares of Common stock that were issued prior to July 1 1915.—V. 120, p. 2814.

City Light & Traction Co.—One-Year Note Issue.— The Coal & Iron National Bank has been appointed trustee under a \$625,000 5 1/2% 1-Year note issue of the company.—V. 114, p. 1650.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$50,000,000 2 1/2-Year 5 1/2% Gold Debenture bonds due Feb. 1 1945.—V. 120, p. 828, 701.

Consol. Gas Elec. Lt. & Pr. Co. of Balt.—Listings.— The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,000,000 6% Series "D" Cumulative Preferred stock.

The failure of the refinancing plan, calling for an \$8,000,000 General Mortgage bond issue, and the probability of foreclosure receivership proceedings being instituted at an early date, were discussed in detail by Albert B. Hoffman, Vice-President of the Security Trust Co. Mr. Hoffman's statement follows:

"It will be remembered that a short time ago directors of the company devised a refinancing plan calling for the stockholders to subscribe for bonds to the extent of 40% of their par holdings, and for the unsecured creditors to exchange their claims for a like amount of the bonds.

Denver Tramway Corp.—Incorporated.— This company was incorporated in Delaware June 23 last, per reorganization plan of Denver Tramway Co. and Denver & Northwestern Ry. in V. 120, p. 2548, 3313.

Detroit United Ry.—Failure of Plan.— The failure of the refinancing plan, calling for an \$8,000,000 General Mortgage bond issue, and the probability of foreclosure receivership proceedings being instituted at an early date, were discussed in detail by Albert B. Hoffman, Vice-President of the Security Trust Co. Mr. Hoffman's statement follows:

"There are three issues upon which default is made. These are the First Mtge. & Coll. Trust 4% bonds, the First Mtge. 5% bonds of the Detroit & Port Huron Shore Line Ry., and of the First Mtge. 5% bonds of the Detroit Monroe & Toledo Short Line Ry.

"Under the receivership, splendid advancement has been made. We have put into effect many economies in operation without detracting from the value of the service. The net earnings have been enough to meet current interest charges. With increased revenues possible through the rate advances granted by the Michigan P. U. Commission, but not yet put into effect, I believe that the company could have weathered the storm had the stockholders found themselves able and willing to protect their interests by further investment along the line proposed by the directors.

"Now that there has been default, I presume the bondholders will form a protective committee in order to plan for the future. This is, of course, the ordinary procedure. In the meantime and until further order of the court, the property will continue to be operated as at present.—V. 121, p. 74.

Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Ltd.—New President, &c.— At a meeting of the board of directors on June 24 W. E. Phin of Hamilton was elected President to succeed J. R. Moodie. James Moodie of Hamilton, J. B. Woodyatt and A. J. Nesbitt of Montreal were appointed to vacancies on the board, one caused by the death of W. C. Hawkins and another by the resignation of C. E. Neil, of Montreal.—V. 120, p. 2011.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—New Director.— L. Sherman Adams has been elected a director, succeeding W. E. McGregor.

The company has applied to the Rhode Island P. U. Commission for permission to operate three 31-passenger buses between Newport, R. I., and Fall River, Mass.—V. 120, p. 2683.

Electric Light & Power Co. of Abingdon & Rockland. The company has applied to the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to issue 4,536 shares additional stock (par \$25) at \$30 a share. The proceeds are to be used by the company to finance in part a floating indebtedness of \$145,000 incurred in making additions and improvements, &c., to its property.—V. 120, p. 3186.

Electric Power & Light Corp.—Acquires Southern Power & Light Co. Properties.— On July 7 the details incident to the acquisition by the corporation of the holdings of the Southern Power & Light Co. were completed.

Empire Refining Co.—Bonds Called.— Certain First Mtge. & Collat. Trust 10-Year Sinking Fund 6% Gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1927 (aggregating \$259,500), have been called for redemption Aug. 1 at 108 and interest at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York City.—V. 117, p. 2438.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.—Tenders.— The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, Boston, Mass., will until July 13 receive bids for the sale to it of Galveston Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 5% Gold

bonds, due May 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$22,747.—V. 120, p. 2941.

**General Gas & Electric Corp.—Plan to Retire the Bonded Indebtedness and Improve the Capital Structure.**—The plan to retire the bonded indebtedness and improve the capital structure of the corporation mentioned briefly in V. 120, p. 3314, is now given more fully:

**Capital Stock of Maine Corporation.**—The following shares of the capital stock of General Gas & Electric Corp. (of Maine) were issued and outstanding as of June 30 1925:

Cumulative Pref. stock, Cl. A.	62,650	Convertible Pref. stock	40,120
Cumulative Pref. stock, Cl. B.	32,500	Common stock	45,413

**Capital Stock of Maine Company.**—The following shares of the capital stock of the General Gas & Electric Co. (of Maine) were issued and outstanding as of June 30 1925:

Cumulative Pref. stock	54	Common stock	45,154
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**Stock of Corporation Held by Company.**—The General Gas & Electric Co. had in its treasury as of June 30 1925 the following shares of the capital stock of General Gas & Electric Corp.:

Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A.	27	Convertible Pref. stock	14,163
Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B.	27	Common stock	45,154

The company is holding stock of the corporation for issuance against the surrender of the outstanding stock of the company, pursuant to the plan for the adjustment of securities, dated March 14 1922.

The following plan is proposed:

**To Organize Delaware Corporation.**—Procure the organization of a corporation to be known as General Gas & Electric Corp. (of Del.), under the laws of Delaware, with objects, purposes, powers, limitations and provisions such as under the advice of counsel shall be deemed appropriate.

**Capitalization.**—The authorized capital stock shall be as follows:

Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A (without par value), to bear dividends at such rate, not exceeding \$8 per share per annum, as shall be fixed by the directors when such stock from time to time shall be issued	400,000 shs.
Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B (without par value), to bear dividends at the rate of \$7 per share per annum	100,000 shs.
Common stock, Class A (without par value), to bear non-cumulative dividends at the rate of \$1 50 per share per annum and participating	800,000 shs.
Common stock, Class B (without par value), entitled to dividends and participating	400,000 shs.
Dividend participations	380,600

The dividend participations will entitle the holders thereof to receive certain payments and represent the participating right of the present holders of the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, and the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B, of the Maine corporation.

**Exchange of Stock of Corporation.**—(1) For each share of Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, of the corporation (except such of said shares as are held by the company) issue one share of \$8 Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, of the new corporation and 4 dividend participations.

(2) For each share of the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B, of the corporation (except such of said shares as are held by the company) issue one share of Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B, of the new corporation and 4 dividend participations.

(3) For each share of Convertible Pref. stock of the corporation (except such of said shares as are held by the company) issue 4 shares of Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation.

(4) For each share of Common stock of the corporation (except such of said shares as are held by the company) issue 4 shares of Common stock, Class B, of the new corporation.

**Exchange of Stock of Company.**—The Cumulative Pref. stock of the company is now exchangeable for Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, and Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B, of the corporation, and after such exchange will be entitled to the rights of exchange for the stock of the new corporation as above set forth.

For each share of Convertible Pref. stock of the company issue 4 shares of Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation.

For each share of Common stock of the company issue 4 shares of Common stock, Class B, of the new corporation.

**Terms.**—The terms and preferences of the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A and Class B, of the new corporation will be substantially the same as those of the corresponding classes of stock of the corporation except for the omission of participation privileges from the rights of the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A and Class B, of the new corporation. This omission of participation privileges, however, is compensated by issuing dividend participations to the holders of the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A and Class B, of the corporation.

The terms and preferences of the Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation will be substantially the same as those of the present Convertible Pref. stock, except that the option of conversion to which the present Convertible Pref. stock is now entitled will be eliminated. The Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation will be entitled to receive \$25 per share in liquidation or dissolution before the Common stock, Class B, of the new corporation will be entitled to receive any of the assets of the new corporation, and after the Common stock, Class B, shall have received \$25 per share in liquidation or dissolution any remaining assets shall be divided equally between the outstanding shares of Common stock, Class A, and Common stock, Class B.

The terms and preferences of the Common stock, Class B, of the new corporation will be substantially the same as those of the present Common stock. In liquidation or dissolution, after the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A and Class B, have each received \$100 per share and accumulated dividends, and the Common stock, Class A, has received \$25 per share, the Common stock, Class B, will receive \$25 per share and any remaining assets shall be divided between the outstanding shares of the Common stock, Class A, and Common stock, Class B, of the new corporation. Recognition is thus given to the present right of the Convertible Pref. stock to acquire by conversion the liquidation rights of Common stock.

**To Retire All Bonded Debt.**—Banking arrangements have been made, conditioned upon this plan being declared operative, for the sale of stocks of the new corporation sufficient to retire all of the bonded debt of the company and the corporation, thereby eliminating all fixed charges.

**Depository.**—In order to facilitate the carrying out of the plan, stockholders of the company and stockholders of the corporation are requested to deposit with Equitable Trust Co., the depository, at its office, No. 37 Wall St., New York, N. Y., certificates for their shares.

**Committee Appointed to Carry Out Plan.**—William S. Barstow, Irving W. Bonbright, William F. Ingold, John F. Moors and Lucien H. Tyng.

A circular prepared by the committee and sent to the stockholders of the corporation and the company says in substance:

When the General Gas & Electric Corp. was organized in 1922 all classes of Pref. stocks were given the privilege of participating in earnings declared as dividends after dividends of \$6 per share had been paid on the Common stock in any calendar year. These participating privileges were the same as had existed in the shares of stocks of the General Gas & Electric Co., organized in 1912, whose holders were offered the new shares in exchange. The directors believed at that time, and still believe, that these privileges were then necessary as an inducement to secure the investment of additional capital which was required to permit the corporation properly to take care of existing investments and to take advantage of desirable opportunities for expansion.

There has been, however, such a marked improvement during the last three years in the financial standing and in the credit position of the corporation that it is considered by the officers and directors that the aforesaid participating privileges on the Cumulative Pref. stocks are no longer necessary to procure the investment of whatever additional capital may be required from the sale of such stocks.

Therefore, holders of the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, and Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B, of the Maine Corporation are now offered an equal number of shares of the new corporation, entitled to the same cumulative dividends and with substantially the same terms and preferences, except that the Pref. stocks of the new corporation will not be participating.

In exchange for the participating rights of the present stock, each share of the Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, and Cumulative Pref. stock, Class B, of the Maine corporation will receive 4 dividend participations which will entitle the holder to the same proportional distribution of additional divi-

dends that would be received on the present stock. The reason for giving 4 dividend participations in place of one is that the plan provides for the issuance of 4 shares of Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation in exchange for each share of present Convertible Pref. stock and 4 shares of Common stock, Class B, of the new corporation in exchange for each share of present Common stock.

Each share of the present Convertible Pref. stock is offered 4 shares of the Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation, entitled to non-cumulative dividends of \$1 50 per share per annum before any dividends are payable upon the Common stock, Class B. The dividend to be paid upon the 4 shares of Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation is thus equivalent to the \$6 dividend provided for the present Convertible Pref. stock. Like the present Convertible Pref. stock, the Common stock, Class A, of the new corporation will not be entitled to vote.

Each share of the present Common stock is offered 4 shares of Common stock, Class B, of the new corporation, which latter stock is entitled to receive non-cumulative dividends of \$1 50 per share per annum before any additional dividends are declared upon the Common stock, Class A, or any dividends are declared upon the committee to preserve substantially all the rights which each class of stock has at the present time, and it will further permit the company to expand by the sale of new stocks on advantageous terms. The authorized amounts of stock in the new corporation have been fixed to provide for reasonable future growth.—V. 120, p. 3314, 2814.

**Georgia Light, Power & Railways.—Tenders.**—The New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Aug. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Lien 5% 30-Year Gold bonds dated Sept. 1 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$75,693, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest to Sept. 1.—V. 120, p. 2400.

**Grand Rapids Railway.—Annual Report.**—

Calendar Year—	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$1,771,332	\$1,861,607	\$1,861,477	\$1,844,732
Operating expenses	1,099,175	1,121,186	1,215,521	1,223,780
Taxes	137,542	135,963	132,403	132,244
Depreciation	144,460	171,697	176,132	181,322
Interest, &c.	344,728	324,086	330,837	337,867
Net income	\$45,428	\$64,674	\$6,583	def\$30,481

A review of the report indicates that the company has begun a program to equip the property for active solicitation of increased transportation business. The most important feature of this program will be the adoption of a new type and design of electric street cars—the first of their kind in the United States. As a result of the destruction by fire of a large part of the company's rolling stock in July 1924, the management decided before ordering the new equipment to conduct experiments in the field of light weight and more convenient street cars.

As a result, three of the largest manufacturers of street railway cars in the United States have built three specially designed cars, embodying innovations which are a distinct departure from previous design and construction. These cars are known as light-weight noiseless cars. They average 24,000 lbs.—about half the weight of cars of a similar size generally used to-day. The trucks are equipped with noiseless roller bearings and drum type band brakes controlled by air instead of the usual iron brake shoes.

A better and easier seating design, more accessible step and door arrangement, improved lighting, heating and ventilation, ample safety devices, bulletin boards for general news items, electric "loud-speaker" announcers, and economy devices, are features. Cars are designed for operation by either one or two men. Tests of the three cars are now being conducted in actual operation.

Expenditures of \$224,601 for additions and improvements to property during the year included cut-off and re-routing work to improve traffic conditions. The capital outlays, averaging \$222,500 annually for the past five years, are placing the company in a sound position to attract business in line with the program under way.—V. 119, p. 1394.

**Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd. (Daido Denryoku Kabushiki Kaisha).**—Bonds Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., have sold at 86 and interest, to yield 7 3/4% (to maturity) \$13,500,000 1st & Gen. Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds (closed issue).

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1950. Prin. & int. (J. & J.) payable in New York at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., fiscal agent, in United States gold coin of the standard of weight and fineness existing on July 1 1925 (or at the option of the holder, in London in sterling at exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the pound sterling), without deduction for any Japanese taxes when held by non-residents of Japan. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Callable all or part on any int. date after 30 days' notice at 100 and int. The Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd., Tokyo, trustee; Central Union Trust Co., New York, countersinking agent.

**Sinking Fund.**—A sinking fund will be provided, available semi-annually, sufficient to retire \$300,000 of bonds per annum for the first ten years, and \$700,000 bonds per annum thereafter, to buy bonds if available at not exceeding 100 and int. and insofar as not available to call by lot at that price. This sinking fund is calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity.

**Data from Letter of Momosuke Fukuzawa, President of Company.**—Business and Properties.—Company is one of the two largest producers of electric power in Japan, selling its output to the most part under long-term contracts to retail light and power distributors, traction companies and large industrial consumers. In less than five years its generating capacity has increased from 25,800 k. w. to a present capacity of 255,800 k. w. The territory served has an intensive industrial development and contains a population of more than 20,000,000, including the cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto, Nara, and many other cities and towns.

Company owns 13 generating plants (one under construction), 24 substations (6 under construction), and a comprehensive high-tension transmission system. Total properties owned represented, as of Feb. 28 1925, a cost less depreciation of \$76,840,692.

The properties are modern and compare favorably, as to design and construction, with the most approved American practice. The major portion of machinery and equipment has been manufactured in the United States.

**Security.**—Direct obligation of company and secured by closed first mortgage lien created under the laws of Japan on properties representing a cost less depreciation, as of Feb. 28 1925, of \$33,234,478. These properties comprise an integral part of the company's system and include generating plants having a total present capacity of 136,100 k. w., substations of 195-400 k. v. a. total present capacity, and 396 miles of high-tension transmission lines. The bonds will be further secured by closed mortgage lien created under the laws of Japan on additional properties representing a cost less depreciation as of the above date of \$37,063,367, subject only to the lien of the mortgage securing the company's Series A bonds (V. 119, p. 330), of which \$14,500,000 were outstanding upon completion of the present financing. Total properties thus securing the present issue all of the company's cost less depreciation of \$70,297,845, and include all of the completed power plants, substations, transmission lines and distribution lines now directly owned by the company, with the exception of a small distributing system the ownership of which is to be vested in a subsidiary co.

**Earnings.**—Results of operations for consecutive fiscal terms of 6 months each, as certified by Harold Bell, Taylor, Bird & Co. for four fiscal terms to Nov. 30 1924, and as reported by the company for the fiscal term ended May 31 1925, were as follows:

	Gross Operating Earnings.	Oper. Maint. & Taxes.	Exp. Operating Earnings.	Net Operating Income.	Other Income.	Net Income Before Int. & Deprec.
May 31 1923	\$1,346,355	\$526,902	\$819,453	\$190,594	\$1,010,047	
May 31 1924	1,843,128	966,721	876,407	377,328	1,253,735	
Nov. 30 1924	3,417,017	1,708,332	1,708,685	304,750	2,012,962	
Nov. 30 1924	3,657,291	1,472,053	2,185,238	396,906	2,582,144	
May 31 1925	4,572,679	2,288,640	2,284,039	375,215	2,659,254	

In addition, the company realized during this period \$432,532 profit from the sale of real estate not useful in its business.

Net income before interest and depreciation for the 12 months ended May 31 1925, as shown above, amounted to \$5,241,388, or approximately 2 3/4 times maximum annual interest requirements of \$1,892,500 on total mortgage bonds, and approximately twice maximum annual interest requirements of \$2,707,000 on total mortgage and debenture bonds to be outstanding on completion of this financing.

Outstanding Capitalization upon Completion of This Financing. Mortgage bonds, Series A, due 1944-----\$14,500,000 do do This issue-----13,500,000 Debenture bonds: Due 1929-----8,575,000 do do Due 1930-----5,000,000

Capital stock (2,259,260 shs., \$25 par value, fully paid)-----56,481,500 The company's stock is owned by more than 19,000 stockholders.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application in due course to list this issue on the New York Stock Exchange.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$8,750,000 Debenture bonds maturing on or before Mar. 1 1926 and representing temporary financing during construction, for the completion of Kiso No. 7 hydro-electric generating plant, for extensions and additions to the company's properties and for other corporate purposes.

Rate of Exchange.—Conversions of earnings, interest charges and market quotations for the company's debentures and capital stock from Japanese to United States currency have been made at the rate of 40 cents per yen, approximately the present rate of exchange.

Interest Utilities Co.—Bonds Offered.—Pearsons-Taft Co., San Francisco, and Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, Ore., are offering at 99 1/2 and int., to yield over 6%, \$578,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1919; due May 1 1939. Interest payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100c\*. Principal and int. payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the banking quarters of the Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee.

Company.—Organized in Idaho in 1914. Operates over a larger area than any other independent telephone company in the United States. Serves without competition parts of northern Idaho, eastern Washington and northwestern Montana covering a territory estimated to have a population of 130,547.

Purpose.—Proceeds from this issue of bonds will be used in part to reimburse the company for capital expenditures incurred in the acquisition of new properties, for the retirement of underlying liens and for additional working capital.

Sinking Fund.—During the life of these bonds the company covenants to pay to the trustee an annual sinking fund to be used for the redemption of bonds equal to 1% of the aggregate par value of all outstanding bonds of this issue (including such bonds as may be in such fund) and further, covenants that whenever a dividend is declared on its Common stock, it will apply 50c. on each dollar of dividend payments made toward the reduction of its indebtedness.

Capitalization— Authorized. Issued. 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds-----\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 7% Preferred stock-----250,000 194,800 Common stock-----1,000,000 459,200

Of the 1st Mtge. bonds \$270,000 are owned by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. and \$130,000 by the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. Dividends of 7% on Preferred and 8% on Common stock have been regularly paid since issuance.

Earnings for Calendar Years. Table with columns for 1924, 1924, 1923, 1922 and rows for Telephone oper. rev, Telephone oper. exp, Net operating income, Other income credits, Gross income, Income charges, Interest charges, Depreciation charges, Net for divs. & sur.

Net for divs. & sur. \$75,139 \$64,131 \$51,412 \$38,358 Represents consolidated statement of income and expense for Interstate Utilities Co. and its recently acquired properties. Interest charges after present financing.—V. 115, p. 767.

International Utilities Corp.—Listing.—The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 429,062 shares (authorized 500,000 shares) of Class B stock (without par value).

International Utilities Corp. is a holding company, authorized to own, operate, construct, finance or invest in the securities of public utility properties. Through ownership of a majority of the stock, it controls the following properties: (a) Kentucky Securities Corp., 5,000 shares of the Preferred (23,489 outstanding) and 17,981 shares of the Common stock (20,523 outstanding) are owned by International Utilities Corp.

(b) Buffalo & Erie Ry. Co., incorporated in 1924 in New York, auth. capital, 15,000 shares of Preferred stock, of which 7,005 shares are outstanding, and 30,000 shares of Common stock, all of which are outstanding; 3,072 shares of the Preferred and 30,000 shares Common belong to the International Utilities Corp.

(c) Southwestern Utilities Corp., organized in 1921 in Delaware, auth. capital, \$5,000,000 1st Preferred stock, of which \$550,000 outstanding; \$5,000,000 2d Preferred, of which \$760,000 outstanding, and 50,000 shares of Common, all outstanding; \$523,517 1st Preferred, \$736,680 2d Preferred and 47,230 shares of the Common stock being owned by International Utilities Corp.

(d) Canadian Utilities, Ltd., organized in 1923 in Alberta, authorized capital, \$1,500,000 Preferred and 60,000 shares of Common stock, all outstanding, of which International Utilities Corp. owns 7,232 Preferred and 14,149 Common shares, and the Southwestern Utilities Corp., its subsidiary, owns 2,222 Preferred and 30,100 Common shares.

(e) Coffeyville Gas & Fuel Co., organized in 1905 in Kansas, authorized and issued capital, 3,000 shares, all of which is under contract of purchase by the International Utilities Corp.

Financial Statements.—The combined earnings of the corporation, controlled by stock ownership or contracts of purchase, for the four months ended April 30 1925 were as follows:

Table with columns for Gross revenue and other income, Operating expense, Interest and debt expense, Depreciation, Proportion earned on stocks in hands of public, Balance earned on stocks owned or controlled by International Utilities Corp.

Earnings Statement of the International Utilities Corp. from the Date of Its Organization to April 30 1925.

Table with columns for Income—Dividends and interest from subsidiaries, Dividends and interest sundry, Investment profits, Miscellaneous income, Total, Expense, incl. salaries, transfer agency, fees, &c., Net earnings.

Announcement was made on July 8 that the International Utilities Corp. had exercised an option on a 20% minority interest of the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co. held in England. By

closing this contract, which was drawn the latter part of April, the International Utilities Corp. has increased its ownership of the subsidiary to approximately 75%.—V. 120, p. 956.

Interstate Railways.—Common Dividend of 25 Cents.—The directors have declared a cash dividend of 25 cents per share on the Common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 16. On May 1 last the company paid a stock dividend of 1-25 of a share and a cash dividend of 25 cents per share on the Common stock.—V. 120, p. 2400.

Iroquois Gas Corp., Buffalo, N. Y.—Stock Increased.—The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., increasing its authorized Capital stock from \$22,500,000 to \$25,000,000.—V. 120, p. 2147.

Jackson (Tenn.) Ry. & Light Co.—Acquisition.—The Brownsville Cotton Oil & Ice Co. has sold its light and ice plants to Frank A. Read of New York. The negotiations for the sale have been under way for some time, but were finally concluded on June 24. The plants will be operated under the supervision of the Jackson Railway & Light Co.

The Brownsville company, organized in 1902, sold its oil mill and cotton gin to the National Cottonseed Products Co. several months ago.—V. 118, p. 2704.

Juniata Valley Electric Street Ry.—Sale.—By virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Huntingdon County, Pa. R. J. Matten will sell at the Court House in Huntingdon, Pa., on July 27, all the property, tracks, cars, rights of way, other rights and franchises of the above company. The sale has been ordered by the Court, upon default by the company in the terms of a certain mortgage given by the company, dated Oct. 15 1906. The terms of sale are as follows: 10% of the purchase price bid to be paid to the trustee when the property is knocked down, 40% upon confirmation of sale by the Court, and the balance in one year, with interest, to be secured by bond and mortgage of the purchaser with insurance policy marked in favor of said trustee.

Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia.—Bonds Offered.—Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and Love, Macomber & Co. are offering at 91 and int., to yield about 6.51%, \$2,300,000 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series A 5 1/2%. Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1955. Red., all or part, at any time upon 30 days' notice at 105 prior to June 1 1935, and thereafter at successive reductions in redemption price of 1% during each five-year period to maturity; in each case with interest. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500\*. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax mo. excess of 2%. Company will refund the Conn. taxes not in excess of four mills per annum, the Maryland Securities tax not in excess of 4 1/2 mills per annum, and the Mass. Income tax on int. not in excess of 6% per annum. Free from the Penna. four-mill tax. Penna. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. F. Clark Durant Jr., Philadelphia, July 3. Business.—Keystone Telephone System operates under perpetual franchises and supplies complete automatic telephone service in Philadelphia and Camden. The service is largely commercial, being used by the largest banks, newspapers, manufacturing companies, &c., doing business in Philadelphia and Camden. Company and its subsidiary have valuable franchises and operate in other prosperous communities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The system owns or leases 24 modern telephone exchange buildings—6 in Philadelphia and 18 in nearby cities and towns. The conduits extend for 345 miles under the streets of Philadelphia and the other communities served and contain more than 13,000,000 duct feet. The system includes 3,630,000 ft. of cable, 295 miles of pole lines and 5,800 miles of aerial wire. The Keystone Telephone Co. of Phila. has profitable contracts under which part of this conduit system is leased on annual rentals by the Philadelphia Electric Co. and by telegraph companies.

Security.—Secured by a direct mortgage on all the property now or hereafter owned, subject to \$10,000,000 (closed mortgage), 1st Mtge. 5s, due 1935, of which \$5,925,000 will be outstanding in the hands of the public, and \$4,075,000 will be pledged for collateral purposes. Through deposit with the trustee of \$2,300,000 1st Mtge. 5s, the 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds will share in the security of the 1st Mtge. bonds.

Earnings Years Ended May 31—

Table with columns for 1924, 1925, Gross earnings, Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.

Net earnings-----\$860,270 \$916,029 Annual interest requirements upon completion of present financing:

Table with columns for \$1,250,000 1st Mtge. Bond-secured 6% notes, 1927, 5,925,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, 1935, 2,300,000 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series A 5 1/2% (this issue), 28,700 Eastern Tel. & Tel. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1932.

Balance available for renewal reserve, amortization, Federal tax dividends and surplus-----\$416,557 Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$1,243,000 Equip. & Coll. Trust 6s, due Nov. 1 1929, and for other corporate purposes.—V. 120, p. 3187.

Laclede Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for six months ended May 31 1925 total income of \$264,577 and net income of \$84,743 after charges.—V. 119, p. 2411.

Lake Shore Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Chicago Trust Co. and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, are offering at 99 and int. \$845,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, Series "A." Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1950.

Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2% at Home Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, trustee, or Chicago Trust Co., Chicago. Red., all or part, on 45 days' notice on any int. date at par and int. plus a premium of 6% to July 1 1930, 5% to July 1 1935, 4% to July 1 1940, 3% to July 1 1945 and 2% thereafter. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Penna. 4-mill tax, Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per annum, Maryland securities tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills refunded.

Data from Letter of Mr. Dehore, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in Ohio. Has recently acquired and consolidated into a single operating system a number of long established electric light and power properties in Ohio, located in the district extending westerly from the suburban district of Toledo for a distance of 63 miles along the main line of the New York Central RR. Company furnishes without competition electric light and power service in 21 communities, gas service in one community and in addition supplies electricity at wholesale to 9 communities, and to the electric railroad extending from Toledo to Bryan, O. Population of communities served 30,230 with 7,342 connected meters in service. Company operates under jurisdiction of Ohio P. U. Comm.

Company's properties comprise a modern central steam power plant situated at Stryker, O., on 20 acres of ground owned in fee. The present installed capacity of 4,450 k.w. is shortly to be increased to 8,700 k.w. in order to take care of the company's business which is showing an increase of approximately 14% over that of a year ago. Company owns 143 miles of high-tension transmission lines situated on its own right-of-way except through the towns where it is controlled by the Public Utility Commission; 22 sub-stations and 310 miles of distribution lines. Company also owns the entire capital stock of the electric railway serving the territory.

Security.—Secured by a mortgage lien upon the electric light, power and gas properties of the company, subject only to \$310,000 underlying 5% bonds (closed).

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred stock, 7% cumulative-----\$500,000 \$313,200 Common stock (no par value)-----10,000 shs. 10,000 shs. First and Refunding 6s, 1950----- (a) \$845,000 Underlying issue 5s, due 1931----- closed \$310,000

a Limited by restrictions of mortgage as stated below. Earnings of Mortgaged Properties Year Ending May 31 1925. Gross earnings-----\$290,327 Operating expenses, taxes and maintenance-----150,450

Net earns. avail. for bond int., deprec., Fed. taxes & divs.—\$139,877 Interest on funded debt (including this issue)-----66,200

Balance-----\$73,677

**Lehigh Telephone Co.—Tenders.**

The Marble Banking & Trust Co., trustee, Hazleton, Pa., will until Aug. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds dated July 1 1924 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$37,500, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 120, p. 331.

**Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.)—Stock Increased.**

An amendment to the charter has been filed at Dover, Del., increasing the authorized capital of the company from 230,000 shares to 1,300,000 shares without par value, consisting of 800,000 shares of Class "A" Common and 500,000 shares of Class "B" Common stock. Four shares of Class "A" Common stock will be issued in exchange for each share of Pref. stock held, while four shares of Class "B" Common stock will be exchanged for each outstanding share of Common stock.—V. 120, p. 2815.

**Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Ky.)—Changes Capital'n.**

The stockholders on June 25 increased the authorized capital stock from \$36,000,000 to \$45,000,000. Under the new capitalization there will be a total of 900,000 shares of stock authorized, consisting of 250,000 shares of Preferred stock, par \$100, 150,000 shares of Class "A" Common stock, par \$100, and 500,000 shares of Class "B" Common stock, par \$10. The status of the present 7% Cumul. Pref. shares will be unchanged, but future Pref. stock may be issued to receive dividends of 5 to 8% annually. It is planned to carry on the customer ownership policy in the future by the sale of 6% Cumul. Pref. stock. An original offering of the shares will be made shortly at \$93 a share.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the organization of the Louisville Gas & Electric Securities Co., which will continue the activities previously carried on by the Investment department of the Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—V. 120, p. 1326.

**Lowell (Mass.) Electric Light Corp.—Application.**

The company has applied to the Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to issue 30,915 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) at \$40 per share. See V. 120, p. 3187, 1203.

**Manchester (N. H.) Traction, Light & Power Co.—Control Acquired by Middle West Utilities Co.**

See Middle West Utilities Co. below.—V. 120, p. 3187.

**Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Name Changed—Earnings.**

Under special Act passed June 12 1925, the company's name has been changed to Canadian Marconi Co.

Earnings Years Ended December 31.				
	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Profits	loss\$42,511	loss\$39,144	\$22,251	\$12,253
Depreciat'n &c.	x	x	x	95,988
Bad accounts				40,000
Miscellaneous deductions			7,383	29,627
Inventory adjustment			254,287	
Organiz'n exp. (balance)			10,109	
Balance, sur. or def.	def\$42,511	def\$39,144	def\$249,528	def\$153,362
Previous surplus	def\$31,660	7,485	257,013	410,375
Surplus arising from reduction of cap'l stock			Cr3,780,000	
Appl. in reduction of patents & pat. rights, &c.	Dr2,365,081			
Buildings, plant, &c.	Dr1,141,232			
Inv. & oth. curr. assets.	Dr199,519			
Total surplus	def\$31,660	\$7,485	\$257,013	\$410,375
x No provision has been made for accruing depreciation of plant and equipment and for amortization of patents.				

**Balance Sheet December 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
	1924.		1924.
Property, &c.	\$2,797,870	Capital stock	\$2,520,000
Patents, &c.	4,909,381	Mortgages	49,000
Deferred charges	9,594	Accounts payable	327,018
Investments	112,500	Note payable	100,000
Stores, &c.	226,977	Loan	75,000
Cash	119,746	Reserves	320,821
Acc'ts receivable	313,252	Marconi's W. T. Co., Ltd., Eng.	
Deficit	31,660	—Cash adv.	x683,921
Total	\$3,579,940	Total	\$3,579,940

x Cash advances which under agreement will be liquidated by the issue of capital stock—\$140,532 at \$4 87.—V. 120, p. 2943.

**Middle West Utilities Co.—Acquires Control of Central Power & Light Co. and Manchester Traction Co.**

The company on July 6 announced the purchase from R. W. Morrison and Warner S. McCall, St. Louis, of all of the Common stock of the Central Power & Light Co., the subsidiaries of which operate in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi and Mexico. The Central Power & Light Co. operates directly in Arkansas. Electric light and power, gas, ice, water and electric railway transportation are the utility services supplied in one or more forms to 65 communities. Natchez, Miss., Laredo and Corpus Christi, Tex., and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas are among the districts where electric service is rendered. The principal gas companies are located at Emporia, Kan., and McAlester, Okla., Houston and San Antonio, Tex., are the largest of the communities supplied with ice.

Subsidiary operating companies of Middle West Utilities Co., of which Martin J. Insull is President, serve directly 1,041 communities in 18 States.

A dispatch from Boston states that the necessary stock to assure the transfer of control of the Manchester (N. H.) Traction, Light & Power Co. to the Middle West Utilities Co. has been received by Tucker, Anthony & Co., Boston. Nearly 65% of the outstanding certificates have been turned in. Actual transfer takes place July 15.—V. 121, p. 75.

**Midland Utilities Co.—Number of Stockholders.**

This company, which made the first public offering of its securities on March 11 (see V. 120, p. 1327), to-day has over 7,000 stockholders and over 5,000 other investors are buying the company's Prior Lien stock on the monthly savings plan.

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Prior Lien stock was paid July 6 to 6,974 stockholders of record July 22. An initial distribution of like amount was made on this issue on April 6. The number of purchasers on the deferred payment plan on the July date was 4,497, making a total of 11,471 paid-up or prospective stockholders. This number has been increased by several hundred since June 22.

The Prior Lien stock is listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange, shares with a par value of \$14,200,000 having been admitted to trading.—V. 120, p. 3315.

**Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.—Chairman.**

President Charles S. Ruffner announces the election of Charles S. Brewer as Chairman of the Board.—V. 121, p. 75.

**Montana Power Co.—Tenders.**

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until July 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "A," due July 1 1943, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,392, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 120, p. 2148.

**Muskogee Electric Traction Co.—Tenders.**

The Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until July 28 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% S. F. Gold bonds dated May 1 1912 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$7,006, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 120, p. 331.

**New England Power Co.—Tenders.**

The New England Trust Co., trustee, will until July 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. bonds due July 1 1951, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$237,123.—V. 119, p. 587, 205.

**New Orleans Public Service Inc.—Tenders.**

The Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co., Louisville, Ky., will until July 31 receive bids for the sale to it of Consol. 1st Mtge. 50-Year 5% Gold bonds

dated Jan. 2 1893, of the New Orleans City & Lake RR. Co., at prices not exceeding 110 and int.—V. 120, p. 3065.

**New York & Harlem RR.—Earnings, &c.—**

Results of Operations of Traction Lines.					
3 Mos. End.	Calendar Years	1923.	1922.	1921.	11 Mos. End.
Mar. 31 1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	Dec. 31 1920.
def.\$76,899	def.\$85,911	def.\$71,931	def.\$15,540	sur.\$5,994	def.\$223,122
General Balance Sheet March 31 1925 (Incl. Traction Lines).					
Assets.			Liabilities.		
Investment in road	\$21,851,535	Stock	\$10,000,000		
Inv. in stock and bonds	237,536	Bonds	12,000,000		
Cash	41,473	Non-negotiable debt to affiliated companies	1,347,882		
Special deposits	1,000	Loans and bills payable	130,000		
Accounts receivable	76,358	Accounts payable	293,731		
Materials and supplies	151,053	Unmatured interest and dividends accrued	428,541		
Rents receivable	425,000	Other current liabilities	7,274		
Int. & divs. receivable	5,225	Tax liability	37,789		
Deferred assets	1,443,015	Other unadjusted credits	443,730		
Prepaid insur., rents, &c.	13,341	Corporate surplus	772,538		
Other unadjusted debits.	1,215,948				
Total	\$25,461,484	Total	\$25,461,484		

—V. 120, p. 2684.

**New York Municipal Ry. Corp.—Stricken Off List.**

The New York Stock Exchange has stricken from the list the 5% 1st Mtge. S. F. bonds, Series "A," due Jan. 1 1966, of the corporation. This company was merged in 1923 into the New York Rapid Transit Corp. (See plan in V. 116, p. 2131.)—V. 116, p. 2767.

**New York & Richmond Gas Co.—\$1 Gas Law Invalid.**

The \$1 gas law of 1923 again has been found confiscatory and unconstitutional in a report filed in Federal Court, Brooklyn, by Appleton L. Clark, of New Brighton, S. I., appointed special master by Federal Judge Campbell in connection with the suit of the company against the Public Service Commission. Announcing he had filed his report, Mr. Clark declared he had found the company entitled to 8% return on its investment and privileged, under that ruling, to increase its charge from \$1 40 to \$1 55 per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas. The company served more than 25,000 homes in Staten Island. See also V. 120, p. 3188.

**New York Rys. Corp.—Transfer Agent.**

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed transfer agent for the voting trust stock of the corporation, consisting of 90,200 Common and 184,830 Preferred as of May 1 1925.

The Guaranty Trust Co. has also been appointed transfer agent for the capital voting trust stock, consisting of 18,040 shares of the New York Railways Participation Corp. as of May 1 1925.—V. 120, p. 2817.

**North Carolina Public Service Co.—Tenders.**

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as successor trustee, will until July 16 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% 25-Year S. F. Gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$10,906, at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 120, p. 1204.

**Ohio Public Service Co.—Acquisition.**

This company a subsidiary of Cities Service Co., has recently purchased the property of the Marblehead Power Co., which serves about 800 customers in Marblehead, Lakeside and Danbury, located on the peninsula just across the bay from Sandusky, O., according to an announcement made by Henry L. Doherty & Co. The local plant will be shut down and the territory will be served from a 132,000 volt transmission line now under construction between Lorain and Sandusky. This line ultimately will tie in with the system of the Toledo Edison Co., another Cities Service Co. subsidiary.—V. 120, p. 3188.

**Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,357,000 additional Common stock (par \$100), on official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for \$48,132,400.—V. 121, p. 76.

**Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Tenders.**

The Grange Trust Co., trustee, Huntingdon, Pa., will until Aug. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of Raystown Water Power Co. 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due 1935, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$14,360 at a price not to exceed 105 and int.—V. 120, p. 3315.

**Philadelphia Suburban Water Co.—To Redeem Bonds.**

This company has deposited funds with the Columbia Avenue Trust Co., Broad St. and Columbia Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. to redeem all of the North Springfield Water Co. First Mtge. 5% bonds at par and interest, all of the Springfield Consolidated Water Co. First Mtge. 5% bonds at 102 1/2 and interest, and all of the Berwyn Water Co. First Mtge. 6% bonds at 103 and interest to date of delivery.—V. 120, p. 3188.

**Pittsfield (Mass.) Coal Gas Co.—To Issue Stock.**

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 2,500 shares of capital stock at \$100 a share.—V. 119, p. 334.

**Power Corp. of N. Y.—Common Stock Increased.**

The stockholders on July 9 increased the Common stock from 600,000 shares to 750,000 shares, no par value.

The Common stockholders of record July 20 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Aug. 15 for additional Common stock at \$40 per share in the ratio of one new share for each 10 shares now held. The proceeds will be used to defray partially the cost to the corporation of the acquisition of its interest in the new Mohawk & Hudson Power Corp. The Power Corp. of N. Y. owns a 15% interest in the Common stock of the Mohawk & Hudson Power Corp. This stock was acquired by the Power Corp. of N. Y. at a cost of \$1,500,000, and it has at the present time a valuation of approximately \$6,000,000.—V. 121, p. 77.

**Public Service Corp. of N. J.—Stock to Customers.**

The corporation in its customer-ownership campaign from May 1 to June 30 sold \$6,516,800 of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock to 10,972 subscribers. The goal set was for \$5,000,000.

In the seven customer-ownership stock campaigns since 1921 about \$32,500,000 of stock has been sold. In the campaign started Oct. 1 1924 and ended Jan. 31 last, 77,572 shares were sold to 19,454 subscribers.—V. 120, p. 2818.

**Rapid Transit in New York City.—Board of Transportation Reviews Year's Work.**

Eight contracts for the city's proposed independent subway system, aggregating more than \$27,000,000, have been awarded by the Board of Transportation, the Board declared July 4 in a review of its accomplishment during the first year of its existence, which ended on June 30.

In addition, the statement said, the Board has awarded \$13,342,000 in contracts for addition to the Interborough and B.-M. T. systems and has completed plans for 57 miles of new subways, of which the sections of the Washington Heights subway covered in the \$27,000,000 in contracts already awarded are a part.

I. R. T. and B.-M. T. Systems.	
12 months ended June 30 as follows:	
Central Park West, 68th to 79th Sts.	\$4,199,875
Central Park West, 79th to 89th Sts.	3,650,632
Central Park West, 89th to 100th Sts.	3,997,748
Central Park West and 8th Ave., 100th to 111th Sts.	5,246,653
8th Ave. and St. Nicholas Ave., 111th to 122d Sts.	4,908,261
St. Nicholas Ave., 122d to 132d Sts.	4,689,775
Ft. Washington Ave. and 174th St., under P. S. 173.	216,714
Broadway and 173d St., under Broadway Temple.	151,742
	\$27,061,400
14th St.—Eastern Line	\$9,531,205
Yards and shops	2,390,149
Station finish	764,778
Miscellaneous construction	656,476
	\$13,342,608

**The review says in part:**

The first problem that confronted the city's new Board of Transportation when it took office a year ago was the question of a new subway system, and where it should be located so as to best serve the most people in one comprehensive system of borough-wide routes at a 5-cent fare and operated independently of existing systems which are now carrying capacity traffic with no physical possibility of carrying any more passengers.

This task required months of survey, study, research and test borings. Accordingly, within six months (Dec. 9 1924) the Board announced its formal adoption of the Manhattan routes in the system, and by the end of January this year, had received bids on two sections of the Washington Heights Line along Eighth Ave. and St. Nicholas Ave. from 111th to 132 Sts. These bids were tabulated and approved within three weeks, delivered to two contractors within three weeks more, and within ten days actual construction had been started. Then followed the announcement of the Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens routes. The alacrity with which the Board of Transportation has pursued its subway building program may be gleaned from the fact that since Jan. 26 bids have been received on nine different sections of the Washington Heights route.

The latest of these bids was received July 3 for the section along St. Nicholas Ave. from 132d to 141st St. On July 10 bids will be received for the construction of the tenth section of the Washington Heights Line. This will be along St. Nicholas Ave. and Broadway from 160th to 173d Sts. One section of the Washington Heights line embraced in the city's new system at Fort Washington Ave. and 174th St. under a public school in course of construction was started last August with funds allocated by the Board of Education to the Board of Education. This contract is finished excepting for ties, tracks and painting. The school building over the subway structure is about half finished.

When bids are received July 10 for another section of the Washington Heights route there will remain only four sections to be advertised for construction. Contract drawings are nearly complete for these remaining sections and by midsummer the construction bids for the entire Washington Heights route from 68th St. and Central Park West to 193d St. and Fort Washington Ave. will have been received.

Coinciding with the planning and designing of the city's new subway routes the Board secured consents of property owners in the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens, so that when formal approval of the routes was given by the Board of Estimate & Apportionment, the preliminaries to actual construction had already been executed.

The engineering and designing forces of the Board were materially augmented to the extent that detailed plans and specifications of at least 20 other sections of subway routes in other boroughs have progressed to the stage which will make possible the awarding of at least \$100,000,000 in construction contracts by next fall. "The dirt began to fly" last March at 123d St. and St. Nicholas Ave. on two sections of the Washington Heights route. This route was started first because it is the main trunk line which forms a sort of "backbone" of the city's system. By next September the four-track Washington Heights-Central Park West-Eighth Ave. line will be under contract from Pennsylvania Station to Fort Washington Ave. and 183d St., a distance of about 7 1/2 miles.

The statement also reviewed the work of the Board in awarding contracts for the completion of the 14th St.-Eastern line and for the construction of yards and shops, lack of which had been alleged by the Interborough and the B.-M. T. as a reason for inability to improve service.—V. 120, p. 829.

**Rochester (N. Y.) Gas & Electric Corp.—To Reclassify.**

The stockholders will vote July 24 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$18,250,000 to \$38,250,000. Authorization of the increase will be followed by an application to the New York P. S. Commission for the issuance of 50,000 shares of stock at a value of \$5,000,000.

Two other propositions will be placed before the stockholders for action at the meeting, involving reclassification of an outstanding issue of Pref. stock and a change in connection with this campaign was that the company placed at the disposal of its customers Common stock of the company at \$132 per share, instead of Preferred stock, as is the usual custom in customer-ownership campaigns. The net yield on the investment at this price is 5.3%. The terms were cash or deferred payments over 10 or 20 months, no delivery of stock being made until 10 months after July 1. Where cash payments were made, interim certificates were issued. A limit of 5 shares was placed on each subscription and not more than 10 shares in any one household. The average subscription was about 3 2-3 shares.—V. 120, p. 1082, 959.

**Shawinigan Water & Power Co., Montreal.—Common Stock Sold on Customer-Ownership Plan.**

The customer-ownership campaign which commenced on June 15, although some preliminary canvassing was done previous to that date, closed on June 30, in accordance with the original plan of a 15-days campaign. Previous to the campaign the company had 4,400 shareholders, which number was increased by 3,300, or an addition to the stockholders' list of 75%. The total number of shares sold was approximately 12,000, representing a value of \$1,600,000. The number of new shareholders secured was 11% of the company's customers in the campaign district.

A novel feature in connection with this campaign was that the company placed at the disposal of its customers Common stock of the company at \$132 per share, instead of Preferred stock, as is the usual custom in customer-ownership campaigns. The net yield on the investment at this price is 5.3%. The terms were cash or deferred payments over 10 or 20 months, no delivery of stock being made until 10 months after July 1. Where cash payments were made, interim certificates were issued. A limit of 5 shares was placed on each subscription and not more than 10 shares in any one household. The average subscription was about 3 2-3 shares.—V. 120, p. 1082, 959.

**Southern California Edison Co.—Stock Authorized.**

The California RE. Commission has authorized the company to issue at not less than 92, \$1,125,000 of 6% Cumul. Pref. stock for the purpose of financing in part construction expenditures during 1925, amounting to \$2,975,000.—V. 120, p. 3316, 2402.

**Southern Cities Utilities Co.—New Financing Expected.**

The company is expected to do some new financing shortly to provide for calling \$500,000 of an 8% note issue now outstanding and give the company additional money to carry out developments to its properties in Tennessee and West Virginia. The new financing will consist of \$2,000,000 10-Year Debenture bonds or notes. The proceeds will enable the company to construct an additional hydro-electric plant and to acquire several utility companies in Tennessee. The company at present has five hydro-electric stations in service, and one steam auxiliary plant.—V. 120, p. 332.

**Southwestern Light & Power Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.**

Ames, Emerich & Co., Kelley, Drayton & Converse, and Hambleton & Co., are offering at 82 1/2% and dividend, to yield 7.27%, 9,000 shares (no par value) Cumulative Preferred stock. Dividends \$6 per share per annum. Company supplies electric light and power either directly or through its subsidiaries to 22 communities in Oklahoma and Texas, by means of a central station at Lawton, Okla., together with 230 miles of high tension transmission lines and a reserve station at Quanah, Texas. Company also owns artificial ice plants in four cities and distributes natural gas in Lawton and Temple.—V. 120, p. 3316.

**Southern Power & Light Co.—Sale.**

See Electric Power & Light Corp. above.—V. 121, p. 77.

**Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry.—Electrification.**

Regular operation of electric passenger trains was formally commenced on the Perth Amboy and East Shore divisions of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry. on July 1. Preliminary plans for this undertaking were approved by the New York P. S. Commission on May 1 1924. Actual work was started about Aug. 1 last year and the entire installation completed on 28 miles of double track line in 10 months. Extensive track re-construction, a complete change in the signal system, building of 5 new substations, and the construction of 80 large multiple-unit cars were included in this work. (See article entitled "Electric Rapid Transit Inaugurated on Staten Island," published in the "Electric Railway Journal," of July 4, pages 3 to 6, inclusive).—V. 119, p. 1173.

**Texas Traction Co.—Tenders.**

The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until July 13 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund

Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1937, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$80,322.—V. 117, p. 327.

**Tidewater Power Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings and other income	\$1,947,710	\$1,634,938	\$1,544,071
Operating expenses	1,062,473	918,312	872,641
Earnings Tarpon Springs Division prior to acquisition	Ded. 11,632	-----	-----
Net earnings from operations	\$873,604	\$716,627	\$671,430
Bond interest	\$238,211	\$212,419	\$122,003
Debenture interest	103,600	105,000	26,250
Other interest	13,983	5,340	10,651
Federal taxes	-----	33,479	49,647
Preferred dividends	112,811	83,503	63,339
Common dividends	51,000	42,000	42,000
Depreciation	138,379	134,485	79,024
Amortization of debt disc. & expense	57,645	-----	-----
Balance, surplus	\$157,975	\$100,400	\$278,517

**Toledo Traction, Light & Power Co.—Notes Sold.**—Harris, Forbes & Co. and National City Co. have sold at 99 and int., yielding 5.73%, \$8,500,000 5-Year 5 1/2% Secured Gold notes.

Dated July 15 1925; due July 15 1930. Int. payable J. & J. in New York or Chicago without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Penna., Maryland, Conn. and Mass. taxes refunded. Callable, all or part, on the 15th day of any month on 30 days' notice to and incl. July 15 1926, at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. July 15 1927, at 102 1/2 and int.; thereafter to and incl. July 15 1928, at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. July 15 1929, at 101 1/2 and int.; and thereafter prior to maturity at 101 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c\*. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.

Sinking fund of not less than \$200,000 per annum, payable in semi-annual installments, beginning Feb. 1 1926, is to be used for retirement of these notes by purchase at or below the call prices, or, if not so obtainable, by redemption at the call prices.

Company—Owns \$13,572,100 par value, or over 97%, of the outstanding Common stock of Toledo Edison Co., \$6,945,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds of Community Traction Co. and certain other securities, and upon completion of this financing will own all the outstanding securities (except directors' shares) of Citizens Light & Power Co. of Adrian, Mich.

Toledo Edison Co. does the entire electric light and power business and all the manufactured gas distributing business, and Community Traction Co. the entire electric street railway business in Toledo, Ohio, the population served being estimated to exceed 310,000. Citizens Light & Power Co. owns and operates the electric power and light properties serving the City of Adrian, Mich., located 33 miles northwest of Toledo.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of this Financing).**

Common stock	\$7,849,093
Preferred stock, 6% cumulative	6,723,025
5-Year 5 1/2% Secured Gold notes, due 1930 (this issue)	8,500,000
Car Trust certificates, due serially to 1926	50,000

Security.—Secured by pledge under a trust indenture of \$13,500,000 Common stock of Toledo Edison Co., \$6,945,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds of Community Traction Co., and the entire funded debt and all the capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of Citizens Light & Power Co. The book value of the Common stock of Toledo Edison Co. to be pledged as security for these notes, alone amounts to over \$19,400,000.

Earnings.—During the 12 months ended April 30 1925 income accruing to the bonds and stocks to be pledged as security for this issue of notes amounted to \$1,848,778, as compared with annual interest requirements thereon of \$467,500.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire approximately \$7,000,000 existing funded debt maturing Aug. 1 1925 and for other corporate purposes. As the existing funded debt bears interest at higher rates than 5 1/2%, the present financing will only slightly increase the annual interest charges.—V. 120, p. 455.

**Union Traction Co. of Indiana.**

The bondholders' protective committee for the 5% Gen. Mtge. Gold bonds dated July 1 1899 (Joseph Wayne Jr., Chairman), in a notice to the bondholders, states that since its organization in January last the committee has held meetings and has conferred with the receiver and with representatives of committees for the holders of other bonds of the system, and is considering the steps that should be taken to protect the bonds.

A substantial amount of bonds has already been deposited with the committee in response to the notice of Jan. 15, but in order that the committee may use its full powers in the interests of the holders all bonds should be deposited. United action on all holds of the holders of the committee by depositing their bonds will enable the committee to better represent and protect their interests, and it is important that the bonds be deposited without further delay. Holders of the bonds who have not already done so, are therefore requested to deposit their bonds with the depository, Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co., 316, 320 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., or the sub-depository, Indiana Trust Co., Indianapolis. All bonds so deposited which are extended to July 1 1932 must bear the coupon maturing Jan. 1 1925, and all subsequent coupons. Bonds extended only to July 1 1922 and bonds not extended at all, which presumably have no coupons attached, will be accepted without coupons.—V. 120, p. 2685.

**United Electric Rys., Providence, R. I.—Wages.**

The basic wage rate of all employees of the company except operators of one-man cars and of Lincoln welding machines, will remain unchanged until May 31 1926, according to the award of the board of arbitration. One-man car operators and Lincoln welding machine operators receive 1c. per hour increase under the terms of the award.—V. 120, p. 1749, 584.

**Virginia Ry. & Power Co.—New Officers, &c.**

Officers of the company now are: H. H. Hunt of Boston (succeeding Frank Jay Gould) Chairman; Luke C. Bradley, President; W. E. Wood, V.-Pres.; J. General chairman of operations; and J. F. McLaughlin, V.-Pres. in charge of new business, with headquarters in Norfolk, Va.

T. Norman Jones Jr., V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the City Gas Co. and Gen. Mgr. of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Division of the Traction company, will be retained in the service.

G. B. Williams remains Treasurer of the company, as does A. H. Herrmann, Sec. & Asst. to the President. T. Justin Moore succeeds E. Randolph Williams as General Counsel, but Mr. Williams was elected as Advisory Counsel and remains on the board.

New directors elected are: Bayard F. Pope, succeeding Nathaniel A. Campbell; Murray W. Dodge, succeeding George H. Taylor; Henry R. Hayes, succeeding W. J. Parrish, Richmond; Luke C. Bradley (President), succeeding Walter B. Walker; Ray Morris, New York, succeeding F. Sitterding; Edwin S. Webster; J. F. McLaughlin, succeeding Coleman Wortham, Richmond; George N. Lindsay, New York, succeeding John C. Easley. After-by-laws had been adopted to increase the number of directors from 15 to 17, the following two were named to fill the posts: Charles A. Stone, New York; William E. Wood, Houston, Texas.

The entire personnel of the old board of directors resigned, but the resignations of the following were not accepted and they continue as members: Thomas S. Wheelwright, Richmond; E. Randolph Williams, Richmond; Herbert W. Jackson, Richmond; John T. Wilson, Richmond; Walter M. Wells, Trenton, N. J.; Hugh C. Davis, Norfolk, Va.—V. 120, p. 3067.

**Western Reserve Power & Light Co. (Ohio)—Bonds Offered.**

Damon & Bolles Co., Boston, are offering at 100 and int. \$200,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1945. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c\*. Interest payable J. & D., free of the normal Federal income tax up to 2% at Atlantic National Bank, Boston. Callable on any int. date at 105 and int. Bonds are tax refundable in Mass. and Conn. Mortgage also provides that should any other of the New England States adopt a State tax on securities, the company will refund the same up to \$4 on \$1,000 of principal.

Company.—Incorporated in Ohio. Does the entire electric light and power business in Medina, Spencer, West Salem, Lodi, Sullivan and Nova.

Ohio. Company is serving at the present time 1,903 lighting consumers and 74 power consumers.

Capitalization.	
1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds	\$200,000
Preferred stock (7%)	100,000
Common stock (no par value)	1,000 shs.
Earnings of Consolidated Properties—Years Ended March 31.	
	1924.
Gross earnings	\$112,906
Operating expenses and taxes	78,641
	1925.
Gross earnings	\$120,448
Operating expenses and taxes	76,673
Net earnings	\$34,265
Interest on \$200,000 1st Mtge. 6s.	\$43,775
	\$12,000

Balance—\$31,775  
 Purpose.—Proceeds of bonds, together with proceeds of \$100,000 Preferred stock and 1,000 shares of no par value Common stock, will be used to pay for the electric light and power properties which are now being consolidated under the name of the Western Reserve Power & Light Co.

**Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—New Control.**—  
 H. M. Bylesby & Co. have acquired control of the Wisconsin Public Service Corp. from the Clement C. Smith interests of Milwaukee.—V. 120, p. 2685.

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

**Refined Sugar Prices.**—On July 8 Arbuckle reduced price 10 points to 5.40c. per lb. On July 9 Federal reduced price 10 points to 5.40c. per lb., and Arbuckle 5 points to 5.35c. per lb. The following companies on the same date each reduced price 10 points to 5.50c. per lb.: American, McCahan, National, Pennsylvania, Revere and Warner. On July 10, although list prices remained unchanged, American, Warner and other refiners reduced price 15 points to 5.35c. per lb. Revere Refinery also reduced price to 5.35c. per lb.

**Brass Prices Advanced.**—American Brass Co. advanced prices of all brass and copper products ¼c. per lb. "Boston News Bureau" July 10, p. 2.  
**New Electric Bulb Adopted as Standard for Ordinary Use.**—General Electric and Westinghouse companies agree on new standard Mazda bulb for ordinary use, to eliminate gradually the many different types now on market, thus achieving economies in production resulting in lower prices to consumer. "New York Times" July 7, p. 44.

**Agreement Signed by Plasterers' Union and Building Contractors.** *Averting Country-Wide Strike.*—Contractors pledge to employ only members of plasterers' union pending arbitration of dispute between bricklayers' and plasterers' unions. "New York Times" July 10, p. 1.

**Anthracite Operators Reject Miners' Demands for 10% Wage Increase and Appeal for Arbitration.**—"New York Times" July 10, p. 19.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 4.**—(a) Decrease in paper production in May on top of decrease in April, p. 23. (b) Cuba put under Eastern standard time, p. 28. (c) New York Stock Exchange house of Dean, Onatavia & Co., New York, and Chicago, falls; receivers appointed, p. 33. (d) Demands of anthracite coal miners for 10% wage increase; possible shutdown Sept. 1, p. 35. (e) Colorado miners will remain at work pending decision of the State Industrial Commission on wage cut, p. 36.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.	
Month of June—	
	1925.
Gross earnings	\$165,600
Expenses	145,500
Profit.	\$20,100
	loss\$8,500

—V. 120, p. 2403, 831.

**Albany (N. Y.) Garage Co.—Bonds Sold.**—Spencer Trask & Co. and Bond & Goodwin, Inc., have sold at 98 and int., to yield 6½%, \$750,000 1st (closed) Mtge. Real Estate 6% Sinking Fund Gold Loan.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1935. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Albany, N. Y., trustee, or at its agencies in New York and Boston, without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500\*. Red. for the sinking fund at any time on 30 days' notice at 103 for first 5 years, at 102½ for the 6th year, at 102 for the 7th year, at 101½ for the 8th year, at 101 for the 9th year, at 100½ for the first 6 months of the 10th year and at 100 thereafter, together with int. in each case. Red., all or part, at any time after June 30 1926 on the same terms as above. Company will refund the Penna. and Conn. 4-mills taxes and the Mass. income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% of such int. per annum and any similar taxes that may be imposed in Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine or New Hampshire not in excess of 4-10 of 1% of the principal.

**Data from Letter of Gerrit V. Lansing, President of the Company.**  
**Security.**—Secured by a 1st closed Mtge. on the property and building owned in fee by the company, situated in the heart of the business and hotel district of the city of Albany. The building occupies the entire block bounded by Howard St., William St., Beaver St. and Lodge St., and serves two purposes: (1) A garage building, providing adequate facilities for the growing demands of the various departments of the company; (2) an office building supplying the existing need for office space in the locality. The total floor area, including the basement, is about 219,000 square feet. This property has been appraised recently by the Albany Realty Board at \$1,400,000 and by Willard M. Douglas and Charles A. Sussdorff of Albany at \$1,203,750.

In addition to the above mentioned improved property, this loan also will be secured by a 1st Mtge. on a nearby lot, known as the Odd Fellows site, having a value of at least \$50,000.

**Legal investment for trust funds in New York State.**  
**Company.**—Combines that of a realty company, renting stores and office space, with that of a garage business. The garage business embraces three major departments—overnight, daily and monthly storage for automobiles; the selling agency in Albany for the Peerless, Willys-Overland and Willys-Knight automobiles; automobile repair, paint and upholstery shops. Company operates the largest and most up-to-date garage in N. Y. State and has the capacity to store nearly 2,000 cars. The business is located but one block away from the two main business streets and traffic arteries of the city.

**Earnings.**—Company has leased to the State of New York for the use of the automobile licensing and registration departments over 40,000 sq. ft. of office space with an additional 8,000 sq. ft. to other tenants. These leases are now producing an income at the rate of approximately \$76,000 a year. Adding to this indicated net earnings from the garage business of \$75,000 for the year 1925, it is estimated that the annual earnings available for interest will amount to \$151,000, or over 3½ times the annual interest requirement of the \$750,000 1st Mtge. Real Estate S. F. Goldloan, and over 1½ times the annual requirements for both interest and sinking fund combined.

Capitalization—		Authorized.		Outstandg.	
First (closed) Mtge. Real Estate 6% Sinking Fund					
Gold Loan, due July 1 1935 (this issue)	\$750,000	\$750,000		\$750,000	
Capital stock (par \$100)	400,000		333,400		

**Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee.—Unfilled Orders.**  
 Unfilled orders at June 1 amounted to \$9,888,000, against \$10,190,000 on May 1, a decrease of approximately \$302,000.—V. 120, p. 2271.

**Aluminum Co. of America, Pittsburgh, Pa.—To Change Capitalization.**—

The stockholders will vote Sept. 9 (a) on increasing the capital stock; (b) on increasing the indebtedness of the company, and if said increase of indebtedness is authorized, the approval of the execution of bonds, notes or other securities of the company, either unsecured or secured by a mortgage or deed of trust or otherwise, and the issue, sale or other disposition of said bonds, notes or other securities; (c) on creating and issuing Preferred stock of the company of one or more classes; (d) on approving the conversion of all or any of the capital stock of the company now authorized or outstanding, or hereafter to be authorized or outstanding, into stock of no par value, the same to consist of either or both Pref. shares, of one or more classes, and Common shares of no par value, and, in connection therewith, to fix a stated capital of the company in such amount as the stockholders shall determine or authorize the directors of the company so to do, and to authorize and, from time to time, issue and dispose of the shares of the

capital stock of no par value for such consideration as may be fixed by the stockholders or by the board of directors acting under authority of the stockholders.—V. 120, p. 2685.

**American Ice Co.—Bonds Called.**—  
 Twenty-nine Real Estate 1st & Gen. Mtge. bonds, dated 1912, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 102½ and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives, &c., trustee, Phila., Pa.—V. 120, p. 2946.

American International Corp.—Earnings.			
Quarter Ended—	6 Mos. End.		
Period—	June 30 '25. Mar. 31 '25. June 30 '25.		
Interest on current assets	\$28,151	\$21,100	\$49,251
Interest on securities	52,183	48,052	100,235
Dividends on stocks owned	115,035	122,595	237,630
Profit on sale of securities	509,063	280,009	789,072
Profit on synd. and credit participas ns	9,726	21,686	31,412
Miscellaneous.	1,750	1,919	3,669
Total income	\$715,910	\$495,361	\$1,211,271
Expenses	73,762	60,017	133,779
Interest	1,079	627	1,706
Taxes	7,801	7,745	15,546
Operating income	\$633,268	\$426,972	\$1,060,240

—V. 120, p. 3189.

**American Pneumatic Service Co.—Boston Mail Tubes.**—  
 Senator William M. Butler, according to a Boston dispatch, has suggested to Postmaster-General New the advisability of using the mail tubes in Boston. The company has seven miles of tubes in Boston. These have been idle since 1918. Based on the \$19,500 a mile received yearly for operation of the New York mail tubes, gross earnings of the Boston tubes would be \$136,500. The earliest possible date on which the Boston tube service could be resumed would be July 1 1926.—V. 120, p. 2403.

American Railway Express Co.—Bal. Sheet Mar. 31.	
[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]	
1925. 1924.	
Assets—	\$
Real est. & equip.	28,083,041
Cash	16,118,206
Investments	9,273,573
Misc. curr. assets.	15,412,633
Unadjusted debits	1,845,239
Deferred charges	464,105
Total	71,196,707
Liabilities—	\$
Capital stock	34,642,000
Current liabilities	22,768,088
Def'd liabilities	2,852,489
Unadjusted credits	8,296,221
Surplus	2,637,999
Total	71,196,797

A comparative income account for the quarter ended Mar. 31 was published in V. 121, p. 78.

The I.-S. C. Commission has certified to the Secretary of the Treasury that \$2,010,788 is due the company in final settlement under the guaranty provisions of the Transportation Act for the six months immediately following Federal control of railroads. Upon receipt of this amount \$30,085,788 will have been paid the express company.—V. 121, p. 78.

**American Rayon Products Corp.—Off Curb.**—

Following the announcement of the failure of Dean, Onatavia & Co., the New York Curb Association suspended trading in the stock of the company.

The stock was reinstated to the unlisted trading privileges on the New York Curb Market July 10.

Bonner, Brooks & Co., who headed the syndicate which recently sold 50,000 shares of the stock at \$22 a share, stated they were in accord with and recommended the temporary suspension of trading in the issue. They believed this a wise move, due to the connection in the public mind between the operations of the market in American Rayon and Dean, Onatavia & Co. "We believed," Frank Bonner stated, "that it would be to the best interests of the stockholders, to suspend trading in the stock for a few days to avoid short selling by speculative element and liquidation by the more timid who were not in possession of complete acts. In actuality, Dean, Onatavia & Co. were only indirectly connected with operations in this stock and the amount of stock held by them is estimated to be less than 2,000 shares."—V. 120, p. 2403.

**American Writing Paper Co.—Reorganization.**—

Committees representing bondholders and stockholders are said to have agreed upon a tentative reorganization plan which provides as follows: (a) Each holder of a \$1,000 bond to receive \$500 in a new issue of 1st Mtge. bonds and \$500 plus unpaid coupons in new 7% Cumul. Pref. stock; (b) Pref. stockholders will be assessed \$10 a share and for each 100 shares held will receive \$500 in new bonds, five shares of new Pref. and 50 shares new Common stock; (c) Common stockholders are to be assessed \$5 a share and for each 100 shares will receive \$250 in new bonds, 2½ shares of new Pref., 25 shares of Common stock.—V. 120, p. 3189, 1588.

Arizona Commercial Mining Co.—Copper Output (Lbs.).					
June.	May.	April.	March.	February.	January.
1925-----	639,000	642,000	755,000	670,000	661,000
1924-----	692,870	571,325	611,600	702,600	643,600

—V. 120, p. 1883, 1588.

**Armour & Co. (Ill.)—Acquires Plant—Outlook, etc.**—  
 The sale of the Farmers' Co-operative Packing plant at Huron, So. Dak., to Armour & Co., in an auction June 29 on a bid of \$751,000, has been confirmed by P. G. Honegger, referee in bankruptcy. Terms of the sale are \$251,000 cash and payments on Aug. 1 and Sept. 1 of \$250,000 each.

Upon returning July 2 from England, Pres. F. Edson White said in part: "Armour & Co.'s outlook at the moment is particularly pleasing because some of those branches of our business which last year were unprofitable are on the right side of the ledger this year. The fertilizer industry, for example, has come back nicely and a good profit for the year is in prospect. The leather industry, too, which has been in the doldrums since the war, is conducting current operations at a profit.

"Considering the business as a whole, our results for the first 6 months of the current year are better than they were for the same 6 months in 1924. We have been able to make some reductions in our capital investment and in consequence, a larger share of the company's earnings are applicable to Common stock than was the case last year, when the sum applicable to Common stock was \$9,000,000."

On July 1 some 20,000 employees of Armour & Co. finished making weekly payments on stock which they subscribed for in Nov. 1923, when the company announced a plan to sell stock to employees on a deferred payment plan. Stock certificates are to be sent immediately to the employees. The company now has in excess of 80,000 stockholders, many of whom are employees of the company. As an inducement for the employees to hold their stock after they have acquired possession of it, an employees stockholders bonus of \$2 per share per annum will be paid effective Jan. 1 1926, and for 5 years thereafter.—V. 120, p. 3190.

**Armour Leather Co.—Earnings Better—Outlook Favorable.**—  
 President Henry W. Boyd on July 8 authorized the following:

Estimated earnings for the first 6 months of this year show that the company, after five years of depression, is again on a profit basis, with a more favorable outlook for 1925 than has appeared in any year since the war. For the first time since the Government required such reports, stocks on hand are below the normal supply. Losses due to the war have now been so completely liquidated that with prices and demand prevailing strong, the leather industry as a whole may well be considered on the upgrade.

The current year for the Armour Leather Co. will show a substantial return on the profit side of the ledger, and conditions in the industry generally indicate that leather operations are on a sounder basis to-day than they have been for five years.

Having experienced since the war perhaps greater reverses, relatively speaking, than any other industry, the leather business is now in a very advantageous position to benefit from present favorable conditions. It would be futile for the industry to expect in the future any large profits, but there is sound reason for the opinion that the industry is headed for a period of good business at normal profits. Armour Leather is buying what it needs for current demands. Our inventories are satisfactory and we have of course first call on whatever supplies we require.

As regards the business as a whole, marked changes for the better have taken place in factors which since the war have affected the hide and leather trade. War-time hide and leather stocks, which at the end of 1920 amounted



to the equivalent of a whole year's supply, have been so reduced that stocks on hand to-day are about 1,000,000 sides less than what may reasonably be considered a normal amount. This does not mean a shortage in any sense, but it does mean that the excessive accumulation of war stocks and foreign importations immediately after the war have been disposed of to such an extent that present operations are being conducted on a normal supply and demand basis.

Foreign supplies are no longer the serious menace to the domestic market which they have been in the last four or five years, and present prices are strong.—V. 120, p. 2272.

**Arnold, Constable & Co., N. Y.—June Sales.**— June sales increased 37% over the corresponding month last year, according to Pres. Ralph B. Peck. Mr. Peck added: 'Merchandise inventories have been reduced considerably and with constantly increasing sales and a decreased operating cost the year looks promising.'—V. 120, p. 2947.

**Associated Dry Goods Corp.—Sales, &c.**— Gross sales of the seven wholly owned stores of the corporation and of Lord & Taylor for May aggregated about \$4,930,000, a decrease of \$50,000 from May 1924, while net was approximately \$1,800,000, a decrease of \$32,000. For the five months ended May 31, gross sales were nearly \$23,700,000, while net was slightly in excess of \$1,000,000. Lord & Taylor, which is controlled by the Associated Dry Goods Corp., showed gross sales for May of approximately \$1,600,000, a decrease of \$36,000 from May 1924. Net approximated \$66,500, a decrease of \$9,000. For the first five months of 1925 gross sales of this store amounted to about \$7,700,000, and net for the same period totaled about \$450,000.—V. 120, p. 2819.

**Atlas Plywood Corp.—Bonds Offered.**—Hoagland, Alum & Co. are offering at 99½% and int., to yield over 6½%, \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 6½% Sinking Fund Gold bonds. Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1940. Corporation will own all of the properties of Nelson & Hall Co., founded in 1889, Veneer Products Co., Allen Quimby Co., Standard Seating Co. and Atlas Plywood Corp. (of Vermont). Corporation will present a complete unit for the economical production and sale of plywood and veneers, and will be the largest manufacturer in the United States of plywood and plywood boxes. Consolidated net earnings of the constituent companies for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1924, after a liberal allowance for maintenance, depreciation and depletion, average \$610,252 before Federal taxes, or over 6 times maximum annual interest charges on the total amount of bonds to be presently issued.

**(John J.) Barlum (Real Estate), Detroit.—Bonds Offered.**—Detroit Trust Co., Joel Stockard & Co., Nicol, Ford & Co., First National Co. and Wailing, Lerchen & Co., Detroit, are offering at prices to yield from 5% to 5¼% for the 5¼% bonds and par for the 5½% bonds \$1,250,000 1st Mtge. Real Estate and Leasehold 5¼% and 5½% Gold bonds (\$625,000 being 5¼% and \$625,000 being 5½%).

Dated July 1 1925; the 5¼% bonds are due serially Jan. 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1937 and the \$625,000 5½% bonds are due Jan. 1 1939. Interest payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. Both prin. and int. payable at Detroit Trust Co., trustee. Exempt from existing personal property taxes in Michigan.

**Security.**—These bonds are secured by a first mortgage on land and building located on the northwest corner of Cadillac Square and Randolph St., and by a first mortgage on the leasehold interest in other land and buildings appraised by Detroit Trust Co. as follows: Property owned in fee on the northwest corner of Cadillac Square and Randolph St., known as the Lawyers Building, consisting of a 10-story terra cotta fireproof office building with five stores on the ground floor. Land, 40x100 ft., \$275,000; building, 40x100 ft., \$291,500. Mortgage also covers the leasehold estate in the following buildings which were built with one exception by John J. Barlum on land leased by him for a period of 99 years, with option of renewal for 99 years additional: (a) 8-story office building on the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand River Ave., known as the Barlum Building, and fronting 66½ ft. on Broadway by 110 ft. on Grand River Ave. 363,000 (b) 8-story apartment building on the north side of Palmer Ave. East, known as the Barlum Apartments, containing 82 modern apartments. 317,900 (c) 2-story building on the northeast corner of Woodward and Palmer Ave., fronting 112 ft. on Woodward Ave. with 5 stores on the ground floor and apartments above. 90,720 (d) 10-story building on the corner of Farmer and John R. Sts., known as the Dixieland Building, and occupied by the Dixieland Hotel, with 125 rooms, and by the Lane, Bryant Co. 268,400 (e) 8-story building at 5725 Woodward Ave., known as the Hotel Lewis, containing 225 rooms and 2 stores on the ground floor fronting on Woodward Ave. 434,830

Total valuation ----- \$2,041,350  
Valuation placed upon leases on above sites ----- 500,000  
Total valuation ----- \$2,541,350

**Guaranty.**—Bonds are personally guaranteed as to interest and principal by John J. Barlum, prominent in Detroit banking, shipping and real estate circles. **Income.**—Gross annual income from these properties is approximately \$421,080, while the net annual income after deduction of ground rentals, taxes and other operating charges is \$200,374, or approximately 3 times the maximum interest requirements on this bond issue.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire outstanding 6½% and 7% bonds, leaving this mortgage the only indebtedness against the properties.

**Bastrop (La.) Pulp & Paper Co.—Proposed Sale.**— See International Paper Co. below.—V. 120, p. 1093. **Belding Bros. & Co.—To Recapitalize.**— The stockholders will vote July 14 on approving certain changes in the company's capital structure in connection with the recent financing. Two new directors will also be added to the board. See V. 121, p. 78.

**Bishop & Babcock Co., Cleveland.—To Recapitalize.**— President Howard W. Yeomans, in a letter to the stockholders, on July 1, advised them that negotiations had been re-opened with A. G. Dean, President of the General Phonograph Mfg. Co. of Elyria, Ohio, and associates, for the purchase of the company. A meeting to act on this proposal has been called for July 11. The plan amended somewhat from the original proposal, provides for the formation of a new company with \$300,000 6% Cumul. Prior Preference stock; \$750,000 7% 2d Pref., and 103,750 shares of no par Common stock. It is proposed to offer present holders one share of Preferred and 2½ shares of no par Common stock for each ten shares of Bishop & Babcock stock, or one share of new Common for each share of stock now held.—V. 106, p. 193.

**(E. W.) Bliss Co.—Amended Charges.**— The officers and directors of the company have been served with the amended charges by a committee of minority stockholders, which will be the basis of proceedings instituted by the latter to recover for distribution among them amounts of \$4,765,596 and \$700,000, which the minority holders allege the officials of the company improperly voted themselves in salaries and bonuses.—V. 120, p. 3190.

**Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc.—Listing—Earnings.**— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$9,297,300 (authorized \$10,000,000) 10-Year Secured 6½% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due April 1 1934, with authority to add \$577,700 of such bonds on official notice that they have been sold and distributed to the public, making the total amount applied for \$9,875,000. The Exchange has also authorized the listing of \$5,000,000 Class "A" stock (par \$50).

Gross income	\$1,041,069
Plus accrued int. on Kammgarnspinnerei Stohr & Co., A. G. and Elberfelder Textilwerke, A. G. loan	147,111
Miscellaneous interest receivable	7,968
Total	\$1,196,148
Deduct: Expenses, \$101,853; amort. of organization exp., \$21,114; amort. of discount on bonds, \$7,532; miscell. int., \$79,498; depreciation, \$195,555; Federal income tax, \$105,689.	511,243
Profits attributable to minority stockholders in subsidiary company of .00856%	1,743
Interest on 6½% Sinking Fund Gold bonds	248,653
Net profits	\$434,509
Surplus Jan. 1	\$1,449,309
Addition to surplus of excess income tax, 1924	40,000
Total	\$1,923,819
Dividends paid on "A" stock 1925	200,000
Dividends paid to minority owners of stock in subsidiary	1,002
Total earned surplus	\$1,722,817
V. 120, p. 3190.	

**Brantford (Ont.) Computing Scales, Ltd.—Sale.**— A. J. Deer, Hornell, N. Y., and Pres. of A. J. Deer Co., Inc., has purchased the property of the company. The sale was completed by the National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto. The transaction is subject only to confirmation of the court and general mortgage bondholders. The purchaser, it is said, already has a Canadian selling subsidiary in A. J. Deer Co., Ltd., but hitherto imported products from the States. The Brantford plant hereafter will manufacture in Canada for Canadian trade.—V. 120, p. 3068.

**Brighton Mills, Passaic, N. J.—Guaranty, &c.**—See Southern Brighton Mills below.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$243,470	7% Preferred stock "A"	\$1,705,800
Certificates of deposit	150,000	7% Preferred stock "B"	553,300
Dom. of Canada bonds	200,000	Subscriptions to close "A"	
Notes receivable	46,978	Preferred	625
Accounts receivable	257,477	Common stock (41,260 shares on par)	2,063,020
Inventory	525,973	Mtges. on real estate	45,000
Investments	806,078	Accounts payable	164,439
Land, bldgs. & machinery	2,762,068	Res. for taxes	19,185
		Res. for accidents to empl.	2,651
Total (each side)	\$4,992,044	Surplus	438,024
V. 120, p. 2014.			

**(A. M.) Byers Co.—Tenders.**— The Peoples Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will until July 27 receive bids for the sale to it 1st Mtge. 6% S. F. Gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1925 to an amount sufficient to absorb \$67,500 at prices not exceeding 103 and int.—V. 121, p. 79.

Period—	Mth. of Apr. 1925.	4 Mos. Ended April 30— 1925.	1924.
Net prof. aft. int., depr. & depl.	\$642,329	\$1,748,000	\$1,421,000
V. 120, p. 3318.			

Month of—	June.	May.	April.	March.
Copper output (lbs.)	3,848,000	4,410,000	5,196,000	3,416,000
V. 120, p. 3311, 2948.				

**Canton Co. of Baltimore.—Refunding.**— Practically all the holders of the \$1,500,000 5% bonds due April 1 1926 accepted bonds of the new issue of \$1,500,000 5½% 15-Year Gold Debenture bonds in exchange for their holdings. The new issue is dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1940. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of 1% for each full 5-year period from date of redemption to date of maturity. Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore, trustee. Auth. \$500,000.

**Data from Letter of Pres. W. B. Brooks, Dated June 11.** **Company.**—Incorp. in 1828. Is one of the oldest corporations of its kind in the United States. Company's functions, in addition to the development and sale of its real estate, include the building and sale or leasing of manufacturing plants, the owning and operating of piers, warehouses, &c., and the control of the Canton RR. Company now owns over a mile of water front and approximately 2-2-3 square miles, or 1,700 acres, of very valuable land. Canton is a great manufacturing centre, some of the largest industrial plants in this section of the country being located within its limits. During the past four years the company has expended more than \$1,500,000 for permanent improvements, including dock facilities and warehouses. **Purpose.**—Proceeds are to be used for the retirement of an equivalent amount of gold debenture bonds maturing April 1 1926, which now constitute the sole funded debt of the company.

**Security.**—Company agrees that, except purchase money mortgages, no mortgage shall be made covering either any of its property or any of the property of any of its subsidiaries, without first having made full provision for the prompt redemption of outstanding debenture bonds of this issue; except that subsidiary company mortgage debt may be created if pledged with the trustee as security for the debenture bonds under the terms provided in the indenture. Company agrees that at least 50% of the proceeds of sales of real estate hereafter made, or of the stock of the Canton RR. if same should be sold, will be used for the redemption or purchase and cancellation of the debenture bonds from time to time outstanding, or for permanent improvements or additions to the remaining property.

**Earnings.**—The annual income of the company, exclusive of profits on the sale of real estate, is sufficient to pay all of the company's expenses for operation, repairs, depreciation, taxes and interest on these debenture bonds.

**Dividends.**—Company has paid dividends on its stock for 26 consecutive years. During this whole period, substantially all of the proceeds from the sales of property have been used either for the redemption and reduction of the company's capital stock, for the acquisition of additional property, or for the development and improvement of property owned.—V. 120, p. 3318.

**(J. I.) Case Plow Works Co.—Plan Ratified.**— The reorganization plan proposed by the creditors' committee and the directors was unanimously approved by the stockholders July 7. Compare plan in V. 120, p. 3191.

**Cement Securities Co., Denver.—Complaint Dismissed.** The Federal Trade Commission has dismissed its complaint against the company, a concern engaged in purchasing and selling stocks, bonds and other securities, particularly in connection with corporations manufacturing cement, plaster, lime and like materials. The complaint charged the respondent with combining stock and assets of competing cement companies with an alleged tendency to create a monopoly and lessen competition in the cement industry. Commissioners Nugent and Thompson dissented and will later file a memorandum of dissent.—V. 115, p. 2797.

**Chrysler Corporation.—Listing.**— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 239,700 shares of Cumulative Preferred stock (without par value) Series "A" and 680,000 shares of Common stock (without par value), upon official notice of issuance. Pursuant to the Maxwell Motor Corp. plan dated April 15 1925, Chrysler Corp. was incorp. June 6 1925 in Delaware. The authorized capitalization is 275,000 shares of Pref. stock (without par value) and 800,000 shares of Common stock (without par value). Chrysler Corp. has acquired all the property and assets of Maxwell Motor Corp. for a purchase price consisting of (a) 239,700 shares of the Pref. stock and 680,000 shares of the Common stock, and (b) the assumption by Chrysler Corp. of all outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities.

**Consolidated Income and Expense, 3 Months Ended Mar. 31 1925 (Maxwell Motor Corp. and Subsidiaries).**

Sales, \$26,639,098; cost of sales, \$21,522,825; mfg. profit.....	\$5,116,273
Expense	1,717,167
Operating profit.....	\$3,399,106
Other income—deductions—net.....	102,121
<b>Net profit.....</b>	<b>\$3,501,227</b>

No provision has been made for current Federal income tax.  
The consolidated Balance sheet of Maxwell Motor Corp. as of Mar. 31 1925 was given in V. 120, p. 2823.

**Consol. Opening Bal. Sheet as at June 25 1925 (Chrysler Corp. & Subs.).**  
[Subject to adjustment at end of fiscal year.]

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cash.....	\$8,163,186	Accounts payable.....	\$3,262,264
Car shipments against B-L drafts.....	3,113,183	Accrued interest, taxes, &c.....	787,665
Bank accept. & cts. of deposit Customers' notes receiv., secured by trust receipts.....	7,311,007	Dealers & distributors deposits.....	325,846
Customers' and dealers' acc'ts less allowance.....	560,303	10-year 5½% bonds.....	3,500,000
Due from Can. Gov't. for duty refund.....	388,658	Reserve for contingencies.....	1,187,837
Inventories, less reserve.....	62,164	Res. for employees' liab. ins.....	69,597
Real estate & inv., less allow.	10,055,842	Pref. stock (no par value).....	21,880,000
Miscell. notes & accounts, less allowance.....	222,467	Common stock (no par val.).....	34,339,302
Land, bldgs., machinery & equip., less depreciation.....	208,569	Surplus.....	6,070,667
Good-will.....	15,716,338		
Prepaid insurance, taxes, royalties, &c.....	25,000,000	<b>Total (each side).....</b>	<b>\$71,423,179</b>
218,800 shares of Pref. stock and 677,910 shares of Common stock.—V. 120, p. 3318, 3069.			

**Claremont Apartment Hotel, Seattle, Wash.—Bonds Offered.**—Seattle Title & Trust Co. is offering at par and int. \$370,000 1st Mtge. Leasehold Sinking Fund Serial Gold 7s.

Dated June 15 1925; due annually, June 15 1927 to 1930. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100. Federal income tax up to 2% paid by mortgagor (Olympus Holding Corp.). Callable after one year on int. dates (J. & D.) at 101 and int. Seattle Title Trust Co., trustee.  
These bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on the leasehold interest and the building being erected at the northeast double corner of Fourth Ave. and Virginia St., Seattle. The building, valued at \$750,000, will be a 9-story and basement reinforced concrete fireproof apartment hotel and store building. It will have 285 rooms, divided into 121 two-room apartments and 43 hotel rooms. On the ground floor will be 6 stores, a large lobby, a mezzanine floor, a dining room and a kitchen. In the basement, in addition to the furnace and service rooms, there will be 7,904 square feet of storage space.

**Colony Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**—The Straus Brothers Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and interest, First Mortgage 6½% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated May 15 1925; due serially 1927 to 1935. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at office of Straus Brothers Co. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date, in inverse numerical order, upon 60 days' notice at 103 and interest. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Normal Federal income tax up to 4% paid by the borrower.  
**Security.**—First mortgage on land owned in fee and on Colony Building containing an 1,800-seat theatre, 1 cafe, 12 stores, 5 offices and 14 apartments, now under construction, fronting 175 ft. on South Kedzie, and 126 ft. on West 59th Street, on a surface line transfer corner.  
**Guaranty.**—Bonds are a direct obligation of the Wasson Building Corp., and in addition, until the serial payments due up to and including May 15 1931, are made (reducing the loan to \$340,000), three stockholders of the company, with net worth reported at over \$2,000,000, unconditionally guarantee payment of principal and interest.  
**Management.**—Theatre leased by Ascher Brothers Theatre Corp., at a net annual rental of \$37,500 for the first ten years and \$40,000 thereafter. This firm supplies equipment worth \$75,000 which remains in the building as security for the rent. It operates 15 other high-class theatres and its net worth is in excess of \$2,200,000.

**Commonwealth Finance Corp.—Receivership.**—Federal Judge Mack, July 7, appointed Louis B. Wehle receiver for this company, which was petitioned into the bankruptcy court on July 6. D. H. Cook, Vice-President of the American Surety Co., a creditor, filed with the court an amended statement saying that the liabilities of the corporation were about \$300,000 and the assets less than \$80,000. Company has offices at 100 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 119, p. 1959.

**Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.—Smaller Dividend.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the Common stock, payable July 30 to holders of record July 20. This compares with 75c. per share paid quarterly from January 1924 to April 1925 inclusive.  
In connection with the reduction of the dividend, the company says: "This dividend is a reduction of 25c. a share on account of smaller earnings during the last two quarters due in the directors' opinion to a temporary slowing up in the demand for hard surface floor covering. The situation is improving and the outlook for the fall in this industry is promising."—V. 120, p. 2820.

**(John T.) Connor Co., Boston.—Sales.**—  
Sales for Month and Three Months Ended June 30.  
1925—Month—1924. Increase. 1925—3 Mos.—1924. Decrease.  
\$1,199,923 \$1,179,126 \$20,797 \$3,865,970 \$3,982,089 \$116,119  
—V. 121, p. 80.

**Consolidated Distributors, Inc.—Listing.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 109,604 additional shares of Common stock, without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 300,000 shares (total authorized issue).

The official statement to the New York Stock Exchange affords the following:  
During the general business depression of 1921 company found itself over-extended because the proposed capital which it had anticipated was not forthcoming. As no indication of any immediate financial relief was in prospect the company commenced, in the latter part of January 1921, to liquidate many of its far-distant branches. At or about this same time the interests controlling a majority of the board of directors decided upon and placed in effect the policy of eliminating the wholesale departments from 60 of their branches, with the purpose of confining the wholesale distribution to four of the branches located at Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif.; Chicago, Ill., and Long Island City, N. Y. This policy of confining the wholesale distribution to these four branches was not practicable and did not furnish a solution of the company's difficulties. In order to protect all interests, on Sept. 14 1921 receivers in equity were appointed for Consolidated Distributors, Inc.

After appointment of the receivers in equity claims were filed against Consolidated Distributors, Inc., by some 40 landlords to recover large sums of money under the leases which Consolidated Distributors, Inc., at that time held in various important store properties. As the receivers in equity could not discharge debts arising from these leaseholds, Consolidated Distributors, Inc., on March 21 1922, assented to a petition in bankruptcy.  
On Jan. 18 1922 a creditors' committee was formed. On March 10 1922 this committee submitted a plan of reorganization to every class of creditors of the company. The plan of reorganization provided for the organization of a new company to acquire such part of the assets of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., as should not be otherwise utilized or disposed of by the receivers in equity, or in connection with the consummation of the plan. (The plan of reorganization was given in V. 114, p. 1290.)  
On May 15 1922 the creditors' committee formed a new company, Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc. (Del.) with authorized stock as follows: \$900,000 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock (par \$10), \$1,000,000 7% 2d Pref.

stock (par \$10), and 300,000 shares of Common stock (par \$5). Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., submitted to the court the reorganization plan and presented to the court petitions representing more than 95% of all creditors' consent to the plan. On May 6 1922 the court approved the plan submitted and authorized Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., to take over all the liquid assets subject to its assumption of all the taxes and other claims entitled to priority, all valid and enforceable obligations against the trustee and the receivers, all expenses of the administration of the bankrupt's estate and 15% of the amount of the principal of each and every unsecured claim filed and finally allowed in this proceeding, or in lieu thereof waivers by the consenting creditors, and the delivery of all property to third parties who establish title in reclamation proceedings, as required by the court.

In accordance with the plan of reorganization, securities of Times Square Auto Supply Co. were issued as follows: (a) 4-Year 6% Sec. notes, due July 1 1926, given to creditor banks, \$403,654; (b) 1st Pref. stock given to merchandise creditors, being 65% of their claims, par value issued, \$597,931; (c) 2d Pref. stock, given to all other creditors, being 65% of their claims, par value issued, \$724,309; total, \$1,725,894.

The \$403,654 4-Year 6% notes, due July 1 1926, were paid with int. and cancelled on Dec. 31 1924.  
All tax claims of management and policy in the administration of the business of Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., a voting trust, consisting of three voting trustees, was created. The voting trust agreement was dated March 22 1922 and provided that its existence was not to exceed ten years. Voting trust certificates representing the par amounts of 1st Pref. stock and 2d Pref. stock to which the various creditors were entitled, were thereupon issued.

The leasehold creditors along with the other non-assenting creditors, were awarded 16% in cash, being the above-mentioned 15% and 1% additional as a compromise settlement, the Court ruling that creditors in excess of 95% having consented to the plan of reorganization, the dissenting creditors, representing less than 5%, should not be permitted to obstruct the discharge of the trustee of the bankrupt estate.

All tax claims of the Federal Government and the State of New York have been settled. The entire settlements as above outlined were approved by the court and the bankruptcy proceedings discharged on Feb. 13 1925.

**Authority for Issue of this Stock.**—At a meeting of the directors of Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., held on Jan. 16 1925, a resolution was adopted authorizing the President to sell to the Consolidated Distributors, Inc. (New York), all of the assets of the company in consideration of the Consolidated Distributors, Inc., assuming the payment of all the liabilities and the employment of Jesse Froehlich as Gen. Mgr. for the balance of the term of his now existing contract with this company, and the further consideration of the delivery by Consolidated Distributors, Inc., to the 1st and 2d Pref. stockholders of Times Square company of one share of the capital stock of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., for each share of the 1st Pref. stock, and three shares of the Consolidated Distributors, Inc., stock for every four shares of 2d Pref. stock of Times Square company held by the stockholders of Times Square company.

At a meeting of the creditors' committee of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., held on Jan. 16 1925, resolutions were adopted approving the foregoing. Resolutions were also adopted by the voting trustees of the Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., on Jan. 16 1925 and the board of directors of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., on Feb. 14 1925, approving the transfer, &c.

Pursuant to these resolutions there will be issued to the voting trustees of the Times Square company for distribution to the holders of voting trust certificates of 1st Pref. stock and 2d Pref. stock 109,604 shares of Common stock (without par value) of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., for and in consideration of all the assets, subject to their liabilities, of Times Square company, and the transfer of the 1st Pref., 2d Pref. and Common shares of the Times Square company to Consolidated Distributors, Inc. On receipt by Consolidated Distributors, Inc., of the 1st Pref., 2d Pref. and Common stock of Times Square company, the 1st Pref. stock and 2d Pref. stock will be cancelled, and the Common stock capitalization will be reduced to a nominal amount, after which it will be held as a muniment of title. On the transfer to Consolidated Distributors, Inc., of all classes of outstanding stock of Times Square company, the voting trust will be dissolved.

There is outstanding voting trust certificates for 1st Pref. stock representing \$597,931. par value and voting trust certificates for 2d Pref. stock representing \$724,309 par value, of Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc. (Del.), par value \$10. each. Holders of voting trust certificates for 1st Pref. stock are entitled to receive one share of Consolidated Distributors, Inc. for each share of stock represented by voting trust certificates for 1st Pref. stock of Times Square company, holders of voting trust certificates for 2d Pref. stock of Times Square company, are entitled to receive three shares of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., for each four shares of 2d Pref. stock of Times Square company represented by voting trust certificates. The Common stock of Times Square company will be surrendered but no new stock will be issued therefor. Accordingly, by this plan there will be utilized 114,117 shares of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., constituting 4,513 shares in excess of 109,604 shares of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., the listing of which is herewith applied for. The 4,513 shares constituting the difference has been acquired from Pres. Jesse Froehlich.

The company is at present operating 23 stores. Company expects to open 17 additional stores during 1925. It is estimated that the total sales for the year terminating Dec. 31 1925 will be about \$3,000,000.  
Since date of organization, May 15 1922, Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., administered the business formerly conducted by Consolidated Distributors, Inc., until the Court discharged Consolidated Distributors, Inc., from bankruptcy on Feb. 13 1925. During its administration Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., added to the previous automobile supply line that of the sale of radio receivers and radio parts, but discontinued wholesale departments of the automobile supply line.

Period—	Year Ended—			
	a Jan 1 to May 31 '25.	b Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.	b7 mos. end Dec. 31 '22.
Sales.....	\$600,706	\$1,532,724	\$1,669,749	\$735,170
Cost of sales.....	365,994	967,605	1,039,986	459,481
Gross profit.....	\$234,712	\$565,119	\$629,762	\$275,689
Exp. (less other income).....	Cr2,494	440,520	608,820	293,690
Other deductions.....	77,572			
Profit.....	\$159,635	\$124,599	\$20,942	loss\$18,001

a Includes operations of Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc., from Jan. 1 1925 to Feb. 13 1925. b Earnings of Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as of May 31 1925.**  
[Giving effect to the acquisition of all of the assets, subject to its liabilities, of the Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc. (of Del.) by the proposed issuance of 109,604 shares of the capital stock without par value of Consolidated Distributors, Inc.]

<b>Assets.</b>		<b>Liabilities.</b>	
Furn., fixt. & autos (less depreciation).....	\$124,194	Capital stock.....	\$2,351,889
Leaseholds.....	523,000	Notes & trade acceptances.....	80,833
Good-will.....	1,477,000	Accounts payable.....	75,373
Cash.....	48,750	Accrued accounts.....	625
Notes receivable.....	2,932	Res. for taxes and other contingencies.....	50,000
Accounts receivable.....	77,918	Surplus.....	250,268
Merchandise.....	44,325		
Deposits on leases, &c.....	4,900		
Investment.....	1,000		
Prepaid & deferred exps.....	99,968	<b>Total (each side).....</b>	<b>\$2,808,988</b>

x Represented by 190,396 no par value shares issued and 109,604 shares to be issued.—V. 114, d. 2246.

**Cuban Dominican Sugar Co.—New President, &c.**—George H. Houston has been elected President, succeeding Thomas A. Howell, who has been elected Chairman of the Board.—V. 120, p. 1753.

**(Thomas) Cusack Co. (Advertisers).—Bonds Called.**—All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1918, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at par and int. at the offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., at Chicago, Ill., or at New York City.—V. 120, p. 834.

**(The) De Laval Separator Co.—Tenders.**—The New York Trust Co., trustee, will until July 22 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold notes, due March 1 1931, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$150,000 and at a price not exceeding 103¼ and interest.—V. 121, p. 80.

**Denn-Arizona Copper Co.—Merger.**—See Shattuck-Denn Mining Corp. below.

**Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc.—Semi-Annual Report.**

Net sales	\$5,938,419	\$5,698,376
Costs and expenses	5,193,746	5,101,350
Operating profit	\$744,673	\$597,026
Other income	49,648	36,282
Total income	\$794,321	\$633,308
Discount, miscellaneous adjustments, &c.	115,070	65,676

Net profit before Federal taxes \$679,251 \$567,632  
 x After paying dividends of \$67,669 on the 1st Pref. stock, \$32,742 on the 2d Pref. stock and \$120,000 on the Common stock, a surplus of \$458,840 is carried forward.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.		Liabilities—	
Assets—	May 31 '25	Nov. 30 '24	May 31 '25
Plant, equip., &c., less deprec'n.	\$2,679,804	\$2,629,271	Common stock
Investments	183,583	37,000	1st Pref. stock
1st Pf. stk. purch.	90,960	90,960	2d Pref. stock
Cash	454,672	649,277	Notes payable
Notes receivable	201,313	202,919	Accounts payable
Accts. receivable	3,213,976	2,349,196	Inst. of Fed. tax
Inventories	3,026,025	2,604,662	Reserve for taxes & accr. exp., &c.
Deferred charges	219,949	213,351	Accrued charges
Fire loss claim	49,122	49,122	Res. for bad debts.
Prepaid ins., &c.	664,621	224,593	Surplus
Total	\$10,643,943	\$9,050,350	Total

—V. 120, p. 3070.

**(W. S.) Dickey Clay Mfg. Co. (Del.).—Bonds Offered.**  
 Harris Trust & Savings Bank, First Trust & Savings Bank, Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., recently offered at prices ranging from 100 and interest to 101.57 and interest, to yield from 5½% to 6%, according to maturity, \$4,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, series "A," due serially 1928 to 1940.  
 Dated July 1 1925. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Chicago or Kansas City. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 100 plus a premium of ½% of 1% for each year or part of year of unexpired term, such premium, however, not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1000 and \$500 c\*. Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and M. H. MacLean, trustees.

**Data from Letter of Walter S. Dickey, President of the Company.**  
**Company.**—A Delaware company. Has the greatest productive capacity of vitrified salt-glazed sanitary sewer pipe and kindred commodities in this or any other country. The manufacture of clay products is a stable and essential industry and the art of making useful and durable articles of burned clay is among the oldest of which there is any record. Due to a constantly increasing demand for greater sanitation, for inexpensive, lasting and fire-resisting building materials, and for drainage and irrigation to increase soil productivity, the industry has grown steadily over a long period of years.  
 The properties now owned include 18 manufacturing plants, advantageously located as regards raw materials and markets, in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Texas.  
**Earnings.**—Average net earnings over the past five years, after depreciation (and after deducting estimated Federal taxes based on existing income tax rates and additional managerial charges which will be incurred in future operations) were approximately 3 times the annual interest requirements of the present issue and for the year of 1924 were in excess of the five-year average.  
**Capitalization.**  
 Common stock (no par value) 50,000 shs. 50,000 shs.  
 First Preferred 7% Cumulative 2,500,000 \$2,500,000  
 Second Preferred 6% Cumulative 2,500,000 2,500,000  
 First Mortgage 6% Serial Gold Bonds 7,500,000 4,500,000

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1924 (After Giving Effect to Present Financing).**  
**Assets—**  
 Fixed assets \$9,406,641  
 Investments 120,967  
 Current assets 2,810,744  
 Deferred charges 242,964  
 Good-will 1  
**Liabilities—**  
 First Mortgage 6s. \$4,500,000  
 1st Pf. stock 7% Cumul. 2,500,000  
 2d Pf. stock 7% Cumul. 2,500,000  
 Current liabilities 236,635  
 Common stock (50,000 shs., no par) 2,844,682  
**Total \$12,581,317**

**Dome Mines, Ltd.—Gold Production (Value).**  

	June.	May.	April.	March.	February.	January.
	\$363,925	\$361,165	\$354,972	\$356,084	\$345,478	\$351,301

 —V. 120, p. 2948, 2407.

**Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich.—Capital Increased—To Pay 10% Stock Dividend—To Offer Additional Com. Stk.**  
 The stockholders on June 24 adopted a resolution to extend the corporate term of the company for the further term of 30 years (until May 18 1957). Also the articles of association were amended to provide for increasing the capital stock as follows: (1) The Common stock (no par value) from 75,000 shares to 200,000 shares; (2) the Pref. stock (par \$100) from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000. The certificate increasing the capital stock of the company has been approved by the Secretary of State.  
 It is proposed to distribute on Aug. 15 a stock dividend of 10% on the common stock outstanding on Aug. 5. To avoid the issuance of fractional shares, fractions will be paid for at the rate of \$50 per share.  
 It is proposed to sell 2,500 shares of Common stock at \$50 per share to employees of the company under such terms and conditions as may be specified by the board of directors.  
 Also 15,000 shares will be offered for sale, pro rata, based on 20% of present holdings, to Common stockholders of record Aug. 5 at \$50 per share. The right to subscribe will expire on Sept. 15. No fractional shares will be issued. Payments to be as follows: 50% on or before Sept. 15 and 50% on or before Oct. 27. No subscriptions will be received previous to Aug. 15. The company has now outstanding 15,000 shares of Pref. stock, par \$100, which is subject to redemption May 18 1927 (expiration of present corporate term). It is the intention to issue 15,000 shares of the new Pref. stock at the present time to replace through exchange or redemption the present outstanding Pref. stock.—V. 120, p. 3193.

**Dressel Collapsible Rim Co., St. Louis.—Dissolution.**  
 Dissolution of this company, incorporated in 1918 with a capital stock of \$500,000, was asked in a petition filed June 23 in Circuit Court at St. Louis.  
 "At a meeting of the stockholders on April 6," the petition states, "it was unanimously voted that dissolution proceedings be brought in court and the remaining assets of the company be distributed among the stockholders as soon as this may conveniently be done. This was done, according to a resolution adopted at the meeting, because "it has proven impossible to successfully and profitably prosecute the business for which this company was incorporated and the continued existence of the corporation would merely result in the dissipation and loss of the remaining assets."  
 A total of 2,716 shares of stock (par \$100 each) have been issued by the company, while the remaining shares are in escrow in an Edwardsville (Ill.) bank. The assets of the company are listed as \$4,964 in cash, \$2,922 worth of merchandise and supplies, equipment worth \$5,525 and patents and patent development amounting to \$258,186, the total assets being \$271,600. The patents were on collapsible rims for pneumatic tires. There are no incumbrances on the property and company has no creditors and has no outstanding obligations except franchise tax for this year.

**Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., England.—Debenture Stock Sold.**  
 The British, Foreign & Colonial Corp., Ltd., and Higginson & Co., both of London, in June last sold £5,000,000 of 5½% 1st Mtge. Debenture stock (par £1) at 97½%.

Interest payable semi-annually J. & J. Repayable at 103% by means of a cumulative sinking fund commencing in 1926, drawings to be made in December of each year, the first of which is to be made in 1928 and the

last in 1954. Red. all or part at any time after Jan. 1 1935 at 105% on 6 months' notice. Company also reserves the right to buy Debenture stock on market at or under 103.

**Security.**—A specific mortgage upon the freehold and leasehold lands, buildings, fixed plant and machinery and the shares, stock and debentures in subsidiary or allied companies owned by the company and a floating charge upon the rest of the company's undertaking, including 677,500 7% Preference shares of £1 each in No. 2 D. R. Cotton mills which are excluded from the specific charge.

**Purpose of £5,000,000 Debenture Stock.**—To enable the company together with the proceeds of the 3,750,000 Ordinary shares to repay its outstanding 8% stock and to advance the necessary funds to the American company to pay off its 7% bonds.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
6½% "A" Preference shares of £1 each	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
7% "B" Preference shares of £1 each	1,000,000	1,000,000
3,000,000 10% "C" Preference shares of 16s. each	2,400,000	2,400,000
46,800,000 Ordinary shs. of 6s. 8d. each of which there have been issued 14,963,874	15,600,000	4,987,958

Total £20,000,000 £9,387,958

**Loan Capital—8% Mtge. Deb. stock of which £3,000,000 are held as collateral security against the bond issues of the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Corp. of America.**

The loan capital will be redeemed out of the proceeds of the present issue of Debenture stock and the proposed issue of 3,750,000 Ordinary shares at 10s. each.

**Assets.**—The total assets as shown in the company's balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1924, upon which the debenture stock now issued will be secured but exclusive of the good-will, were as follows:

Freehold & leasehold land, bldgs., plant, &c., after deprec.	£2,326,434
Sundry debtors & debit balances less res. for bad debts	654,661
Stock of finished & unfinished goods & raw materials at or below cost	1,712,109
Investments, at or under cost, & advances to subsidiary coe.	8,080,375
Cash & bills at bank and on hand	890,369
War bonds	441,000
Cash paid to trustees for redemption of Debenture stock	279,121
Total	£14,384,069

To which must be added the proceeds of 3,750,000 Ordinary shares to be allotted at 10s. each and £5,000,000 Deb. stock. 6,587,500

£20,971,569  
 Less the amt. required to pay off the existing 8% Deb. stock at a premium of 5% 3,150,000

Leaving assets available as security for this issue. £17,821,569 x Sufficient to cover the 5½% Debenture stock, more than 3½ times.

**Company.**—Formed in 1896 and is the successor of the Pioneers of the Pneumatic Tyre Industry. It controls through its subsidiary companies' the rubber estates, cotton mills and other plants and has branches in the important centres of the world. Apart from its own works near Birmingham, which are equipped with the most modern tire manufacturing plant, it controls through subsidiary and allied companies large factories in France and Germany, and 97½% of the Common stock of the American company.

**Earnings, After Depreciation & All Other Expenses, But Before Taxes, Debenture & Other Interest Charges.**

12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 1924.	18 Mos. End. Dec. 31 1923.	10 Mos. End. June 30 1922.
£1,813,842	£1,878,253	£922,210

Average profits over the 3 years and 4 months ended Dec. 31 1924 were £1,384,291, which is sufficient to provide over 5 times the annual interest payment of £275,000 required for the present Debenture issue.—V. 120, p. 3193.

**Eastern Coke Co.—Tenders.**  
 The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, until July 10 received bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 14-Year Sinking Fund bonds, dated Feb. 1 1917, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$250,772.—V. 119, p. 79.

**Eaton Axle & Spring Co.—Shipments.**

Shipments in June were \$939,203, compared with \$837,846 for the best previous month this year and \$888,491 for the best previous month in the company's history. April 1924. July's schedule is \$902,000, against \$521,000 for July 1924, and \$654,274 for the best previous July.—V. 120, p. 2820.

**Federal Food Stores, Inc., Brooklyn.—Convictions.**

Louis M. and Samuel Reiter, brothers, were each sentenced July 6 to serve from 5 to 10 years in Sing Sing Prison by Supreme Court Justice William F. Hagarty, in Brooklyn, N. Y., for complicity in loans obtained from banks for the company on fraudulent warehouse receipts. The specific charge was based on a loan of \$25,000 by the Brooklyn Trust Co. Another brother, Josef Reiter, head of the concern, was sentenced to Sing Sing Prison for a like term by Justice Hagarty on June 26 on similar charges.  
 An agreement which was almost unanimous was reached July 7 by creditors of the company to accept the offer of the Financial Consultants Corp. to take over the assets of the concern, and pay 32 cents on the dollar to secured creditors and 10 cents on the dollar to unsecured creditors.—V. 120, p. 2407.

**Firestone Cotton Mills.—Bonds Offered.**—Cleveland Trust Co., Hayden, Miller & Co., the Herrick Co., and Otis & Co., are offering at 100 and interest \$2,000,000 First Mortgage 15-Year 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1940. Callable, all or part, on any interest date on 30 days' notice, at 101 and interest. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Principal and interest payable at Cleveland Trust Co., trustee, Cleveland, Ohio. Interest payable J. & J. Penna. 4 mill tax refundable.

**Data from Letter of H. S. Firestone, Pres. Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., and Pres. of Firestone Cotton Mills.**

**Firestone Cotton Mills.**—Organized in Massachusetts. Entire Capital stock owned by Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio. The mills of the company are located at Fall River, Mass., and are operating at capacity, furnishing approximately 50% of the normal tire fabric requirement of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

**Security and Guaranty.**—These bonds will be a direct first lien upon the entire fixed property, including machinery and other equipment, of the Firestone Cotton Mills, and in addition will be guaranteed by endorsement on each bond as to principal, interest and sinking fund by Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., of Akron, Ohio. The land, mill buildings, machinery and equipment are all owned in fee and have been appraised by Chas. T. Main, textile engineer, at are placement value of \$4,358,430, and an insurance appraisal made April 1 1925, gave the buildings and equipment alone a value of \$3,112,000.

**Sinking Fund.**—On or before July 1 in each year, while any of the bonds are unpaid, beginning with July 1 1927, company shall pay to the trustee as a sinking fund the following amounts: July 1 1927 to July 1 1930, inclusive, \$125,000 per year; July 1 1931 to July 1 1940, inclusive, \$150,000 per year. Said sums will be held and applied by the trustee as a sinking fund for the purchase and redemption of this issue before maturity; the trustee shall apply any or all such moneys to the purchase in the market, or by call, of any of the bonds outstanding, at a price not to exceed the call price as above set forth.

**Sales and Net Income (after Federal Taxes) of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Years Ended October 31.**

	1922.	1923.	1924.
Sales	\$64,500,000	\$77,500,000	\$85,600,000
Net income	7,345,000	6,104,000	7,102,000

Sales and profits for this year to date are in excess of those for the same period of last year.

**Purpose.**—The major portion of the proceeds of this issue of bonds is to reimburse Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. for advances and to furnish the cotton mills with additional working capital.

**Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.—Guaranty.**  
 See Firestone Cotton Mills above.—V. 119, p. 3015, 3003.

**Fisher Body Ohio Co.—To Redeem Preferred Stock.—**

The entire outstanding issue of Preferred stock has been called for redemption Oct. 1 at 110 and dividends at the offices of the transfer agents, to wit: the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O., and Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York City.

To and including Sept. 15 1924, the company, at either the Union Trust Co. or the Bankers Trust Co., will purchase for redemption shares of Preferred stock tendered to them at 110 and dividends to date of tender of stock.—V. 120, p. 3320.

**Franklin-Kellum Co., Inc.—Trustee.—**

The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed Trustee of an issue of \$400,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, dated May 15 1925, due May 15 1935.

**(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Shipments.**

The company during June last shipped 1,299 Franklin cars, breaking all previous June records.—V. 120, p. 2688, 559.

**Frontenac Breweries, Ltd.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—		
	1924.	1923.
Net profits.....	\$209,162	\$315,608
Interest.....	73,748	63,749
Depreciation.....	94,320	93,980
Bad debts res.....		3,177
Preferred dividends (7%).....	24,937	21,000
Surplus for year.....	\$16,157	\$133,702
Previous surplus.....	309,255	286,118
<b>Total surplus.....</b>	<b>\$325,412</b>	<b>\$419,820</b>
x Dividend arrears.....	(35%) 105,000	(21) 63,000
Amortization.....		40,000
Profit and loss balance.....	\$220,412	\$316,820
x In 1924 10% in cash and 25% in Pref. stock on account of accumulated dividends on Pref. stock; in 1923, 21% in cash on account of accumulations.		

—V. 118, p. 2186.

**Gemmer Manufacturing Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.—**

Keane, Higbie & Co., Merrill, Lynch & Co., and Nicol-Ford & Co., Inc., are offering at \$37 per share, to net over 8%, 40,000 shares Participating Preference stock, Class "A."

Preferred as to cumulative dividends, at the rate of \$3 per share per annum over the Class B stock and participating equally with the Class B stock in additional dividends after the Class B stock has received \$3 per share. The Participating Preference stock is callable at \$45 per share, but is convertible at any time up to July 1 1930, share for share, into the Class B stock at the option of the holder. Preferred over Class B stock as to assets up to \$45 per share and accrued dividends in the case of voluntary or involuntary liquidation. Cumulative Preferred dividends Q-J, (first quarterly dividend payable Oct. 1 1925.) Registrar and transfer agent, Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.

Capitalization (No Bonds)—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Participating Preference stock (no par value)....	40,000 shs.	40,000 shs.
Class B stock (no par value).....	140,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

**Data from Letter of Edward P. Hammond, President of the Company.**

Company.—A Michigan corporation. Is the largest independent manufacturer of steering gears in the United States. Established in 1907 by Edward P. Hammond and E. A. Skae, it has grown steadily and now manufactures gears for some of the largest and most prominent motor car companies in the United States. Business is stable, due to the diversification of its customers and its distribution between the automobile, truck and bus business.

Earnings.—Net income, after all charges including depreciation, income taxes, bonuses, &c., averaged for the past four years \$415,368 per annum, with the year 1925 partly estimated. This is at the rate of \$10.37 per share on Participating Preference stock. Earnings for 1925 are at the rate of \$638,000, which is equal to \$15.95 per share on the Participating Preference stock. Net income for the past three years, after all charges, including depreciation, allowance for bonuses, income taxes, &c., amounts to:

	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925(est)
\$352,958	\$355,294	\$315,223	\$638,000	

x Company has shown a profit for each of the past twelve years.

**General American Tank Car Corp.—Acquires Stock.—**

The corporation has purchased for retirement and cancellation \$370,000 of 7% Cum. Pref. stock, which will leave outstanding less than \$3,500,000.—V. 120, p. 2017.

**General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.—Operations.**

A. W. Burchard, Vice-Chairman of the General Electric Co. and President of the International General Electric Co., is quoted in substance: "Our plants are operating at 75% capacity. Our capacity, however, has been considerably enlarged by increased efficiency and our \$300,000,000 annual output to-day would, five years ago, have been the full capacity for the plant. Bookings of the second quarter were a little less than the first quarter. Indications point to bookings at least as large as last year. Sales billed this year should correspond very closely with orders. Earnings should be on about the same plane as last year."

"Foreign business this year to date is running about 50% ahead of last year, and from present indications this should continue. Foreign business of the International General Electric Co. last year was around \$19,000,000."—V. 120, p. 2555.

**General Motors Acceptance Corp.—New Officers.—**

Joseph L. Myers, general manager of the financial sales department and Glyn Davies, manager of the foreign department have been elected Vice-Presidents.—V. 120, p. 3072.

**General Motors Corp.—Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. to be Merged**

with General Motors Truck Division—Control to be Held by General Motors.—Pres. Alfred P. Sloan Jr., announced July 8 that the company has concluded arrangements looking towards the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co. under a plan subject to the acceptance by the stockholders of that company. The plan contemplates a readjustment of the capitalization of the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co. and the sale to it of all of the stock of a new corporation, to which General Motors Corp. will transfer the plants and other assets embraced in the General Motors Truck Division. The property so transferred will have an aggregate net book value of \$16,000,000, including about \$10,500,000 of net working capital. The announcement continues:

Following the consummation of the plan, the name of the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co. will be changed to Yellow Truck & Coach Manufacturing Co., and will have outstanding:

- 150,000 shares of 7% Cumulative Non-voting Preferred stock, having a par value of \$100 per share.
  - 800,000 shares of Class "B" stock, having a par value of \$10 per share.
  - 800,000 shares of Common stock having a par value of \$10 per share.
- The 800,000 shares of Common stock will be issued to General Motors Corp. in payment for stock of the corporation to which property as aforementioned will be transferred, and the 150,000 shares of 7% Cumulative Non-voting Preferred stock will be distributed as a dividend, pro rata, to the holders of 800,000 shares of Class "B" stock at present outstanding. The Class "B" stock and the Common stock will have the same voting power per share. The Common stock and the Class "B" stock will participate, share and share alike, in the net earnings and dividends after cumulative dividends have been paid on the Preferred stock; except that for a period of 3 years in the event that dividends declared and paid are less than 75 cents a share on the aggregate total of 1,400,000 shares of the outstanding Common stock and Class "B" stock combined, then the Class "B" stock shall have cumulative preferential rights as to dividends up to 75 cents a share. Following the said 3-year period, if by reason of the 3-year provision the Common stock has not enjoyed cumulative dividends per share equal to dividends declared and paid on the Class "B"

stock, then the Common stock for a succeeding period of 3 years will have similar preferential rights as to dividends up to the point where the cumulative dividends received per share on each class of stock has been equal from the date of issuance of the Common stock.

The Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co., apart from its position in the taxicab business, occupies a strong position in the bus field. A merger of the General Motors truck business with the business of that company is calculated to result in material economies in the manufacturing end and distribution end of both of these important lines of business.

General Motors Corp. has recognized the importance of the bus, and believes that the proposed merger with the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co. will immediately place it in a strong position in the bus business, with the opportunity of enjoying a really unique position in the future development in that field. It also believes that its position in the heavy duty truck business will be greatly strengthened as a consequence of the combined management and the benefits derived from more economical manufacture and distribution.

Pres. John Hertz of the Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. issued the following statement:

For a long time the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co. has been preparing to engage vigorously in the manufacture of trucks and commercial bodies, in addition to its established lines of motor buses, taxicabs and its present products. The acquisition of the General Motors facilities will immediately enable it to become a leading factor in the truck business and will secure to it at once the excellent facilities and the vast resources connected with the General Motors Corp., a result which otherwise could not possibly have been accomplished without many years of effort.

From the standpoint of the stockholders of the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co., this deal is the greatest achievement in their history. This connection with General Motors organization will assure to the Yellow company the great advantages of economical purchase in large quantities, of quantity production, intensive sales management, large savings in manufacture and the benefit of the highest technical automotive experience in the world. In association with General Motors Corp., the premier automobile manufacturers of the world, the opportunities for the company will far exceed any that they have ever had in their history.

**New President for Olds Motor Works.—**

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President of General Motors, announces the resignation of A. B. C. Hardy as President of the Olds Motor Works, Lansing, Michigan, and the election of I. J. Reuter, now General Manager of the Olds Division of General Motors, in his place.—V. 120, p. 3195.

**Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.—Bonds Offered.**

—Whitney-Central Banks, Hibernia Securities Co. and Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans are offering at 100 and int. \$450,000 1st Mtge. 6% Serial Gold Bonds Series "A".

Dated June 1 1925; due serially June 1 1928-1940. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Principal and int. (J & D. 1), payable at Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank, New Orleans, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable all or part by lot, on any int. date at 102 and int., upon 60 days published notice.

Security.—This issue is the direct obligation of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, and is secured by a closed first mortgage on three large pieces of property located in the City of Atlanta. The Executive Committee of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia is the corporation organized to carry on and supervise all the work of the Georgia Baptist Convention. This Committee receives its support from the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia which is composed of the Baptist people of that State, it having 390,844 members and 2,542 Churches according to the 1924 report. The properties securing this issue are conservatively valued at \$904,000 or more than twice the amount of the outstanding bonds.

Property.—(1) The present hospital is a large fireproof building of improved modern brick construction, consisting of 3 stories and basement. It has a capacity of 110 beds and is fully equipped and furnished with all modern conveniences for first class hospital service. Upon completion of the new hospital this present building will be used as a Nurses' Home.

(2) The new hospital building to be erected will cost not less than \$250,000, exclusive of equipment. According to architect's plans it will consist of 6 stories and basement of fireproof reinforced concrete construction. The building to have 2 elevators, a capacity of 144 beds and be furnished with the most modern medical equipment.

(3) The third piece of property is a large 3 story brick building with basement having approximately 100 rooms, used as a hotel and apartment house, and which could readily be used as an office building.

Income.—The operation of the present Georgia Hospital, for the year ending Nov. 30 1924 showed a net operating profit of \$34,448, before deductions for Charity, which amounted to \$30,269.

In addition to the net operating income the Georgia Baptist Convention has allocated to the Georgia Baptist Hospital the sum of \$67,500 for the year 1925 and has pledged to allocate not less than \$67,500 each year thereafter during the life of this issue, which amount has been pledged to secure the payment of these bonds. The 1924 report of the Georgia Baptist Convention showed the total receipts from contributions for regular and special causes during 1924 amounted to \$942,263. The receipts of the Convention for the 5½ year period ending Dec. 1 1924, totaled \$5,236,120.

**Gimbel Brothers.—To Build Store in Philadelphia.—**

A permit for the erection of what is said will be the largest department store in the world was issued by the Bureau of Building Inspection on July 2 to Gimbel Brothers. Tearing-down operations for the building are to start immediately, although actual construction will not start until Aug. 11. The new store, which will cost \$18,000,000 when completed, will be erected on the site of the firm's present store, and will be 12 stories high. The total floor space is approximately 55 acres. Completed, the Gimbel store will cover the block bounded by Market, Chestnut, Eighth and Ninth, excepting the Leary store and a corner at Eighth and Chestnut Street. Thompson-Starrett Co. of New York has received the construction contract. (New York "Times.")—V. 120, p. 3195.

**Ginter Co., Boston.—June Sales.—**

	1925.	1924.	Increase.
June.....	\$1,012,888	\$885,729	\$127,159
Six months ended June 30.....	6,657,083	6,126,077	531,006

—V. 120, p. 3072, 2555.

**(F. D.) Gleason Coal Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—**

Benjamin Dansard & Co., Detroit, are offering at prices to yield from 5% to 6%, according to maturity, \$100,000 Steel Steamer Jay A. Pearson First Mtge. 6% Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; due serially July 1926 to 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable at Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at 102 and interest. Interest payable J & J., without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

These bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage on the steel steamer Jay A. Pearson, owned and operated by the F. D. Gleason Coal Co., and are personally guaranteed by F. D. Gleason, principal stockholder of the coal company, whose net worth, is several times the amount of this bond issue. This mortgage, according to appraised values, is less than one-half of the actual cost of the steamer.—V. 120, p. 964.

**Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Quarterly Dividend of 75 Cents and Extra of 25 Cents Declared.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the outstanding 2,000,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 1. On March 2 and June 1 last the company paid extras of 12½c. each in addition to quarterly dividends of 62½c. per share.

For record of dividends paid on the stock before the distribution on Dec. 1 1924 of 4.7 additional shares for each share held, see our "Railway and Industrial Compendium" of May 30 1925, page 175.

Earnings 6 Months Ended June 30—

	1925.	1924.	Increase.
Net, after reserves, taxes, &c.....	\$5,738,965	\$5,037,973	13%.

—V. 120, p. 819, 1887.

**Glidden Co., Cleveland.—To Issue Additional Stock.—**

The stockholders will vote Aug. 7 on increasing the authorized Common stock (no par value) from 360,000 shares to 500,000 shares. It is planned to offer the Common stockholders of record July 22 the right to subscribe

for additional Common stock at \$20 per share, on the basis of one new share for each nine old shares held. The proceeds, it is said, will be used to reduce bank loans. The issue has been underwritten. See also V. 121, p. 81.

Earnings Ahead of Last Year.—

Pres. A. D. Joyce says: "The earnings of the company for the first seven months of this year were in excess of the total of all of last year. These earnings we consider exceptionally good but we expect to do as well if not better in the remainder of the year. Our sales to date show an increase of \$2,500,000 over last year and we expect to show \$25,000,000 in sales for the full year, which will be an increase of about \$5,000,000 over 1924. I am going over to Europe to let out the manufacturing rights in England, Germany, and Austria for our new product, which will be used in interior decorating. It is not a paint nor a varnish, but it is better than either one of them. It dries in 30 minutes and it should revolutionize the whole interior household decorating industry. This article has been developed from the products we have been using for painting Studebaker cars. "The authorization of new stock on the part of the directors is awaiting stockholders' sanction. We intend to offer 40,000 shares of stock at \$20 a share to stockholders and to underwriters of the syndicate. The proceeds from the sale of this stock will be used for expansion of the company."—V. 121, p. 81.

Grain Marketing Co.—Dissolution Announced.—

Following the receivership of Dean, Onativia & Co., which was announced July 3, the final dissolution of the Grain Marketing Co. was announced on the floor of the Board of Trade at Chicago July 10. Armour Grain Co. took over all futures transactions of the company at opening of business July 10. The Grain Marketing Co., incorporated July 24 1924 (V. 119, p. 271) at \$26,000,000, was the result of a merger between Armour Grain Co., Rosenbaum Grain Corp., Rosenbaum Bros. and David-Noland-Merrill Grain Co. (See also Rosenbaum Grain Corp. below.)—V. 119, p. 461, 700.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.).—June Sales.—

Sales for June amounted to \$2,356,731, an increase of 31% over June 1924. Sales for the 6 months were \$12,601,981, a gain of over 23% over the first half of 1924.—V. 120, p. 3072.

Grosse Pointe Township Improvement Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Nicol, Ford & Co., Inc., Detroit are offering at price ranging from 100 and int. to 101 and int. according to maturity \$275,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. Serial 6% Gold Bonds. Dated June 1 1925; maturing June 1 1926-1932. Legal Investment for Michigan Savings Banks. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. all or part on 30 days notice at 102 and int. Interest payable J. & D. 1, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%, at the office of the Security Trust Company, Trustee. Security.—These bonds are the direct obligation of the Company and are secured by first closed mortgage on high grade residence property situated on Lochmoor Boulevard and Sunningdale Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., adjacent to the Lochmoor Golf Course, and by land contracts assigned to the trustee. The unsold real estate securing this mortgage has been appraised at \$1,686,689 by five members of the Detroit Real Estate Board and their appraisal has been concurred in by the Security Trust Co. The land contracts, covering additional real estate, securing this mortgage, have been checked by Price, Waterhouse & Co. at \$426,205, giving a total value of \$2,112,894 or \$7,680 for each \$1,000 bond of this issue. Sinking Fund.—A Sinking Fund beginning June 15 1925, is payable monthly to the trustee in an amount equal to 1-12th of the annual principal and interest requirements. So long as any bonds of this issue remain outstanding, the company agrees not to pay any dividends upon its common stock.

Hershey Chocolate Co.—\$20,000,000 Bond Issue Sold.—

The National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Graham, Parsons & Co., Cassatt & Co., and the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, have sold \$20,000,000 First (closed) Mtge. and Collateral Trust Sinking Fund 5½% Gold bonds, at 98 and interest, to yield over 5.70%. Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1940. The company's First Mtge. 6% bonds, due Nov. 1 1942, with all unmailed coupons attached, to be called for redemption Nov. 1 1925 at 104 and interest, will be accepted by the bankers on a 3½% bank discount basis from the date of payment to the date as of which they may be called, the equivalent of which, as of July 1 1925, is \$1,059,28 flat for each \$1,000 bond. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Interest payable J. & J. 1 without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date prior to maturity, upon 30 days' notice; at 103, if redeemed on or before July 1 1930; at 102 thereafter, if on or before July 1 1935; and thereafter at 101. Principal and interest payable in U. S. gold coin at the head office of National City Bank, New York, trustee. Free from Penna. personal property tax.

Data from Letter of President W. F. R. Murrie, Hershey, Pa., July 9.

Company.—Produces the well-known Hershey brand of chocolate, milk chocolate, almond bars and breakfast cocoa. Is the largest manufacturer of milk chocolate in the world. The property owned by the company includes the chocolate and cocoa plant located at Hershey, Pa., having a floor area of over 45 acres. Through constituent companies, the company owns Centrals Hershey, Rosario and San Antonio and proposes to acquire Central Carmen, all in the Province of Havana, Cuba. The four Centrals produced over \$14,000 bags of sugar during the 1924-1925 season and, as a result of certain additions and betterments which are now in progress, it is expected that the production for the 1925-1926 season and ensuing years will be materially increased. Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire, on Nov. 1 1925, the existing First Mortgage Sinking Fund 6% Gold bonds now outstanding, to reimburse the company for the purchase of Central San Antonio, to enlarge the capacity of Central Hershey, and for other corporate purposes including the proposed acquisition of Central Carmen. Security.—Secured by a closed First Mortgage on all of the real estate, plants and fixed assets of the company in Pennsylvania now or hereafter owned, subject only, as to any property hereafter acquired, to any liens thereon existing at the time of the acquisition thereof, and will be additionally secured by deposit of all the Capital stocks (except directors' shares) of all constituent companies operating in the United States and Cuba. Upon completion of the present financing, neither the company nor any of its constituent companies will have any other outstanding funded obligations. Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide a sinking fund which is confidently expected to retire the entire issue of these bonds prior to the maturity date. Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	Gross Rev.	xNet Income	Gross Rev.	xNet Income
1915	\$10,331,951	\$1,778,498	\$10,192,000	\$1,730,000
1916	19,876,415	2,260,941	26,523,827	3,144,079
1917	26,638,605	3,958,544	28,443,805	5,393,920
1918	35,061,664	6,205,359	33,546,515	6,749,500
1919	58,013,280	6,860,913	37,864,509	7,336,406
		1925 mos	16,438,770	2,876,376

a Deficit after taking inventory loss of \$4,107,603. x After depreciation, available for interest and Federal taxes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31 1925 (After Financing).

Assets	Liabilities
Cash	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Accrued charges
Inventories	Federal taxes
Prepaid ins., int. & taxes	Minority stock
Advances to Colonos, &c.	Cuban Censos
prepayments	1st M. & Coll. Trust 5½%
Net investment in plant	Preferred stock
Miscellaneous investments	Common stock
Good will	Surplus
Deferred charges	

Total \$58,365,561 Total \$58,365,561

—V. 119, p. 1631.

Heyden Chemical Co. of America, Inc., Garfield, N. J.—To Expand.—

President B. R. Amon June 15 says: As compared with the previous year, the conditions affecting the industry in which we are engaged were about the same. We expect to announce in the near future the successful termination of negotiations that have been pending, looking towards the extension of our business through a combination with one of the largest European manufacturers of fine chemicals for medicinal and technical use.

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1924.	1923.	Liabilities—	1924.	1923.
Prop. and plant	\$1,380,354	\$1,314,327	Capital stock	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Cash	28,761	42,481	Notes payable	61,657	25,000
Notes & accts. rec.	109,281	152,355	Accounts payable	143,711	129,391
Inventories	282,130	304,054	Accr. payroll, &c.	1,334	245
Claim for refund			Real estate, taxes		
Federal taxes	180,752	180,752	and assessments	44,077	37,511
Investments	1,030	1,030	Res. for local tax		
Good-will	1,000,000	1,000,000	contingencies	20,000	20,000
Prep. & def'd chgs	10,377	7,988	Surplus	222,006	290,841

Total \$2,992,686 \$3,002,990 Total \$2,992,686 \$3,002,990  
The usual comparative income account was given in V. 121, p. 82.

Hood Rubber Co., Watertown, Mass.—To Create an Issue of \$500,000 Employees' Special Stock.—

The stockholders will vote July 14 on authorizing the creation of an issue of Employees' Special Stock. The stockholders will be asked to authorize an increase of \$500,000 in the capitalization of the company to provide for the issuance of the new stock.—V. 120, p. 3196.

Huron-Ninth Buildings, Cleveland, O.—Bonds Offered.—

S. Ulmer & Sons, Inc., Cleveland are offering at par and int. \$235,000 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½% Serial Gold Bonds. The Midland Bank, Cleveland, O., trustee. Dated June 15 1925; due July 1 1928 to 1937. Interest payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Normal Federal income tax of 2% paid by borrower (Ohio State Building Co.). Penn. 4 mill tax refunded. Red. on any int. date in inverse order of maturities at 102 and int. Security.—These bonds are secured by a first mortgage on two 99-year leasehold estates on land at the southwest corner of E. 9th Street and Huron Road in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, having a frontage of 99 ft. on Huron Road and 196 ft. on East 9th St. and extending 123 6 ft. along the southerly line—the total area of the same being 19,863 square feet. Mortgage covers 3 separate buildings, two of which are now completed (one of them to be remodelled to conform with the new building) and one to be constructed. The combined value of the two leaseholds, together with the buildings now erected and the new building to be constructed will be approximately \$520,250.

Huyler Building, Buffalo, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—  
Schollhoff, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., Buffalo are offering at prices to yield from 5¾% to 6% according to maturity \$325,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6% Serial Gold Bonds. Dated April 1 1925; due serially 1928-1935. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at Buffalo Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part in inverse order of maturity, at a premium of ¼ of 1% for each 6 months between date of redemption and maturity of bonds called, such premium not to exceed 2%. Interest payable without deduction of the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Building.—Grameracy Investing Co. owns property located on the southwest corner of Delaware Avenue and Trinity Place, in the rapidly growing specialty shop district of the City of Buffalo, New York. The frontage is approximately 73 feet on Delaware Avenue, and 157 feet on Trinity Place. The building will consist of 4 stories and basement with foundation and columns constructed to carry in the future 3 more stories, and will be of reinforced concrete fireproof construction. The floors each have a rentable area of about 5,500 sq. ft. and are designed to be subdivided to suit the demands of mercantile or office requirements. Large windows on three sides of the building will provide adequate and unobstructed light. Security.—These bonds will be secured by a first (closed) mortgage on the Huyler Building and land on which the building is located, owned in fee by the Grameracy Investing Co. The Grameracy Investing Co. is the real estate holding company for the Huyler interests. It owns property in New York, Albany and other cities, and had a capital and surplus on Dec. 31 1924 of over \$1,045,000.

Industrial Fibre Corp. of America.—Pays Back Divs.—

The corporation on June 10 paid all back dividends on its 1st and 2d 8% Preferred stocks, amounting in each case to \$36 a share. In addition the company reduced its funded debt by \$157,000, the two operations involving a cash consideration of upwards of \$450,000. President Birge further stated that 1924 profits were at least triple those of 1923 when net was \$323,000 or 40c. a share for the Common stock. A circular issued by Stone, Prosser & Doty of New York, shows: Corporation.—Incorp. in Del. in Aug. 1920, for the purpose of manufacturing artificial silk yarns. Controls the Industrial Fibre Co. and the latter leases and operates a well equipped plant located in Cleveland, O. Its product is manufactured by the processes used in Italian mills, the raw material being mostly Norwegian pulp. The raw silk produced is of excellent quality and in steadily increasing demand. The yarns are all sold, under well known trade marks, to the large hosiery and textile concerns. The orders now on hand—and steadily coming in—are understood to be far in excess of plant facilities, which are being operated to full capacity. Capitalization.—Authorized. Issued.

	Authorized.	Issued.
First Pfd. 8% Cum. stock (par \$100)	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
Second Pfd. 8% Cum. stock (par \$100)	400,000	400,000
Common stock (no par)	600,000 shs.	600,000 shs.

The company's funded indebtedness, at the present time, totals \$1,125,000 made up of \$325,000 of First 7% Mortgage Bonds and \$800,000 of 8% Gold Debenture Notes. In the recent past this indebtedness has been reduced by \$157,000, through the retirement of \$65,000 of mortgage bonds and \$92,000 of debentures. It is anticipated—although this is not officially confirmed—that the balance of the funded indebtedness will, in due season, be cleared up. Earnings.—Current earnings are averaging fully \$100,000 per month or at an annual rate of close to \$2 per share for the Common stock.

International Paper Co.—To Acquire Bastrop (La.) Co.—

The company has closed a contract for the purchase of the Bastrop (La.) Pulp & Paper Co., it was announced on July 7. It is understood that the property will be taken over this month. The Bastrop mill is said to be one of the lowest cost producers of kraft paper in the country. It has a daily capacity of upwards of 60 tons of sulphate pulp and upwards of 50 tons of paper, but it is understood that International Paper Co. plans a substantial expansion in this territory, with a view to availing itself to a greater extent of the low cost production which it affords. Chairman Resigns.—Philip T. Dodge has resigned as a director and Chairman of the board of directors of the International Paper Co.—V. 121, p. 82.

International Cement Corp.—Preferred Stock Sold.—

Hayden, Stone & Co. have sold at 102½ and dividend, to yield 6.83%, \$6,750,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Dividends payable Q.-M. Redeemable, all or part, at 110 and dividend. Cumulative annual sinking fund of 2% of greatest amount of Preferred stock at any time outstanding. Transfer agents, Equitable Trust Co., New York, and National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Registrars: New York Trust Co., New York, and First National Bank of Boston.

Capitalization Outstanding in Hands of Public.

7% Cumul. Preferred stock (par \$100), including this issue	\$10,162,200
Common stock (without par value), 500,000 shares represented by capital and surplus as shown in consolidated balance sheet as of April 30 1925, including authorized financing	20,878,839

Data from Letter of Holger Struckmann, President of Corporation. Company.—Incorp. in Maine in 1919. Owns all or substantially all of the stock of ten separate companies operating ten plants located at Hudson, N. Y.; Greencastle, Ind.; Bonner Springs, Kan.; Dallas, Tex.; Houston,

Tex.; Birmingham, Ala.; Norfolk, Va.; Mariel Bay, Cuba; Sierras Bayas, Argentine; and Montevideo, Uruguay. It also owns leases, covering plant site and suitable raw materials at New Orleans, La.

All of these plants are exceptionally well located with respect to the markets for the sale of cement and are close to abundant supplies of excellent raw material. The plants are equipped with modern and efficient machinery to manufacture a high quality of Portland cement.

Tabulation Indicating Operating and Financial Position of the Corporation at the End of Each Year Since Organization.

Table with columns: Year, No. Plants, Productive Cap. in Bbls., Net Assets, Tangible Assets, Bonds and Notes, Dividends.

Assets.—As shown by the consolidated balance sheet as of April 30 1925, after giving effect to the authorized financial program, net tangible assets equal \$302 per share of Preferred stock.

Consolidated Net Earnings, after Depreciation, Depletion and all Taxes Available for Total Annual Preferred Dividends of \$711,354, Including Dividends on This Issue.

Table with columns: Earnings Earned, Pref. Divs., Avg. net earns. for 5 years ended Dec. 31 1924, Net earnings for year 1924, etc.

The five-year average represents earnings from an average annual productive capacity of less than 5,000,000 bbls., and the 1924 earnings from a capacity of 7,000,000 bbls., compared to the present capacity of 12,000,000 bbls.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to finance the acquisition of the Alabama subsidiary, the New Orleans plant site and raw material leases, and to provide funds for general corporate purposes.

Listing.—Company will make application to list the Preferred stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Compare V. 120, p. 2557, 3073, 3196 3322; V. 121, p. 82.

Common Stock All Taken.—The company announces that the stockholders have subscribed to the total offering of 100,000 shares of Common at \$50 a share.—V. 121, p. 82.

Interstate Pipe Co., Pittsburgh.—Receivership.—Federal Judge F. P. Schoonmaker on June 30 appointed Hart T. Alexander receiver.

Iron Products Corp.—75-Cent Common Dividend.—The directors have declared a cash dividend of 75c. a share on the Common stock, payable July 30 to holders of record July 16.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Production.—The company in June last produced 525,200 tons of coal, compared with 521,000 tons in May. In the first half of this year the company produced 2,765,200 tons of coal, an increase of about 714,300 tons, or 35% over the 2,050,907 tons produced in the corresponding six months of 1924, and also compares with 1,278,818 tons in the first half of 1923.—V. 120, p. 3197, 1888.

Table for G. R. Kinney Co., Inc., N. Y.—June Sales.—1925—June—1924. Increase. 1925—6 Mos.—1924. Increase.

Table for S. S. Kresge Co.—June Sales.—1925—June—1924. Increase. 1925—6 Mos.—1924. Increase.

Table for S. H. Kress & Co.—June Sales.—1925—June—1924. Increase. 1925—6 Mos.—1924. Increase.

Lever Bros., Ltd., England.—Acquisition.—The company has acquired the British Oil & Cake Mills, Ltd., which possesses about 60% of oil seed crushing and oil extraction capacity of British Isles.

Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd.—Dividend Dates.—The dividend of \$1 per share recently declared on the Common stock was paid July 2 to holders of record June 15 (not June 30, as previously reported).

Locomobile Co. of America, Inc.—Bonds Called.—Certain 20-Year 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1922, amounting to \$75,000, have been called for payment Sept. 1 at par and int. at the First National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn.—V. 119, p. 2538.

Table for Loft, Inc. (Candy), New York.—Sales.—Quarter Ended June 30—1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.

Table for McCrory Stores Corporation.—June Sales.—1925—June—1924. Increase. 1925—6 Mos.—1924. Increase.

Mack Trucks, Inc.—New Financing—New Real Estate Company Formed—Additional Stock Offered.—Pres. A. J. Brosseau, in a letter to the Common stockholders July 8, says:

In the annual report for 1924 you were told of the plant expansion authorized last year and that the plants would be in operation in time for this year's trade. It was also stated that the enlarged plants would make it possible for the company to transact a greater volume of business than ever before.

The officers are pleased to report that the volume of business for the first six months of this year was at a rate of approximately 40% in excess of the same period last year, and profits were proportionately larger.

The prospects justify the officers in forecasting a continued increase in business, if plant capacity and working capital are provided.

The directors have approved plans, prepared by the management, for expanding the plants and providing additional working capital for an enlarged volume of business.

In carrying out these plans the Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc., has been incorporated, all of whose stock is owned by Mack Trucks, Inc.

\$50 per share at the time of subscription, Aug. 8 1925, and \$50 per share on Nov. 9 1925.

The above-mentioned offer to stockholders has been underwritten by Hayden, Stone & Co. and Dominick & Dominick for a commission of 1/2 of 1%.

Employees having agreements under the present employees' stock plan of the company will receive the same right of subscription.

Payment for shares subscribed for must be made in New York funds to Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York.

Bus Sales up 433% for First Half of 1925.—

Sales of Mack buses for the first half of 1925 increased 433% as compared with sales during the first six months of 1924, and were 3% more than the total sales for the entire year of 1924, according to the semi-annual sales report of Roy A. Hauer, Manager of the bus department.

Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc.—Notes Sold.—Hayden, Stone & Co. and Dominick & Dominick have sold at prices to yield from 4 1/2% to 6% according to maturity, \$3,000,000 Secured Gold notes, Series A, 6%.

Dated July 15 1925; due \$200,000 each July 15, 1926 to 1940 incl. Int. payable J. & J. in N. Y. City without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Income.—Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc., by contract with Mack Trucks, Inc., is unconditionally assured of sufficient income annually to pay maturing principal and interest of these Series A notes.

Data from Letter of A. J. Brosseau, President of Company.—Has been formed to acquire (through wholly owned subsidiaries) real properties consisting of branch sales offices and service stations of Mack Trucks, Inc., and subsidiaries, now constructed or to be constructed in the future.

The branch offices and service stations, to cost not less than \$4,000,000, will be leased to subsidiaries of Mack Trucks, Inc., at a net annual rental equal to 10% of their cost.

Security.—These notes will be direct obligations of Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc., and will be secured by the pledge of the entire capital stocks of its subsidiary building companies which will own the branch offices and service stations.

Magma Copper Co.—Joins Research Association.—William A. Willis, Manager of the Copper and Brass Research Association, announces the following:

The Magma Copper Co. has become a member of the Copper and Brass Research Association. Action to this effect was taken at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the company.

Massachusetts Investors Trust.—Extra Dividend, &c.—Merrill Griswold of Gaston, Snow, Saltomsall & Hunt, has been added to the board of trustees.

Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co.—Sale.—The National Trust Co., trustee for the holders of the 6% 21-year First Mortgage bonds, have sent a circular letter to the first mortgage bondholders advising them that it does not now seem necessary that a meeting of the first mortgage bondholders should be called to consider any plan for the reorganization of the company.

Mente & Co., Inc., New Orleans, La.—Bonds Offered.—Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$750,000 10-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold Debenture bonds.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1935. Red. at any time or from time to time, all or part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e. Int. (J. & J.) payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Stock Purchase Warrant.—Each bond upon issuance will bear a detachable warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase Class "B" Common stock at \$40 per share, at any time prior to July 1 1930, in the ratio of 25 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of bonds.

Data from Letter of I. T. Rhea, President of the Company.—Will be organized in Louisiana and will take over the assets, business and good-will of Mente & Co., Inc.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the existing company after depreciation, available for interest and Federal taxes, for the 6 years ended Mar. 31 1925, averaged \$423.173 per annum, equivalent to over 8 times annual interest charges on these bonds.

Assets.—Balance sheet as of Mar. 31 1925, after giving effect to acquisition of the assets of the old company, shows net tangible assets of \$2,174,931

available for these bonds, equivalent to approximately \$2,900 per \$1,000 bond...

Capitalization—10-Yr. 7% Skg. Fd. Deben. bonds (this issue) \$750,000 Authorized \$750,000 Outstanding \$750,000

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—June Sales.—

Table showing sales for 1925-June-1924, 1924-June-1924, and 1925-6 Mos.-1924.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Earnings—1924, 1923, 1922, Dec. 31 '21 and rows for Gross income, Dividends, etc.

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, 1922, Dec. 31 '21 and rows for Net income, Previous surplus, Total surplus, etc.

Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., of Del. (& Owned Cos.)—Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, 1924, 1923 and rows for Assets, Liabilities, Total.

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 121, p. 83.

Miami Copper Co.—Quarterly Dividend of 25 Cents.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the Capital stock, payable Aug. 15...

Mond Nickel Co., Ltd.—Financing in London.—

A London dispatch July 1 stated that underwriting is being arranged by the company for an issue of \$1,000,000...

Moore Drop Forging Co.—Class "A" Div. No. 2.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the Class "A" shares, payable Aug. 1...

Mt. Vernon-Woodberry Mills, Inc.—Report Cal. Yr. 1924.

Table with rows for Net profits from oper., Int. on 7% deb. notes, Provision for depreciation, Dividend on Preferred stock, etc.

National Biscuit Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1925, 1924, 1925, 1924 and rows for Period Ending June 30, Net earnings, etc.

National Oil Co.—Misrepresentation Charged.—

The Bank of Charleston of Charleston, S. C., started suit July 2 in the Eastern District U. S. Court, Brooklyn, against A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., for \$24,460...

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.—

Table with columns for June, May, April, March and rows for Copper output (lbs.).

Newmont Mining Corp.—Listed on Curb.—

The capital stock of this company was admitted to trading on the New York Curb Market June 25. The company, which was organized in 1921 in Delaware, has an authorized capital of \$8,000,000...

Table with rows for Earnings—Interest, \$13,624; divs., \$221,723; profits, \$662,421; total, \$897,768; Interest paid, \$11,156; admin., office exp. & taxes, \$51,906.

The management, it is said, proposes to begin quarterly dividends in October at the rate of 60c. a share, or \$2.40 a year.

Balance Sheet June 10 1925.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Cash, Stocks of div. paying corp, Misc. stocks & other, undertakings, etc.

Officers are William Boyce Thompson, Chairman; Charles F. Ayer, Pres.; David E. Thomas, V. Pres.; Henry E. Dodge, Sec. & Treas.; Frank W. Holmes, Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treas.

New York Shipbuilding Corp.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921 and rows for Net profit from oper., Other income credits, etc.

Table with columns for 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921 and rows for Gross income, Provision for claims, Federal tax, Miscellaneous, Total, etc.

Surplus for the year—def\$336,860 def\$109,637 \$662,866 \$1,196,560

Surplus Dec. 31—x\$5,631,007 \$5,967,867 \$6,077,504 \$5,414,638

Oil Well Supply Co.—Common Stock Sold.—

Hornblower & Weeks, Chas. D. Barney & Co., Moore, Leonard & Lynch and Bell & Beckwith have sold at \$36.50 per share 55,000 shares Common stock (par \$25).

The stockholders will vote Sept. 18 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$22,000,000...

Old Dominion Co. (Me.)—Copper Output (Lbs.).—

Table with columns for June, May, April, March, February, January and rows for Copper output.

Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after July 15 of 61,500 shares additional Common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance...

Consolidated Income Account Period from Jan. 1 to April 30 1925.

Table with rows for Sales, less returns, cars, parts, &c., Cost of sales, Selling, administrative and general expenses, etc.

Net operating profit—\$1,360,896 Miscellaneous income (net)—21,064

Table with rows for Net earnings, Deduct: Interest, depreciation, Federal income tax, etc.

Total—\$2,579,003 Deduct: dividends on Common stock (cash), \$180,000; on Common stock (stock), \$150,000; on Preferred stock (cash), \$52,978

Profit and loss surplus—\$2,196,025

Penelc Coal Corp.—Tenders.—

The National Bank of Commerce in New York, as trustee, will until July 24 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 20-Year 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1924...

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—June Sales.—

Table with columns for 1925—June—1924, Increase—1925—6 Mos.—1924, Increase—1924—June—1923, Increase—1923—6 Mos.—1922.

Philpsborn's, Inc., Chicago.—Receivership.—

Abel Davis of the Chicago Title & Trust Co. was appointed receiver for this company, mail-order house, July 9 by Judge Wilkerson in the U. S. District Court at Chicago.

"While the receivership was not totally unexpected, in view of the company's severe losses in the past two years, every effort had been exerted to avert the bankruptcy proceedings."

"An combination of circumstances which the adverse weather conditions for the mail order women's ready-to-wear business for the past two seasons were perhaps of greatest importance are responsible for the present condition of the company."

"The assets of the business will be liquidated, but it cannot be stated at this time what will be available for the payment of the company's obligations." See balance sheet in V. 120, p. 332A.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 25,000 additional shares of Capital stock without par value on official notice of issuance as part consideration for properties purchased and 50,000 additional shares of its Capital stock without par value on official notice of issuance...

On Nov. 9 1924 negotiations were entered into between the company and W. H. Landreth, E. A. Landreth, Landreth Production Co., Landreth Gasoline Co. and the Landreth Gas Co. for the acquisition of their entire physical assets consisting of oil and gas properties, natural gasoline plant, casinghead gas contracts, rights of way, water rights, etc., located in what is commonly called the Ibox Pool in Shackelford and Stephens counties, Texas...

The additional 50,000 shares of Capital stock are to be issued to Frank Phillips, trustee, for allotment and sale to the officers and employees of

the company on a partial payment plan at such price and on such terms as may be determined by the directors.

**Consolidated Income Account 5 Months Ending May 31 1925.**

Gross income	\$13,546,116
Oper. & maint. exp., \$3,303,215; gen. & adm. exp., \$697,216; int. & taxes (incl. Federal tax), \$1,304,888	5,305,319
Net profits	\$8,240,797
Capital surplus Dec. 31 1924	\$63,260,339
Surplus adjustment	17,087
Total	\$71,518,224
Dividends paid to May 31 1925	949,962

Capital surplus before depl. & deprec. May 31 1925.....\$70,568,261  
The amount of depletion, depreciation and other deductions for the five months of 1925 has not been deducted from above surplus statement and will not be until the books are closed for the year 1925.—V. 120, p. 2157.

**Phoenix Hosiery Co., Milwaukee.—Earnings.—**

It is reported that the company for the first 6 months of 1925 (June estimated) will show net income of between \$600,000 and \$650,000, after charges and Preferred dividends, equivalent to approximately \$3.50 a share on the 175,000 Common shares (par \$5) outstanding. Earnings before Preferred dividends are understood to be around \$800,000, which is at the rate of over 5 times the dividend requirements on the Preferred stock for the 6 months.—V. 120, p. 3324.

**Pierce Oil Corp.—Exchange for Pierce Petroleum Shares Cancelled.—**

Sufficient shares of Pierce Oil Corp. not having been deposited prior to July 1, when the privilege of conversion into Pierce Petroleum Corp. stock in the ratio of 1 share of Preferred and 8 shares of Common of Pierce Oil Corp. for 7.45 shares of Pierce Petroleum Corp. expired, the plan of exchange is not effective. The plan required the deposit of 25,000 shares of Preferred and 200,000 shares of Common of Pierce Oil Corp. to be effective. Stock tendered for exchange will be returned.—V. 120, p. 3201, 2824.

**Pierce Petroleum Corp.—Exchange Offer Cancelled.—**  
See Pierce Oil Corp. above.—V. 120, p. 2280, 2021.

**Piggly Wiggly Corp.—Voting Trust Formed.—**

A dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., states that a voting trust has been formed by some of the stockholders, the purpose of which is to insure continuation of the official organization of the corporation as it now exists. A committee of trustees composed of C. D. Smith, President; C. C. Warren of New York and John Bullington, Frank Fisher and W. L. Smith of Memphis was named to complete the organization of the proposed voting pool.—V. 120, p. 2559.

**Pines Winterfront Co.—Report.—**

For the fiscal year ended April 30 1925 gross operating profit amounted to \$583,795; net income amounted to \$272,709 and surplus after all charges and dividends amounted to \$72,709.—V. 118, p. 1402.

**Postum Cereal Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—**

Period—	—Quar. End. June 30—		—6 Mos. End. June 30—	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Sales to customers	\$7,213,060	\$6,171,961	\$13,277,964	\$11,435,496
Deduct—All expenses (less misc. income) before tax.	5,959,675	5,328,625	10,689,956	9,512,317
Provision for income tax.	159,741	106,867	327,836	242,487
Net profits	\$1,093,644	\$736,469	\$2,260,172	\$1,680,692

—V. 121, p. 85.

**Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Shipments.—**

Period end. June 30—	1925	—Month—	1924	1925	—6 Mos.—	1924
Crude oil shipp'g (bbls.)	4,716,114	3,547,891	27,539,577	22,059,707		

—V. 120, p. 3201, 2412.

**Quincy (Copper) Mining Co., N. Y. & Mich.—Earnings.**

Calendar Years—	1924.		1923.		1922.		1921.	
	Refined copper, lbs.	14,838,633	13,000,733	15,402,726	16,960,265	15,402,726	16,960,265	\$2,252,606
Gross income	\$2,072,107	\$1,990,817	\$4,071,914	\$4,071,914	\$4,071,914	\$4,071,914	\$4,071,914	\$4,071,914
Net income	\$10,591	\$189,753	\$40,071	\$171,030	\$105,883	\$171,030	\$171,030	\$171,030
Construc., renewals, &c.	90,080	89,072	105,883	171,030	105,883	171,030	\$171,030	\$171,030
Balance, deficit	\$79,489	\$278,825	\$65,812	\$267,944	\$65,812	\$267,944	\$267,944	\$267,944

—V. 118, p. 2835.

**(Robert) Reis & Co.—June Sales.—**

Gross sales for June were \$954,198, a gain of 68% over June 1924. Gross sales for the second quarter of 1925 totaled \$2,471,779, an increase of 46% over the same period of 1924. Gross sales for the first half year Jan. 1 to June 30 show an increase of about 21% over the same period 1924. Sales of the company both for June and six months, established a new high record for similar periods in the history of the company.—V. 120, p. 2952.

**Richland Coal Co.—Court Closes Four Mines.—**

Four mines of the company, in the Panhandle coal district of West Virginia, were ordered closed indefinitely July 6 by Circuit Court Judge J. Harold Brennan after the receivers of the company, John P. Arbenz and the Dollar Savings & Trust Co., had filed a petition declaring that the mines could not be operated at a profit at the present time.

The mines, which normally employ about 2,000 men, have been operating with reduced forces since May 1, when the general strike of miners in the Northern West Virginia fields was extended to the Panhandle district.—V. 119, p. 1745.

**Richmond Mortgage & Loan Corp.—Bonds Offered.—**

State & City Bank & Trust Co., Richmond, are offering at 100 and int. \$300,200 1st Mtge. Real Estate Collateral Trust 6% Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1925, due serially July 1 1926 to 1935. Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Interest payable J. & J. at State & City Bank & Trust Co., Richmond, Va., trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 100 and int., plus 1/2% premium for each year or fraction thereof from redemption date until maturity.

These bonds are secured by pledge with the trustee of \$300,250 1st Mtge. Real Estate notes secured by improved income-producing city real estate conservatively appraised at \$653,575, or more than twice the total amount of this issue. This collateral consists of 38 different first mortgages, giving an average loan of \$7,900. The largest single loan in the collateral is for \$20,000.

These bonds, being direct obligations, are guaranteed both as to principal and interest, by the Richmond Mortgage & Loan Corp., a subsidiary of the State & City Bank & Trust Co., with a paid-in capital of \$350,000.

**Rosenbaum Grain Corp.—Connection with Dean, Onativia & Co.—**The "Boston News Bureau" July 8 says:

Rosenbaum Grain Corp. has been prominently mentioned in connection with the position of Dean, Onativia & Co. As nearly as can be ascertained the connection between the two firms has been as follows:

Business of J. Rosenbaum Grain Co., organized about 1861, was for some years prior to incorporation as Rosenbaum Grain Corp. in Feb. 1923 carried on by two brothers, E. F. and E. S. Rosenbaum. Desirous of acquiring an interest in the stock market, they financed J. Clark Dean, formerly of Chapin & Co., and J. Victor Onativia, who had a New York Stock Exchange membership, in setting up Dean, Onativia & Co.

When Rosenbaum Grain Corp. was incorporated, this brokerage house was active in endeavoring to market the 8% Cumulative Participating Preferred, of which there are 72,000 shares of \$50 par outstanding. Dividends have been paid regularly. No dividends have been paid on the Common, reduced from 50,000 to 25,000 no-par shares in 1924.

Preferred stock, of which Dean, Onativia & Co. July 3 held 45,000 shares, did not "take" well, and the brokerage house is reported to have bought back considerable blocks. It is understood the Rosenbaums financed Dean, Onativia & Co. to some extent by advances of Preferred to be deposited as collateral against bank loans.

Joseph Rosenbaum, son of E. F. Rosenbaum, came to play an active part in affairs of Dean, Onativia & Co. and was stationed at their New York office. His father and his uncle, however, did not keep in such close touch with the firm's affairs.

As time went on, private grain-marketing companies, including Rosenbaum Grain Corp., began to view with some alarm efforts by farm organizations to substitute Governmental or co-operative grain-marketing agencies for private agencies. In effort to forestall this agitation and give the farmer a chance to find out if he could operate his own marketing facilities, negotiations were opened with officers of American Farm Bureau Federation, which resulted in incorporation of Grain Marketing Co. July 28 1924 under co-operative law of Illinois (V. 119, p. 271).

This company took over under contract the elevator properties of Armour Grain Co., Rosenbaum Grain Corp., Rosenbaum Bros. and David-Noland-Merrill Grain Co. A recent statement shows 12 elevators owned and operated have 10,350,000 bushels capacity, and 18 leased and operated have 36,900,000 bushels capacity.

Purchase price of the properties was set at \$16,407,000. They were appraised by W. J. Lauck at \$17,382,083, after depreciation and exclusive of good-will and obsolete or useless properties, thrown out to the extent of \$1,250,000. Good-will was appraised at \$7,375,665.

Grain Marketing Co., which secured an option to purchase these properties expiring July 28 1925, was capitalized as follows: There was authorized \$25,000,000 of Class A 8% Preferred, par \$25, and 1,000,000 shares Common with par of \$1, to be sold to farmers and farm organizations. There was also authorized \$25,000,000 Class B 8% Preferred, par \$50, to be issued to vendor companies in exchange for \$4,000,000 working capital and in addition up to appraised value of properties, but to be retired as fast as Class A Preferred was sold.

The board is composed of 15 actual farmers, but actual management rests with eight former officers of the constituent companies, including G. E. Marcy of Armour Grain Co. and the two Rosenbaum brothers, who agreed to remain with the company at least five years and give it the benefit of their experience.

Grain Marketing Co. encountered bitter opposition from the beginning. It was charged that many obsolete elevator plants were being foisted on the farmers at inflated values and that real control remained with the private operators. Active campaigns were waged in many States to pressure farmers from buying Common stock and becoming members of the association, and sale of stock in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio was eventually blocked.

Now July 28 is approaching, when purchase options expire and the \$4,000,000 working capital advanced must be paid back. There have been persistent rumors that stock sales have been entirely inadequate to meet financial requirements July 28 and that the company may have to dissolve.

[A Chicago dispatch, July 10, stated that final dissolution of the Grain Marketing Co. was announced on the floor of the Board of Trade.]

Appraisers estimated that net after all charges, when operations are in full swing, should equal at least 10% to 12% on a capitalization of \$50,000,000. There is little doubt the company is earning the \$1,312,560 a year required to pay 8% rental on agreed purchase price of \$16,407,000. Surplus earnings, however, cannot be applied to finance purchase of properties. It was learned that Rosenbaum Grain Corp.'s share of rental is substantially more than necessary to pay the \$288,000 annual dividend requirements on its Preferred.

Weighing all these factors affecting the Grain Marketing Co., bankers holding Rosenbaum stock as collateral for loans to Dean, Onativia & Co. apparently concluded the stock was unlikely to hold near the par of \$50 at which it had been pledged, and to protect their own interests applied pressure which resulted in forcing the firm into receivership.—V. 119, p. 1074.

**Rossia Insurance Co. of America.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$400,000 additional capital stock (par \$25), making the total applied for \$1,600,000. See also V. 120, p. 2412.

**St. Louis Realty Finance Co.—Stockholders Ask Receiver.**

Appointment of a receiver to take charge of the business and assets of the company was asked in a suit filed in Circuit Court at St. Louis July 2 by O. G. Stark, a member of the board of directors, and three other stockholders, who charge mismanagement by the present board of directors.

The bill asks that the receiver convert the assets of the corporation into money and distribute it pro rata to the holders of Preferred stock, with the balance, if any, is left going to the holders of Common stock.

**Seaboard Finance & Investment Co.—Sale of Collateral.**

The collateral deposited as security for the 9,047,800 2-Year Secured Convertible notes will be sold at auction July 22. This action is taken by the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, for the notes. See plan in V. 120, p. 2158. Included in the collateral to be sold are 465,574 shares of Common stock of the Indian Refining Co. This represents a controlling interest in the latter company. See also V. 120, p. 2158, 3201.

**Shattuck Arizona Copper Co.—Merger.—**

See Shattuck-Denn Mining Corp. below.—V. 120, p. 2560.

**Shattuck-Denn Mining Corp.—Merger.—**

L. C. Shattuck, Pres. of the Shattuck-Arizona Copper Co., and H. L. Mundy, V.-Pres. of the Denn-Arizona Copper Co., in a joint letter to stockholders of both companies, recommend the adoption of a plan of the directors whereby the two companies will be consolidated. The letter dated July 1, says in substance:

For some time the directors of the respective companies have carefully considered the advisability of combining the interests and properties of the two companies, and have come to the unanimous conclusion that such consolidation would work to the advantage of the stockholders of both companies.

Denn-Arizona Copper Co. owns mining property in Bisbee, Ariz., consisting of more than 200 acres of land favorably located, and confidently believed to be of great potential value. However, it is only partially developed and the company lacks available funds to complete such development and for working capital. The Shattuck Arizona Copper Co., on the other hand, has sufficient cash and other liquid assets and an efficient organization, and feels that it ought to secure more mining properties to enlarge and supplement its present holdings. If combined, the properties of both companies could be fully developed and profitably operated without any outside financing as soon as there is a reasonable recovery in the copper industry.

The respective boards have adopted and recommend to the stockholders of both companies a plan which they believe fair and advantageous to all concerned, and all members of both boards have agreed to participate to the full extent of their holdings in both companies. Many other stockholders have expressed their approval of the plan. The plan proceeds on the assumption that a share of the Shattuck company is of equal value with a share of the Denn company. To carry out the method adopted the Shattuck Denn Mining Corp. was incorporated in Delaware May 20 1925 with a capital of 1,000,000 shares of no par value. Its directors includes all the members of the boards of the Shattuck and Denn companies, viz.: L. K. Baker, Chicago; Thomas Bardon Jr., New York; A. M. Chisholm, Duluth, Minn.; Maurice Denn, Bisbee, Ariz.; R. W. Higgins, Duluth; H. L. Mundy, St. Paul; B. M. Pattison, Los Angeles; L. C. Shattuck, Bisbee, and John G. Williams, Duluth. Officers are: L. C. Shattuck, Pres.; H. L. Mundy, Thomas Bardon Jr., and B. M. Pattison, V.-Pres.; Norman E. LaMond, Sec., and A. M. Chisholm, Treas.

The Shattuck Denn Mining Corp. has taken appropriate action offering to purchase all of the outstanding shares of the Shattuck and Denn companies which are presented before Aug. 31 1925, paying therefor in shares of its own capital stock at the rate of share for share, and for this purpose it has set apart 800,000 shares of its capital stock for the purchase of and in payment for the 350,000 shares of the Shattuck company and 450,000 shares of the Denn company. The remaining 200,000 shares of the Shattuck Denn Mining Corp. will be retained in its treasury.

Application will be made to list the stock of the Shattuck Denn Mining Corp. on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stockholders of the Shattuck Arizona Copper Co. are requested to send their certificates to the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York, where they will be exchanged for certificates of the Shattuck Denn Mining Corp.



Stockholders of the Denn-Arizona Copper Co. are requested to send their certificates to Northern Trust Co., Duluth, Minn., where they will be exchanged for certificates of the Shattuck Denn Mining Corp.

**Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Dividend.—**

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depository of certain Ordinary shares of the above company, has received a dividend on the Ordinary shares held by it of 2s. 6d. per Ordinary share, par £1 sterling exch. The equivalent thereof distributable to holders of "American shares" under the terms of the agreement is \$1 21 on each "American share." The dividend will be distributed by the trust company on July 15, 20 to registered holders of "American shares" of record as of July 16.—V. 120, p. 3307.

**Simmons Co.—Earnings.—**

Six Months Ended May 31—	1924.	1925.
Net sales	-----	\$14,367,801
Manufacturing cost, selling, &c., expenses	-----	11,724,002
Other deductions (less miscellaneous income)	-----	106,746
Depreciation reserve	-----	526,677
Net profit, before Federal taxes	\$1,174,120	\$2,010,376

—V. 120, p. 2953.

**610 Park Avenue Bldg. (Mayfair House), N. Y. City.—**

**Bonds Offered.**—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$2,600,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bond certificates.

Dated July 1 1925; due July 1 1940. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100.\* Principal and int. payable at the offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Title insured by Lawyers Title & Guaranty Co. Red. for the sinking fund at 101 and int. Callable as a whole or in part in excess of sinking fund requirements at 104 and int. up to and incl. July 1 1930; at 103 and int. after July 1 1930 and up to and incl. July 1 1935, and at 102 and int. after July 1 1935 and before July 1 1940. 2% Federal income tax paid by the borrower. Herbert S. Martin, co-trustee. Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee.

**Legal for Trust Funds.**—Upon completion of the building about Oct. 1 1925, these certificates will be a legal investment for trust funds under the laws of the State of New York.

**Security.**—First fee mortgage on corner site at Park Ave. and 65th St., N. Y. City, and 15-story fireproof apartment hotel, to be known as Mayfair House, now under construction on this plot, and to be completed and ready for occupancy about Oct. 1 1925.

Mayfair House will contain 144 apartments with complete hotel service, in suites of 2, 3 and 4 rooms, each with private service pantry and a bath for each bedroom.

**Valuation.**—Land and building have been appraised as follows: Pease & Elliman, Inc., \$3,952,000; William B. May Co., \$4,023,500.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings available for the payment of interest and retirement of principal of this loan are conservatively estimated at \$372,330 after full allowance for operating expenses, taxes, insurance and vacancies. This sum is \$151,820 in excess of the greatest combined interest and sinking fund requirements annually.

**Ownership.**—The 60 East 65th Street Corp.

**Smith-Springfield Body Corp.—Personnel.—**

Announcement was made May 15 of the reorganization of the Smith-Springfield Body Corp. and the Springfield Body Corp. James N. Swift has been elected President of the *Smith-Springfield Body Corporation*, to succeed C. S. Dame; Ralph M. Sparks, Vice-President in charge of sales, to succeed A. H. Wolfe, and Hinsdale Smith, Vice-President in charge of engineering, a new office. Frank M. Livingstone, former Secretary of the corporation, was named Treasurer, and L. L. Homer as Secretary. In addition, the following were named as the new directors: E. L. Bennet, Nathan P. Avery, Charles L. Burrill, George B. Caldwell and Arthur P. Smith.

The plant at West Springfield, Mass., will resume operations for the manufacture of bus bodies.

George B. Caldwell, of Tarrytown, N. Y., has resigned as President of the Springfield Body Corp. to take effect July 1, and the offices of the corporation will be moved to Springfield, Mass.—V. 116, p. 85.

**South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—New Subsidiary.—**

South Porto Rico Sugar Co. Trading Corp., of N. Y., has been organized with a capital of \$1,000,000, as a subsidiary of the South Porto Rico Sugar Co. of New Jersey. None of stock will be offered to public, being held by parent company. The new corporation will operate in New York State as a purchasing agency for the parent company, and Central Romana, Inc., an affiliated corporation. Rounds, Hatch, Dillingham & Mead, 612 Cedar St., New York City, are counsel for corporations.—V. 119, p. 2173.

**Southern Brighton Mills.—Bonds Offered.—**Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, are offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st Mtge. 7% Guaranteed Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1925, due June 1 1940. Interest payable J. & D. at Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., trustee, or Chase National Bank, New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Authorized \$1,000,000. Callable all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice or for sinking fund at 105 and int.

**Company.**—Recently chartered in Georgia, is to be operated as a subsidiary of the Brighton Mills, of New Jersey. The Southern plant will be placed on tire fabric, and will be a complete unit doing its own spinning and weaving. Company owns approximately 800 acres of land on the main line of the Southern Ry. about 7 miles north of Rome, Ga.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to cover part of the new plant, which with about 175,000 sq. ft. of floor space will contain 25,000 Ring spindles and 10,000 twister spindles, with an output of 4,500,000 lbs. of tire fabric per year.

**Guaranty.**—Unconditionally guaranteed as to principal, interest and sinking fund by endorsement of the Brighton Mills, which company has a net worth in excess of \$4,700,000, or over \$9,400 per \$1,000 of the above bonds.

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture provides for a sinking fund sufficient to retire \$15,000 of bonds in each of the third and fourth years; \$30,000 in each of the fifth to the ninth years; and \$40,000 each year in the tenth to the fourteenth years, inclusive; this sinking fund to be applied to the purchase of bonds in the open market at not to exceed 105 and interest, or to call by lot at this price.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized.	This Issue.
First Mortgage bonds	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
7% Preferred stock (par \$100)	500,000	350,000
Common stock	2,000,000	750,000

Of the above Preferred stock, \$100,000 has been subscribed and paid for by the citizens of Rome, Ga., and \$250,000 is to be taken by Brighton Mills of New Jersey. All of the Common stock is to be owned by Brighton Mills of New Jersey and will represent an actual investment of the value of \$750,000.

**Spanish River Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.—Bonds.—**

Seventy-two 20-Year Gen. Mtge. Gold bonds, due March 1 1941 (aggregating \$57,000) have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 107 and int. at the Montreal Trust Co. at Toronto, Can.—V. 119, p. 2658.

**Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).—Not to Retire Preferred Stock This Year.—**

The company in its publication, "The Lamp," says: "There have appeared in the newspapers recently several rumors to the effect that the company intended to call in the near future its 7% Pref. stock for payment. This rumor has no foundation in fact. Under the terms of its issuance the stock could be retired in toto at \$115 a share on any dividend date after three years from the date of last issue. Under the terms of the stock offer the issue could not be retired before March 1926."—V. 120, p. 3077.

**Standard Tank Car Co.—Readjustment Plan.—**

Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Chairman of the board of directors, recently announced that the directors had been reconstituted in accordance with the plan of readjustment adopted last February, and that other details of the

plan had been completed to the point that Preferred stockholders can now make the exchange of stock which was provided for by the plan.

The board as now constituted consists of James Andrews, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; Walter P. Chrysler, Chairman of the board of the Maxwell Motor Corp.; William F. Cutler, Pres. of the Southern Wheel Co.; Duncan A. Holmes, V.-Pres. of the Chase Securities Co.; Stewart McDonald, Pres. of the Moon Motor Car Co.; Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Chairman of the board; J. B. Orr, Pres.; Samuel F. Pryor, Chairman of the executive committee Remington Arms Co., and Ernest Stauffen Jr., V.-Pres. of the New York Trust Co.

It was also announced that the company's operating organization had been strengthened by the election of James Andrews as V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., and the appointment of Harry Graham as Manager of Sales, both of whom joined the company on June 1.

Mr. Murphy stated that substantial progress was being made in the matter of new business, orders having recently been received for 500 gondolas from the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul RR., 100 tank cars from the Quaker City Tank Line and 75 tank cars from the Cities Service Co. The company opened an office at Tulsa, Okla., on June 1 with F. S. Thompson in charge.

Under the terms of the plan of readjustment, Preferred stockholders have the right to receive one share of new 1st Pref. stock and 1-2-3 shares of Common stock for each 2 shares of Pref. stock now held. This exchange may be made at the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. In connection with the recent sale of \$4,250,000 of National Steel Car Line's Equip. Trust Certificates, which was also a part of the financing under the plan, the Standard Transit Co. was organized to take over the tank line business of the 2,757 tank cars formerly operated by the Tank Car Co., which are leased principally to the large oil companies. The directors of the Standard Tank Car Co. will also serve as directors of Standard Transit Co. The plant of the Standard Tank Car Co. is located at Masury, O., 12 miles from Youngstown, O., and occupies 45½ acres, with 5½ miles of railroad trackage. It is equipped for the building of tank cars, freight cars, automobile cars, refrigerator cars, coal cars, tanks and other fabricated steel work. The capacity of the plant is 35 new cars a day, in addition to a large capacity for repair car and other work. Arrangements are being made for a substantial development of the company's facilities for the manufacture of welded and riveted tanks of all types. See also V. 120, p. 1892, 1758.

**Station "A" New York Post Office (Westcourt Corp.).**

**—Bonds Sold.**—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc. have sold privately at 100 and int. \$240,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

Dated May 1 1925; due May 1 1945. Authorized \$350,000; issued \$240,000. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. in part for sinking fund on 30 days notice to and incl. May 1 1936, at 103 and int. thereafter to and incl. May 1 1940, at 102 and int. and thereafter to Nov. 1 1944, at 101. Red. as a whole upon 30 days notice at 101 and int. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refunds of Penn., Conn., Calif. and Kansas tax not to exceed 4 mills. Mich. 5 mills exemption tax, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Kentucky and District of Columbia 5 mills tax, Virginia 5½ mills tax, and the Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%.

**Building.**—Station "A" New York Post Office, designed as a modern post office to be used by the United States Post Office Department, will be located at the corner of Prince and Greene Streets, N. Y. City, two blocks west of Broadway and one block south of Houston Street, favorably located to serve the downtown wholesale merchandise district of New York City. The Post Office Department has maintained Station "A" on this location for the past 15 years.

The building will consist of modern brick, fireproof construction, of 2 stories and basement; foundations and columns are designed to permit the construction of 2 additional stories when the government may require such additional space to increase post office facilities. The equipment of the building will be of the most modern type to provide rapid and efficient handling of the mail. The Post Office Department anticipates taking possession of the building on or about Jan. 1 1926. The net rentable area will be over 28,200 sq. ft.

**Security.**—These bonds will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by first mortgage on the land and building owned in fee, having frontages of about 124.8 ft. on Greene St. and about 75 ft. on Prince St., comprising a total ground area of about 9,985 sq. ft. The property has been independently appraised as having a value substantially in excess of this loan. Adequate fire, liability, and rent or rental value insurance will, at all times, be carried payable to the trustee, as provided in the mortgage.

**Earnings.**—The U. S. Government has contracted for a lease of the entire building, for a period extending beyond the maturity of these bonds, at an annual rental of \$27,500. The annual cost of operation, including maintenance and taxes is estimated not to exceed \$5,500, leaving available for interest and sinking fund \$22,000, as compared with maximum annual interest charge of \$14,000.

The contract with the United States Government grants the Post Office Department an option to purchase this property, on the expiration of the lease at \$275,000, at which time as a result of the operation of the sinking fund, there will be outstanding \$120,000 principal amount of this issue. The contract provides when two additional stories for increased post office facilities are required, that such additional floor space will be furnished at commensurate rates.

**Stern Brothers.—Balance Sheet Jan. 31.—**

1925.		1924.		
Assets—		Liabilities—		
Fixt., mach., &c.	\$411,013	\$503,628	8% cum. pref. stk. 2,779,600	
Cash	537,699	653,912	Common stock	7,500,000
Trade accounts & notes receivable	1,583,151	1,632,581	Accounts payable	718,618
Other assets, rec.	55,395	64,594	Customers' depos. and advances	32,935
Inventories	3,092,998	2,955,441	Res. for Fed. inc. tax	159,730
Pref. stock reacq.	1,624,491	1,032,252	Pref. div. payable	27,402
Deferred charges	277,454	344,929	Surplus	3,863,516
Trade name, goodwill and leases	7,499,600	7,499,600		3,482,530
Total	15,081,801	14,686,937	Total	15,081,801

x 14,095 shares at cost, held for investment, in addition to the stock repurchased for retirement. y Subject to determination of Federal taxes on income of prior years: Special surplus, as per amended certificate of incorporation, \$360,000; surplus out of which Pref. stock of a par value of \$842,300 has been repurchased for retirement (at a premium) in anticipation of the terms of the amended certificate of incorporation, \$3,503,516.

**Note.**—Contingent liability additional Federal income taxes, prior years estimated, \$150,000. The usual comparative income account was published in V. 120, p. 1470.—V. 120, p. 2954, 2825.

**Strawbridge & Clothier (Dry Goods), Phila.—Tenders.**

The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will until July 31 receive bids for the sale to it of First Mortgage 6% 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due 1942, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$82,512, at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 120, p. 343.

**Ticonderoga Pulp & Paper Co.—Tenders.—**

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, trustee, will until July 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 6% Refunding Mortgage Gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$19,651, at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 110, p. 2574.

**Tide Water Oil Co.—To Create \$25,221,500 Issue of 5% Pref. Stock—Proceeds to be Used to Retire Funded Debt, &c.—Rights.**

The stockholders will vote July 20 on increasing the authorized capital stock by the addition of 252,215 shares of 5% Cumul. Conv. Non-voting Pref. stock (par \$100.) Present capital consists of 4,000,000 shares Common stock of no par value. Chairman R. D. Benson, in a letter to stockholders July 8, says:

The board unqualifiedly endorses the proposed amendment to the company's charter providing for the issuance of the Pref. stock. For some time past the management has been considering the retirement of its \$12,000,000 6 1/2% bonds maturing Feb. 15 1931. A step in this direction was taken at the last annual meeting when the Common stock was changed from par to no par value shares. The issue of the Pref. stock will now permit the retirement to be carried out.

The board plans to offer for sale to the Common stockholders pro rata, at par, the entire 252,215 shares of Pref. stock and the subscription by the stockholders upon such offering has been underwritten by First Security Co. of New York.

The funds to become available from the sale of the preferred stock will be sufficient to retire the funded debt and give it adequate capital to carry out its program of development in its producing, manufacturing and marketing divisions and at the same time provide additional liquid working capital to meet the needs of its steadily expanding business. To state the matter in another way, the company now has the opportunity, upon advantageous terms, of putting itself at once in a financial position which it otherwise could only hope to attain by several years of steady progress.

The privilege will be given to the holders of the Common stock to subscribe, on or before Aug. 14, at par, to Pref. stock on the basis of one share of Pref. stock for each eight shares of the non par Common stock held July 24. In the case of any stockholder who has not exchanged his par value certificate for the certificate for the non par value shares, the right to subscribe will be on the basis of one share of Pref. stock for each two shares of \$100 par value stock held.

Subscriptions for the Pref. stock will be payable in cash and the subscriber will have the option of making payment either (a) in full on or before Aug. 14 1925, or (b) in three installments, a first installment of 50% being payable on or before Aug. 14 1925, a second installment of 25% being payable on or before Nov. 15 1925, and a third installment of 25% being payable on or before Feb. 15 1926. Stock paid for in full on or before Aug. 14 1925 will be issued on or as of Aug. 15 1925, and will draw the cumulative dividends from Aug. 15 1925 at the rate of 5% per annum. Stock paid for in installments will be issued on or as of Feb. 15 1926 and will draw the 5% cumulative dividends from Feb. 15 1926. Interest at the rate of 5% per annum to Feb. 15 1926 will be paid by the company on all installments previously received.

The subscription price is payable in New York funds to the company. The warrants with the subscriptions must be delivered to the stock transfer department of the company at its office, 11 Broadway, N. Y. City.

[The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,017,716 shares of Common Capital stock (without par value) on official notice of issuance, in exchange, for present outstanding Common Capital stock of a par value of \$100 per share on the basis of 4 shares of stock without par value for each share of stock of the par value of \$100 per share, with authority to add 127,608 additional shares of Common stock without par value, making the total amount applied for 2,145,324 shares.]—V. 121, p. 88.

**Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc.—Exchange of Stock for Stock of Consolidated Distributors, Inc., &c.**—See Consolidated Distributors, Inc., above.—V. 114, p. 2250.

**Tooke Bros., Ltd.—To Change Fiscal Year.**—The shareholders have received the following notice from the company: "Owing to the short period of time the company has had during recent years to make complete delivery of their spring orders before stocktaking, the directors have decided, beginning with the current year, to change the date for the closing of the fiscal year from May 31 to June 30, and have by resolution amended your by-laws accordingly, which amendment will be submitted to you for confirmation at the next annual general meeting. The directors wish to notify you of this change at this time, so that you will understand the reason for the delay in publishing the financial statement, which will cover a period of 13 months to June 30."—V. 119, p. 465.

**Tulip Cup Corp.—Acquires Plant.**—James R. Murphy as auctioneer sold the former L. W. F. Engineering Co.'s plant at 8th Street and 3rd Avenue, College Point, L. I., at auction June 30 to Simon Bergman, President of the Tulip Cup Co., on a bid of \$202,000. The sale was by order of the U. S. District Court, Ernest C. Whitbeck, receiver in equity. The plant, built during the war for the manufacture of airplanes, covers about 222,000 sq. ft. of space.—V. 120, p. 3202.

**Union Oil Co. of California.—Earnings.**—Approximate Results for the Quarter and Six Months Ended June 30.

	1925—Quar.—	1924.	1925—6 Mos.—	1924.
x Profit.....	\$6,250,000	\$5,800,000	\$11,800,000	\$11,400,000
Res. for deprec. & deplet., cost of new drilling, &c.	2,900,000	2,700,000	5,900,000	5,200,000
Net profit.....	\$3,350,000	\$3,100,000	\$5,900,000	\$6,200,000
x Profits earned from all operations, less gen. exp., taxes (incl. income tax), interest charges, employees' share of profits and dividend fund	7,600,000	7,100,000	12,700,000	12,600,000
Production.—Of crude oil by the company and controlled companies approximates 7,600,000 barrels for the first 6 months of 1925, a decrease over the same period last year of 100,000 barrels.				
Assets.—Current assets as of June 30 amounted to \$54,500,000 and current liabilities \$8,800,000, leaving net working capital of \$45,700,000.				
Oil inventories on June 30 amounted to approximately 25,000,000 barrels.				
Cash resources were approximately \$13,600,000.				
Mortgage debt in hands of public increased \$4,113,500. Net increase in all indebtedness during the six months was approximately \$3,700,000.—V. 120, p. 2414.				

**United Bankers Oil Co.—July 31 Coupon.**—The company announces that the July 31 coupon payable to stockholders amounts to 24 cents per share.—V. 118, p. 563.

**United Brokerage Co.—Bond Issue.**—Empire Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$5,000,000 Collateral Trust 5% Serial Gold bonds, dated July 1 1925 and due serially until July 1 1940.

**United States Steel Corp.—Foreign Holdings—Unfilled Orders.**—See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 121, p. 88.

**United Verde Copper Co.—Loses Patent Suit.**—Judge Woolley in the U. S. Court of Appeals June 29, filed a decision holding that a patent owned by Pierce Smith Converter Co. for Bessemerizing copper matter in a converter having a non-corrodible lining is valid. He upheld Judge Morris of the U. S. Court of Delaware in issuing an injunction restraining the United Verde Copper Co. from infringing the patent, and ordering it to make an accounting to the plaintiff.—V. 120, p. 1216.

**Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—Listing.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 20,000 additional shares of Common stock without par value on official notice of issuance in exchange for shares of its Preferred stock on the basis of one share of Preferred for 2 shares of Common stock (time for exchange extended to July 15), with authority to add not to exceed 30,000 additional shares of Common stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for shares of Preferred stock, making the total amount applied for 221,715 shares of Common stock without par value.

Consolidated Income Account Quarter Ending March 31 1925.

Total earnings after deducting cost of operations, including repairs & maintenance & upkeep, exp. of sales & general offices, doubtful accts. & adjustments of inventories	\$89,434
Provision for int., taxes (except Fed. taxes), deprec. & depl., &c.	67,832
Net earnings	\$21,603
Surplus as at Jan. 1 1925	\$377,044
Total	\$398,647
Dividends on Preferred stock	223,713
Profit and loss surplus	\$174,933

—V. 120, p. 3077.

**United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Output.**

Month of—	June.	May.	April.	March.
Copper output (lbs.)	3,130,812	3,625,252	3,810,358	3,368,904

—V. 120, p. 2562, 2024.

**Valvoline Oil Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—	1924.	1923.	Liabilities—	1924.	1923.
Real estate, &c.	\$2,076,762	\$1,906,029	Preferred stock	\$1,073,100	\$1,093,800
Equipment	41,335	381,220	Common stock	3,196,700	3,152,200
Invest. in sub. cos.	140,657	1,638,057	Funded debt	1,857,000	1,929,000
Inter. cos.	1,968,900	208,161	Reserves	352,380	310,993
Treas. bds. & mgtg.	131,250	171,676	Deferred accounts	42,108	25,312
Deferred accounts	138,910	1,076,716	Notes payable	340,000	—
Cash	511,206	92,000	Accounts payable	81,791	114,038
Liberty bonds	—	92,000	Profit & loss surp.	3,031,074	2,874,145
Inventories	1,369,932	1,206,658			
Accts. receivable	3,169,404	2,570,650			
Bills receivable	5,797	248,321			
			Total (each side)	\$9,974,153	\$9,499,488

—V. 119, p. 707.

**Vermont-Beverly Realty (J. C. Casler).—Bonds Offered.**—Drake, Riley & Thomas and Stevens, Page & Sterling, Los Angeles, are offering at 101 1/4 and int., yielding 6 1/2%, \$350,000 1st Mtg. 7% Gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1925; due May 1 1928. Prin. & int. (M. & N.) payable at the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Los Angeles, Calif., trustee. Callable at any time on 30 days' notice at 103 and int.

These bonds are secured by a first closed mortgage on the property known as the Vermont-Beverly Trust Estate, consisting of 105 lots entirely zoned for business purposes, located one block east of Vermont Ave. and about 2 1/2 miles west from the Los Angeles County Court House, on a direct line between that point and Hollywood.

The property pledged as security to this loan has been independently appraised as having the following conservative value: Land, \$966,348; improvements (original cost in 1921, \$150,000), appraised for purposes of this loan, \$35,000; total value of security, \$1,001,348.

**Virginia Carolina Chemical Co.—Foreclosure, &c.**—Federal Judge Runyon at Newark has signed an order permitting the Central Union Trust Co., New York, as trustee under a first mortgage to file an amended and supplemental bill for foreclosure of that mortgage. No active steps had heretofore been taken looking to the sale of the property covered by the mortgage and this move, as is said, is a step in that direction and ultimately to reorganization of the company.

The amended and supplemental bill sets forth that on June 17 the trustee under the first mortgage declared the principal of the bond covered by the mortgage to be due because of interest defaults as to sinking fund installments. The bill also set forth the sale of pledged securities, namely, the Virginia Carolina holdings in Southern Cotton Oil Co., for \$8,875,000 and of the Kuxen stock in German potash companies for \$1,250,000. It asks that the amount due on the mortgage should be ascertained and the properties it covers be ordered sold.

It is stated that progress is being made in the formulation of the plan of reorganization.

It is stated that there will be no assessments on the various stocks as no new money will be raised in the reorganization. On the other hand, it is expected the stocks will be substantially scaled down in the plan. The \$24,500,000 1st Mtg. 7s will be reduced about \$10,000,000 by the paying off of about \$400 principal of each bond from proceeds of the sale of Southern Cotton Oil Co. and sale of phosphate properties in Germany. This will reduce the face value of the bonds to less than \$14,500,000.—V. 120, p. 3326.

**Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—To Build Theater.**—This corporation is negotiating for a site in Chicago upon which to build a picture theater to seat 4,000 to 5,000 persons. Preliminary to the foregoing, Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., has subleased the Orpheum Theater at 110 and 112 South State St., Chicago and will operate it, showing their own productions. The Orpheum has a seating capacity of 791.—V. 120, p. 2414.

**Weber & Heilbronner.—Balance Sheet Feb. 28.**—[Including Weber & Heilbronner and Brokaw Brothers.]

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Bldgs., fixtures, &c.	\$804,655	\$826,646	7% Cum. Pf. stk.	\$923,000	\$960,000
Cash	492,742	621,976	Common stock	3,177,580	3,177,580
Accts. receivable	283,626	272,721	Notes payable	—	714,164
Advances	47,912	161,419	Accounts payable	174,317	188,698
Inventories	1,520,128	1,714,437	Salaries, depos. &c.	112,192	76,308
Investments	28,737	—	Dividends payable	91,326	14,261
Organization exp.	—	6,856	Federal tax reserve	84,300	70,000
Goodwill	2,194,037	2,194,037	Preferred stock re-tirement reserve	—	113,975
Deferred assets	80,137	89,596	Surplus	889,259	572,700

Total \$5,451,974 \$5,887,688 Total \$5,451,974 \$5,887,688  
 x After deducting \$10,023 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 75,173 no par shares.  
 The usual comparative income account was published in V. 120, p. 1759.—V. 120, p. 2282, 1759.

**(J. R.) Whipple Corp., Boston.—Stocks Offered.**—Baker, Young & Co. and L. Sherman Adams are offering in blocks of 1 share of Pref. and 1 share of Common at 120 (and Pref. div.) per block \$2,000,000 7% Cum. S. F. Pref. (a. & d.) stock and 20,000 shares Common stock (no par value). An offering of \$3,000,000 1st M. bonds is shortly to be made.

Pref. dividends payable Q.-J. Callable, all or part, by lot on any div. date on or prior to July 1 1928 at \$110 and div.; thereafter on or prior to July 1 1929 at 109 1/2 and div.; thereafter on or prior to July 1 1930 at 109 and div., and so on, the premium diminishing 1/2 of 1% after July 1 in each calendar year to July 1 1948. After July 1 1948 the stock is callable at par and div. Beginning July 1 1928 there shall annually be set aside as a sinking fund to retire Pref. stock the equivalent of not less than 10% of the net earnings before depreciation and after dividends on the Pref. stock for the preceding year, but in no case shall the amount set aside for sinking fund be less than \$25,000.

Company.—Operates Hotel Touraine, Parker House and Young's Hotel. Purpose.—Proceeds of this financing will be used for the purchase of the present Parker House property and the erection on this site of a thoroughly modern fireproof hotel of steel and reinforced concrete construction faced with brick and limestone. The hotel will be the largest in Boston, containing 700 to 800 rooms, each room having a private bath. Charges will be moderate, and service and cuisine will be provided by the present active managers and staff of the J. R. Whipple hotels who have earned for these hotels a world-wide reputation.

Capitalization on Completion of This Financing.

First Mortgage	\$3,000,000
7% Cumulative Preferred stock (par \$100)	2,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	75,000 shs.
Est. Net Earnings, Allowing for Add'l Earns. from Enlarged Parker House.	—
Net operating profit	\$575,330
First Mortgage interest	165,000

Balance	\$410,330
Preferred dividend	140,000
Balance for amortization, depreciation, &c.	\$270,330

**Whitney-Hollinger Co., Detroit.—Bonds, &c., Called.**—All of the outstanding Convertible Mtg. 7% Gold bonds, due Dec. 15 1932, and the 1-Year 7% Secured Gold notes, due Oct. 15 1925, have been called for redemption on or about July 10 at par and int. at the Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.—V. 115, p. 555.

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THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1924.

To the Stockholders of

The Michigan Central Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 31 1924, with statements showing the income account for the year and the financial condition of the company.

ROAD OPERATED.

The following is a comparative table of the mileage operated:

	1924 Miles.	1923 Miles.	Comparison Mile.
Main line and branches owned.....	1,184.71	1,184.69	.02 Increase
Line jointly owned.....	.70	.70	
Leased lines.....	576.89	577.71	.82 Decrease
Lines operated under trackage rights.....	99.95	99.57	.38 Increase
<b>Tota road operated.....</b>	<b>1,862.25</b>	<b>1,862.67</b>	<b>.42 Decrease</b>

The decrease of 82-100ths of a mile in leased lines is due to removal of track at Paradise Grove on the Niagara Branch of the Canada Southern Railway. The other changes in mileage result from corrections in measurements.

THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

During the year the company moved 29,273,172 tons of revenue freight and carried 4,744,091 revenue passengers. Compared with 1923, there was a decrease of 3,050,076 in tons carried. The greater part of this decrease in tonnage was in bituminous coal, due in large measure to the substantial use made by industries of coal stored prior to 1924. Lessened activity in the iron and steel industry is reflected in decreased tonnage of finished metal products and related commodities. There was also a falling off in the tonnage of automobiles and auto trucks handled. Lumber shipments decreased, largely as the result of building conditions. While the sugar beet crop was a good one, the company's tonnage of this commodity was adversely affected by the extensive use of motor trucks in moving it. There was a decrease in passengers carried of 247,359.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR.

	Year Ended Dec. 31 1924	Year Ended Dec. 31 1923	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)
Operating Income—	1,862.25 Miles	1,862.67 Miles	-.42 Mile
Railway Operations:	Operated.	Operated.	
Railway operating revs.....	\$87,614,662 39	\$94,798,042 04	-\$7,183,379 65
Railway operating exps.....	62,159,524 30	67,639,531 88	+5,480,007 58
<b>Net revenue from railway operations.....</b>	<b>\$25,455,138 09</b>	<b>\$27,158,510 16</b>	<b>-\$1,703,372 07</b>
Percentage of expenses to revenues.....	(70.95)	(71.35)	—(.40)
Railway tax accruals.....	\$5,584,590 38	\$5,615,543 77	-\$30,953 39
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	30,515 20	*24,700 21	+\$5,815 21
<b>Railway oper. income.....</b>	<b>\$19,840,032 51</b>	<b>\$21,567,666 60</b>	<b>-\$1,727,634 09</b>
Equipment rents, net debit.....	\$312,265 52	\$1,619,002 35	-\$1,306,736 83
Joint facility rents, net debit.....	542,483 65	560,488 88	—18,005 23
<b>Net railway operating income.....</b>	<b>\$18,985,283 34</b>	<b>\$19,388,175 37</b>	<b>-\$402,892 03</b>
Miscellaneous operations:			
Revenues.....	\$420,948 72	\$374,814 29	+\$46,134 43
Expenses and taxes.....	387,868 26	310,004 32	+\$77,863 94
<b>Miscellaneous operating income.....</b>	<b>\$33,080 46</b>	<b>\$64,809 97</b>	<b>-\$31,729 51</b>
<b>Total oper. income.....</b>	<b>\$19,018,363 80</b>	<b>\$19,452,985 34</b>	<b>-\$434,621 54</b>
Non-Operating Income—			
Income from lease of road.....	\$10 00	a\$75,086 71	+\$75,096 71
Miscellaneous rent income.....	171,403 50	163,125 40	+\$8,278 10
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property.....	84,984 92	71,960 79	+13,024 13
Dividend income.....	489,881 21	598,954 50	—109,073 29
Income from funded securities.....	77,713 80	143,474 78	—65,760 98
Income from unfunded securities and accounts.....	276,303 24	552,454 06	—276,150 82
Miscellaneous income.....	3,664 29	a156,856 18	+160,520 47
<b>Total non-operating income.....</b>	<b>\$1,103,960 96</b>	<b>\$1,298,026 64</b>	<b>-\$194,065 68</b>
<b>Gross income.....</b>	<b>\$20,122,324 76</b>	<b>\$20,751,011 98</b>	<b>-\$628,687 22</b>
Deductions from Gross Income—			
Rent for leased roads.....	\$2,734,781 88	\$2,736,451 16	-\$1,669 28
Miscellaneous rents.....	4,507 84	4,256 90	+\$250 94
Miscellaneous tax accruals.....	21,496 50	15,104 14	+6,392 36
Interest on funded debt.....	3,541,245 42	3,201,121 03	+340,124 39
Interest on unfunded debt.....	5,869 75	440,061 62	—434,191 87
Amortization of discount on funded debt.....	177,927 00	155,564 98	+22,362 02
Maintenance of investment organization.....	1,775 30	1,781 95	—6 65
Miscellaneous income charges.....	7,187 35	20,222 20	—13,034 85
<b>Total deductions from gross income.....</b>	<b>\$6,494,791 04</b>	<b>\$6,574,563 98</b>	<b>-\$79,772 94</b>
<b>Net income.....</b>	<b>\$13,627,533 72</b>	<b>\$14,176,448 00</b>	<b>-\$548,914 28</b>
Disposition of Net Income—			
Dividends declared (20% each year).....	\$3,747,280 00	\$3,747,280 00	
Surplus for the year carried to profit and loss.....	\$9,880,253 72	\$10,429,168 00	-\$548,914 28
* Credit balance. a Debit balance.			

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31 1923.....	\$47,905,794 18
Additions:	
Surplus for the year 1924.....	\$9,880,253 72
Unrefundable overcharges.....	5,372 79
Premium on sale of United States Government Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury notes.....	12,205 64
	<b>9,897,832 15</b>
	<b>\$57,803,626 33</b>
Deductions:	
Depreciation prior to July 1 1907 on equipment retired during 1924.....	\$46,075 17
Road property abandoned and not replaced.....	320,961 04
Adjustment of certain accounts with the Director-General of Railroads not included in the final settlement for the period of Federal control.....	315,632 75
Uncollectible accounts.....	97,706 04
Various miscellaneous items (net).....	26,427 91
	<b>806,802 91</b>
<b>Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31 1924.....</b>	<b>\$56,996,823 42</b>

OPERATING REVENUES.

The total operating revenues were \$87,614,662 39, a decrease of \$7,183,379 65.

Freight revenue was \$58,463,966 84, a decrease of \$5,674,713 70. The decrease in total revenue tons carried was 3,050,076. The falling off in bituminous coal carried was 2,189,778 tons, or 71.79% of the total decrease.

Passenger revenue was \$20,598,595 20, a decrease of \$868,062 45. There was a decrease in total passengers carried of 247,359, a decrease in local and commutation passengers of 288,128 being partly offset by an increase of 40,769 in inter-line passengers.

Mail revenue was \$978,437 52, an increase of \$50,305 25, mainly attributable to increase in traffic.

Express revenue was \$3,957,000 38, a decrease of \$468,743 47, due to a falling off in volume of business handled.

Other transportation and incidental revenues aggregated \$3,616,662 45, a decrease of \$222,165 28, which is largely accounted for by a decrease in demurrage, reflecting the falling off in tonnage handled.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

The following table shows the operating expenses by groups for 1924 compared with those for 1923:

Group—	Amount.	Decrease.
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$11,177,679 27	\$239,296 27
Maintenance of equipment.....	16,457,962 29	3,662,185 06
Traffic.....	1,250,026 26	*46,370 73
Transportation.....	30,494,421 07	1,726,294 80
Miscellaneous.....	996,459 19	*29,884 51
General.....	1,877,830 45	*94,905 88
Transportation for investment—credit.....	94,854 23	23,392 57
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$62,159,524 30</b>	<b>\$5,480,007 58</b>

\*Increase.

The decrease of \$3,662,185 06 in expense for maintenance of equipment is due in part to the falling off in traffic and in part to heavy expenditures in 1923 to put the company's locomotives and cars into the most efficient condition.

The decrease of \$1,726,294 80 in transportation expenses is caused mainly by the smaller volume of business. A decrease of \$1,142,638 34 in charges for fuel reflects not only a reduced consumption but also a lower average price per ton.

RAILWAY TAX ACCRUALS.

Railway tax accruals were \$5,584,590 38, a decrease of \$30,953 39. While accruals for United States income tax and Canadian war tax were \$605,671 51 less than in 1923, there were increases in real estate and other taxes amounting to \$574,718 12. Assessments for real estate taxes were higher in all States in which the company's lines are located.

EQUIPMENT AND JOINT FACILITY RENTS.

Net debit to equipment rents decreased \$1,306,736 83, due in part to the decrease in traffic and in part to the earnings on foreign roads of additional freight cars put in service. Separate tables setting forth details of equipment and joint facility rents will be found in another part of this [pamphlet] report.

NON-OPERATING INCOME.

Non-operating income was \$1,103,960 96, a decrease of \$194,065 68.

The increase of \$75,096 71 in income from lease of road is due to the inclusion in 1923 of a debit adjustment of accruals of interest in favor of the United States Railroad Administration on additions and betterments completed during Federal control.

The decrease of \$109,073 29 in dividend income is due to a lower dividend rate on the capital stock of the Detroit Terminal Railroad Company and the non-receipt of dividend on the capital stock of The Toronto Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company.

The decrease in income from funded securities of \$65,760 98 is due to the sale in January 1924 of United States

Government securities purchased as a temporary investment.

The decrease of \$276,150 82 in income from unfunded securities and accounts is mainly in interest on bank deposits.

The increase of \$160,520 47 in miscellaneous income is caused by a debit adjustment in 1923 in connection with final settlement of the "guaranty period" claim against the United States Government.

#### DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.

Deductions from gross income were \$6,494,791 04, a decrease of \$79,772 94.

Interest on funded debt increased \$340,124 39, due to the larger amount of equipment trust certificates outstanding.

Interest on unfunded debt decreased \$434,191 87, mainly as the result of the accrual in 1923 of interest due the United States Railroad Administration up to the date of the settlement in that year.

#### NET INCOME BEFORE DIVIDENDS.

The net income of the company was \$13,627,533 72, a decrease of \$548,914 28.

#### DIVIDENDS.

Dividends declared and charged against income of the year were as follows:

Date Declared.	Date Payable.	Rate Per Cent.	Amount.
June 11 1924	July 29 1924	10	\$1,873,640 00
Dec. 10 1924	Jan. 29 1925	10	1,873,640 00
	Total	20	\$3,747,280 00

#### NET CORPORATE INCOME.

After charges for dividends there remained a surplus of \$9,880,253 72, which was carried to the credit of profit and loss.

#### CHANGES IN FUNDED DEBT.

The changes in the funded debt of the company, in detail, were as follows:

The funded debt outstanding on December 31 1923 was \$75,361,308 28

It has been increased as follows:

N Y C Lines Equipment Trust 5 per cent certificates of June 1 1924	\$3,495,000 00
N Y C Lines Equipment Trust 4½ per cent certificates of September 15 1924	2,595,000 00
	6,090,000 00
	\$81,451,308 28

and has been reduced as follows:

Payments falling due during the year and on January 1 1925 on the company's liability for principal installments under equipment trust agreements as follows:

N Y C Lines Trust of 1910, January 1 1925	\$393,960 40
N Y C Lines Trust of 1912, January 1 1925	151,710 90
N Y C Lines Trust of 1913, January 1 1925	282,359 54
M C R R Trust of 1915, October 1 1924	300,000 00
M C R R Trust of 1917, March 1 1924	600,000 00
Trust No. 48 (1920), January 15 1924	346,400 00
M C R R Co proportion of N Y C R R Co Trust of 1,20, April 15 1924	467,664 75
N Y C Lines Trust of 1922, June 1 1924	373,000 00
N Y C Lines 4½ per cent Trust of 1922, September 1 1924	51,000 00
N Y C Lines Trust of 1923, June 1 1924	632,000 00
	3,578,095 59

leaving the funded debt on December 31 1924 \$77,873,212 69

a net increase of \$2,511,904 41.

#### CAPITAL STOCK.

The capital stock of the company remained unchanged during the year, the total amount authorized and issued being \$18,738,000.

#### NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1924.

This trust was created by agreement dated June 1 1924, to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company, The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company and The Cincinnati Northern Railroad Company are parties. Under the trust \$25,050,000 of 5% equipment trust certificates maturing in equal annual installments of \$1,670,000 over a period of fifteen years were issued, representing approximately 75% of the cost of the equipment leased by the Trustee to the railroad companies. The equipment allotted to this company under the trust, costing \$4,697,728 45, consists of 15 Mikado locomotives, 10 switching locomotives, 15 coaches and 1,000 auto box cars. The certificates are prorated among the railroad companies in proportion to the cost of the equipment allotted to each, this company's share being \$3,495,000.

#### NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENT EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1924.

This trust was created by agreement dated September 15 1924, to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company and The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company are parties. Under the trust \$20,955,000 of 4½% equipment trust certificates maturing in equal annual installments of \$1,397,000 over a period of fifteen years were issued, representing approximately 75% of the cost of the equipment leased by the Trustee to the railroad companies. The equipment allotted to this company under the trust, estimated to cost \$3,463,059 40, consists of 5 Pacific passenger locomotives, 3 dining cars, 20 baggage cars and 1,000 box cars. The certificates are prorated among the railroad companies in proportion to the cost of the equipment allotted to each, this company's share being \$2,595,000.

#### NEW ARCH BRIDGE OVER NIAGARA RIVER AT NIAGARA FALLS.

The new double-track steel arch bridge spanning the Niagara Gorge, replacing the old cantilever bridge constructed in 1883, was completed during the year and turned over for operation early in 1925. This project includes approach spans and bridges over streets on both the American and Canadian sides of the Niagara River. Under the terms of the grant for construction of the bridge from the Canadian and American Governments, the company is required to take down the old cantilever bridge, including the piers, within two years after the completion of the new structure. It is planned to commence this part of the work early in 1925. The total cost of the new bridge and related work is approximated at \$2,438,000, distributed as follows: charged to Niagara River Bridge Company's capital account \$1,471,300, credit to Canada Southern Railway Company's capital account \$80,300, and charged to operating expenses \$1,047,000. This company will be relieved of a part of these operating expenses, incident to the retirement of the old bridge, by the Pere Marquette Railway Company which uses the line under a trackage contract. In the front of this [pamphlet] report will be found an aerial photograph of the bridge taken during its construction, and on the opposite page a near-by photograph taken at the time the first train crossed it.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF RAILWAYS.

In the report for 1923, attention was called to the pendency of the proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission for the consolidation of the railways of the continental United States into a limited number of systems and reference was made to the manner in which such proceeding might affect the interest of the New York Central Lines. It was stated that the taking of testimony by the Commission was concluded in December 1923.

The case was argued and submitted in January 1924. No report has yet been made by the Commission. However, the subject of the grouping of the railroads has continued to receive the consideration of the Commission and of railroad managements.

Among those called upon to deal with the subject there is a growing appreciation of the difficulty of making, in advance of any consolidations, final plans for the allocation of all the railways of the country, and there are those who advocate an amendment of the law which will permit the Commission to approve specific consolidations in harmony with the general purposes of the law in advance of the promulgation of all-inclusive plans.

#### AUTOMATIC TRAIN CONTROL.

The bids which were requested during the latter part of 1923 for the installation of automatic train control upon a division each of the lines of this company, the New York Central Railroad, the Boston and Albany Railroad, the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway and the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad were received and considered, and as a result contracts for the purchase of materials for the installation of the General Railway Signal system upon a division each of the Michigan Central Railroad, the Boston & Albany and the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis, the Sprague system upon a division of the New York Central and the Union Switch and Signal system upon a division of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie were made in March, the materials to be purchased from the manufacturers of the designated devices and the installations to be made by company forces in each instance. Work proceeded and at the close of the year upon this company's line twenty miles of double-track had been installed and three engines had been equipped. Upon the New York Central twenty miles of double-track had been installed and were in operation with fifteen engines.

The order of June 13 1922 of the Interstate Commerce Commission, fixed January 1 1925 as the time for a full division installation upon each of these roads and other roads of the country. That time was, upon application, extended to July 1 1925.

On January 14 1924 the Interstate Commerce Commission made a further order requiring the installation of automatic train control devices upon a second division of each of the above roads, but no work has been done under that order.

Up to the close of 1924, this company had made expenditures or was committed to future outlay for automatic train control to the extent of approximately \$81,000.

#### PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Increases in the property investment accounts for the year, as shown in detail elsewhere in this [pamphlet] report, were as follows:

Road	\$2,895,326 92
Equipment	9,565,470 16
Improvements on leased railway property	101,741 67
Miscellaneous physical property	47,730 72
Total	\$12,610,269 47

#### NEW RECEIVING AND CLASSIFICATION YARD AT NORTH TOLEDO.

The new northbound yard at the Ohio-Michigan State line just north of Toledo was completed and put in operation in September, greatly facilitating the handling of traffic through the Toledo gateway.

#### EXTENSION OF ENGINE HOUSE FACILITIES.

The development of the automobile and allied industries at Lansing necessitated the construction of a new engine

terminal on the Lansing Branch, a short distance north of that city, to house both road and switch engines. Additional stalls were constructed for engine houses at West Detroit and Jackson.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION.

The Board records, with deep regret, the death on March 8 1924, of Alfred H. Smith, a Director and the President of the company.

The Board further records:

Election of Patrick E. Crowley as a Director and President on April 9 1924;

Resignation of Robert S. Lovett as a Director and Member of the Finance Committee on December 10 1924 and election on the same date of Charles B. Segar to succeed Mr. Lovett in both offices;

Appointment of George A. Harwood as Vice-President in charge of improvements and development, April 9 1924;

Appointment, effective September 1 1924, of Oswald R. Bromley, Freight Traffic Manager, William C. Douglas, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, and Edward W. Brunck, General Freight Agent.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 9 1924, the By-Laws of the company were amended so as to enlarge and define the powers of the Finance Committee. That committee has direction and control of the financial affairs and investments of the company and, when the Board of Directors is not in session, it has all the powers of the Board to manager and direct the business and affairs of the company, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board. The Finance Committee is empowered to select its own Chairman and at its meeting of April 9 1924 appointed Albert H. Harris to that office.

Appreciative acknowledgment is made to officers and employees of their loyal and efficient co-operation and service.

For the Board of Directors,

PATRICK E. CROWLEY, President.

[For Comparative Balance Sheet, etc., see Annual Reports in Investment News" Columns.]

Wells Fargo & Co.—Balance Sheet.—

The following is a statement of conditions as of May 15 1925, after accomplishing distributions voted Feb. 6 1923 (V. 116, p. 627), Aug. 7 1924 (V. 119, p. 707), and May 14 1925 (V. 120, p. 2562) (market values shown are as of May 15 1925):

Assets—		Liabilities—	
a Real prop. & equip't.....	\$101,993	Capital stock (239,674 shs.)	\$239,674
Stocks (market value).....	84,332	Accounts payable.....	224,403
Bonds (market value).....	654,827	b Federal taxes payable.....	17,444
Notes (market value).....	4,500	c Reserve for suits.....	225,000
Cash.....	87,517	Profit and loss balance.....	238,739
Accounts receivable.....	12,091		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$945,260</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$945,260</b>

a After re-valuation to estimated market value. b This amount has been finally determined and assessed in adjustment of 1917 Federal income taxes. c This reserve is for liability on account of loss and damage and personal injury suits now pending.—V. 120, p. 2829.

Wilkins-Rogers Milling Co., Inc., Washington, D. C.

—Bonds Offered.—Townsend Scott & Son, Baltimore, are offering \$150,000 1st Mtge. 6% Serial Gold bonds at prices ranging from 96.18 and int. to 100 and int., to yield from 6% to 6.4%, according to maturity.

Dated June 1 1925; due \$10,000 annually June 1 1926 to June 1 1940. Coupons payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. all or part at 103 1/2 and int. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice. Prin. and int. payable at Townsend Scott & Son, Baltimore. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. State, city, county and district of Columbia taxes up to 5 1/2 mills refunded. Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore, trustee.

Data From Letter of President H. L. Wilkins, Dated June 16.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on all the property, consisting of a lot of ground (23,338 sq. ft.) located at the corner of K and Potomac Sts., Washington, D. C., improved by a modern 7-story reinforced concrete mill building, grain elevators and warehouse with all necessary machinery, equipment, &c., representing an investment of approximately \$320,000. The building was erected in 1922, and is run throughout by water power obtained from the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

Company.—Incorp. in 1916 in Virginia. Is engaged in the manufacture of flour, cornmeal, poultry and dairy feed, &c. Principal brands, "Washington" flour and "Indianhead" and "Arlington" cornmeal.

Earnings.—Company has always been successful and for the past 7 years has averaged over \$33,000 per annum, or over 4 times the maximum interest charges on this issue. In no one year has the company failed to earn less than 2 1/2 times interest on this issue, and for the year ended Dec. 31 1924 the net earnings were \$63,540, or 7 times the interest on these bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire bank loans which were incurred in the rebuilding of the plant in 1922-23.

Guaranty.—The prompt payment of the principal and interest is guaranteed individually by endorsement on each bond by Howard L. Wilkins and Samuel H. Rogers, whose net worth outside of the business is in excess of the total bond issue.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Notice of Time for Deposits.—

Holder of over 99% of the bank debt to be adjusted, over 87% of the Convertible bonds, over 81% of the Preferred stock and over 75% of the Common stock have already assented to the plan and agreement of reorganization, dated April 2 1925. Attention is called to the fact that when the plan was declared operative on June 15 1925 the time within which deposits of obligations and stocks to be adjusted under the plan might be made without penalty was extended to the close of business on July 15 1925.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit issued by Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. representing 96,024 shares of Common stock of Wilson & Co., Inc., without par value, with authority to add certificates of deposit for 106,195 shares of Common stock upon official notice of issuance against the deposit of a like amount of Common stock.—V. 120, p. 3202, 2954.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—June Sales.—

1925—June—1924. Increase. | 1925—6 Mos.—1924. Increase.  
\$17,920,420 \$15,485,807 \$2,434,613 | \$101,295,541 \$91,292,291 \$10,003,250  
Of the increase in June, the old stores contributed \$1,599,143, while in the first 6 months the old stores contributed \$4,876,484 of the gain.—V. 120, p. 2954, 2414.

Y-D Service Garage of Worcester, Inc.—Bonds Offered.

—C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Boston, are offering at par and

int. \$450,000 6 1/2% 30-Year 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A."

Dated July 1 1925, due July 1 1955. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, and Merchants National Bank, Worcester, Mass. Callable on 60 days' notice either for the sinking fund or as a whole at 110 and int., on any int. date on or before July 1 1935; at 107 1/2 and int. after July 1 1935, and on or before July 1 1945, and at 105 and interest thereafter. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass., corporate trustee, and Harold G. Storke, Boston, Mass., individual trustee. Tax exempt in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York and Pennsylvania taxes refunded.

Security & Property.—The Y-D Service Garage of Worcester, Inc., is a Massachusetts corporation. It owns in fee 28,254 sq. ft. of land fronting on Myrtle St. and Burnside Court, Worcester. A substantial building of 3 stories and basement, of steel, concrete and brick, is now being built thereon. This building will contain about 113,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Company will conduct in this building a general garage and automobile service business. The building will have storage capacity for 500 cars, and parking space for 100 cars on its roof.

Earnings.—Based on the report of accountants and of successful operators of well known garages, the net earnings available for interest on this bond issue, should be \$54,420 during the first year of company's operation; \$88,220 during the second year, and at least \$124,020 per annum thereafter. The interest requirements on this bond issue are \$29,250 per annum.

Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co.—To Merge with Motor Truck Division of General Motors Corp.—\$15,000,000 Pref. Stock to Be Distributed as a Dividend to Holders of Class B Shares.—See General Motors Corp. above.—V. 120, p. 3078.

Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co.—New Name, &c.—

See General Motors Corp. above.  
The directors of this new company are: John Hertz, Chairman; Irving B. Babcock, Donaldson Brown, Edward N. D'Ancona, P. L. Emmerson, Harold E. Foreman, John L. Pratt, Leonard S. Flansburg, F. J. Fisher, Paul H. Geyser, George A. Green, Pierre Dupont, Robert Lehman, Otto W. Lehman, Charles A. McCulloch, John J. Raskob, John A. Ritchie, A. P. Sloan Jr., Otto E. Stoll, A. R. Swayne, John R. Thompson and William Wrigley Jr.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—Leland Swaner formerly of Leland Swaner & Co. and M. G. Chamberlain formerly of M. G. Chamberlain & Co., dealers in investment securities, announce the consolidation of their firms under the name of Swaner, Chamberlain & Company, with offices in the Ezra Thompson Building, 143 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, to deal in general market bonds specializing in Utah municipals.

—Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company has been appointed Coupon Paying Agent for \$1,000,000. The Realty Bond & Mortgage Company, First Mortgage Collateral 6% Bonds, Series "B," and for \$400,000. Greenbrier Joint Stock Land Bank of Virginia, 5% Farm Loan Bonds, due October 1 1964.

—Ross Beason and Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, announce the opening of a Municipal Bond Department to specialize in Utah and Idaho municipal securities under the management of J. F. Sullivan who was formerly connected with the municipal bond department of the United States National Co., Denver, Colorado.

—Andrew W. Stewart of Andrew W. Stewart & Co., bond dealers of Pasadena, Cal. has organized the Investment Bond & Share Company. It will have offices in the Van Nuys Building, Los Angeles, Cal., and will deal in general market bonds, specializing in Investment Trusts. Circulars will be sent on request.

—At the meeting of the Special Libraries Association held in Swampscott, Massachusetts, June 14-26, Miss Margaret Reynolds was elected second vice-president of the association and re-elected chairman of the Financial Group. Miss Reynolds is librarian at the First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

—Bruner & Simmons, Inc., Chicago, office layout specialists, announce the opening of branch offices in St. Paul, Cleveland & Atlanta. This firm has successfully specialized in laying out new offices for banks and Investment Bankers in the Middle West.

—The Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent for the Capital Stock of the Shattuck Denn Mining Corporation, consisting of an authorized amount of 1,000,000 shares without par value.

—William Jerome Butler has entered the investment business to operate under his own name with offices in the Title Insurance Building, Los Angeles, Cal., and will deal in general market bonds and local stocks.

—Owing to proposed razing of building at 61-62 William St., the Bankers Loan & Investment Co. has moved its offices to 34 Pine St., New York, providing it with larger quarters in which to expand.

—The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed Trustee under an Indenture covering an issue of Thirty East Fortieth Street, Inc., Second Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds.

—Bankers Trust Company has been appointed Agent of the Voting Trustees of Common Stock and Registrar of the Preferred and Common Stock of Andersen, Meyer & Company, Ltd.

—The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed Trustee under an indenture of the New York Press Club securing an issue of \$25,000 Mortgage Coupon bonds, dated July 1 1925, due July 1 1930.

—The Bank of America, New York, has been appointed Registrar of an authorized issue of 175,000 shares \$7, Dividend Series Preferred Stock of Associated Gas and Electric Company.

—The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed Registrar of the Preferred and Common Stocks of Whaley Engine Patents, Inc.

—J. A. Hogle & Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, announce that their bond department is now under the joint management of Philip D. Allison and Donald E. Penney.

—Kohn & Co. members of the New York Curb Market, announce that James J. Hopkins has been admitted to general partnership in the firm.

—Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company has been appointed Transfer Agent of the common stock of the Audit Manufacturing Corporation.

—Lilley, Blizzard & Company, Philadelphia announce the installation of four new private telephones to New York—Canal 6426-7-8-9.

—R. E. Wilsey & Company, Chicago, announce that J. Charles Sullivan has become associated with them in their sales department.

—W. H. Newbold's Son & Co. have removed their offices from 511 Chestnut St. to 1517 Locust St., Philadelphia.

—R. F. DeVoe & Company announce that Robert E. Jordan has become associated with the firm.

—James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed factor for the Lurie Woollen Corporation.

# The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS  
 PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, July 10 1925.

COFFEE on the spot was dull and depressed on some days. No. 7 Rio, 20c.; No. 4 Santos, 24½ to 25c.; fair to good Cucuta, 23½ to 24c.; Medellin, 27 to 28c. Firm offers were 21 to 21½c. for No. 4 Santos; No. 4 Bourbon, 20.85c.; No. 7 Rio's, prompt, 17.90 to 18c.; prompt, Aug.-Sept., 17.25c. Futures declined for a time, with cables weaker, cost and freight offers irregular and more or less long liquidation. On the decline some banking and importing interests are said to have bought. On the 7th inst. prices again gave way with Brazilian shippers plainly anxious to sell. Rio closed July 6 300 to 425 reis lower and opened on the 7th 475 to 325 higher; net 150 higher to 100 lower; the gain in nearby positions was offset by lower rates for exchange. The rate on London was 1-32 lower at 5½d. and the dollar rate 50 reis higher at \$8960. Santos fell 675 to 1,000 reis. A sharp rise at one time on frost rumors from Brazil was followed by a reaction here on lower Brazilian cables and Brazilian selling. The frost in Sao Paulo, it was said, was light and did not damage. On the 9th inst. Rio fell 475 to 625 reis and Santos 325 to 850 reis.

Yet in spite of the fact that there have been no deliveries against spot month coffee prices have recently fallen especially on the near months. It is recalled that the more timid shorts in July covered early in fear of a squeeze as a result of the action of May when all tenders were quickly taken and disposed of outside of the futures market. The stock afloat from Brazil has noticeably increased and may fill up any gap in the domestic port stocks. Brazil has lowered the price of offerings of the actual coffee and this has been reflected in the world's markets. The prospects for a large crop this season is supposed to point to a pressure of early receipts on the spot or futures markets of the world. The peak of prices, it is argued, has been passed. As some regard it, coffee is still too high. Production is outrunning consumption. Prices are the highest in twenty years with the exception of those in 1919, after which they fell into the following year and a half some 13 cents. Even Brazilian newspapers think prices are unwarrantedly high; that planters want too exorbitant a profit, and that it would be wise to compromise with the consumer. The crops are late, but Rio and Victoria have recently been offering coffee for prompt shipment at lower prices. Hand-to-mouth buying has been a formidable obstacle to the exactions of the coffee growers. Manipulation in Brazilian markets has embittered the consuming markets. Discounts on distant months are called delusive; they still show an unquestionably high level of prices. Prices at the opening of the season are exceptionally high. Usually coffee bought in June and July has shown a profit in times gone by, but this year prices are nearly 4 cents higher than a year ago and there are those who look for lower quotations, especially as in the last six weeks many of the trade have replenished their stocks. The "Brazilian Review" says:

The congestion at the port of Santos shows no signs of improvement and not until imports diminished appreciably can any change for the better be expected. The volume of imports into Santos far exceeds the capacity of the port. Although originally built for a greater turnover than the then volume of trade, the enormous increase has exceeded the full capacity. It was only to be expected that with an increase of 18.4% in the turnover of volume of trade the port of Santos should be as congested as it is. In 1913 the port and the Sao Paulo Railway were already utilized to their full capacity, and as there has been practically no expansion of port accommodation and increase in the carrying capacity of the Sao Paulo Railway, congestion was inevitable. There is no doubt that steps must be taken immediately to expand railway communications with Santos either by granting further concession to the Sao Paulo Railway or by bringing one of the other Sao Paulo lines to Santos by another route.

On July 8 the United States Coffee Mission returned to Rio Janeiro after several weeks in the interior of Sao Paulo. The members were much pleased at the result of their negotiations to obtain a satisfactory marketing system for coffee between Brazil and the United States, allowing growers a satisfactory profit, yet keeping prices low enough to avoid a reduction in consumption in the United States, Brazil's largest customer. Brazil is to take measure, it seems, to increase, if possible, the consumption in this country. To-day prices advanced with the general tone more bullish. Shorts covering and talk of a movement to increase consumption in this country. And after all Brazil seems to have a pretty good grip on the situation, whatever may be said to the contrary or in criticisms of its methods. Certainly futures show a rise for the week of 20 to 80 points.

TEA.—In London on July 8, 17,000 packages of Indian teas were offered and 16,000 were sold. Prices were as follows: Medium pekoes, 1s. 2½d. to 1s. 5¼d.; fine pekoes, 1s. 6½d. to 2s. 4d. Medium orange pekoes, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6½d.; fine orange pekoes, 1s. 3½d. to 2s. 5d. The tone of the market was firm. Closing prices here were as follows:

Spot unofficial 20@20½c | September 16.69@16.70 | March ----13.75@ ----  
 July ----19.00@19.05 | December 14.74@14.80 | May ----13.20@ ----

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws fell to 2½c. on a quiet market. Some 25,000 bags sold at that price mostly in port. It meant going back to the old "low" for 1925. Refiners trade, it is said, is unsatisfactory at 5.50 to 5.60c. Beet refined was 5.50c. eastward to Buffalo-Pittsburgh. Some Cuban holders seem to stick to 2½c. whether they can get it just now or not. Later duty free surgars were offered more freely at 4.27c., with sales, including 4,250 tons Philippines, due July 15, and 3,100 tons, due at an Atlantic port also 5,000 bags Porto Ricos, due July 15. One refinery paid 2 17-32c. (4.30c.) for 5,200 bags Cubas, loading this week, with outport options, while an operator paid 4.34c. (2 9-16c.) for 2,000 tons Philippines, July shipment. Later of Porto Ricos 20,000 bags also afloat, at 4.27c.; of Cuban 10,000 bags in port to Federal at 2½c., 20,000 bags, prompt shipment, at 2 17-32c. of St. Croix; 1,500 tons, due middle September at 4.33c. (2 9-16c.). Refined fell to 5.40c. prompt. On the 9th raw fell to 2 15-32c. after sales on the 8th of 75,000 bags at 2½c. A late British quotation was 12d. Meanwhile importers stock of raw sugar in warehouses continues to increase. It reached 918,351 bags. Some predict that before long it will exceed 1,000,000 bags. The German beet crop is improving. The Java crop will increase somewhat. The Hawaii sugar crop, it is said, will probably exceed estimates by 10%. The National City Bank estimates the crop of Cubas sugar to June 30 at 5,036,141 tons compared with 4,043,179 tons last year. There may be it is suggested a further widening of differences, between September and later deliveries, so as to cover carrying charges which, including interest it seems amount to about 5 points a month, without considering receiving and delivery expenses of together 8 points based on membership rates. Meantime memberships in the Exchange are up to \$13,250 paid, a new high level.

The estimated United States consumption for the first six months of this year is 2,986,000 long tons, against 2,667,800 long tons during the first six months of last year. Others say 3,049,000 long tons. Exports from Cuba to countries other than the United States to June 27 increased 385,000 long tons over last year. Importers' stocks of raw sugar in warehouses continue to increase daily. It reached 918,351 bags yesterday and predictions are that before long stocks will be in excess of 1,000,000 bags. Receipts for the week at Atlantic ports were 52,856 tons, against 101,777 last week, 97,609 last year and 31,123 in 1923; meltings for the week, 64,000, against 74,000 last week, 71,000 last year and 47,000 in 1923; total stock, 266,161 tons, against 277,305 a week previous, 218,634 a year ago, and 153,540 in 1923. British refiners have reduced price of refined sugar 6d. There have been sales of Cuban raws to United Kingdom at 12s., but there are no buyers at over 11s. 9d. American granulated is offered at 16s. 6d. To-day prices of refined was down to 5.35c. and raw seemed rather weak at around 2 7-16c. to 2½c. Futures eased a point or two. The end was 13 to 15 points lower than a week ago.

Closing prices here were as follows:

Spot unofficial 2 15-32c | September 2.53@2.54 | March ----2.75@2.76  
 July ----2.40@ ---- | December 2.67@ | May ----2.84@ ----

LARD on the spot advanced with hogs higher and cash demand good. Prime Western, 18.15 to 18.25c.; Middle Western, 18 to 18.10c.; city lard in tierces, 17½c.; in tubs, 17¾@18¼c. Compound, carlots, in tierces, 13@13¼c. Refined pure lard to Continent, 18½ to 18¾c.; South America, 19½c.; Brazil, 20½c. Futures advanced on covering of shorts light receipts and advancing quotations for hogs, good buying by packers and the rising cash business also an encouraging feature. Later prices weakened somewhat with lower cables, dullness of cash trade, some liquidation, lower prices for hogs, which dropped 25 to 40c. and ended on the 7th inst. at \$14 50 as the top. Chicago receipts were 93,000, against 156,000 on the same day last year. But later came a rally with grain stronger. On the 9th inst. prices were rather weak with heaviness in hogs and corn. Commission houses were selling July lard, but bought October. A large Government corn crop estimate was expected. Hogs closed at \$13 85, against \$14 75 a few days ago. Hog receipts were 82,000, against 151,000 hogs a year ago. To-day prices advanced but closed practically unchanged for the week.

### DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery-----cts. Holl-	17.40	17.40	17.27	17.22	17.35	17.35
September delivery---- day	17.60	17.57	17.40	17.42	17.52	17.52
October delivery-----	17.65	17.60	17.42	17.42	17.65	17.65

PORK steady but quiet; Mess, \$41 nominal; family, \$38 to \$40; pork, \$38 to \$43. Ribs—Cash, 19c. nominal; basis 40 to 60 pounds average. Beef steady; mess, \$19 to \$20; packer, \$19; family, \$20 to \$22; extra India mess, \$32 to \$34; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2 75; No. 2, six pounds,

\$17 50; pickled tongue, \$55 to \$60 nominal. Cut meats irregular; pickled hams, 10 to 24 pounds, 22 1/4 to 26c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 pounds, 26 to 27c. Butter, creamery lower grades to high scoring, 37 1/2 to 43c. Cheese, flats, 21 1/2 to 27 1/2c. Eggs, fresh gathered, mediums to extras, 30 to 40 1/2c.

OILS.—Linseed quoted at 95c. for spot-August in car lots; boiled and double boiled, quiet; tank, 92c.; car lots, 98c.; Coconut oil, Ceylon, barrels, 10 3/4c.; Cochin, 11 1/2c.; corn, crude, tanks, 11c.; China wood, spot, barrels, New York, 13 3/4c. Soya bean, crude, tanks, 12c.; lard, prime, 19 1/2c.; extra strained, winter, New York, 18 1/4c.; cod, domestic, 61 to 63c.; Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Spirits of turpentine, 98c. to \$1 01. Rosin, \$9 30 to \$14 50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day were, with switches, 15,400 barrels. P. Crude, nominal. Closing prices were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Spot, July, August, and corresponding prices for various oil types.

PETROLEUM.—Bulk gasoline has dropped again, with exporters indifferent and home demand none too pressing. U. S. Motor is said to be available in some directions at as low as 14 3/4c. in tank cars at the refinery. In tank cars delivered to the local trade the quotation is 16c. a gallon. The price in steel barrels to garages is 22c. a gallon, but it seems that some factors are retailing it at 2c. below this price. Cased gasoline is very quiet. Kerosene has been in better demand; water white is 7 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to the trade and 6 1/2c. to 6 3/4c. at the refineries. The tank wagon price is 13c. Stocks on hand are ample. Gulf is quiet, but firm, and water white 6 1/4c. a gallon in bulk. Low cold test oils are dull and weak; gas oil in moderate demand, and 36-40 is still quoted at 5 3/4c. a gallon at the refinery; 28-34 is 5 1/2c. Supplies are moderate. At the Gulf dark 32 plus is held at 4 7/8c., transparent 5c. Wooster crude advanced 10c. The Ohio Oil Co.'s price is now 2.25. 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., 20.50c.; 66-68 degrees, 22c. Kerosene in cargo lots, cases, 16.40c. Petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 13c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel barrels), 22c.; up-State, 22c. The Humble Oil Co. advanced Currie 42 gravity and above to \$2 25; under 42, \$2. The output of crude oil is still decreasing. Last week the daily average of combined heavy and light grades dropped to 2,139,338 barrels a day, a reduction of 22,801 barrels daily, compared with the average for the previous week. Most of the falling off occurred in the light oil fields. To-day Mid-continent crude petroleum advanced 23 cents, the range now being \$1 40 to \$2 68 for 44 gravity. Prairie Oil & Gas posted new prices and Sinclair crude oil followed. Smackover output was increased to 170,297 barrels. Mid-continent gasoline was 13 cents, as against 12 3/8 recently.

Table listing prices for various petroleum products from different regions like Pennsylvania, Corning, Cabell, etc., with prices ranging from \$3.80 to \$2.00.

RUBBER advanced early in the week sharply, nearing \$1, with London active, excited and 1 1/4 to 1 1/2d. higher. There was a heavy reduction in stocks there. In other words, the London stock was unofficially reported about 600 tons smaller, making the total 4,535 tons at the end of last week. The stock a month ago was 5,456; a year ago, 51,096 tons. On July 6, London prices were, spot, 41 1/2d. to 41 3/4d.; July, 41d. to 41 1/4d.; August, 40d. to 40 3/4d.; September, 39 1/4d. to 39 3/4d.; October-December, 36d. to 36 1/4d. First latex crepe: spot, 40d.; July, 40d.; August, 39d.; September, 38 3/4d.; October-December, 35 3/4d. buyers. C.i.f. market strong; June-July, 39 1/2d.; July-December, 35 1/2d.; buyers' c.i.f. New York direct shipment from Singapore. Here prices rose to 97c. on the 8th inst. in response to a sharp advance in London. Sales are said to have been made at that price, closing at 95 to 96c. with less demand late in the day. Factories on that day bought nearby deliveries in London in an excited market closing as follows: Spot, 46d. to 46 1/4d.; July, 46d. to 46 1/4d.; August, 44d. to 44 1/2d.; September, 43d. to 43 1/2d.; October-December, 40 1/2d. to 40 3/4d. First latex crepe: Spot, 44 1/2d.; July, 44 1/2d.; August, 43 1/4d.; September, 42 3/4d.; October-December, 40 1/2d.; buyers. C.i.f. market strong; July-August, 42d.; August-December, 39 1/2d.; buyers, c.i.f. New York.

In London on July 8 rubber for immediate delivery touched 44 1/2d. per pound (about 88 cents normally) on the exchange, the highest since February 1916. The rise was traceable to a decreased supply due to restriction of output from rubber plantations and an imperative demand for rubber from manufacturers, especially in the United States and Europe. January and March were only 36d. The supply will be larger at that time. At the Stock Exchange in London rubber shares were active and higher. Here crude rubber rose to new high prices for the year in response to the advance in London. July ribbed smoked sheets went to 97 cents;

August to 92 cents. At Singapore on July 6 prices were 1 1/8 to 2 3/8d. higher with brisk speculation and foreign buying. Spot 38 1/2d.; July 38 1/2d.; Aug.-Sept., 37 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 34 1/2d. Abolition of the "spring dating purchase plan" was decided upon yesterday by the executive committee of the Tire Manufacturers' Division of the Rubber Association of America in session here. A sub-committee was appointed to devise a definite program for reducing the number of types and sizes of tires for the purpose of cutting down the consumption of crude rubber. By doing away with this purchase plan, it was said, the tire manufacturer would undoubtedly make larger use of their current stocks of rubber. There is a kind of "Save Rubber" drive. Conservation of raw rubber already in hand is relied upon by the tire manufacturers as the only method to combat manipulation.

Later prices here were firm on the spot at 96 1/2c. on ribbed sheets and later deliveries rose 1c. First latex crepe spot was 93 1/2 to 94 1/2c.; July, 92 to 93c.; August, 88 to 89c.; September, 85 to 86c.; October-December, 79 to 81c.; January-March, 73 to 75c. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot, 96 to 96 1/2c.; July, 94 to 95c.; August, 89 to 90c.; September, 86 1/2 to 87 1/2c.; October-December, 80 to 81c.; January-March, 75 to 76c.; brown crepe thin, clean specky, 75 to 76c.; No. 1 rolled, 75 to 80c.; amber No. 2, 75 to 88c.; No. 3, 75 to 88c.; No. 4, 75 to 86c.; Para up-river, fine, spot, 75 to 77c.; Para up-river, coarse, 75 to 64c.; Island, fine, 75 to 68c. In London on July 9 prices were irregular, advancing and then receding. Turnover small and disposition was to await developments from New York. Standard plantation sheets: Spot, 46 to 46 1/4d.; July, 46 to 46 1/4d.; August, 44 to 44 1/2d.; September, 44 to 43 1/2d.; October-December, 40 to 41 1/2d. First latex crepe, spot, 44 1/2 to 44 3/4d.; July, 44 1/2 to 44 3/4d.; August, 43 1/2 to 44d.; September, 42 1/2 to 43d.; October-December, 39 1/2 to 40d. C.i.f. market quiet. July-August, 43d.; August-December, 40d.; buyers, c.i.f. New York direct shipment from Singapore. At Singapore on July 9 prices were 1 5/8 to 2 1/2d. on a sharp demand. Closing buyers' prices bids were as follows: Spot, 40 7/8d.; July, 41d.; August-September, 40 3/4d.; October-December, 37 1/2d. To-day prices were up to \$1, a rise of 3 1/2c. in a day and in sharp contrast with 17c. a year ago. The present price is the highest in nine years. In 1916 standard ribbed sheet reached \$1 02 on the spot in February. In 1910, to be sure, the price was up to \$3 05 per pound.

HIDES have been quiet but firm with small supplies partly the cause of restricted business. River Plate have been quiet, with moderate supplies and prices firm. Orinoco and Maracaibo, 20c. Packer hides quiet at 10 1/2c. to 14 1/4c., the latter for native steers. Country hides have been dull. In Chicago packers were active and rising; 10,000 June sold at 16c. Independents quoted 15 1/2c. for July, all weight native cows and steers, but edging towards 16c. Country extreme weights strong at 16c. for choice. Several dealers asked 13c. for good buff weights, with moderate business at 12 1/2c. Several tanners bid for buff weights at 12c., but apparently there was little to be had at under 12 1/2c., and even then some grubby hides are included. Heavy country hides were dull at 11 1/2c. to 12c. Calf-skins were quiet at 25 1/2c. Tanners balk at that. Leather steadier with 18c. to 20c. bid but apparently little obtainable at these prices.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been steady, especially for grain tonnage, with a fair demand for cargo tonnage. CHARTERS.—Steamer 2,364 tons net, July, Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, sugar, at 16s. Steamer 2,657 tons net, July, Hampton Roads to Montreal, coal, at 95c. Steamer 1,178 tons net, prompt delivery West Indies, round trip time charter at \$1 20. Steamer (American tanker) 4,485 tons net, July, crude oil, San Pedro to Boston, at 62c. Steamer 2,364 tons net, July 11 cancelling, Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg, grain, 14 1/2c. barley and oats 1c. and 2c. more. Steamer 2,462 tons net, same cancelling, same voyage, at 15c.; barley and oats at 1 1/2c. to 2 1/2c. more. Steamer 4,254 tons net, July-Aug., North Pacific, lumber to Melbourne, \$14 50. Motorship, September, two North Pacific ports to two Brisbane-Sydney range ports, lumber, \$13 62 1/2 part cargo. Motorship Neptunia, September, part cargo case oil, two North Pacific ports to two Brisbane-Sydney range ports, at \$6 56 1/4. Foreign—Steamer Union, 3,818 tons net, 8,000 tons 10% prompt, San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent, 11s. 3d.; Bristol Channel direct, 10s. 9d., grain. Steamer Rio Azul, 2,513 tons net, June-July, 6,500 tons grain, 10%. Buenos Aires to United Kingdom, 10s. 3d. or 2s. 6d. extra Mediterranean and 2s. extra Portugal, one port. American tanker, July, Tampico to north of Hatteras, petroleum, 23c. Steamer 2,341 tons net, August, Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, sugar, at 16s. Steamer 3,246 tons net, North Pacific to Pirie-Newcastle range, lumber, \$14 25. Steamer, November, two ports North Pacific to two ports Australia, lumber, \$13 50. Steamer 3,659 tons net, July 31 cancelling, Montreal United Kingdom-Continent, grain, one port 13 1/2c., two ports 14c.; option Genoa, 15 1/2c.; option oats, 2 1/2c. more. Steamer 3,664 tons net, July 20 cancelling, Montreal to United Kingdom-Continent, grain at 13 1/2c. Steamer 7,700 tons, 10%, Gulf to Greece, grain, 3s. 7 1/4d. one port, 3s. 9d. two ports, and 3s. 10 1/2d. three ports. Steamer 3,241 tons net, North Pacific to United Kingdom-Continent, grain, 32s. 6d., previously reported. Steamer 3,659 tons net, Hampton Roads to Montreal, coal, prompt at 95c. Steamer 3,894 tons net, August, Hampton Roads, coal to Rio at \$3 50. Steamer 3,894 tons net, July, same to West Italy, coal, one port \$2 35, two ports \$2 45.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand for wrapper and other descriptions. Some of the reports on the cigar trade are better. They say now that a larger business is being done than a year ago. Wisconsin leaf has been firm owing to scarcity and there is a fair demand. Connecticut packers are ready with their holdings of Havana seed leaf and a fair business is reported to have been done. A larger trade in this description is predicted. Taken for all in all tobacco while not at all active meets with a fair sale and as a rule is reported steady. At Lexington, Ky. on the 6th inst. the proposed new sign up was discussed. Delivery of the fifteen million pounds of tobacco purchased earlier in the month by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company was reported as having been completed. Washington wired July 7 that the assistance of the State Department in overcoming the effects of a boycott which it is said is being

waged against American-made cigarettes by the Chinese, has been sought by a number of domestic producers and tobacco growers.

**COAL.**—Bituminous coal showed a downward tendency at Hampton Roads. Quotations were said to be 25c. or more below the nominal prices. Anthracite has been steady with a rather better business reported in some directions. Members of the anthracite operators conference met in Philadelphia on the 7th to discuss the conference of operators and union miners in Atlantic City on July 9 to negotiate a new wage agreement. The present contract between the United Mine Workers and the hard coal operators expires Aug. 31. The miners demand 10% increase in the contract wage scale, \$1 a day increase for all men paid by the day and complete recognition of the union. At the conference on July 9 the operators rejected the demands, but offered to submit the questions to arbitration on the stipulation that mining be continued after Aug. 31 pending a decision to which stipulation the miners would not agree.

**COPPER** has been firm at 14c. delivered in the Valley, with a fair business. It is no slight matter that preliminary estimates have placed the total surplus stocks on July 1 at only 170,000,000 pounds, the lowest total since the war. The American Brass Co. has marked up prices uniformly 1/4c. per pound, including bare copper wire. It is the first change by the brass companies for over a month. Copper and brass scrap also moved up 1/4c. per pound. In the Middle West copper is said to be selling at 14 1/2c. Exports from New York were 930 tons, bringing the total so far this month to 4,860 tons. Arrivals at New York were 100 tons of ores from South America. Spot standard copper rose 7s. 6d. at London on the 8th to £61 2s. 6d., futures advancing 5s. to £62. Sales were 200 tons of spot and 1,300 tons of future. Electrolytic rose 5s. to £65 for spot and £65 10s. for futures.

**TIN** advanced to a new high for 1925 on a big consumption here and higher London prices. Tinplate makers are working at 85%, or 20% better than other steel men. June deliveries of tin, it is believed, approximate 5,000 tons, or 1,000 tons larger than in June last year. Ninety-nine per cent tin advanced 1/2c. to 56 3/4c. Tin arrivals this month have been: Atlantic ports, 1,700 tons; Pacific ports, 75 tons. Tin afloat is 6,153 tons. In London on the 8th inst. spot standard tin was £1 7s. 6d. higher at £256; futures advanced £1 5s. to £258 5s. Sales were 50 tons of spot and 650 tons of futures. Spot Straits moved up £1 17s. 6d. to £261. Eastern c. i. f. London fell 15s. to £261 on sales of 250 tons.

**LEAD** has been in good demand at 8 1/4c. at the chief Eastern points. In the New York district the price has been 8c. with less business than recently. At East St. Louis 8c. was quoted.

**ZINC** has been in only moderate demand at a rise of \$1 a ton. Galvanized and brass manufacturers have been in no hurry to buy at the rise. Exporters were bidding, however. East St. Louis quotes \$7 15 to \$7 20. Galvanized sheets were firm. Zinc rose 3s. 9d. at London on the 8th inst. to £34 11s. 3d. for spot and £34 3s. 9d. for futures. Sales were 400 tons of spot and 1,500 tons of futures.

**STEEL**, after three months of conservative and declining output, is, to all appearance as a rule, as quite as ever. The statistical position is better. That is the inevitable result of curtailment. Production fell off in June 7% as compared with May. Talk is heard to the effect that July will prove to be the turning point. That remains to be seen. The steel business could stand a sharp turn to the right. Some report an increase in new orders and June sales of the heavier products did increase over those for May. But in general trade lacks real life. The U. S. Steel Corporation is operating 65%, against 70% last week, owing to the usual midsummer shutdowns, for repairs and inventories. For two years past July sales have exceeded those for June, and it is hoped that this will be the case this year.

**PIG IRON** was dull and more or less irregular. Southern quotations are said to have fallen 50c. to \$18 50, and this price not uniformly bid. The composite price is therefore down to \$18 96, against \$19 13 last week. Eastern Pennsylvania is nominally \$20 to \$20 50 and Buffalo \$19 to \$19 50 with the higher prices obtainable only for small lots. Rumors are current that \$19 is shaded by Buffalo. There are reports that New York is buying a little more freely with some business with Connecticut and New Jersey. But, as a rule, there is little or no snap to the iron business. Coke has been in somewhat better demand; foundry, \$4 25 to \$4 75 for ordinary brands at Connellsville.

**WOOL** was in the main quiet early in the week and not remarkably steady awaiting the opening of the London sales on July 7th of 120,000 bales. There are 501,000 bales of unsold old wool in Australia. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from January 1 1925 to July 2 1925 inclusive were 80,855,000 lbs. against 86,675,000 lbs. for the same period last year. The receipts from January 1 1925 to July 2 1925 inclusive were 161,552,600 lbs. for the same period last year. Boston quotations:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine, unwashed 52 to 53c.; 1/2-blood combing, 54 to 55c.; 3/4-blood combing, 53 to 54c.; fine unwashed 47 to 48c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine, unwashed 52 to 53c.; 1/2-blood combing, 50 to 51c.; 3/4-blood combing, 52 to 53c.; 1/4-blood combing, 50 to 51c.; fine unwashed, 44 to 45c. Wisconsin Missouri and average New England 1/2-blood, 48 to 49c.; 3/4-blood, 50c.; 1/4-blood, 49c. Scoured basis: Texas, fine 12 months (selected) \$1 35; fine eight months, \$1 20 to \$1 25; California Northern, \$1 25 to \$1 30; Middle County, \$1 10 to \$1 15.

Southern, \$1 05 to \$1 10. Oregon, Eastern No. 1 staple, \$1 30 to \$1 35; fine and fine medium combing, \$1 20 to \$1 25; Eastern clothing, \$1 05 to \$1 10; Valley No. 1, \$1 105 to \$1 10. Valley No. 1 Territory: Montana and similar fine staple choice, \$1 35 to \$1 38; 1/2-blood combing, \$1 15 to \$1 20; 3/4-blood combing, \$1 00 to \$1 02; 1/4-blood combing, 90c. to 2c. Pulled delaine, \$1 35 to \$1 38; AA, \$1 30 to \$1 35; A supers, \$1 15 to \$1 20. Mohairs: Best combing, 75c. to 80c.; best carding 65 to 70c.

Later reports said that prices were steady, with 45c. paid for half-blood clips in Montana, 36c. for average Utah clips and 46c. to 47c. in California for the best northern clips. In London on July 7 the fourth series of wool auctions of 1925 began with a good attendance. Offerings 10,740 bales, and all sold. Fine merinos were unchanged to 5% above the closing rates of the last auction. Medium and inferior merinos were quiet and in only moderate supply. Crossbreds and the lower grades declined. In London on July 8 an excellent selection amounting to 10,500 bales was offered. Attendance was large. Demand increased. Fine merinos sold as high as 4s. 6d.; medium merinos were irregular. Crossbreds were steady and unchanged. On the whole the sales do not appear to be turning out so badly. In London on July 9 10,500 bales were offered and mostly sold. Demand increased, especially for fine merinos; they touched 54d. Crossbreds steady. Inferior grades dull, with frequent withdrawals. Best Capes around 27 1/2. Details:

New South Wales, 936 bales: Scoured merino, 30 to 48; crossbreds 20 to 37; greasy merinos, 19 to 36; crossbreds, 13 to 24c.; Queensland crossbreds, 30 to 45; greasy merinos, 22 to 37; crossbreds, 14 to 22c. New Zealand, 3,965 bales: scoured crossbreds, 14 to 39 1/2c.; greasy merinos, 15 to 30c.; crossbreds, 12 to 23c. Cape Colony, 1,044 bales: Scoured merinos, 30 to 44c.; crossbreds, 22 to 36c.; greasy merinos, 14 to 22 1/2c.; crossbreds, 12 to 19 1/2c.

London cabled that the dispute over wages in the wool textile trade there had taken on a serious phase. The National Operatives' Association will fight any cut in wages. Nearly 250,000 operatives would be affected if serious trouble should come. A sale will probably be held in Brisbane on July 14 and 15, with an offering of 25,000 bales. Recently Buenos Aires was active at advancing prices. Montevideo firm and fairly active. Buying at country points in the West active. From 46c. to 47c. seems to be about an average price in Michigan for medium clips. Ohio reports average prices as about 52c. to 53c.

**COTTON.**

Friday Night, July 10 1925.

**THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP**, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 18,245 bales, against 18,514 bales last week and 14,161 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1924 9,109,260 bales, against 6,634,085 bales for the same period of 1923-24, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1924 of 2,475,175 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total
Galveston.....	806	---	1,279	879	420	337	3,721
Houston.....	---	---	---	185	2,185	2,001	6,521
New Orleans.....	593	41	1,494	848	103	106	3,185
Mobile.....	---	---	---	47	17	---	64
Savannah.....	---	39	351	98	240	696	1,424
Charleston.....	---	341	749	534	299	402	2,325
Wilmington.....	---	3	8	---	14	---	25
Norfolk.....	---	257	25	43	59	301	685
Boston.....	---	---	---	18	---	---	18
Baltimore.....	---	---	---	---	---	277	277
Totals this week..	1,399	681	4,091	4,652	3,153	4,269	18,245

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 10	1924-25.		1923-24.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1923.	1925.	1924.
Galveston.....	3,721	3,623,689	1,482	2,824,907	61,677	36,647
Texas City.....	---	61,981	---	18,606	---	19
Houston.....	6,521	1,837,046	382	1,066,415	---	---
Port Arthur, &c. New Orleans.....	3,185	1,901,677	8,763	1,345,566	78,882	60,590
Mobile.....	64	151,465	---	83,565	1,129	1,364
Pensacola.....	---	10,104	3,692	11,521	---	---
Jacksonville.....	---	3,854	25	4,252	224	1,779
Savannah.....	1,424	620,295	2,311	441,954	11,909	31,238
Brunswick.....	---	539	---	944	---	---
Charleston.....	2,325	276,240	1,155	192,150	9,815	13,352
Georgetown.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington.....	25	135,391	82	134,181	6,875	2,035
Norfolk.....	685	389,104	2,044	418,623	27,428	30,722
N'port News, &c. New York.....	---	23,727	250	17,636	117,315	41,459
Boston.....	18	38,501	475	43,735	1,146	4,504
Baltimore.....	277	34,602	509	28,698	1,313	1,341
Philadelphia.....	---	1,045	7	1,313	3,655	3,426
Totals.....	18,245	9,109,260	21,177	6,634,085	321,362	228,476

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.....	3,721	1,482	2,722	16,397	40,150	3,376
Houston &c.....	6,521	382	---	58	1,489	160
New Orleans.....	3,185	8,763	4,831	13,108	15,437	14,453
Mobile.....	64	3,692	170	672	2,201	448
Savannah.....	1,424	2,311	4,397	4,282	15,020	1,979
Brunswick.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston.....	2,325	1,155	3,042	2,178	778	144
Wilmington.....	25	82	2,957	362	2,899	121
Norfolk.....	685	2,044	839	1,203	3,710	1,283
N'port N., &c. All others.....	---	---	---	---	16	38
Total this wk.	18,245	21,177	20,125	41,564	83,955	23,481
Since Aug. 1..	9,109,260	6,634,085	5,683,145	6,018,381	6,516,265	6,764,802



The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 30,045 bales, of which 4,919 were to Great Britain, 7,496 to France, 7,510 to Germany, 7,130 to Italy, and 2,990 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 49,810 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,905,580 bales, against 5,480,844 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended July 10 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	1,157	900	3,450				1,427	6,934
Houston	2,185	2,001		2,150				6,336
New Orleans	216	2,425	2,791	780			859	7,071
Mobile	299							299
Wilmington				4,200				4,200
Norfolk	400							400
New York	662	2,170	1,269				704	4,805
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>7,496</b>	<b>7,510</b>	<b>7,130</b>			<b>2,990</b>	<b>30,045</b>
Total 1924	2,787	1,393	10,468	13,623	18,945		2,594	49,810
Total 1923	2,041	1,930	12,059	903		1,100	1,454	19,487

From Aug 1 1924 to July 10 1925. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	749,095	423,410	590,512	270,500	33,250	334,112	422,838	2,823,717
Houston	553,666	328,554	427,299	158,372	77,325	99,528	147,609	1,792,353
Texas City	8,760		8,034	415				16,794
New Orleans	474,690	90,522	236,944	188,204	105,836	136,615	121,772	1,354,533
Mobile	42,137	1,308	34,908				1,818	80,586
Jacksonville	1,561		65				132	1,758
Pensacola	6,588	415	1,145	42			300	8,490
Savannah	203,582	8,331	219,505	6,820		24,600	11,185	474,523
Charleston	100,257	386	89,025			28,900	19,304	227,872
Wilmington	36,866		42,347	29,000				108,213
Norfolk	122,245	435	117,446			4,000	2,500	246,626
New York	159,592	40,657	106,498	53,009		35,269	68,123	463,148
Boston	5,919		193	100			7,323	13,535
Baltimore	3	100		218				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 Fran						111,957	5	111,962
Seattle						83,959	152	84,111
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,532,405</b>	<b>895,970</b>	<b>1,874,357</b>	<b>706,870</b>	<b>216,411</b>	<b>375,284</b>	<b>804,283</b>	<b>7,905,580</b>
Tot. 1923-24	1,668,000	712,625	1,284,352	524,280	136,020	574,936	580,631	5,480,844
Tot. 1922-23	1,283,175	612,612	926,458	471,219		290,623	219,562	4,479,594

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 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 10 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'n't.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	1,450	2,700	5,000	10,600	1,200	40,727
New Orleans	1,436		1,567	10,212	168	65,499
Savannah	500		3,500			7,909
Charleston					519	9,296
Mobile	135					985
Norfolk						27,428
Other ports *	2,000		2,000	1,000	500	125,031
<b>Total 1925</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>12,067</b>	<b>21,812</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>276,875</b>
Total 1924	8,926	5,315	4,250	22,062	1,650	186,273
Total 1923	6,708	5,571	5,029	8,525	1,153	244,743

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been more active at sharply rising prices. Concentrated buying in two days early in the week was estimated at between 75,000 and 100,000 bales, said to have been done by powerful interests in Wall Street, uptown, Chicago and the South. Prices rose in a few days some 140 points, mainly on drought in Texas and scarcity of contracts. In other words, the drought has not been broken. The central and southern parts of that State have been practically as dry as ever. The plant in those sections is said to be steadily deteriorating. In the Rio Grande Valley weevil and army worms, it seems, are doing considerable damage. This aroused fears for the eastern belt. In Texas a tract which produces 2,500,000 bales is believed to be seriously endangered by the drought of nearly a year's duration. In some parts of Texas the plant is blooming prematurely as usual in such weather conditions. The weekly report made it plain that any rains that have fallen have been ineffectual; they were too scanty. Clearly, Texas needs copious rains. Even the northern parts of that State are beginning to suffer for rain. And so with Oklahoma. That State has been doing well until now. The cotton there has not yet been seriously damaged by the dry weather, but already it looks poor on the uplands, while on bottom lands it is doing no more than fairly. In Georgia, except in the southern part of the State, progress has been slow and there is some premature blooming. Parts of Georgia need rain, though in others there may have been rather too much. Certainly the danger of weevil has been discussed in some quarters as a possibility. Parts of Mississippi badly need rain. Nor has Louisiana had enough, especially in the northwest. North Carolina needs rain in the west. Meantime the plant the belt over faces the critical months of July and August. It is almost always a

stern test. Usually there is deterioration in that period more or less marked. It is a fact, too, that there are those who think that the recent Bureau report put the condition of the crop, the acreage and the size of the yield too high. They assert that the total crop so far from reaching 14,339,000 bales, is more likely to fall below 14,000,000. Texas was put at 4,273,000, which, indeed, was nearly 700,000 bales less than the last crop there. Some are strongly inclined to think that Texas will raise 1,000,000 bales less than in 1924-25 unless the great drought is speedily and very effectually relieved. Meanwhile the spot markets have been steadily rising. Curiously enough, Southern points have been trying to buy the better grades at New Bedford. Exports have died down very noticeably, but the total for all that is steadily rising and is well above 8,000,000 bales, or much the largest for years past.

Liverpool prices have on the whole acted strong, and Liverpool has at times bought here on a rather large scale. Japanese interests have also been credited with buying quite freely. Manchester on the whole sent unfavorable reports early in the week as to the condition of its trade, but on the other hand the forwardings from Liverpool continue to be on a large scale, far larger than for some years past. New Orleans, moreover, has bought heavily enough at times to attract attention. And naturally, the strong statistical position of the old crop is not entirely forgotten, even though for the most part the trade is preoccupied with considerations in regard to the new one. It is feared that the carry-over will be too small for safety for the third time in succession. If that proves to be so, it will, of course, give added point to a highly interesting crop situation. Even though the acreage exceeds anything ever before known, it is a truism in cotton raising that it is not acreage alone that makes the crop. In the long run the weather largely decides its size. Meanwhile the noteworthy scarcity of contracts is one of the outstanding factors of the situation here. That alone had much to do with the marked advance in prices. There are few or no hedges at this time of year to help replenish the supply. At the same time there has been no big and widespread long interest to draw upon. There will be no great amount of hedge selling here, it is believed, for six weeks to come, and perhaps longer. Recently the bulk of the supply of contracts had to come from short sellers. But now there is plainly less disposition to sell short. The long account has latterly increased in certain directions, but there is no heavy and scattered long interest, and this fact accounts largely for the sudden and sharp upturns from time to time when shorts attempt to cover on drought or other bullish news.

On the other hand, prices have advanced some \$11.75 a bale from the low of June 2 and \$7 from that of July 3. That was considered a pretty sharp rise and the technical position became weaker. On the big advance not a little of the short interest had been eliminated. The long interest has increased, though in general the outside public still held aloof, preoccupied with its trading in stocks, grain, etc. Neither Worth Street nor Fall River reported much improvement in business. Manchester reports were contradictory. Some were good; others bad. Some said the demand for cloths was better and that yarns were steadier; others that both were dull. At Shanghai the cotton exchanges have closed owing to political and labor troubles. Some weevil reports from the Carolinas were contradicted. The last weekly report laid no stress on the weevil. Meantime it is a weather market. Good rains in Texas would give that State a very different look. Some look for rains there over Sunday. Liverpool has latterly been weaker and has sold here. Spinners have, it seems, in some cases been reselling raw cotton there. Its spot sales have dropped to 4,000 bales. Speculation here has latterly been narrow. Wall Street has been the chief buyer. The South has sold. The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe RR. was said to have issued a report stating that despite the drought Texas would raise the largest cotton crop in its history. Though weevil is said to be widely prevalent in the eastern belt, it is agreed that as yet it has done no serious damage. Prices gave way on Thursday on profit-taking, despite the continuance of the Texas and Oklahoma drought, temperatures there of 100 to 112 and in Oklahoma of 100 to 107 and what many regarded as the slim chance of any rain occurring there over Sunday. The market had apparently become a trifle overbought.

To-day prices were irregular, advancing early in the day and then falling some 40 to 48 points when the forecast pointed to rains in Texas. Also, there was more or less selling by Liverpool and the South and local interests. The cables were rather indifferent. Speculation was not active. But on the decline there was more or less covering, as the official reports for the day did not show that the Texas drought had been at all relieved. It is also very dry in Oklahoma. In both States temperatures were 100 to 110 degrees. Fall River was more active. Manchester reported a better demand. Worth Street seemed rather firmer. Towards the close there was a rally which left prices only 5 to 9 points lower for the day. Last prices show a rise for the week of some 60 to 70 points. Spot cotton ended at 24.30c., an advance for the week of 50 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

July 3 to July 10—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	Hol.	23.90	24.25	24.65	24.30	24.30

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and rows for various months (July to June) showing price ranges and closing prices.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending July 10 1925 and since trading began on each option.

Table with columns for 'Option for', 'Range for Week', and 'Range Since Beginning of Option' for various months from July 1925 to June 1926.

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.

Large table showing visible supply of cotton in bales, categorized by region (Total Great Britain, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, etc.) and by month/year.

Continental imports for past week have been 86,000 bales. The above figures for 1925 show a decrease from last week of 157,636 bales, a gain of 382,498 from 1924, an increase of 536,145 bales from 1923, and a falling off of 1,402,898 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:

Table comparing 'Movement to July 10 1925' and 'Movement to July 11 1924' for various towns, including Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 18,330 bales and are to-night 48,388 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 306 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing quotations for middling upland at New York from 1925 back to 1918, listing prices for different months.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table showing market and sales data for HOLIDAY week, including Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and Sales (Spot, Contr't, Total).

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:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1924-25 and 1923-24, categorized by route (July 10 Shipped, etc.)

Total to be deducted... Leaving total net overland \*... \* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 4,865 bales, against 9,091 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 195,452 bales.

Table showing 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings' for 1924-25 and 1923-24, including receipts at ports to July 10.

Total marketed... Interior stocks in excess... Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to June 1...

North, spinners' takings to July 11... \* Decrease.

Table showing 'Movement into sight in previous years' from 1923 to July 13, listing bales and dates.

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 10.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, July 4.	Monday, July 6.	Tuesday, July 7.	Wed. day, July 8.	Thurs'day, July 9.	Friday, July 10.
Galveston	24.05	24.45	24.85	24.65	24.55	24.55
New Orleans	23.15	23.55	23.95	23.75	23.65	23.65
Mobile	23.20	23.60	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
Savannah	23.85	24.22	24.66	24.44	24.40	24.40
Norfolk	24.13	24.50	24.78	24.50	24.63	24.63
Baltimore	24.00	24.25	24.25	24.90	24.75	24.75
Augusta	24.25	24.63	24.94	24.63	24.56	24.56
Memphis	23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75
Houston	23.90	24.25	24.65	24.40	24.40	24.40
Little Rock	24.12	24.38	24.50	24.50	24.38	24.38
Dallas	23.85	24.20	24.65	24.25	24.20	24.20
Fort Worth	23.75	24.10	24.50	24.15	24.15	24.15

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

	Saturday, July 4.	Monday, July 6.	Tuesday, July 7.	Wednesday, July 8.	Thursday, July 9.	Friday, July 10.
July	22.66	bid	23.25	23.60-23.62	23.35-23.40	23.29
August						
September						
October						
November	22.64-22.65	22.98-23.05	23.45-23.50	23.20-23.25	23.12-23.17	
December						
January	HOLI-DAY	22.80-22.81	23.14-23.20	23.63-23.68	23.37-23.41	23.29-23.32
February		22.86-22.87	23.23-23.24	23.70	23.40	23.30-23.32
March						
April	23.04-23.09	23.40	bid	23.90	23.55	23.50
May						
June	23.19	bid	23.60	bid	23.65	bid
Spot		Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options		Steady	Steady	Barely st'y	Steady	Steady

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON REPORT.—The Department of Agriculture of North Carolina issued on July 6th its cotton report as of June 25. The report in part follows:

North Carolina cotton condition, at 77% of normal, improved 3% from May 25th to June 25th, according to the report released at 11 a. m. July 2nd by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Crop Reporting Board. The present condition compares with 74% a month ago and 73% at this date a year ago.

A normal of 100% condition at this time would have indicated a yield of 300 pounds lint per acre in North Carolina. However, with a condition of 77%, and without consideration of later weather or insect damage to the crop, the present report indicates a prospective yield of 231 pounds of lint per acre. This does not take into consideration the almost certain damage to the crop later from boll weevil.

Last year at the same time, 2,099,000 acres were under cultivation, of which three per cent was later abandoned. The acreage under cultivation indicated at present is 2,183,000 or 4% more than was planted last year. With the prospective yield of 231 pounds per acre and not discounting almost certain boll weevil damages, these figures indicate a crop of 1,015,000 bales for this year. This is too early to rely on cotton estimates.

Influences that have affected cotton in North Carolina during June were weather, cultivation, moisture, temperature, insects and stands. The weather, with a few local exceptions, has been ideal for cotton and the plant has practically made its start since June 1st. Fields are well-cultivated. Though rather dry in the southern counties and too wet in the northern counties, the average is very favorable for the crop. Root lice have been abundant, especially in the northeastern counties where damages by them have been excessive. Stands average from poor to fair. However, good crop growth is evident everywhere in the state.

GEORGIA COTTON REPORT.—The Department of Agriculture of Atlanta, Georgia issued on July 2nd its report on the cotton crop of that state. Below is the report in part.

A come-back in Georgia agriculture is due, according to the official cotton report issued today by the local statistician of the Georgia Co-operative Crop Reporting Service. An increase of about 15% in cotton acreage over 1924 is indicated, bringing the acreage for the current year up to 3,564,000 acres. Land has been planted in cotton that has been idle for several years—since the coming of the weevil. Also, about 13% more fertilizer was used this year than in 1924.

A condition figure of 76.3% of normal (as of June 25th) is reported, which shows a prospect of about 120 pounds of lint cotton per acre, provided conditions are average during the remainder of the season,—as against 157 pounds per acre last year, less than 100 pounds in 1923, and about 190 pounds in pre-weevil years.

A decline in condition since last month is noted in the dry areas of the northern half of the state, and applies largely to the very small late cotton in those sections that came to a late poor stand under droughty conditions. Where the plant did not become firmly established before the very dry season set in, it has not made satisfactory growth, or any growth at all in many instances. Early planted cotton in this section of the state has improved during the month in spite of extremely dry conditions, is fruiting fairly well, and blooms are appearing in part of the area. A general rain, however, is needed on all cotton in northern Georgia.

In most of southern Georgia cotton has made splendid progress, and averages reported by correspondents are approximately the same as last month. Cotton has been blooming in this area since early June. Weevils are becoming more numerous, particularly in those sections receiving frequent showers. Much heavier weevil infestation is noticed across the southern half of the state, and extending upward on the eastern side into lower northern Georgia. However, the crop is several days earlier than last year, and if other factors affecting production turn out favorably, a fair crop should be made in spite of the pest.

PROCTER & GAMBLE COTTON REPORT.—We give below a summary of the Procter & Gamble cotton report, just issued:

The condition of the cotton States' belt is away above last year and somewhat better than the ten-year average, according to the Procter & Gamble cotton report just issued. The report states that the outlook continues promising and with the exception of the drought affected section in Texas, weather conditions have been, on the whole, favorable during the period of this report. Temperatures have been generally above normal. Rainfall has been confined to light or moderate showers, general in a few sections but mostly scattered. Good rains would now be beneficial in many sections and are badly needed in Texas.

Fields have been kept in an unusually high state of cultivation over the entire belt. Early cotton has continued to make seasonable progress and shows very good stands. Late cotton, while still more or less irregular as to size, is generally of good color and has responded exceptionally well to the favorable weather influences. Of course, south central Texas is the exception. Squares are becoming more general over the northern part of the belt, with bolls general over the South; the plant is taking fruit in the extreme South.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that although there have been numerous local showers during the week, many localities are still too dry. General rains are needed in Texas and Oklahoma. Generally, cotton has made good progress in all parts of the belt with the exception of those localities that are in need of rain.

Texas.—Showers in this State have been light and mostly ineffective. Cotton continues to deteriorate in the central and southern portions of this State with the plants small and developing prematurely.

Mobile, Ala.—There have been light to copious showers over the cotton district. Young cotton is blooming and fruiting nicely. Open bolls are numerous on early cotton. High temperatures have checked weevils.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Texas	1 day	0.12 in.	high 89 low 76 mean 83
Abilene	2 days	0.12 in.	high 100 low 70 mean 85
Brenham	1 day	0.03 in.	high 102 low 73 mean 88
Brownsville		dry	high 94 low 74 mean 84
Corpus Christi	1 day	0.04 in.	high 92 low 76 mean 84
Dallas	2 days	1.12 in.	high 101 low 76 mean 89
Henrietta	1 day	0.70 in.	high 106 low 70 mean 86
Kermit		dry	high 101 low 67 mean 84
Lampasas		dry	high 104 low 69 mean 87
Longview	1 day	1.02 in.	high 100 low 71 mean 86
Luling	1 day	0.02 in.	high 103 low 70 mean 87
Nacogdoches	2 days	0.48 in.	high 96 low 70 mean 83
Palestine		dry	high 98 low 74 mean 86
Paris	1 day	0.13 in.	high 104 low 73 mean 89
San Antonio	1 day	0.18 in.	high 100 low 74 mean 87
Taylor		dry	high 98 low 74 mean 87
Weatherford	2 days	1.38 in.	high 98 low 70 mean 84
Atmore, Okla.	3 days	0.30 in.	high 105 low 71 mean 88
Altus	1 day	0.85 in.	high 102 low 66 mean 87
Muskogee	3 days	0.91 in.	high 101 low 70 mean 86
Oklahoma City	3 days	0.18 in.	high 101 low 70 mean 86
Brinkley, Ark.	3 days	0.55 in.	high 101 low 70 mean 86
Eldorado	2 days	0.92 in.	high 101 low 72 mean 87
Little Rock	4 days	1.06 in.	high 97 low 72 mean 85
Pine Bluff	3 days	0.60 in.	high 101 low 67 mean 84
Alexandria, La.		dry	high 100 low 72 mean 86
Amite	1 day	1.96 in.	high 96 low 68 mean 82
Shreveport	1 day	0.04 in.	high 101 low 74 mean 87
Okolona, Miss.		dry	high 105 low 69 mean 87
Columbus	2 days	0.47 in.	high 104 low 71 mean 88
Greenwood	2 days	0.25 in.	high 102 low 72 mean 87
Vicksburg	1 day	0.02 in.	high 94 low 71 mean 83
Mobile, Ala.	2 days	3.68 in.	high 92 low 72 mean 83
New Orleans	4 days	1.06 in.	high 92 low 69 mean 83
Decatur	5 days	0.51 in.	high 103 low 71 mean 87
Montgomery	4 days	1.67 in.	high 99 low 67 mean 83
Selma	4 days	1.60 in.	high 99 low 70 mean 83
Gainesville, Fla.	2 days	0.53 in.	high 96 low 68 mean 82
Madison	4 days	2.76 in.	high 97 low 70 mean 84
Savannah, Ga.	3 days	0.76 in.	high 98 low 71 mean 84
Athens	2 days	0.90 in.	high 108 low 68 mean 88
Augusta	2 days	1.20 in.	high 101 low 70 mean 86
Columbus	5 days	1.39 in.	high 103 low 70 mean 87
Charleston, S. O.	1 day	0.74 in.	high 93 low 74 mean 84
Greenwood	1 day	0.51 in.	high 99 low 68 mean 84
Columbia	2 days	1.49 in.	high 99 low 72 mean 87
Conway		dry	high 97 low 69 mean 83
Charlottesville, N. C.	2 days	0.10 in.	high 96 low 69 mean 83
Newbern	2 days	0.04 in.	high 96 low 70 mean 83
Weldon		dry	high 99 low 69 mean 84
Memphis, Tenn.		dry	high 98 low 74 mean 86

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.									
17.	74,512	69,435	34,681	630,689	517,534	631,756	10,304	31,427	67
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	25,060	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	5,214
19.	39,633	49,228	30,728	249,315	263,651	369,047	3,256	20,752	9,450
26.	14,161	35,721	29,371	234,869	286,786	348,278	nil	18,559	8,040
July									
3.	18,514	21,783	24,472	213,754	256,315	331,666	nil	11,309	8,662
10.	18,245	21,177	20,125	195,424	243,812	312,912	nil	11,309	1,672

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 5,263,327 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 18,245 bales, the actual movement from plantations was nil bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 18,330 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1923 they were 1,672 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 July 3	2,969,422		2,624,543	
Visible supply Aug. 1		2,190,493		2,024,671
American in sight to July 10	89,780	14,811,889	75,765	11,524,033
Bombay receipts to July 9	27,000	3,487,000	13,000	3,288,000
Other India ship'ts to July 9	17,000	591,000	10,000	634,000
Alexandria receipts to July 8	---	1,415,800	800	1,278,800
Other supply to July 8	8,000	490,000	5,000	417,000
Total supply	3,111,202	22,986,182	2,729,108	19,166,504
Deduct				
Visible supply July 10	2,811,786	2,811,786	2,429,288	2,429,288
Total takings to July 10	299,416	20,174,396	299,820	16,737,216
Of which American	218,416	14,355,596	207,020	11,313,416
Of which other	81,000	5,818,800	92,800	5,423,800

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.  
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,315,000 bales in 1924-25 and 4,031,000 bales in 1923-24—

takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners. 15,859,396 bales in 1924-25 and 12,706,216 bales in 1923-24, of which 10,040,596 bales and 7,282,416 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with columns for Receipts at (July 9, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23) and Exports from (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total) for Bombay, Other India, and Total all-India.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 14,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 35,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1, show a decrease of 121,000 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.

Table for Alexandria, Egypt, July 8, showing Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales) for 1924-25, 1923-24, and 1922-23.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 8 were 11 cantars and the foreign shipments 10,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for both home trade and foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table showing Manchester market prices for 1925 and 1924, including categories like 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 lbs. Shrinkings, and Cot's Mid. Upl's.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 30,045 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table of shipping news listing destinations (NEW YORK, GALVESTON, HOUSTON, MOBILE, NORFOLK, WILMINGTON) and dates for various vessels.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table of cotton freight rates from New York to various ports including Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, and Oslo.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing Liverpool market statistics for the week of July 19-23, including Sales of the week, Actual exports, Forwarded, Total stock, Total imports, and Amount afloat.

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:

Table of Liverpool spot and futures prices for Saturday through Friday, including Market and Futures Market information.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices at Liverpool for July 4 to July 10, 1925, showing prices for various months.

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, July 10 1925.

Flour was lower early in the week by 25c. a barrel on hard winter patents and straights, while rye flour was marked down 50c. And even those prices failed to stimulate trade. Receipts of new wheat are increasing, and this fact gave rise to hopes of lower prices for flour as well as wheat.

Wheat advanced early in the week, with export sales of 500,000 bushels, Liverpool up 1d. to 1 1/2d., and Buenos Aires 2c. The American visible supply decreased last week no less than 2,470,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of only 1,970,000 bushels.

were lower. The weather was rather favorable at the Northwest. There was some increase in rust complaints from there, however. But the market was overbought. Many expected a bearish Government spring wheat report. Russia was reported to have sold another cargo to Italy. The Alberta crop was put at 93,000,000 bushels, compared with 61,000,000 bushels last year and 164,000,000 bushels two years ago. The week's Argentine exports were 1,169,000 bushels. Western receipts were rather liberal, but cash wheat was steady and Kansas City wheat stocks increased only 65,000 bushels so far this week. A car of new No. 1 hard wheat at Chicago sold at 5c. over July. The Armour Grain Co., largest unit in the co-operative marketing venture of the grain marketing company, moved on July 8 to re-enter the trading on the Chicago Board of Trade in its old name. St. Paul, Minn., wired July 8: "Secretary of Agriculture Jardine declared at a co-operative conference here that if the Chicago Board of Trade does not oust the clique of 'gamblers and scalpers now in control' it will have to go out of business. 'The right thinking members of the Chicago Board are with us in this, but they are not now in control,' he said." To-day prices declined 2½c. and with some irregularity. The cables are lower and the Government report was better than expected. Spring wheat was estimated at 276,000,000 bushels, against 282,636,000 last year and 225,422,000 bushels in 1923; winter, 404,000,000, against 590,037,000 last year; total spring and winter, 680,000,000, against 872,673,000 last year. Export sales to-day were 500,000 to 600,000 bushels. Greece took a cargo of hard wheat for nearby delivery at Baltimore. Baltimore hard wheat was 20c. over July. At one time there was a rally on reports of rust, moderate receipts and a fair export demand. But there was no broad speculation. Opinions on the market were divided quite sharply. Warmer weather was forecast. Russia was said to be offering August, September and October wheat. That hurt the market. Nobody for the moment paid any attention to the prospective decrease in American foodstuffs. Final prices showed a rise, however, for the week of about 3 cents.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
			181½	175¼	173½	172¾	170¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator....	day		143¼	147¾	149½	148¾	146½
December delivery in elevator....			143¼	146¾	145¾	144½	142½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery in elevator....			154¾	158¼	159¼	159¼	158
December delivery in elevator....			131¾	134¼	134¼	133	131¾

Indian corn declined for a time under liquidation with good growing weather in the belt, hot though it be, and many operators selling at least for a turn. But wheat's strength reined up the decline in corn on the 6th inst. Also, the American visible supply decreased last week 1,927,000 bushels, against 1,137,000 a year ago. The total is still 13,094,000 bushels, against 7,142,000 at this time last year, but the sharp falling off which these figures show excited comment, especially as there was a similarly pronounced decrease in oats. Prices took an upward turn on the 7th, despite a very promising crop outlook and a certain amount of liquidation. Later the small receipts dominated the market. Good crop news fell flat. Chicago received only 11 cars. That is much less than the daily consumption there. Outside markets were somewhat higher than the Chicago level. That was suggestive. The country offerings were small. The cash demand was excellent. December, to be sure, felt the influence of the good crop outlook. Some, indeed, sold distant months against purchases of nearby months. The stress was on the strong cash situation, the light crop movement and precautionary covering, not to mention some buying for long account. On the 9th inst. corn closed at 1½ to 3c. lower, with a less active cash demand. Cash premiums were 1 to 2c. lower. The decline was due mainly to excellent weather conditions and expectations of a big Government crop estimate. Receipts were light, Chicago expecting 20 cars and Omaha receiving none for the first time in years. But much depends on the crop figures, and the possibility of hot weather, which is expected in the Northwest, spreading to other sections. To-day prices advanced 1 to 2½c. Receipts were small. Cash markets were very firm. The weather was hot at the West. The Government estimate of the crop was not quite so large as expected. It was 3,095,000,000, or 650,000,000 bushels more than last year. The condition of the crop is average to excellent. It is 86.4, against 72 a year ago and 84.9 in 1923. Last year the crop was 2,515,000,000 and two years ago 2,877,000,000. The weakness in wheat checked the advance in corn. Yet hogs were up to \$14.20 and No. 2 yellow corn sold at \$1.10. Final prices show an advance for the week of 3 to 4½c. on near months and a drop of ½c. on December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 mixed.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
			116¾	122¼	126¼	124	125½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator....	day		101¾	98¾	102¾	100	102¼
December delivery in elevator....			87½	87¾	87¾	86½	87½

Oats advanced with a decrease in the American visible supply last week no less than 2,005,000 bushels, or nearly quadruple the decrease in the same week last year. It was

then 523,000 bushels. The total, though still large, is down to 33,263,000 bushels, against 4,741,000 bushels a year ago. Export demand was moderate early in the week. On the 6th inst. the total export business was not more than 100,000 bushels. But the firmness at times of other grain was not without its effect. On the 7th inst. prices ended 1 to 2c. higher. They opened listless and ended strong, with a larger market. Export business was good; 650,000 bushels were taken by Europe on the 6th, mostly domestic oats. In Canadian oats there was some export trade. It reached 300,000 bushels. The total on the 6th and 7th, mostly American, was, therefore, nearly 1,000,000 bushels. The weather was not favorable. Receipts were small. Outsiders bought. Oats closed 1c. lower on the 9th under the influence of corn and also because of evening up for the Government report. Receipts were a little larger, though on the whole moderate, but export demand was lacking. To-day prices were lower in a dull market. Receipts were moderate, but the export demand was small. The Government report was in the main considered favorable. The condition on July 1 was 76.3, against 86.9 last year and 83.5 in 1923, however. But the crop, it turns out, is estimated at 1,292,000,000 bushels, against 1,541,900,000 last year, which makes a better showing than was at one time expected. Final prices, however, show a rise for the week of 1 to 1½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
			56	57½	58	57	57

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator....	day		44¼	46¾	46¾	45¾	45½
December delivery in elevator....			45¾	46¾	47	46	45½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery in elevator....			53¾	57¾	56½	55¼	54¾
December delivery in elevator....			47¾	49¾	49¾	48¾	48¼

Rye was quiet but firm in the fore part of the week with the American visible supply down for the week 1,546,000 bushels, against an actual increase in the same week last year of 171,000, a difference of over 1,700,000 bushels. The total "visible" is now only 7,160,000 bushels, against 17,399,000 bushels a year ago. The export demand, however, was not sharp at first. On the 6th inst. the sales to Europe were only 100,000 bushels. On the 7th inst. prices ran up 4 to 5½c. on a sharp demand for export, the sales being fully 300,000 bushels. This, with a fair foreign demand for barley, 1,000,000 bushels of wheat and another 1,000,000 bushels of oats for export, made people think that Europe had to have American grain. The visible supply is steadily disappearing. That fact is commented upon. July led the rise. The weather at the Northwest was good, but cash markets moved up. And rye is called too cheap as compared with wheat. July rye at 98½c. was nearly 50c. under wheat. The discount seemed heavy. It excited comment. Rye on the 9th inst. closed 1¼ to 2c. lower, with less export demand and some profit taking in advance of the Government report. Reports of Russia selling of wheat caused some selling in Chicago. A less satisfactory Government report than last month was expected by some people. To-day prices declined 1½c., as the Government report was better than expected. The yield is put at 54,100,000 bushels, against 53,300,000 last year; barley, 208,000,000 bushels, against 205,000,000 last month; in the Northwest harvesting the rye crop will begin in a few days. The decline in wheat had some effect on rye. But for the week there is an advance of 1½ to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts.	Sat. Hol.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator....	day		93¼	98¾	98¾	97	95½
December delivery in elevator....			97	100¾	100	98¾	97½

Closing quotations were as follows:

Spring patents.....	\$8 10@	\$8 60	Rye flour, patents.....	\$5 75@	\$6 50
Cleats, first spring.....	7 60@	8 10	Seminola No. 3, 1b.....	5¼	
Soft winter straights.....	7 75@	8 25	Oats goods.....	3 05@	3 15
Hard winter straights.....	7 75@	8 25	Corn flour.....	3 00@	3 10
Hard winter patents.....	8 25@	8 50	Barley goods.....		
Hard winter clears.....	7 25@	7 75	Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....	4 50	
Fancy Minn. patents.....	9 35@	10 00	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....	7 50	
City mills.....	9 50@	10 00			

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York:		Oats:	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.....	170¼	No. 2 white.....	57
No. 1 Northern.....	162¼	No. 3 white.....	55
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....	163¼	Rye, New York:	
		No. 2 f.o.b.....	110
Corn:		Barley, New York:	
No. 2 mixed.....	125¼	Malting.....	104 @107
No. 2 yellow.....	126¼		

For other tables usually given here, see page 165.

LARGER WHEAT AND RYE CROPS IN SPAIN THIS YEAR.

—Forecasts of wheat and rye in Spain are above estimates of last year while barley and oats are lower, according to a cablegram received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome and made public on July 6. This says:

The Spanish wheat crop for 1925 is forecast at 129,043,000 bushels, compared with the 1924 estimate of 121,778,000 bushels and the 1923 crop of 157,110,000 bushels.

Rye production is placed at 30,864,000 bushels, against 26,281,000 bushels in 1924 and 28,075,000 bushels in 1923. The barley crop is given as 79,549,000 bushels, compared with the 1924 estimate of 83,700,000, and the 1923 crop, which amounted to 111,861,000 bushels. Oats production is forecast at 28,384,000 bushels, against the 1924 estimate of 30,170,000 bushels and the 1923 production of 40,434,000 bushels.

Condition of Norwegian Crops.—The condition of wheat in Norway as of July 1 is 97% of normal, as compared with 85% last year; rye is 102%, against 89% in 1924; barley 100, compared with 86; oats, 96, against 79; potatoes, 99, compared with 92.

**AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S COMPLETE OFFICIAL REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.**—The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture made public on July 9 its forecasts and estimates of grain crops of the United States as of July 1, based on reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Extension Departments, as follows:

FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Crop.	Acreage 1925.		Condition.				
	% of 1924.	Acres.	July 1				
			1925.	June 1 1925.	July 1 1924.	July 1 1925.	10-yr. Av.
Winter wheat.....	90.1	32,813,000	65.9	66.5	77.9	79.3	
Spring wheat.....	119.2	21,181,000	88.1	87.1	81.9	85.0	
All wheat.....	99.6	53,994,000	73.4	73.2	79.0	81.1	
Corn.....	101.5	106,621,000	86.4	86.4	72.0	83.6	
Oats.....	104.7	44,467,000	76.3	79.6	86.9	84.9	
Barley.....	124.6	8,826,000	81.2	83.1	80.2	85.7	
Rye.....	100.3	4,184,000	76.8	78.6	86.9	84.7	
Flaxseed.....	105.4	3,466,000	81.6	81.6	86.8	84.7	
Rice.....	111.9	998,000	87.0	87.0	91.1	89.3	
Potatoes, white.....	94.3	3,455,000	84.1	84.1	86.3	87.7	
Sweet potatoes.....	108.1	1,014,000	77.2	77.2	81.3	86.2	
Tobacco.....	98.9	1,693,000	79.8	79.8	78.8	82.7	
Hay, tame.....	98.8	60,745,000	72.2	78.6	83.4	85.3	
Hay, wild.....	101.5	15,151,000	78.5	75.4	79.4	85.8	
Hay, all.....	99.4	75,896,000	73.1	78.1	82.9	85.8	
Pasture.....	.....	.....	74.6	78.1	87.6	89.1	
Apples, total crop.....	.....	.....	53.3	63.4	66.5	61.8	
Apples, commercial crop.....	.....	.....	57.7	66.4	65.4	61.8	
Peaches, total crop.....	.....	.....	59.0	62.3	70.2	60.8	
Pears, total crop.....	.....	.....	58.7	63.8	65.2	61.6	
Grapes.....	.....	.....	83.8	83.8	74.8	85.4	
Sorghum for sirup.....	98.3	397,000	76.6	76.6	83.2	84.9	
Peanuts.....	92.3	909,000	81.0	81.0	82.6	84.5	

Crop.	Total Production in Millions.						Yield per Acre.					
	Forecast from Condition. (a)			Harvested.			Forecast from Condition. (a)			Harvested.		
	July 1 1925.	June 1 1925.	1924.	5-yr. Aver.		1924.	July 1 1925.	June 1 1925.	1924.	5-yr. Aver.		1924.
				1920-24	1920-24					1920-24	1920-24	
Winter wheat.....bu.	404	407	590	592	12.3	16.2	14.7					
Spring wheat.....bu.	276	254	283	245	13.0	15.9	12.3					
All wheat.....bu.	680	661	873	837	12.6	16.1	13.9					
Corn.....bu.	3,095	2,437	2,935	29.0	23.2	28.3						
Oats.....bu.	1,292	1,205	1,542	1,328	29.1	36.3	31.3					
Barley.....bu.	203	205	188	182	23.6	26.5	24.5					
Rye.....bu.	54.1	53.3	63.4	70.4	12.9	15.2	14.1					
Flaxseed.....bu.	26.1	---	30.2	15.3	7.5	9.2	8.2					
Rice.....bu.	38.1	---	34.0	39.8	38.1	38.1	39.0					
Potatoes, white.....bu.	350	---	455	418	101.2	124.2	107.8					
Sweet potatoes.....bu.	87.6	---	71.9	96.2	86.4	76.6	94.2					
Tobacco.....lbs.	1,283	---	b1,241	1,331	758	b725	768					
Hay, tame.....tons	78.4	82.5	98.0	91.0	1.29	1.59	1.52					
Hay, wild.....tons	14.2	13.4	14.5	16.2	.94	.97	1.04					
Hay, all.....tons	92.6	95.8	112	107	1.22	1.47	1.42					
Apples, total crop.....bu.	157	---	179	b181	---	---	---					
Apples, com'l crop.....bu.	29.2	---	b28.6	30.4	---	---	---					
Peaches, total crop.....bu.	46.8	47.1	53.1	46.5	---	---	---					
Pears, total crop.....bu.	17.3	17.5	17.1	17.1	---	---	---					
Grapes.....tons	2.35	---	1.78	e2.03	---	---	---					
Sorghum sirup.....gals.	30.9	---	27.3	38.2	77.9	67.7	83.5					
Peanuts.....lbs.	627	---	616	714	689	625	675					

a Interpreted from condition reports. Forecasts increase or decrease with changing conditions during the season. b Revised. c Three-year average 1922-24. \* The amount of WHEAT REMAINING ON FARMS July 1 1925 is estimated at 3.4% of last year's crop, or about 29,705,000 bushels, as compared with 30,980,000 bushels on July 1 1924 and 41,097,000 bushels, the average of stocks of wheat on July 1 for the five years 1920-24.

Details for leading crops in principal producing States follow:

CORN.

State.	Acreage 1925.		Condition July 1.		Production in Thousands of Bushels.				
	Per Cent of 1924.	Acres in Thousands.	1925.	10-yr. Aver.	Forecast		Harvested.		
					1925 (d)		1924.		5-year Average 1920-24.
	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	From July 1 Condition	From July 1 Condition	1924.	5-year Average 1920-24.			
Pennsylvania.....	106	1,640	90	85	73,800	55,692	66,567		
Ohio.....	106	3,869	90	83	161,222	94,960	148,224		
Indiana.....	106	4,879	92	82	197,502	116,916	170,292		
Illinois.....	105	9,634	93	84	369,137	293,600	312,817		
Wisconsin.....	98	2,185	90	83	88,886	57,980	85,279		
Minnesota.....	95	4,286	81	83	140,602	126,336	138,451		
Iowa.....	102	11,102	95	87	469,337	304,752	422,372		
Missouri.....	105	6,890	89	82	217,690	170,612	188,230		
South Dakota.....	102	4,636	88	84	142,789	99,990	118,067		
Nebraska.....	104	8,736	93	86	251,859	203,280	224,198		
Kansas.....	115	6,691	81	81	130,073	130,905	116,176		
Kentucky.....	104	3,363	94	87	101,159	80,850	89,359		
Tennessee.....	102	3,232	86	85	84,498	69,718	81,624		
Texas.....	86	3,956	40	78	40,351	78,200	116,972		
Oklahoma.....	96	2,880	61	83	40,406	65,600	63,324		
U. S. total.....	101.5	106,621	86.4	83.6	3,095,176	2,436,513	2,934,649		

WINTER WHEAT.

State.	Condition July 1.		Production in Thousands of Bushels.				
	1925.	10-yr. Aver.	Forecast		Harvested.		
			1925 (d)		1924.		5-year Average 1920-24.
	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	From July 1 Condition	From July 1 Condition	1924.	5-year Average 1920-24.	
New York.....	80	86	6,956	7,186	6,588	8,251	
Pennsylvania.....	86	88	21,438	21,333	19,850	22,926	
Maryland.....	93	84	9,875	9,198	8,532	9,603	
Virginia.....	86	85	9,941	9,350	9,628	10,120	
Ohio.....	59	82	21,416	19,408	37,313	34,982	
Indiana.....	67	78	24,709	23,354	31,365	28,684	
Illinois.....	68	78	37,705	37,705	34,251	46,697	
Michigan.....	65	81	12,579	14,656	19,888	15,959	
Missouri.....	79	76	30,137	28,465	24,589	34,501	
Nebraska.....	63	79	33,377	33,738	54,483	51,090	
Kansas.....	53	75	74,119	83,909	153,644	126,298	
Texas.....	*6.0	76	4,152	4,708	25,826	18,715	
Oklahoma.....	*8.2	76	24,903	26,558	54,874	45,116	
Montana.....	66	70	3,112	2,467	10,893	8,809	
Colorado.....	55	82	13,530	14,688	15,974	15,904	
Washington.....	82	81	10,002	9,384	19,354	29,292	
Oregon.....	91	87	6,822	6,610	13,035	17,915	
United States total.....	65.9	79.3	403,851	407,156	590,037	591,957	

SPRING WHEAT.

State.	86	88	24,368	23,272	34,313	26,044
Minnesota.....	86	88	24,368	23,272	34,313	26,044
North Dakota.....	89	84	103,884	95,081	134,618	98,728
South Dakota.....	84	89	27,103	21,978	33,018	29,584
Montana.....	89	79	43,982	39,088	40,775	34,033
Idaho.....	99	87	18,444	17,940	12,180	15,862
Washington.....	86	77	28,483	28,616	7,946	14,814
United States total.....	88.1	85.0	275,739	253,729	282,636	245,159

OATS.

State.	86	86	33,693	34,332	34,056	32,851
New York.....	86	86	33,693	34,332	34,056	32,851
Pennsylvania.....	78	90	34,205	39,380	37,080	38,653
Ohio.....	75	84	62,530	66,255	64,657	52,084
Indiana.....	65	84	56,005	55,246	70,034	54,623
Illinois.....	68	85	127,728	129,836	163,680	140,345
Michigan.....	59	83	38,997	49,645	67,200	50,787
Wisconsin.....	89	90	100,406	94,817	103,600	93,832
Minnesota.....	85	89	149,940	142,443	193,500	153,986
Iowa.....	81	88	203,129	196,072	248,282	145,990
Missouri.....	80	83	43,529	43,911	41,745	39,381
North Dakota.....	87	85	68,600	65,556	93,364	67,283
South Dakota.....	80	90	76,320	67,654	98,050	76,906
Nebraska.....	73	84	69,113	73,938	76,136	73,277
Kansas.....	64	75	41,245	45,617	39,806	41,299
Texas.....	*12.3	76	13,259	21,189	48,892	38,509
Oklahoma.....	*22.0	72	31,042	32,199	38,880	36,526
Montana.....	91	80	24,015	21,896	19,854	17,948
United States total.....	76.3	84.9	1,292,101	1,295,456	1,541,900	1,327,642

BARLEY.

State.	85	85	7,069	7,437	6,900	4,870
New York.....	85	85	7,069	7,437	6,900	4,870
Illinois.....	84	90	7,129	7,170	7,781	6,016
Michigan.....	80	85	3,078	3,818	4,743	4,414
Wisconsin.....	85	90	15,179	13,832	13,536	13,513
Minnesota.....	85	89	25,077	24,567	29,248	23,687
Iowa.....	85	91	5,494	5,245	4,710	4,393
North Dakota.....	87	85	32,416	30,294	35,100	23,839
South Dakota.....	85	90	22,055	18,119	22,428	21,491
Nebraska.....	75	85	5,925	6,275	6,275	6,492
Kansas.....	47	74	10,898	14,490	11,550	16,937
Texas.....	*12.0	75	245	467	3,220	2,249
Oklahoma.....	*7.0	74	1,834	2,016	4,675	3,035
Montana.....	91	82	4,316	4,185	3,100	2,154
Colorado.....	73	88	8,997	8,262	8,160	6,026
Idaho.....	100	88	4,480	4,256	2,958	3,170
Washington.....	94	82	5,025	4,930	2,640	2,828
Oregon.....	98	86	5,392	5,270	2,425	2,464
California.....	88	82	33,657	34,943	10,800	27,207
United States total.....	81.2	85.7	208,475	204,687	187,875	182,382

RYE.

State.	92	93	1,148	1,155	1,138	1,083
New Jersey.....	92	93	1,148	1,155	1,138	1,083
Pennsylvania.....	89	92	3,378	3,971	3,264	3,367
Ohio.....	80	89	1,079	937	1,280	1,238
Indiana.....	72	89	2,885	3,026	3,682	3,988
Illinois.....	76	89	2,144	2,232	2,580	3,282
Michigan.....	72	89	4,014	4,514	6,006	8,191
Wisconsin.....	78	89	3,939	3,838	5,457	5,773
Minnesota.....	73	85	8,091	8,012	11,780	13,205
North Dakota.....	73	73	13,022	12,013	13,860	14,621
South Dakota.....	69	87	2,505	2,414	2,956	4,277
Nebraska.....	84	88	1,986	1,995	1,914	1,868
Montana.....	79	80	2,184	2,132	1,750	1,719
United States total.....	76.8	84.7	54,104	53,317	63,446	70,410

d Interpreted from condition reports. Forecasts increase or decrease with changing conditions during the season. \* Reported yield per acre.

**INDIAN WHEAT FORECAST.**—The Indian Government issued as of June 4 its fourth wheat forecast, for the season of 1924-25. This report shows that the area now planted is 31,572,000 acres, as against 31,031,000 acres at this

**COMMENTS CONCERNING CROP REPORT.**—The Department of Agriculture at Washington on July 9 also furnished a summary of the prospects of the United States crops, based on the July 1 condition, the report being as follows:

**Corn.**—The acreage of corn this year has increased 1.5% over last year. Among the various causes leading to this increase are the high price of corn, the tendency of farmers to raise crops that do not need hired labor, and a restoration of the usual corn acreage partly lost in some States last year on account of a cold, wet, late spring. Much acreage upon which small grains and hay crops perished from the rigors of winter or the spring droughts was later planted to corn and considerable hay and pasture land has also gone into corn. A tendency to increase feed crops for feeding to livestock is given as another reason for increasing corn acreage. Decreased corn acreage is reported from the drought-stricken area in the Southwest.

The condition of the corn crop is reported to range from average to excellent outside of drought areas. In the corn belt the crop is thriving. The crop in Texas fared very badly on account of the drought and a portion of the crop has been cut for fodder. A similar condition is reported from western and south central Oklahoma, where some of the fields have already turned brown and the crop is worthless for grain. Other drought areas are the western third of Kansas, northern Georgia, northern and western South Carolina and portions of Tennessee and Arkansas.

**All Wheat.**—A total production of 679,590,000 bushels of wheat is estimated from the condition on July 1, including 403,851,000 bushels for winter wheat and of 275,739,000 bushels for spring wheat. Compared with the estimates from conditions on June 1, winter wheat loses 3,305,000 bushels, spring wheat gains 22,010,000 bushels and the two combined are larger than the estimate for June 1 by 18,714,000 bushels. Because of the very humid atmosphere and abundant soil moisture in North Dakota, there has been anxiety since the middle of June with regard to rust, which had appeared in the eastern part of the State. Nothing serious had developed by July 1. Westward of this eastern section, the rust infection is not nearly so general.

**Oats.**—The oat crop has been much damaged by drought and heat and the production will be considerably below average. In some sections the straw is too short to be cut with binders and mowing machines will be used. In the case of early planted oats, the heads are short and the number of grains less than normal. The crop has done better in the Northwest than in any other large region of great production. June rains improved especially the late crop and helped to fill the grains in some sections, although too late for full benefit.

**Potatoes.**—As often happens following a year of excess production of a crop, the acreage of potatoes this year has suffered an extreme reduction. The estimate of 3,453,000 acres of potatoes this year is not only much lower than in 1924, but is the lowest since 1907. Drought at planting time contributed to the reduction. The indicated production of 349,566,000 bushels, based upon conditions on July 1, is the lowest since the crop of 322,867,000 bushels in 1919.

**Tobacco.**—The transplanting of tobacco was somewhat checked by drought, and this caused a reduction of acreage below what it would otherwise have been. The estimated area this year, 1,693,000 acres, is 1.1% below that of last year. The condition of the crop on July 1 indicates a production of 1,282,916,000 pounds, comparing with the five-year average of 1,331,000,000 pounds.

**Flaxseed.**—With an acreage increase of 5.4% over 1924, the area devoted to flaxseed production this year is estimated to be 3,466,000 acres. This is a continuation of the upward trend of flaxseed acreage in recent years. A production of 26,144,000 bushels of seed is indicated by the July 1 condition, the five-year average crop produced being 15,300,000 bushels.

**Fruits.**—The season has been unfavorable for fruit production throughout most of the country, except on the Pacific Coast. In that region the gain in peaches, pears and grapes over last year is more than sufficient to offset the decrease in the rest of the country and is nearly sufficient to do so in the case of commercial apples though not for all apples. The production indicated by condition on July 1 is 156,942,000 bushels for the entire crop of apples, comparing with the five-year average of 181,000,000 bushels; commercial apples, 29,230,000 bushels, comparing with 30,400,000 bushels; peaches, 46,835,000 bushels, comparing with 46,500,000 bushels; pears, 17,298,000 bushels, comparing with 17,100,000 bushels, and grapes, 2,348,477 tons, comparing with 1,777,462 tons in 1924 and 2,227,395 tons in 1923.

**FOREIGN CROP PROSPECTS.**—The latest available information pertaining to cereal crops of foreign countries, as reported by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, was issued on July 9 as being of interest to producers of grain crops in the United States, and is as follows:

The wheat crop of the Northern Hemisphere reported to date in 11 countries amounts to 1,568,000,000 bushels as compared with 1,692,000,000 last year. These countries normally produce 59% of the wheat crop of the Northern Hemisphere outside of Russia and China and 52% of the world wheat crop outside of Russia and China.

The wheat crop of Canada is promising. The season opened about two weeks ahead of normal, affording excellent conditions for planting as well as lessening the danger from early frosts and lengthening the time for exports. Well distributed rainfall up to the present time has favored plant growth and conditions are said to be the most favorable for several years. The Canadian Pacific Ry. reports most of the wheat in shot blade on June 30. No official estimates of acreage have yet appeared, but information from private sources indicate an acreage about the same as last year.

Conditions in Europe have been generally favorable throughout the season, although there have been recent reports of some deterioration due to drought. Forecasts of production received to date from Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria are all above the estimates of last year, but not so good as in 1923 except for Bulgaria. No forecast is yet available for France, but the relation of the May 1 condition report to the final yields as shown by a correlation covering the period 1902 to 1924 indicates a yield of 21.6 bushels per acre for the coming season. Applying this estimated yield to the acreage reported, the probable production for 1925 would amount to about 297,000,000 bushels. Winter killing in Germany has been much less than last year, and although no acreage estimates are yet available, if the seeded area is up to last year, which was only slightly above the five-year average 1920-1924, the production forecast on the basis of the June 1 condition would be about 100,000,000 bushels, or slightly less than in 1923.

A forecast of the Russian grain crops for the 1925 season amounts to 63,540,000 short tons, according to information received from the Russian Information Bureau quoting the "Economic Life" of June 16. The report stated that stocks of grain from last season amounted to 2,880,000 short tons, making a total available for the current season of 66,420,000 short tons. It was estimated that this amount would be sufficient to cover domestic requirements and leave a surplus of 7,650,000 short tons for export.

The aggregate wheat production forecast for the three North African countries of Morocco, Algeria and Tunis amounts to 61,030,000 bushels, against 47,706,000 bushels produced by the same countries last year. This is an increase of more than 13,000,000 bushels, or 28%. No forecast has yet been received for Egypt, but the latest crop condition report indicates a yield equal to 105% of the average for the last ten years.

The bulk of the North African wheat surplus comes from Algeria and Tunis, which have 18,900,000 bushels more than last year. Although it is not possible to make a definite estimate of the amount of their crops needed for domestic consumption, it may be assumed that a good share of the increase reported will be available for export. The barley harvest during the current year has been good, and as barley is used quite extensively as a bread grain, particularly among the native farmers, this will influence to some extent the exportation of wheat.

The condition of the wheat crop in China appears to be not so good as last year. In some provinces the crop has been injured by drought, while in others conditions are about normal.

**RYE.**

The European rye situation is considerably better than that of 1924. An increase of nearly 100,000,000 bushels over last year is forecast for Poland. No estimate of acreage or forecast of production is yet available for Germany, the world's greatest producer outside of Russia, but a correlation of the June 1 condition reports with final yields for the period 1900 to date, indicates a yield for the current season of about 25 bushels per acre. If the German acreage for this year should be equal to the average of the past five years a production forecast on the basis of the June 1 condition would amount to about 270,000,000 bushels. Increases are also

reported in Bulgaria, Hungary and Spain. Allowing for yields equal to the ten-year average in the countries for which estimates of acreage have been received, the aggregate production of the 17 countries reported would show an increase of some 150,000,000 bushels over last year, or about 25%.

**WORLD CEREAL CROPS—ACREAGE.**

Crop and Country.	Average 1909-1913.	1923.	1924.	1925.	Change from 1924.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Per Ct.
Wheat—					
United States.....	47,051,000	59,669,000	54,209,000	53,994,000	-0.4
21 foreign countries.....	98,270,000	93,820,000	94,915,000	95,660,000	+0.8
Total United States & 21 foreign countries.....	145,321,000	153,479,000	149,124,000	149,654,000	+0.4
Estimated world total, excluding Russia.....	197,800,000	221,000,000	217,800,000	-----	-----
Rye—					
United States.....	2,236,000	5,171,000	4,173,000	4,184,000	+0.3
17 foreign countries.....	27,865,000	24,820,000	24,812,000	25,494,000	+2.7
Total United States & 17 foreign countries.....	30,101,000	29,991,000	28,985,000	29,678,000	+2.4
Estimated world total, excluding Russia.....	47,600,000	46,000,000	42,900,000	-----	-----
Barley—					
United States.....	-----	7,835,000	7,086,000	-----	-----
13 foreign countries.....	-----	21,829,000	21,260,000	20,507,000	-3.5
Total United States & 13 foreign countries.....	-----	29,664,000	28,346,000	-----	-----
<i>Production, Forecasts and Estimates.</i>					
Wheat—					
United States.....	690,108,000	797,381,000	872,673,000	879,590,000	+22.0
10 foreign countries.....	903,032,000	980,846,000	819,033,000	888,447,000	+8.5
Total United States & 10 foreign countries.....	1,593,140,000	1,778,227,000	1,691,706,000	1,568,037,000	-7.3
Rye—					
United States.....	36,093,000	63,677,000	63,446,000	54,104,000	-14.6
5 foreign countries.....	301,917,000	315,512,000	212,098,000	320,907,000	+51.3
Total United States & 5 foreign countries.....	338,010,000	378,589,000	275,544,000	375,011,000	+36.1

**SOVIET GRAIN CROP.**—The Russian Information Bureau at Washington has issued a report on this year's grain crop in the Soviet Union, as follows:

The Planning Commission of the Soviet Commissariat of Agriculture estimates that this year's grain crop in the Soviet Union will amount to 63,540,000 tons, with an additional 2,880,000 tons of left-over stocks. The estimate is printed in "Economic Life" (Moscow) of June 19, and is considerably higher than earlier figures and over 20% higher than last year's crop. According to the Planning Commission 7,650,000 tons of grain will be available for export. The Black Sea ports are preparing to export up to 5,000,000 tons of grain in the autumn.

According to the Planning Commission crop prospects are below the average in parts of ten provinces in the central districts. Elsewhere average conditions prevail generally. Some districts have reported considerable trouble with Hessian fly and other pests.

It is reported that the peasants are better supplied with harvesting machinery than last year, but there is still a considerable shortage of agricultural machinery and implements.

**MOROCCAN GRAIN CROPS BELOW LAST YEAR.**

The wheat crop of Morocco is forecast at 19,584,000 bushels, compared with 25,170,000 bushels last year, according to a cablegram received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome and made public on July 9. Barley production is placed at 32,564,000 bushels, compared with 48,226,000 bushels harvested in 1924. The Department's statement proceeds as follows:

The aggregate wheat production forecast for the three North African countries of Morocco, Algeria and Tunis amounts to 61,030,000 bushels, against 47,706,000 bushels produced by the same countries last year. This is an increase of more than 13,000,000 bushels, or 28%. No forecast has yet been received for Egypt, but the latest crop-condition report indicates a yield equal to 105% of the average for the last ten years.

The bulk of the North African wheat surplus comes from Algeria and Tunis, as neither Morocco nor Egypt is of any considerable importance as an exporter, even in years of good harvests. The combined crops of Algeria and Tunis during the current season amount to 41,400,000 bushels, against the 1924 harvest of 22,500,000 bushels which shows an increase of 18,900,000 bushels, or 84%. Although it is not possible to make a definite estimate of the amount of these crops needed for domestic consumption, it may be safely assumed that a good share of the increase reported will be available for export. The barley harvest during the current year has been good and as barley is used quite extensively as a bread grain, particularly among the native farmers, this will influence to some extent the exportation of wheat.

**WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 7.**

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending July 7:

Relatively high pressure prevailed over Eastern and Southeastern States during most of the week, with several shallow "lows" passing northeastward or eastward from the middle West and Northwest. Under this pressure distribution the cool weather that prevailed from the Ohio Valley and Lake region eastward at the beginning of the week gave way to warmer, and thereafter temperatures were quite uniform from day to day and tended generally to somewhat above normal. The latter part of the week, however, was considerably warmer in the interior and Southeastern States, with the highest temperatures of record reported locally in the latter area. Earlier in the week some high maximum temperatures occurred also in the upper Mississippi Valley and central Great Plains, with a number of stations reporting readings as high as 100 degrees or above.

Rainfall was mostly of a local character, though showers were rather frequent in the Southeast and Rocky Mountain sections, while the latter part of the week had more general rain over the upper Mississippi Valley and Lake region. In most cases where rain occurred it was moderate in amount and in the form of thundershowers.

Chart I shows that the week averaged considerably warmer than normal in much the greater part of the country. It was relatively cool in the Northeast, the far Southwest, and in a few other local areas, but throughout the interior valleys the weekly mean temperatures were mostly from 4 degrees to as much as 9 degrees above the seasonal average. Maximum temperatures reached 100 degrees or higher at many points in the interior States and in much of the Southeast.

Showers were more general in the South than during recent weeks, and there was considerable additional rainfall in the Mississippi and Ohio Valley areas, as shown on Chart II. Rain was of a more local nature in the middle Atlantic sections and over the western half of the country, with some fairly heavy amounts reported in parts of the northern Great Plains and some upper Rocky Mountain districts.

The additional rainfall in most of the central valley States, with the prevailing warm weather, promoted rapid growth of vegetation and at the same time conditions were generally favorable for farm work. Crops made good advance over the northern half of the country, except in the extent, and were confined to the central Great Plains, the western upper Lake region, and parts of the middle Atlantic area. It was rather too warm for some late small grain crops in North-Central States, and too cool for best growth in the more northeastern sections.

In the South, crops made good growth wherever moisture was sufficient, but, while showers were frequent in some sections, there were many localities where vegetation was still suffering from droughty conditions. In general, the area from Tennessee, Arkansas, and Oklahoma southward is still needing a good soaking rain, especially Oklahoma and central and southern Texas. In the Northwest and the more western States the weather continued favorable for farm interests, especially so in the Northwest where all crops made splendid progress. Showers were also helpful in parts of the far Southwest, but a general rain is still needed in that section.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—The harvest of winter wheat made good progress during the week and was well advanced in the principal producing areas. Cutting was mostly completed in Kansas and was about finished in Missouri and in the southern portions of the northern Ohio Valley States. Threshing advanced favorably in the southern portions of the Wheat Belt. Under the influence of favorable weather, spring wheat maintained its satisfactory advance, with continued improvement reported in South Dakota where the heads were filling well, while filling was noted in all sections of North Dakota. There were a few reports of a small amount of black rust in extreme western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota, but no serious damage so far was indicated.

Oats show considerable improvement since recent rains in the upper Ohio Valley and North-Central States, but the straw is generally short. This crop was injured somewhat by high temperatures in the latter area, but it is doing well in northeastern districts; harvest advanced as far north as central Illinois and Nebraska. Flax did well in the northern Great Plains, and the crop is generally in good condition, except on some lowlands where it has been too wet. Rice advanced favorably in Louisiana and was in excellent condition in California, but there is some complaint of water shortage in Arkansas. Grain sorghums need rain in the lower Great Plains.

**CORN.**—Except in the Southwest, principally in Kansas and Oklahoma, excellent weather for corn prevailed during the week. In the principal producing States the favorable moisture and temperature conditions promoted very good to excellent growth and the crop is now well advanced and growing nicely. The hot, dry weather in Kansas and Oklahoma was unfavorable, however, particularly in Oklahoma where corn deteriorated, except locally, and is badly burned on uplands in the central and southern portions of the State. In Kansas, except in the northeastern quarter, the crop was adversely affected, though it has not been seriously damaged as yet. Reports were very favorable from Nebraska, South Dakota, and Oklahoma, and the central and eastern portions of the belt. Corn still needs rain in most of the Southern States.

**COTTON.**—The weather conditions, as affecting the cotton crop, varied considerably. The week was generally warm, but rainfall continued of a local character. While showers were more frequent in central and eastern portions of the belt, many localities were still too dry and general rains are badly needed in Texas and Oklahoma.

In Texas showers were mostly ineffective and cotton continued to deteriorate over most of the central and southern portions of the State, with plants small and prematurely developing. The drought has become severe in Oklahoma, but cotton is not yet seriously damaged; progress during the week was fair on bottom lands, but poor on uplands, with the general condition still fair to good. Except locally, growth was very good in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Showers were beneficial in Mississippi and Alabama and, where moisture was sufficient in these States, cotton made fair to very good advance, but some sections were too dry and in these growth was slow. In the southern half of Georgia the crop continued to make very good progress, but elsewhere it was less favorable, with plants small and some blooming prematurely. Good rains were beneficial in South Carolina and growth in North Carolina varied from good to excellent in the eastern and western portions in some dry western districts. Rapid growth was reported from Virginia and Illinois, with mostly satisfactory advance in Tennessee and very good to excellent progress in Florida.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Temperatures above normal; scattered showers improved conditions locally. Corn, cotton, and tobacco made rapid growth and are in good condition in most sections. Pastures and meadows short. Sweet potatoes need rain. Peanuts fair to good. Reports of wheat threshing very favorable. Rain needed most parts of State.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Weather favorable and corn, tobacco, and truck doing well on Coastal Plain, but needing rain in most of central, especially early corn, while drought serious in west. Progress of cotton very good to excellent in east; fair to very good in central and poor to fair in west. Threshing wheat; turning out good. Apples dropping badly.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Rains very beneficial. Early and intermediate corn and minor crops deteriorated in northwest until late rains. Condition and progress of cotton very good generally; early blooming and squaring freely; weevil numerous in moist areas, but not much damage thus far. Tobacco good to excellent; curing continues. Peaches suffered from drought.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Excessive heat and bright sunshine intensified drought over many counties, but showers beneficial locally. Progress of cotton satisfactory in southern half where condition very good and bolls forming rapidly; elsewhere growth slow with plants small and some premature bloom; weevil inactive. Upland corn much damaged by drought; tasseling low. Peanuts and cane doing well; truck and pastures very poor.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton very good to excellent; well worked; early on lower peninsula opening. Late corn, cane, peanuts, and sweet potatoes improved, but moderate rains needed. Groves on peninsula good, but fruit smaller than usual; satsumas in west fair to good, but late plantings need rain. Tobacco curing well advanced.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Local rains almost daily, but more needed locally. Corn, truck, sweet potatoes, and minor crops improved where rains. Progress of cotton fair to very good where rain sufficient; elsewhere poor to fair; condition mostly fair to good; some poor and some excellent; blooming to extreme north portion; bolls opening few scattered places in south; few weevil in south and central portions.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Local rains afforded some relief in restricted localities in middle and east and showers assured continued progress of cotton, corn, and pastures in southwest; elsewhere rain badly needed with growth of corn and cotton poor. Cotton squaring, blooming, and setting bolls fairly well; some increase of weevil.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Rains insufficient locally, especially in extreme northwest. Progress of cotton mostly fair to very good; blooming and fruiting satisfactorily; weevil activity increasing, but damage slight. Progress and condition of early corn fair to very good, except poor some western areas; late mostly very good. Rice, fruit, and truck generally doing well; sugar cane good to excellent.

**Texas.**—Houston: Light to moderate showers at four-fifths of reporting stations mostly ineffective. Progress and condition of pastures, corn, and minor crops very good in west. Progress and condition of cotton fair to very good in western half, parts of northeast, and near coast, but deterioration continued in much of central and south where plants small, prematurely advanced, and some dying; weevil and other insect damage generally slight, although moderate locally; picking advanced well in extreme south; squaring in western half and bolls forming eastern half to Red River.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Showers beneficial, but drought continues and condition of crops serious in most sections. Cotton not yet seriously hurt by drought; progress generally fair on bottom lands and poor on uplands; condition fair to very good; weevil reported in some dry areas. Some improvement in corn where rain fell, but deteriorated generally; condition generally fair to very good on bottom lands. Threshing winter wheat and oats progressed rapidly; yield generally light, but quality fair to good.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Progress and condition of cotton very good to excellent, except in some southeastern portions where soil very dry; forming squares and blooming rapidly; weevil increasing in west, but little damage. Progress and condition of early corn very poor to fair, except very good in north and west; condition of late crop fair to very good. Some rice wells falling.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Local showers over most of State, but large areas dry. Progress of cotton fair to very good and condition averages good, but rain needed. Corn good to excellent, except poor in some dry areas. Favorable for handling winter wheat, and crop averages fairly good. Tobacco, potatoes, and sweet potatoes made poor to fair progress.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Heavy rain in northeast where improvement continues; crops doing well other districts, but needing rain again in southwest. Stand of last setting tobacco hurt by intense heat. Condition and progress of corn fair to very good in north and east; otherwise very good to excellent; mostly laid by and early tasseling in south.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, July 10 1925.

Developments in textile markets during the past week were generally of a constructive nature. The most notable among these was the reopening of the London wool sales on a firm basis. This greatly heartened merchants in the wool division, and agents felt that they could proceed in the matter of pricing the new season's lines. In the event of the Australian auctions, which resume next week, also showing an improvement, more activity in manufacturing goods is looked for. The burlap market was another section which displayed notable improvement. Unofficial reports from India concerning the condition of the jute crop resulted in firmer prices. It was claimed that estimates of 2,910,000 acres yielding less than 9,000,000 bales would be insufficient to meet consuming demands. As the carry-over is not expected to be very large, speculators were active buyers. In regard to silks, indications point to a continued large consumption during the remainder of the year. Business in new fall fabrics is getting under way, and it was claimed that the new colorings and weaves will do much to maintain an active distribution. Figures as compiled by the Silk Association of America show that both imports and consumption of silks are on the road to be a record this year. Rayon, which is closely allied to the silk industry, has also made rapid strides. A striking example of this is the plan of the Viscose Co., the largest producer, to build a new plant which will produce ten million pounds of rayon annually. Such action to increase production was taken to forecast lower prices in relation to other fabrics. Factors pointed out that this item will revolutionize fabric trading conditions when it can be supplied from 30 to 40% below present levels.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS:** The situation as regards markets for domestic cotton goods was more or less mixed during the week. While hot weather stimulated sales of seasonal merchandise, buyers in other lines operated cautiously owing to the uncertainty as to the future value of raw cotton. The withdrawals of many inquiries were prompted by the favorable crop condition report as issued by the Government the previous week. Agents stated that buyers were uninterested in offerings for late delivery unless they could be secured at substantial concessions from prevailing levels. Mills were unwilling to mark values down and thus the week was spent mostly in bargain hunting. On the other hand, such items as print goods, wash cloths, sheets and pillow cases, of the better known brands, continued to sell in a satisfactory manner. The volume of print cloths sales was said to be the largest in several weeks. While there were no particularly large individual sales, the aggregate was large. In regard to the new offerings of spring fabrics by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., it has been agreed to take orders "at value," the final price to be named later, possibly not until September. The cost is not to be over a given basis. Mills do not feel that they can take the risk of a normal season with the price of raw cotton so uncertain, but with protective measures, they are ready to book business. An item of particular interest to the trade was the firm stand taken by the North and South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association in the matter of the collection and distribution of statistics in keeping with the recent decision of the Supreme Court on trade association activities. It was pointed out that there are now about 15 organized groups of manufacturers who are preparing to make regular reports on stocks, production, etc. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢, and 38-inch 80 x 80's, at 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.

**WOOLEN GOODS:** Buyers operated with less restraint in the markets for woollens and worsteds due to the firm opening of the London wool auctions. With merinos 5% higher, choice wools firm and the cross-breeds steady, the trade was prompted to look for a more stabilized market. It was realized, however, that the Australian sales next week will furnish the real index to wool values. In the event of these sales opening firm, it was stated that there would be no further cause for worry concerning the values of spring lines. Selling agents claimed that the results encouraged them to go ahead pricing their new lines with more certainty than seemed possible a few weeks ago. With consumption of goods continuing at a high rate and stocks in retailers' hands light, an optimistic spirit prevailed.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS:** A slight improvement in business sentiment was observed in the markets for linens. While business was still conducted on a hand-to-mouth basis, factors expressed the belief that this section had seen the worst of the depression, although it was conceded that the recovery to normal would undoubtedly extend over a long period. Agents stated that a moderate amount of business was transacted. Even dress linens, which have been the laggards, sold better with full prices the rule for the better grades. This was due largely to the fact that men's and boys' suitings have been enjoying an exceptional vogue thus far this season. As the weight of these items is heavier than the general run, a number of factors have placed substantial orders for next year's supply. Reports from Belfast state that the handkerchief business is suffering from unusually keen competition. Burlaps have ruled firm, unofficial estimates of a reduced jute crop. Light weights are quoted at 7.75-7.80¢, and heavies at 10.20-10.25¢.



State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

**New York (State of).—City Home Rule Amendment to State Constitution Adopted in 1923 Declared Invalid by Appellate Division—Case to Be Carried to State Court of Appeals.**—On July 6 the Appellate Division (First Department) of the State Supreme Court of New York held invalid the City Home Rule amendment to the State Constitution, adopted by the voters in 1923 (see V. 117, p. 2457). The decision was written by Justice William P. Burr and concurred in unanimously by his associates. The amendment was declared invalid by the Court in that the amendment as it passed the 1920 Legislature was altered on its repassage by the 1922 Legislature, and hence must be considered null and void because of non-compliance with the prescribed requirements of Article XIV. of the Constitution as to the manner of proposing, submitting and adopting amendments. By the decision, laws passed by many cities, principally New York City, under authority of the amendment, are invalidated. The matter came up in the suits instituted by William Jay Schieffelin of the City Club (New York City) and Stewart Browne, representing the United Real Estate Owners' Association, against New York City, in opposing the contentions of the plaintiffs, the Court held that the city was without authority to maintain and operate bus lines and that the steps to that end taken by the city were null and void. The cases, of course, are to be appealed to the Court of Appeals at Albany.

The laws passed by New York City and which are believed by legal authorities to be invalidated by the Court's decision, include the following:

- Giving the police control of taxicabs.
- Permitting increases of salaries for city commissioners between budgets and during their terms of office.
- Requiring five days' notice of public hearings.
- Giving the Board of Estimate and the Board of Aldermen the power to fix the salaries of city employees.
- Creating a Department of Accounts for the purpose of restoring Commissioner Hisfield's subpoena power.
- Defining duties of assistant to the Mayor.
- Permitting Police Captain Funston to become Chief of Police of Schenectady without losing rights in Police Department here.
- Making five-year reduction in minimum retirement age of members of city employees' retirement system.
- Crediting members of retirement system with time spent in Federal service.
- Providing for two additional City Marshals.
- Reorganizing the Board of Standards and Appeals.
- Providing for re-assessing cost and expense of acquisition of city park lands, Brooklyn and St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn.
- Providing that policemen who have served in the Fire Department may be credited for such service.

Speaking of the other cities affected, an Associated Press dispatch, dated July 7, from Albany to the "Journal of Commerce" of New York, said in part:

Forty-one of the sixty cities of the State are affected by the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday in holding invalid all municipal laws enacted under the Home Rule Amendment of 1923, according to records in the office of the Secretary of State here. The cities which have been conducting municipal business under the provisions of the amendment are: Albany, Amsterdam, Auburn, Binghamton, Buffalo, Cohoes, Corning, Dunkirk, Elmira, Geneva, Glens Falls, Hornell, Hudson, Jamestown, Kingston, Little Falls, Lockport, Long Beach, Mechanville, Middletown, Mt. Vernon, Newburgh, New York, North Tonawanda, Oneida, Olean, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Port Jervis, Poughkeepsie, Rensselaer, Rochester, Rome, Salamanca, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Syracuse, Utica, Watertown, White Plains and Yonkers. Cities which have not accepted the provisions of the amendment are: Batavia, Beacon, Canandaigua, Cortland, Fulton, Glen Cove, Gloversville, Ithaca, Johnstown, Lackawanna, New Rochelle, Niagara Falls, Norwich, Ogdensburg, Olean, Sherrill, Tonawanda, Troy and Watervliet.

In answer to the questions raised as to the possible invalidity of the bonds of New York City, of the State of New York, of other cities of the State, as a result of the decision statements on the subject were made by City Comptroller Craig, State Attorney-General Ottinger and State Comptroller Murphy, and the National City Co., a prominent investment house of New York. City Comptroller Craig in his statement said:

There need not be any apprehension in the minds of any one in regard to the validity of any of the bonds sold by the City of New York since the purported adoption of the Home Rule Amendment to the Constitution in 1923.

The Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, established under the assumed authority of the constitutional amendment, has not passed any law of any kind that in any wise relates to the issuance of obligations of the City of New York. In fact, no such law could be passed by the Municipal Assembly because of restrictions on city legislation contained in the City Home Rule Law. Among such restrictions are those against the passage of any law as to the amount in which the city may become indebted or which may be raised by tax for city purposes, or which removes restrictions of any existing law as to the issuing of bonds or other evidences of debt.

State Attorney-General Ottinger and State Comptroller Murphy issued a joint statement in which they said:

New York State bonds have behind them the faith and credit of the Empire State. Technical defects, if there should be any, will not alter that faith and credit upon which rests the very existence of the State itself.

The National City Co. stated that it had been advised by counsel that the question of the validity of the constitutional amendment did not affect New York City bonds or any other issues of bonds by cities in New York State; that independently of laws passed by the municipalities under the constitutional amendment, there was usually to be found ample authority in existing charters and statutes which have not been repealed, to sustain the validity of any bonds of the New York cities.

Under established practice, including a long line of decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, holding that under certain conditions cities are estopped to contest the validity of bonds issued by them, counsel did not believe

that the decision could be regarded as raising any question as to the validity of these bonds.

In the case of the bonds of the State or any of its municipalities which have received in cash 100 cents on the dollar for every security issued by them, it is inconceivable that the State of New York would permit any default or raise any question as to the validity of the obligations.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

**ACTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On July 2 \$74,000 4% high school bonds, offered on that date, were sold to Geo. A. Fernald Co. of Boston at 100.653. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due in from 1 to 20 years.

**ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until July 23 by Mayor Sidney J. Reaves for \$100,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable semi-annually.

**ARCO, Butte County, Idaho.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on July 21 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$40,000 highway bonds.

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Claude), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on July 3 \$6,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

**ARNOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Arnold), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.**—The voters of this district approved at a special election on July 1 \$50,000 school impt. bonds by a vote of 136 to 30.

**ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 10 a. m. July 21 sealed bids will be received by A. Grace King, City Clerk, for the following issues of 4½% bonds:

- \$410,000 general improvement bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$19,000, 1926 to 1945, inclusive, \$20,000, 1946, and \$10,000, 1947.
- 165,000 general improvement bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1926 to 1960, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1961 to 1965, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Interest J. & J. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, is required with each issue. Legality approved by Durand, Ivins & Carton, of Asbury Park.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Ashtabula), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 13 by W. W. Howes, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, for \$12,100 5% coupon Painesville-Warren, I. C. H. No. 153, road improvement bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$100. Date July 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$100 April 1 1926 and \$500 each six months from Oct. 1 1926 to April 1 1931, incl., and \$1,000 each six months from Oct. 1 1931 to Oct. 1 1934, incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, required with each bid.

**ATHENS COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 1 p. m. July 23 by Robert P. Tompkins, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, for the following 5% bonds: \$6,400 I. C. H. No. 518, Section "Buchtelt," bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$400. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$400, 1926, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1932, incl.

- 3,600 I. C. H. No. 518, Section "B," bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$600. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$600, 1926, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1929, incl.
- 12,800 I. C. H. No. 160, Section "J," bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$800. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$800, 1926, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000, 1931 to 1934, incl.
- 20,400 I. C. H. No. 159, Section "M-2," bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$400. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1931, incl.; \$3,000, 1932 and 1933, and \$2,400, 1934.
- 14,000 I. C. H. No. 157, Section "E," bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 and 1927; \$2,000, 1928 and 1929; \$1,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$2,000, 1932 to 1934, incl. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, is required. Legal opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cincinnati to be furnished. Bonds will be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

**ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.**—The following 4½% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$90,000, offered on July 2 (V. 120, p. 3343) were awarded to Bell, Speas & Co., of Atlanta, at a premium of \$1,611, equal to 101.79—a basis of about 4.15%:

- \$11,000 Howell St. No. 2. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1931, and \$1,000, 1932 to 1934.
- 3,000 Hogue St. bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1929, 1931 and 1934.
- 2,000 Florida Ave. No. 2 bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1928, 1930, 1932 and 1934.
- 4,000 Mills St. bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1934.
- 3,000 Howson St. bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1929, 1931 and 1934.
- 4,000 Fort St. No. 2 bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1927, 1928, 1930 and '34.
- 11,000 Arthur St. bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1931, and \$1,000, 1932 to 1934.
- 15,000 South Mayson Ave. bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1934.
- 1,500 Emery St. bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1928, 1930 and 1934.
- 2,500 Stevens St. bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1929 to 1932 and 1934.
- 2,000 Walnut St. bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1928, 1930, 1932 and 1934.
- 1,000 East Linden St. bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1930 and 1934.
- 4,000 Sylvan Ave. bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928, 1930, 1932 and 1934.
- 9,000 Wylie St. bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$1,000, 1934.
- 2,500 East Ave. No. 3 bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1930, and \$500, 1932 and 1934.
- 1,500 Oakland Ave. No. 2 bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1928, 1930 and 1934.
- 2,500 Howell Place bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1930, 2,000 Fifth St. No. 2 bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1928 and 1929 and 1931 and 1934.
- 3,000 Fortune St. bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928, 1931 and 1934.
- 4,000 Dunning St. bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928 and 1929 and 1931 and 1934.
- 1,500 Bailey St. bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1928, 1931 and 1934.

Date July 1 1925. The entire issue matures July 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1927, \$17,000 in 1928, \$13,000 in 1929, \$15,000 in 1930, \$13,500 in 1931, \$9,500 in 1932, \$4,000 in 1933, and \$17,000 in 1934.

**AVON PARK, Highlands County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The Florida National Bank of Jacksonville has purchased an issue of \$280,000 6% improvement bonds to be used for the following purposes: \$110,000 park, \$15,000 public library, 110,000 street paving, 15,000 fire department, 40,000 refunding. Date May 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$10,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$8,000, 1940 to 1944 incl.; \$15,000, 1945 to 1949 incl., and \$18,000, 1950 to 1954 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation for taxation (1925)	\$4,000,000
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	452,000
Less: Special assessment bonds, \$70,700; sinking fund, \$19,732.	90,432
Net bonded debt.	361,568
Population 1920 census, 890; 1925 census, 2,500.	

**BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Baker), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. July 13 by Frank C. McColloch, District Clerk, for \$15,000 6% school bonds. Date July 15 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 July 15 1930 to 1934, incl. Int. payable semi-annually. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

**BALTIMORE, Md.—REGISTERED STOCK OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received at the office of Frederick A. Dolfield, City Register, until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 3 for the following described registered corporate stock:

\$4,783,000 5% general impt. serial 1922-1946 loan. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$1,517,000 1943; \$1,593,000, 1944, and \$1,673,000, 1945. Int. M. & S. \$19,461,000 of this loan has heretofore been sold.

144,500 5% water serial 1922-1931 loan. Due April 1 1961. Int. A. & O. \$14,855,500 of this loan has heretofore been sold.

4,051,000 4% second school 1924-1948 loan. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$513,000, 1933; \$533,000, 1934; \$555,000, 1935; \$577,000, 1936; \$600,000, 1937; \$624,000, 1938, and \$649,000, 1939. Int. M. & N. \$3,812,000 of this loan has heretofore been sold.

Int. is payable semi-ann. and will be computed from the int. payment period next preceding the date fixed for the delivery of the stock. Circulars have been prepared showing the authority for the issuance of these loans, together with the purposes for which the proceeds of the sale will be applied, which circulars can be obtained of the City Register upon application. Every bid must be accompanied by a certified check on a clearing-house bank, drawn to the order of the Mayor and City Council, or a certificate of deposit of a clearing-house bank, so endorsed, or cash, for 2% of the amount of stock for which bid is made. But no deposit by any one party need be for more than 2% of the entire amount offered for sale. Stock will be delivered on Sept. 1. Bids will be received for the whole or for any part of the amount offered. Bids will be received for all or none of the amount offered; also for all or none of any part or parts. Unless bids specify "all or none" of the amount bid for, a portion of the amount may be allotted.

**BARTON CIVIL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mackey), Gibson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 25 by J. Edgar Beatty, Trustee, for \$30,000 4½% coupon new school building construction bonds. Denom. \$750. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Bonds payable at Somerville State Bank, Somerville. Due \$750 each six months from Jan. 1 1926 to July 1 1945 incl. Certified check for 5% of bid required with each proposal.

**BARTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mackey), Gibson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 25 by J. Edgar Beatty, Trustee, for all or any part of \$40,000 4½% coupon new high school construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 each six months from Jan. 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1940 incl., and \$11,000, July 1 1940. Bonds payable at Mackey State Bank, Mackey. Certified check for 5% of bid required with each proposal.

**BEDFORD, Bedford County, Va.—BOND SALE.**—The Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati has purchased an issue of \$25,000 5% electric plant improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 1955, optional in 1940. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank of New York. Legality approved by J. C. Thomson of New York.

**BELL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Punxsutawney), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh purchased on July 8 the \$21,000 4½% tax-free registered township bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3223), at a premium of \$335.50, equal to 101.597, a basis of about 4.20%. Date July 15 1925. Due July 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1927; \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$3,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933 and 1934; and \$3,000, 1935.

**BERTRAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Burnet County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On July 2 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$14,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

**BETHEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—On June 27 A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., of Philadelphia were awarded \$42,000 4½% tax-free new school building bonds at 103.351. Due in 1935; optional in 1935.

**BIGLICK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Alvada), Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 21, by O. E. Hall, Clerk, for \$3,500 6% road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,500. Dated July 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Prin. and int. payable at the office of Township Treasurer. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1926 and 1927 incl. \$1,500 Sept. 1 1928. Certified check for \$50 required.

**BILTMORE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$45,000 street, water and electric light bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3223—were awarded to Whittlesey, McLean & Co. of Detroit as 5¼s at a premium of \$315, equal to 100.70, a basis of about 5.18%. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1950 inclusive. Coupon bonds.

**BLAND COUNTY (P. O. Bland), Va.—BOND SALE.**—Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati have purchased an issue of \$150,000 5% road impt. bonds at a premium of \$430, equal to 100.28.

**BLOOMINGTON, Monroe County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis has purchased an issue of \$125,000 water bonds.

**BLYTEHE, Riverside County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Los Angeles has purchased an issue of \$21,000 sewer system installation bonds at 100.10.

**BOSTON, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On July 8 the First National Bank of Boston, Boston, was awarded a temporary loan of \$2,000,000, dated July 9 and payable Oct. 6 1925, on a 3.12% discount basis, plus a premium of \$37.

**BREA, Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The First Securities Co. of San Francisco has purchased an issue of \$60,000 5% sewer system bonds at a premium of \$2,914, equal to 104.85. Due in 40 years.

**BRIGANTINE, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 17, by E. R. Smith, City Clerk, for an issue of 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and int.) school bonds not to exceed \$90,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$90,000. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Dated July 1 1925. Due \$2,000, 1926 to 1955 incl., and \$3,000, 1956 to 1965 incl. Certified check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the City of Brigantine for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required.

**BRIGHTON (P. O. Brighton), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals were received until 8 p. m. July 10 by E. Carl Marcus, Town Clerk, for \$220,000 4¼% storm-water sewer system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at Genesee Valley Trust Co., Rochester, or Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Due \$11,000 early on July 1 from 1930 to 1949 incl. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon.

**BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (Eastern daylight saving time) July 20 by Ross Graves, Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, for the following 4½% coupon or registered bonds:  
 \$600,000 park bonds. Due \$30,000, Aug. 1 1926 to 1945 incl.  
 600,000 school bonds. Due \$30,000, Aug. 1 1926 to 1945 incl.  
 250,000 canal lands purchase bonds. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1926 to 1935 incl., and \$12,000, 1936 to 1945 incl.

Dated Aug. 1 1925. Int. F. & A. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts at Buffalo or at the Hanover National Bank at New York, at option of holder. Coupon bonds will be issued in the denomination of \$1,000; registered bonds in denominations of \$1,000, or multiples thereof as far as practicable. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser at the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts on Aug. 1 or as soon thereafter as the bonds may be prepared and ready for delivery.

Financial Statement.

The total bonded debt of the city of Buffalo on July 1 1925 was \$66,136,940 82. Assessed valuation of taxable real estate, including special franchises for the fiscal year 1925-26, is \$795,011,610. Included in the above statement of bonded indebtedness are bonds issued for a water supply to the amount of \$15,835,938 41, of which bonds to the amount of \$14,281,487 01 were issued for water supply subsequent to Jan. 1 1904. Included in the above statement of bonded indebtedness are tax anticipation certificates of indebtedness maturing July 1 1926 in the amount of \$1,336,813 19 for payment of which taxes will be levied. The sinking funds applicable to the payment of the bonded indebtedness aggregate \$5,868,447 41, of which \$2,893,956 83 is applicable to payment of the water debt. The last city tax rate (per \$1,000) of assessed valuation is \$30 22. The population, according to the 1920 U. S. Census, is 506,775.

**BURLINGTON, Skagit County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—John E. Price & Co. of Seattle have been awarded an issue of \$17,000 5% town hall bonds at 101.05, a basis of about 4.89%. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, 1927 to 1932, incl.; \$1,000, 1933 to 1943, incl., and \$1,500 in 1944 and 1945.

**BURBANK SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The 5% bonds, aggregating \$280,000, offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3223—were awarded to the Citizens National Co. of Los Angeles as follows:  
 \$180,000 High School District bonds at a premium of \$13,358, equal to 107.42, a basis of about 4.53%. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1951, incl.; \$10,000, 1952 to 1960, incl., and \$9,000, 1961 to 1964, incl.

100,000 School District bonds at a premium of \$5,925, equal to 105.92, a basis of about 4.54%. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1932, incl.; \$1,000 in 1933; \$2,000, 1934 to 1944, incl.; \$4,000, 1945 to 1947, incl.; \$7,000, 1948 to 1954, incl.  
 Date Dec. 1 1924.

**BUTLER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32 (P. O. David City), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on July 17 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$45,000 school bldg. bonds.

**CADIZ, Harrison County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 noon Aug. 1 by W. H. Lucas, Village Clerk, for \$5,370 6% (special assessment) North Buffalo Street impt. bonds. Denom. \$280, except one for \$330. Date June 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due each six months as follows: \$280, March 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1934 incl., and \$330, March 1 1935. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required with each bid.

**CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 27 by Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, for the following 5% street improvement bonds aggregating \$72,802 57:  
 \$64,404 31 (city's portion) St. Elmo Ave. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500 and 1 for \$404 31. Due March 1 as follows: \$7,404 31, 1927; \$7,000, 1928; \$7,500, 1929; \$7,000, 1930; \$7,500, 1931, and \$7,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.  
 204 27 (city's portion) 11th St. bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$100 and 1 for \$104 27. Due March 1 as follows: \$104 27, 1927, and \$100, 1928.

8,193 99 11th St. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500 and 1 for \$193 99. Due March 1 as follows: \$693 99, July 1927; \$500, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.  
 Dated March 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

**CAROTHERSVILLE, Pemiscot County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on Aug. 14 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$50,000 jail bonds.

**CHELAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (P. O. Wenatchee), Wash.—BOND SALE.**—The \$56,000 school bonds offered on June 30—V. 120, p. 3223—were awarded to the State of Washington as 4½s at par. Due in 23 years; optional after 10 years. Coupon bonds.

**CHESTER, Chester County, So. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$50,000 5% refunding bonds awarded to the National Exchange Bank of Chester (V. 120, p. 3344) are described as follows: Date July 1 1925; coupon bonds. Due serially 1926 to 1955 incl. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$500.

**CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BIDS.**—The following is a list of the bids received on July 2 for the \$5,000,000 4% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3344):

Ames, Emerich & Co.; William R. Compton Co.; The Detroit Co.; First National Co. of Detroit; Guaranty Co. of New York; Northern Trust Co.; Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co.; Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. -----	Rate Bid. \$99.229
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; A. G. Becker & Co.; Taylor, Ewart & Co.; Foreman Trust & Savings Bank; Federal Securities Co.; Central Trust Co. of Illinois; Hill, Joiner & Co.; Union Trust Co. -----	99.203
Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank; First Trust & Savings Bank; Harris Trust & Savings Bank; Illinois Merchants Trust Co. -----	99.174
* Successful bid, notice of which was given in V. 121, p. 105.	

**CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—ADDITIONAL BONDS SOLD IN 1924.**—In addition to the 1924 bond sales made by the City of Cleveland, and already reported by us in these columns as they took place, that city also issued during the last year all at par, the following other bonds:

General Bonds.									
Date of Award.	Purpose.	Int. Rate.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Amt. of Issue.
Jan. 24	Street widening	4½	Oct. 1 '23	\$20,000	Oct. 1 1925-1929				\$520,000
July 23	Sewage disposal	4½	Mar. 1 '23	100,000	Sept. 1 1924				350,000
Sept. 3	City's portion sewer	4¾	June 1 '24	20,000	Sept. 1 1925				75,000
Oct. 2	City's por. paving	4¾	June 1 '24	50,000	Dec. 1 1927-1928				100,000
Oct. 2	City's portion sewer	4¾	June 1 '24	5,000	Dec. 1 1929				5,000
Oct. 2	Grade crossing	4¾	April 1 '24	18,000	Oct. 1 1927-1929				54,000
Nov. 17	Grade crossing	4¾	April 1 '24	18,000	Oct. 1 1925-1926				36,000
Nov. 17	City's por. paving	4¾	June 1 '24	50,000	Dec. 1 1925-1926				100,000
Nov. 17	City's portion sewer	4¾	June 1 '24	20,000	Dec. 1 1925				20,000
Special Assessment Bonds.									
Date of Award.	Purpose.	Int. Rate.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Maturity Date.	Amt. of Issue.
Jan. 24	Sewer	5½	Nov. 1 '23	\$240	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '30				\$2,880
Jan. 24	Sewer	5½	Dec. 1 '23	234	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '32				3,744
Apr. 29	Street lighting	6	Oct. 1 '23	30,050	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '28				300,500
Apr. 29	Street lighting	6	Oct. 1 '23	2,115	May 1 '24-Nov. 1 '33				42,300
July 23	Street lighting	6	May 1 '24	4,680	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				46,800
July 23	Street lighting	6	May 1 '24	7,302	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				73,020
July 23	Street lighting	6	May 1 '24	6,436	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				57,924
June 20	Paving	5	May 1 '24	18,170	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				183,530
July 23	Water main	5	May 1 '24	11,444	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '26				57,220
June 21	Sewer	5	May 1 '24	37,568	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				338,112
July 23	Grading	5	May 1 '24	1,424	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				12,816
July 23	Grading	5	May 1 '24	532	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				4,788
June 21	Sewer	5	May 1 '24	9,500	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '27				66,500
July 23	Sewer	5½	May 1 '24	922	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '25				2,766
July 23	Water main	6	May 1 '24	898	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '32				15,266
July 23	Sewer	5½	May 1 '24	940	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '30				12,220
July 23	Sewer	5½	May 1 '24	420	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '25				1,260
July 8	Paving	6	May 1 '24	36,740	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				367,400
July 5	Paving	5	May 1 '24	15,490	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				139,410
July 23	Sewer	6	June 1 '24	300	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				3,000
July 23	Paving	5	May 1 '24	2,850	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				25,650
July 16	Paving	6	June 1 '24	47,400	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				474,000
Aug. 30	Paving	5	July 1 '24	17,710	Nov. 1 1924				192,334
Aug. 20	Street	5	May 1 '24	21,828	Nov. 1 '25-Nov. 1 '28				3,402
Aug. 20	Sewer	6	July 1 '24	21,584	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				215,840
Aug. 20	Sewer	6	Aug. 1 '24	3,475	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '34				69,500
Aug. 20	Paving	6	Aug. 1 '24	49,624	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				496,240
Sept. 3	Street	6	July 1 '24	485	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				4,850
Sept. 19	Paving	6	Sept. 1 '24	50,940	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				509,400
Oct. 21	Paving	6	Sept. 1 '24	36,900	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				369,000
Oct. 21	Paving	5	Sept. 1 '24	95	Nov. 1 '24-Nov. 1 '28				855
Nov. 1	Street	5	Aug. 1 '24	24,000	May 1 '27-Nov. 1 '27				48,000
Nov. 5	Paving	5	Nov. 1 '24	500	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '28				4,000
Nov. 5	Paving	6	Nov. 1 '24	607	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '25				8,310
Nov. 5	Paving	5	Nov. 1 '24	887	May 1 '26-Nov. 1 '29				4,800
Nov. 17	Paving	5	Nov. 1 '24	250	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '28				2,000
Nov. 17	Paving	6	Nov. 1 '24	399	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '25				5,494
Nov. 17	Street	5	Nov. 1 '24	587	May 1 '26-Nov. 1 '29				18,192
Nov. 17	Paving	6	Nov. 1 '24	47,900	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				479,000
Nov. 25	Paving	6	Nov. 1 '24	54,040	May 1 '25-Nov. 1 '29				540,400
Dec. 15	Paving	6	Nov. 1 '24	26,580	May 1 '26-Nov. 1 '29				212,640

\*Awarded to the Board of Education of the Sinking Fund; other issues all awarded to the City Sinking Fund Commission.

**CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Inverness, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 28 by I. O. Fender, Chairman of Board of Public Instruction, for the following 6% school bonds, aggregating \$70,000:

- \$30,000 Special Tax School District No. 13. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$2,000, 1936 to 1945, incl.
- 40,000 Special Tax School District No. 1. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$2,000 1931 to 1940, incl., and \$3,000 1941 to 1945, incl.

Dated July 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of Public Instruction is required.

**CLALLAM COUNTY (P. O. Port Angeles), Wash.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held on July 1 the voters authorized the issuance of \$440,000 Port Angeles dock bonds by a count of 2,210 for to 1,235 against.

**CLARKS SUMMIT, Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. (standard time) July 27 by John P. Bulter, Borough Secretary, for \$10,000 5% registered bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935 incl., optional July 1 1927. Certified check for 2% of amount of bid, payable to Borough Treasurer, required.

**CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On July 9 a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Ames, Emerich & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co. and H. L. Allen & Co., all of New York, was awarded at 100.55, a basis of about 4.18% the following 4 3/4% coupon bonds, offered in that date (V. 120, p. 3095):

- \$1,240,000 City's Portion Paving and Sewer Coupon Bonds and maturing as follows: \$72,000 on September 1 1926 and \$73,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1927 to 1942 both inclusive.
- 460,000 City's Portion Street Opening Coupon Bonds and maturing as follows: \$18,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1926 to 1940 both inclusive, and \$19,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1941 to 1950 both inclusive.
- 100,000 Bridge Coupon Bonds and maturing as follows: \$5,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1926 to 1945 both inclusive.

**CLYMER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clymer) Indiana County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 14, by Carroll D. Oakes, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$40,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. (J. & J.). Dated July 1 1925. Certified check for 1%, required.

**COLEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Randolph County, Ga.—BOND SALE.**—J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc., of Atlanta have purchased an issue of \$12,500 6% school bonds. Date May 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due May 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1940 incl., and \$1,000, 1941 to 1945 incl. Prin. and int. (May 1) payable at the National City Bank, New York, or at the Citizens & Southern Bank of Atlanta. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

*Financial Statement.*

Actual value.....	\$1,000,000
Assessed values, 1924.....	210,025
Total bonded debt (this issue only).....	12,500
Population (estimated), 2,000.....	

**COLUMBIA CITY, Whitley County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On July 1 the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis purchased the \$20,000 4 1/2% Jefferson Street sewer bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3224), for \$20,313, equal to 101.56, a basis of about 4.20%. Date May 15 1925. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1926 to 1935 incl.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY (P. O. Whiteville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. July 14 by A. W. Baldwin, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the following 6% bonds aggregating \$200,000:

- \$165,000 school funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1926 to 1938 incl.; \$6,000, 1939 to 1950 incl.; \$8,000, 1951 to 1954 incl., and \$9,000, in 1955.
- 35,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$3,500, July 1 1945 to 1954 incl.

Dated July 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank of New York City. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

**CONCORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—We are now in receipt of the following additional data regarding the \$5,000 bonds awarded to the Merchants' National Bank, as stated in V. 120, p. 3224: Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denom. Date June 1 1925. Int. J. & D. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1926 to 1930 incl. Interest rate 4%. Date of award June 4. The price paid was 100.58, a basis of about 3.79%.

**CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. July 13 by City Treasurer for the purchase on a discount basis of a temporary loan of \$100,000 maturing Oct. 1 1925.

**CONNELLSVILLE, Fayette County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until July 27, by C. M. Stone, Superintendent Accounts and Finance, for \$300,000 4 1/2% gold impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$50,000, 1930, \$12,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$13,000, 1935 and 1936; \$15,000, 1937 to 1939 incl.; \$20,000, 1940 to 1943 incl.; \$25,000, 1944 and \$28,000, 1945. Certified check for \$3,000 payable to the City Treasurer, required.

**CORINTH, Alcorn County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—A. K. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis have purchased an issue of \$44,000 6% street improvement bonds. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$4,000, 1928 to 1931 incl., \$5,000 in 1932, \$4,500 in 1933 to 1936 incl., and \$5,000 in 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hanover National Bank of New York. Legality approved by Charles and Rutherford of St. Louis.

*Financial Statement.*

Total value of taxable property, estimated.....	\$6,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1924.....	3,700,000
Net bonded indebtedness, including this issue.....	221,500
Population, 1920 Census, 5,498.....	

**CORNING, Tehama County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—Blyth, Witter & Co. of San Francisco have purchased an issue of \$20,000 5 1/2% street improvement bonds at a premium of \$1,082, equal to 105.41, a basis of about 4.83%. Dated April 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, April 1 1926 to 1945 incl.

**COSHOCTON, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 9 by W. H. Williams, City Auditor, for \$4,078 31 5% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$400, except one for \$478 31. Interest M. & S. Due \$400 yearly March 1 from 1926 to 1934, inclusive, and \$478 31 March 1 1935. A certified check for \$200 required. Bonds will be ready for delivery and must be taken up within five days from date of sale.

**COTTAGE GROVE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 water system improvement bonds offered on June 10 (V. 120, p. 2968) were awarded to Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Boorm of Seattle as 4 3/4's at 100.58. Date June 1 1925. Due in 20 years, optional after 10 years. A list of bids received appeared in V. 120, p. 3345.

**COVINGTON, Tipton County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held on July 1 the voters authorized the issuance of \$25,000 school bonds by a count of 263 for to 67 against.

**CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On July 8 S. N. Bond & Co., of Boston, were awarded a temporary loan of \$80,000, payable Jan. 4 1926, on a 3.64% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1 75.

**CRAWFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, McLennan County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of \$40,000 school building bonds.

**CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Carmichaels), Carlisle County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 3 by J. W. McCombs, Secretary, Board of Supervisors, at the First National Bank of Carmichaels for \$150,000 4 1/2% tax-free coupon refunding and road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank, Carmichaels. Legality approved by Saul Ewing, Remick & Saul of Philadelphia. Due \$10,000 Oct. 1 1930 to 1944 incl. Certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for required.

**CUMBY, Hopkins County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.**—Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased an issue of \$15,000 6% warrants. Due in 1 to 15 years.

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 11 by Louis Simon, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, for the following 4 1/2% Bliss Road No. 2 improvement bonds, aggregating \$254,553 75:

- \$150,150 55 (special assessment) bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and 1 for \$150 55.
- Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,150 55, 1926; \$15,000, 1927 to 1934 incl., and \$16,000, 1935.
- 104,403 20 (county's portion) bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and 1 for \$403 20.
- Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,403 20, 1926; \$10,000, 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$11,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.

Dated Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at County Treasurer's office. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

**DALLAS, Polk County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$62,932 06 paving bonds.

**DE FUNIAK SPRINGS, Walton County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 6% town hall bonds, offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3345—were awarded to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$435, equal to 102.90, a basis of about 5.65%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$5,000 in 1935, 1940 and 1945.

**DENVER, Denver County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—The United States National Co. and the International Trust Co., both of Denver, jointly, have purchased an issue of \$317,900 5 1/2% special improvement bonds at a premium of \$5,634 25, equal to 101.77.

**DES MOINES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Des Moines), Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Secretary Board of Education will receive sealed bids until July 21 for \$1,500,000 school bonds.

**DONA ANA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. La Cruces), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$7,000 6% school bonds offered on July 26—V. 120, p. 2968—were awarded to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver at a premium of \$200, equal to 102.85. Date July 1 1925. Due in 20 years, optional after 15 years. Coupon bonds.

*Other Bidders—*

The American National Co.....	Price Bid.....
U. S. Bond Co.....	\$7,120 89
	6,650 00

**DUNCAN, Stephens County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on July 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$110,000 water bonds.

**DUNDY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Max), Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$20,000 5% school bonds purchased by the United States Bond Co. of Denver (V. 120, p. 3096) are described as follows: Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1934, inclusive, and \$1,500, 1935 to 1944, inclusive. Interest payable J. & J.

**DU PAGE COUNTY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. West Chicago), Ill.—BIDS.**—The following is a list of the other bids received on June 30 for the \$140,000 school site and building bonds awarded on that date to the National City Co. of Chicago as 4 1/4's at a premium of \$441, equal to 100.31, a basis of about 4.22%, as stated in V. 121, p. 106:

	Price.	Int. Rate.
The Northern Trust Co. Chicago.....	\$140,435	4 1/4%
	143,850	4 1/2%
The Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago.....	140,158	4 1/2%
	143,616	4 1/2%
State Trust & Savings Bank, West Chicago.....	140,010	4 1/2%
Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago.....	143,179	4 1/2%
State Trust & Savings Bank, West Chicago.....	143,010	4 1/2%
Blyth, Witter & Co., Chicago.....	143,001	4 1/2%
Francis M. McKay, Evanston, Ill.....	142,900	4 1/2%
The White-Phillips Co., Davenport, Iowa.....	142,306	4 1/2%
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Chicago.....	142,051	4 1/2%

**EAST DUBUQUE, Jo Daviess County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election \$8,000 paving bond issue was carried by a vote of 184 to 168. This issue, it is stated, had been already voted once before but the first vote was declared invalid because of technicality.

**EAST PALESTINE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,918.54 5 1/2% coupon (city's portion) street improvement bonds, offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 3225—were awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo. Date April 1 1925. Due \$500 each 6 months from Oct. 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1932 and \$418.54 April 1 1933.

**EDMONDS, Snohomish County, Wash.—WARRANT SALE.**—A. G. Long & Co., Inc., have purchased an issue of \$3,700 6% fire truck warrants. Due April 1 1926.

**ENNIS, Ellis County, Texas.—BOND SALE.**—Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased the following 4 3/4% bonds, aggregating \$220,000: \$100,000 water works and sewer bonds.

120,000 refunding bonds.

**BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on July 28 to vote on the question of issuing the following bonds:

- \$60,000 water extension.
- 40,000 sewer extension.
- 6,000 refunding bonds.

**EPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Henderson), Vance County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3346—were awarded to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$3,313, equal to 106.62, a basis of about 4.94%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$1,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$2,000, 1934 to 1955 incl.

**EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$25,000 fire bonds by a count of 470 for to 177 against.

**FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On July 8 \$1,000,000 tax-refunding bonds offered on that date were awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. and Edmunds Bros., both of Boston, jointly, at 100.23 for 4s. Date July 1 1925. Due 1926 to 1930 incl.

**FANCUH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Devils Lake), Ramsey County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The Board of University and School Lands has purchased an issue of \$4,000 school bonds at par.

**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 301 (P. O. Farmington), Knox and Peoria Counties, Ill.—BOND SALE.**—The \$129,000 5% school bonds offered on April 8 (V. 120, p. 1790) were awarded to A. C. Steenburg & Co., of Farmington, at a premium of \$307 40, equal to 100.23—a basis of about 4.97%. Date May 1 1925. Due \$7,500 May 1 1929 to 1944, inclusive, and \$9,000 May 1 1945.

**FAYETTE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. La Grange), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on July 25 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$25,000 road bonds.

**FENTRESS COUNTY (P. O. Jamestown), Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 6% school bonds, offered on July 7—V. 121, p. 107—were awarded to the Bank of Jamestown of Jamestown. Date July 1 1925. Due in 20 years.

**FLORENCE, Fremont County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 22 by Beatrice Martin, City Clerk, for \$100,000 6% special improvement bonds. Int. payable semi-annually.

**FREMONT, Sandusky County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Aug. 11 \$200,000 filtration plant bonds will be voted upon.

**FULTON, Callaway County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.**—The voters authorized the issuance of \$20,000 lighting bonds at a recent election.

**GAFFNEY, Cherokee County, So. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.**—On July 28 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$100,000 paving bonds.

**GARFIELD HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 11 (eastern standard time) by Herman Bohning, Village Clerk, for \$67,725.49 5 1/2% coupon (special assessment) East 90th Street Pavement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$725.49. Date July 1 1925. Due \$6,725.49 Oct. 1 1926; \$7,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$6,000 Oct. 1 1930; \$7,000 Oct. 1 1931 to 1934 incl. and \$6,000 Oct. 1 1934. Certified check for 1% 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.

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GILBERT, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$40,000 6% water works bonds purchased by the United States National Co. of Denver (V. 120, p. 3346) are described as follows: Date May 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable M. & N. Due 1955, optional in 1945. Coupon bonds.

GLADES COUNTY (P. O. Moore Haven), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Peoples, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 21 for \$40,000 6% county bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1936, \$2,000 in 1937 and 1938, \$3,000 in 1939 and 1940, \$4,000 in 1941 and \$2,000, 1942 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to above-named official, is required.

GLENN'S FERRY, Elmore County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. A. Stevens, City Clerk, until July 24 for \$35,000 sewer bonds.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—The \$70,000 4% fire station bonds offered and sold on July 1 to the Cape Ann National Bank of Gloucester, as stated in V. 121, p. 107, answer to the following description: Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$3,000 1936 to 1945, incl. The price paid for the bonds is equal to 101.326, a basis of about 3.84%.

GOLD HILL, Jackson County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 6% water-plant bonds offered on July 2 (V. 120, p. 3225) were awarded by Peirce, Fair & Co., of Portland, at 101.02 a basis of about 5.91%. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1945.

GRANVILLE, Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Central standard time) July 28 by D. E. Jones, Village Clerk, for the following 5 1/4% bonds: \$3,200 water works system bonds. Denom. \$500, except 1 for \$700. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1930 incl., and \$700, 1931, 4,750 (village's portion) College Street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500, except 1 for \$750. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1933 incl., and \$750, 1934.

Date July 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required with each issue. Bonds will be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award.

GREENE, Chenango County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Chenango Valley Savings Bank of Binghamton has purchased an issue of \$25,000 4 1/4% village bonds at par. Due in 1926 to 1937.

GREENBURGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Ardsley), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$135,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3346—were awarded to Farson, Son & Co. of New York at a premium of \$1,759, equal to 101.30, a basis of about 4.16%. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$3,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$4,000, 1940 to 1945 incl.; \$8,000, 1946 to 1950 incl., and \$10,000, 1951 to 1955 incl.

GREENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hunt County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 14 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$15,000 school bonds. M. C. Hale, City Clerk.

GROSSE POINTE TOWNSHIP RURAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On June 29 the \$255,000 30-year school-site purchase bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3347) were awarded to Watling, Lerchen & Co. and the Detroit Trust Co., both of Detroit, jointly, as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$7,945 87, equal to 103.11.

GUSTINE CITY, Merced County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 13 by W. L. Chappell, City Clerk, for \$10,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, June 1 1926 to 1945 incl. A certified check for 10% of bid, payable to the President Board of Trustees, is required.

HALL COUNTY (P. O. Gainesville), Ga.—BOND SALE.—Bell, Speas & Co. of Atlanta have purchased an issue of \$50,000 5% road bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly Jan. 1 1931 to 1935 incl.

HAMILTON, Hamilton County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 28 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 sewer improvement and extension bonds.

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hampshire), Kane County, Ill.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$45,000 school bonds, reported sold to H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago at par in V. 120, p. 3226, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Int. F. & A. 15. Date May 1 1925. Due yearly on Aug. 15. Bonds bear 5% interest and were purchased on Jan. 15.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 18 by G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, for the following 5% road bonds: \$4,500 bonds. Due Oct. 1, \$1,000, 1926 to 1929 incl. and \$500, 1930. 2,500 bonds. Due Oct. 1, \$1,000, 1926 and 1927 and \$500, 1928. 4,500 bonds. Due Oct. 1, \$1,000, 1926 to 1929 incl. and \$500, 1930.

Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Prin. & int. payable at County Treasurer's office. Certified check for \$200, required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cincinnati.

HAYDEN LAKE HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Coeur d'Alene), Kootenai County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 11 by Walter Goodrich, Secretary Board of Highway Commissioners, for \$14,000 not exceeding 6% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 24 by Earl T. Crawford, County Auditor, for the following 5% bonds: \$28,500 I. C. H. No. 225, Section "B," Deshler road impt. bonds. Denoms. 15 for \$1,500 and 6 for \$1,000. Due \$1,500 each six months from March 1 1926 to March 1 1933 incl., and \$2,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1933 to Sept. 1 1934 incl. 33,500 I. C. H. No. 491, Section B-1 road impt. bonds. Denoms. 5 for \$1,500 and 26 for \$1,000. Due \$1,500 each six months from March 1 1926 to March 1 1928 incl., and \$2,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1928 to Sept. 1 1934 incl. 20,000 I. C. H. No. 285, Section G road impt. bonds. Denoms. 14 for \$1,000 and 4 for \$1,500. Due \$1,000 each six months from March 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1932 incl., and \$1,500 each six months from March 1 1933 to Sept. 1 1934 incl. Date Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check on one of the banks doing a regular banking business in Henry County or a New York draft for 5% of the total issue, payable to the County Treasurer, required with each issue.

HERMOSA BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5% sewer bonds was purchased on June 2 by the Anglo-London Paris Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$5,912, equal to 105.91, a basis of about 4.52%. Dated Jan. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926 to 1945 incl., and \$2,000, 1946 to 1965 incl. Principal and interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York City.

HIDALGO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Lordsburg), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,900 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 27—V. 120, p. 2970—were awarded to the American National Co. of Denver at 95.12. Date June 1 1925. Due serially after 5 years. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Interest payable (J. & D.).

HIGHLAND PARK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 4 a special election will be held to vote upon the issuance of \$500,000 street improvement bonds.

HILLSDALE COUNTY (P. O. Hillsdale), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$39,000 bonds for assessment District Road No. 10, offered on July 3—V. 121, p. 108—were awarded to the First State Savings Bank of Hillsdale as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$39, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.20%. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$9,000 in 1927 and \$10,000 in 1928 and 1929.

HOBES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Everett), Snohomish County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The Teachers' Retirement Fund Association has purchased an issue of \$2,000 4 1/2% school bonds at par. Due serially in 2 to 5 years.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Merchants & Farmers Bank of Durant has purchased an issue of \$32,500 road bonds at par.

INDIANA COUNTY (P. O. Indiana), Pa.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS SOLD.—The \$1,000,000 4% highway impt. bonds, reported sold to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh in V. 120, p. 3226, are described as follows: Coupon bonds in the denomination of \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due on July 1 from 1929 to 1955 incl. The bonds were purchased on June 16 and the price paid was 100.331.

INDIANAPOLIS PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 8 the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis were awarded the two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3347) as follows: \$28,000 Issue No. 3 bonds of 1925, maturing \$1,000 yearly Jan. 1 1927 to 1954 inclusive, for \$29,277 75, equal to 104.563, a basis of about 4.09%.

13,000 Issue No. 4 bonds of 1925, maturing \$1,000 yearly Jan. 1 1927 to 1939 inclusive, for \$13,352 75, equal to 102.713, a basis of about 4.08%. Date July 8 1925.

IOSCO COUNTY (P. O. Tawas City), Mich.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS LATER SOLD AT A PRIVATE SALE.—All bids received on June 27 for the \$79,200 coupon highway improvement bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3226), were rejected.

On July 1 the bonds were sold at a private sale to Livingstone, Higbie & Co. of Detroit as 5s. The purchaser agreed to pay attorneys fees and for the printing of bonds.

IRON MOUNTAIN, Dickinson County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—The taxpayers of the city will vote July 21 on the following bonding propositions: Sewers, \$200,000; electric light and power plant, \$180,000; paving, \$50,000; cemetery, \$40,000.

IRWINDELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased an issue of \$40,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Due serially.

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Steubenville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) July 25 by R. D. Ault, Clerk Board of Education, for \$3,500 6% coupon school house construction bonds. Denoms. one for \$1,500 and two for \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at National Exchange Bank & Trust Co., Steubenville. Due \$1,500 Sept. 1 1926 and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1927 and 1928. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, required with each bid.

ITALY, Ellis County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased an issue of \$5,000 5 1/2% warrants. Due in 1 to 10 years.

JACKSON, Cape Girardeau County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$65,000 sewer bonds by a count of 658 "for" to 92 "against."

JACKSON, Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 21, by W. P. Turner, City Auditor, for \$5,863 6% (special assessment) East Main St., impt. bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$363. Date June 15 1925. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1, as follows: \$363, 1926; \$500, 1927; \$1,000, 1928; \$500, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$500, 1931; \$1,000, 1932 and \$500, 1933 and 1934. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days of award.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Gainesboro), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% school building, Series 1925, bonds, offered on June 29 (V. 120, p. 2970) were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a premium of \$560, equal to 101.60. Date April 27 1925. Coupon bonds. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Price Bid. I. B. Tigrett & Co. \$35,550 00; Mississippi Val. Trust Co. \$35,532 00; Joe B. Palmer & Co. 35,545 00

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Findlay 1st No. 5), Hancock County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. July 10 by the Township Clerk for \$1,185 6% impt. bonds. Denom. \$237. Date Jan. 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due \$237 yearly on March 1 from 1926 to 1930 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Township Treasurer. These bonds were originally advertised for sale on July 3 (V. 121, p. 108).

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 14 by Myrtle Neare, County Treasurer, for the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds: \$14,700 Sol Myers et al. stone road bonds. Denoms. \$735. Due \$735 every six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl. 9,800 Aaron Downing et al. stone road bonds. Denom. \$490. Due \$490 every six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl. Date July 1 1925. Int. M. & N.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 15 by Ed. F. Schmundt, County Treasurer, for \$4,980 4 1/2% Madison Township road bonds. Denom. \$249. Dated July 6 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$249 each six months from May 15 to Nov. 15 1935 incl.

JOCUMBA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), San Diego County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 28 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,400 school building bonds.

JOHNSTOWN, Cambria County, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election a proposed bond issue of \$3,000,000 for street improvements was defeated by about 1,000 votes.

JONESBORO SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jonesboro), Craighead County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The American Trust Co. of Jonesboro has purchased an issue of \$110,000 5 1/4% school bonds at a premium of \$250, equal to 100.22. Due in 1945.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co., the First National Bank, White, Weld & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., the Detroit Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Blodgett & Co., R. W. Pressprich & Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co. and Taylor, Ewart & Co., all of New York, and the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and Federal Commerce Trust Co., both of St. Louis, was awarded the following 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$4,523,000, offered on July 8—V. 121, p. 108—at 102.87, a basis of about 4.15%: \$3,000,000 Blue River sewer bonds. Due \$166,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$167,000, 1934 to 1945 incl. 1,523,000 Goose-neck sewer bonds. Due \$138,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$139,000, 1934 to 1938 incl. Date July 1 1925.

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$1,000,000 4 1/2% school bonds purchased on June 25 by a syndicate composed of the First Trust & Savings Bank and Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., both of Chicago, and the Prescott, Wright & Snider Co., of Kansas City (V. 121, p. 108) are described as follows Date Jan. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 1943. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Assessed valuation, 1925: \$547,830,007; Total bonded debt, including this issue: 17,273,000; Less sinking funds: 4,728,545; Net bonded debt: 12,544,455; Population (1920 Census): 324,410; population, present official estimate: 420,527.

KENSINGTON PARK SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), San Diego County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$15,000 sewer bonds at the election held June 30—V. 120, p. 3227.

KENTON, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 6 the two issues of 5% bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3227), were awarded as follows: \$16,000 street bonds to Davies-Bertram Co. of Cincinnati for \$16,235, equal to 101.46, a basis of about 4.65%. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1926 to 1933, inclusive. 5,400 sewer bonds to Otis & Co. of Cleveland for \$5,458 86, equal to 101.09, a basis of about 4.74%. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$600. Due \$300 April 1 1926 to 1954, inclusive.

**KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Klamath Falls has been awarded an issue of \$9,037 5/8% sixth sewer unit deficit bonds at par.

**LADONIA, Fannin County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—Garrett & Co., of Dallas, have purchased an issue of \$18,000 street improvement bonds. Due in 36 years, optional in 10 years.

**LA GRANDE, Union County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The Western Bond & Mortgage Co. and Ralph Schneeloch & Co. of Portland, jointly, have purchased at par the following bonds aggregating \$360,000: \$185,000 5% improvement bonds. 175,000 4 3/4% improvement bonds.

**LANDER COUNTY, P. O. Austin, Nev.—BOND SALE.**—The \$55,000 6% school bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3348—were awarded to the Battle Mountain State Bank of Austin at a premium of \$2,917, equal to 105.30. Dated July 6 1925. Due serially.

**LANTANA, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—J. C. Mayer & Co. of Cincinnati were awarded an issue of \$95,000 sewer and water works bonds at 95.00.

**LA PLATA, Macon County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$145,000 water works and sewer system bonds.

**LINCOLN PARK (P. O. Dearborn R. F. D. No. 2), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—On June 29 the \$82,000 special assessment bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3348), were awarded to Matthew Finn, of Detroit, at 5 1/8 for \$82,001, equal to 100.001, a basis of about 5.49%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Interest J. & J. Due yearly in from one to five years.

**LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kelso), Cowlitz County, Wash.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$95,000 school bonds awarded on May 15 to Pierce, Fair & Co., of Seattle (V. 120, p. 2847) are described as follows: Date May 15 1925. Coupon bonds. Due serially May 15 1927 to 1945, inclusive. Interest payable (M. & N. 15). The above bonds bear interest at the rate of 4 3/4% and not 4 1/2%, as incorrectly stated in above reference.

**LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—DESCRIPTION OF BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 4% bonds awarded to the National City Co. of Boston, as reported in last week's issue on page 108, is made up of two separate issues which are described as follows: \$75,000 "Water Main Loan 1925" bonds, payable \$5,000 July 1 1926 to 1940, inclusive.

25,000 "Lakeview Avenue Permanent Paving Loan, 1925" bonds, payable \$3,000 July 1 1926 to 1930, inclusive, and \$2,000 July 1 1931 to 1935, inclusive.

Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denominations. Dated July 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston. The bonds were offered and sold on July 2. The price paid was 101.071, a basis of about 3.83%.

*Financial Statement June 24 1925.*

Net valuation for year 1924	\$139,984.005 00
Debt limit 2 1/2% of average valuation	3,374,946 52
Total gross debt, including these issues	6,029,570 00
Exempted debt—Water bonds	\$266,750 00
Other bonds	2,696,950 00
	2,963,700 00

Net debt	\$3,065,870 00
Borrowing capacity	\$309,076 52
Sinking funds for debts outside debt limit	\$238,786 75

**LOWER BURRELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.**—On July 1 a special election was held in this district for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$30,000 school bonds. The proposition was carried by a vote of 173 to 36.

**LUBBOCK, Lubbock County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of the following bonds aggregating \$350,000: \$150,000 sanitary sewer bonds. 150,000 water works bonds. 50,000 street improvement and paving bonds.

**LUDINGTON, Mason County, Mich.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—The Board of Commissioners of the city has authorized two special assessment paving bond issues totaling \$15,468. Interest at the rate of 5%, payable annually. Maturity serially, one issue \$1,552, annually for 8 years, and the other \$381 50 annually for 8 years.

**LUZERNE COUNTY (P. O. Wilkes-Barre), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 20 by Paul J. Schmidt, County Controller, for \$350,000 4 3/4% tax-free coupon Fort Jenkins bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1925. Int. F. & A. Due \$100,000 Feb. 1 1933, \$150,000 Feb. 1 1934 and \$100,000 Feb. 1 1935. Certified check for \$3,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Delivery of bonds to be made on Aug. 1. These bonds are the remainder of an issue of \$850,000.

**McCORMICK, McCormick County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased an issue of \$124,000 municipal impt. bonds at a premium of \$1,730, equal to 101.39.

**MCKINLEY COUNTY RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Gallup), N. Mex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$10,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3098—were not sold owing to an injunction suit.

**McLEAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ft. Laramie), Shelby County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 18 by Wm. H. Niederkorn, Township Clerk, for \$2,067 41 5/8 coupon special assessment impt. road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$1,067 41. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 March 1 1926 and \$1,067 41 Sept. 1 1926. Certified check for 5% of bid is required.

**McMINNVILLE, Yamhill County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The Ralph Schneeloch Co. of Portland has been awarded an issue of \$11,000 fire equipment bonds at 103.76.

**MADERA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Madera), Madera County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$56,000 6% school bonds offered on July 7—V. 120, p. 3348—were awarded to H. S. Boone & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$5,506, equal to 109.83. Due in 1 to 20 years.

**MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (Central standard time) July 30 by F. A. Rolla, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$32,321 18 5/8 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$321 18. Date July 1 1925. Int. payable A. & O. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$321 18, 1926; \$2,000, 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000, 1936 to 1939 incl. Certified check, payable to Frank Hogan, County Treasurer, for \$1,500, is required.

**MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—Walter E. Milliken, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 2 for the purchase of the following 4% coupon bonds: \$146,000 "Building Loan of 1925" bonds dated Aug. 1 1925, and payable \$8,000 Aug. 1 1926 to 1931 incl., and \$7,000, Aug. 1 1932 to 1945 incl. Int. F. & A.

7,000 "Surface Drainage Loan of 1924" bonds dated Nov. 1 1924, and payable \$1,000 Nov. 1 1925 to 1931 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. 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 Aug. 3 at the First National Bank of Boston.

*Financial Statement July 1 1925.*

Net valuation for year 1924	\$55,665,700 00
Debt limit 2 1/2% average valuation three preceding years	1,281,271 73
Total gross debt, including these issues	2,656,600 00
Exempted debt—Water bonds, \$12,000; other bonds, \$1,544,000	1,556,000 00
Net debt	\$1,100,600 00
Borrowing capacity still available	\$180,671 73

**MAMARONECK (TOWN) SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 14, by Frederick M. Sherman, Town Clerk, for \$140,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest) sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1925. Interest J. & J. Principal and interest payable at United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York. Due \$40,000 July 1 1930 to 1964, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the town of Mamaroneck, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York City, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the town. Bids are desired on forms to be furnished by the above trust company and the above Town Clerk.

*Financial Statement.*

Total assessed valuation of 1924 for taxes of 1925	\$35,203,585
Total bonded indebtedness, less sinking funds, &c., including above bonds	912,000
Assessed valuation of 1923 for taxes of 1924 of Sewer District No. 1 (approximate)	5,830,725
Total bonded indebtedness of Sewer District No. 1, including above bonds	801,500
Population, town of Mamaroneck (1925 estimated), 9,500.	

**MANATEE, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$269,000 6% street impt. bonds awarded on June 26 to Seawood & Mayer of Cincinnati—V. 121, p. 109—are described as follows: Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1 to 10 years. Int. payable J. & J.

**MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On July 7 the \$29,300 5% coupon (city's portion) street impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 120, p. 3228—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Mansfield at a premium of \$716, equal to 102.44, a basis of about 4.49%. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,300, 1926; \$3,000, 1927 to 1934 incl., and \$2,000, 1935.

**MAPLE HEIGHTS (P. O. Bedford R. F. D.) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 5 by F. J. Vasek, Village Clerk for \$15,626.18 5 1/8% (special assessment) Durham Road Sewer, District No. 2 bonds Series 7. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$626.18. Date Aug. 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Prin. and int. payable at Central National Bank Savings & Trust Company, Cleveland. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926; \$2,000, 1927; \$1,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934 and \$1,626.18, 1935. Certified check upon a solvent bank located in the State of Ohio for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 28 by J. L. Duvall, County Treasurer, for \$8,000 6% Manford D. Yantz ditch in Washington Twp. bonds. Denom. \$400. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due \$400 each six months from Jan. 1 1926 to July 1 1935 incl.

**MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On July 9 the \$11,700 5 1/2% (property owners' portion) inter-county highway bonds offered on that date (V. 121, p. 109) were sold to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$489 51, equal to 104.18, a basis of about 4.56%. Date July 1 1925. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$700, 1926; \$2,000, 1927; \$1,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$1,000, 1930 and 1931; \$2,000, 1932, and \$1,000, 1933 and 1934.

**MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Colony Trust Co. of Boston was the successful bidder on July 8 for a \$200,000 temporary loan, on a 3.23% discount basis plus a premium of \$1 50. Due \$50,000 Nov. 23 and Dec. 15 1925, and Jan. 15 and Feb. 15 1926.

**MEMONINEE, Menominee County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.**—The taxpayers of the city will vote July 18 on a proposition to bond for \$18,000 for improvements to Riverside Cemetery.

**MESA, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. to-day (July 11) by A. J. Petrie, Town Clerk, for the following bonds, aggregating \$228,500: \$80,000 domestic water-works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. 98,500 artificial light bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. 50,000 refunding water-works bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

Due in twenty years. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley, of Chicago. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

**METUCHEN, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 20 by Edw. A. Burroughs, Borough Clerk, for an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) borough hall bonds, not to exceed \$35,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$35,000. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, or its equivalent in lawful money of the United States, at the Metuchen National Bank, Metuchen. Due \$2,000 July 1 1926 to 1942, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1943. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to Borough of Metuchen, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, of New York.

**MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. (Central standard time) July 24 by T. B. Radabaugh, County Auditor, for \$29,500 5% coupon bridge bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at court house in Troy. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1936 incl. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to above named official, is required.

**MIDLAND, Beaver County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a special election held on June 30, \$206,000 sewer extension bonds were carried by a majority of more than five to one.

**MILWAUKEE, Clackamas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, the Lumbermen's Trust Co. and Pearce, Fair & Co., both of Portland, jointly have purchased an issue of \$186,000 4 1/4% city bonds at 100.17.

**MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—The \$139,000 5% lighting improvement Series 1, 2, 3 and 4 bonds offered on July 7—V. 121, p. 3349—were awarded to the People's Bank of Mobile at a premium of \$4,531 50, equal to 103.26, a basis of about 4.59% if allowed to run full term of years. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 1935; optional at any yearly interest period commencing July 1 1926 upon payment of principal and premium of 1 1/4%.

**MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—WATER BONDS TO BE CALLED AND NEW BONDS ISSUED—WILL ASK FOR BIDS.**—At an adjourned meeting of the City Commission on June 30 Benjamin Dansard & Co., of Detroit, were given authority to call in \$175,000 worth of first mortgage water bonds issued by the old Monroe Water Co. in 1909. New bonds will be issued in place of them at a lower rate of interest. The city will advertise for bids for the sale of the bonds at a later date.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (central standard time) July 27 by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Comm'rs, for \$10,600 5% coupon Riverdale Heights Plat. Sanitary Sewer System bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, \$600 and \$500. Date July 1 1925. Int. A. & O. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$600 Oct. 1 1926; \$500, 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$1,000, 1930; \$500, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$500, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$500, 1937; \$1,000, 1938; \$500, 1939; and \$1,000, 1946. Certified check drawn on any solvent bank or trust company payable to the County Treasurer for \$500 is required. D. W. and A. S. Iddings of Dayton, and Peck, Schaffer and Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been employed to assist in the preparation of legislation and the issue and sale of these bonds and will certify as to the legality thereof.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (Central standard time) July 25 by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$1,300 5 1/4% coupon Klingdrive sanitary sewer extension bonds. Denom. \$50 and \$100. Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.)

payable at office of County Treasurer. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$50 in 1926; \$100 in 1927; \$50 in 1928; \$100 in 1929; \$50 in 1930; \$100 in 1931; \$50 in 1932, and \$100 in 1933 to 1940 incl. Certified check for \$50 on any solvent bank or trust company in Montgomery County, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

**MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 18 by M. W. Tackitt, County Treasurer, for \$5,240 5% M. A. Godsey et al. free gravel road bonds. Denom. \$262. Date July 15 1925. Int. M. & N. Due \$262 each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 inclusive.

**MOUNT LEBANON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$90,000 4 3/4% tax-free coupon school bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3229—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at 102.73, a basis of about 4.045%. Date June 1 1925. Due every six years on June 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1931 and 1937; \$20,000, 1943, 1949 and 1955.

**MOUNT PLEASANT, Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. July 14 by John J. Sinnott, Town Supervisor (P. O. First National Bank Building, North Tarrytown), for \$167,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds (convertible into fully registered bonds). Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Interest J. & J. Due yearly as follows: \$7,000 July 1 1926 and \$10,000 July 1 1927 to 1942, inclusive. Certified check for 10% of the amount bid, payable to Town Supervisor, required. The approving opinion will be furnished by Clay & Dillon, of New York. Bonds to be delivered and paid for five days from day of sale at the office of the Town Supervisor.

**MT. UNION, Huntington County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on June 16—V. 120, p. 3099—\$135,000 4 3/4% storage reservoir and water system bonds were carried by 348 to 68. Due from 1928 to 1955. Bonds will be offered for sale soon. In giving the notice of election—see above reference—we incorrectly stated the amount of bonds to be voted on would be \$185,000 instead of \$135,000.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of the Detroit Co. of Detroit, Eldredge & Co. of New York, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, and Ralph Schmeeloch Co. of Portland, was the successful bidder for the \$1,000,000 school bonds offered on July 1 (V. 120, p. 3099) at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.01—a basis of about 4.32%, as follows: \$664,000 maturing July 15, \$55,000, 1928 to 1935, inclusive, and \$56,000, 1936 to 1939, inclusive, at 4 3/4%; and \$336,000 maturing \$58,000, 1940 to 1945, inclusive, at 4s. Date July 15 1925. The above corrects the report given in V. 121, p. 110.

**MUSKEGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Muskegon Heights), Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. E. Lowes, 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. This item was incorrectly reported under the caption of "Muskegon Heights School District No. 1, Pa." in V. 120, p. 110.

**NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$500,000 temporary loan offered on July 8—V. 121, p. 110—was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 3.13% discount basis plus a premium of \$8. Due Nov. 12 1925.

**NEW BREMEN, Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On July 3 the \$7,300 6% coupon street improvement assessment bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3099) were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati for \$7,614 63, equal to 104.31, a basis of about 5.155%. Date June 1 1925. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926, and \$700, 1927 to 1935 incl.

**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Benton County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$12,000 4 1/2% school bonds purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport—V. 121, p. 110—are described as follows: Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable (M. & N.). Registered or coupon bonds. Due serially June 1 1926 to 1937 incl.

**NEW HYDE PARK FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. New Hyde Park), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On July 8 the following two issues of fire apparatus purchase bonds, offered on that date, were sold to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York at 100.14 for 4 3/4s, a basis of about 4.48%: \$14,000 Series A bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1933, incl. 10,500 Series B bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,500 July 1 1927 and \$1,000 July 1 1928 to 1936, incl.

Date July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, or its equivalent, at the Bank of New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park.

**NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Arthur J. Keefe, Commissioner of Public Finances, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 3 for certificates aggregating \$1,349,500, as follows: \$1,180,000 paving certificates. 169,500 paving certificates.

**NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston were awarded on July 7 the \$50,000 4% coupon street imp. bonds offered on that date (V. 121, p. 110) at 101.269, a basis of about 3.74%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935 incl.

**NORTH BEND, Coos County, Ore.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$32,000 6% improvement bonds purchased by the Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Portland—V. 120, p. 2849—are described as follows: Date May 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Int. payable (M. & N.). Coupon bonds. Due May 1 1935.

**NORTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. July 14 by Town Treasurer for \$20,000 4% bridge bonds. Int. J. & J. Dated July 15 1925. Due 1926 to 1945 incl.

**NORTH CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on July 22 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$100,000 not exceeding 6% coupon sewer and fire plug bonds.

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. East Williston), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 15 by Robert J. Wiley, District Clerk, for \$82,500 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest) bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 3 for \$500 each. Date Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in lawful money of U. S. of A. at First National Bank of Mineola. Due \$2,500 Aug. 1 1926 to 1928 incl., and \$5,000 Aug. 1 1929 to 1943 incl. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the District Treasurer, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. The opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished successful bidder. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon.

**O'DONNELL, Lynn County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on Aug. 5 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$25,000 drainage bonds and \$65,000 water works bonds.

**OKEMAH, Okfuskee County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 5% coupon water works bonds offered on June 25—V. 120, p. 3230—were awarded to Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City at a premium of \$1,200, equal to 100.60.

**OKMULGEE, Okmulgee County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.**—On July 14 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 water bonds.

**ORLEANS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Orange County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On July 3 the \$30,690 4 3/4% coupon school improvement bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3349), were bought by the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$31,348 80, equal to 102.14—a basis of about 4.165%. Date July 1 1925. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000 July 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1932, inclusive; \$1,500 July 1 1932 to Jan. 1 1938, inclusive, and \$690 July 1 1938.

**ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. New Orleans), Orleans Parish, La.—BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of the Canal-Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., Interstate Trust & Banking Co., Marine Bank & Trust Co., and Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank, all of New Orleans, has purchased an issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon spillway construction bonds. Date June 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$125,000 June 1 1927 to 1930, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer, Baton Rouge, or at the fiscal agency of the Board of Levee Commissioners, in New Orleans. Legality to be approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1925.....\$553,951,901  
Total bonded debt, including this issue..... 3,500,000  
Population, 1925, 420,660.

**OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Port Clinton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On July 6 the \$73,000 5% coupon I. O. H. No. 438, Section "C" bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3349) were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo, for \$74,912, equal to 102.61, a basis of about 4.41%. Date July 6 1925. Due each six months as follows: \$5,000 April 6 1926 and \$4,000 each Oct. 6 and April 6 from Oct. 6 1926 to Oct. 6 1934 incl. Other bidders were:

Name of Bidder..... Prem.  
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo.....\$1,701.00  
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo..... 1,336.00  
Provident Saving Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati..... 1,379.70  
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati..... 1,432.00

**PALMER, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The First National Corporation of Boston was awarded on July 8 a temporary loan of \$75,000, payable Nov. 27 1925, on a 3.28% discount basis.

**PALMER TOWNSHIP, Divide County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 14 by Perry Christian, Clerk Board of Supervisors, at County Auditor's office, for \$2,000 not exceeding 7% certificates of indebtedness. Due in 18 months. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Township Treasurer, is required.

**PARAGOULD-HOPKINS BRIDGE ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, Greene County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—Stix & Co. of St. Louis have purchased an issue of \$70,000 5 1/2% road improvement bonds. Date May 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 and 1927, \$2,500, 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$3,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; \$3,500, 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$4,000 in 1937 and 1938; \$4,500 in 1939 and 1940; \$5,000 in 1941; \$5,500 in 1942 and 1943, and \$6,000 in 1944. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the St. Louis Union Trust Co. of St. Louis. Legality approved by Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough of Little Rock.

**PAWTUCKET, Providence County, R. I.—BOND SALE.**—Of the following two issues of 4% school bonds, offered on June 25, \$100,000 were purchased at par by the Pawtucket Institution for Savings and the remaining \$650,000 were awarded to the Industrial Trust Co. and Eldredge & Co., jointly, at 98.85: \$450,000 bonds. Date April 1 1925. Due 1955. 300,000 bonds. Date Oct. 1 1924. Due 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949 and 1954.

**PEEKSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peekskill), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 school bonds, offered on July 7 (V. 120, p. 3349) were awarded to the Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo at 100.339, a basis of about 4.20%. Date July 1 1925. Coupon bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly Jan. 1 1927 to 1941 incl.

**PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2:45 p. m. July 21 by the City Comptroller for \$450,000 4 1/4% bonds as follows: \$150,000 public safety bonds. Due \$5,000, 1926 to 1955, inclusive. 300,000 current revenue bonds. Due June 1 1926, optional at any time. Dated June 1 1925.

**PLAINFIELD, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 20 by George B. Wean, City Clerk pro tem, for an issue of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) school bonds not to exceed \$80,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$80,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, or its equivalent, at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$2,000 June 1 1927 to 1951, inclusive, and \$3,000 June 1 1952 to 1961, inclusive. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the City Treasurer, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required. Legality to be approved by Clay & Dillon, of New York.

**PLEASANTVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 21 by Charles J. Loire, Village Clerk, for the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$77,000: \$70,000 registered third issue sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly Aug. 1 1930 to 1964 incl. 7,000 coupon Planning Commission bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly Aug. 1 1926 to 1932 incl.

Dated Aug. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Mount Pleasant Bank, Pleasantville, in New York exchange. Certified check or bank draft for 2% of amount of bonds required with each issue.

**POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The school bonds aggregating \$279,000, offered on July 7—V. 121, p. 111—were awarded as follows:

To Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo— \$160,000 5 1/2% Special Tax School District No. 53 bonds at 105.43, a basis of about 4.99%. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1928 to 1939, incl.; \$6,000 1940 to 1951, incl., and \$7,000 1952 to 1955, incl.  
To Vandersall & Co. of Toledo and the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago jointly— \$65,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 2 bonds at 106.41, a basis of about 5.42%. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1948, incl., and \$3,000 1949 to 1955, incl.  
To Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo— \$15,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 7 bonds at 102.25, a basis of about 5.75%. Due \$500 yearly June 1 1926 to 1955, incl.  
25,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 58 bonds at 108.26, a basis of about 5.20%. Due \$1,000 yearly July 1 1928 to 1952, incl.

To Prudden & Co. of Toledo— \$14,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 18 bonds at 108.67, a basis of about 5.21%. Due \$500 yearly July 1 1928 to 1955, incl.  
Dated July 1 1925.

**PONDER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Denton County, Texas.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$35,000 school bonds purchased by H. C. Burt & Co., of Dallas (V. 120, p. 2720), bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2% and are described as follows: Date May 1 1925. Coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Due serially in 40 years. Interest payable M. & N.

**PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—LOAN OFFERING.**—John R. Gilmartin, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) July 13 for the purchase on a discount basis of a temporary loan of \$200,000 in anticipation of taxes for the year 1925. Notes therefor will be dated July 15 1925, and payable October 5 1925. The First National Bank of Boston, (Mass.). The notes will be in denominations to suit the purchaser, and in submitting bids the denominations desired should be stated. The notes will be ready for delivery July 15 at The First National Bank of Boston, and will be certified as to genuineness and validity by said bank under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden and Perkins, and all legal papers incident to the loan will be filed with the above bank, where they may be inspected at any time.

**PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 21 by Geo. R. Funk, City Auditor, for \$297,000 4 3/4% assessment collection bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1945. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to city, is required.

**PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—PURCHASERS.**—The purchasers of the following 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$325,000, reported sold on June 30 at 99.56, a basis of about 4.55%—V. 120, p. 111—were Austin Grant & Co., Trust Co. of Norfolk, and O. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago.

\$125,000 school bonds, due \$5,000 July 1 1930 to 1954, inclusive.

200,000 improvement bonds. Due July 1 1930 to 1954 incl.

Date July 1 1925. We originally reported the sale of these bonds to the American National Bank of Portsmouth, but we now learn that this bank was bidding for the account of the above companies.

POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the two issues of 4 3/4% county unit highway impt. bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3350) were sold to the Old First National Bank of Mt. Vernon as follows:

\$18,400 Annie D. Larkin et al. in Point Twp. road bonds for \$19,021.55, equal to 103.37, a basis of about 4.07%. Denom. \$920. Due \$1,840 yearly on May 15 from 1926 to 1935 incl.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder name, Int. Rate, and Amount. Includes J. T. Wild & Co., Fletcher Saving & Trust Co., City Securities Corp., Meyer-Kiser Bank, Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Mt. Vernon.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 30 the \$3,737 6% coupon ditch bonds, offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3350) were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, for \$3,744.50, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 5.955%. Date July 1 1925.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Ottawa), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (central standard time) July 22, by A. B. Brusktorfer, Clerk of County Commissioners, for \$41,358.56 5% W. M. George Road Impt. in Van Buren Township bonds.

ROCKHAM, Faulk County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Drake, Jones & Co., of Minneapolis, purchased an issue of \$27,500 5 1/4% water-works bonds on July 3 at a premium of \$110, equal to 100.40. Date May 1 1925.

ROCKPORT, Aransas County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Barry & Co. of New Orleans have purchased an issue of \$50,000 5 1/2% shore protection bonds at 95. Due in 15 years.

ROOSEVELT WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (P. O. Mesa), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—E. F. Young, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Aug. 3 for \$1,000,000 6% water and Second Series bonds.

ROTTERDAM COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Carman R. D. No. 6), Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 21 by R. W. Pulmar, for \$60,000 4 1/2% school bonds.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The taxpayers of the city voted down the proposition to bond for \$275,000 for storm sewers, and also voted down the proposition to bond for \$100,000 for paving at the election held on June 29—V. 120, p. 3231.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—The 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 at par, a basis of about 4.05%, as follows:

500,000 4% sewer bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$8,000 in 1926 and 1927, \$9,000 in 1928 and 1929, \$10,000 in 1930 and 1931, \$11,000 in 1932 and 1933, \$12,000 in 1934 and 1935, \$13,000 in 1936 and 1937, \$14,000 in 1938 and 1939, \$15,000 in 1940, \$16,000 in 1941 and 1942, \$17,000 in 1943, \$18,000 in 1944, \$19,000 in 1945, \$20,000 in 1946, \$21,000 in 1947, \$22,000 in 1948, \$23,000 in 1949, \$24,000 in 1950, \$25,000 in 1951, \$26,000 in 1952, \$27,000 in 1953, \$28,000 in 1954 and \$29,000 in 1955.

Table with 4 columns: Bidder name, Int. Rate, School Rate, and Premium. Includes Eldredge & Co. and Wells-Dickey Co., Estabrook & Co., Detroit Trust Co., Guaranty Company, Kean, Taylor & Co., Lemick, Hodges & Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co., W. A. Harriman & Co., Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., National City Co. and Northern Trust Co.

\*We originally reported the sale of the above bonds in V. 121, p. 112, at this bid, but we now learn that the purchasers submitted another bid upon which the award was made as stated above.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 15 by W. F. Scott, City Comptroller, for \$1,000,000 not exceeding 4 1/4% sewer bonds.

SALEM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Greensburg), Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 8 the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh was awarded the \$25,000 5% tax-free coupon road bldg. bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3232) for \$25,301.75, equal to 101.207, a basis of about 4.37%. Denom. \$1,000.

SALINA, Salina County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,189.42 4 3/4% paving bonds offered on June 29—V. 120, p. 3350—were awarded to Brown-Crummer & Co. of Wichita at 101.51, a basis of about 4.43%.

SAN MARINO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 13 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for \$65,000 5% school bonds.

int. payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3% of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, is required.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY (P. O. Milton), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on June 15—V. 120, p. 2721—were awarded to the National City Co. of New York at a premium of \$5,135, equal to 104.10, a basis of about 5.63%.

SARASOTA, Sarasota County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Trust Co. of Georgia of Atlanta and Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, jointly have purchased an issue of \$350,000 5 1/2% electric light bonds at a premium of \$19,427.50, equal to 105.55.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (P. O. Pottsville), Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 7 the \$400,000 4 1/4% tax-free coupon highway and bridge bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3350) were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at 101.487, a basis of about 4.07% to optional date and a basis of about 4.17% if allowed to run full term of years.

SEBASTIAN COUNTY (P. O. Greenwood), Ark.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Fort Smith has purchased an issue of \$35,000 6% county bonds at a premium of \$502, equal to 101.43.

SELMA, Dallas County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—Marx & Co. of Birmingham have purchased an issue of \$40,500 6% street improvement bonds. Due in ten years.

SENATH, Dunklin County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$68,000 water and sewer bonds at an election held recently.

SEYMOUR, Outagamie County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank and Seymour State Bank, both of Seymour, jointly have purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% street improvement bonds.

SHADY GROVE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Irving), Dallas County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$8,000 school building bonds at a recent election.

SHENANDOAH, Page County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport have purchased an issue of \$9,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds at a premium of \$77, equal to 100.85.

SOMERSET, Somerset County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. July 21 by Richard Pile, Borough Secretary, for \$6,000 4 1/2% water works impt. bonds.

SOUTH BEND, St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4 1/4% city bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3351—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$1,778.20, equal to 103.55, a basis of about 3.995%.

SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hollister), San Benito County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% school bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3351—were awarded to Dean, Witter & Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$510, equal to 105.10, a basis of about 5.32%.

SPRINGFIELD, Wilkes County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Kauffman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis has purchased an issue of \$180,000 5% bridge bonds at a premium of \$8,411, equal to 104.67.

STATESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Gredeli County, N. Caro.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds offered on July 7—V. 120, p. 3232—were not sold, as the sale of the bonds was not advertised in local and State papers.

STONECREEK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O., R. F. D. No. 7, Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. July 27 by Earl Griffith, Treasurer, for \$10,000 4 1/2% school bonds.

SULLIGENT, Lamar County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 120, p. 3100—were awarded to I. G. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson at par. Date July 1 1925.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit purchased on July 6 the \$37,700 5% road impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3351) for \$38,723, equal to 102.71, a basis of about 4.39%.

SWANTON, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 5% coupon street improvement bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3351—were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Deposit Co. of Swanton for \$8,051, equal to 100.63, a basis of about 4.85%.

SYLVANIA, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Sylvania purchased on July 3 the \$1,500 6% coupon bonds for band stand, bath house and purchase of playground equipment offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3351) for \$1,510, equal to 100.66, a basis of about 5.86%.

TEMPLE, Bell County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City has been awarded an issue of \$210,000 5% school bonds at 102.44, a basis of about 4.70%.

TERRY COUNTY (P. O. Brownfield), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on June 20—V. 120, p. 2851—the proposition to issue \$200,000 road bonds failed to carry.

TEXARKANA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Miller County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 25 by M. F. Chestnut, Secretary Board of Education, for \$100,000 5 1/2% school bonds.

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place, Due, Int. Includes China Springs Independent School District, Red River Common School District No. 73, etc.

TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 20 by Edward F. Fries, Treasurer, for \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Columbia Title & Trust Co. of Topeka has recently purchased an issue of \$21,385.17 4 3/4% paving bonds at 102.19.

UPTON, Weston County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 6% coupon sewer bonds offered on June 30 (V. 120, p. 3351) were awarded to the United States Bond Co. of Denver at 98, a basis of about 6.27% to optional date and a basis of about 6.18% if allowed to run full term of years.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) July 16 by William S. Pugh, City Comptroller, for the following bonds: \$7,734.79 (registered) delinquent tax bonds.

76,638 81 (registered) deferred assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$638 81. Date May 12 1925. Due yearly on May 12 as follows: \$11,638 81, 1926, and \$13,000, 1927 to 1931, incl.

3,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$300. Date July 1 1925. Due \$300 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

14,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$400. Date July 1 1925. Due \$1,400 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

25,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$250. Date July 1 1925. Due \$1,250 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

30,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1925. Due \$1,500 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

45,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$250. Date July 1 1925. Due \$2,250 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

50,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1925. Due \$2,500 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

60,000 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Due \$3,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

78,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$900. Date July 1 1925. Due \$3,900 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

100,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

150,000 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1925. Due \$7,500 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

165,000 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$250. Date July 1 1925. Due \$8,250 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

12,000 00 (coupon) public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$200. Date July 1 1925. Due \$8,200 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company of New York State for \$16,327 47, payable to the City Comptroller, must accompany each bid. Bids are requested for bonds bearing either 4% or 4½% interest. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, N. Y. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser on July 30 or such other date as may be mutually agreed upon.

**VICKSBURG, Kalamazoo County, Mich.—FUNDING BONDS VOTED.**—The taxpayers have voted to bond for \$7,000 to clean up the village's floating indebtedness.

**VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On July 3 the Terre Haute Trust Co. of Terre Haute, bidding \$61,560, equal to 104.33, a basis of about 4.125%, was awarded the \$59,000 5% H. V. Sholburne et al. road bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3351). Date June 1 1925. Due \$2,950 each six months from May 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1935 incl.

**WADESBORO, Anson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until July 14 by L. D. Rivers, Town Clerk, for \$50,000 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable semi-ann.

**WAWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Wawatosa was awarded the \$90,000 5% school series 12, bonds offered on July 7—V. 121, p. 113—at a premium of \$5,572 68 equal to 106.19, a basis of about 4.27%. Date June 15 1925. Due March 15 as follows: \$4,000 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$5,000 1936 to 1945, incl.

**WARE SHOALS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Greenwood County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. C. Gambrell, Secretary, Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 11 for \$104,000 coupon school bonds. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bristol), Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. July 27 by Clark H. Barney, Trustee, for \$14,000 5% school bonds. Date July 27 1925. Denoms. \$500 and \$200. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at Citizens' State Bank, Bristol. Due \$700 each six months from July 27 1926 to Jan. 27 1936 incl.

**WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On July 7 the following two issues of 4% coupon bonds, offered on that date, were awarded to F. S. Mosley & Co. of Boston at 100.554.  
\$27,000 sewer bonds. Due 1926 to 1935, incl.  
41,000 water bonds. Due 1926 to 1930, incl.  
Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J.

**WATSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Cruz County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$90,000 school site bonds by a count of 705 for 184 against.

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Goldsboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 bridge bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 2851—were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo as 4½% at a premium of \$203, equal to 100.81, a basis of about 4.41%. Date May 1 1925. Due \$5,000 1935 to 1939 incl.

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP (P. O. New Castle), Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 18 by E. E. Crum, Clerk Board of Trustees, for \$8,000 5½% road improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at First National Bank, Barnesville. Due \$500 each six months from April 1 1926 to Oct. 1 1933, inclusive. Certified check payable to the above Clerk for 5% is required.

**WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 20 by Ray E. Sawyer, County Treasurer, for \$6,534 10 6% coupon ditch bonds. Denom. \$653 41 July 15 1925. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$653 41 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1926 to 1935 incl.

**WESTON, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On June 29 this village offered and sold \$17,500 5% paving bonds to the First Citizens Corporation of Columbus at \$17,925, equal to 102.42. Included in the above \$17,500 are the following four issues, notice of the offering of which was given in V. 120, p. 3234:  
\$4,700 village portion paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$200. Due \$500 Oct. 1 1926 to 1934, inclusive, and \$200 July 1 1935.  
3,500 Locust St. paving bonds. Denom. \$350. Due \$350 Oct. 1 1926 to 1934, inclusive, and \$350 July 1 1935.  
4,300 Walnut St. paving bonds. Denom. \$450 and one for \$250. Due \$450 Oct. 1 1926 to 1934, inclusive, and \$250 July 1 1935.  
2,100 Maple St. improvement paving bonds. Denom. \$300 and \$200. Due \$300 Oct. 1 1926 and 1927, \$200 Oct. 1 1928 to 1934, inclusive, and \$200 July 1 1935.  
Date July 1 1925.

**WEST SALEM, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On July 6 the \$2,500 5% coupon (village's share) I. C. H. No. 139 bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3101) were purchased by State Teachers' Retirement Fund for \$2,507, equal to 100.28, a basis of about 4.905%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1926 to 1930 incl.

**WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harris County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—Garrett & Co. of Dallas has purchased an issue of \$55,000 5½% school bonds. Due serially.

**WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Searcy), Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The Peoples Bank, Bank of Searcy, and the Union Bank & Trust Co., all of Searcy, jointly have purchased an issue of \$60,000 5% county bonds.

**WILKINSBURG, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 6:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 27 by William N. Baker, Borough Secretary, for \$100,000 tax-free street and sewer improvement coupon bonds. Bonds 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 required. Bids are requested for bonds bearing either 4% or 4½% interest.

Notice of this offering was given in V. 121, p. 113, but at that time the date of sale was omitted.

**WILSON COUNTY (P. O. Wilson), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$625,000 highway bonds offered on July 7—V. 120, p. 3352—were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo as 4½% at a premium of \$5,129, equal to 100.82, a basis of about 4.44%. Coupon bonds. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$20,000 1935 to 1939, incl.; \$25,000 1940 to 1944, incl.; \$30,000 1945 to 1949, incl., and \$35,000 1950 to 1954, incl. The following is a list of other bidders:

Name—	Price Bid.	Name—	Price Bid.
A. B. Leach & Co.-----	\$627,757 00	Durfey & Marr et al.----	\$636,306 25
C. B. Fetzer Co.-----	633 875 00	Braun Bosworth & Co.	
Kalman Gates White &		et al.-----	643,387 50
Co. et al.-----	626,362 50	Carolina Secur. Co., Inc.	625,493 75
Henry D. Lindsley & Co.	635,312 50	Stranahan, Harris & Oatis	
Harris, Forbes & Co. et al	625,856 25	et al.-----	627,437 50

**WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held July 1 the voters authorized the issuance of \$22,000 school auditorium bonds by a count of 72 for 22 and 26 against.

**WINDSOR, Bertie County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until July 21 by J. B. Davenport, Town Clerk, for \$50,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable semi-annually.

**WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The following coupon bonds aggregating \$2,590,000, offered on July 7—V. 120, p. 3352—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., the National City Co., Bankers Trust Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, C. D. Barney & Co. and Kean, Taylor & Co., all of New York, and the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, at 101.71, a basis of about 4.51%:

\$1,445,000 5% street assessment bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$144,000 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$145,000 1932 to 1936, incl.	
175,000 4½% street improvement bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000 1927 to 1946, incl.; \$4,000 1947 to 1969, incl.; \$6,000 1970 to 1972, incl., and \$5,000 in 1973.	
285,000 4½% general improvement bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$12,000 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$15,000 1937 to 1947, incl.	
635,000 4½% sewer bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000 1927 to 1936, incl.; \$16,000 1937 to 1947, incl.; \$17,000 1948 to 1962, incl., and \$27,000 in 1963 and 1964.	
50,000 5% fire department bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1927 to 1932, incl.; \$6,000 in 1933 and 1934 and \$8,000 in 1935.	

Date July 1 1925.

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wood County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$45,000 5% water filtration bonds offered on July 2 (V. 120, p. 3352) were awarded to the First National Bank of Wisconsin Rapids at a premium of \$2,628 50, equal to 105.84, a basis of about 4.21%. Date May 1 1925. Due \$4,500 yearly May 1 1930 to 1939 incl. Following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder—	Premium.
Taylor, Ewart & Co., Chicago	\$2,309 00
Hill, Joiner & Co., Chicago	2,412 50
Wells-Dickey & Co., Minneapolis	2,570 00
Blyth, Whittier & Co., Chicago	2,056 00
White-Phillips Co., Davenport	361 70
H. C. Speer & Sons Co., Chicago	2,311 00
Gaesser, Willaman & Co., Inc., Chicago	2,256 25
Citizens National Bank, Sheboygan	2,304 45
Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago	2,002 00
Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee	2,541 40

**WOODLAND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodland), Yolo County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$54,000 5% school bonds offered on July 6—V. 120, p. 3352—were awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$5,119, equal to 109.66, a basis of about 4.39%. Date June 2 1924. Due \$9,000 yearly, 1950 to 1955 incl.

### CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

**ARNPRIOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$45,000 5% 30-installment bonds has been awarded to Harris, MacKeen & Co. of Toronto at 99.26, which is equal to a cost basis of 5.06%.

**BELLEVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—On June 26, Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto were the successful bidders for \$41,500 5% 20-installment and \$78,000 5% 30-year serial bonds, offered on that date, paying 99.68, a basis of about 5.03%.

**BURNABY DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$5,000 5% municipal bonds was purchased by the Sinking Fund at par.

**HALIFAX, N. S.—BOND SALE.**—On June 30, Wood, Gundy & Co., jointly with Eastern Securities Co., were awarded \$452,703 30-year and \$41,214 5-installment 4½% bonds offered on that date at 93.053. Alternative bids were asked for 4½ and 5% bonds. Tenders were as follows:

	4½%	5%
Wood, Gundy & Co. and Eastern Securities Co.	93.053	100.163
Bell, Gounillock & Co.	92.93	99.80
Cochran, Hay & Co. and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	92.85	100.04
Gairdner, Clarke & Co.	92.57	99.63
Macneill, Graham & Co., and C. H. Burgess & Co.	92.26	99.36
Mead & Co.	92.41	

**LA MALBAIE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$21,000 bond issue, offered on June 29 (V. 120, p. 3352) were awarded to Versailles, Vidicaire & Boulais, Ltd., of Montreal, at 98.83 for 5% bonds. Date June 1 1925. Interest J. & D.

**NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of).—BASIS.**—The price paid (99.355 Fredericton funds) for the \$600,000 permanent building and \$282,000 4½% coupon, registerable as to principal only, bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York, as stated in V. 121, p. 114, is equal to an average cost basis of about 4.83%.

**PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—BASIS.**—At 100.427 the price at which the National City Co. and the Bank of Montreal acquired the \$150,000 5% 20-year sewer bonds on June 26, as stated in V. 121, p. 114, the municipality is paying about 4.97% for the money.

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.—BOND SALE.**—On June 29 the Canadian Bank of Commerce was awarded the \$20,000 6% water works bonds offered on that date (V. 120, p. 3353) at 105.81. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1925. Int. J. & J. 2. Due Jan. 2 1951.

**REGINA, Sask.—BOND ELECTION.**—On July 17 the ratepayers will be asked to vote on a \$25,000 war memorial by-law.

**ST. JOHN (CITY AND COUNTY OF), N. B.—BOND SALE.**—The Eastern Securities Co., Ltd., of St. John was recently awarded an issue of \$68,500 5% 20-year bonds of the City and County of St. John at 100.61, a basis of about 4.95%.

**SARNIA, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—Harris, MacKeen & Co. of Toronto were recently awarded \$14,800 5½% 15-installment bonds at 103.06, a basis of about 5.05%.

**SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BASIS.**—The price paid (99.31) by Hason Bros. of Montreal for the \$245,700 5% bonds awarded to them, as stated in V. 121, p. 114, is equal to an average costs basis of about 5.05%.

**STAMFORD TOWNSHIP, Ont.—CORRECTION IN AMOUNT OF BONDS SOLD—DESCRIPTION.**—The amount of the block of sewer bonds sold to Gairdner, Clarke & Co. of Toronto, notice of which was given in V. 120, p. 3353—was \$374,979 17, not \$374,819, as reported in that reference. Bonds are coupon, in denominations of \$1,000 and odd amounts. Interest rate 5%. Due in 30 equal annual installments from 1926 to 1955, inclusive.

**TORONTO, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—According to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, dated July 3, by-laws authorizing the issue of debentures for \$211,000 to provide for the completion of Boulevard Drive between Bathurst and Dufferin Sts., Toronto; for \$17,000 to acquire land for that project; and to issue bonds for \$1,000,000 on account of the city's share of the cost of the waterfront viaduct, and to provide for the city guarantee on a Harbor Commission bond issue of \$2,000,000 have been passed by Toronto City Council.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.—BONDS VOTED.**—The ratepayers have approved a number of money by-laws, totaling \$435,000, for local impts.

**WESTMINSTER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lambeth), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received up to 3 p. m. July 20 for the purchase of \$3,300 6% 5-installment; \$666 6% 3-installment, and \$567 5½% 3-installment drainage debentures, payable at London, Ont. E. S. Hunt, Clerk.